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Vote for the Best Article of 2008: Nominations Open for the USSS-Mueller Award

Nominations are now open for the second annual United States Stamp Society – Barbara R. Mueller Award for the best article to appear in 2008 in *The American Philatelist*, monthly magazine of the American Philatelic Society. The award includes a cash payment of \$1,000 and recognition on a permanent plaque in the APS editorial offices at the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

APS members can vote by completing and mailing the form that is included at the bottom of the inside front cover of the January 2009 issue of *The American Philatelist*. For a list of the 86 articles by 50 authors in the 2008 *American Philatelist* that qualify to be considered for the award, and to vote online, go to www.stamps.org/muelleraward

All votes for the best article of 2008 must be received by March 1, 2009. The USSS-Mueller Award Committee will select the winner from the top five as voted on by APS members and the top five as selected by the staff of *The American Philatelist*. The 2008 USSS-Mueller Award winner will be announced in the August 2009 issue of *The American Philatelist*, and at APS STAMPSHOW 2009, on August 6-9, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The United States Stamp Society founded the award not only to promote research and philatelic writing, but also to promote the USSS, its goals and its mission — to expand the study of and knowledge about U.S. postage and revenue stamps — to the more than 40,000 members of the APS, about 75 percent of whom collect U.S. material.

The award is named for the USSS and for one of its most prominent members, authors and editors, Barbara R. Mueller. Among her many other honors in six decades of devotion to philately, Mueller, a member of the Halls of Fame of both the USSS and APS Writers Unit 30, was the recipient of the APS John N. Luff Award in 1956 for Distinguished Philatelic Research.

The American Philatelist, which has been the journal of the American Philatelic Society for more than 120 years, publishes articles on the stamps, postal history and collecting specialties of all nations, and goes to 40,000 APS members in 110 countries around the globe.

