

News from the ATA Central Office



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ATA CHECKLIST SERVICE OFFERS 450 TOPICS

The ATA Checklist Service now numbers 450 different topics from which members of the ATA can find comprehensive listings of most of the stamps that portray their interests. This is one of the most popular of the benefits of the ATA and is also one of their relatively few members-only offerings.

Anyone who has ever had to spend 40 to 70 hours combing through catalogs to locate stamps that relate to their topical interest can appreciate the timesavings that they get by obtaining this information for pennies per page.

Checklist Service Director, Karen Cartier, reports in the November-December issue of *Topical Time*, journal of the American Topical Association, that she has 25 new or updated checklists, the same quantity as was listed in the September-October issue. Among these are Archery-10 pages, Butterflies-88 pages, Domestic Cats- 39 pages, Dogs- 58 pages, Tennis-13 pages and Writers- 57 pages.

All of the checklists are now being written, or updated, in a standard format that includes the Country, Date of Issue, the Scott Catalog number and a short description. Some lists also include Yvert or Gibbons numbers or may include scientific names of plants, insects or other topics.

When a collector balances the cost of their time versus the moderate cost of belonging to the ATA at \$20 per year for residents in the US or \$30 for residents elsewhere, plus 15c per page for copies of this list, it is apparent why this is such a popular aspect of ATA Membership.

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