

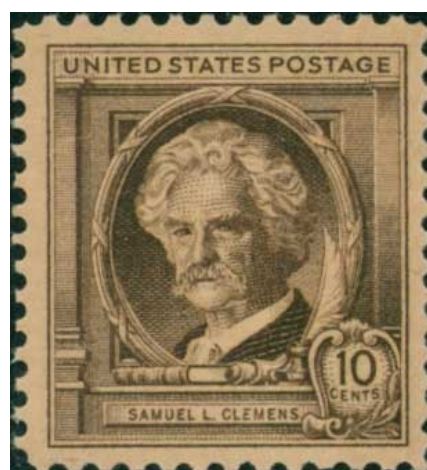


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The Cover Story

Famous Authors: First of a Series



Program Schedule (Nov/Dec/Jan)

November — The first meeting on 11.01 will be the final called auction of this year; \$5 minimum please. The second meeting on 11.15 will have A. Stephen Patrick presenting on “Gems from my Collection”.

December — The first meeting on 12.06 will have Robert Fisher discussing “Displaced Persons Camps in WWII”. The second meeting on 12.20 will be our fabulous Holiday Gathering. Of course the GLUE Awards will be announced. Be there or be missed!

January — The first meeting on 01.03 will feature our important Club Donation Cried Auction with a \$5 minimum. Please dig into your closets and pull out that long forgotten material to benefit the club’s treasury. The second meeting on 01.17 will be the Annual Membership meeting which is required by our By-Laws.

BoD meetings for 2019; 01.31, 05.30 & 08.29.

October Meetings Recap

The first meeting began with a fine crowd of 16 for dinner. The meeting brought 53 folks out on a warm September night. Tom Lera’s presentation on bats was a great listen! Robert Fisher’s After Glow session on FLOREX history attracted a nice little crowd! The auction sold 23 lots for a total of \$414.

The second meeting began with 13 folks for dinner and 42 signed in for the meeting. Mel B. did a wonderful job of presenting his topic of “Saints”. The auction sold 22 lots for \$296. Thank you — to everyone who reported in — as the Editor was not in attendance.

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. The record attendance for dinner is 20 — if we can break that number someone will get a free dinner. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

Club Shirts Now Available

The club shirts are available at \$20. 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! We now have the most popular sizes in stock. Contact the Editor before the meeting night, as the shirts are kept off site.

Event Calendar 2018/2019

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| FLOREX 2018 | Nov 30, Dec 1 & 2 |
| CFSC-Winter One Day | January 26, 2019 |
| CFSC-Spring One Day | April 6, 2019 |

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

New Member X2

Jim Jones who was a member some years ago, has rejoined us. He calls Sanford home and is looking to disperse his collection. He is member 101. Susan “Susie” Raike from Longwood is looking to learn more about collecting. Susie is number 102!

After Glow

The first meeting of November will have Bill Johnston talking about “Buying Experiences from a Collector - Some Good & Some Bad”. At the second meeting bring in your stock books of duplicates and see if you can make a member’s night with something to add to their collection. After Glow sessions start at 8:15 and must be completed and wrapped by 8:50 without exception. Gene Perry has agreed to coordinate the After Glow starting in 2019.

Dues Renewals for 2019

The invoices will be distributed at the first meeting of November and then mailed to the address of record for the member. We are aiming for a 100% renewal rate — please make it happen, as we would like to stay above that magically number of 100.

Writers Are Always Welcome

The content of this monthly newsletter depends on the contributions of a relatively small group of dedicated folks who provide articles. While there are some articles in my bit-bucket for use in early 2019, it would be great to see more available to pick from to make a more interesting and balanced newsletter content. Without material this newsletter will shrivel and expire.

