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New APS Awards Recognize Volunteers at STAMPSHOW 2008 in Hartford



The American Philatelic Society wishes to appropriately recognize those hard-working individuals who contribute their talents, time, and energies to benefit stamp collecting and the Society with the newly established APS Volunteer Recognition Awards.

This year's inaugural Awards will be presented at the General Membership Meeting at StampShow in Hartford, Connecticut, on August 16 at 9 a.m. Each recipient will receive a pin, a certificate of appreciation, and many thanks from a grateful membership for a job well done.

There are four categories for the awards:

- **National Promotion/Service** — Maximum of five recipients per year
- **Local Promotion/Service** — Maximum of ten recipients year
- **Outstanding Young Adult Philatelist** (Ages 25–40) — One recipient per year
- **Outstanding Young Philatelist** (Ages 15–24) — One recipient per year

Volunteers — men and women who selflessly contribute their time, talents and labor toward efforts and enterprises that benefit their fellow philatelists — are esteemed as the main ingredient in the recipe for a healthy future for the stamp hobby. The APS Volunteer Recognition Awards are an attempt to highlight that priceless contribution, and celebrate those who do so much for us all, whose efforts enrich the hobby in so many ways. Indeed, if you have ever visited a stamp show, enjoyed an exhibit, had a question answered or a cup of coffee at a stamp club meeting, or been taught the fundamentals of the hobby en route to a merit badge, you have benefitted from the generous efforts of volunteers.

The APS is proud to announce the first APS Volunteer Recognition Award recipients:

2008 National Promotion/Service Winners

• **R. Timothy Bartshe** (Colorado) — The current president of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Tim Bartshe has been a driving force within the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors. He has pushed to broaden philatelic exhibiting to allow for the inclusion of “non-philatelic” items, as well as most recently the establishment of the Post Card Class. Locally in the Denver area, he has played a key role in the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show and the creation of the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library. An accredited judge, Tim has encouraged U.S. judges to judge abroad and bring back the best ideas from other countries.

• **John Kevin Doyle** (Illinois) — Kevin and his wife Jane help staff the literature area at most APS STAMPSHOWS, as well as frequently helping with the preparation of the awards. Kevin is an accredited literature judge who serves as exhibit chair

for CHICAGOPEX. With David Herendeen, he compiled the American Philatelic Congress Book index, and serves as editor of *Vörläufer*, the journal of the German Colonies Collector's Group.

- **Thomas M. Fortunato** (New York) — Long-time chair of the APS Chapter Activities Committee (CAC), Tom annually offers to provide pictorial cancels for APS chapters to celebrate National Stamp Collecting Month. He has organized an archive of materials to help clubs onto an easy-to-access CD, and has developed much of the content for the CAC website. Tom was also Publicity Chair for WASHINGTON 2006, has been a driving force for the ROPEX show. He is an accredited judge who has frequently served as “Commissioner” for the United States by carrying exhibits across the border to shows in Canada.

- **David A. Kent** (Connecticut) — Local co-chair for APS STAMPSHOW 2008, David currently has seven separate listings in the APS member database. In addition to his personal record, he also is a representative for the Connecticut Philatelic Society, the Hardware City Stamp Club, the Universal Ship Cancellation Society, the Military Postal History Society, and the Americana Unit. To this must be added his active role in the American Topical Association, his long-running Sunday stamp column in the *Hartford Courant*, his service as Associate Editor of *Mekeel's/Stamps*, and his work for the Writers Unit and the International Philatelic Press Club.

- **Foster E. Miller** (Maryland) — Foster serves on the board of the American First Day Cover Society and the staff of the Virtual Stamp Club. Locally he is active with the Graebner Chapter of the American First Day Cover Society. He usually staffs a booth for the AFDCS at the New York Postage Stamp Mega Events and frequently attends APS Board meetings, often reporting in real time on the happenings to the Virtual Stamp Club.

2008 Local Promotion/Service Winners

- **Donald La Berteaux** (Georgia) — Don directed the transition of the former Peach State Stamp Show in Athens, Georgia, to the current Southeastern Stamp Show in Atlanta, managing the show for its first three years in its new location. He also led the effort to broaden the Georgia Federation of Stamp Clubs into the Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs, including groups from Tennessee, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi, in addition to Georgia.

