

Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award for 2016



Dr. Cheryl R. Ganz has been selected by the Board of Governors to receive the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award at the awards dinner in May 2016. Dr. Ganz' citation marked her singular achievements while Chief Philatelic Curator for the Smithsonian National Philatelic Museum in Washington, DC, and particularly for her contributions as Lead Curator for the William H. Gross Stamp Gallery. This facility has done as much to bring philately to the American people as any completed in the past century. She was appointed to the U.S.

Postal Service's Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee in 2014 and currently serves as vice chair. Upon retirement from the Smithsonian National Postal Museum, she was made Curator Emerita. Dr. Ganz holds an earned doctorate in United States history from the University of Illinois - Chicago.

Dr. Ganz is perhaps most widely known as the author of a half-dozen books over the past 30 years, primarily dealing with aerophilately and the Zeppelin airships, although she has written on the philately of Switzerland as well. Her doctoral dissertation *The 1933 World's Fair* was published and received the Smithsonian Secretary's Research Prize in 2010. Her book, *Fire & Ice: Hindenburg and Titanic*, published in 2012, accompanied a major exhibit in Washington to commemorate the disasters involving both. She co-authored in 2014 *Every Stamp Tells a Story* with M.T. Sheahan.

Cheryl Ganz has exhibited widely (e.g., Court of Honor, Washington 2006) and written extensively on various aspects of philately beyond her area of core interest. Her writings have been published in more than a dozen journals, including the *Collectors Club Philatelist*. She contributed repeatedly to philatelic education with presentations and papers at the Royal Philatelic Society London, the Collectors Club in New York and other venues.

She has served the Chicago Philatelic Society as a board member, editor of its bulletin; literature chair for Ameripex 1986; literature exhibits chair of Chicagopex for many years; president of the American Air Mail Society and awards chair. Dr. Ganz has served the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors in a like manner. She is a member of the ethics committee of the American Philatelic Society.

Others recognitions include the *Federation Internationale des Societes Aerophilateliqes* (FISA) gold medal for outstanding contributions to aerophilately, the Mortimer Neinken Medal, the Carlrichard Brühl Medal, the Canadian Aerophilatelic Society Award, American Air Mail Society President's Award for dedicated service, the Aerophilatelic Hall of Fame for research and service, the Lee Medal of the Royal Philatelic Society London. She was named a Distinguished Philatelist by the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society, the Elizabeth C. Pope Lifetime Contributions to Philately award, the Lancaster award of the Metropolitan Air Post Society for the advancement of aerophilately, and the Newbury award for service to Chicagoland philately.

A charismatic and tireless promoter of philately, she has also served as a role model for women in the hobby.