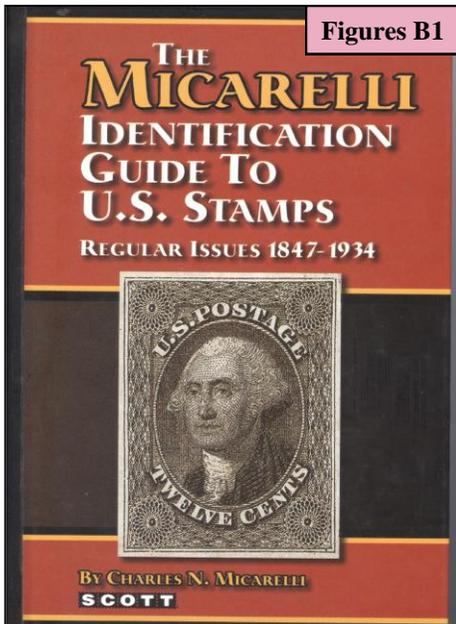


CFSC Authors of Books

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The people that make up the stamp collecting community of the Central Florida Stamp Club possess a wealth of information on many stamp collecting topics. Experts in various countries, identification methods, counterfeit identification, postal history of various areas, and exhibit judging are only a few of the topics. Many have written articles for various publications. It would be very difficult to present an item or question to the full club that would stump all the members.

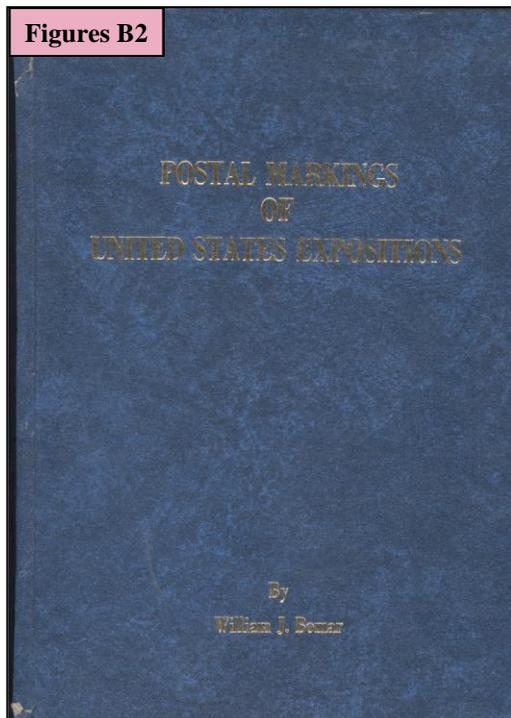
There are a few members, past and present, who have gone to another level; that of writing a published book on a philatelic topic. In every instance, the book, at the time it was written, was the definitive text on its topic. Most of the books still have that distinction.



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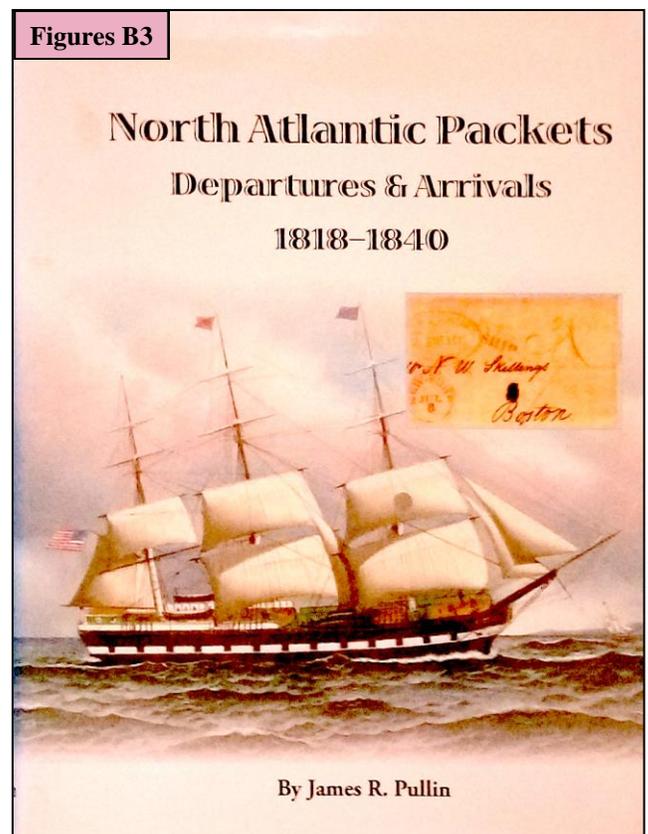
The earliest author in the club we know of is Charles N. Micarelli. His book, “The Micarelli Identification Guide to Early U.S. Stamps: Regular Issues 1847-1934” (**Figure B1**), is currently at edition 6 (2013) and his organization of the various types of the Washington Franklin issue was so well liked that the Scott Publishing Company added a similar organization to its catalog for all U.S. definitive issues. While the Micarelli work is no longer the definitive text in many areas it covers, it is still an important and valued reference piece that many collectors continue to use.

William J. Bomar Sr. wrote the definitive guide on the “Markings of United States Expositions” (**Figure B2**). From the Centennial Exposition of 1876 forward, each U.S. Exposition is covered with its associated markings and notes on variations and relative rarity.



