

## **WINNERS ANNOUNCED IN YOUTH PHILATELY CONTEST**

The winners have been determined in our 2011 Youth Activity contest that solicited philatelic games, activities, projects and lesson plans for children, from teachers, stamp club leaders and scout masters. The judges determined that three entries would each receive \$100.

The award for Best Classroom Activity went to Aimee Devine of Janesville, Wisconsin, for "Stamping Through Time". Using stamps with historic significance, students develop a chronological sequence of events, attaching the stamps to index cards clipped to a string across the classroom.

The award for Best Activity for Junior Stamp Club or Youth Activity Table at a Stamp Show" went to Karen Weight of Middleton, Wisconsin, for "What George Am I?" Using large blow-up's of the two-cent definitive U.S. Washington issues of 1908-1921 and other graphics, students are made aware of the variety of features on a stamp and are asked to identify the various issues, using an identification work sheet and chart.

The award for Best Program for Scouts went to Brian Jones, San Jose, California, for "Boy Scout Stamp Collecting Merit Badge". His entry is quite expansive, including a PowerPoint presentation he developed for scouts to use at various stamp shows. Brian points out that stamp collecting is now the 5<sup>th</sup> *least* merit badge sought by scouts of 120 available. His goal is to expand the support needed to offer the stamp collecting merit badge to many more scouts.

Four \$50 awards were also granted to: Aimee Devine, Anne Marie Sweden (two awards) from Paxico, Kansas, and to Robert W. Martin of Sparks, Nevada.

The contest was inspired by MaryAnn Bowman from an outreach proposal she developed as a member of the National Postal Museum's New Initiatives Committee. She is now exploring getting some of the winning entries on line. Appreciation is also due to member Robert Cagna who donated much of the money for the awards.