

Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award

Harrison D. S. Haverbeck

1966 Recipient



In the United States, there is one award for philatelic recognition that signifies its recipient has achieved a status comparable to that of a planet at perihelion. This, of course, is the *Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award* for "Distinguished Service to Philately." By selecting *Mr. Harrison D. S. Haverbeck* as the 1966 recipient, the Board of Governors of the Collectors Club follows a long-established practice of seeking out and finding a philatelist worthy of the honor as well as the tradition that was responsible for the creation of the award.

The list of previous award winners of this coveted medal reads like a "Who's Who of Philately." The previous recipients of the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award were as follows:

- *1952 Theodore E. Steinway, New York, N. Y.
- *1953 Dr. Clarence W. Hennan, Chicago, Ill.
- *1954 Dr. Carroll Chase, Amherst, N. H.
- *1955 August Dietz, Sr., Richmond, Va.
- 1956 Sir John Wilson, London, England
- 1957 Harry L. Lindquist, New York, N. Y.
- 1958 Winthrop S. Boggs, E. Orange, N. J.
- 1959 Lt. Gen. Cornelius W. Wickersham, Cedarhurst, N. Y.
- 1960 J. R. W. Purves, Melbourne, Australia
- 1961 John J. Britt, New York, N. Y.
- 1962 Mrs. Louise B. Dale, Red Bank, N. J.
- 1963 Henry M. Goodkind, New York, N. Y.
- 1964 Vincent G. Greene, Toronto, Canada
- 1965 Alvaro Bonilla Lara, Santiago, Chile

*Deceased

Philatelic Credentials

Like many prominent collectors of the world, Mr. Haverbeck's interest in stamps date back to his youth. He started to collect when only seven years of age; thus, his activities in philately cover a span of forty-six years. In that period of time, he formed collections of the United States 3 Cent 1851, Confederate States of America, Russia, China, Tibet, Nepal, Thailand, Mongolia,

Yemen, Hejaz, Nejd, Saudi Arabia, Indian Feudatory States, Morocco Locals, China Treaty Port Locals, Scinde District Dawk and Bhutan.

Acquisition of the stamps, however, was not his only concern. Mr. Haverbeck is first and foremost a student. As such, his studies and researches have added much to the body of philatelic knowledge. He has, over the years, authored a number of articles, book reviews, and editorials which have appeared in the COLLECTORS CLUB PHILATELIST, "Scott's Monthly Stamp Journal," "Philatelic Journal of India," "Aero Philatelist Annals," "Aero Philatelists' News," "Chambers Stamp Journal," and "the China Clipper," to mention but a few. In 1958, he was awarded the medal for the Best Article in the COLLECTORS CLUB PHILATELIST for his articles on the *Indian Feudatory States*.

In addition, Mr. Haverbeck is the author of the following three handbooks:

The Commemorative Stamps of the British Commonwealth

The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Tibet

The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Nepal

Mr. Haverbeck was the editor of "The China Clipper" from 1953 to 1956; he has served since 1948 on the Editorial Board of the COLLECTORS CLUB PHILATELIST. Also, he is the *Chairman of the Theodore E. Steinway Memorial Publications Fund*, which has published twenty outstanding reference works of interest to philatelists under his personal supervision and direction.

Other Philatelic Activities

In addition to his writings, Mr. Haverbeck has not neglected his association with the other members of the philatelic community. He has been a member of *The Collectors Club* since 1937; *The Royal Philatelic Society, London*, (Fellow 1952); *The Philatelic Foundation*; *American Philatelic Society*; *China Stamp Society*; *Aero Philatelists*; *Philatelic Society of India*; he was one of the founders of the *Russian-American Philatelic Society*.

