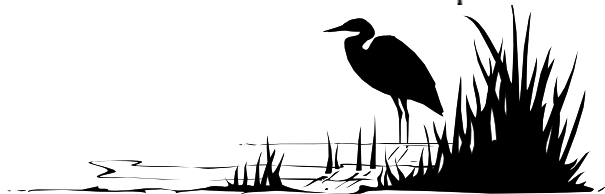


The Central Florida Stamp Club is a 70+ year old organization governed by a Board of Directors elected by the general membership every two years and, dedicated to the enjoyment of the hobby of stamp collecting.

- Membership is a reasonable \$12 per year, \$6 for youth.
- Meetings are twice a month on the first and third Thursdays.
- The Membership of the CFSC includes many diverse interests that cover the range from A-Z and everything in between.
- The meeting location is centrally located to downtown Orlando and can be easily accessed from SR 50 (Colonial Drive) and I/4.
- The Marks Street Senior Center has been our host for the last 10 years and provides a pleasant meeting room with easy access and plenty of free parking.
- The informal part of the meeting runs from 7:00-7:30. The business side of things from 7:30-7:50. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 7:55 until 8:30. Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions from 8:30 to 9:00. We must be out of the building by 9:10 without exception.
- The Membership of the CFSC participates as the host and sponsor of the SUN-PEX show in June of each year. In addition, are the resident hosting club for FLOREX, and many of the smaller local shows held in the Orlando area.
- The CFSC maintains a website: CentralFloridaStampClub.org
- Benefits of membership include, monthly newsletter, access to loaner equipment & catalogs, participation in door prize drawings & quizzes, the right to bid in cried/silent auctions — and much more.

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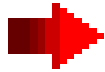


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Director-at-Large	Tom Hart
Director-at-Large	Al Nagy



May 2009



What interests you?

Program Schedule (May/June/July)

May Meetings — 05/07 will have Bill Bomar discussing “A Postal Forgery” The second meeting on 05/21 has Steve Patrick pulling out Orlando postcards for a trip down memory lane.

June Meetings — 06/04 will be a \$2 minimum cried auction. The second meeting on 06/18 has Phil Fettig giving a talk called “Identifying U.S. Banknote Issues”.

July meetings — 07/02 will be “Trans Atlantic Mail” by Jim Pullin. The second meeting on 07/16 is currently unscheduled.

The Board meeting for 2009 are: July 30, & October 29. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

March Meeting recaps

Dinner was the place to be — with a record setting 13 persons of stamp related interest present to enjoy the company and food. The presentation by Steve Patrick on Lincoln was enlightening and well done as always. With 32 people signed and a number of guests it was a full house. Thanks again to Al Nagy for the Fair work and Randall and Sarah Priest for the youth work. The silent auction managed to sell 29 lots totaling about \$77. The quiz was won by Josh Furman with an almost perfect score. Congrats!

The second meeting started with a small group of 5 meeting for dinner — with 27 people signed in for the meeting — it was an active night. We did bid farewell to one of our seasonal members Ed Horton — he will return again next January. The auction even managed to sell 19 lots totaling about \$75.

Dinner Plans

Come join the group for dinner at Viet Garden at 6pm before each meeting. Bring your appetite – and your wallet. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

Awards for 2009

Congratulations of course are extended to the winners of the 2008 Service Award — Randall and Sarah P. have devoted a huge amount of time to the youth program. This award is voted on by the CFSC membership at the annual meeting in January. I apologize for the tardy nature of this acknowledgement in the newsletter.

The Bomar Award for 2008 was presented in March to our very own transplant from Canada — Albert Nagy. Al has excelled in numerous areas of club support with talents that really shine. Al is to be congratulated for his dedication and perseverance through the years. His work has made a big difference. The award is voted on by previous winners and is based on club devotion, exhibiting, and general all around philatelic principals.

SUNPEX 2009

This years show will be held on June 20-21 at the Bahia Shrine Center. The show is sold out. Exhibitors please identify yourself — we need to fill 20 frames.

