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The Cover Story

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Program Schedule (Apr/May/June)

April — The first meeting of the month on 04/03 is scheduled as the Second Quarter Cried Auction. The second meeting on 04/17 will have Mel Borofsky presenting on “My adventure in Canadian Revenue stamps.”

May — The first meeting of the month on 05/01 will have Randall Priest presenting an “Update on Florida Issues and Joint Issues”. The second meeting on 05/15 will have Stephen Patrick presenting on “Security Printer Samples”.

June — The first meeting on 06/05 is currently without a topic. The second meeting on 06/19 will have Stephen Patrick presenting on “Banknote Usages”.

Board meeting for 2014; May 29, July 31 & October 30.

March Meeting Recaps

The first meeting of the March started off with 12 for dinner and 33 signed into the meeting. The presentation by Forest Smith on the identification of the large Bank Notes was well received. The silent auction reported 24 lots sold for a total of \$266.

The second meeting of the month started with 15 for partaking of conversation and food. The meeting had 35 members signed in with two guests. Phil Fettig presented fabulous (and sometimes odd) philatelic tools of years passed. The auction sold 18 lots for a total of \$125.25.

Dinner Plans

Come join the group for dinner at Viet Garden at 5:00pm before each meeting. Located on the NW corner of Shine Ave & 50 at 1237 E. Colonial Dr. There is plenty of parking on the north side, behind the restaurant. Bring your appetite – and your wallet. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

Event Calendar 2014

CFSC Spring 2014

April 12

SUNPEX 2014

June 14-15

FSDA Fall 2014

September 13-14

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

Club Picnic for Spring of 2014

Mark your calendar for Saturday April 5th (2pm until 6pm) to come and enjoy a picnic! The club will cover the hotdogs and hamburgers, while we will request a dish to share from everyone that attends. Directions can be found on the website in the Members Only Area. Call Stephen Patrick at 407.889.0528 or Robert Dowrick at 407.359.0650 or Francis Ferguson at 407.493.0956. Be there — or be missed!

CFSC-Spring One Day Show

Mark your calendar for April 12 at the Marks Street Center. The show runs from 10am to 3pm. We are looking to break triple digits on attendance numbers — we came very close at the previous one day show in January. Come on out and support the show and the club! The greeting table signup sheet is missing only one or two slots.

SUNPEX Exhibits

Mark your calendar for the weekend of June 14-15 for the annual SUNPEX show. Dealer booth space is nearly sold out. Robert Fisher is soliciting individuals to submit exhibit frames. Please contact him for more information. Prizes will be given for First, Second, and Third place along with the People’s Choice awards. We have to fill 18 frames — use this as a good run-up to doing a one frame exhibit at FLOREX 2014. There are no fees associated with this exhibit.

Quotable

“A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”



Margaret Mead, social scientist and cultural commentator
[1901 — 1978]

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President's Message

Robert Dowrick

Be a Volunteer/Mentor

The strength of an organization such as ours is based upon a solid base of people willing to share the load. If that base is too narrow, we collapse as the mass of the many overwhelm the few. If the base is spread out and strong, we can withstand any situation. That is where volunteering or being a mentor to another comes in. If only a few people do most of the work, we wear those people down and the experience they bring remains narrow as we don't train the people to support the club down the road. The more we share the load, the more knowledge is spread out and the club remains strong long into the future. Think about working the registration table at our local stamp shows for an hour or two. It is fun meeting new people and it is not hard to do. Besides, you work with another club member and might just get to know them better.

I realize that not everyone is comfortable getting up in front of a group and talking. Trust me, I was like that for many years as well. Over time, you get more comfortable and eventually it becomes easier. As we still have many open program slots available for topics, you might think about doing one. Perhaps 30-45 minutes is too long for you. How about 10-15 minutes? We can set up a program night where multiple people share shorter programs. Think about it and let me know if you would be willing to do one.

One thing I have found through my years in business as well as stamp collecting is that there is always someone with more knowledge than me and for the most part, they are willing to share if you just ask. So, I am asking: If you can share your knowledge or experience with another club member in any area, please do so. It can be something as simple as what Roy Anderson is planning on doing at the picnic this year. He is going to describe his method for getting the newer US self-adhesives off paper. His technique works for some other countries as well so it will be a valuable lesson to learn. If you are unable to make the picnic, talk to Roy at a meeting as he is more than willing to share his knowledge.

Bottom line, if we all do a little something to help the club, we all profit from it. It doesn't take much, but it is surely appreciated.

Stamper Jim and Louis Wiseman by Jim Archbold

This past week I received a stamp order from my ad in Linn's. The order and a letter came from Louis Wiseman [Editor's note, Louis was a member from July 1992 to December of 2005], a former club member, now living in Tennessee. He related to me that he would be 89 years old this year and that he is still going strong. His wife is now 83, gets around with a walker and is on dialysis weekly.

Louis is still collecting used worldwide for the enjoyment of stamp collecting but does not know any collectors in his small town, so he still collects by mail. He stated that his collection is about 90% complete but he still needs lots of stamps from 1980-2002. Louis served in the military in the Ryukyu Islands and started collecting those stamps.

Louis was the club member that got me attending stamp club by telling me about the club, inviting me to come, and by sending a club brochure with the place and the times. These efforts by Louis got me to try club one night and I kept on coming. We had become friends by mail and by phone but not in person. I discovered that Louis was a very nice person — in person, someone to talk to and to help me to get acquainted with the club and other members. I plan to update Louis on the progress that the club has made these last few years.

[Editor's note, One never knows how individuals become acquainted with the CFSC — Do you have a story to tell?]

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 15+ years and provides a pleasant meeting room with easy access and plenty of free parking.
- The informal part of the meeting runs from 6:00-6:45. The business side of things from 6:45-7:10. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 7:15 until 7:50. Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions until 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 SUNPEX 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, the right to bid in cried/silent auctions — and much more.

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