

2017 Hall of Fame Inductees

Patricia A. Kaufmann



Patricia A. Kaufmann, a professional stamp dealer, is currently chair of the Board of Vice-Presidents of the American Philatelic Society. As an author and editor, she has excelled in promoting Confederate philately. For seventeen years, she served as co-editor and editor of *The Confederate Philatelist* and as editor-in-chief of the Grand Award winning *Confederate States of America Catalog and Handbook of Stamps and Postal History*. Her prolific research and publications have made her an esteemed spokesperson for Confederate postal history.

To the benefit of her readers, Trish masterfully blends history and philately. A lifelong collector and storyteller, she loves to uncover the hidden stories and human interest connections from postal covers. “Human-interest stories,” she explains, “attract both Confederate specialists as well as others who simply love history and might consider taking up Confederate postal history as a new area. Serious philatelic research is very important to me as well—both stamp nuances and new discoveries in postal history. I find that being a dealer is very beneficial to that end, in that I see more material than the average collector and my network is large.” She continues, “The most seemingly mundane example suddenly comes alive, speaking to us from the past.”

Trish has been section editor of *The Confederate Stampless Cover Catalog*. In addition, she has contributed to the 1986 *New Dietz Confederate States Catalog* and annual updates of the *Scott Specialized Catalogue*. She has written hundreds of philatelic research articles for *The American Philatelist*, *The American Stamp Dealer and Collector*, *The Confederate Philatelist*, *The Congress Book*, *Kelleher’s Stamp Collectors Connection*, *La Posta*, *Smithsonian Magazine*, *Way Markings*, *The SPA Journal*, National Postal Museum’s Arago online data base collection and other publications. Trish’s definitive published research on the 3-cent 1861 Postmaster Provisionals resulted in an entirely new Confederate section beginning with the 2000 *Scott Specialized Catalogue* and the CSA Catalog.

She has received the August Dietz Award for research and writing twice. In 2015, she received the CP (*Confederate Philatelist*) Writers’ Award for the best article. She has won numerous exhibitor awards, including Grand and Reserve Grand Awards in national philatelic competitions for her Confederate and Classic Valentine collections. In 2016, she received the Elizabeth Pope Award for Lifetime Contributions to Philately.

Trish has held many positions in both professional and volunteer philately, including auctioneer, President of the Confederate Stamp Alliance, Chair of the APS Dealer Advisory Council, and member of APS committees, the CSA Authentication Service, Council of Postal Collectors and Council of Philatelists.

In addition to philately, Trish enjoys scuba diving, choral singing and church leadership roles. She is married to Capt. Darryl Boyer.