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# News from the Editor

**Articles are urgently needed for upcoming issues.** I have received a few articles which appear in this and the next journal. Thanks to the members that have sent them in. I can still use articles for the remainder of the year.

I hope to get back onto schedule with the June issue. The next journal and 2010 directory should be in the mail by the end of June.

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A friend gave me the breaking news web address about a month ago. I try to check it daily. Imagine my surprise when I logged in the other day. I guess being off-schedule has a benefit or two! If anyone has additional information on this release, please let me know. Thanks.



## BREAKING NEWS

*from www.JoeMyGod.com*

In what appears to be a global first, Austria has issued a postage stamp commemorating gay pride. The special stamp was designed by Christian Högl, who works as a professional graphic designer in addition to his volunteer activities as HOSI Wien's co-president. He also created the graphic designs for the Rainbow Parade for the last eight years. "Austrian Post will dedicate one of the 60 postal stamps to be issued this year to this event," said Jona Solomon, co-president of Homosexuelle Initiative (HOSI) Wien, Austria's oldest and leading gay and lesbian organisation, that has been organising the gay pride parade in Vienna since 2003. A special post office will be set up at this year's parade where stamp collectors can get the prized "first day postmark."

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## Is It a Sub-Topical Collection? Or a Grouping?

by Rick Vangorder

I noticed lately that my collection of men on stamps has taken on a life of its own regarding sub-topics. Specifically, I realized that most of the stamps available picturing physically attractive men are in the category of sports. I then noted that some of the sports stamps focused on bodybuilding and weight lifting. I'm sure there are readers who can give very specific definitions of each, but in my mind they are the same. Now I have no personal interest in either sport: The only body building I do concerns the ingestion of carbohydrates and fat and the weight lifting involves getting myself out of bed and up from a sitting position.



Figure 1

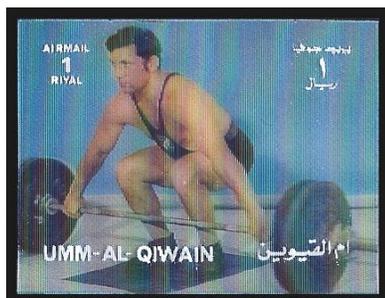


Figure 2

The items in my sub-topical collection (or is it a “grouping”?) began with a semi-postal stamp from the USSR, issued in 1977 (Scott B66) (Figure 1) and a 3-D stamp from Umm-Al-Qiwayn (Figure 2). The former is in the robust Communist style while the latter is a photo under plastic on a self-adhesive stamp. The Soviet weight lifter could easily be a poster boy for the

use of steroids in sports, something the Communist regimes overused with their athletes.

Somewhere I acquired a cover from Malaysia (Figure 3) with a cancellation announcing the September 15, 1973 Mr. Asia competition in Kuala Lumpur. What struck me as unusual about this postmark is that I had never thought of non-western countries having an interest in bodybuilding. More in line with my narrow, but expanding world view is a US postmark from Pennsylvania (Figure 4) showing a weight lifter with huge barbells on his shoulders. Being in the healthcare field, lifting that much weight on one's shoulders screams BACK INJURY!



Figure 3

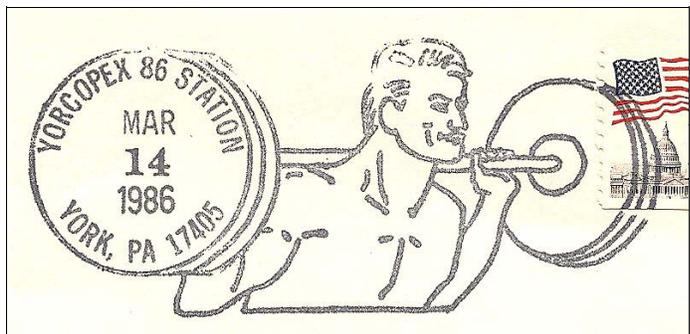


Figure 4

Another US issued item in this grouping was post-marked by the US Navy at its Antarctica Pole Station July 4, 1960 and contains two rubber stamp logos on the back of the cover. The first is an inverted Operation Deep Freeze insignia which overlaps the USN IGY (International Geophysical Year) Deep Freeze IV South Pole Station image of a shirtless sailor with the world on his shoulders in the style of Atlas holding up the earth (Figure 5).

