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## The Cover Story

### January 6th and the AAA



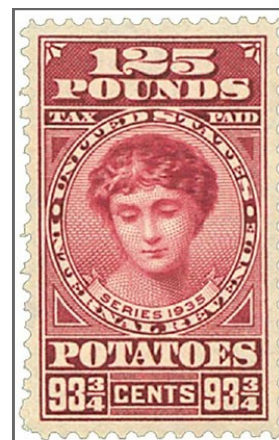
RI1



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RI7



RI11

Potato Tax Revenue Stamps (above)

RI18a

Potato Tax  
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## Program Schedule July and August

First meeting of July will have a Members Discussion on “How did you get started Collecting” followed by a silent auction.

Second meeting of July will have a presentation by Henry Jehan on “Finding Hidden Images with USPS Stamp Decoder” followed by a silent auction.

First meeting of August will have a called auction.

Second meeting of August will have a presentation on “Looking at World Events through Navel Covers” by Phil Fettig and a silent auction.

**BoD meeting took place on June 30th.**

## June Meetings Recap

First meeting of June had 24 folks attending, with 5 for dinner. Henry Jehan won the \$10 door prize. Steve Patrick called the auction that sold 29 of 41 lots for a total of \$904.50. The second meeting started with 22 folks in attendance, with 3 for dinner. Dan Wagenknecht won the \$10 door prize. The “Transportation Covers” presentation by John Catailler was awesome. The silent auction sold 19 lots for a total of \$139.50.

## Event Calendar 2022

FSDA-Fall One Day  
FLOREX 2022

September 10 Maitland  
December 2-3

Volusia County Fairgrounds—Deland

For more info: [www.FloridaStampShows.com](http://www.FloridaStampShows.com)

## New Member

Who will be the next to join the club?

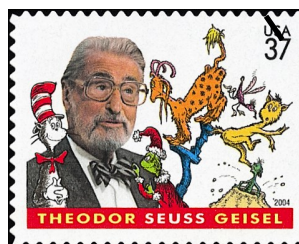
## Dinner Plans

There are plans to meet at 4:30pm at the Chuan Lu Garden at 1101 E. Colonial Drive. Located on the north side of Colonial Drive one block west of Mills Ave. There is plenty of parking behind the restaurant. Bring your appetite – and topics for discussion.

## Quoted

*“You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book.”*

Dr. Seuss [1904-1991] author, creator and illustrator of more than 40 children’s books.



Like the magic in a stamp album!

## The Editor’s Box



To borrow the lyrics of Harry Nilsson’s song, as done by Three Dog Night.

“One is the loneliest number that you’ll ever do,

Two can be as bad as one, It’s the loneliest number since the number one...”

Let me set the record straight - Zero is the loneliest number.

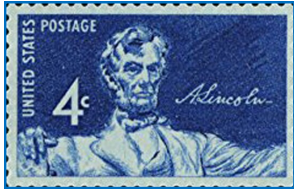
Zero - that is the number of articles that were submitted to the editor of this newsletter this month. Writing an article is as simple as sharing some knowledge; writing about a cover/stamp/area of interest; an experience that you had with collecting or why you collect. This is your club newsletter, make it reflect you, submit an article and be a part of the legacy. Submit articles to: [Editor@CentralFloridaStampClub.org](mailto:Editor@CentralFloridaStampClub.org)

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## President's Message by Mike Schumacher



**FLOREX 2022** has a new location! December 2-3, 2022 Save the dates!

It will be in the Tommy Lawrence Arena at the Volusia County Fairgrounds!

3150 E. New York Ave. Deland, Florida 32724

Just a few blocks east off of I4 at exit 118.

The theme for FLOREX 2022 will be the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Lincoln Memorial with a special cachet and postmark created by Mel Borofsky. The show is again hosted and supported by the FSDA (Florida Stamp Dealers Association) and staffed by members of the Central Florida Stamp Club. Help from CFSC members will be needed and greatly appreciated for the set up day (Thursday, December 1st) as well as the show days of Friday and Saturday (December 2nd and 3rd). Mark your calendars! Come join the fun!

For those individuals attending from some distance and want to stay over night - the Holiday Inn Express at 1330 Saxon Blvd, Orange City, FL 32763 has agreed to arrange a block of rooms for FLOREX attendees at a rate of \$105 per night including breakfast. They are located off I4 at exit 111. Book before November 13th. Call 855-216-9826 or enter link Hotel Rooms—FLOREX—\$105



Once again, Thank you to those CFSC members who volunteered and helped staff the Maitland Stamp show on June 4th.

