

Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs Names 2007 Rowland Hill Award Winner

The Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs, representing stamp clubs in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Florida, is pleased to announce the recipient of the **2007 Rowland Hill Award**. The 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 2007, the Federation proudly honors Lt. Col. (Ret.) Robert Craig "Bob" Effinger, Jr, of Jacksonville, Alabama. Col. Effinger passed away on September, 6th, 2001, and 2007 is the first year that the Rowland Hill award has been bestowed posthumously.

Col. Effinger was an outstanding philatelist with his specialty areas being the Ryukyu Islands and Germany. He served as the President of the Ryukyu Philatelic Specialist Society for many years. He also served as an expert and forgery authority for hand-overprints on German postal stationery of the post World War II reconstruction period.

He was a nationally accredited judge by the American Philatelic Society, and was one of only 42 judges accredited by the German Philatelic Society. Col. Effinger served on the jury of the Peach State Stamp Show, later renamed Southeastern Stamp Show, in 1994. He would judge at many other shows throughout the country.

Col. Effinger was also involved in many administrative areas of organized philately. He founded the Calhoun County Stamp Club in 1965, and was the chairman of the Calcopex Stamp Show for almost 40 years. As chairman of the Anniston Alabama Post Office Consumer Advisory Committee, Col. Effinger was very active in promoting our hobby, especially among children through the Design-a-Stamp program.

Col. Effinger is survived by his wife Mary, who still lives in Jacksonville, AL, and two children. The Rowland Hill award will be accepted in his honor by his wife at the Awards Ceremony of the 2007 Southeastern Stamp Show, on September 29th, 2007.

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 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 2007,

the show will be held at the Cobb County Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta, Georgia, on Friday, September 28th and Saturday, September 29th.