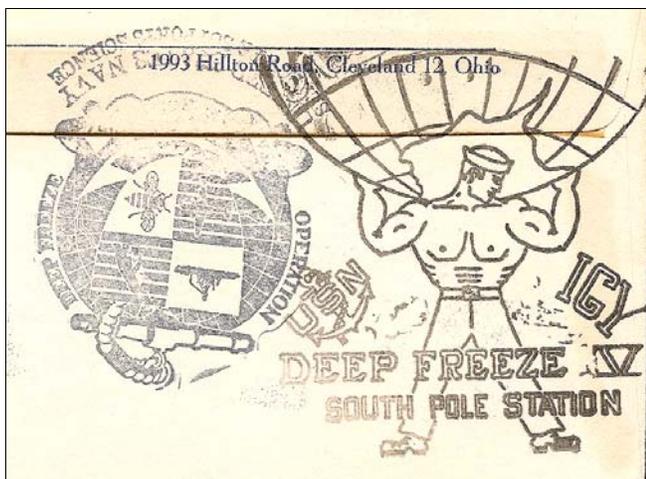


Figure 5

The next cover (Figure 6) shows a Hungarian weightlifter stamp (Scott #1473) on a cachet of Hercules lifting a dog-like critter with three heads. They say two heads are better than one, but apparently three is a disadvantage when encountering the son of a Greek god. This cachet falls under the category of the trials of Hercules – one of many things he had to accomplish before becoming a constellation in the night sky. What isn't evident in this image is the Budapest cancellation that shows another weight lifter. The stamp was issued September 16, 1962 for the European Weight Lifting Championships.



Figure 3

The last item in this grouping (Figure 7) is a FDC for Czech Republic's Junior Weight Lifting Championships in Cheb, May 12, 1993 (Scott #2884). The envelop cachet shows a weight lifter in the process of lowering the barbells and

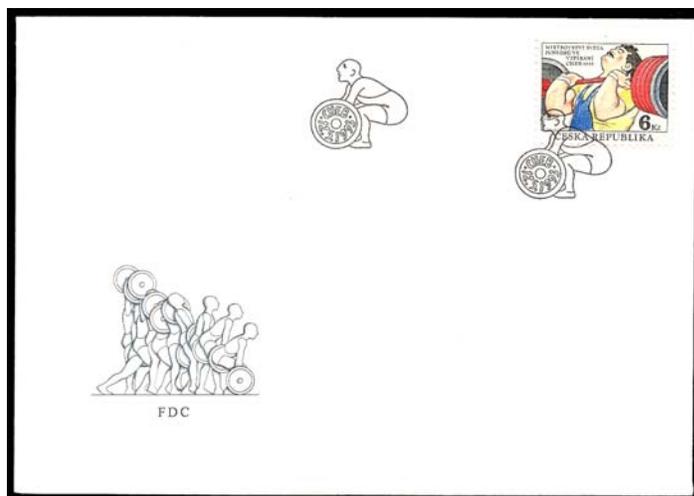
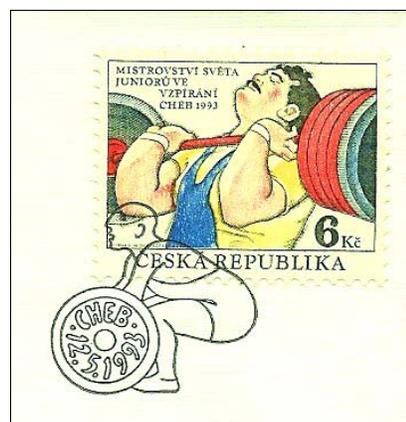


Figure 6 ↑

Figure 7 ↓



the cancel (Figure 8) shows the athlete about to lift the weight.

So that is my sub-topical collection or grouping - or is it a mini-collection? – Something else to ponder!