< David Zambon making an assessment of a box of stamps and Gene Perry keeping a close eye on the registration jar at the Registration table. More photos on page 5.

Thank you to all who attended and helped make the show a success!

Next one-day show at Maitland is September 10th.

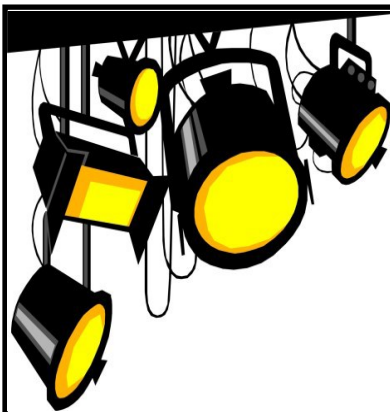
Have a safe and wonderful Fourth of July (weekend)!



## Member Spotlight - Gene Perry

Gene has been a member of CFSC since 2017. Earlier this year he helped organize our Spring Picnic and in the past has served on the Board. He is often helping with the club meeting auctions; staffing the registration table at club meetings and stamp shows. Gene is also a member of the American Philatelic Society and the American Topical Association. He likes to collect U.S. and Great Britain.

Thanks Gene for your help and assistance with CFSC activities!



## Cover Story: January 6th and the AAA by Mike Schumacher

Long before 2021—January 6th was associated with a citizen protest and the Federal Government, for it was on that date in 1936, that the United States Supreme Court ruled that the AAA (Agricultural Adjustment Act) was unconstitutional and a month later on February 10, 1936 the Potato Act was repealed. The stamps depicted on the cover page and in this article were a result of the Potato Control Law which was an amendment of the Agricultural Adjustment Act (which had been passed in 1933 to help boost agricultural prices by decreasing surpluses) signed into law by President Franklin Roosevelt on August 24, 1935. The US Potato tax revenue stamps were required to pay the tax on producing excess volume. The tax amounted to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a cent per pound of potatoes.

Part of the Potato Control Act was aimed at restricting potatoes from being exported and instead supplied for relief to those in need. To further prevent a surplus, the act included a requirement that every fifth row was to be plowed under—a crop-adjustment program. People (particularly the potato farmers) were outraged and many saw the act as radical and unconstitutional.



There are a total of thirteen U.S. Potato tax revenue stamps (pictured above) that were issued in 1935. The stamps were available and valid for a period of about two months. In spite of their short period of use and validity, they are generally affordable. A set of these stamps can be purchased for about \$125.00.

Additionally, there are five - *tax exempt* Potato revenue stamps which were issued in the following denominations: 2lbs; 5lbs; 10lbs; 25lbs and 50 lbs. Scott #'s RI14; RI15; RI16; RI17 and RI18 respectively. The 2lb and 50lb stamps are known used, but are very scarce. The other denominations are available in mint condition. The 25lb stamp is known to exist as three unbroken booklet panes of twelve stamps and thus are the most expensive to obtain for your collection.



P.S. My very first full time job (at age 15) was working for a Potato farmer in Minnesota earning 75 cents an hour. That was even before there was a minimum wage of \$1.00 per hour.



## More photos from the Maitland Stamp show - June 4th

Registration table staffed and ready to open the show! (left to right: Gene Perry, Jerry Eller, David Zambon, Mike Smith)



Jim Archbold and family ready for business!



Ann and Bob Dowrick ready for business!



Browhouse Stamps (below)  
Kathy & Mark assisting some collectors!

A & R Stamps Phil and Ann Fettig getting some assistance from Francis Ferguson.



## World Chess Day by Mike Schumacher

On July 20th, the United Nations Postal Administration Office in Vienna will issue a sheet of ten stamps to commemorate World Chess Day. July 20th is World Chess Day, since that is the date in 1924 on which FIDE was established in Paris. FIDE is the **Fédération Internationale des Échecs** also known as the World or International Chess Federation. It is based in Lausanne, Switzerland and its motto is *Gens una sumus*, Latin for “We are one Family”. FIDE’s mission is to act as the governing body for international chess competitions and connect the various national chess federations. FIDE currently consists of 200 member federations.

The UNPA is the Postal Administration for the United Nations. The UN has offices in several countries around the world, but only the offices in New York; Geneva and Vienna can issue stamps. The values on these new stamps are in Euros and will only be valid for postage in Vienna. Each stamp has an attached tab with the emblem of the United Nations. The stamps can be personalized by you, by placing a photograph of your choice on the tabs in place of the UN emblem.

