

## NEWS OF NOTE

### **BIOPHILATELY WINS LITERATURE AWARD**

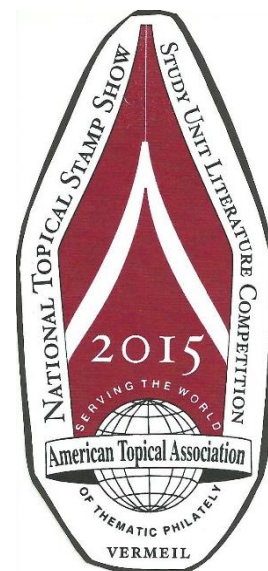
Our Unit journal, *Biophilately*, won a Vermeil ribbon in the Study Unit newsletter literature competition at the National Topical Stamp Show this year in Clackamas, Oregon.

Jeffrey Hayward, one of our Unit members and American Topical Association Study Unit Coordinator, organized the newsletter literature exhibition. The competition featured three award levels: Less than 50 members, 50 to 200 members, and More than 200 members. We entered *Biophilately* in the second category.

Because our original submission somehow got lost in the mail (I know, can you believe it?), Jeff went out of his way to print new copies of our four editions for the judges and for the literature display. So a big thanks to Jeff for enabling us to compete.

### **DATABASE AVAILABLE**

ATA member Larry Elliot has a free database program based on Microsoft Access that contains topical stamp listings. Each record has more than 60 searchable data fields. If interested, contact him at [elliott.lk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:elliott.lk@sbcglobal.net).



## CLOSED ALBUM

### **IN MEMORIAM: DR. DON C. AHSHAPANEK, SR. (LM80)**

Dr. Don C. Ahshapanek, Sr. passed away on 17 March 2015, after an extended illness at his home in Anadarko, Oklahoma. He was 82. He was born 29 April 1932, in Milton, Delaware, to Albert Leon and Mabel Marie (Clark) Johnson. He and Carol Paddlety were married on 28 September 1962, at Angie Smith Indian Methodist Church in Oklahoma City.

Don received his Doctorate in Biology and taught at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas, and Haskell Indian Nation University in Lawrence, Kansas. He worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs for five years as a tribal liaison for seven tribes. After his retirement, he worked as a consultant for the Cheyenne Arapahoe Tribal College. He was a member of the Nanticoke Delaware Tribe.

Don was an avid stamp collector and joined the Biology Study Unit in 1972. He was a member of Grace Christian Fellowship Church in Anadarko. He was a teacher and role model for generations of students.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Ahshapanek, of the home in Anadarko and three sons and their spouses: Darren and Michelle Ahshapanek, Anadarko; Don and Loriann Ahshapanek Jr., Hattiesburg, Mississippi; and Brian and Lonna Ahshapanek, Seattle; seven grandchildren: Rebekah Renwick, Daniel Ahshapanek, Andrew Ahshapanek, Sean Ahshapanek, Don Ahshapanek III, Tia Ahshapanek, and Niya Ahshapanek; four great-grandchildren; one brother, Marvin Johnson, New Jersey; and one sister, Carmelita Alaniz, Albuquerque. He was preceded in death by his parents.