

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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The Board of Directors of the Biology Unit has approved yours truly as the editor of **Biophilately**. In this position I will try to uphold the outstanding work done by my predecessor, Jack Congrove. In addition to seeking volunteers from the Biology Unit, there was advertising in the journal of the American Topical Association, **Topical Time**. No one has responded to either solicitation.

Speaking of volunteers, we are still looking for an associate editor to work on Marine Invertebrates. If you are a collector of shells on stamps or sea slugs or anemones, please consider helping out your fellow collectors by doing a new issue column. And if someone would like to work on a Microbiology column, we would welcome that, too.

On the topic of new issues, be sure to read Paul Mistretta's article on legitimate and illegitimate stamps (page 107). He comes at it from the point of view of a mushroom collector, so you might miss it if you don't check out his column on Fungi.

This issue has the first installment of Bonsai on stamps from Roger Cichorz. His comprehensive checklist will continue in the September issue of **Biophilately**. There is a wonderful web site on Bonsai stamps that can be accessed here: <https://www.magiminiland.org/Stamps.html>. Roger was consulted about items shown on the site.

On page 83 you will find the latest news about the Great American Stamp Show to be held in Rosemont (near Chicago's O'Hare Airport) from August 12 through 15. We hope that many of our Biology Unit members will be able to attend the show and to come to the Unit's annual meeting on Saturday August 14. Also please consider volunteering your help at the ATA booth. It will be a joy to get back to normal stamp shows after most were canceled last year. This year's show is a joint one with the American Philatelic Society (APS) the American Topical Association (ATA) and the American First Day Cover Society (AFDCS). The ATA has held two previous shows in conjunction with the APS, the first in Columbus, OH in 2018 and the second in Omaha, NE in 2019. A show with the AFDCS joining the ATA and the APS was supposed to be held in Hartford CT in 2020, but it didn't happen. I missed the Omaha show but the one in Columbus was really fun. Do come to Chicago in August!

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