

## **Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs Names 2008 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 **2008 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 2008, the Federation proudly honors Ed Jackson, of Athens, Georgia. Ed has been an innovator in many aspects of philately on both a regional and national level for over 20 years.

Mr. Jackson was one of the pioneers of online philately, helping to create an Internet newsgroup specifically for stamp collectors in 1995. Ed's efforts also led to Olymphilex 96 in Atlanta becoming the first stamp show to have its own website. He also created a publication for Olymphilex specifically designed to interest young people in stamp collecting.

An academic by profession, Ed is a Senior Public Service Associate at the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, part of the University of Georgia, where he has worked for the past 38 years. In this role, Ed pioneered another advancement for stamp collecting by authoring an elementary school textbook on Georgia history which uses extensive images of US commemorative postage stamps throughout. This text, *The Georgia Studies Book: Our State and the Nation* has been widely used throughout the state. Ed has also conducted numerous programs and written several articles for teachers on using stamps in the classroom.

Ed is a long-time member of the Athens Philatelic Society. In 1990, he was a founding member of the Georgia Federation of Stamp Clubs (now the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs) and has served on its board of directors since the federation's creation. Ed also has served on the federation's annual show planning committee, launched the show's website in the 1990s, oversees the show's souvenir cover and pictorial cancel, and is editor of the show's printed program. Ed also assembles non-competitive exhibits for the Southeastern Stamp Show, and from time to time enters competitive exhibits.

Ed's accomplishments go far beyond philately. In his professional career with the Carl Vinson Institute, Ed has been active in developing materials for state legislators and has worked to train newly elected legislators and to develop web materials for the Georgia Department of State. At the University of Georgia, he has created 15 web sites on Georgia history, government, and geography. He chaired the Governor's Commission on Georgia History and Historical Tourism in 2001-02 and has served on a number of other state commissions.

Ed will accept the Rowland Hill award at the Award Ceremony of the Southeastern Stamp Show on September 27th, 2008.

## 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 2008, the show will be held at the Cobb County Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta, Georgia, on Friday, September 26th through Sunday, September 28th

## Past Winners of the Rowland Hill Award

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