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DENISE STOTTS

TPA'S 2004 DISTINGUISHED PHILATELIC TEXAN

Warren Crain introduced Denise Stotts as the 2004 Distinguished Philatelic Texan at the TEXPEX 2004 Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 3, 2004.

The Distinguished Philatelic Texan award is the highest award the Texas Philatelic Association (TPA) can present to a TPA member. In the opinion of the surviving recipients, the candidate should best represent the ideals and goals of the organization and has made a positive contribution to the advancement of philately in Texas.

Denise Stotts has many philatelic credentials that are from the national level to the local level.

NATIONAL LEVEL. She is an American Philatelic Society (APS) member who contributes by actively serving on the APS' Chapter Activities Committee as Manager of Club Operations since 1998. Mrs. Stotts is a current member of the society's Ethics Committee. As an APS Mentor, she is assigned by the society to assist and encourage novice collectors who have asked the society for one-on-one coaching on advanced philatelic techniques.

A founding member of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE), Mrs. Stotts contributes actively by serving as a featured speaker and seminar monitor; and as an AAPE Director of Conventions and Meetings.

She is a member of several national philatelic societies including the International Society for Japanese Philately, the British North American Philatelic Society, and the Christmas Philatelic Club.

Mrs. Stotts is a National Gold Medal winning exhibitor and Regional show Grand Award winner including the 2002 GREATER HOUSTON STAMP SHOW.

STATE LEVEL. On state level Mrs. Stotts has served for more than a decade as Secretary of the Ohio Postal History Society. She is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Texas Philatelic Association.

LOCAL LEVEL. She has served as Chairperson of the GREATER HOUSTON STAMP SHOW for a decade; and served on the Board of the Houston Philatelic Society. Mrs. Stotts is an active member of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, still serves on the show committee, and is 1992 winner of the LaGanke Award for meritorious service to the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club. She was a long-time Chairperson of the Euclid Stamp Club show, EUPEX. Mrs. Stotts has served as an exhibiting judge at the Local and Regional level in both Ohio and Texas.

For information about the Texas Philatelic Association and the benefits of membership, see our website www.texasphilatelic.org. You may write to Carol Arndt, TPA Secretary, PO Box 1095, Odessa TX 79760-1095.