

**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](http://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.



**The Pittsburgh adventure — the APS summer 2009 show.**

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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



Program Schedule (Sept/Oct/Nov)

**September meetings** — 09/03 is Youth Night 2009, Part II. Second meeting on 09/17 will find A. Steve Patrick taking about “Constitution Day”

**October meetings** — 10/01 we will have Tom Hart talking about something or other — subject to be determined — but it is always interesting! Second meeting is “The Flying Tigers” by our story teller, Larry Stiles.

**November meetings** — The first meeting on 11/05 will be a \$2 auction night. The second meeting has no topic at this time. Any takers?

The last Board meeting for 2009 is October 29. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

August Meeting recaps

The big show in Pittsburg was more of a draw than our local meeting, but we still managed to attract a nice crowd of 24 — even with the weather issues typical of Central Florida summer. Dinner was a small group of 5 until the Stephens “gang” arrived. Come more often! Bill Bomar did his normal nice job on the presentation of the Alaska-Yukon Fair. The quiz was won by Miranda Lepich — Nice work. The auction was not very active but still managed to top out at nearly \$50 dollars with14 lots exchanging hands. The second meeting was a hum-dinger! Dinner for a dozen stamp people and a meeting for 35. The active auction — cried by Steve Patrick sold just over \$300 worth of material representing just short of 75% of the lots.

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.

CFSS-Fall

Mark your calendars for the first local show of the “stamp year”. September 26 & 27 at the BSC. This show will of course include an eclectic mix of 18 dealers and the USPS (Sat only). Please sign up for reception desk hours if you have the time. There will be a BBQ at the home of the President for the dealers and those club members who actively participate in the show. Time is Saturday at 6:00pm.

Election 2010-2012

It is almost that time of year again. In accordance with the CFSC by-laws a Election Committee has been appointed. James Pullin has agreed to serve. All seven positions on the BoD are up for election. If you have an interest in serving the club in this way, please place your name forward. Each nomination must be seconded by another club member and the nominated person must agree to serve. If you have any questions or concerns please contact James Pullin or Francis Ferguson for more information.

Club Roster — updated

The updated club roster is available for those wanting a more current copy. Please inquire at the club meeting or send an email to Francis Ferguson.

Event Calendar 2009

CFSS-Fall Sept 26-27  
FLOREX 2009 Dec 4, 5, & 6  
For more info: [www.FloridaStampShows.com](http://www.FloridaStampShows.com)

Monthly Fun with Stamps Quizzes

- September Matching High Four TME
  - October Hocus-Pocus VII
  - November Toppers
- Note: we will attempt to make up the two quizzes skipped in June and July.**

Riddle for the Month

Does a moth cry? Answer next month.

Last months Riddle:  
How many 3¢ stamps are there in a dozen?

Answer: Twelve.

Quotable

'I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend.... if you have one.'

George Bernard Shaw [Play write, 1856-1950] to Winston Churchill [Statesman, 1874-1965]

Philatelic Serendipity

By Francis Ferguson

My lack of attendance at the APS summer show in Pittsburgh kind of had me bummed out – I always look forward to large shows where I can be a collector without the other worries. When one door closes another one opens..... and it did.

The same weekend as the APS show, I was asked to accompany a dealer to assist at a small local show in the Melbourne Florida area on Sunday. This Sunday show has been held on a consistent schedule for about 25 years. It is advertised as a coin & stamp show, but the reality is – over the years the coin side of the bourse has grown while the stamp side has dwindled to a handful of dealers that show up on a semi-regular schedule. This weekend it was pretty much status quo --- 90% of the room was filled by coin dealers with only 5 stamp dealers in attendance.

One of the benefits of doing a show like this --- is being the first to see the wares of a dealer. In this particular case the dealer had a new selection from the remains of an estate. I was in for a big surprise! Digging around in the books of philatelic literature, I found a couple of books that would make nice additions to my reference library and then --- at the very bottom of the box, I struck gold.

For the last couple of years I have been collecting Scotts catalogs. I find the content interesting, especially when it is viewed within the context of the time of issue. The earliest one in the collection is 1895 and continues through 1985. The pre-1923 years are the Standard Edition that of course has the whole world, but starting in 1923 I have sought the Specialized version. Many of the volumes are easily obtainable and can be found with persistence – and luck. One of the best places for hunting is of course eBay. Most volumes can be purchased for modest dollars (\$5-\$20) depending on condition and rarity. I am always on the look out to replace extremely worn and/or damaged volumes with better looking ones. Some volumes have had a rough life.

I had nearly completed the whole run of years except for the ultra rare 1922 pre-first edition copy that only had 400 made and the tough to find 1917 addendum of 93 pages that functioned as the 1918 release.

However, there was one volume from 1919 -- that never had crossed my radar at any time during this hunt. That all changed. At the bottom of that literature box was sitting a single Scott’s catalog – I knew from the first glance that it was an older one --- but was it the one I needed? I was thrilled to find it was the 1919 volume in very good condition.

In never in my wildest dream would have ever thought that the show in Melbourne would allow me to cross paths with the elusive year of 1919. The missed trip to Pittsburgh was not as painful.

You never know what will turn up at a show in your own backyard.....

