

News from the ATA Central Office



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2005 ATA CONVENTION SET FOR JUNE 17-19 IN MILWAUKEE

The American Topical Association (ATA) will hold its 2005 annual convention and National Topical Stamp Show in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on June 17-19, 2005. The ATA convention (and only US all-topical philatelic exhibition) will be held at the Four Points Sheraton, near the Mitchell International Airport (more details when available).

ABOUT THE 2005 SHOW

The National Topical Stamp Show (NTSS-2005) is open to all collectors regardless of society affiliation, provided the entry meets the definition of topical / thematic collecting. ATA defines a topical / thematic exhibit as one that ***“consists of stamps and other philatelic material chosen for their design rather than for the countries that issued them or the class of postal service they provide.”*** A thematic exhibit is a topical collection arranged to tell a story.

ABOUT MILWAUKEE

This will be the fourth time since the ATA was formed in 1949 that it will convene in Milwaukee and the third time in this facility. The 1968 ATA Convention was held at the Sheraton Schroeder Hotel, and the 1993 Annual Convention met at the Grand Milwaukee Hotel (subsequently renamed to Four Points Sheraton). It was hosted by the Waukesha County Philatelic Society with Robert J. Mather serving as General Chairman. Perhaps the most important meeting of all was the 1999 convention, which celebrated the 50th anniversary of the ATA's founding. It was co-chaired by ATA President Dorothy Smith and Waukesha County Philatelic Society President Robert J. Mather. The 1999 convention featured 250 frames of thematic exhibits from eight countries and a ceremonial session paying tribute to all ATA Charter Members.

ABOUT THE SHERATON

The Four Points Sheraton is the largest convention hotel in the state of Wisconsin, with 508 guest rooms, complimentary parking and 24-hour shuttle service to and from the Mitchell International Airport. **PLEASE: Do not forget to mention the ATA when booking reservations!**

DIRECTIONS TO THE HOTEL will be posted upon receipt

Dealer's registration forms and Exhibitor's prospectus' will be available for the 2005 National Topical Stamp Show soon. Spaces for both dealers and exhibitors are limited. For more information, contact the ATA Central Office, PO Box 57, Arlington, TX 76004-0057 or e-mail to americantopical@msn.com.

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