

2018 APS Summer Stamp Show (brief) Report

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The American Philatelic Society (APS) and American Topical Association (ATA) co-hosted the 2018 APS StampShow/ National Topical Stamp Show in Columbus, OH. My 7-frame exhibit titled “Under Pressure – Submarines and Crew,” illustrating the evolution from simple diving bells to modern submarines and development of submarine and antisubmarine warfare, was entered at the show. The first exhibit frame is on the right.

The exhibit received an APS StampShow Gold medal, NTSS Gold medal, The Lighthouse Society Award (below) for best nautical exhibit, and The Ships On Stamps Unit Award (book & CD).

Members Robert Martin along with Dave & Susie Gehringer were at the show. Robert Martin presented a seminar titled “How to Establish and Run Successful Stamp Clubs for Kids.” Some of our local show attendees were also in Columbus including Vesma Grinfelds (show judge and frequent exhibitor) and Jim Woodfill (frequent show attendee).

In the “most memorable” event category was the heavy rain. Not so much the rain itself but the leaks in the convention center roof which caused 10 exhibit frames (containing “The Hong Kong ‘China’ Overprints”) to be emptied and another 10 frames to be covered by plastic. I don’t know the extent of damage to any of the material.

