Luff Award Winner: Thomas M. Lera

It is with great pride that the CFSC announces that Thomas has been selected to receive the Luff Award for 2019.

Quoting from the APS *American Philatelist*, July issue: "The American Philatelic Society's highest recognition for living collectors is the Luff Award, established in 1940 in memory of APS President John N. Luff (1907-09), considered the most prominent American philatelist of his era. Awards are presented each year in three categories recognizing vital effort on behalf of the stamp hobby: For Distinguished Philatelic Research; for



Exceptional Contributions to Philately; and for Outstanding Service to the APS."

Tom is acknowledged for his sweeping involvement in the area of research. His contributions are numerous and can be found detailed on pages 640-641 of the July *American Philatelist*.

The membership of the CFSC would like to extend a hearty congratulations to Tom for his extraordinary contributions to the philatelic world. [Picture taken at FLOREX 2018, at the Florida Postal History Society table.]

Additionally, R. Timothy Bartshe was acknowledged for Exceptional Contributions to Philately and Kathryn J. Johnson for Outstanding Service to

the APS. The membership of the CFSC applauds all three individuals and thanks them for their contributions.

Recap of 2018 Auctions: Interesting! by David Allen

The auction summary as detailed is reflective of the increase of membership in the CFSC; 01.2007, 40; 01.2008, 47; 01.2009, 65; 03.2010, 73; 03.2011, 70; 07.2019, 101. The increase is clear and has a meaningful impact on all aspects of the club – most of all the auctions. It should be noted that the years 2010 and 2011 represent where things changed dramatically. I wonder what happened? The evidence suggests the stronger membership base AND a more involved group of folks participating in the auctions. The numbers tell the story.

					Cried Auctions		Silent Auctions	
Year	Total Members Involved	Total Sellers Involved	Total Buyers Involved	Total Value w/o Outliers	# of Auct	Annual Auction Average	# of Auct	Annual Auction Average
2018	71	46	58	\$9,766.75	5	\$830.00	18	\$312.04
2017	53	40	49	\$8,048.45	5	\$724.90	18	\$245.78
2016	60	39	54	\$7,273.90	5	\$718.05	17	\$216.69
2015	64	44	55	\$7,024.50	5	\$663.05	17	\$218.19
2014	58	36	50	\$5,858.02	5	\$474.85	17	\$204.93
2013				\$5,521.20	4	\$624.26	18	\$168.01
2012				\$4,992.14	4	\$470.69	18	\$172.74
2011				\$4,996.50	5	\$448.60	17	\$161.97
2010				\$2,766.40	4	\$311.19	16	\$95.10
2009				\$2,102.80	5	\$238.25	13	\$70.12
2008				\$2,612.10	5	\$292.95	14	\$81.95
2007				\$2,271.50	5	\$234.50	16	\$68.69
2006				\$1,998.40	5	\$175.05	15	\$74.88
2005				\$1,695.95	5	\$191.40	15	\$49.26

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