New Member

Celeste Northop has joined us — she collects U.S. commemoratives. Dennis (Dan) McInroe has joined us from the port city of Sanford. Dan collects US & Brazil Please welcome both Celeste and Dan to the club. Dan is number 61 on our active membership list — a goal to reach 75 people on the active list for 2009 is doable. Let us make it happen.

CFSS– Spring One Day Show

It was a nice success for a show run for the first time in a new location. With 10 booth spaces and 8 dealers there was a nice mix of material for the interested shopper. The show managed to attract just short of 80 people. The dealers all expressed strong to excellent sales and will happily return for another one day show next year. Thank you to Josh, Jim , Mary, Randall, Sarah, Wayne, and Margaret for helping out. Your time and trouble is appreciated! April 10, 2010 has already been booked for a repeat of this show.

Elections 2010

Please keep in mind the next election cycle for the CFSC Board of Directors will be held at the annual Business Meeting of January 2010. Should you have an interest in serving the club, the nomination process will begin in November. All seven board positions are up for election. For those not familiar with the election process — 7 individuals are selected by ballot by the general membership. This group of 7 then selects the executive positions and other board roles. Get involved — you might even have some fun while doing it!

Writers

If you have a writing itch you need to scratch, please do. Everyone is encouraged to write something stamp related. It could be a short piece on how you first became involved in collecting to a review of a stamp related book, or even a show you attended. You can think of something to write about!

APS Shows 2009

Aug. 6–9 APS Stamp Show, Pittsburgh, PA

Youth Night 2009, Part II

Scheduled for September 3rd. Write it on your calendar and be prepared to lend a hand. Randall, Sarah, Mary, and Larry can use help with most everything.

Club Stuff!

See Jim Archbold if you need/want/desire a new name badge. Check with Josh about ordering the new club shirts that are being worked on. We need sizes and quantities — we hope to have them available by early fall. The polo style shirts will have a collar and a pocket for the men — no pocket for the ladies. Final design work is in process this summer. The shirts will cost a member \$10 each.

Cover Story by Josh Furman

Remember the International Reply Coupons from last month?

This is what the backs might look like. They say the same thing in a few different languages--that's part of what makes them Universal--and have said the same thing almost since the UPU was formed more than sixty years ago. You can read the paragraph in English. The other languages say the same thing. Who needs stamps?

These are fun to collect. As you can see, the styles have changed some over the years, and now, with advanced technology, there's the ever present bar code added to the back. You can find them uncanceled, overprinted, with different watermarks, postmarked in different cities and countries, used or unused from dealers and on eBay. Have a good time with these.

FLOREX 2009

Things are plugging along nicely. The dealer booth space is nearly sold out with a rather long waiting

list to draw from. If you are hoping or planning on being an exhibitor at this years show, you best get moving as we have already passed the half way point in frames booked and paid for. We expect to be sold out by early summer.

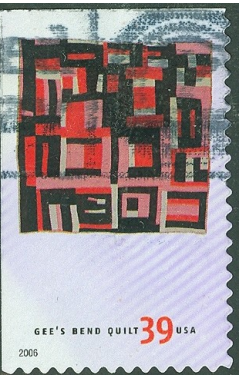
Event Calendar 2009

SUNPEX 2009 June 20-21
CFSS-Fall Sept 26-27
FLOREX 2009 Dec 4, 5, & 6
For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

Monthly Fun with Stamps Quizzes

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| • May | Blue Order |
| • June | Great Looking Buildings |
| • July | Distinguished Soldiers |

A Stamp, A Ferry, and a Town Changed—Part 2 By Randall Priest



On Monday September 18, 2007 a new ferry called the “Gee’s Bend Ferry” started service from Camden to Gee’s Bend and back. The first ferry trip was to pick up some of the women of the “Gee’s Bend Quilting Cooperative” to bring them to the Camden side.

This will open the town of Gee’s Bend up to many more

people who will come to the area to experience the place where these beautiful quilts were created. So with the U.S. Post Office issuing stamps featuring Quilts made by the women of Gee’s Bend, and the return of the ferry service, this little town in southern Alabama, will probably never be the same.



Quotable

‘He had delusions of adequacy’ — Walter Kerr

American writer & Broadway critic [1913-1996]