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The Cover Story

What Makes a “Well Centered” Stamp?



Figure 1



Figure 2

Program Schedule (Feb/Mar/Apr)

February — The first meeting on 02.02 will have Josh Furman talking about, “You collect what?”. The second meeting on 02.16 will have Ed Evans presenting on “Letter cards & Sheets.”

March — The first meeting of the month on 03.02 will have Jim Pullin presenting on “How do you manage your collection?” The meeting on 03.16 will have Bonnie Streeter giving her hurricane delayed presentation of “Pony Express Mail.”

April — The first on 04.06 will be the second quarter cried auction, \$5 minimum — bring your stuff to sell and your wallet to pay for new treasures. The second meeting of the month on 04.20 will have Steve Main presenting on “The Postal Buddy”.

BoD meeting for 2017; 03.30, 06.29 & 08.31.

January Meeting Recap

The first meeting of January had 41 signed in after a dinner attended by 12 folks. The cried auction by Josh Furman (assisted by Robert Fisher, Team David and Jim Archbold) sold 32 of 47 lots for a total of \$741.

The second meeting started with a dinner for 11 hungry and talkative folks. The smaller room made the 31 signed in seem more crowded. The balloting was done for the Best Presentation and Newsletter Article for 2017 along with the CFSC 2016 Service Award. The annual business meeting ranged across a number of topics, meant to enlighten the membership with the functions of the club. A. Stephen Patrick wrapped up the presentation that he did last fall on the NYC2016. Mr. Smith assisted with an intriguing segment of information on the sale of the inverted Jenny at NYC2016 and some background history on the famous sheet of 100. The silent auction sold 22 lots for a total of \$249.

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 2017

CFSC-Spring One Day	April 8
SUNPEX 2017	June 3-4
FSDA Fall 2017	September 16-17
FLOREX 2017	December 1-2-3

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

New Member

Michael Linthicum who calls Oviedo home has joined us as the first new member of 2017. He collects U.S., CSA & Ireland.

Members Dropped for Non-payment

This list is much longer than we would like to see; Dean Anderson, Daniel Bouw, Cheyenne & Nancy Fleming, Bob Gifford, Morris Goldberg, Patrick Kimbrough, Tom Kinney, Steve Main, Connie McKie, Rodney Rolph & George Tonkin. If your name is in this list please pay your past-due 2017 dues to be reinstated as a member in good standing.

Club Shirts Now Available

The newest order of club shirts has arrived and will be available at the first meeting of February. For those individuals that pre-ordered the shirts the cost is \$10 — otherwise they are \$15. Show your pride in being a member of the CFSC and you will get a pocket (on the shirt of course) as a no-charge add on!

January One Day Show — Recap

All went well with a nice attendance of 86 folks, that seemed to be on the hunt for all kinds of new material for their collections and/or needs. Thankfully the often fickle Central Florida weather cooperated with chilly but rain free show hours. The next day would have been a good example of what NOT a show needs to be a success, as it was very chilly and rainy until almost 1pm. Thank you — everyone!

Holiday Party Update

After a review of the sign-in log the adjusted attendance number at the 2016 Holiday Party was 66!

Writers Please!

We are always on the lookout for articles from the membership. This newsletter survives on the material that is generated by the membership. Contact the Editor for more information.

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“People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day.” - Winnie-the-Pooh

A.A. Milne,
British author
and creator of Winne [1882-1956]



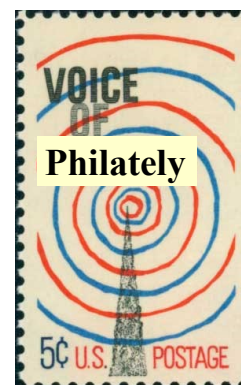
President's Message by Francis Ferguson Communication — Skills — And Trust

Say what you mean. Mean what you say. Interesting? Nuances of language are really important. How many conversations have you had in your life that you have left the encounter confused as to the real meaning of the dialogue that just transpired? I can think of many in my lifetime. Why is this relevant to the world of philately?

The interaction between collectors and dealers on the World Wide Web and at shows is filled with subtle nuances that need to be clearly understood. The transaction may be for a couple of dollars or for thousands of dollars. Either way, understanding is needed. The trust that I personally have seen at major shows in my travels is often times amazing to watch. Frequently transactions can be consummated with no more than a verbal understanding and a handshake. The trust both parties put into the transaction is infrequently found in the general marketplace. For reasons that seem often to be nebulous — buyers and sellers in the philatelic world trust each other much more than would be considered normal in the general business world. Why is that?

When I entered the professional world of philately some 16 years ago, I was often astounded by what I would see; now it is second nature. I have seen numerous transactions sealed by no more than a handshake. I personally participated in one at the January 28th One Day show. Again, I ask “Why?”

I firmly believe that members of the philatelic community are a different breed. Do you have a better guess?



Serendipity — XXVI by The Editor

Sometimes things drop in your lap in totally unexpected ways. Those that heard my presentation last year on the Transport Series might remember that there are a couple of very difficult items in the realm of postal history that are rarely seen: the domestic use of the 30¢ and 50¢ values. I have been able to find a seriously damaged cover of

30¢ value by outright luck — thanks to Newton Kulp and his attentive eye. A couple of years ago I found a domestic 50¢ use totally by accident on eBay. I am convinced the seller did not know what he

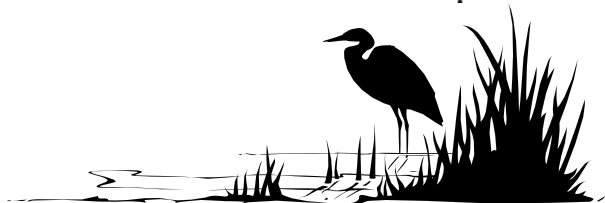


had, as the description was totally wrong for the cover, thus no one took serious interest in it — to my benefit! At FLOREX 2016 I mentioned to a well known cover dealer that I had at last found a 30¢ domestic use, but it was a damaged example. Lebron Harris went very quiet — rubbing his chin he says “I think I have one of those buried in my stuff.” Well low-and-behold — Lebron found the cover and sold it to me for a sum of money that made both of us happy. Talk to those that you know can supply stuff for your collection — Sometimes things show up in unexpected ways. What Lebron sold me is a nice (undamaged) cover of a pure domestic use of the 30¢ value. Nice find. I will continue to look for more examples, because after all I am a collector....

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 \$25 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 16+ 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 7:55. 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 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, the right to bid in cried/silent auctions — and much more.

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