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NATIONAL TOPICAL STAMP SHOW EXHIBIT PROSPECTUS AVAILABLE

The American Topical Association (ATA) announces the availability of the Exhibit Prospectus for its 2005 National Topical Stamp Show to be held June 17-19, 2005, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The ATA convention and only all-topical philatelic exhibition in the U.S.A. will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton Milwaukee Airport.

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.

There will be a grand Award (eligible for the APS Champion of Champions competition) and a Reserve Grand Award for the best and second best, plus five levels of awards for Thematic Multiple-frame and Thematic Display exhibits consisting of two to ten frames. Thematic One-Frame exhibits and Thematic Youth exhibits of from one to five frames are also welcome.

The Exhibit Prospectus includes complete rules and regulations governing exhibits at NTSS-2005 plus an Official Entry Form. May 15, 2005, is the deadline for entries to be received by ATA Director of Exhibits Robert Henak, 8010 North Mohawk Road, Fox Point, Wisconsin 53217-2720.

According to Alan J. Hanks, ATA Director of Judges Accreditation, the panel of judges \ will be chaired by Ann M. Triggler of New York. Other members of the judges panel include Fred Lawrence of Arizona; Vincent P. Lucas of Florida; Philip Stager of Florida; and Kent Wilson of Montana.

For a copy of the Exhibit Prospectus for the National Topical Stamp Show 2005, contact the ATA Central Office, PO Box 57, Arlington, TX 76004-0057. Their telephone number is 1-817-274-1181; their e-mail address is americantopical@msn.com.

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