

Single Row Exhibiting

By Fran Adams

In looking through our albums, there are always favorite items that we especially treasure. We often add descriptions or information to our album pages for these items, making them into works of art in some cases. We seldom show these things even though they're wonderful and others would appreciate them as well.

Four of us in San Diego began sharing our treasures at Sandical. We asked to put a frame of our pages near the door of the hall. We wanted to simply share our items as presentations with each of us doing a single row. The row format allowed us to focus on only three or four pages to tell our stories using any material we pleased to enhance the subject.

We find these short 3-4 page rows fun, quick and much easier than building full fledged exhibits. The idea is to use your favorite items as a basic structure and fill the remaining area with information and other items reflecting the storyline. The material need not be valuable, simply interesting with a story that helps the observer understand why you enjoy the items.

Three covers I especially enjoy are from Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt as a delegate to the UN General Assembly from 1946 to 1952. She was a remarkable woman who expressed her opinions and contributed to the betterment of mankind in general.

The three page story begins by introducing Mrs. Roosevelt and a short paragraph on her interests. I chose a vertical format stamp to represent Mrs. Roosevelt so I could surround it with stamps showing her interests. These are all common, inexpensive items, but they demonstrate the themes I wanted to show.

The story continues with U.S. President Harry S. Truman and the UN General Assembly as well as the UN Commission on Human Rights. The first of the three covers appears here as it's from 1946, the first year she was a delegate.

The second cover from

1950 includes a letter signed by Mrs. Roosevelt which completes page two. On page three, we discuss her efforts in developing the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The last cover from 1952, was the last year she was a delegate and closes the story nicely.


Mounting the material on pages finishes the effort, completing it in a week's spare time. I'm going to enjoy showing this row at the next opportunity.

Editor's note: Fran had shared this single row exhibit with some of us, and I had urged him to make it into an article, so Journal readers could see the material. Another suggested that Fran tell us about making a single-row exhibit. We are trying to accomplish both objectives with this and the following article. The next article, "Eleanor Roosevelt, UN Delegate, 1946-1952" uses Fran's images and text and lays it out as an Journal article. It may look a little different, since an exhibit shows more philatelic material and less text than a typical article.


Below is a reduced version of the first page of Fran's three-page exhibit.

Eleanor Roosevelt - U.N. Delegate 1946-1952


Eleanor Roosevelt, the wife of U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, actively expressed her opinions on sensitive social issues such as the equality problems women in the U.S. faced.




Women's Issues




Civil Defense



Eleanor Roosevelt




Visiting Wounded




Refugee Relief

She also set the tone by example for future U.S. First Ladies when she drew attention to the causes of U.S. civil defense, visiting wounded soldiers and refugee relief on a global scale.




Harry S. Truman
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U.S. President Harry S. Truman appointed her as a U.S. Delegate to the United Nations General Assembly and the U.S. Representative to the Commission on Human Rights.




General Assembly




Commission on Human Rights

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