

## **Elizabeth C. Pope Award for Lifetime Contributions to Philately**

The **Saint Louis Stamp Expo** presents the Elizabeth C. Pope Award annually to recognize a philatelist who is outstanding for their “Lifetime of Contribution to Philately.” This award is **not** for lifetime achievement, but for a lifetime of contributions to our hobby. The first recipient, Elizabeth C. Pope in 2001, set such a high standard that the medal was named in her honor.

### ***Eligibility:***

Everyone in philately is potentially eligible for consideration to receive the Pope Award. Gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, and/or religious beliefs shall not be factors in the selection of an award nominee.

Nominees must be living when selected by the committee.

The Pope Award recognizes voluntary contributions to the hobby. Those who hold paid positions within philately are eligible for consideration only in light of their contributions above and beyond the duties of their paid position(s) within philately.

### ***Nominations:***

Nominations must be submitted to the Pope Award Committee in writing on forms available from the St. Louis Stamp Expo office or the website, <http://www.stLouisStampExpo.org/PopeAward/>.

Nominations are always open, but a completed form must be received by October 1 for consideration for the following year’s award.

Nominations more than five years old will not be considered active. However, nominees may again be nominated to the Committee or reinstated by a Committee member for further consideration.

Pope Award Committee members may also submit nominations of individual names for consideration by the full Committee.

Self-nominations for the Pope Award or a nomination by a family member of a nominee **will not** be considered.

### ***Committee:***

The Award Committee shall consist of active/living past recipients of the Pope Award. [When this number becomes too large, it will be set at an odd number of persons having staggered 3-year terms appointed by the St. Louis Stamp Expo Committee.]

The St. Louis Stamp Expo Committee will appoint the chairperson for a three-year term.

The chair person will organize and lead the selection process; communicate the decision to all previous winners; communicate the decision to the St. Louis Stamp Expo Awards Chairman, who will obtain a suitable medal; otherwise insure the secrecy of the award until its presentation; work to insure that the recipient is in attendance at the St. Louis Stamp Expo Awards banquet; and select a previous recipient who will make the awards presentation at the banquet.