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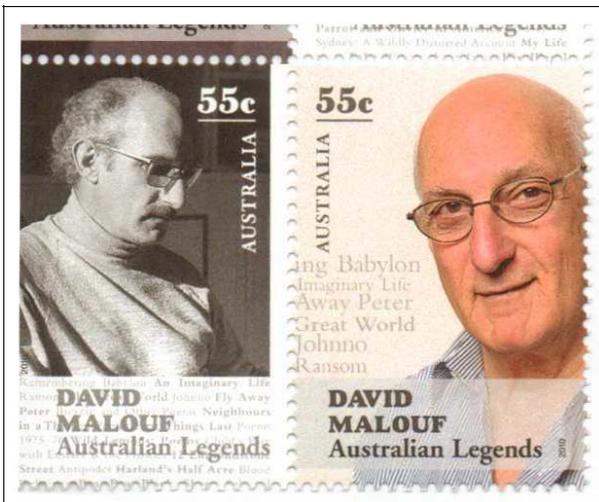
## Malouf and McCullough

by Bobby Cloud

*Journeys and Outings* is a case study in author David Malouf's closet which investigates the role of the closet and coming out in his early works. The exploration of the now openly gay Australian writer David Malouf's childhood home at 12 Edmondstone Street, to the is-he-isn't-he conjectures of Johnno, to the literary leap from the closet represented by an imaginary life.

Malouf's first published books were collections of poetry, "Interiors" in *Four Poets* (1962), *Bicycle and Other Poems* (1970) and *Neighbours in a Thicket Poems* (1974). Poets Kenneth Slessor and Wallace Stevens were both influential to Malouf finding his own voice.

Malouf is one of six novelists featured on the latest Australian Legends set of stamps. Australia Post released the stamps on January 21, 2010. He is joined by Peter Carey, Bryce Courtenay, Thomas Keneally, Colleen McCullough and Tim Winton - a group of Australia's most prolific, most popular, most awarded authors.



Colleen McCullough is perhaps best known in the US for *The Thorn Birds*. It is a 1977 best-selling novel adapted as a television mini-series in 1983. During its television run March 27-30, it became the United States' second highest rated mini-series of all time with stars such as Richard Chamberlain and Barbara Stanwyck.



Chamberlain was outed by the French women's magazine, *Nous Deux*, in December 1989. However, it was not until 2003 at the age of 69 that he came out in his autobiography, *Shattered Love*.

During her 60-year career, Stanwyck was known as a consummate and versatile professional with a strong screen presence. She was a favorite of directors such as Cecil B. DeMille, Fritz Lang and Frank Capra. After a short stint as a stage actress, she made 85 films in 38 years in Hollywood, then turned to television. Stanwyck married twice, the first time to vaudevillian Frank Fay and the second time to Robert Taylor. Although she rebuffed questions about her sexuality or her marriages, many observers of the Hollywood scene believed that neither Stanwyck nor either of her husbands were heterosexual.

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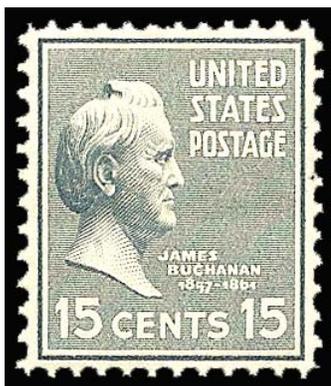
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## The Florida Fifty Stamper James Buchanan, POTUS

by Francis Ferguson

James Buchanan, Jr., born April 23, 1791 to James Buchanan and Elizabeth Speer Buchanan in a log cabin at Cove Gap, Pennsylvania, was the second of ten children. At the age of eleven, the family moved to Mercersburg where he was privately tutored. He later attended a village academy and graduated from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Additional education in the field of law allowed him to be admitted to the bar in 1812.



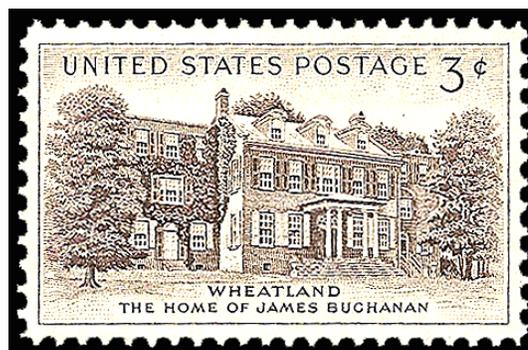
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Buchanan's political career began in 1814 when he served in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. The following years saw him serving four succeeding terms in the U.S. Congress, and as ambassador to Russia from 1832-1834. His most visible role was serving as Secretary of State in the Cabinet of President James K. Polk from 1845 to 1849. He was instrumental in negotiating the 1846 Oregon Treaty. He served as a minister to the Court of St. James's from 1853-1856. His career as a middle level bureaucrat took a whole new direction when he was nominated on the 17th ballot at the Democratic Convention of 1856 to run for the Presidency of the United States.

