

# Collecting First Day Covers

## *A \$45 APS On-the-Road Course*

**January 25, 2018 • PRIOR TO SOUTH EASTERN STAMP EXPO**

**The Hilton Atlanta Northeast • 5993 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard  
Norcross, Georgia**



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### *From the Beginner to the Advanced Collector Expand Your Understanding of First Day Cover Collecting*

- Begin with an introduction to the fascinating hobby of First Day Cover collecting
- Trace the history of FDC collecting
- Develop the skills to identify the components of a FDC
- Appreciate the many different types of First Day postmarks, including unofficials, errors, and predates
- Learn about the wide variety of cachets found on FDCs and how to identify cachet production methods

#### *When you complete this course you will:*

- Understand how to service your own FDCs
- Return home with knowledge to assemble, organize, and store your own First Day Cover Collection  
AND with the knowledge on how to assemble your own First Day Cover Library

*Bring your mystery First Day Covers and a sense of curiosity to this course.*

*Do you want to  
expand your  
knowledge of  
First Day Cover  
collecting?*

***THIS COURSE IS  
FOR YOU!!***

### **Course Information**

**Date:** Thursday, January 25, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
(lunch on your own)

**Location:** THE HILTON ATLANTA NORTHEAST • 5993 PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BLVD • NORCROSS, GA

**Cost:** \$45 for APS Members / \$95 for non-members

**Registration Deadline:** *January 10, 2018*

**To Register:** <http://stamps.org/On-the-Road-Courses>

**For more information contact the APS Education Department at:  
[education@stamps.org](mailto:education@stamps.org) or 814.933.3803**



### *Taught by FDC expert Lloyd de Vries*

Lloyd de Vries has been collecting first day covers since he was 11, when he would send an un-cacheted envelope and a nickel to the post offices in the first day cities. He is now president of the American First Day Cover Society and of the APS Writers Unit 30, and a member of about a dozen other stamp societies. He served on the American Philatelic Society Board of Directors from 1997 to 2005.

De Vries has been a FDC columnist for *Linn's Stamp News* since 1997, and before that for *Stamps and Stamp Collector*. He has voiced and produced a weekly stamp collecting feature for CBS Radio News since 1997. He has managed what is now known as The Virtual Stamp Club since 1993, starting on the GENie dial-up online service. He has also written about stamps for CBS, ABC, CBSNews.com and *Information Week*, as well as philatelic publications.

De Vries began producing Dragon Cards FDCs for occasional issues in 1983. In addition to his Dragon Cards, he collects combination FDCs, ZIP block FDCs, maximum cards, and whatever else catches his fancy.