

FSDA Fall Show in Pictures

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**CFSC Banner ---
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**Richard Murphy's customer and
CFSC member Ed Evan.**



Peter Dearing serving his customers.



**CFSC member extraordinary, Robert Fisher
hunting for stuff.**



**Robert Feldmann (c) A. Stephen Patrick
(l) and Bill Goglas (r). Jon Miller (c back)**



**Ann Fetting (left) with a goodly number of
customers looking for a treasure or two.**



New Monograph on the Christmas Florida Post Office Available Soon



The Christmas Florida Post Office:
A Philatelic Giant in a Tiny Town

Christine C. Sanders

The Christmas Philatelic Club celebrates its 50th Anniversary in 2019. One of its special projects for this event is the publication of a 92 page monograph entitled *The Christmas Florida Post Office: A Philatelic Giant in a Tiny Town*. This monograph will be available for sale for \$25 plus shipping in early 2019 and can be pre-ordered from Jim Balog, Secretary/Treasurer, P.O. Box 744, Geneva, OH 44041, jpb4stamps@windsteam.net.

Written by Christine Sanders, the editor of *The Yule Log*, the CPC's official journal, this monologue tells the history of the post office from its opening in 1892 to date. It begins with the history of the pioneer families of the area, many of whom were associated with the post office. Details of the Tucker family who were postmasters from 1916 to 1974 are woven into the story along with images of the post office itself through the years. Cachets produced by Postmaster Juanita Tucker for the 1938 and 1946 National Air Mail weeks as well as for the 50th Anniversary of the post office are illustrated as are those produced by well-known cachet makers who used Christmas, FL for their Christmas mail. The changes in the annual green rubber stamp cachet that adorned mail from Christmas, FL during the Holiday Season are shown from its inception in 1932 through 2011.

Examples of the mail processed through the Christmas, FL post office are shown throughout the monograph and span the years from 1899 through 2017. The Central Florida Stamp Club, of which Postmaster Juanita Tucker was a member, is represented among the mail depicted.

The story of the Christmas, FL post office is told in five chapters illustrated with numerous figures. In addition, eleven appendices present additional information of special covers, standard postmarks and pre-cancels used by the post office, postcards of the area, cachets, Christmas seals and the special relationship between Christmas, FL and Santa Claus, IN, airmail covers, World War II patriotic covers from Christmas, FL, Christmas cover series, and details of the events and covers for the first day of issue of the 1969 and 1995 U.S. Christmas issues for which Christmas, FL was the official first day city.

Philatelists interested in postal history, Christmas, postmarks, postcards, airmail, FDCs, cachet makers, or U.S. post offices should find this publication a welcome addition to their philatelic libraries.

