



Fall For Topicals

October is National Stamp Collecting Month!

We hope you can join us for a month of topical programs.

See the ATA website at americantopical.org to register for these interesting programs:

Topical Collecting 101

with Jennifer Miller

Saturday, October 3, 4:00 p.m. Eastern

Join ATA executive director Jennifer Miller in the topical classroom for some basic information about getting started in topical collecting.

Integrating Errors, Freaks & Oddities into Your Collection

with Cemil Betanov

Tuesday, October 6, 6:00 p.m. Eastern

Cemil will discuss what EFOs are and give examples on how to integrate them into your thematic or topical collection. He will also give pointers on how you can find and buy EFOs.

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The Most Beautiful Bridge in Paris

with Tom Broadhead

Thursday, October 8, 6:00 p.m. Eastern

The Seine River, flowing through the French capital, is crossed by many bridges exhibiting striking architecture and dating for more than 300 years. This talk, from a traveler's and philatelist's perspective, reviews depictions of Paris bridges on stamps and highlights the most beautiful of all – the Alexander III bridge.

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Maps, Politics and Stamps: Some Examples from the Middle East

with Ian S. Lustick

Saturday, October 10, 4:00 Eastern

Ian S. Lustick is a political scientist and specialist on the modern history and politics of the Middle East. He currently holds the Bess W. Heyman Chair in the Department of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania. He collects worldwide, but with emphasis on maps on stamps and politically instructive stamps.

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Presidential Grab Bag: The Variety You Can Collect

with John Hamman

Tuesday, October 13, 6:00 p.m. Eastern

Join John to look at many philatelic items that make up an eclectic

collection of US presidents and presidential elections.

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Nurse Philatelic Stories with a Sampling of Exhibit Elements

with Ann Byerly

Thursday, October 15, 6:00 p.m. Eastern

Ann will present philatelic history as seen in postage stamps showing a nurse or nurses. Different philatelic elements will be used to illustrate nurses in philately for a stamp exhibit. Buying techniques and research resources will be discussed. Ann will show her favorite stamps.

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Stamping in Sequim

with Vera Felts

Saturday, October 17, 4 p.m. Eastern

Join Vera to find out what she's been up to since retiring as ATA executive director in 2019. Visit her in beautiful Sequim, Washington, and catch up on her philatelic activities.

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Innovations Seen in US Railroad Topical Stamps

with Bill DeWitt

Tuesday, October 20, 6:00 p.m. Eastern

United States railroads, significant for the movement of U.S. Mail for 150 years, have been innovators for transportation. This presentation will discuss railroad locomotive innovation from the age of steam in the early 1800s to the era of internal combustion engines as seen in U.S. topical stamps.

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Indigenous Peoples of the World – on Stamps!

with Tom Broadhead

Thursday, October 22, 6:00 p.m. Eastern

There are more than 600 indigenous groups of people, the descendants of those who first inhabited many previously uninhabited areas of the globe hundreds or even thousands of years ago. These original peoples and their civilizations were often overprinted by European colonists, and their cultural traditions often have faded over the years. In 2007, the United Nations passed the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, intended to encourage member nations to protect those people and their cultural traditions. Stamps issued by countries with indigenous populations sometimes show those people and their remnant cultures. Explore the history of stamps depicting indigenous peoples world-wide.

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Telling Stories with Postcards

with Elizabeth Hisey

Saturday, October 24, 4:00 p.m. Eastern

This presentation will show you the wide variety of subjects that can be collected. It will also include the basics for starting to put together a postcard exhibit.

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COVID-19-Related Philately

with Jean Wang

Tuesday, October 27, 6:00 p.m. Eastern

COVID-19 has disrupted many aspects of normal life worldwide, including the delivery of mail. This presentation will showcase some of the stamps, postal markings, and postal history that the pandemic has contributed to philately.

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From Me to You: The Philatelic History of Roberto Clemente on Stamps

with Félix L. Pérez-Folch, Jr.

Thursday, October 29, 6:00 p.m. Eastern

This presentation will tell the story behind the eight official stamps issued in honor of Roberto Enrique Clemente Walker "The Great One - 21". The attendees will leave with a better understanding that not only was Roberto Clemente a great baseball player but also a great humanitarian.

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