

New Member Profile: **Bob Ridgeway**



Bob Ridgeway recently joined the club as an active collector of U.S. and German stamps. Bob developed an interest in stamp collecting back in the day when you could purchase a package of mixed and/or topical foreign stamps in any hobby or toy store.

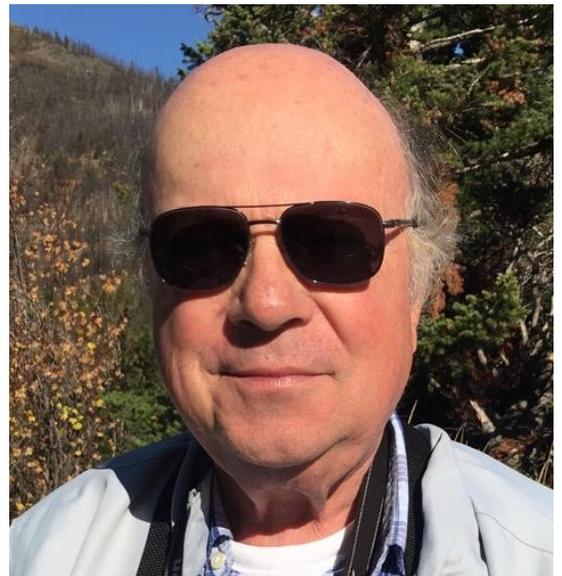
Like many, he stopped collecting once he became an adult and focused on military service, college, and family and career. The interest resurfaced a few years ago and he began collecting U.S. (MNH). He enjoyed sharing the hobby with his father-in-law who collected stamps from the U.S., Germany, England, and Canada.

Bob indicated he collects stamps primarily for the enjoyment he gets from learning about the history and the significance of each stamp. He also enjoys the methodical effort it takes to find that “perfect” stamp to fill an open spot in his album.

New Member Profile: **Steve Main**

I started collecting stamps at age 8 with those occasional commemorative stamps on cards and letters providing the most variety. My interests broadened with a single copy of each new stamp that I could afford, then the common approvals. Collecting stopped when my small collection provided a little help with the down payment of my first car. Less than ten years later collecting resumed with USA and Canada as my favorites. Growing up in rural Western New York, a summer job in the Chautauqua Post Office when they had the Chautauqua stamp issued there, working for 20 years in Washington for the US Navy and five years in Australia significantly affecting my collecting interests.

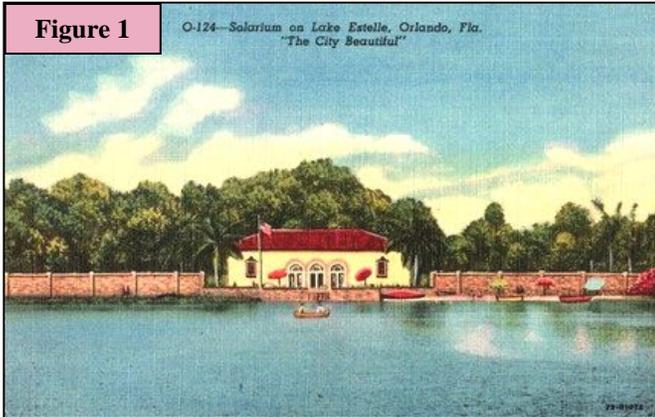
My current active collecting interests are Postal History of Allegany County and Western New York, US Classics, and Post Office Philatelic Publicity such as first day programs and UPU presentation books.



The Central Florida Stamp Club would like to welcome our two new members. May your association with the CFSC be long and fruitful! We are all here to help!

How Lake Estelle Got Its Name? by Stephen Patrick

Figure 1



Since moving to the Orlando area in 1973, I have been saving Orlando post cards and a small file of Orlando post marks and postal history. I found the post card in **Figure 1** at an APS show in Milwaukee while thumbing through a box of Florida postal history.

Once you have seen the many views of Lake Eola and Orange Avenue in the Florida box, it is rare to find something new. I was drawn to the card for several reasons. The cancel (not shown here) appears to be a straight line, Orlando, Fla., machine cancel from Jan 31, 1911, at 10:00 a.m. that cancels a typical one cent Ben Franklin one cent green stamp. It could be #331 or #374 depending on the watermark. It isn't worth

removing and replacing to discover whether it is worth 40 or 25 cents.

Figure 2



The front of the card is a photo of Lake Estelle of Orlando, FL. The 1911 image is highly different from 2016. You must envision that this west facing view now contains the main campus of what was then Florida Sanitarium and now is Florida Hospital, the Central Florida anchor of Adventist Sunbelt Health System (**Fig. 2**).

This 72 acre plot was offered to the Seventh-day Adventist church in 1908 by a group of Orlando businessmen who had speculated about establishing a tuberculosis sanitarium. The view is of the north shore of the lake looking from what is now the Highway 17 – 92 causeway that also once held the “Dinky Railway” that ran from Orlando to Winter Park and beyond. The small peninsula in the foreground is now part of the Adventist University of Health Science.

So beside the postmark and the scene is also a clue as how Lake Estelle got its name. Below the scene is a three stanza poem describing the glories of sunny Florida named HAIL FLORIDA. The author of the poem is given as Estelle Trichelle Ottrogge, perhaps the namesake of the lake. An online search revealed nothing about the author, but this name seems more than coincidence.

By 1911, the sanitarium started a substantial 60 bed facility with a concrete veneer, and in 1913 the first five nurses were graduated from their school of nursing. The view from this spot today is mostly that of modern buildings. The card is addressed to Miss Jessie Perkins who is presumed to be a student at the Hollins Institute in Hollins, Virginia, a private women's college. Today it is known as Hollins University and has a Roanoke, Virginia address.

Lake Estelle was a popular swimming spot for many years because the Sanitarium established a solarium and bathing beach for the health of the sanitarium patients. (**Fig. 3**)

The message reads: “Wouldn't you like to be in a boat floating about on this or any other lake about sunset. Oh, it's glorious. Dear, I'm having such a happy time. Give my love to Miss Agnes and the rest. Lovingly, Addie.” I think Addie would be surprised at the modern view.

Figure 3

