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Southeastern Stamp Expo 2020 to Host Reception for Women Leaders in Philately

The Southeastern Stamp Expo, an APS World Series of Philately event, will be hosting a reception for women leaders in philately on February 1, 2020, at the Hilton Atlanta Northeast, the venue for the Southeastern Stamp Expo.

The event will provide an opportunity for Atlanta area collectors and Expo attendees to meet several leaders in the stamp collecting hobby who are women. The impetus for the event is the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution, guaranteeing voting rights for women. The Expo has adopted the centenary of women's voting rights, and a salute to the suffragists who brought about this change, as its theme for 2020.

Titled the "*Women Leaders in Philately Meet 'n Greet*," the session will be from 2 to 4 pm on the Saturday of the show and admission is free. Women, who were often excluded from serious collecting groups in the past, now have leadership roles in most areas of philately. We wish to celebrate that change by making a select group of women hobby leaders available to meet the Expo's attendees.

Accepting the Expo's invitation to participate are six women who have taken on roles of leadership in the stamp collecting hobby, notably:

Nancy Clark – Luff Award winner for service to the hobby, first recipient of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Club's Rowland Hill Award, and the current President of the Boston 2026 World Stamp Show. Ms. Clark is a renowned philatelic exhibitor and a Chief Philatelic Judge and FIP accredited judge.

Kathryn Johnson – Luff Award winner for outstanding service to the American Philatelic Society, prolific exhibitor and an accredited Chief Philatelic and FIP-accredited Judge, and a past Treasurer of the American Philatelic Society. Ms. Johnson is serving as the Chief Judge at the 2020 Expo.

Dr. Warachal Faison – President of the Ebony Society for Philatelic Events and Reflections (ESPER), a philatelic society whose members study the stamps celebrating African American achievements and the African diaspora. Dr. Faison has also served as the Social Media Director for ESPER for several years.

Elizabeth Hisey – Accredited Chief Philatelic Judge and the current Chair of CANEJ, the Committee for the Accreditation of National Exhibitions and Judging, the APS subcommittee that manages the rules for World Series of Philately shows and accredits and develops philatelic judges.

Dawn Hamman – Celebrated thematic exhibitor and current President of the American Topical Association. She is a recipient of the Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Recognition Award for national service to the philately hobby.

Jennifer Miller – The recently appointed Executive Director of the American Topical Association. Ms. Miller is a former teacher and has held many leadership positions in customer service before accepting the position with the ATA.

The intent of the reception is to give an opportunity to Expo attendees to meet these women leaders and discuss issues and opportunities in the philatelic hobby.

The reception is open to all and will feature refreshments. Organizers are asking interested parties to register at www.sefsc.org/women-in-philately so that sufficient refreshments are available.

“We’re delighted that these leaders in our hobby have chosen to participate in this event,” said Scott Mark, SESE 2020 Show Chair. “Women have a prominent and vital place in our hobby, and increasingly, they are taking on positions of leadership in philately. It’s a message we cannot overstate, and this event will be an innovative way to honor the suffragists who fought for equal rights and opportunities for women one hundred years ago.”

Mr. Mark added that driving increased diversity in stamp collecting is a strategic thrust of the Expo, and its sponsor, the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs. Expo organizers see the continued growth of gender diversity as a key component of that achieving that goal.

In addition to the reception for Women Leaders in Philately, the show will feature exhibits on woman suffrage, including the Gold Medal level Susan B. Anthony exhibit of Arizona-based exhibitor Kris McIntosh. Ms. McIntosh will also speak on the philatelic aspects of woman suffrage at 11 am on Saturday, and Ms. Hamman will host an ATA Roundtable at noon. Show Covers featuring cachets by Chris Calle will be available for sale.

The Organizing Committee of the Southeastern Stamp Expo wishes to thank these women for their time and participation in this exciting event.

About the Southeastern Stamp Expo

The Southeastern Stamp Expo is an APS World Series of Philately (WSP) accredited national stamp show, held annually the last weekend in January, and features 160 frames of exhibits, a dealer bourse, seminars and youth activities. In 2020, the show will be held at the Hilton Atlanta Northeast, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Peachtree Corners, Georgia, 30092, on Friday, January 31st through Sunday, February 2nd. Learn more at www.sefsc.org.