

Harlan F. Stone II to Receive 2009 Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award



The Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award for 2009 will be presented to Harlan Fiske Stone II, of New York City, at the Collectors Club Annual Awards Banquet, which will be held at the Cornell Club in New York on May 6, 2009.

Harlan Stone, a renowned researcher, collector and exhibitor of Swiss philately, has also distinguished himself as a writer, editor and promoter of philatelic literature. His philatelic interests have also propelled him into service and leadership positions in several philatelic organizations. Harlan has served on the Board of Trustees of the Philatelic Foundation, the Board of Directors of the Postal History Society, and the Smithsonian National Postal Museum's Council of Philatelists. He has held several chair positions with the American Helvetia Philatelic Society, and currently serves as its President for the third time. Before and during his 21 years as a member of the Collectors Club, he has made six presentations on Swiss subjects. Harlan also holds membership in and contributes to numerous other American, Swiss and British philatelic societies.

In sharing his collecting interest, Harlan has achieved remarkable success through multi-frame exhibiting. Since 1971 he has exhibited 20 different Swiss subjects, 18 of them recipients of gold medals in four different divisions at U.S. national shows. Four of these exhibits have garnered a total of 10 grand awards. He has also received one-frame grand awards with seven other Swiss exhibits. His exhibiting prowess has garnered him the APS multi-frame Champion of Champions as well as an APS one-frame Champion of Champions. He is the only exhibitor who has received the APS top exhibiting award in both categories. Over the past decade, on the international exhibiting scene, Harlan has received large vermeil, gold and large gold awards, and has been an invited exhibitor at Claridge's. Harlan's only non-Swiss exhibit, featuring the U.S. 1948 stamp honoring his grandfather, U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Harlan Fiske Stone, has received gold and special awards in a fifth national division, illustrated mail.

Harlan's achievements in writing and editing are no less impressive. He has published articles in 11 U.S., Swiss and British journals and periodicals. He served as editor of the *Helvetia Alphorn* (1969-74), and the *Postal History Journal* (1989-99), receiving for the latter the American Philatelic Congress's Diane D. Boehret Award four times for excellence in philatelic periodical literature. This publication also received national gold and international large vermeil literature awards. As Director of Education at the Philatelic Foundation, Harlan published and edited several books, booklets and *The Philatelic Foundation Quarterly*.

Harlan is an Honorary Life member of the American Helvetia Philatelic Society. In 2006 the American Philatelic Society honored him as a recipient of the John N. Luff award for distinguished philatelic research. In 2002 the Consilium Philateliae Helveticae voted him into life membership for his contributions to Swiss philately, only the second American ever to receive this honor. The depth of Harlan Stone's philatelic contributions and achievements, and his warm and inviting deportment in sharing his knowledge and experience, make him a worthy recipient of the Alfred F. Lichtenstein award.

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