

Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs Names 2010 Rowland Hill Award Winner

The Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs, representing stamp clubs in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, South and North Carolina, and Florida, is pleased to announce the recipient of the **2010 Rowland Hill Award**. The award is named after Sir Rowland Hill, creator of the first postage stamp, and is awarded annually to a philatelist that has made an outstanding lifetime contribution to stamp collecting in the Southeast.

For 2010, the Federation proudly honors Douglas Clark, of Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Doug's contributions to the hobby of stamp collecting in Georgia and surrounding states are almost without precedent and have had a profound impact in growing the hobby in this region.

Doug was a founding member of the Georgia Federation of Stamp Clubs, now the Southeast Federation, and worked to initiate and grow the national APS show the Federation sponsors, the Southeastern Stamp Show, formerly the Peach State Stamp Show. Doug has served as both Exhibits Chair and Show Chair. Together with wife Nancy, the Clarks personally sponsor the SESS' novice and federation awards, among a host of other financial support they have given the show since its inception. Despite a move to Massachusetts following his retirement, Doug has continued to be an active member of the Southeastern Stamp Show organizing committee, and annually recruits its jury.

Doug is president of the Georgia Postal History Society and editor of its journal, Georgia Post Roads. He also served as the treasurer for Olympilex '96 in Atlanta in 1996, when the Peach State Show received final accreditation status from the APS as a World Series of Philately show. He served as Mayor of the City of Lexington, Georgia.

At the national level, Doug is current president of the Postal History Society and past-president of the Mobile Post Office society. He serves as a director of the American Topical Association and heads its Accreditation Committee. He has authored numerous articles for philatelic publications, and is a member of the APS Writers Unit Hall of Fame.

Doug has also distinguished himself as a gifted philatelist. Today, he and Nancy work jointly on all their exhibits, and together they have won grand awards at national shows, and have had success in a range of philatelic categories, from Postal History to Thematic on the national and international level.

Doug is an APS accredited Chief Philatelic Judge and Chief Literature Judge. He is also an internationally accredited judge. Doug has honored the Southeastern Stamp Show by serving on its jury on multiple occasions, and has been a personal mentor to many exhibitors in the Southeastern region.

Outside of stamp collecting, Doug received his Ph. D. from Johns Hopkins, after which he committed his life to research and education as Professor of Mathematics at the

University of Georgia. During his years in Georgia, Doug also served as Mayor of the City of Lexington. Today, Doug and Nancy Clark enjoy their retirement in Cape Cod by exploring new areas of philatelic research and exhibiting, and by making their talents available to a number of local and national stamp shows.

Doug will accept the Rowland Hill award at the Awards Ceremony of the Southeastern Stamp Show on September 26th, 2010.

About the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs

The Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs is an organization representing 21 stamp clubs and societies in Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, South and North Carolina, Alabama and Florida, which pool resources for the common goal of promoting and supporting stamp collecting activities in the southeastern region. Principal among these is the sponsorship and management of the Southeastern Stamp Show, an APS World Series of Philately event held annually the last weekend in September.

About the Southeastern Stamp Show

The Southeastern Stamp Show is an APS World Series of Philately (WSP) accredited national stamp show, held annually the last weekend in September, and features more than 160 frames of exhibits, a dealer bourse, seminars and youth activities. In 2008, the show will be held at the Cobb County Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta, Georgia, on Friday, September 24th through Sunday, September 26th

Past Winners of the Rowland Hill Award

2005 Nancy B. Z. Clark
2006 Dr. William H. Waggoner
2007 Lt. Col. (Ret.) Robert C. Effinger
2008 Ed Jackson