

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The last few months have certainly been trying for all of us. For many they have been filled with emotion and loss. We all need to support those who have lost family, friends or financial means. As the Corona Virus lessens its grip on this country, we are slowly getting back to normal. I had planned to write about the GREAT AMERICAN STAMP SHOW, which is to be held the third week end of August. At this time, as I write, there is no final word on whether it will go on or be cancelled. It has been hard hearing of all the shows that are cancelling because of the virus. I certainly enjoy the personal contact with dealers and fellow collectors. Hopefully we will all see each other soon.



On a personal note to all of the ATA and Biology Study Unit, I am saddened to report the death of our dear friend Jack Congrove. He was an integral part of both the ATA and the Bio Unit for so long. Jack was Vice President of our unit as well as editor of Biophilately, shoes that will be difficult to fill. Jack was a mentor to so many, whether through his local stamp club or through the ATA. He loved Alexander Hamilton. His exhibit on Hamilton was fantastic. I remember at New York 2016 Jack was so excited, he had scored tickets to HAMILTON! on Broadway. He will always be remembered for his hats. Jack always wore a baseball cap, and at shows a topically themed shirt. We will miss you Jack!

During the stay at home time I have decided to redo my garden. I want an English Cottage Garden! I have planted Rose bushes, Phlox, Hollyhocks, Larkspur, Foxglove, Lavender, Anemone, Columbine, Lily of the valley, Hyssop, and Canterbury bells. And of course I have started a climbing rose on the mandatory arbor! Birds are flocking to the feeders, I could watch them for hours.

I hope everyone is well and finding enough things to do. Please stay safe and enjoy your stamps.

Laurie Ryan

## SECRETARY TREASURER'S CORNER

The Secretary would like to apologize to members who received the wrong form for renewing their membership in the Unit. The form that you received was for an initial application to the Biology Unit. If you have not yet renewed, please do so now.

Jack Congrove was a mainstay of the Biology Unit for many years and a personal friend. When my wife and I went to Seattle to join a cruise to Alaska, we were able to accept Jack's invitation to visit. He picked us up at the airport, then took us to one of Seattle's finest restaurants. After dinner we went to the Space Needle, but with long lines to go up, we decided against that. Jack was at many of the National Topical Stamp Shows during the last couple of decades, and would step in to run the Annual meeting if there were no other officers available.



## ANNUAL MEETING CANCELED

The Annual Meeting of the Biology Unit was scheduled for the Great American Stamp Show, August 20-23 in Hartford, Connecticut and now canceled.