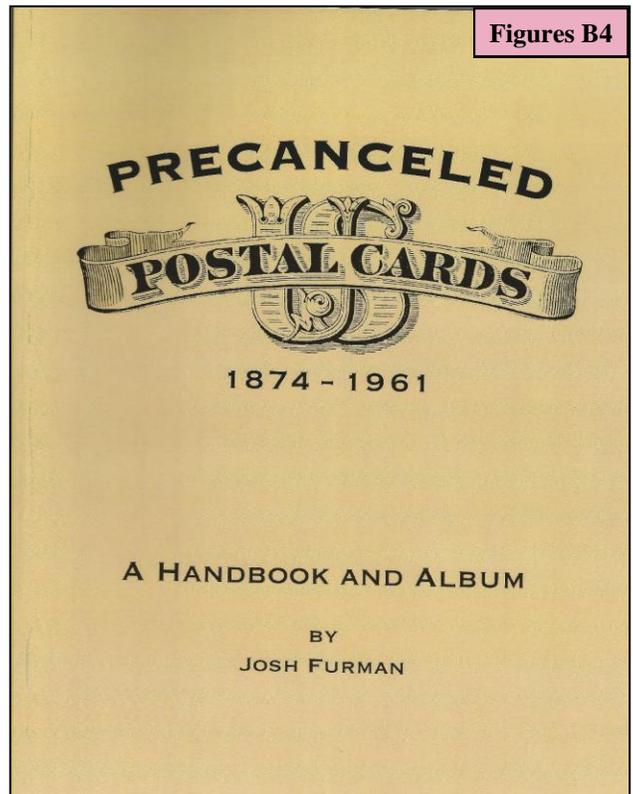
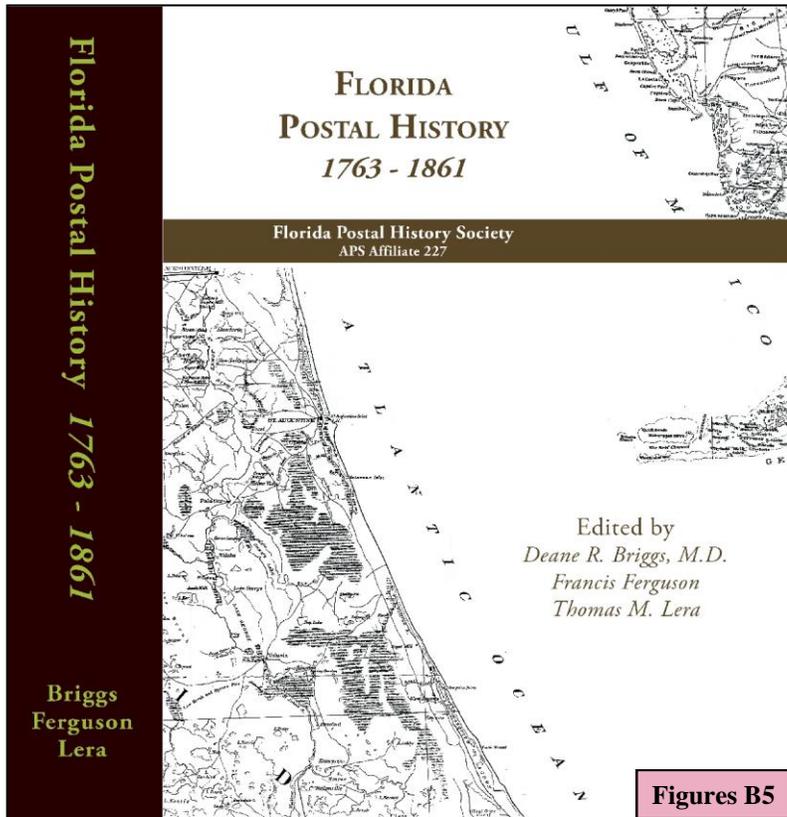
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More recently three new books, each the definitive reference in its area, have been authored by members of the CFSC. “North Atlantic Packets: Departures and Arrivals 1818-1840” (**Figure B3**) by James R. Pullin covers the earliest period, a stampless cover period, of transatlantic mail by packet. Markings for each packet, various postage rates, and other details are discussed.



Figures B3

Josh Furman wrote “Precanceled Postal Cards 1874 – 1961” (Figure B4). He catalogs and displays, in full-size color illustrations, classic precanceled postal cards, from the Great Barrington card to first government-printed precanceled card. Permit cancels that might have been intended as precancels, and some examples of philatelically-inspired cards are also covered. The Appendix shows proofs, printer's waste, look-alikes, and fakes.



Most recently, in fact just published, “Florida Postal History 1763 – 1861” (Figure B5) is the work of Deane R. Briggs, MD, Francis Ferguson, and Thomas M. Lera, all members of the Florida Postal History Society. Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Lera are also members of the CFSC. The work covers Florida post offices and when they were in existence, markings and marking changes of each office.

Each of these authors has added prestige to the club and has made knowledge available to the philatelic world. In time the club may yet have more authors emerge.

[Editor’s note: These books can all be found in the primary or secondary markets.]

A little club history: Charles N. Micarelli was president 1978-1979. William J. Bomar, Sr. served 5 terms as president 1974-1975, 1980-1981, 1982-1983, 1984-1985 and 1986-1987. James R. Pullin served as vice-president from 2002-2003 and president from 2004-2005. Josh Furman served 3 terms as secretary from 2008-2009, 2010-2011 and 2012-2013. Francis Ferguson has served two terms as vice-president 2004-2005 and 2005-2006, and four terms as president 2008-2009, 2010-2011, 2016-2017 and 2018-2019.

It is hoped that in the near future there will be another author from the membership of the CFSC as a publication of the history of FLOREX is contemplated by Robert Fisher.]