

## NTSS 2017 PROGRAM SPEAKERS

The National Topical Stamp Show will feature programs by six accomplished topical philatelists.

**Barry Stagg**, chair of the British Thematic Association, will show highlights of thematic/topical collections of society members, and his gold medal exhibit, *Parachuting Through the Ages – The History and Development of the Parachute and Parachuting Techniques*. He exhibits nationally in Great Britain and also internationally.



**Dr. Edwin Andrews** will speak on *How to Build a Topical Exhibit*. This new exhibit category is sure to be of interest to topical collectors. He is an accomplished exhibitor who specializes in thematic, topical and display exhibits; an accredited APS chief judge; and is active in many philatelic organizations. His topical exhibit, *Hats – Protection, Identity, Fashion* will be shown noncompetitively at the show.

You asked for it, and here it is: *Make Your Own Album Pages by Computer*. Taught by **Jack Congrove**, this seminar will show you how to use Microsoft Word to create your own tailored album and exhibit pages. He will demonstrate the procedures and provide easy-to-use tips on formatting, importing and adjusting images, creating standard templates, and selecting fonts. Handouts will be provided. Bring your flash drive along for files to use as templates. Jack, a 30-year ATA member, is ATA second vice president. He edits numerous philatelic newsletters and is president of the Seattle Philatelic Exhibition (SEAPEX).



**Jack André Denys**, immediate past president of ATA, will present the seminar, *Mary Ann Owens Lives*, an informal look at her written legacy. Mary Ann Owens, who died in 2005, pioneered the establishment of thematic philately as an important exhibiting class at national and international exhibitions. She was a prolific writer and exhibitor, who served as a mentor to many aspiring exhibitors.



He will describe *The Colombo Chronicle*, a series of newsletters for international exhibitors; *The Philosophy of Thematic Exhibiting*, a chapter from *The New Philatelic Exhibitors Handbook*; and her handouts from the APS Summer Thematic Seminar. He will also show *Topics and Themes* columns in *Linn's Stamp News*. Requests for photocopies of Mary Ann's writings will be taken.

**Norma Nielson**, Ph.D., will speak on **Using Genealogy Resources for Philatelic Research**. A member of the Calgary (Canada) Philatelic Society, she has spoken to groups about the resources available to philatelists using genealogy websites and other sources. Come and add some tools for your research! A member of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, ATA, Ships on Stamps Study Unit and Women Exhibitors, Norma has a gold medal-winning exhibit, "The Story of Lloyd's: From Coffee to Commerce."



ATA president, **Dale Smith** will give his popular presentation, **How to Remove Self-Adhesive Stamps from Paper**. He will demonstrate several different techniques. Dale, a pharmacist, collects the U.S. pharmacy stamp, stamps on stamps, and HIV/AIDS on stamps.