

OFFICER BIOGRAPHIES

This section continues our series of biographical information about our Officers and Associate Editors that we began in the Volume 62, Number 1.

John Pereira

[Ed. Note: John Pereira is our newest Director having just been elected to fill the position vacated by Lois Herrmann. John joined the Biology Unit in 2010.]

Like many other stamp collectors, I began collecting stamps at a fairly early age, but stopped some time in my high school years. It was not until a couple of decades later that I began collecting again. What drew me back into the hobby was my curiosity of my Portuguese descent, what a great way to learn about it through stamps! In addition to collecting Portuguese stamps, I collect wild flowers of arctic and desert regions, New Zealand, Nepal, National Parks, and Macau. I have also have given back to the hobby by assisting the chapters activities committee of the American Philatelic Society on a couple of projects and serving as Vice President and webmaster for the Fall River Philatelic Society.

In addition to my stamp interest, I also spend time volunteering for various organizations and pursuing other hobbies. I am currently on the development committee for Friends of Acadia, assisting with a White Cedar restoration project for the Trustees of Reservations, and surveying rare plants for the New England Wild Flower Society. My other hobbies include collecting U.S. and world coins, books, and comic books.

My professional background has been very diverse. I have bachelor degrees in environmental studies and photography, and a master degree in conservation biology. I have done conservation work for The Nature Conservancy, The Lloyd Center for the Environment, and Randolph Mountain Club. I have co-founded a nonprofit, Whaling History Alliance, in order to help the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park carry out its mission. And finally, I've worked in various retail companies, with Target being my current employer.



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