

BIOPHILATELY WINS GOLD MEDAL

Your editor entered *Biophilately* in the philatelic literature exhibition at the annual American Philatelic Society Stamp Show held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, 20–23 August 2015. The journal received a Gold Medal in the Journals and Periodicals division. This is the first time in its 64-year history that the journal has received a Gold.

There currently are only two philatelic exhibitions in the United States that host formal competitions for philatelic literature: APS Stamp Show and Chicagopex.

In past competitions, the publication has typically received criticism for having too many pages of checklists and too few pages of news and articles. We have been trying to add more of the latter while still maintaining the new issues listings that most of our members want and rely on.

You as a member and reader can help us greatly to maintain this level of quality by submitting an article about any subject that relates to philately or biology. Tell us about an interesting item in your collection, how you acquired some special item, or what motivated you to collect your topic. Do not worry about formatting, spelling, or grammar. It is the job of the editor to handle all of that. Just give us your ideas.

We also entered the index to the first 62 years of the journal, *The Mother of All Indexes*, in this competition. It received a Silver Medal. The jury provided some valuable feedback on ways to improve it, so look for an updated version in another year, or so.

