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The Festival for Philatelic Women **May 28-31, 2009, at the American Philatelic Center**

Make new friends, reconnect with old ones, and learn new skills at the Festival for Philatelic Women, coming May 28-31, 2009, to the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. The four-day event will offer hands-on seminars, “how-to” demonstrations, workshops, and other practical programs to help women get the most from the stamp hobby. Both men and women are cordially welcome, but the emphasis will be on exploring philately from a woman’s point of view.

Activities and events will be chosen to bring together women at all experience and skill levels in the hobby, from enthusiastic beginners to advanced philatelists. It’s your chance to expand your horizons — to take the first steps to mastering important new skills that will bring the world of stamps and historic mail to vivid life for you.

Between Thursday and Sunday, attendees will have ample time to make use of the American Philatelic Center and all it has to offer stamp collectors. Avail yourself of the vast resources available for exploration in the American Philatelic Research Library. Hunt for bargains for your collection or exhibit in the American Philatelic Society’s Sales Division. Have some of your puzzling stamps identified, and see first-hand how stamps are authenticated.

Programs are being designed for a wide variety of interests. If you are a beginner, you will learn the basics of the stamp hobby and what it has to offer: how to properly care for and mount your stamps, how to use the catalog and the other fundamental tools of the hobby. Intermediate collectors will learn about historic mail, and more technical aspects of stamp collecting to enhance their appreciation and enjoyment. Collectors who wish to try their hand at exhibiting their collections can attend an exhibiting workshop and learn how such displays are composed, analyzed, and judged in competition.

The Festival for Philatelic Women is not only an unprecedented learning opportunity. There will be ample time to socialize, network, and build relationships with collecting companions that can last a lifetime. Women Exhibitors (WE) — the APS- and AAPE-affiliated collectors’ organization that is the prime mover behind this remarkable convocation — will match you with a roommate to share expenses and fun if you



wish. (The hotel room rate will be approximately \$90 per night.)

The cost to attend the Festival is \$85, one low fee that includes all Festival activities, including lunch and dinner for all days. Travel costs and hotel expenses are not included.

The following is a preliminary list of some of the speakers and subjects being scheduled for hands-on seminars at the Festival:

Barb Boal — Layout and Design for Album and Exhibit Pages

Charles Verge — Family Correspondence & Research

Denise Lazaroff — Scrapbooking

Cheryl Edgcomb — Creative 3-D Exhibits

Sue Dempsey — How to Get What You Want From a Dealer

Barb Harrison — Picture Post Cards

Ruth Caswell — Creating a Philatelic Exhibit

Gini Horn — How to use the American Philatelic Research Library

Marjorie Sente — The Evolution of an Exhibitor

Barb Boal — Using Photoshop Elements

Gretchen Moody — Stamp Saturday (Introduction to Stamp Collecting)

Dr. Cheryl Ganz, Chief Curator of the Smithsonian National Postal Museum, will be the keynote speaker at the Festival for Philatelic Women. Her presentation will be: **Women in Philately: Where We've Been, and Where We're Going.**

The Festival for Philatelic Women is an event of WE (Women Exhibitors), and is co-sponsored by the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors. The Festival is being hosted by the APS and the APRL at the American Philatelic Center.

If you're interested, get on the mailing list for the Festival of Philatelic Women today! To get on the mailing list, send an e-mail with "Festival Information" in the subject line to WEfestival@comcast.net, or write for a brochure and questionnaire to Festival Brochure, WE (Women Exhibitors), 7227 Sparta Road, Sebring, FL 33875.

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**Do you have a suggestion for a seminar, course, or discussion? Let us know with an e-mail to WEfestival@comcast.net
Your needs will drive the content of this creative collaboration — the first of its kind in 21st-century philately.**