



## 100 Ways to Collect Germany with Fred Baumann

### **Course Description:**

From pre-stamp era to postwar reunification, Germany offers fascinating opportunities philatelists and postal historians at every level in the hobby. This two-day overview will present the full range of collecting possibilities --- Old German states, colonies, and wartime issues, as well as the many specialties within Germany proper, from definitive series to the High Inflation Era. Students will survey and be familiarized with the challenges and rewards of an entire alphabet of German-related stamp-issuing entities, from Allenstein (a Versailles Treaty plebiscite territory in 1920) to Zara (a coastal city on the Adriatic for which occupation stamps were produced in 1943). Techniques and strategies for collecting also will be touched upon. Students are encouraged to contact the instructor with questions and areas of interest prior to the course, and to bring philatelic material to examine and share with the class.

### **Instructor Biography:**

#### **Fred Baumann, Bellefonte, PA**

A childhood collector who returned as an adult in the late 1970s, Fred Baumann's passion for philately landed him a job as a stamp auction describer in 1985, followed by 10 years as an editor and senior editor at Linn's Stamp News, six more as a senior editor at Stamp Collector and a three-year stint as Public Relations Director with the American Philatelic Society. He currently writes a bimonthly column for Scott Stamp Monthly. Fred has a collection of Germany begun by this grandfather, as well as smaller collections of Danzig, Bohemia & Moravia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, and the postal history of the ancient German city of Leipzig. He also collects bridges and armored fighting vehicles on stamps.