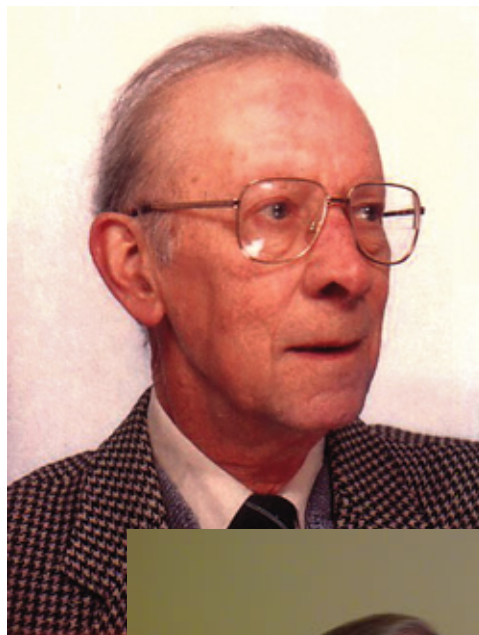


**2013 Thomas F. Allen Award  
James Negus (posthumous)  
and Brian J. Birch**

The Thomas F. Allen Award recognizes the writer(s) of the best article that appeared in the *Philatelic Literature Review* during the previous calendar year. The Subcommittee reviewed all articles in the four quarterly issues of the *Philatelic Literature Review* for 2013, and recommends that the award for 2013 go to James Negus (posthumous) and Brian J. Birch for their article in the 1st Quarter 2013 issue of *Philatelic Literature Review* titled “Unpublished Tiffany Manuscripts”.

Birch has taken an unfinished manuscript by Negus which might otherwise remain hidden from philatelic literature enthusiasts and crafted it into a fine example of philatelic writing. The article provides substantial background information on the manuscripts as well as the people involved, including giants of philatelic literature such as John K. Tiffany, the Earl of Crawford, Edward Denny Bacon, William Reynolds Ricketts, and Hiram Edward Deats, along with extensive documentation and illustration. The Subcommittee is unanimous in its recommendation that James Negus and Brian J. Birch receive the 2013 Thomas F. Allen Award.



**James Negus top and  
Brian J. Birch lower picture.**