



NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR ATA DISTINGUISHED TOPICAL PHILATELIST

The American Topical Association (ATA) is the world's largest organization for thematic philatelists. Nominations are now being accepted for the 2012 ATA Distinguished Topical Philatelist (DTP) Award. The DTP Award is the highest honor given by the ATA and will be presented at its 2012 Annual Meeting in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the National Topical Stamp Show on June 22-24.

The Distinguished Topical Philatelist designation is awarded for notable service to topical philately in general and to the ATA in particular. It was established in 1952 by ATA Founder Jerome (Jerry) Husak and has been presented to 114 individuals since its inception. Recipients have included residents of the U.S., Canada, Great Britain and Italy. The DTP is the most prestigious award given by the ATA.

Topical stamp collectors have the opportunity to nominate members of their Study Units, ATA Chapter or friends who have promoted thematic collecting and the ATA. Nominating letters should include the candidate's accomplishments in philately, and particularly in topical philately.

The 2011 DTP award winner was Myron Molnau, an active member of ATA and its Ships on Stamps unit since 1963. Myron currently serves on the ATA Board of Directors and as Secretary of the Ships on Stamps unit. He has been active in bring philately into the digital world by establishing an internet ships on stamps discussion group in 1997 and the Ships on Stamps unit website in 2000. He also published a series of CD-ROMS and DVDs on the topic of watercraft philately.

Members of the DTP Committee consist of Donald Smith, chair, as well as Jack H. Green, George Griffenhagen, Jerome Husak, Dorothy Smith, Dalene Thomas, and Mark Winnegrad.

Deadline for the receipt of nominations is December 31, 2011. Letters of nomination should be sent to: Donald W. Smith, PO Box 576, Johnstown PA 15907-0576.

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