



The Cover Story

German Occupation of British Channel Islands Part 1 – Guernsey

Top cover is a letter sent to Barkleys Bank on Guernsey from an address on Guernsey on 13 April 1943. This has the intra-island letter rate of 2 1/2 pence.

The bottom cover is an example of inter-island mail as it was mailed on the island of Sark to an address on Guernsey on 27 December 1941. It had a letter rate of 3 1/2 pence.

British stamps were considered legal postage during the entire occupation period.



Program Schedule (Feb/Mar/April)

February meetings — The first meeting on 02/07 will have the two Dowricks giving a talk titled “How I started collecting — then got organized.” The second meeting on 02/21 will be graced with Josh Furman talking about “U.S. Pre-Cancels”.

March meetings — The first meeting on 03/07 will have David Zambon presenting on “Machin Security”. The second gathering of the month on 03/21 is scheduled with a cried auction.

April meetings — The first meeting on 04/04 will have A. Stephen Patrick presenting on Cinderellas. The second meeting on 04/18 is currently with no topic.

Board meetings for 2013; May 30, August 29 and October 31.

January Meeting Recaps

The first meeting of the month started off with a baker dozen for dinner — and 35 signed in for the meeting. The cried auction sold 38 of 47 lots for a whopping total of \$692.75. A big “thank you” to all the auction folks, A. Stephen Patrick, Robert Fisher, Phillip Fettig, Jim Archbold, David Zambon and David M. Allen. This was a great start to the new year!

The second meeting of January started with an 11 for dinner — and 33 signed in for the meeting. The Annual Business meeting was chaired by A. Stephen Patrick. Reports by the Treasurer and Secretary outlined the year 2012. The silent auction sold 16 lots for a total of \$107.25.

Dinner Plans

Come join the group for dinner at Viet Garden at 5:00pm before each meeting. Bring your appetite – and your wallet. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

Monthly Quizzes

- Feb Folk Heroes
- Mar Louisiana Purchase Matching
- Apr Antique Automobiles
- May Sports
- June Lighthouses
- July Ducks for a Buck
- Aug Space Exploration

Quizzes normally are the 2nd meeting of the month.

New Members X3

Welcome to (1) James Cooney from Ovideo who has joined us from Oviedo. James collects world-wide pre 1940. (2) Ted N. Williams from Longwood who collects U.S. mint. (3) Youth member Liam Phillips of Winter Park (Grandson of Ted N. Williams) who collects U.S. and Australia. We hope to see a lot more of you folks in the years to come!

Your Dues for 2013 are Due

You will be missed! If you have not already paid your dues for 2013, please do so immediately as your membership privileges have been suspended until dues are brought current. The following names will be dropped from the active roster of the CFSC as of Feb 8 for non-payment of dues for 2013; Larry Beaty, George Danh, Betty Kierstead, Thomas Kinney, Christopher Kwiat, The three Lepich ladies, Hal and Ian Levine, Dan & Emily Niederman, O.J. Sandoval, John T. Snow, Sebastian Steinhorst, Melissa Tereck, and Woody Witt.

CFCS—Winter One Day Show

The six dealer show was well attended with robust sales. Thank you to everyone that helped to make the show an success.

Event Calendar 2013

CFSC-Spring 2013	April 13
SUNPEX 2013	June 15-16
FSDA-Fall 2013	September 21-22
FLOREX 2013	December 6, 7 & 8

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

Sarasota National

Members of the CFSC were well represented with the Editor, Larry Stiles, Forest Smith, Jean Lee, James Pullin, Mike Rogers and David Gold in attendance at the other WSP show in Florida.

CFCS—Spring One Day Show

The Spring One Day Show at the Marks Street Center will be held Saturday April 13 — Mark your calendars and be there — or be missed! The sign up sheet for the greeting table will be available at the first meeting of March.

Quotable

"The truth is rarely pure, and never simple."

Oscar Wilde [1854-1900]

School Program by Randall Priest

On the 16th of January Sarah and I went to Goldsboro Elementary Magnet School for a program on stamp collecting. These were 1st and 2nd graders and very interested. I ask them if they knew that stamps were money just like coins.

We talked about how to use them and then about collecting them. After showing them some of the ways to collect and display stamps we talked about what else you can do with stamps. You can learn about a person, a place, and a object, that you may find on a stamp. You can also play games with stamps.

I had placed 5 different stamps in glassines for each of the students. In each packet one stamp did not match the others. They had fun looking for the difference. We ended the time with the time tried and always successful "mound of stamps" find the "yellow flower". This was a lot of fun for all. Even though these were young students I believe we can always plant seeds of interest that may grow later in life.

The Big Four By the Editor

A recent trip to attend the Sarasota National Show reawakened a long standing love of the series of Officials that was in use by governmental departments from 1873 until 1884. The series O1 to O120 yields a rather small group of stamps to collect, however this does not mean that well centered lightly struck used stamps are easy to find. The hunt can be long and very frustrating. As is often found during this time period of production, individual stamps frequently suffered from a lack of acceptable centering. Well centered sound copies, are sometimes with certain individual stamps in the series, nearly impossible to obtain.



Every collector strives to complete a page. The simple satisfaction of finishing a page with these little treasured pieces of paper is

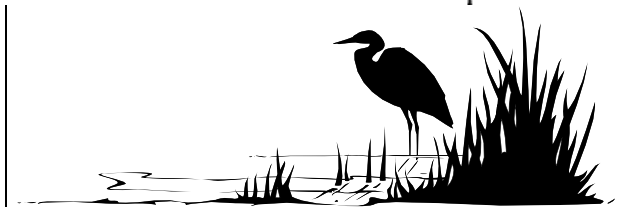
what drives us as collectors. I am no different than anyone else, I love the look of a completed page! However with collecting of the officials there are four major items that are well beyond my financial resources available — and will remain so unless a lottery win happens — and yes I do play!. The big four of the State Department are the \$2, \$5, \$10 & \$20 values. The respective used CV as of 2013 are \$1,600; \$13,000; \$7,500 and \$5,500. In an odd twist the \$20 stamp remains 140 years later the highest denominated stamp ever issued. That of course is likely to change in the very near future as Express Mail rates continue to climb.

To satisfy my need for completeness I found a compromise that was acceptable — and would not over power my resources. I obtained the Big Four in Card Proof copies. The beauty of the stamps is very well represented and the page is completed to my satisfaction. The cost of \$35 each is a lot more affordable. Pretty they are!

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 \$18 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.
- The meeting 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 12 years and provides a pleasant meeting room with easy access and plenty of free parking.
- The informal part of the meeting runs from 6:30-7:00. The business side of things from 7:00-7:20. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 7:25 until 8:00. Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions from 8:00 to 8:25. We must be out of the building by 8:30 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, we 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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