

Betty Nettles shown with not one, but two, Omaha Grand Awards.



Elizabeth Nettles Sweeps the Omaha Stamp Show

Dateline: Omaha, Neb. — At the annual Omaha National Stamp Show, September 7-9, Dr. Elizabeth J. Nettles of St. Louis won both the Grand Award and the Single Frame Grand making her eligible to participate in both the Single Frame Championship at the APS AmeriStamp Expo in Charlotte, North Carolina, in January 2008 and the annual Champion of Champions exhibition at the APS STAMP-SHOW in Hartford, Connecticut next August.

Her 10-frame exhibit, *The Louisiana Purchase Exposition and the Mails*, focuses on mail related to the promotion and operation of the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition, generally known as the St. Louis World's Fair. Through cancellations, stamps, illustrated covers, and postcards the exhibit documents the role that the mail played in letting the world know that the greatest Fair of the Victorian era was at hand and that St. Louis was a world class city. In an age before motion pictures, television, and the Internet, the mail through slogan cancels, post cards, and illustrated advertising covers provided the media "blitz" to promote the Fair, bring in the crowds, and sell the products of the exhibitors. Throughout its seven months, a cavalcade of post cards depicting the sights and wonders of the Fair filled the mail from St. Louis.

The Single frame exhibit, *The Iolani Palace Postal Card: Its Production and Selected Usages*, takes a traditional approach to the 1¢ postal card issued by the Republic of Hawaii. Highlights include international usages to Russia, Egypt, and Norway; American Bank Note Company proofs and archival specimens; and scare auxiliary markings including "Honolulu Dead Letter Office" and "Advertised" markings. *David Straight*