

## Jack André Denys to Receive Highest ATA Award

Jack André Denys has been selected to receive the American Topical Association's highest award, at its 65<sup>th</sup> annual show in St. Louis, June 27-29. The Distinguished Topical Philatelist award will be presented to Denys, who has served as president since 2008, the longest of any president.

Jack is a life-long philatelist, who has shown leadership and vision in his role as ATA president. The ATA has enjoyed a membership increase the last three years. The TopicalsOnLine website for buying and selling topical stamps, electronic and archive versions of *Topical Time* and a comprehensive checklist database of topical stamps are among the major accomplishments during his tenure.

Among topical collectors and exhibitors, Jack is known as a champion of the hobby and mentor to countless new philatelists over many years. His casual demeanor and wit add to the collegial atmosphere ATA members enjoy.

His exhibit on the Bayeux Tapestry has earned 10 gold awards, qualifying him for the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors' prestigious Diamond Award. It has also received the AAPE Creativity Award, the APS Award of Excellence, and the American Philatelic Congress Award for Excellence in Written Text. It received the Reserve Grand (2007) and the Grand (2008) at the National Topical Stamp Show. Internationally, the exhibit has merited a large vermeil with special prize at Washington 2006, and a vermeil at London 2010. Albrecht Dürer is another of his collecting and exhibiting interests.

A member of APS, AAPE, and founder of the ATA Dürer study unit, Denys is a prolific philatelic writer who contributes to numerous journals. In 2011, he received the Randy L. Neil Award for the best article in *The Philatelic Exhibitor*, "Myth-Busting Thematic Rules."

The National Topical Stamp Show will be held June 27-29 at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel. The Distinguished Topical Philatelist award will be presented to Denys at the show's banquet on June 28. For show information see [www.americantopicalassn.org](http://www.americantopicalassn.org).

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