His Presidency was overshadowed by the many faceted problems that caused the Civil War. Before Buchanan had left office, seven slave states

seceded forming the core of the Confederacy. Buchanan's game plan of trying to maintain the trim on a sinking ship was not working. His Presidency has been widely viewed by historians as one of the worst --- and as one of the most corrupt.

On Buchanan's final day as President of the U.S., March 4, 1861, he remarked to the incoming Abraham Lincoln, "If you are as happy in entering the White House as I shall feel on returning to Wheatland, you are a happy man."



Scott 1081

Buchanan's tenure as the 15th President of the United States was to foreshadow the schism that would tear the country apart as the elements played out leading up to the Civil War. To date, he is the only President from Pennsylvania and the only President never to marry.

Buchanan was engaged to Ann Caroline Coleman in 1819. However, a lack of attention – on his part – seemed to doom the courtship from the beginning. The struggling engagement was broken and shortly after which, Coleman passed away from a possible laudanum overdose. Buchanan vowed to never marry.

For fifteen years in Washington D.C. prior to his presidency, Buchanan lived with a close friend, Alabama Senator William Rufus DeVane King. King would become Vice President of the United States under Franklin Pierce. Buchanan and King's close relationship prompted Andrew Jackson to refer to King as "Miss Nancy" and "Aunt Fancy". The popular contemporary press also speculated about the relationship between the two long time friends and house mates. There is little doubt that the two shared "the

affection of a special friendship". Sadly Buchanan's and King's nieces destroyed their uncles' correspondence, thus ending any further investigation into the matter. There is little doubt there were close emotional ties between the two men which has led to the speculation that Buchanan was America's first homosexual president. However, there is no direct evidence to support such a claim.

In 1866, Buchanan published *Mr. Buchanan's Administration on the Eve of the Rebellion*. This was the first presidential memoir. He died June 1, 1868, at the age of 78 at his home at Wheatland. On the day before his death, he predicted that "history will vindicate my memory."

Buchanan's prediction did not hold up. Historians in 2006 voted his failure to deal with secession the worst presidential mistake ever made. In addition, scholars of the presidential office often rank him in the bottom five worst. So much for his legacy.

Until next time, have a great time collecting. I look forward to hearing from any readers with comments or suggestions. I can be reached at hampton@cfl.rr.com.

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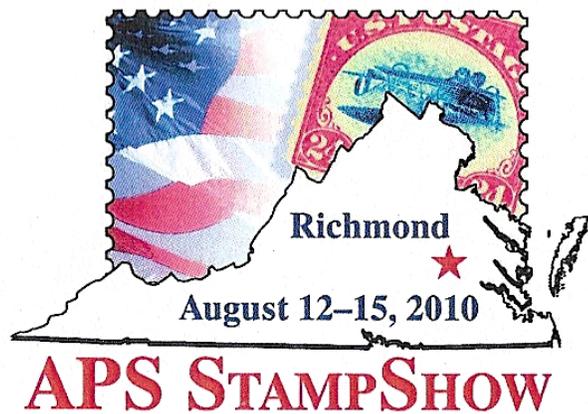


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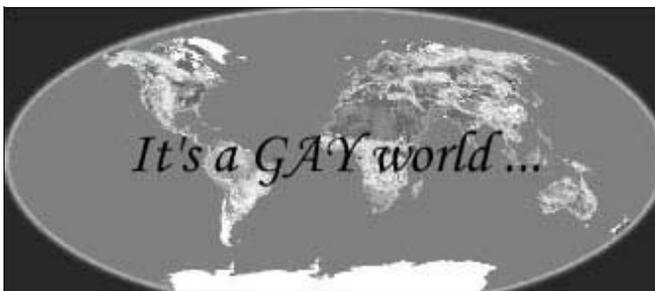
Send in articles on your favorite gay, lesbian, bisexual, topical or country for publication in a future issue of the *Lambda Philatelic Journal*.

