

# Winners in philatelic website competition

The American Philatelic Society has announced the results of its 2018 website competition for chapters and affiliates. The winners with their respective web addresses are shown in the table with this column.

Details for entering the 2019 competition can be found at <https://classic.stamps.org/userfiles/file/CAC/webentryform.pdf>. The deadline for entries is June 1.

There's an alphabetical list of all the websites that have won awards since the competition started in 2012 at <https://classic.stamps.org/Website-Competition-Results>. The web addresses in the first column are clickable if you want to view the individual sites.



Figure 1. The top part of the home page of the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County, one of the gold award winners in the recent American Philatelic Society competition of websites of chapters and affiliates.

The Philatelic Society of Lancaster County's website was one of the gold award winners in 2018. Figure 1 shows part of the home page. It looks straightforward, but there's a wealth of information available at the site. You can access features by clicking on the horizontal menu items at the top of the page.

The society was formally organized in 1938. You can view its newsletters back to 1990, as well as newsletters from the Federation of New York Philatelic Societies, the Reading Stamp Collectors Club and the Lancaster County Postcard Club, on the website.

The Presentations choice at the top of the home page offers much useful information in its drop-down menu list. One of the items on the list is Exhibits. One of the many ex-



Figure 2. The website of the Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections (ESPER), located online at [www.esperstamps.org](http://www.esperstamps.org), also received a gold award.

hibits found there is a postal history look at rates and usages for the 1938 Presidential series.

Also on the drop-down list is an electronic library that provides links to many online philatelic resources. The resources are grouped into the following categories: the United States stampless and provisional period; U.S. cancellations, postal markings, services; U.S. cities, states and territories; U.S. 20th century; U.S. back of the book; U.S. post offices, laws, mail; Canada and provinces; Great Britain and Commonwealth; international; general stamp collecting; stamp album and pages download; and topicals.

The Links choice under Presentations includes a listing of philatelic

websites. This is one of the most extensive listings of such sites that I have seen. Each site name includes a brief description of what is offered. The Topicals choice provides eight pages of sample stamp collections by one of the society's members.

Also receiving a gold was the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society. I wrote about this society in the Computers and Stamps column in the June 2, 2014, issue of *Linn's*.

Many resources are available on the group's website. Members can view all issues of its quarterly journal, *The Chronicle of the U.S. Classic Postal Issues*, from 1948 to date; nonmembers can view all but the last five years.

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Figure 3. The San Jose Stamp Club won a vermeil award for its website.