



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Welcome

The American Topical Association, founded in 1949, is the oldest and largest organization in the world for topical stamp collectors. Topical collecting is so popular that ATA has attracted members in 43 countries.

ATA staff and a multitude of volunteers work to provide services topical collectors need and enjoy. Let's look at some of the benefits your ATA membership will provide.

Topical Time

Your membership includes a subscription to *Topical Time*, our colorful 92-page journal, issued six times a year. It features news of the association, articles on many different topics, how-to articles about collecting and exhibiting, and much more. If you have a print membership, the journal is mailed to you. For all members, including those who choose an electronic membership, *Topical Time* is available on the ATA website.

Topical Checklists Covering Nearly 1700 Topics

Topical checklists provide you with a shopping list for your topic, as well as a way to keep an inventory. They are available for more than 1600 topics, and we can even make a customized list if your topic is not included on the list. There is a small charge for checklists, but as long as you maintain your membership, you may request a free annual update. In other words, you only pay for your list once. We can email your checklist in Excel or PDF format. If you prefer, we can print and mail your list for an additional charge.

Our topical stamp dATAbase is constantly updated, with thousands of stamps added each month. New topics are also added throughout the year. Below is a sample of how your checklist will look...

Great American Stamp Show

That is the name of the large collaborative show of the American Topical Association, American Philatelic Society and American First Day Cover Society. The show, held in August, is the largest stamp show in the country, with exhibits, dealers, meetings and seminars and society booths. In addition, ATA offers social events and countless opportunities for getting to know fellow topical collectors. Show information is included in *Topical Time* and on the ATA website. This is the stamp show you won't want to miss!

Handbooks

ATA handbooks offer in-depth information on specific topics. Over the years, ATA has published 169 handbooks. The current ones are for sale at a discount to members. We also offer *What's First?*, a fascinating book that pictures and describes the first stamp issued for over 800 topics.

Most handbooks are available printed and in digital format.

ATA Mentors: Philatelic Friends

Are you new to topical collecting? We invite you to request a Philatelic Friend. An experienced topical collector will be delighted to offer help with ways to acquire, store and display your stamps and other philatelic items.

Timely Topical News

Our digital newsletter provides brief updates on the latest ATA news and member benefits. It takes just a few minutes to read, and includes a link to the latest issue of *Topical Time*.

Chat Online with Topicalists

Join in the topical fun at the ATA Facebook page (American Topical Association) and on Instagram (@americantopicalassociation). You're invited to post a favorite stamp each week on Topical Tuesday. There's always lively conversation!

ATA Around the Country

ATA members staff association booths at many national, regional and local stamp shows. Stop by to chat and see what's new at ATA. You may choose to help represent ATA and tell others about the fun of topical collecting.

Resources for Youths

Do you know a young person who would be interested in fun activities related to stamps? The youth section of the ATA website has more than 500 pages of hands-on activities that can be printed and shared. Although they are designed for youths, collectors of all ages enjoy them!

If You Want to Know More About Your Topic...

...you'll want to consider joining an ATA affiliated study unit. Those who share a specific topic have formed study units to promote their specific topic, encourage research and share information. The study units are listed on the ATA website.

ATA Affiliated Chapters

Any stamp club that has three or more ATA members may apply to become an affiliated chapter. Chapters benefit from topical information, help in holding topical programs and a subscription to *Topical Time*. To check if a stamp club near you is an ATA chapter, see the list on our website.

Join Today!

It's easy to join ATA! Complete the application on the back of this page and mail it in, or join on the website at www.americantopical.org. You will receive a welcoming email with information so you can access the members-only section of the website.

We want you to use and enjoy ATA services. If you have questions or need help, contact our congenial executive director Jennifer Miller at ata@americantopical.org or call 618-985-5100.

ATA Checklist 1118: Astronomy - Constellations, Stars
 Last updated: Mar 26, 2023. Listing contains ALL records. Total records as of run date: 2683.
 Compiled by: Unknown
 Common TYPE Codes: **ST** = Stamps; **B** = Semi-Postal; **C** = Airmail; **J** = Postage Due; **O** = Officials; **R** = Revenue; **E** = Special Delivery; **S/S** = Souvenir; **M/S** = Minisheets

Stamp ID	Type	Country	Year	Mon	Day	Denom.	Scott	Description	Want List	Notes
28231	ST	Aitutaki	1975	Jul	24	50c	116	Apollo-Soyuz Program, Icarus		
8746	ST	Aitutaki	1976	Oct	18	6 c	135-36	Annunciation, Christmas, Christmas Star		
30576	ST	Ajman	1970	1	1	1d	None	"Venus and Cupid" by Agnolo Bronzino 1502-1572), Nude "Venus and Cupid" by Cranach Family, Nude		

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Printed Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Philatelic Website (if you have one): _____

**I agree to abide by the Philatelic Code of Ethics posted online at
www.americantopicalassn.org/codeofethics.shtml: Yes No**

It is recommended you maximize your membership by allowing ATA to publish your collecting interests, and at least one form of contact in the Membership Column of our journal *Topical Time* and membership directory. ATA policy does not allow sharing or selling your information without your permission, nor does it allow your information published by ATA to be used by commercial/marketing interests. Check below the information you wish to share.

Please publish my: Name Topical Interests Email Address Mailing Address

The above agreement and authorization require your signature. Even if you chose not to release your information, you must sign below to indicate you have read the above information.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Membership Dues	One Year	Two Years	Three Years	Five Years
<i>Print & Electronic editions of Topical Time</i>				
US Addresses	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$65.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$95.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$155.00
International	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$85.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$205.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> CREDIT/ DEBIT	<input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> Discover <input type="checkbox"/> American Express Cardholder Name: _____ Account # (please write legibly) _____ Expiration Date ____/____ Security Code ____ Signature _____

Please check if:

- New Member —or—
 Reinstatement—prior membership # _____ (if known) or approx. year joined _____.

Please list your topical interests: _____
 I was attracted to join ATA at this time by: _____

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 -or- email to: ata@americantopical.org**