

Hubbard Receives Alfred Lichtenstein Memorial Award for 1997



The Board of Governors has selected Dr. Norman S. Hubbard, economist and philatelic leader, to receive the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award for Distinguished Service to Philately. A man of many parts and accomplishments, Dr. Hubbard has excelled in a number of diverse callings. A member of the economics faculty at Brooklyn College, he earned his doctorate at Yale after gaining Phi Beta Kappa as an undergraduate. In philately, he is well-known as the chairman for ANPHILEX 71 and 96 and for taking the helm of the Philatelic Foundation in 1993, saving it from imminent bankruptcy. He had previously served the Foundation as a member of the expert committee.

ANPHILEX 71 saw him coin the concept of "The Aristocrats of Philately", which he repeated at Interphil, Ameripex, and ANPHILEX 96.

Forty years earlier, a young Norman Hubbard began to form a collection of Ethiopia as his first philatelic venture. Early on, he decided that his way to form a collection would start at the top, obtaining the best items first. If these were not available, he would find another area to collect. With this philosophy in mind, Dr. Hubbard acquired his first collection in 1960, the DeVoss Canal Zone, and then proceeded to compile a battery of superb Central American collections, including Guatemala, arguably the finest collection of this country ever assembled. During the 1970s, he decided to tackle some of the South American countries, like Newton, 'standing on the shoulders of giants' by building on outstanding collections that he acquired.

The term 'world-class' has become trite through overuse, but genuinely describes Dr. Hubbard's efforts in collecting and exhibiting. His exhibits of Guatemala, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, and Salvador have all taken international gold medals since the 1960s. An interesting story has it that Dr. Hubbard took his new bride, Joan, to the Philatex exhibition in Paris in 1969 for their honeymoon, the first time that he showed the Guatemala. Joan Hubbard contributed to philately in her own right, capably serving as administrative coordinator for ANPHILEX 71.

Moreover, he has contributed to philatelic scholarship in anthologies and jointly-authored works, often providing material from his own collections to illustrate particular points to be made. Similarly, he has supported the publication by others of research in the *Collectors Club Philatelist*, usually from behind the scenes, and served, as an editorial consultant to the Scott Publishing Company for the catalog.

Dr. Hubbard's contributions to the Club include at least a dozen meeting presentations, long-term service on the Board of Governors, where he chaired a number of committees, in addition to the aforementioned leadership of ANPHILEX. Similarly, he has graced the Royal in London with four meeting presentations.