

NATIONAL TOPICAL STAMP SHOW - JUNE 17-19, 2005

The ATA recently celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the founding of organisation and the 2005 edition of this annual event is being held in the same venue, Milwaukee, using the same hotel and even the same ballroom. Those who attended the 1999 show will remember the hospitality shown us by the local stamp enthusiasts who did so much to make that show a success.

NTSS is the only US. all-topical exhibition and will be at the Four Points by Sheraton Milwaukee Airport at 4747 South Howell Avenue in Milwaukee. The hotel is located directly across from General Billy Mitchell International Airport and is just off I-94. This is one of Wisconsin's largest convention hotels with 508 guest rooms and a block of these reserved at \$99 per night for single or double occupancy. Reservations are now being accepted at the toll free number 1-(800)-558-3862 or directly with the hotel at 1-(414)-481-8000. Be sure to indicate that you want to reserve one of the rooms blocked by the ATA as this will help ATA with the charges that are incurred during the show.

The President's Reception will be held at the Sprecher Brewery on Friday evening, June 17, and will include a tour of the brewery. A bus will pick up the attendees at the hotel at 7:00 p.m. and will return them there at 10:00 p.m. Cost of the function is \$25 per person and reservations must be made by May 27, 2005. The Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday evening, June 18, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and will feature a choice of three meals as well as a vegetarian meal. Cost is \$35 per person and the deadline is the same as the President's Reception.

There are two tours planned for the event, the first being on Thursday, June 16, to view some of the exciting sights the city has to offer. The first stop will be at the Milwaukee Art museum to visit the new Quadracci Pavilion, designed by Santiago Caltravo. Then on to the unique domed Botanical Gardens. The tour will leave the hotel at 11:15 a.m. and return at 3:00 p.m. and the cost is \$22 per person. On Monday, June 20, an all day tour is planned to visit the House on the Rock at Spring Garden, Wisconsin. The coach will leave the hotel at 8:00 a.m. and return at 6:00 p.m. with cost being \$49 per person.

Payments for the tours can be made by check, money order, VISA or Mastercard, payable to the ATA. Send your reservations for either or both tours to Caroline Scanell, 14 Dawn Drive, Smithtown, NY 11787. A reservation form will also be published in the March-April issue of Topical Time.
