

## ATA SPECIAL SPEAKERS AT APS STAMPSHOW/NATIONAL TOPICAL STAMP SHOW

The First Day ceremony at StampShow/NTSS will introduce four dragon-themed stamps. The show theme will be, "Here be dragons," which refers to an expression in Medieval times. When they did not know what was beyond the area marked on a map they pointed to it and said, "Here be dragons." Come for some fun related to those colorful mythical creatures.

Jeff Lough –

### ***Here Be Dragons!***

A romp through history and a trip around the world with dragons will be illustrated with a presentation of these creatures on stamps.

Talk about a topical collector! Jeff collects about 70 philatelically-related things, including stamps that picture historians, old maps, solanaceous plants, musical scores, wild dogs, and many more. He belongs to 16 different stamp and postal history organizations, including three local clubs and three ATA study units. He is treasurer and membership chair of the Casey Jones Rail Road Unit and writes and publishes the newsletter of the Wichita Stamp Club. He is writing a history of the postal services and the postal history of Kansas.



Laurie Ryan –

### ***Tolkien, The Hobbit and Other Dragons***



Come explore the world of myth through the works of J.R.R. Tolkein, as seen on stamps. We'll explore dragons in *The Hobbit*, *Lord of the Rings*, and more.

Laurie Ryan has been a member of the ATA board for seven years. She has many philatelic interests, and especially has fun collecting stamps picturing fencing, bagpipes, irises, wild cats, newts, hedgehogs, and the J.R.R. Tolkein.

Mark Thompson –

### ***Women of the Black Heritage Series – From the Fields of Slavery to the Halls of Congress***

A fascinating look at the remarkable women pictured on stamps in the Black Heritage series.

Mark Thompson is active in numerous philatelic organizations including The Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections (ESPER), APS and ATA. *Women of the Black Heritage Series* was his first exhibit; he is working on a second exhibit on cacheted first day covers.