- Text file via email or diskette preferred.
- Graphics - 300 dpi or better quality.
- Will scan originals and return if needed.

## Gay & Lesbian Update

I will be attending the Gay Games in Cologne, Germany in July and August 2010. Does anyone want any philatelic material sent to them? I need suggestions for covers or other philatelic items. Thanks.

Maryhelen Hibben, hamenola@yahoo.com



**Ireland** released four stamps featuring composers on August 14, 2009. The stamps were issued in two pairs of two stamps, a souvenir sheet of four and a booklet of 16 stamps. Frederic Chopin can be found on Scott no. 1850.

**Liberia** issued a souvenir sheet of four stamps on February 2, 2009 for the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Scott no. 2553.

**Liberia** issued three sheets of 15 stamps and a souvenir sheet featuring US Presidents on May 4, 2009.

James Buchanan, Scott no. 2567o.  
Abraham Lincoln, Scott no. 2568a.

**Nevis** issued a souvenir sheet of four stamps featuring four different views/close ups of the Lincoln Memorial for the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Scott no. 1569 a - d.

**Papua New Guinea** issued a set of four, a sheet of four and a souvenir sheet for the International Day of Non-Violence. Abraham Lincoln, Scott no. 1401.

**Sierra Leone** issued a sheet of four stamps featuring the US Inaugural Bibles of 1861 and 2009 on May 14, 2009. Abraham Lincoln is featured on a stamp and the selvedge. Scott no.2940a.

**United States** issued the 2009 version of the Legends of Hollywood sheet on September 10, 2009. Gary Cooper was the featured actor. Scott no. 4421.



## AIDS Update

A new website is on the Internet. Be sure to visit [www.aidsonstamps.com](http://www.aidsonstamps.com). The site is the result of hard work of one of GLHSC's newest members.

**Macedonia** issued another postal tax stamp on December 1, 2008 for the campaign against AIDS. They were obligatory on mail December 1 - 8. This was the 13th AIDS related postal tax stamp issued by Macedonia. The first one was issued in 1997. Scott no. RA146.

## **NATIONAL TOPICAL STAMP SHOW 2010 DENVER, COLORADO – JUNE 25-27**

The only all-topical exhibit show and American Topical Association Convention will return to Denver, Colorado, where it last appeared in 2003. The site will be the Crowne Plaza, International Airport Hotel at 15500 East 40th Avenue. In addition to being close to the airport, Interstate Highway I-70 runs past the hotel making it easy to access.

Again, 30 dealers with a wide variety of postal items will be on the floor and regardless of whatever one wants, there should be one or more dealers that can accommodate most philatelic interests. Watch for dealers not normally seen in the Denver area, with sign-ups in March already coming from Pennsylvania, Illinois, Texas and California. A list of dealers and other activities may be found on the website [www.americantopicalassn.org](http://www.americantopicalassn.org).

Show Manager, Robert J. Mather of Wisconsin ([burrobb@wi.rr.com](mailto:burrobb@wi.rr.com)) is planning an interesting venue of ideas and activities. The show theme is the 150th anniversary of the Pony Express. Show covers will feature a show cancel picturing a Pony Express Rider racing across the plains from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California along the Northern Route. This route was established due to the possibility of the South closing the Southern Routes should Civil War erupt. The tie-in is not as obscure as might be thought. The official name of the Pony Express was the Central Overland California and Pike's Peak Express Company. Pike's Peak, as you might know, is located in Colorado. The route from Missouri traveled across Kansas and Nebraska, and on to Overland City, Colorado before going north through Wyoming and then down through Utah and, Nevada and ending in Sacramento, California.

Although "Buffalo Bill" Cody claimed to have been a Pony Express rider, the National Park Service says otherwise. A philatelic exhibit on the Pony Express at NTSS-10 is being planned for exhibition at this time.

The popular tours which the American Topical Association (ATA) holds in conjunction with each of

their shows are now available on-line. The Thursday, June 24th half-day tour will take in the Denver Mint, the (Unsinkable) Molly Brown House and the Miller-Coors Brewery along with seeing other historic buildings.