- **Edward H. Jarvis** (California) — Ed climbed the ranks of the WESTPEX committee from Awards Chair to General Chair. He successfully moved the show from downtown to near the airport. He has arranged for major rarities to be at the show, has worked to get the post office to resume staffing a booth, constantly looks for new ways to promote the show, and does a great job of cultivating new talent resulting in WESTPEX having one of the largest show committees. Ed and WESTPEX also hosted the first APS Tiffany Dinner at a non-APS show, raising \$25,000 for the Society.

- **Linda L. Lawrence** (Kentucky) — Linda has been a driving force in Kentucky philately for more than 20 years. She revitalized the Henry Clay Philatelic Society in Lexington and has served as its President and Show Chair. Linda also shared the teaching duties on the APS course on Building Better Stamp Clubs, and was a major contributor to the book by the same title.

- **Leonard G. Lukens** (Oregon) — This past August, Len Lukens became the first to serve as Local Committee Chair for both an APS winter (Portland 2000) and summer (Portland 2007) show. Many collectors questioned the viability of Portland for an APS show in 2000, but it was so successful that the Board decided to give Portland an opportunity to host the larger summer show (STAMPSHOW 2007), which again, despite doubts, proved to be very successful. Len is also active locally, and has served as convention coordinator for the American Air Mail Society.

- **Gregory Scott Ward** (Missouri) — In six years, Scott has transformed the youth area at the St. Louis Stamp Expo into a vibrant center of activity. Scott has recruited and trained an impressive group of volunteers to help staff the area. His efforts, however, go far beyond the three-day show, as he works with Boy Scouts and other groups throughout the year.

- **Dorothy (Dottie) Winter** (Michigan) — Dottie is a key cog in both the West Suburban Stamp Show in Plymouth, Michigan, and Ann Arbor stamp shows. She designed the Mayflower Medal, assists with cachet design, publicity and show setup. For most of the past 15 years, she and her husband have assisted with the engraving and preparation of STAMPSHOW awards. Dottie also makes sure that all the most recent APS pamphlets and brochures are shared with members of their local club.

- **Harry C. Winter** (Michigan) — The second half of one of the most effective husband and wife teams in philately, Harry's focus at the Plymouth and Ann Arbor shows has been on exhibiting, awards, frame repairs, and set up/take down. Harry cultivates and recruits exhibitors and practices what he preaches with exhibits ranging from local postal history to Swiss “Pro Juventute” stamps.

2008 Outstanding Young Adult Philatelist

• **Jay Bigalke** (Ohio) — Jay was a frequent and valued editorial contributor to *Stamp Collector*, and served on the staff of the Virtual Stamp Club from 2001 until 2005, when he took a position as Assistant Editor at *Linn's Stamp News*. During this time, he broke many stories on Virtual Stamp Club, financed a portion of his college education through his cachet sales, and served as President of the American Ceremonial Program Society.

2008 Outstanding Young Philatelist

• **Joyce V. Adams** (Indiana) — Joyce put together her first exhibit at age 4: Great Britain Machins, sorted by color. During the following 18 years until she went abroad for graduate school and the Peace Corps, she became a regular exhibitor on topics ranging from Olympics to Guatemala Postal Stationery to Earlham College, usually earning gold medals. Her exhibits also were shown internationally on several occasions. Joyce regularly helped with INDYPEX, and volunteered at other shows such as STAMPSHOW 2001, leaving directly from the show on its third day to start college.

Congratulations and thank you to all of the winners of the inaugural Volunteer Recognition Awards. The hobby would not be same without your blood, sweat, and tears!

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Do you know a deserving volunteer? If so, we invite you to nominate them for APS Volunteer Recognition Awards, which again will be presented at StampShow 2009 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, next August 8. Nominations must be received no later than December 15, 2008.

All these awards require at least five years of service, and APS membership is not required. APS board members, staff, and Luff Award winners are not eligible. National Promotion/Service Award winners cannot subsequently win the Local Promotion/Service Award, and each award can be won only once.

In addition to providing their name and contact information as well as those of the nominee, nominators should include details including length of service and positions the nominee held with local clubs, philatelic organizations and shows, including mentoring, promotion and leadership roles, as well as citing evidence of excellence, initiative and persistence.

A nomination form is available online at www.stamps.org/almanac/VolunteerForm.pdf or by calling 814-933-3803. Completed nomination forms may be sent to APS Awards Nominations, 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823, by fax to 814-933-6128, or by e-mail to apsinfo@stamps.org.