

THE STEREOSCOPIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Affiliated with the National Stereoscopic Association

Membership Information and Application – 2004

The Stereoscopic Society of America (SSA) is an organization of active stereo photographers who share their works with each other by mail folios. Membership in SSA is limited to members of the National Stereoscopic Association (NSA) Those interested in joining SSA from countries other than USA and Canada, may now join the Society with the clear understanding that they may not be able to receive the full benefits from their membership until there is a regular circuit that travels to their country. Furthermore, these interested individuals agree to join a folio circuit, when such will exist in their country. Limited membership benefits allow those members to participate in the SSA Yearbook that is published occasionally by SSA and to have their representative stereo photographs and biography showcased in this publication. In addition, such members have the advantage to belong to a great classical organization and to share their interests with other members. All memberships are on a mailing list for special events and activities.

There are presently 13 different folios operating in the United States and Canada. There are also several international folios that are circulated overseas. Members are assigned to folios according to their interests and the format of their stereo work. The folio circuits are in three general divisions: **prints, transparencies and digital**. The newest folios are View Master and Internet Online. Print folios are for those who make stereo viewcards typically by attaching their prints to standard 3½ x 7 inch card mounts. The transparency folios are for those who take stereo slides (Realist, 35 mm and 2-1/4 inch formats). The digital folio operates entirely on the Internet. Each folio has about 18 to 25 members. Members can belong to more than one folio.

Most of the 13 folio groups circulate more than one box (circuit) and each box reaches a member one or more times a year. Each folio contains views entered by members of the circuit. When a member receives a folio, he/she views the entries and writes brief, suitable comments on an envelope holding each view. (SSA provides envelopes.) The member then removes his/her last entry and adds a new view to the folio. Members forward every folio to the next member on the route list within five days of receiving it. (The SSA Five-Day Rule.) Members are encouraged to use the folio notebook enclosed in each folio box for comments of general interest. Participating in the folio circuits gives members the chance to learn more about stereo photographic techniques and to enjoy the comments of other stereo enthusiasts.

Members are required to maintain concomitant membership in NSA, to enter stereoviews in folios on a regular basis (if a folio can reach the location where they live on a regular basis), and to abide by the five-day rule. SSA annual membership dues are \$10. For a limited time, however, new members who elect to prepay for a two-year membership (\$20) will receive a free copy of the 144-page SSA 2000 Yearbook (the latest edition available).

To apply for membership, complete the application below, sign it, make a copy for yourself, and send it with your first entry and your dues payment to:

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I want to join the Stereoscopic Society of America. I have enclosed my check or money order for [circle one: \$10 / \$20]. I have also enclosed my first view(s) following the details supplied on the attached letter. (Include a view only if you live in the USA or Canada. You will be notified of a folio if one is formed in your country).

Membership in the National Stereoscopic Association (NSA) is required for SSA membership. Please check one:

I am a current NSA member _____ I have applied for NSA membership directly _____ Attached application _____

I have enclosed my first entry in the form of one of the following, and I am interested to join:

Transparency Folio: Realist format _____ 2 x 2 matched pair _____ Medium Format _____ VM Reel _____

Print Folio: 3-1/2" x 7" viewcards _____

SSA Online folio _____ (Please email Shab Levy for details about the SSA Online folio)

NAME (Please Print) _____ BIRTHDATE _____

OCCUPATION _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____