Monday, June 28th, a gold mine and gold panning tour will take place at the Phoenix Gold Mine. Recently a visitor found a nugget worth about \$5,000! Next the group will arrive at the Idaho Springs (Gold Mine) Museum. The tour will continue on to the Buffalo Bill Museum where lunch will be available. Buffalo burgers will be on the menu. Then on to the Buffalo Bill Gravesite. Nearby, there will be a good chance of seeing a buffalo herd from lookout point. The fantastic photogenic Red Rocks (Natural) Amphitheater will be next prior to driving by Historic Buildings with commentary by the tour bus operator.

The NTSS-10 show cancel and three different cacheted covers continue to pay homage to the 150th Anniversary of the Pony Express. (See image, attached)

This WSP show will have several meetings including those of the Ships on Stamps Unit, Biology Study Unit, Lepidopterists, Space Unit, Lighthouse Stamp Society, Penguins on Stamps, and the Wine/Graphics Units. Visitors are welcome at these events. Tickets for the President's Reception and the Awards Banquet can be bought on-line through the ATA website, mentioned above.

This year, both the Grand Award and the Reserve Grand will each be a brass sculpture of a pony express rider mounted on a wood base along with a clock. Both the One-Frame and Best Display exhibits will be awarded a wood wall plaque with a brass plate showing a pony express rider. The Best Youth exhibit will be awarded a small pony express rider mounted on a wood base. The three-table silent auction will be another feature of this year's show

Finally, Bob Lamb's "What's In Your Attic", a philatelic version of the "Antiques Road Show" will be available at no cost. Attendees are invited to bring items for reviewing. For additional information contact the ATA at [americantopical@msn.com](mailto:americantopical@msn.com).

## "STEPPING STONES" – PHILATELIC YOUTH EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITY

The National Topical Stamp Show (NTSS), to be held in Denver from June 25-27, is offering an opportunity for "Stepping Stones" youth exhibits. Exhibitors age 18 and younger may submit four- or eight-page exhibits on a single theme or topic. While the Stepping Stone exhibits are noncompetitive and will not be judged in the traditional manner, comments will be offered and each youth will receive a philatelic gift for participation.

The American Topical Association, sponsor of NTSS, recognizes that not all youth have the time and philatelic material to enter into competitive exhibiting with traditional 16-page exhibits. The emphasis for the Stepping Stones program is on encouragement of future topical collecting and exhibiting.

Formal application need not be made for the four- and eight-page Stepping Stones exhibits. There is no entry fee. The back of each standard 8½" x 11" exhibit page should list the name, address, and age of the exhibitor. Each page should be in a clear page protector. Completed exhibits of four or eight pages should be mailed by June 1, 2010, to MaryAnn Bowman, ATA Youth Activities Coordinator, PO Box 1451, Waukesha, WI 53187-1451.

Adults can show their support for this ATA activity by donating stamps and other philatelic

items for prizes, by offering to mentor a youth as s/he prepares a Stepping Stones exhibit, or by sending mint postage to be used for the return of the exhibits.

NTSS 2010 will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel - Denver International Airport located at 15500 East 40th Avenue, Denver, Colo., from June 25-27. The theme of the ATA Convention, held simultaneously with the show, will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Pony Express. Topical and general stamp dealers from around the country are participating. Hallmarks of the ATA Convention/NTSS are special tours on Thurs., June 24, and Mon., June 28. Show and convention information is available from the ATA Central Office (contact information below) or at <http://americantopicalassn.org/NTSS/ntss2010/ntss2010.htm>

Traditional youth and adult thematic exhibits (16-page single or multiple frames) are also most welcome at NTSS. Contact Alan Hanks, Exhibit Chair, 34 Seaton Drive, Aurora, ON L4G 2K1, Canada; E-mail [alan.hanks@sympatico.ca](mailto:alan.hanks@sympatico.ca). The prospectus is available at: [http://americantopicalassn.org/NTSS/ntss2010/prospectus\\_2010.pdf](http://americantopicalassn.org/NTSS/ntss2010/prospectus_2010.pdf)

For more information on Stepping Stones exhibits at NTSS, contact MaryAnn Bowman, PO Box 1451, Waukesha, WI 53187-1451; phone 262-820-1060 weekdays (7 am - 3:30 pm). Information is also available from the ATA Central Office, PO Box 8, Carterville, IL 62918-0008; phone 618-985-5100 weekdays (7:30 am - 4:00 pm). E-mail: [americantopical@msn.com](mailto:americantopical@msn.com)

