

SNAKE PHOTOS

Dick Roman, our Publisher and new Herpetology Editor, is also an accomplished photographer. Here are two of his award-winning photos on the subject of his new column.



Mangrove Snake (*Boiga dendrophila*)



Red Spitting Cobra (*Naja pallida*)

The Photographic Society of America holds competitions between camera clubs called the Interclub Competition. The St. Louis Camera Club competes successfully in all sections.

These images were entered in the Nature Section and were judged in the top six in 2014.

These are captive animals raised for the pet trade. The images were taken with handlers on each side using four strobe lights and a constructed set, similar to where they live in nature.

NATIONAL TOPICAL STAMP SHOW – 2017

The annual National Topical Stamp Show for 2017 sponsored by the American Topical Association is scheduled for Friday, 23 June through Sunday, 25 June at the Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport Hotel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Milwaukee is the birthplace of the ATA.

The NTSS is a World Series of Philately national exhibition and will feature a variety of thematic exhibits. This year there is a new category of Topical exhibits. Admission for all three days is \$5.00. There is free parking and free youth activities. The Biology Unit will hold its annual meeting at this show. Please plan to attend.

HELP WANTED

Our Director, Fred Skvara, has volunteered to serve as the ATA Chapter Coordinator, a position that came open due to the illness of the previous coordinator. He previously served in this position some years ago.

The ATA is still looking for help with some other open positions.

Topical Time Indexer: Compile 2016 index by December 2016. The majority of the compilation can be completed now.

Grants and Awards Coordinator: Individual with experience writing grants to assist the ATA.

DVD Updater: Individual with DVD production skills to modify/update DVDs.