

# PHILATELIC BULLETIN



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## Dr. James Mazepa Receives FIAF and MEPSI Recognition

At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Continental Federation of the Americas of FIP (FIAF), the board voted to award the FIAF Medal to Dr. James Mazepa. The FIAF Medal is the highest recognition FIAF gives. The medal is awarded for promoting philately in the Americas. Their citation reads (translated):

“Dr. James Mazepa has served FIAF for nine years as vice-president and six years as president. He has promoted the philately of Mexico, Central and South America over several decades. He is a Member of the Royal Spanish Academy of Philately and has published over a dozen articles in their Journal, *ACADEMUS*. He has published many articles on Latin-American topics in Journals in the United States such as the *Collector's Club Philatelist* and *MEXICANA*.

Dr. Mazepa has received many previous recognitions such as the RDP, from Great Britain, the Luff Award of the APS, and the Lichtenstein Award of the Collector's Club of New York.

Dr. Mazepa was the organizer and president of AMERICAS99 in Orlando, Florida, the first exhibition in the United States devoted solely to Latin American philately. He was also the organizer and president of the exhibition AMERICAS08 in Los Angeles which hosted the FIAF Assembly, the first time the Assembly was held in the United States.

Dr. Mazepa continues to be active as Chairman of the International Committee of the APS, a national and international judge, and writer on many topics.”

In addition, at the 2024 annual meeting of the Board of Directors of Mexico-Elmhurst Philatelic Society International (MEPSI) the board elected to induct Dr. James Mazepa into the MEPSI Hall of Fame of Collectors of Mexico. Dr. Mazepa has contributed many articles promoting Mexican philately. He served as Chairman of the Board for many years as well as a member of the Expert Committee. He was the recipient of the APS Champion of Champions Award for his collection of Mexico 1856-1861 Issues. Congratulations to Dr. Mazepa.

## Stamp Quiz



**This month's stamp quiz is from**

**another definitive issue. Can you guess the stamp? Here's a hint, it can be one of three stamps, with the same design but different water-marks. We'll accept any of the three stamps as a correct guess. Here's another hint: all three stamps are of a redrawn design which was originally in a larger format. If you think you know the answer, send your guesses to me at: [centonzevincent@gmail.com](mailto:centonzevincent@gmail.com). Good luck!**





## The Prez Sez ...

The Holiday Party was well attended and much enjoyed as the photos on this page attest!

Enjoy your holidays and get ready for the big stamps show January 17 to 19 at the Municipal Auditorium

Best Holiday Wishes—Pat

### Next Meeting:

Tuesday January 7th—6:30 at the Unitarian Universalist Church—Bring items for Show and Tell.

Be ready to volunteer to give a program in 2025!

This year's Holiday Party was once again a big hit! Thanks to Liz Hisey for hosting it at her home. Here she is showing off her party gift!



## The Sarasota Philatelic Club Holiday Party



From top left: David Medeiros as Santa, Phil Leber and Valeriy Palubok, Fred Olsen and his wife, Judy Rubin protecting the food, Babs Noah and Frank Blum, Gisela Weinland and Mark Isaacs.

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