

NEWS OF NOTE

CALL FOR A NEW BUTTERFLY & MOTH CHECKLIST

"The 2016 edition of Butterfly and Moth Motifs is now available. This expanded two-volume reference is the tenth edition of this popular checklist. Altogether it contains almost 20,000 entries.

"The butterfly topic continues to be very popular among collectors and stamp issuing authorities are taking full advantage of this to produce great varieties of stamps and souvenir sheets with this theme. This checklist contains a more extensive listing than those found in any other single reference.

"It has a country-by-country list of postage stamps with butterfly and moth designs. It includes entries for all identifiable lepidopteran species, as well as stylized designs and drawings.

In addition, it includes an updated systematic listing that incorporates recent taxonomic revisions based on advances in DNA testing.

"The cost for this spiral-bound edition is \$50 for US orders. ..."

This is the notice that Jack Congrove put in *Biophilately* in 2016. Recently Steve Kavalecs contacted the interim editor asking about updating Jack's book. Unfortunately I do not know anything more about it. I do not know if Jack was planning to do an update, or if he had started work on one. I have tried to get in touch with Jack's sister to see if she is able to retrieve files from Jack's computer, but have not heard back from her. If anyone knows anything about it or is interested in working on an update, please contact the interim editor at chris-dahle@biophilately.org.

The Great American Stamp Show, August 12-15 2021

Here is the latest information from the American Philatelic Society Executive Director Scott English about plans for the August show. This was sent out on February 15, 2021 in the online APS Newsletter.

Planning and Hoping

We have been communicating with local officials and Convention Center staff to prepare as best we can. Several spring events at the Stephens Center are being rebooked for later in the summer and fall. Officially, Convention Center staff "hope to be operational by the summer." The reality is the Great American Stamp Show lands in the gray area between continued restrictions and some return to normalcy. The APS, ATA, and AFDCS have been planning in earnest.

The World Series of Philately landscape has shifted to schedule for the second half of the year. A few shows typically held in the spring have announced or are looking to firm up a show in August or later. Unfortunately, others will cancel or be limited to bourse only for 2021, with plans of coming back with a full exhibition in 2022.

Not Your Average Stamp Show

For those who have attended a Great American Stamp Show in years past, you know, this is not your average stamp show. It is the most significant national show every year. We have a responsibility for the show to be financially viable for dealers and the APS. To accomplish that, we must draw 130 dealers, 3,000 or more visitors, and maintain whatever health and safety restrictions required to operate the show. Even in a usual year, this is no small undertaking, but it will be a challenge with the pandemic's everchanging world.

We hope to bring all the events that make our stamp shows memorable for collectors and non-collectors alike. But if we're able to proceed, we are already anticipating changes to certain functions, particularly the dinners and seminars where close spacing may not be allowed.

To be able to meet the needs of the show, there is a decision point. In this case, we will make a firm decision by the end of March based on the best available information and guidance from folks in Illinois.