

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

As the Biology Unit begins its 65th year, you hold herewith the latest in an unbroken string of published volumes of the Unit journal. In addition to our regular columns on new issues, this edition contains major articles on botany, amphibians, paleontology, and entomology. There are also smaller articles on fungi, fish, turtles, and birds.

Our cover story is an article from long-time contributor Vladimir Kachan on entomophagy, which is the human consumption of insects as food. Though it is rare in in so-called developed nations, more than a thousand different species of insects are known to be eaten in about 80 percent of the world's countries. Mikey likes it!

We would like to continue to publish articles on as wide a variety of biological subjects as possible, but our inbox is getting bare.

In that regard, I wish to solicit the help of all our readers to fill this publication need. Please send me an article on any topic of your choosing that relates to our biology theme. Perhaps you could write about a particular stamp that you find inspiring or important. Maybe you have a fondness for a particular flower or animal.

This is easy. All I need are your written thoughts and I will supply the editing, grammar, and appropriate images. Drop me a line today (jackcongrove@comcast.net).

This year US stamp collectors are extremely fortunate that the decennial World Stamp Show held in this country will be in New York City beginning at the end of May. NY 2016 will be an eight day show hosted at the Javits Convention Center in Manhattan on 28 May through 4 June. Few collectors have experienced a show of this size, which will include 200 dealers, 4,000 frames of exhibits, multiple first day ceremonies by the US and other nations, auctions, seminars on too many subjects to list, and other activities for all levels of collectors.

Even if you can only attend for a day or two, I am sure it will be worth your time and effort. The American Topical Association will have a booth at the show and the Biology Unit will be helping to support it with volunteers. Also, I and others of the Unit will be volunteering at Stamp Buddy and other functions, so look us up when you are there. If you would like to volunteer at the ATA booth, please contact Chris Dahle (chris-dahle@biophilately.org).

Those of you who receive copies of *Biophilately* by mail may have noticed that the December edition was franked with a variety of biology related stamps. Our Publisher, Dick Roman, asked me to pass along thanks to Eastern Shore Stamp Company, a long time advertiser, and Stamp Smith, a recent advertiser for the discount postage.

Each dealer supplied around \$240 in older, biology related stamps at discount prices of \$200. In addition, Terry L. Jordan (BU1743) sent Dick several envelopes full of older US adhesive stamps that helped offset our mailing costs. The Unit Board of Directors appreciates their donation and effort and hopes that mail recipients do as well.

Spring is right around the corner. I hope all of you have an enjoyable season as the blossoms peek out from the snow in some places.

Jack R. Congrove

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