

## FROM THE INTERIM EDITOR'S DESK

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This issue of *Biophilately* is smaller than usual. We are missing several submissions from our New Issues editors for a variety of reasons: fewer new issues to report; too many other competing projects; and a lack of an editor, in the case Marine Invertebrates. We are looking for volunteers to fill a slot as overall Editor, as well as the Marine Invertebrates editor. Jack Congrove had a bee in his bonnet about introducing a column on Microbiology, so if anyone would like to start that, please step forward.

There is a great deal of philately going on-line as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Shows are still being canceled, the latest casualty being the Southeastern Stamp Expo in Atlanta in January 2021. But the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors recently had a virtual Champion of Champions competition of Single-Frame exhibits that was supposed to be held in conjunction with Chicagopex. You can see the exhibits which qualified here: [http://www.aape.org/single\\_frame\\_c\\_of\\_c\\_qualifiers.asp](http://www.aape.org/single_frame_c_of_c_qualifiers.asp).

During the month of October, for Stamp Collecting Month, the American Topical Association (ATA) sponsored a number of talks that can still be seen on YouTube. They can be accessed on the new ATA website here:

<https://americantopical.org/Videos-&-Presentations>.

And the American Philatelic Society is temporarily making copies of the *American Philatelist* available to non-members as well, they announced on November 16. For a while now, the American Philatelic Library's journal, *Philatelic Literature Review* has been available on line. You can watch the Library's Postal History Symposium videos. This year the topic was "Postal Innovation of the Classic Era." There were five days of presentations, each of which featured three speakers.

It is again time to renew your membership in the Biology Unit. It is uncertain when or if we will continue to publish a list of members given the restrictions on privacy, especially from the European Union. In the event that we do include a directory, we need to have your permission to publish your mailing address and/or email address. That is why we ask all members, including Life Members, to submit a Renewal Form. You will find a form on the back cover of this issue or as a separate insert.

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