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THE CARTOPHILATELIC SOCIETY ANNOUNCES THE PUBLICATION OF  
"AMERICA ON THE MAP"

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The CartoPhilatelic Society is pleased to announce the publication of *America on the Map*, the first number in their new Occasional Publication Series. This fifty-six page softbound book is extensively illustrated with over 130 images in full color. It is being published to coincide with the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Waldseemüller's world map of 1507, the first map to use the designation "America". Only one copy of Waldseemüller's map survives and will soon be on permanent display at the Library of Congress, Washington, DC.

*America on the Map* contains eleven articles on various topics concerning Waldseemüller's map, its preparation, events in Europe at the time the map was first printed, and map stamps related to America. The first article introduces the recently issued German stamp depicting Waldseemüller's map. Other articles deal with Amerigo Vespucci, whose explorations provided key reference data for the map; the political situation in Europe at the time the map was published; Waldseemüller's globe; the postal system in Europe in the 15<sup>th</sup> century; and the connection between Waldseemüller and Mercator.

Three articles bring the discussion closer to America: New Netherland in America; territorial and state boundaries in North America; and border disputes in Latin America as shown on stamps. The book concludes with a discussion of how a postal system can influence the growth and development of a country.

The Editor of *America on the Map* is Miklos Pinther, President Emeritus of the CartoPhilatelic Society and retired Chief Cartographer of the United Nations. This limited edition volume was printed by Top Graphics of St. Louis, MO.

Copies of *America on the Map* are available for \$25 (Society members \$20) postpaid in the United States and \$30 (Society members \$25) postpaid to other addresses. PayPal (sent to [orders@cartophilately.org](mailto:orders@cartophilately.org)) is accepted for orders from outside the United States only. US residents should pay by either check or money order.

Orders and inquiries should be sent to David Wolfersberger, 768 Chain Ridge Road, St. Louis, MO 63122 USA, email: [orders@cartophilately.org](mailto:orders@cartophilately.org). An order form can also be found at the Society's website ( [www.mapsonstamps.com](http://www.mapsonstamps.com) ) which can be printed and sent with a check or money order.

The CartoPhilatelic Society is a worldwide philatelic organization with over 130 members in 20 countries that promotes the collecting and study of postage

stamps relating to maps and cartography. The fifty-two year old Society is affiliated with the American Philatelic Society and the American Topical Association. In addition to the new Occasional Publication Series, the Society publishes a quarterly newsletter, *The New CartoPhilatelist*, and an extensive Maps on Stamps Checklist. Information about the CartoPhilatelic Society, its activities, and membership may be found on the web at [www.mapsonstamps.com](http://www.mapsonstamps.com), or by contacting Dr. Alf Jordan, Secretary/Treasurer, 156 West Elm Street, Yarmouth, ME 04096 USA, email: [ajordan1@maine.rr.com](mailto:ajordan1@maine.rr.com).

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