



# APS Course "On the Road"

**May 15-16, 2013 • Prior to ROPEX and the National Topical Stamp Show  
Quality Inn Rochester Airport**

The American Philatelic Society is offering the following course as part of its continuing education series. The cost for each course is \$150 for APS members; \$250 for nonmembers. **Register today at <http://www.stamps.org/On-the-Road-Courses#May15>.**

## **Computers in Philately with George Fekete & Barb Boal**

The computer has a plethora of uses for the philatelist. Students taking this course will receive a toolkit designed to optimize use of the computer for a variety of philatelic tasks in this hands-on course. Software and technology that can be used to take advantage of graphics, drawing, scanning, database, publishing, and commercial philatelic applications will be covered. Students are invited to suggest topics not mentioned in the course description for possible integration into the curriculum.

To get the most out of the course, students should bring a laptop (Windows or Mac). To optimize class time, OpenOffice (OOo) will be used for class exercises that require spreadsheet, text, or database applications. OpenOffice is a popular, stable, and robust productivity suite that looks and feels very much like Microsoft Office and similar other commercial software. PC and Mac versions are available – and they are FREE! A basic knowledge of computer use is necessary to receive the most benefit from this course.



**George Fekete** is a lifelong stamp collector, a life member of both the American Philatelic Society and the American Philatelic Research Library. From 2003 – 2007 he served on the APS Board of Vice Presidents. Other philatelic memberships include the Empire State Postal History Society (ESPHS), and the Rochester Philatelic Association. He is a member of the APEX Committee and of the APS Estate Advisory Service Committee. His collecting interests are the Zip Code 14207 and its precursors for postal history, general U.S., Washington-Franklins, U.S. fakes & forgeries, interrupted mail, and science & philately. He is contributing editor and writes a column, "Pondering Philately," for the *Stamp Insider*. He has worked as a physicist, financial planner & analyst, project manager [all Xerox Corporation]; software project manager for small software development company. He enjoys sailing, skiing, coin collecting, and books.



**Barb Boal** joined the APS staff in 1981 in the publications office. She was appointed design manager in 1985 by *American Philatelist* magazine Editor, Bill Welch. From August 1990 to October 2001, she served as managing editor, working with two different printers in the layout, design, and production of our magazines. She became Editor in 2002 and has learned by experience all the necessary software applications as the AP magazine was produced completely with computers. She is a frequent instructor and elective speaker at the APS Summer Seminar and brings several years of experience teaching this particular course.

## **Accommodations**

The American Topical Association has reserved (until Apr 15) a block of rooms at the Quality Inn Rochester Airport at only \$89 per night. Call 585-464-8800 and ask for the special "Stamp Show" rate. Quality Inn Rochester Airport, 1273 Chili Ave, Rochester, NY 14624 (includes a full breakfast, free wireless Internet, free shuttle bus to/ from The Main Street Armory about 10 minutes away). Following the course, the **ROPEX/NTSS** stamp show <http://www.rpastamps.org/ropex.html> will be held **May 17-19, 2013**.

**\$15 Registration Discount until April 24, 2013**

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