

Susan M. McDonald to Receive Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award



The Board of Governors of the Collectors Club has selected Susan M. McDonald, editor of *The Chronicle of the U.S. Classic Postal Issues*, to receive the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award at the Awards Dinner in May.

Mrs. McDonald has made many significant contributions to philatelic scholarship in addition to her work with the *Chronicle* since 1972. With Creighton C. Hart, she co-authored the *Directory of 10c 1847 Covers*, compiled for publication *American Philatelic Miscellany*, edited *Simpson's U.S. Postal Markings*, *Letters of Gold*, and *North Atlantic Mail Sailings, 1840-1875*, as well as serving as associate editor of the *Postal History Journal* for nine years. Her articles have been published in the *Chronicle*, the *Postal History Journal*, *American Philatelist*, and *Opinions*.

The Classics Society has honored her with the Ashbrook, Brookman, and Perry Cups as well as their Distinguished Philatelist Award. In 1986, the American Philatelic Society elected her to receive the Luff Award for service to philately. Also in 1986, she was elected to the National Philatelic Writers Hall of Fame by the Writers Unit no. 30 of the APS. She was elected a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London in 1987.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. McDonald ascribes her introduction to stamp collecting to the influence of her six children; she began a collection of Canada but soon switched to postal history. More recently, her interests have run to cross border and transatlantic mails, which she has exhibited at the international level. The late Dr. Will Reiner-Deutsch encouraged her to begin philatelic writing in the early 1960s, with the result that her articles in the *Postal History Journal* in 1962 and 1964 were selected for best article awards.

Mrs. McDonald is a graduate of Vassar College, Phi Beta Kappa 1940, with a master's degree from Radcliffe College.