

My Topic

Phil Schorr

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This is the seventh in a series of brief vignettes spotlighting interests of some of our fellow ATA members.

When he isn't in his garden tending 100 roses, Missouri collector Phil Shorr is likely working on his topical collection of – you guessed it – roses on stamps.

"I got started growing roses around 1970, and within a few years I was growing over 125. I served on the board of the American Rose Society six years," Phil explained. He also co-authored a reference book that gave information on 32,000 different rose varieties.



When Phil revived his childhood stamp hobby in the 1980s, the logical choice was roses. "I enjoy finding stamps from around the world showing roses in so many different ways," he said. "It's fun to find all of the ways they can be shown, such as a rose painted on a dinner plate, roses held by a saint known for a connection to them, and so many more."



So, in the warm months you'll find Phil immersed in his colorful garden. But come winter, the beautiful roses he tends are on stamps. ☞



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