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ATA RELEASES FIVE NEW DVDS

The American Topical Association (ATA) has released five new multimedia presentations representing a variety of topics of interest to stamp collectors. The DVDs are excellent for stamp club programs and for the enrichment of individual philatelists. Thirty DVD titles are now available from ATA. Titles of the latest releases are: *Collecting the Presidents*, *My Eclectic Collection*, *Firemen on Stamps*, *Integrating the U.S. Navy*, and *When Presidents Die*.

Melvin Morris, a member of the Americana Unit of the ATA, provided the philatelic material used for *Collecting the Presidents* and *When Presidents Die*. Mel's contributions to philatelic literature are well known. He edited the *Americana Philatelic News* from 1992 until early this year, and also wrote six ATA handbooks related to the American presidents. A seventh handbook will be released soon.

Linda Geerlings, an artist and ATA member from Oregon, has contributed a lovely program called *My Eclectic Collection*. In this creative DVD, Linda describes beautiful and interesting scented stamps and stamps made of unusual materials.

The Fire Service in Philately Study Unit of the ATA and its member Edward Flory have contributed *Firemen on Stamps* to the ATA's new releases. It is a welcome addition to the philatelic literature on a popular collecting topic.

Harvey Edwards, ATA member from Nevada, has written and illustrated a comprehensive DVD on *Integrating the U.S. Navy*. Using both U.S. and international stamps along with covers and other philatelic material, Harvey brings history alive in the presentation.

ATA DVDs are available to members and nonmembers alike for \$10 each plus postage of \$1.50 (U.S.), \$1.75 (Canada/Mexico), or \$2.25 (overseas). Stamp clubs can lease the programs for \$5 plus postage. If more than one DVD is ordered, cost is \$9 each. Up to five DVDs can be shipped for the listed postage prices. For a complete list of available DVDs, contact the ATA Central Office.

The ATA Audio-Visual Program is conducted by Dennis Dengel of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., ATA Second Vice President. Dennis is ably assisted by Harvey and Terri Edwards, who provide technical and narrative support. Collectors who would like to share their collections through audio-visual means are asked to contact the ATA Central Office.

All thirty DVDs in ATA's multimedia repertoire will be available at the National Topical Stamp Show in Denver, Colo., on June 25-27, and also at the ATA society table at APS StampShow in Richmond, Va., on Aug. 12-15.

To contact ATA about the Audio-Visual program or to order DVDs, e-mail americantopical@msn.com, call 618-985-5100, or write to PO Box 8, Carterville, IL 62918-0008. For more information, visit the website at www.americantopicalassn.org