**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.



**NOTE:** Opinions expressed in this newsletter are solely those of the authors placing articles, and are not reflective of the CFSC or any members.

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## **CFSC Officers (2008/2010)**

President Francis Ferguson
Vice President A. Stephen Patrick
Treasurer Jim Archbold
Secretary Josh Furman
Director-at-Large Larry Stiles
Director-at-Large Tom Hart
Director-at-Large Al Nagy





What interests you?

## Program Schedule (June/July/August)

**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.

**August meetings** — 08/06 is currently unscheduled. The second meeting on 08/20 will be a Club 5\$ auction.

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

## **May Meeting recaps**

A talkative group of 8 met for dinner. Food and conversation always goes well! Bill Bomar gave the presentation on postal forgeries to a nice crowd of 29 signed in. David M. Allen met David C. Allen — and they are not related! The quiz was won with an almost perfect score by our resident teacher A. Stephen Patrick.

The second meeting of the month started off with a well attended dinner with 9 people present — including 3 couples. The meeting was well attended with 30 humanoids signed in. A gaggle of youth also came to be entertained by Randall, Sarah, and Larry..... Thank you folks for your service to the program. Steve Patrick's presentation on Orlando postcards was informative and interesting.

### **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.

#### APS Shows 2009

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

## **Cover Story** by Randall Priest

How did they get there?

What we find of these covers are savings stamps, post-card corners, and bisects to get the correct postage.

Covers number 1, and 2, are savings stamps that were not to be used as postage. These stamps were issued as a way for ordinary citizens to save and/or invest, a little at a time. The investments effectively were loans to

the federal government. There were two types of stamps issued, the first were 'Postal Saving Stamps', they were issued from 1911-1941. They were to be redeemed in the form credits to the postal savings accounts. The postal savings system was discontinued March 28, 1966

Looking at number one, this one was issued in 1941, (Scott # PS 11, issued 5-1-1941). Number 1, is stamped "VOIDED", however it was received at its destination, and has no other notes on the cover.

The second were 'Savings Stamps', issued from 1954-1961. These stamps were for the same propose as the "Postal Savings Stamps"; however they were to be redeemed for U.S. Savings Bonds. The sale of Savings Stamps was discontinued on June 30, 1970.

Number 2, was treated as valid postage. It was issued Nov. 30th 1954 (Scott # S1) — So it seems that the post office missed one and got one.

Number 3 and 4 were sent using the postage that is printed on postcards. Number 3 has the correct postage using two 5 cent postcards, (Scott # UX 55 issued 1-4-1968). Even though the postage is correct, postcard postage is not to be used on covers. Number 4 is also a postcard, the 3 cent postcard, (Scott # UX 46, issued 8-1-1958), however it is not enough postage. It seems the postcard had been saved for a long time. Well the cover is short 7 cents. Marked on the cover is a note, "postage due 7". So this cover came with some strings.

Covers 5 and 6 have two stamps that have been cut in half diagonally. In both cases the sender needed to come up with 4 cents more postage. Not having and small stamps they took an 8 cent stamp and made two 4 cent stamps out of one.

Can you do this ??? The answer is NO! However in years past, under certain circumstances it was legal to 'bisect' a stamp. In the case of these two covers the post office did not say anything about the stamps that were cut in half.

So the answer is — that you never know how a stamped cover may or may not go through the mail.

# Central Florida Authors on U.S. Stamps... One On...One Doubtful By Stuart Bernstein

The 19th stamp in the Literary Arts Series honored Zora Neale Hurston on January 24, 2003 at the Festival in her name at Eatonville, Florida.

She was raised in Eatonville, Florida, daughter of the mayor. Her best known work is the novel, <u>Their</u>



Eyes Were Watching God (1937) which chronicles the life of a Southern Black woman. A graduate of Columbia University, anthropology including folklore was one area of her studies and publications. She died, apparently as a pauper, in January 1960 in Fort Pierce, Florida. Some of her work is now considered classic.

Hurston's depiction on the stamp is based on a 1934 photograph. The picture is set against an illustration recalling the Florida setting of Hurston's novel, Their Eyes Were Watching God. Alice Walker, author of The Color Purple, has played a role in the public's awareness of Hurston.

Jack Kerouac of the 'beat generation', author of <u>On</u> the Road lived in College Park on Princeton Street for a number of years. Attempts to have him on U.S. stamp have been nonproductive.

#### **SUNPEX 2009**

The last local show of the stamp "season" will be held at the Bahia Shrine Center on June 20-21. There will be 16 dealers in attending and showing a wide range of material for your viewing pleasure. In addition the USPS will be present for limited hours Saturday 10-3 only. Door prizes of course are on tap as always. Food is available at the inside concession during both days of the show. Exhibits with 20 frames to be filled by members of the CFSC will be setup. Signup sheets for the front desk reception are available from Larry Stiles or Jim Archbold.

#### New Member

Robert Fisher from Edgewood joins us. He found

us because of our involvement in the Central Florida Fair. He collects Germany. Please welcome him to the CFSC.

## \*\*\*\*\*\* News from the Editor

Do not fear — my name is not Judge Crater — I have not run away or changed (no pun intended ) into a coin collector.

I am going to be out of commission for a involved medical procedure that will keep me out of circulation for the month of July. I will of course keep the membership updated as to my progress.

During my absence Steve Patrick, Josh Furman, Jim Archbold, and Al Nagy, will be handling club related issues. Please feel free to contact them if you have any questions or concerns as <u>I will not be able to respond in a timely manner to phone calls or emails.</u>

#### **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**

• June (2nd) Great Looking Buildings

• July none

August Americana Top FiveSeptember Matching High Four TME

October Hocus-Pocus VIINovember Toppers

## Ouotable

"The only thing we know about the future is that it will be different."

Peter Drucker — writer, management consultant, and self-described "social ecologist. [1909-2005]