

## **NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR ATA DISTINGUISHED TOPICAL PHILATELIST**



Nominations are now being accepted for the 2013 American Topical Association Distinguished Topical Philatelist (DTP) Award. ATA is the world's largest organization for thematic philatelists.

The DTP Award is the highest honor given by the ATA and will be presented at the Awards Banquet of the 2013 National Topical Stamp Show in Rochester, N.Y. NTSS will be a joint show with Ropex on May 17-19, 2013.

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 115 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 2012 DTP award winner was Frederick C. Skvara, M.D., of Bridgewater, N.J., a member of ATA since 1973 and member of its Board of Directors since 2006. Fred edits and produces newsletters for the Medical Subjects Unit (since 2004) and the Americana Unit (since 2010). He served as ATA Director of Chapters including authorship of the *Topical Time* "Chapter Chatter" column from 2006-2011. From 2010-12, he edited and published gold award winning programs for the National Topical Stamp Show.

Members of the DTP Committee consist of Donald W. Smith, chair, as well as Donald G. Beuthel, Jack H. Green, George B. Griffenhagen, Dorothy C. Smith, Dalene Thomas, and Mark H. Winnegrad.

Deadline for the receipt of nominations is December 31, 2012. Letters of nomination should be sent to: Donald W. Smith, PO Box 576, Johnstown PA 15907-0576.