

# The Philatelic Missive



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## The Cover Story



A Difficult and Sad  
Collection to Purchase

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## Program Schedule (May/June/July)

**May** — The first meeting on 05.07 will have Randall Priest presenting on “Sanford on Postcards”. The second meeting on 05.21 we will have Josh Furman talking about “Travel and Research”.

**June** — The first meeting on 06.04 we will have Phillip Fettig talking on “Collecting Without Boundaries”. The second meeting on 06.18 is our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter cried auction.

**July** — The first meeting on 07.02 will be “Stump the Club” — bring in a philatelic item for show and tell that is unusual if not outright strange. The second meeting on 07.16 will have Francis Ferguson trying to show that he does know how to use the computer linked microscope the club owns.

### BoD meetings for 2015; 07.30, 10.29

## March Meeting Recaps

The first meeting of April started with a very small group of only seven for dinner. The meeting had 36 signed in — and the room seemed to be very full! The auction — cried by A. Stephen Patrick sold 36 of 48 lots (75% on the nose) for a total of \$825.50. Thank you to Robert Fisher, David Zambon, David Allen, and Phil Fettig for making the auction a success.

The second meeting started off with a 5+5+1+1=12 for dinner (thank you Jim A. for the math tutorial). Even though the weather was threatening — there were 39 folks signed in for the meeting. The fill in presentation by Newt Kulp brought all of us up to date on the philatelic history of Haiti. Al Nagy had to bow out for medial reasons and hopes to reschedule his presentation for later in the year. The auction sold 21 lots for \$156.

## 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 2015

SUNPEX 2015	June 6-7
FSDA Orlando Fall Show	September 12-13
FLOREX 2015	December 4, 5 & 6

For more info: [www.FloridaStampShows.com](http://www.FloridaStampShows.com)

## New Members x 1

David Girshoff from Orlando has returned to the club, after a couple of years off. Welcome back!

## April One Day Show Recap

The show went off without a hitch. Attendance numbers were 74 which followed the trend of the last 5 years. The January and April one day shows continue to show popularity and viability — so let the shows continue. Thank you to our greeting table volunteers who generously gave of their time.

## SUNPEX 2015 is Around the Corner

The show is just about here. Pencil in the weekend of June 6-7 for the last show of the “stamp year” to be held in the Orlando area. The next local show will be September 12 & 13. SUNPEX is sponsored and hosted by the CFSC — so come out and support your club. There will be 15 dealers present — and even a couple of seldom seen ones! There will be exhibit frames available to mount exhibits. See A. Stephen Patrick for more details on the exhibits. The sign up sheet for the front table reception will be available at the first meeting of May. There will be a BBQ at the Editor’s home Saturday night for those that are participating in the show. See you there!

## Silent Auction Update

The current limitation of 3 lots per person will stand with an option to extend that limit to 5 lots per person if the space is available. The growth of the club and the resulting popularity of the auctions has made space a premium at virtually every silent auction. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## Writers are Always Welcome

Please consider writing a article for this newsletter. The content of this monthly publication is dependent on contributions from our membership.

## Quoted

*“Between the optimist and the pessimist, the difference is droll. The optimist sees the doughnut; the pessimist the hole!”*

Oscar Wilde  
[1854—1900]



## President's Message

### Let's Do It!! By Robert Dowrick

SUNPEX stamp show is coming June 6-7 at the Bahia Shrine Center. This show is sponsored by our club and is unique in that it has exhibits for our club members. We have come up with a new idea to help promote the exhibits and try to get members to participate. I know most members have no idea on how to create an exhibit or have any desire to. What if I told you it is as easy as putting your name on a page of paper and displaying what you like to collect? It can be anything you collect. It can be single stamps, blocks, covers, mint, used....anything. You are only limited by your own imagination. You can create more than one page if you have multiple items you want to share.

I know I have not done an exhibit previously because what I collect is rather mundane, at least to me. But even I will create a page or two and I encourage each of you to do likewise. It will be fun to see what people collect and I hope you will join me.

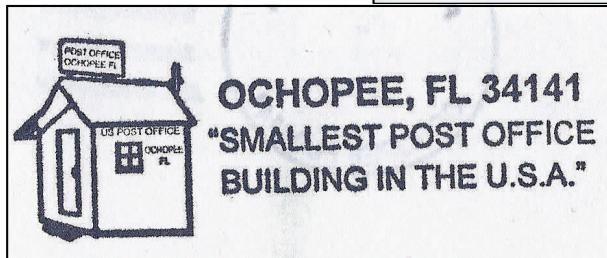
## Serendipity — Part VIII by the Editor

This Florida postal history piece appeared at a small local show and for a dollar I could not pass it up.

The Ochopee Post Office is the smallest post office in the United States. It is a tiny shed on U.S. Route 41 near Ochopee, Florida, 34141-9998. It is located about 3 miles (5 km) east of the intersection of US 41 and State Road 29. This unincorporated community is in Collier County which is located in southwest Florida.

The building used to be a storage facility for irrigation pipes of an adjacent tomato farm. It was converted into a post office in 1953, after a fire which destroyed Ochopee's previous post office and general store. The post office is currently fully functional, serving the surrounding populations of Miccosukee and Seminole Indians. The local post clerk is often asked for the famous Ochopee post mark.

[Reference [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ochopee\\_Post\\_Office](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ochopee_Post_Office)]

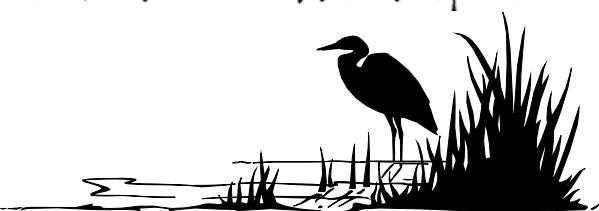


# The Central Florida Stamp Club

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](http://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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