To most of these organizations, Mr. Haverbeck has given unselfishly of his time and energies for the greater good of philately. A partial listing of these activities is in order, curtailed only by the demands of space:

President, Collectors Club, 1958-1960,

Vice President, Collectors Club, 1956-1957,

Secretary, Collectors Club, 1948-1955,

Trustee, Collectors Club since 1956,

Governor, Collectors Club since 1947,

Director, Association for Stamp Exhibitions since 1954,

Trustee, Philatelic Foundation, 1951-1953, 1956-1964,

President, Russian-American Philatelic Society.

For his long service to The Collectors Club during which time he chaired practically every committee, including program, membership, admissions, Stephen G. Rich Memorial, Louis Stich Memorial, to name but a few, he received the *Collectors Club Award* in 1961. In 1948, he was appointed a member of the *Expert Committee of the Philatelic Foundation*, a responsible post he has occupied for eighteen years.

Active In International Exhibitions

Mr. Haverbeck has served philately in other ways, as well. His apprenticeship on international exhibitions held in this country started as a worker for TIPEX in 1936, and continued at CIPEX, 1947 and FIPEX, 1956. For the latter exhibition, he was a *member of the Directing Committee*. He also served in that capacity during 1964 and 1965, when preparations were being made for SIPEX, the 1966 International Exhibition, which will be held in May of this year in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Haverbeck has served as a judge of many national exhibitions, including, Balpex, Interpex, Nojex, Sepad, Sojex, Stampex, the A.P.S. Show held in Washington, D. C. and the S.P.A. Show held in New York. His service as a judge of international philatelic exhibitions includes FIPEX, 1956 and the forthcoming SIPEX, 1966.

In addition to awards received at various national exhibitions in the New York City area, Mr. Haverbeck's collections have won medals at the following international exhibitions: TIPEX, 1936; CIPEX, 1947; Havana, 1950; Toronto, 1950; Monaco, 1952; Helsinki, 1955; Oslo, 1955; Stockholm, 1955; Bogota, 1955; Bombay 1957; Sicily 1958; Barcelona, 1959; London, 1960; Melbourne, 1963; Paris, 1964; and Manila, 1965. He was invited to show in *the Court of Honor at the CIPEX, 1947 Exhibition* held in New York's well remembered Grand Central Palace, as well as in Melbourne, Australia in 1963.

The Other World

It would be remiss if the impression was created that the latest recipient of the *Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award* has no life other than one connected with philately. Nothing could be further from the truth. Mr. Haverbeck has had a long and distinguished career in the banking and securities field in New York City's Wall Street, having started in 1935 with the Marine Midland Trust Company. He is currently a representative with the well-known securities firm of Francis I. du Pont and Company, a position he has held for many years.

What is surprising is that his collegiate studies do not seem to have been in preparation for such a career. Mr. Haverbeck prepared for college at The Irving School, Tarrytown, New York. He received his B.A. from Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, where he majored in chemistry and mathematics, supplemented with courses at Columbia University, New York City.

World War II Career

During World War II, Mr. Haverbeck served in the U. S. Naval Reserve, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant-Commander. He served in the U. S. and European Theatres of the War, taking part as a Wave-Commander in the initial landings at both Normandy and Southern France. Later, he was active in the Asiatic Theatre as a Navigation Officer during the Occupation of both Okinawa and Japan.

Married, and the father of three, he resides with his wife in Bernardsville, New Jersey.

If there is one distinguishing characteristic about Mr. Haverbeck's career, it is one of service to his fellow man. To this end, he has acquitted himself well. *The Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award* is perhaps the crowning achievement of his philatelic life, an award well-merited by his outstanding service to the world of philately. (P. S.)

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encounter some expense. But then again, so do the various chairmen of the exhibition who are not paid for their work and usually end up underwriting expenses that cannot or are not paid by the exhibition treasury. Qualified judges are important to an exhibition and, yes, so are qualified chairmen.

Most exhibitions in this country are staged by "amateurs" and these "philatelists" are the backbone of our hobby. Their enthusiasm and hard work will give us our best exhibitions...and judging.

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