

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Fran Hammond

The Oregon Stamp Show was a success! It was in a part of the country which was different so we were able to meet a number of different people. A number of our editors were able to attend and for the visitors with such familiar names it was a delight to be able to add a face to the name. Jack Congrove attended with enough of his 2008 revised and updated butterfly check list to give all the butterfly collectors a copy.

I found enough different stamps to add to my collection to make life interesting. For a record I came home with only one duplicate! I find it interesting that some of the dealers at a topical show have all their stock filed by country. It is time consuming and usually futile to look in a country for one set. I find the dealers who have stock books of topical stamps most helpful and pleasant; we do have nice people to do business with.

Weather and health report from southwest Colorado: hot & dry. The garden is blooming and needs almost daily watering. I find my age is catching up with me as I was picking up the hose and turned to get some garden tools I got my feet mixed up and DOWN I went one arm scraping the side of the stucco house and the other a stone in the patio. With my thin skin had large skin tears at each elbow and I thought no way can I bandage these with one hand. I was considering driving myself to the emergency room since they weren't bleeding that much thankfully at that moment my daughter showed up to save the day. They are both almost well now in record time with the help of some new treatment (for me at least) and the help of the wound care center.

Next year the ATA Stamp Show will be in Dayton Ohio—my home town so I'll be there.....
