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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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The Movie Train Stamps

www.CentralFloridaStampClub.org

Program Schedule (Oct/Nov/Dec)

October meetings — 10/01 we will have Tom Hart talking about revenue stamps! 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?

December meetings — The first meeting on 12/03 conflicts with FLOREX, but a night of playing in a Mound of Stamps will be available for those who attend. The second meeting night on 12/17 is the annual Holiday Party.

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

September Meeting recaps

The first meeting started off with a lively crowd of nearly a dozen for dinner — and then there was a BIG meeting. When it was all done and over 63 people attended the Youth Night meeting. That has to be a record. Thanks to the Priest Duo and everyone else who helped and made this a great night. We caught up on the quizzes and the winners who recorded top scores are David C. Allen (July), Robert Dowrick (June), and Tom Hart (September).

The second meeting, featured a dinner crowd, a good size meeting (not one youth present!),a presentations by Steve, and an auction. Reported by Josh, because the Editor was in Vermont visiting Ben & Jerry’s! Yummy!

CFSS-FALL

Attendance numbers did pretty good with 116 on Saturday and 36 recorded on Sunday for a total of 152 — which is slightly above last years numbers. Thank you to all who helped make the show a success. (and to the BSC for providing nicely conditioned air this time!)

Event Calendar 2009/2010

FLOREX 2009 Dec 4, 5, & 6
CFSS-Winter 2010 January 23 & 24
For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

Membership Dues 2010

The invoices will be available for you to pick up and pay from at the first meeting in November. Please pay promptly. Those who do not attend the first meeting of

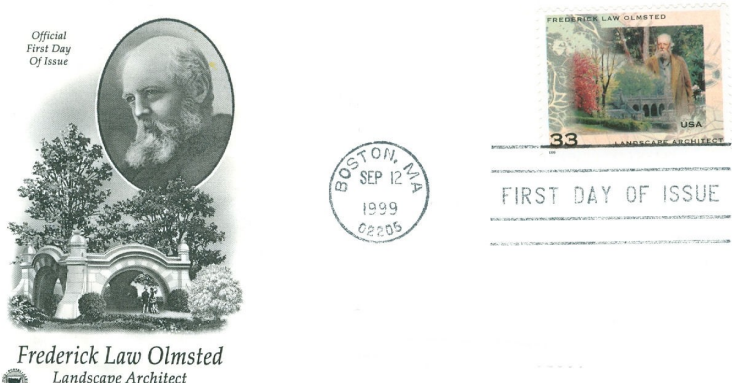
November will have the invoices mailed to them.

What does the World Columbian Expo and Frederick Olmstead have in Common?

By Stuart Bernstein

Most stamp collectors are aware of the Columbian issue of sixteen postage stamps (January 1893) commemorating the 1893 World Columbian Exposition in Chicago. These were the first United States Commemorative stamps. The unsold stamps were destroyed in 1894.

But are stamp collectors aware of Frederick Law Olmstead, the World Columbian Exposition landscape architect, who was responsible for changing the natural features of the area and making it more attractive? His successes are New York Central Park, the Biltmore Estate in North Carolina, and the grounds around the Capitol in Washington, D.C. He was involved in 1886 in laying out Boston's Emerald Necklace and eventually, after the exposition closed, he redesigned the area as Jackson Park. Yosemite, in California, owes its establishment as a public park to the chairman of its Commis-



sion...Olmstead. On September 12, 1999 a U.S. stamp picturing Olmstead, was issued. A good read is the bestseller, The Devil in the White City by Eric Larson published in 2003 which has much to say about the exposition as well as Olmstead. Its subtitle is "Murder, Magic and Madness at the Fair that Changed America". In May 1992 the United States Postal Service celebrated the 500th anniversary of the voyages of Christopher Columbus. This set is based on the first U.S. stamps in commemorative format engraved a century ago.

Glue Awards 2009

As we finish out the year, the contenders for the top

five finishers are tight. Who will have their name called? One has to be present at the Holiday Party on December 17 to find out.

Holiday Party

Come one — come all! The annual Holiday gathering will take place on December 17 at 7pm. Please see Jim Archbold for the signup sheet for food items. The club will once again provide the turkey and a ham for the main course. Come hungry. The Glue award winners for 2009 will be announced with fanfare and high intrigue. Put your best party dress on — and bring a ready smile

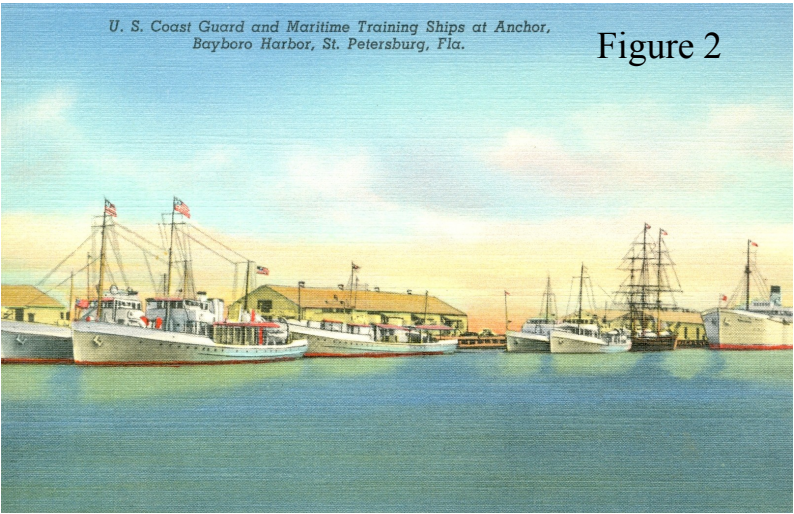
A Moment in Time by Phil Fettig

Last week I was cleaning out a box of “Philatelic Treasures” and found a small stack of postcards that brought back memories of my younger days. For that reason, I am going to head down a different road for a few issues. One of my first memories of Florida was a visit to the “Million Dollar Pier” in St. Petersburg during a 1955 vacation. The 1st major pier built in the area was the “Electric Pier” in 1906. It was a privately owned effort that was strung with lights, thus its name. It was replaced in 1911 with a new pier built 10 feet away and was owned by the city. The major hurricane of 1921 caused extensive damage which caused its demolition. The city spent \$1,000,000 on its replacement and the “Million Dollar Pier” opened in 1926. In 1967 the pier needed extensive repairs which were completed with a re-opening in 1973. From the appearance of the cars and the two U.S. Navy Destroyers shown in this card (Figure 1), I believe the photo was taken in the late 1920's.

My next stop is also in St. Pete, just a mile or so away from the pier – Bayboro Harbor. The local government struggled to develop the harbor area for



business purposes in the early 20th Century, however nearby Tampa got the attention. A major boost came during Prohibition with the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station opening in 1924 to combat smugglers. In 1939, the U.S. Maritime Service opened a training station where thousands were trained during World War II. The photo in Figure 2 would have been taken after 1939. In 1961 I enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve in a building that replaced the main one shown and spent many a Drill Weekend there over



the next three years. During the 1960's we attended many NY Yankee and St. Louis Cardinal Spring Training Games as the stadium was just a few blocks away. Also, in the mid-1970's, FLOREX was held less than a mile away.

Monthly Fun with Stamps Quizzes

- October 15th Hocus-Pocus VII
- November 19th Toppers

Riddle for the Month

Last months riddle: Does a moth cry?
.....wait for it....
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Answer.....Yes — Have you ever seen a mothball?

Quotable

“I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it.”

Mark Twain, American Humorist [1835-1910]