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The Cover Story

The King and Queen & I



Figure A1



Figure A2.1



Figure A2.2



Figure A3



Figure A4.1



Figure A4.2

Program Schedule (Jan/Feb/Mar)

All philatelic activity of the CFSC has been suspended in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. A review of circumstances will be made in January. There will be Zoom meetings for the foreseeable future. E-mail notices will go out a couple of days before the meeting date. Come see and chat with your fellow club members!

BoD meeting for 2021; unscheduled at this time.

December Meeting Recaps

No in-person meeting occurred. Zoom sessions only.

Dinner Plans

No meetings for December and no dinner gatherings.

Shirts are Available

We have lovely shirts for our membership to wear. They come with a pocket and cost \$20. Please contact Stephen Patrick as he is the holder of the box of shirts.

Event Calendar 2021

~~CFSC-Winter One Day~~

CFSC-Spring One Day

CFSC-Summer One Day

FSDA-Fall One Day

Cancelled

April 3 (Tentative)

June 12 (Tentative)

September 13

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

New Member x 1

The current roster stands at 108 as 2020 ends. Stan McNatt from St. Cloud has joined the club. He collects: WWII, Germany, Propaganda, RPPC, Field post, WWII American covers and space covers.

After Glow — January

No sessions scheduled.

Dues Notices for 2021

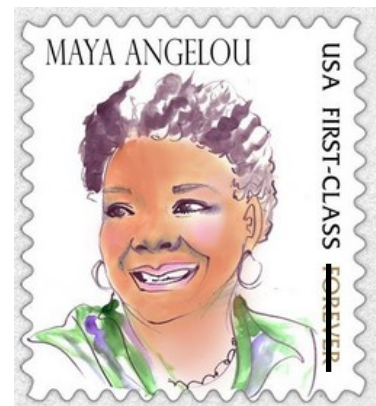
We have received just short of 70% renewals as of 12.20.20 — and we look forward to more rolling in. So far we have had only one resignation; our only youth member has decided to not continue as an active collector according to his father.

Quoted

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Maya Angelou
[1928—2014]

American poet, memoirist, and civil rights activist



Missed the Boat!

by Phil Fettig



In the Navy, missing the sailing of your ship was a big problem. In the philatelic world, it just caused frustration and made a potentially valuable cover worth a lot less. The German ship, SS Bremen carried mail to the U.S. and returned to Europe with more. An Airplane carrying the mail would be catapulted off and save 1-2 days in transit. Figure at the left shows a 1929 cover mailed to Denmark that was received "TOO LATE" and was returned to sender.

President's Message by A. Stephen Patrick

Happy New Year, 2021! Have you done something optimistic to plan for the New Year? It may as simple as buying a daily planner, or changing the dates on the unused one for last year. For stamp collectors, sending in dues for 2021 for the APS or even our Central Florida Stamp Club is an act of optimism. Two thirds of you have already done so for our club.

Another act of faith is to make plans to attend the APS Great American Stamp Show August 12 – 15 at the Donald Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Illinois, outside of Chicago. I was there in 2019 for the ANA World's Fair of Money and thoroughly enjoyed the venue and Chicago. Time will tell if vaccinations solve the Covid-19 crisis by then, but it is nice to plan.



We welcome **Stan McNatt** as a new member as 2020 closes out. Stan is still gainfully employed and lives in St. Cloud, so it is difficult for him to attend a meeting where the doors open at 6:00, but he has enjoyed our Zoom meetings. Stan is also President of the German Philatelic Society Chapter 23 that has started their monthly meetings on Zoom.

Our club Zoom meetings have been very interesting, and about 40 members have participated at least once. However, average attendance is about 25. With over 100 members, we wish we had more taking advantage of this opportunity.

You will be receiving an email to vote for your favorite article in this newsletter. Be sure to vote if you have a chance. We won't have a ballot for best presentation because we only had two live before the shutdown, and the last eight months have been on line. How can you have a fair vote when the majority of the members have not seen the on line presentations? When we go back to live meetings, we may present small honorariums for the presenters instead. We have lots of talented members who participate for the joy of the hobby, but it's nice to be recognized for the work they do.

In this New Year, we are thankful for the accomplishment of COVID-19 vaccinations, the fastest roll out of a new vaccine in history. I hope we all get one soon, so we can go back to a semblance of normality.

The Editor's Box

The New Year has always been a thing to look forward to — especially as 2020 lurches into 2021. My wish of normal seems to be on hold until later in the year. My wish is the return of something normal, that means going out to a restaurant for breakfast, lunch or dinner that is not a gamble with continued good health. Profound adversity is often followed with change and I can see where 2021 will be a year of surprises. What do you wish for? Normal — or at least somewhat normal works for me. Obviously we all have a vested interest on how 2021 unfolds.

I would like to thank those that stepped forward to provide the newsletter material for the bit-bucket into the New Year, without their support this monthly effort will vanish. Mike Shumacher, Phil Fettig, A. Stephen Patrick and Mike Cryer —thank you for putting stuff in my bit-bucket at this critical juncture. Thank you to all who have helped in the past.

One final thought as 2021 looms on the horizon — the CFSC is a group of diverse people with many different collecting interests and personality types. We are a club that prides itself on being welcoming and being civil. We work together to achieve a common goal of having a functioning club — for everyone to enjoy and participate in. Whether you are a club officer, a volunteer helper or a willing meeting attendee — we are all in this together. Be well, be safe and be kind.

The Central Florida Stamp Club is a 75+ 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 going on 25 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 6:45-7:00. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 7:05 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 one day shows in January/February, April & June. In addition, we are the resident hosting club for FLOREX which is held in the Kissimmee 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.

Central Florida Stamp Club



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