

**CAROLINE SCANNELL IS 2010 ATA DISTINGUISHED TOPICAL PHILATELIST**

Caroline V. Scannell of Smithtown, New York, has been selected as the American Topical Association's 2010 Distinguished Topical Philatelist, according to an announcement by DTP committee chair Donald W. Smith. The award will be presented on Saturday evening, June 26, 2010, at the awards banquet during the ATA annual convention in Denver, Colorado.



Ms. Scannell served as ATA second vice president from 1998-2004, as ATA first vice president from 2004-2008, and since 2000 as president of the ATA New York Chapter where she also staffs an ATA table at the MEGA Stamp Shows in New York City. She served as registration chair for ATA annual conventions from 2001-2009 and arranged for the ATA convention cachets and cancels in 2003-2004.

Ms. Scannell joined the American Philatelic Society in 1975. As she grew more interested in topicals, she joined ATA in 1988 and began a collection of the stamps issued to save the Nubian Monuments in Egypt. Within a year, she exhibited her collection on Nubian monuments at the 1989 National Stamp Show in New York City where she garnered the first of many Bronze medals won at other stamp shows.

Ms. Scannell served as a director of the ATA Europa Study Unit from 1989-2004, and since 2004 as vice president of the Europa Unit. In 1995 she entered ATA's "my favorite topic" contest. As one of the winners, her article entitled "The Abus" was published in the September-October 1995 issue of *Topical Time*. She has also been the driving force in the ATA Old World Archaeological Study Unit, serving since 2004 as editor of the *Old World Archaeologist*.

As a member of the Long Island Cover Society, in 1997-1999 Ms. Scannell became involved with local post offices on Long Island, and she sponsored several special cancels for anniversaries of the Long Island Rail Road. She exhibited her Universal Postal Union collection at the General Post Office in New York City which led her to author an article on the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.P.U. published in the March-April 2000 issue of *Topical Time*. Another article was "Queen Isabella" in ATA Handbook #121, *Christopher Columbus in Philately*.

Ms. Scannell is also a member of the Empire State Postal History Society, the Egyptian Study Circle (London), and the ATA Textiles Study Unit. Her hobbies include quilting, archaeology and local history.

The ATA Distinguished Topical Philatelist Award was established in 1952 by Jerry Husak to recognize notable service in topical philately. In the past 58 years this award has been presented to 113 topical philatelists, including residents of Canada, Great Britain, and Italy. A complete list of DTP Awardees can be found at [www.americantopicalassn.org/documents/DTP-roll.pdf](http://www.americantopicalassn.org/documents/DTP-roll.pdf). The 2010 selection committee was composed of Donald W. Smith (Chair), Donald Brenke, George Griffenhagen, Jerome Husak, Ann Shoemake, Dorothy Smith, and Dalene Thomas.