

Polar Salon 2026
at
Boston 2026 World Expo
May 23-30, 2026
Boston Convention and Exhibition Center



Welcoming All Polar Philatelic Exhibitors

Boston will turn into the world's center of philately for eight days as the twelfth international philatelic exhibition of the United States. Boston will also play a significant part in the country's 250th anniversary festivities. The exhibition will be held at the modern Boston Convention and Exhibition Center in the Boston Seaport from May 23 to 30, 2026.

Thanks in part to the generous support of Jiří Kraus, the world-renowned Polar philatelist and enthusiast from the Czech Republic, Boston 2026 World Expo will be hosting a Polar Salon during the exhibition. The Polar Salon will be located on the main show floor within its own enclosed pavilion. It will include a competitive philatelic exhibition of approximately 200 frames, a polar philately Court of Honor, polar exploration artifacts and documents, polar literature exhibits, and polar collecting society booths. There will be a panel of four polar specialized judges evaluating the competitive exhibits using the *Essence of Polar Philately* scoring criteria. In addition to a Polar Salon Grand Award, Reserve Grand Award and Single Frame Grand Award, there will be other special prizes.

The Polar Salon will accept competitive exhibits from one to 10 frames. Polar exhibitors will also have the option to simultaneously enter their exhibit in the larger Fédération Internationale de

Philatélie (FIP) competition, but they must conform to the FIP entry requirements and regulations. Unless specifically requested, all polar exhibits will be shown in the Polar Salon. All appropriate polar themed exhibits can apply, regardless of their previous medal level and even if they have not been shown previously. Non-competitive polar exhibits will be accepted, but all exhibits are encouraged to be entered in competition. Prior Polar Salon grand award-winning exhibits will also be welcome at the Boston 2026 Polar Salon but will be considered non-competitive unless they have been significantly modified. Every participant will receive the same style of show medal given to exhibits in the FIP classes.

The cost to show an exhibit in the Polar Salon at Boston 2026 will be approximately \$50 per frame for multi-frame exhibits and \$100 for single frame exhibits, substantially less than the fee for exhibits in the FIP competition. Polar exhibits entered in the FIP competition as well, will pay higher fees (TBA). Exhibit entry forms will be available online later this year. Polar Salon exhibitors may use their country's commissioner or bring their exhibit in person.

A Polar exploration conference and other ceremonies are also being planned during the exhibition.

For questions and updates please visit our website - www.Boston2026.org - or contact Deputy Commissioner General Dzintars Grinfelds at dzintars.grinfelds@boston2026.org.