



# Happy New Year!

This month's *American Philatelist* features everything you need to know about APS AMERISTAMP EXPO/TEXPEX 2009. See page 125 for show details.

## Barbara R. Mueller Award

Do you have a favorite article you read last year in the *AP*? Nominations are open for the United States Stamp Society-Barbara R. Mueller Award for the best article to appear in *The American Philatelist* in 2008. The award includes a cash payment of \$1,000 and recognition on a permanent plaque at the APC. Members can vote by completing and mailing in the voting form that appeared in the January issue of the *AP* or by going online at [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org). Your nomination for best article must be received by March 1, 2009. The United States Stamp Society founded and endowed the award in honor of noted philatelist and author Barbara R.

Mueller. More details can be found on our website at [www.stamps.org/Almanac/alm\\_MuellerAward.htm](http://www.stamps.org/Almanac/alm_MuellerAward.htm).

## State Revenue Society Library Now at the APRL

We'd like to thank the SRS for transferring its philatelic library to the American Philatelic Research Library. The holding is an extensive archive of books, periodicals, catalogues, and printed material relating to state revenue stamps. Other philatelic organizations that have donated all or portions of their libraries to the APRL include the American Air Mail Society, the American Helvetia Philatelic Society, the Postal History Society, the British North American Philatelic Society, and the Military Postal History Society.

Remember, every member of the APS is a member of the



## February/March Member Special

# FREE 1-Year YSCA Membership

Young Stamp Collectors of America

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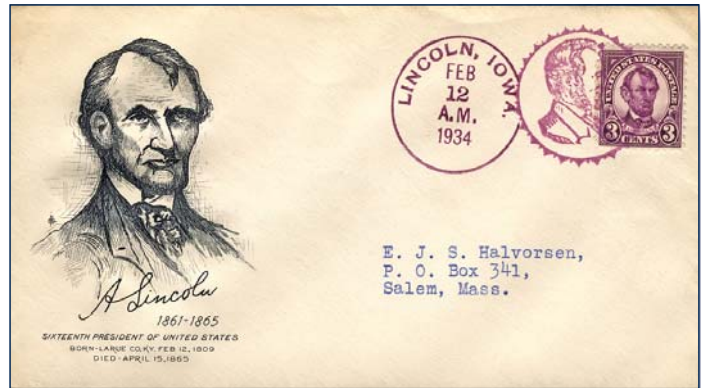
Janet Houser at 814-933-3803, ext. 238

Offer expires March 31, 2009.

Offer is for youth under 18 years of age. Requires an APS No. from sponsoring adult.

## Lincoln Favorite

Elsewhere in this issue Eliot Landau, David Kent, and Mercer Bristow discuss their favorite Lincoln material in celebration of Abe's 200th birthday and the issuance of four new Lincoln commemorative stamps by the USPS on February 9, 2009. As a novice collector of Lincoln material, I thought I would add my two cents worth (ok, three cents) with my favorite cover shown above. I call it "Lincoln on Lincoln on Lincoln on Lincoln."



American Philatelic Research Library. To access APRL holdings online go to [www.stamplib.org](http://www.stamplib.org).

## Young Philatelic Leaders Fellows

The APS is looking for a few good men and women ages 13–25 to take their places in the inaugural class of the Young Philatelic Leaders Fellows for 2009–2010. Applications for the YPLF will be accepted through March 31, 2009. Fellows will be selected in May, and the program will begin in August with the first class being introduced at APS STAMPSHOW, August 6–9 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For more information on the YPLF, to obtain an application, or to make a donation to the program go to [www.stamps.org/yplf](http://www.stamps.org/yplf). You also may contact Gretchen Moody, APS Director of Education, at 814-933-3803 or via e-mail at [gretchen@stamps.org](mailto:gretchen@stamps.org).

## Two Major Events at the APC

Mark your calendars for two major events at the APC. **The Festival for Philatelic Women** will be held at the American Philatelic Center May 28–31, 2009. The four-day event will offer hands-on seminars, demonstrations, workshops, and other practical programs to help women

get the most from their stamp collecting. Yes, both women and men are welcome to participate, but the emphasis will be on exploring philately from a woman's point of view. Registration is \$85, which includes all Festival activities, including lunch and dinner for each day of the event (travel and hotel excluded). The Festival is an event of WE (Women Exhibitors) and is co-sponsored by the American Association of Philatelic exhibitors. For information e-mail [Wefestival@comcast.net](mailto:Wefestival@comcast.net) or see [www.stamps.org/news/P1618.pdf](http://www.stamps.org/news/P1618.pdf) for a press release on the event.

Registration for **APS Summer Seminar** is now open. This major philatelic education experience takes place June 21–26, 2009 at the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. After a full week of courses, electives, and speakers on a variety of stamp collecting topics, you'll be on philatelic overload. Please see the inside back wrapper of this issue for a listing of this year's courses. For your convenience, a registration form can be found on the inside front cover of this issue. For more information contact Gretchen Moody, APS Director of Education, at 814-933-3803 or via e-mail at [Gretchen@stamps.org](mailto:Gretchen@stamps.org).