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**EXHIBIT PROSPECTUS NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2007 ATA TOPICAL EXHIBITION**

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The American Topical Association's all-topical exhibition will be held June 15-17, 2007, in Irving, Texas. This National Topical Stamp Show will be held at the Sheraton Grand Hotel that is located adjacent to the Dallas / Ft. Worth Airport.

This exhibition is open to all collectors regardless of society affiliation provided the entry meets the definition of topical/thematic exhibits. Thematic Multi-frame Class and Thematic Display Class exhibits are limited to a minimum of two frames and a maximum of ten frames. Thematic One-Frame exhibits and Thematic Youth exhibits of one to five frames are also welcome. The NTSS-2007 exhibition will also host the Youth Champion of Champions competition.

ATA judges accreditation director Alan J. Hanks has announced the panel of judges. They are: Douglas N. Clark from Massachusetts (Chair); Tim Bartshe from Colorado; Darrell R. Ertzberger from Virginia; Joseph Frasch, Jr. from Ohio; and Thomas Lera from Virginia. There will be a Grand Award (eligible for the American Philatelic Society Champion of Champions Competition). It will be a Bronze Remington Statue, titled, "Comin' Thru the Rie", mounted on a marble base. This statue will carry along the "Western Theme" of the planned show. It will be available for the best exhibit in the Thematic Multi-frame Class and Thematic Display class. There will also be a large eagle Reserve Grand for the second best exhibit in the above classes.

Gold, vermeil, silver, silver-bronze, and bronze level awards will be available for the Thematic Multi-frame Class, Thematic Display Class, and One-Frame Class exhibits. Platinum awards will also be available for One-Frame Class exhibits. Gold, silver, and bronze level awards will be available for Thematic Youth Class exhibits. Other awards of national philatelic organizations and ATA affiliates may be granted by the judges according to the rules of the sponsoring organization.

For the first time there will be a class for Thematic Novice Exhibits that is available for anyone who has never exhibited thematically at any recognized philatelic exhibition. This "Novice" exhibit, named in honor of Mary Ann Owens, can be entered in the Multi-frame Class, Display Class, or the One-Frame Class. All Novice exhibits will be judged by a panel of three local judges to be appointed by ATA.

Applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis, and must be received no later than April 16, 2007, or until such time as all frames have been fully subscribed. For a copy of the Exhibit Prospectus and Application Form, contact the American Topical Association at P.O. Box 57, Arlington, TX 76004-0057, phone: 817-274-1181, email: [americantopical@msn.com](mailto:americantopical@msn.com).

For information on the world's largest all-topical philatelic organization, 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](mailto:americantopical@msn.com); or visit their website at [www.americantopicalassn.org](http://www.americantopicalassn.org).