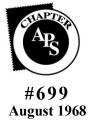
## The Philatelic Missive



September/October 2021





## The Cover Story

## A Rare Thing — For Sure!

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#### **Program Schedule (Sept to Dec)**

The first meeting of each month will be a called auction and the second meeting will have a presentation. Details to come before each meeting.

BoD meeting for 2021; Steve Patrick will be in touch.

#### **July & August Meeting Recaps**

The first meeting of July had 36 folks attending, with 10 for dinner — Jim Corrigan won a free dinner. Bill Johnston won the \$10 door prize. Steve Patrick called the auction that sold 31 of 55 lots for a total of \$763. The second meeting started with 32 folks in attendance, with 10 for dinner — Des Fitzgerald won a free dinner. Tom Lera won the \$10 door prize. The presentation by Newton Kulp was well received. The silent auction sold 19 lots for \$272.80.

The first meeting of August had 23 folks attending with 7 enjoying the pre-meeting dinner. Scot Cornwall won the \$10 door prize. Jim Cooney called the auction with 33 of 41 lots selling for \$767. The second meeting had 21 in attendance and 4 for dinner. Steve Patrick presented on his recent trip to APS-GASS. Peter Rieman won the \$10 door prize. The silent auction sold 15 lots for \$106.70.

#### **Event Calendar 2021**

FSDA-Fall One Day September 11 FLOREX 2021 December 3-4-5 For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

#### New Member x 1

In early July, Daniel Wagenknecht joined us. Dan calls Apopka home and collects USA 19<sup>th</sup> century singles & PBs, trains, clowns and Christian history. Welcome!

#### **After Glow — Information**

After Glow sessions are on hiatus for the immediate future. The hope is restart these session at the beginning of 2022.

#### **Dinner Plans**

There are plans to meet at 4:30pm at the Tasty Wok which is located at the same place, we have meet for many years. 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.

#### **Ouoted**

"You don't make progress by standing on the sidelines, whimpering and complaining. You make progress by implementing ideas."

Shirley Chisholm [1924-2005] American politician, educator and author.



## The Editor's Box

Reflections: Two Steps Forward — One Step Backward

The last 20 months has been something that has been bizarre and just beyond my ability to predict the future. What we knew as normal has been turned on its side as we pivot to understand and work with the new "normal". Long-held traditions have crumbled in the face of COVID-19. In recent months collectively it looked like steps to normalize behavior and social patterns had started to move forward. Now we take a step backwards to reevaluate.

The philatelic ecosystem has been turned inside out. Thankfully the hobby that we all know and love has simply reinvented itself. The hobby has always been introspective with a strong component of friendships and dependances that revolve around club meetings and small/large shows. Connections that have been made — that may times go back decades, are the foundation of the best of what we call the philatelic community. I cherish my philatelic friends as they expand and enrich my life. These connections transcend religion and politics.

We will survive this pandemic and come out on the other side stronger. Things may not look the same, but in the long-term the philatelic world will rebound and become stronger. Is there a determinate end date to look forward to? No. Until things collective improve we have to remain mindful of our place in society and our responsibility to others. Personal protection is a must for many — and I will be one who respects that for one and all.

It is really very simple — be part of the solution and not part of the problem. Enough said.

## President's Message by A. Stephen Patrick

The calendar says September is here and the start of fall, but it doesn't seem like it in Florida. It's still hot, Covid has had a resurgence, and people are still masked. Some members are still uncomfortable with an inperson meeting, but the club has carried on under the circumstances. We meet in the ball room at Marks Center sitting in chairs six feet apart. Most attendees are vaccinated, but caution is still called for.

The August 4 meeting had a called auction. **Jim Cooney** auctioned off nearly \$400 worth of material. The August 18 program had a report from the Great American Stamp Show (GASS) by me, as **Francis Ferguson** was struck with a painful toothache. We only had twenty-one at the meeting and four at the Tasty Wok as many are travelling or still sheltering. The first meeting in September, October and November are planned to be called auctions. Thanks to **Fergie** for producing another edition of our club newsletter.

My thanks go out to **Doug Conley**, a former stamp collector and APS member, who has donated the remainder of his collection to the club. Several important books will be added to our club library, and the stamps will show up in the next called auction. We have received another donation from a former collector named **Mike Skutinsky** who collected American Banknote Company souvenirs cards. This is a very specialized collection that is looking for a new home. Anyone interested in making an offer? BTW, I already have them all.

The GASS awards banquet featured the winners of the national shows from 2019 to 2020 that didn't get their recognition last year because of cancellation of the Hartford show. Hopefully our own FLOREX will produce a winner for next year's Worlds Series of Philately contest. **Robert Fisher** reports that reservations are coming in for FLOREX exhibits, but there is room for more.

**Mel Borofsky** is preparing an updated roster to be distributed at a September meeting. If you can't make the meeting, email Mel, and request a downloadable version. **Jim Archbold** reports that he is now able to take orders for club ID badges. The cost is \$12, so email him or see him at a meeting.

I spent 10 days in August driving to Rosemont, IL, for the national coin and stamp shows. It was challenging to drive so many miles and spend \$100s, even though I had a friend to share expenses. The USPS, APS, ATA, and AFDCS put on a good show. I spent most of the time at my Souvenir Card Collectors Society table, so I didn't have time to shop and go to seminars. **Newt Kulp** did a presentation for the ATA on making album pages. We were the only two representatives from our club. The good news is that the SCCS gained 23 new members, and I was able to buy, sell, and trade cards for my collection.

One presentation at the GASS was the first push for organizers of **Boston 2026**, the next U.S. international stamp show. They have chosen a theme "The Road to Boston" and a logo. Designer **Chris Calle** had prepared a Cinderella stamp and souvenir covers for the show. I am optimistically planning on being in Boston for my fifth international show. After all, I will only be 79. Are you making plans for your philatelic future?

## **Notice of Elections 2022-2024**

It is important for you to note that the next election cycle for the Board of Directors of the CFSC will be happening in the near future. It sounds like January 20, 2022 is a long way away — but it really is not. If you have ever entertained the thought of serving the CFSC in a capacity of a member of the Board you need to make your desire known to President Steve Patrick this fall. Steve is charged with establishing an Election committee to handle the details of this process.

According to our By-Laws the nine board positions are elected by the membership and that group of nine then goes off — to work out who will serve in the 5 executive spots. This process has worked well for the CFSC for many decades and I would expect that track record to continue. Serving on the BoD is away to continue the legacy of the CFSC and be part of the solution.

# **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 more than 25 years and provides a pleasant meeting room with easy access and plenty of free parking.
- The informal part of the meeting is prior to 6:00pm. The business side of things will be brief. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 6:10 until 7:10 Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions. We must be out of the building by 8:00 without exception. We may be able to return to pre-pandemic hours early in 2022.
- 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; bi-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.
- As of 09.2021

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