

## Results of the 2013 APS Chapter and Affiliates Web Site Competition

A total of 27 organizations entered into the second annual APS Chapter and Affiliates Web Site Competition in one of three classes--club/society, stamp show, or combination. All were judged in a variety of categories, including content, structure and navigation, visual design, functionality, and interoperability, with points awarded in each.

We are pleased to report the decisions of the judges. Five medal levels were achievable based on the points received: Bronze (<55), Silver-Bronze (55-64), Silver (65-74), Vermeil (75-84), Gold (85-100).

### Gold

American First Day Cover Society/Americover Stamp Show	<a href="http://www.afdcs.org">www.afdcs.org</a>
American Topical Association/National Topical Stamp Show	<a href="http://www.americantopicalassn.org">www.americantopicalassn.org</a>
China Stamp Society	<a href="http://www.chinastampsociety.org">www.chinastampsociety.org</a>
Sports Philatelists International	<a href="http://www.sportstamps.org">www.sportstamps.org</a>

### Vermeil

American Air Mail Society	<a href="http://www.americanairmailssociety.org">www.americanairmailssociety.org</a>
APS Writers Unit #30	<a href="http://www.wu30.org">www.wu30.org</a>
International Philatelic Music Study Group	<a href="http://www.motivgruppe-musik.de/indexe.html">www.motivgruppe-musik.de/indexe.html</a>
ORAPEX Stamp Show	<a href="http://www.orapex.ca">www.orapex.ca</a>
Postal History Society of Canada	<a href="http://www.postalhistorycanada.net">www.postalhistorycanada.net</a>
Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library	<a href="http://www.rmpldenver.org">www.rmpldenver.org</a>
Stamporama.com	<a href="http://www.stamporama.com">www.stamporama.com</a>
Syracuse Stamp Club	<a href="http://www.syracusestampclub.org">www.syracusestampclub.org</a>
US Philatelic Classics Society	<a href="http://www.uspcs.org">www.uspcs.org</a>

### Silver

Nevada Stamp Study Society/Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show	<a href="http://www.renostamp.org">www.renostamp.org</a>
Poster Stamp Collectors Club	<a href="http://www.posterstampcc.org">www.posterstampcc.org</a>
Rochester Philatelic Association/ROPEX Stamp Show	<a href="http://www.rpastamps.org">www.rpastamps.org</a>
Sequoia Stamp Club/PENPEX Stamp Show	<a href="http://www.penpex.org">www.penpex.org</a>
Ships on Stamps Unit	<a href="http://www.shipsonstamps.org">www.shipsonstamps.org</a>

### Silver-Bronze

ATA Europa Study Unit	<a href="http://www.europastudyunit.org">www.europastudyunit.org</a>
Buffalo Stamp Club	<a href="http://www.buffalostampclub.org">www.buffalostampclub.org</a>
Internet Philatelic Dealers Association	<a href="http://www.ipdastamps.org">www.ipdastamps.org</a>
Malaria Philatelists International (MPI)	<a href="http://www.malariastamps.com/mpl/">www.malariastamps.com/mpl/</a>
Meter Stamp Society	<a href="http://www.meterstampsociety.com">www.meterstampsociety.com</a>
Pitcairn Islands Study Group	<a href="http://www.pisg.net">www.pisg.net</a>

### Bronze

Biology Unit of ATA	<a href="http://www.biophilately.org">www.biophilately.org</a>
Graphics Philately Association	<a href="http://www.graphics-stamps.org">www.graphics-stamps.org</a>
Lighthouse Stamp Society	<a href="http://www.lighthousestampsociety.org">www.lighthousestampsociety.org</a>

Results are posted online at <http://stamps.org/cac/a-awards.html#competitions>. Certificates will be presented to representatives of each group at Stampshow in Milwaukee.

About this year's judges...

Currently residing in Roswell, Georgia (a northern suburb of Atlanta), Steve Swain has collected stamps for over 50 years with interests in U.S. revenues, postal history, air mail and the American Civil War. His philatelic articles have appeared in online and print a variety of publications, including *The American Philatelist*, *U.S. Stamp News*, and *The Philatelic Communicator*. Steve is a Senior Manager in the Tax and Accounting division of Thomson Reuters with primary responsibility for the design and creation of tax software training materials.

Albert W. Starkweather of Tampa, Florida has working experience in all phases of communications—book, magazine, and newspaper editing; photography and video; print and web design; layout, consulting, and printing. He currently edits the all-digital *Stamp Insider*, journal of the Federation of New York Philatelic Societies, and formerly edited *The Philatelic Communicator*, journal of APS Writers Unit #30, among others. He has developed or redesigned numerous philatelic and non-philatelic web sites over many decades.