

The Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs, representing stamp clubs in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, and Florida, is pleased to announce the recipient of the **2006 Rowland Hill Award**.

The **Rowland Hill Award** is named after Sir Rowland Hill, creator of the first postage stamp, and is awarded annually to a philatelist in the Southeast that has made an outstanding lifetime contribution to stamp collecting.

For 2006, the Federation proudly honors Dr. William "Bill" Waggoner, of Athens, Georgia.

Bill is one of the leading specialists in the area of US revenues in the United States. He has exhibited parts of his collection all over the country, and has won many awards. At the Southeast's own Peach State Stamp Show, Bill has won the Grand (in 1992 for his exhibit "Old MacDonald had a Farm") and the One-Frame Grand (in 2003 for "The US Consular Fee Stamp of 1900-1915). He has even won a single frame platinum.

Bill has done a great deal of philatelic writing, contributing on multiple occasions to the *American Philatelist* and the American Revenue Association's *The American Revenuer*.

Bill has long been involved in organized stamp collecting. He was one of the founders of the Peach State Stamp Show, later renamed the Southeastern Stamp Show. He served on the organizing committee for many years, including terms as bourse chairman and awards chairman. He and his wife Ruth were fixtures at the show's hospitality table for over a decade, and together they made many financial contributions to the show. Bill also served his own local community as an active member of the Athens Philatelic Society, where he still serves as treasurer.

As a young man, Bill served in the US Army Air Corps in the Pacific theater during the Second World War. Upon his return, he studied chemistry. After earning his doctorate, he committed his life to education as Professor of Chemistry at the University of Georgia in Athens.

But for those who know him, Bill's greatest accomplishments are that of loving father and devoted husband of 60 years.