

NEW MEMBERS

The Biology Unit welcomes the following new members:

- #1822 Sven Norman, Bäling, 118 Gnarp, SE-820 77 SWEDEN; collects butterflies (7)
- #1823 Peggy J. Slusser Library, Postal History Foundation, 920 North First Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85719
- #1824 Mary Vassuer, 4149 Ruxton Lane, Columbus, OH 43220
- #1825 Alexey Matveev, Radouňova, 2681/24 Prague, 15500 CZECH REPUBLIC; collects 1
- #1826 Steven W. Winegardner, 2001 16th Street NW, #202, Washington, DC 2009-3428; collects 2,3,7
- #1827 Edo Rajh, Davora Zbiljskog, 1, 10000 Zagreb CROATIA; collects mushrooms (2)

Biology Unit Collecting Interest Codes:

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| (0) Prehistoric (incl. Fossils) | (5) Birds |
| (1) Flora and Fauna | (6) Fish and Fishing |
| (2) Botany | (7) Insects (including Spiders, etc.) |
| (3) Zoology | (8) Mammals (Wild and Domestic) |
| (4) Amphibians and Reptiles | (9) Marine Invertebrates (incl. Mammals) |

NATIONAL TOPICAL STAMP SHOW

Lancaster, Pennsylvania, June 22-24, 2012

The American Topical Association's 63rd annual National Topical Stamp Show (NTSS) will be held at the Lancaster, Pennsylvania's Host Resort and Conference Center on June 22-24, 2012. This all-thematic exhibition will be judged, as always, by a panel with expertise in this area of philately and the winner will be eligible for the American Philatelic Society Champion of Champions competition. The NTSS now accepts Display Division, First Day Cover exhibits, Maximum Cards and Postcard class exhibits, as long as they are thematic in nature. The story should be based on the design elements of the material shown per the Manual of Philatelic Judging. Past NTSS grand award winners whose exhibits won during, or before 2006, are also welcome to compete. Exhibitors are welcome to view the ATA website at www.americantopicalassn.org for a copy of the show prospectus. The Grand and Reserve Grand Awards and the Youth award will all feature Amish Fraktur Folk Art as developed by the Lancaster County Pennsylvania Dutch. The Best Display Award, the One Frame Grand Award, and the Most Popular Award will be Amish Quilted framed Wall hangings.

On January 23rd of this year, the U.S. Post Office released their new \$1.05 Airmail stamp from the Scenic American Landscapes series featuring an idyllic scene from Lancaster County. A half-day tour of the "Amish Experience" is set up for Thursday, June 21st, in which visitors can experience the tranquility of life in this area, as shown on this stamp, for themselves.

Thirty-six dealer tables from all avenues of philately are expected. Additional information is available from Robert J. Mather at S56-W29562 Roanoke Dr., Waukesha, WI 53189-9035, or e-mail at burrobb@wi.rr.com.