The size of the sheet is 27.9 x 21.6 cm. The face value of each stamp will be one Euro. The size of the individual stamps will be approximately 4.1 x 3 cm and the tabs are 2.7 x 3 cm.

Needless to say, I found the sheet very interesting being a collector of philatelic material from the 1972 World Chess Championship match which was held in Iceland. This July will also mark the 50th Anniversary of the 1972 World Chess Championship, also known as “The Match of the Century”. The other reason I find the timing of this new World Chess Day sheet exciting is that my new resource book on the Philatelic material of the 1972 World Chess Championship will be rolling off the presses and expected to be delivered in early July.

As mentioned above, the first day of issue for this sheet will be July 20th. However, there will also be a pre release ceremony at the MN Stamp Expo (July 15-17, 2022). Imagine my surprise when I was recently contacted by the show organizers to inquire if I was attending the upcoming show and would be interested in being a speaker for the pre issue ceremony! That was really cool and quite an honor, since my journey into exhibiting chess material began in MN back in 2006. Unfortunately, due to other commitments here in Florida, I was not planning on attending, just mailing in the two exhibits that I had entered into the show. None-the-less they still wanted me to put together a presentation that I could send them on video, or in writing and they would present it for me. So, in case anyone is attending the MN Stamp Expo, stop in and check out the pre release ceremony for the World Chess Day sheet and my presentation!







# National Stamp Day by Mike Schumacher

July 1st is National Stamp Day!  
Celebrate—mail a letter or postcard!



Prior to July 1, 1847 the United States Postal service delivered stampless letters and the letter recipient would have to pay the fee. As the postal system developed, new systems and inventions began to streamline the process and make mail delivery cheaper and easier for mail carriers.



The first U.S. stamps were the 5cent red-brown stamp depicting Benjamin Franklin the U.S. Postmaster (figure 1) from 1757 –1774 and the 10 cent black stamp depicting the image of George Washington, the first U.S. President. (figure 2) Issued on July 1, 1847.

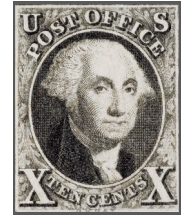


Figure 1

Benjamin Franklin was born on January 17, 1706 in Boston, Massachusetts. He first worked in his father's candle shop. At the age of 12 he apprenticed as a printer for his brother James, who in 1721 started the *New England Courant* a

Figure 2

Boston newspaper. Five years later Benjamin left for Philadelphia and found work as a printer. By 1728, he owned his own print shop and purchased the *Pennsylvania Gazette*. In 1732 he started to publish the *Poor Richard's Almanack*.

His career as a Postmaster began in 1737 when he was appointed as the Philadelphia postmaster by Alexander Spotswood, Deputy Postmaster General of America under the British. In this era, postmasters were often printers which was a real advantage, as they got to decide which newspapers could travel through the mail for free, or if they could even travel through the mail. In time, Benjamin's duties expanded to include comptroller with financial responsibilities over neighboring Post Offices. In 1753 he lobbied the British for the job of Postmaster General of America and in August 1753, became joint Postmaster General for the Crown with William Hunter of Virginia. In this position he implemented a variety of ideas to speed up mail delivery, such as night delivery and printing in the newspaper names of individuals who had letters waiting to be picked up at the post office. He also allowed all newspapers to pass through the mail for a small fee. He was relieved of his duties as Postmaster General for the Crown in 1774, because he was viewed as too sympathetic to the colonies.

As a member of the Second Continental Congress in 1775, Benjamin advocated for the creation of an independent postal system. Congress appointed Benjamin as the first Postmaster General on July 26, 1775. Thus began what we know today as the United States Postal Service. In 1776, he served on a committee which drafted the Declaration of Independence, and the rest as they say is history.



## Benjamin Franklin

Printer, author, postal pioneer, civic leader, scientist, inventor, statesman, diplomat. He helped establish libraries, fire departments, hospitals, infrastructure improvements to streets and lighting, militia for civil defense, the postal system, the United States Constitution and worked to help end slavery.

Centuries later he remains one of the most internationally recognized people in the world.

Benjamin Franklin has been honored on more than 130 U.S. postage stamps. The sheet of stamps shown here was issued in 2006.

So a double celebration this weekend - National Stamp Day and the 4th of July!!!

**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.
- 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 Central Florida area.
- The CFSC maintains a website: [CentralFloridaStampClub.org](http://CentralFloridaStampClub.org)
- Benefits of membership include; bi-monthly newsletter, access to loaner equipment & catalogs, participation in door prize drawings, the right to bid in cried/silent auctions — and much more.
- As of 06.2022

## Central Florida Stamp Club



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