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The 2008 calendar of the American Philatelic Society's Education Department will make good on the society's commitment to bring philatelic learning to more collectors in more places at more times throughout the year than ever before. Mark your calendar now for the exciting course selections that appear to you!

April 11–12 will see the first in a new series of APS Weekend Seminars at the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, with courses on “Collecting the Revenues” with Ron Leshner, and “First Day Covers” with Lloyd de Vries. Leshner is past president of the American Revenues Association, former APS Director

at Large, a Director of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors and longtime revenues columnist online and in the weekly philatelic press. First Vice President of the American First Day Cover Society and a past APS Secretary and Director-at-Large, de Vries has written columns on FDCs for more than 20 years for the weekly philatelic press and



manages The Virtual Stamp Club online. Since 1983, he has produced his own line of first day of issue cards, and for about eight years, sold FDCs and related items as a weekend bourse dealer.

April 23–24 will be the first APS On-the-Road Seminar of 2008 — an intensive course offered in conjunction with a World Series of Philately stamp show. Veteran APS instructor Dennis Gilson will offer a condensed, two-day version of his popular Summer Seminar course on “The Washington-Franklin Issues”



the Wednesday and Thursday before WESTPEX 2008, which will take place April 25–27 in San Francisco, California. This course is not just for the expert collector, but for anyone who has collected or wants to collect these important early 20th-century U.S. issues.

June 22–27 will see the 28th annual APS Summer Seminar on Philately at the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, with intriguing new week-long courses being offered alongside proven favorites. Seminar participants can choose “Stamp Technology” with Wayne Youngblood, “Stamps of the British Empire and Commonwealth” with





Ian Kimmerly, “Evaluating U.S. Stamps in Today’s Marketplace” taught by Irv Miller and Clark Frazier, “Cultural Projects in Postal History” with Diane DeBlois and Robert Dalton Harris, “Collecting the Expos” with Ken Lawrence, or “Computer Technology in Philately,” taught by George Fekete. Along with evening social events, students also will enjoy a wide range of early morning General Sessions and afternoon Electives, in which as many as 20 different stamp hobby subjects will be presented by a talented array of enthusiasts and instructors. The deadline for applications to take part in the 2008 Summer Seminar is May 15.

August 12–13 the second two-day APS On-the-Road Seminar will be “Cinderellas and Poster Stamps,” taught by Art Groten and Charles Kiddle, in Hartford, Connecticut, on the Tuesday and Wednesday immediately before APS STAMPSHOW 2008, which will take place August 14–17 at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford. The focus of the course will be the vast and colorful world known to collectors under the catch-all heading of Cinderellas — local, telegraph, railway, and some fiscal stamps, along with advertising and promotional labels, bogus and so-



called phantom issues, Christmas, Red Cross, Tuberculosis and other fund-raising charity seals, registration labels, poster adhesives and a vast panoply of other stamp-like items.



October 24–25 education returns to the APC in Bellefonte for a two-day Weekend Seminar in “Philatelic Research & Writing” with American Philatelic Research Librarian Gini Horn and Bill Welch, editor for 16 years of *The American Philatelist* and the APRL’s quarterly *Philatelic Literature Review* and the 2002 recipient of the APS Luff Award for outstanding service to the society. Students will get a hands-on look at how to access the vast resources of the largest member-supported philatelic library in the world, and a look at the practical decisions that go into philatelic writings, from short articles to major handbooks.

November 19–20 will see the final APS On-the-Road Seminars for the year, to be held immediately before Chicagopex, which will take place November 21-23 in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Rich Drews will explore the ins and out of intermediate-level philatelic competition in his course on “Exhibiting for the Prize,” while David Alderfer, British Commonwealth columnist for *Linn’s Stamp News*, will examine the intricacies of “Collecting the British Machins,” the colorful and complex series of stamps picturing the profile of Queen Elizabeth II that has been used throughout the United Kingdom since 1967.

Additional details on Summer Seminar is available at www.stamps.org/education/edu_SummerSeminar.htm. Information on all other courses, including a link for online registration, are available at www.stamps.org/Education/edu_Courses.htm To learn more about these and other educational opportunities, contact Gretchen Moody by e-mail at gretchen@stamps.org or call 814-933-3810.

