

Join us for an APS course at the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte!



Expertizing FDCs and EDUs

June 17-18, 2010

The American Philatelic Society is offering this course as part of its continuing education series. The cost for is \$149 for APS members; \$249 for nonmembers.

Course Information

Learn the tools to authenticate first day and earliest-use U.S. covers and to identify faked and forged covers with confidence. Those who develop these skills may qualify to serve the hobby as expertizers for the American Philatelic Society's APEX Service and the American First Day Cover Society (AFDCS). Use of published and archival references and online databases are essential skills for FDC/EDU experts, so the AFDCS Archives and American Philatelic Resource Library resources will be employed. Forensic analysis using the Crimescope CS-16 will be included. Students should be familiar with first day covers and/or postal history.

Instructors



Ken Lawrence has been writing articles and books on United States stamps for more than 25 years. He is editor and co-author of *The Liberty Series*, published by APS in 2007; contributor of two chapters to the book *Rarity Revealed* about the Benjamin K. Miller collection, published by the Smithsonian National Postal Museum; and a contributing editor of *Scott Stamp Monthly* magazine. Ken is a former APS Vice President and APRL Trustee, and has taught and led APS seminars since 1991. He is known also for his exhibits, which ranged from a poignant display of Holocaust mail to a popular survey of Walt Disney philately. Ken specializes in stamps, covers, postal markings, numismatics, and ephemera of world's fairs held in the United States from 1853 to the present.



Allison Cusick is a life member of the APS and an honorary life member of the American First Day Cover Society (AFDCS). He presently serves both organizations as an expertizer. He has been the chairman of the AFDCS Expertizing Committee for 25 years. He also is the Archivist for the AFDCS. Allison has written numerous articles for *First Days*, the journal of the AFDCS, and formerly authored a series of columns on FDC's for *Linn's Stamp News*. Several of these articles dealt with fake and altered FDC's. He has prepared and judged FDC exhibits at national and regional stamp shows. He also is the author of the *Photo Cachet Catalog of Linprint Cachets* (1976).

Accommodations

Visit the APS website, www.stamps.org, for a full range of hotels, motels, and B&B's. Many offer APS rates. If you need a hotel listing sent by mail, please contact Gretchen Moody at the number below. Following the course is the **SCOPEX Show**, held **June 19-20, 2010** at the American Philatelic Center. Beginning June 20th is the **Summer Seminar on Philately** at the APC.

\$15 Registration Discount until May 27, 2010

For questions, contact Gretchen Moody, gretchen@stamps.org; 814-933-3810