

EDITOR BIOGRAPHIES

This section completes our series of biographical information about our editors that we began in the Volume 62, Number 1. The Associate Editors continue a long tradition in *Biophilately* of providing research data and expert commentary on both philatelic matters and biological topics. Many of them are also authors of some of the checklists and handbooks published by the ATA.

Glenn G. Mertz

[*Ed. Note: Glenn Mertz joined the Biology Unit in 1987. He took over as Associate Editor of the Ornithology column from Randall Shore in 2006.*]

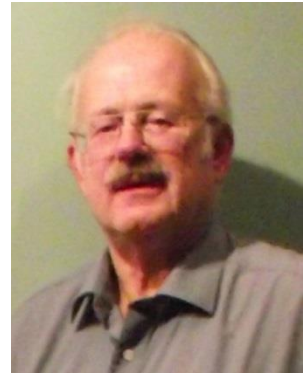
Glenn graduated from high school in 1962, and married in 1964. He started work at a public utility company right out of high school, and continued there for 41 years, retiring in March 2003, at age 59. During the years, he moved up the corporate ladder to his final position as Administrator of Customer Accounting, responsible for working with the Information Technology section in getting computer programming for the area customer accounting sections, meter reading departments, central telephone answering section, and credit departments.

Glenn started collecting U.S. stamps in 1964 and collected them until 2005, when it became too difficult to acquire the multitude of issues due to the policy of having to purchase whole sheets or whole rolls of stamps to get just the particular items desired.

Glenn has been collecting bird stamps since about 1970 and has accumulated a very large collection, which he houses in three-ring, two inch binders, by family. He started using the 2nd Edition of Clements Checklist of Birds of the World as a guide and graduated to each new edition that came out. The 6th Edition is his current bird checklist. Since Cornell University took over the publication upon the death of James F. Clements, they, in conjunction with the American Birding Association and the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, have published updates for the past five years, in collaboration with the various birding associations of the world. In addition, he created his own spreadsheet, using the 6th Edition of Clements, so that he can also keep track of all the changes and denote which of the ten thousand plus species have had a stamp produced for the bird in the Clements listing.

Glenn says he very much enjoys his hobby of collecting stamps with birds and mounting them in his albums by each family. It enables him to see all of the bird stamps within one family and see the various renditions, poses, and colors of each of the birds. He now has 13 albums of just stamps depicting birds.

Glenn and his wife Barbara (who will celebrate their 50th anniversary this year) also attend many first day stamp ceremonies for new U.S. issues, that are within four or five hours driving time. Many ceremonies are very interesting, educational.



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Jack R. Congrove

[Ed. Note: Jack Congrove joined the Biology Unit in 1987. He contributed his first article to the journal in 1991. In 2010, he was appointed to the Governing Board as a Director. In 2011, he assumed overall editorship of the journal upon the retirement of Alan J. Hanks.]

Jack grew up on a dairy farm in Ohio and received a degree in Chemical Engineering from Ohio University in 1969. He was commissioned as a Field Artillery officer upon graduation and served in places such as Vietnam, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, and Germany with the U.S. Army before retiring in 1990. Following his Army career, he has worked more than 20 years with various contractors supporting military tests and evaluations.

Jack began collecting stamps as a youngster, but like many others put collecting on hiatus until returning to it in the early 1980s. He collects mint and used U.S. stamps and both U.S. military history and butterfly topical stamps and ephemera. He has an award winning exhibit on the life of Alexander Hamilton and is preparing another exhibit on Lepidoptera and their defensive mechanisms.

In addition to the ATA and the Biology Unit, Jack is a member of the American Philatelic Society, American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, Women Exhibitors, Military Postal History Society, Americana study unit of the ATA, and the Evergreen Stamp Club. He was recently elected President of the Board of the Seattle Philatelic Exhibition (SEAPEX).



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