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**ANN M. TRIGGLE SELECTED AS ATA'S
2006 DISTINGUISHED TOPICAL PHILATELIST**

The American Topical Association's DTP Committee has selected Ann M. Triggles of Clarence, New York as the recipient of the 2006 Distinguished Topical Philatelist Award. This is the ATA's most prestigious award. The formal presentation will be made June 2, 2006 during the ATA's business meeting at the Washington Convention Center during the international show WASHINGTON 2006.

Mrs. Triggles began collecting as a teenager, then put her hobby aside to raise a family. She took up philately again in the 1970s and subsequently built award-winning thematic exhibits and collections on fish and coal, as well as other disciplines including postal history, revenues, and stationery. She has won awards nationally and internationally.

Triggles's service to philately has been at all levels where she has held offices in local, regional, and national philatelic organizations. She has been the USA representative to the FIP Thematic Commission since 1996 and was elected to the five-member FIP Thematic Bureau in 2000. She is an accredited judge of both the ATA and the APS and has served as USA Commissioner to several international exhibitions and chairs the APS Committee on the Accreditation of National Exhibition Judges.

Besides her activities in the ATA and APS, Mrs. Triggles has served as a director of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE), a council member of the American Philatelic Congress (APC), a council member of the APS Writers Unit 30, and director of the Great Britain Collectors Club. She is currently awards chairman for WASHINGTON 2006. She was elected as association of the Society of Postal Historians in London and is also a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of London and Canada. She has been a Director of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada Board for the last seven years, responsible for liaison with the APS. For many years she has served on the show committees for ROPEX, the national show of the Rochester Philatelic Society and the Sarasota National Exhibition of Sarasota, Florida.

Triggles has presented seminars at national shows and taught online courses for beginning collectors

for the APS. She has mentored junior philatelists both locally and nationally.

In 2005 she was awarded the APS John N. Luff Award for outstanding service to philately.

Professionally, Ann is a faculty member of the State University of New York in Buffalo and is consultant to the Pharmacy Museum which she established at the school in 1987.

Ann has organized a symposium entitled "Thematic Exhibits: Aspects of Their Evaluation" to be held during the 2006 ATA Convention in Washington, D.C. The symposium will include panelists Damian Laeger of Germany, president of the FIP Thematic Commission; Giancarlo Morolli of Italy, past president of the FIP Thematic Commission; and FIP Thematic Commission members Jose-Ramon Moreno of Spain; John Sinfield of Australia; and Ann Trigg. The symposium is scheduled for Friday, June 2, 2006, 10:00 a.m. in Room 151A of the Washington Convention Center. The presentation of the DTP Award will be made at the ATA annual business meeting set for 9:00 a.m. immediately preceding the symposium.

Three years after its founding by Jerry Husak, the American Topical Association launched the Distinguished Topical Philatelist award to recognize notable service in topical philately. In the past 53 years, this award has been presented to 113 topical philatelists, including residents of Canada, Great Britain and Italy.

For information on the world's largest all-topical philatelic organization and the 2006 convention to be held at WASHINGTON 2006, along with information on the National Topical Stamp Show to be held in Irving, Texas, June 17-19, 2007, contact the ATA Central Office, P.O. Box 57, Arlington, Texas 76004-0057 (telephone: 1-817-274-1181; email americantopical@msn.com; or visit their website at www.americantopicalassn.org.



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