Holiday Gathering

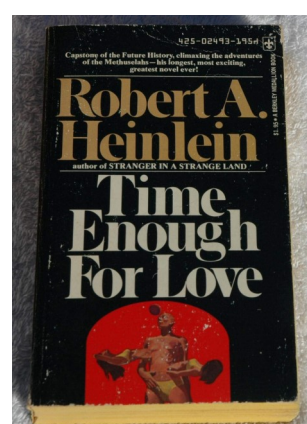
Make sure the date of 12.20 is on your calendar for attending our wonderful annual event. Bring a dish to share — and of course your spouse if they are willing. It is an enjoyable night of food and comradery.

Quoted

“Never try to out-stubborn a cat.”

From the 1973 book *Time Enough for Love* by Robert A. Heinlein [1907-1988], one of the acclaimed masters of science fiction writing.

Grok?



President's Message by Francis Ferguson

The Best of Plans.....



The best of plans are often defeated by simply being on vacation and being lazy. Such is my problem as I sit here in front of the picture window gazing out at the trees and shrubs that are slowly showing the fall colors. Little Switzerland, NC this time of year is not for the faint of heart. During our 10 day stay, we have seen every weather pattern except ice and snow — and we may actually see that tonight as the temperature dips to 28. The picture to the left is my view while writing — it does not even begin to do justice to the actual view. This is truly life in the slow lane.

All the things I wanted to get done during this respite have just not happened. The shocking after-effect will be 10 days of intense work, upon returning home, as three newsletters, two

sets of membership renewals and the FLOREX show booklet all have to be completed by 11.05.18.

The growth of the club continues to stun — member number 102 signed up at the last meeting of October. Our challenge is to keep that number during our membership renewal process that will begin in early November. Please respond at your earliest convenience to the notice of renewal and help to make the whole process less painful for everyone involved. Everyone is a valued member of the CFSC. Unfortunately the recent passing of a club member, Al Nagy, reduces the roster number to 101. His memorial piece appears in Insert B.

I am doubtful that there will be an End-of-Year Newsletter this year, simply as the demands on my time will not allow it. The normal monthly schedule will resume January of 2019. The adventure of producing a newsletter 11 times a year has been an interesting task at times. I have to give credit where credit is due and thank all the writers who have supported *The Philatelic Missive* over the years. This is truly a living history of the club and the members who give it life.

The Holiday Gathering which is scheduled for 12.20 will be coordinated by A. Stephen & Linda Patrick. This annual event is a grand way to see the fellowship that is found in the family of the CFSC. This pot-luck event is always well attended so please make plans to join one and all. The main course of ham and turkey will be generously provided by two long-time club members. You get to fill in the rest! Keep in mind that other things will occur during this Gathering, including door prizes, give-a-ways and the always interesting and entertaining acknowledgment of the winners of the 2018 GLUE Awards.

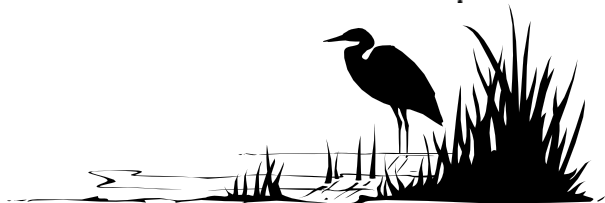
My hopes of actually starting and maybe finishing a philatelic project in 2018 have been pretty much dashed. The wish to organize my philatelic library has gone nowhere, while I continue to add reference pieces. Finding a specific book can be a challenge. On the collecting front my Machin collection has stalled as result of some large purchase of classic U.S. material that popped up unexpectedly. I did however begin two specialized collections in 2018 that will prove to be a challenge to even attempt to complete. The material in the VonCorp Educational Cards can be found however the TASCOS Educational booklets are another issue all together. This material is very tough to find, especially in decent condition. Many of the pieces are considered extremely rare and infrequently appear in the market place. This is a challenge and the reason why we are collectors. What have you done to pique your collecting gene in 2018?

In closing for 2018, I want to thank everyone who has written for this newsletter. Your support is valuable beyond words. Finally, I wish everyone a happy and healthy Holiday Season. See you in 2019.

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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