

## The Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs Announces 2016 Rowland Hill Award Recipient

The Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs has recognized Dr. Thomas W. Broadhead as the recipient of the 2016 Rowland Hill Award. The award, named after Sir Rowland Hill, creator of the first postage stamp, is a lifetime achievement award and is presented annually to a philatelist who has made an outstanding contribution to stamp collecting in the Southeastern United States.

Dr. Broadhead is a member of the American Philatelic Society, the American Topical Association and a member and elected board member (Director) of the France & Colonies Philatelic Society. He also serves as the vice president of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs.

As a philatelic writer, Tom has published numerous articles that have appeared in the *American Philatelist* and the *France & Colonies Philatelist*. His article *Petite Messages – The Development of Carte de Visite Mail in 19th Century France*, won the prestigious APS Barbara Mueller Award for best article in the *American Philatelist* in 2008.

Tom is an adept exhibitor and has shown numerous exhibits at national, APS regional and local shows, displaying his deep knowledge of French philately. His exhibit *France: Postcard Usages and Rates 1870 – 1900* has earned a gold award at the national and APS regional levels. His single frame exhibit, *Balloon Postcards of the Franco-German War 1870 – 1871*, has consistently won gold awards at national and regional shows. Furthermore, his exhibit *Petite Messages – Development of Carte de Visite Mail in 19th Century France* won the single frame grand at the Southeastern Stamp Expo 2013. His numerous other exhibits, including *France 1925 Decorative Arts Exposition* and *Trans-Atlantic Mail from France – Rate Period of August 1, 1926 to August 1, 1937*, have achieved the gold level at national, regional and local shows.

Tom is an early innovator in the field of electronic exhibiting. His exhibit *The Most Beautiful Bridge in Paris* appeared at the ASDA Fall 2007 Mega-Event Digital Philatelic Study and won 3rd place. It can still be viewed online at <http://www.japhila.cz/hof/0448/index0448a.htm>. He has also produced nearly a dozen Youtube Videos which can be viewed on Channel – tomwb50.

On the local level, Tom has been an active volunteer, serving as President, (1996-97, 2004-05), Director (1992-93), Secretary (2005-06), Assistant Treasurer (1999) and Newsletter Editor (1997, 2005-present) of the Knoxville Philatelic Society. He has served in all the key positions on the KNOXPEX Show committee including Show Chair, Exhibits Chair, Publicity, and show cachet and show cancel committees. He has been responsible for preparing the show program since 1992.

In his professional life Dr. Broadhead is a Professor of Geology at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and currently serves as Director of Undergraduate Academic Advancement. He has used postage stamps as the cornerstone for teaching his honor classes. In his instruction to his students, Tom has said that “postage stamps are not just items that you purchase to mail letters and packages. The themes represented by stamp images reflect the history, culture, politics and values of the nation.” In 2012 and 2015 Dr. Broadhead has given lectures to college students in China on the importance of images on stamps through a presentation entitled *A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words*.

Dr. Thomas Broadhead will accept the Rowland Hill award at the Awards Banquet of the AmeriStamp/Southeastern Stamp Expo on January 30, 2016. He joins the following list of outstanding philatelists who have been recognized with the Rowland Hill Award in previous years.

- 2005 Nancy B. Clark
- 2006 William H. Waggoner
- 2007 Lt. Col. (Ret.) Robert C. Effinger, Jr.
- 2008 Ed Jackson
- 2010 Douglas N. Clark
- 2013 Bruce Roberts
- 2014 Frank Crown
- 2015 Charles O'Brien III

### **About the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs**

The Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs is an organization representing over 20 stamp clubs and societies in Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina, Mississippi, and Alabama, 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 Expo, an APS World Series of Philately event held annually the last weekend in January.