

ESPER's Certificate of Recognition Fred Collins



On October 20, 2018, at the NOJEX-ASDA Postage Stamp Expo held at the Hilton Meadowlands in East Rutherford, New Jersey, ESPER board members, Don Neal and M. Rosina Major, presented cachet maker and long-time ESPER supporter Fred Collins with a special certificate of recognition for his first day covers depicting the subjects of the Black Heritage series and other African Americans on stamps.

Many of ESPER's FDC collectors collect Fred's award-winning hand-drawn and hand-colored covers, which he began creating some 40 years ago, attracted to the covers' respectful and artistic portrayals.

Fred was surprised and a little overwhelmed by the recognition held right after the special dedication ceremony for the recently issued Honoring First Responders stamp, but he was most appreciative. Fred is proud to share that he has multi-ethnic/

multi-cultural in-laws and grandchildren and proud that he has portrayed the family's diversity in his cachets. Below are just some of Collins covers worth collecting. You can see many more at www.collinsfirstdaycovers.com

