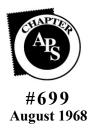
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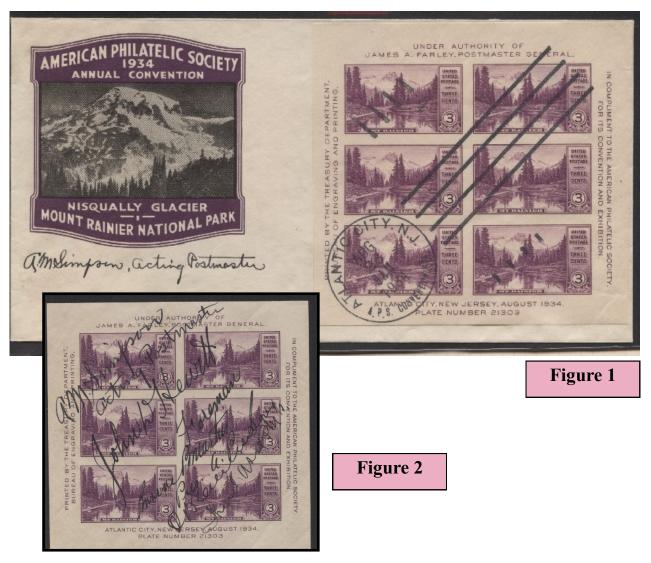






The Cover Story

Do You Need Diversity in Your Life? -- Part 3



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Program Schedule (Apr/May/Jun)

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".

May — The first meeting on 05.04 will have The Editor presenting on "Prexy EFOs —the Good, the Bad and the Ugly". The second meeting on 05.18 is scheduled with Frank Mardle presenting on British Postal History.

June — The first meeting on 06.01 will feature the ever popular cried auction — with a \$5 minimum please. The second meting on 06.15 will have Tom Lera presenting on a seriously under researched area of Florida Railroad markings.

BoD meeting for 2017; 06.29 & 08.31.

March Meeting Recap

The first meeting of the month started with 12 for dinner for a good time with fascinating conversation and fellowship. The meeting was a wiz-bang with 48 signed in. Jim Pullin's presentation on organizing an collection was informative as always. The silent auction sold 22 lots for a total of \$295.25!

The second meeting started off with 12 for dinner. The sign in book recorded 44! (When will we hit 50?) The first quarter birthday prize was won by a happy Bill Johnston. Bonnie Streeter's hurricane delayed presentation from 2016 — on the Pony Express was delightful. The silent auction sold 26 lots for \$390.

Club Shirts Now Available

The newest order of club shirts has arrived and are available at \$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!

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

April One Day Show

Mark your calendar for the April 8th One Day Show at the Marks Street Senior Center. Come and enjoy a pleasant couple of hours at a small 9 dealer show and show your support for the CFSC! The signup sheet for the reception table is almost full.

Never Too Early to Think About It

As we progress through 2017 we will be moving towards another election of a slate of officers to serve the club for 2018 to 2020. All positions are up for voting. For those that are not familiar with the process the general membership at the Annual Meeting of January 18, 2018 will vote on a slate of potential Board members. The top nine vote totals will make up the Board of Directors for 2018 to 2020. The specific positions are voted on by the nine BoD members that night with the results announced before the meeting adjourns. If you are thinking about serving the CFSC on the Board — please make your intentions known by October 1st, so you may be included in the information that is given out the membership as we approach the Annual Meeting scheduled for January 18, 2018. The simple truth is — the CFSC functions because of the dedication of a relatively small group of people. You can make a difference.

Writers Are Always Welcome

This newsletter survives on the material that comes from the membership of the CFSC. The variety of material every month is truly amazing — and adds tremendously to the experience of being a member of the CFSC. We welcome all those that want to write. Just because you may have never done anything like this before —is no excuse. We will help. Contact The Editor for discussion of your needs. We are here to help you. We all have something to say — figure out what you want to key on and move forward with gathering images and information to form the base of your article. It truly is not as difficult as you imagine!

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"To the world you may be one person, but to one

person you may be the world."

Dr. Theodor SEUSS Geisel, master wordsmith and cartoon creator.

[1904-1991]



President's Message by Francis Ferguson Philatelic Family



We are all part of a greater whole. A "family" can be made of many different configurations. As stamp collectors we have joined a family of sorts. Individually we are unique beings with different needs and desires. Being a stamp collector (or of anything in general) one can collect in anonymity or join a larger and more fulfilling collective. How does that work? Rather simply. As a member of the CFSC you have joined a branch of organized philately, and you get to enjoy the comradery of like-minded humans. While we are all collectors of different things — we share something powerful and intrinsic in common as we root out items of interest. We have a basic drive to acquire. The physical acquisition is of course gratifying, but the more important aspect is one of expanded knowledge. We are all experts to some degree or another in specific areas of the philatelic world. Share that knowledge with others — it can be both satisfying and rewarding.

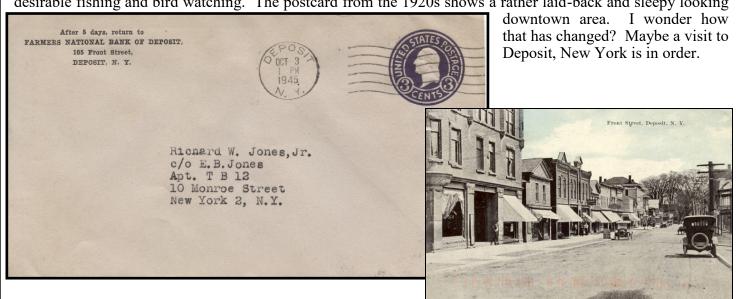
Give of yourself. I promise it does not hurt and the rewards are boundless. No matter your circumstance in life there is always something you can do to help others. Maybe it is instructing someone on how to soak stamps or in the more intricate details of pesky identification of those difficult items that plague all of us. You are a resource as is everyone else in the philatelic world. Use those resources and benefit from them, but also give of yourself to pay it forward.

Call it what you may, however it is simply you being part of a greater whole. (Yes — the stamp is ugly in my opinion. It is supposed to promote Family Unity. Really?)

Serendipity — XXVIII by The Editor

The quest for odd stuff continues with this town in New York — Deposit. When I glanced at this cover the first time, my first reaction was "what?". Strange name indeed. The WWW has yielded some basic information that helps to make the name of "Deposit" a little more understandable.

The name is derived from the deposits of logs made by lumbermen, prior to forming rafts to float down the Delaware River usually to Philadelphia. The Town of Deposit was organized in 1880. In a seemingly odd turn of numbers the population in 1880 was recorded as 1,714 — the 2010 census showed 1,712 residents. Looking closer at the numbers — there has been some fluctuation over the years, but minor. The area is known for the desirable fishing and bird watching. The postcard from the 1920s shows a rather laid-back and sleepy looking



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 nearly 20 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 8:10 Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions. We must be out of the building by 9:00 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, a monthly bourse buy/sell 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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