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## The Cover Story

### The Other Columbians

The Columbian Issue, is a set of 16 postage stamps issued by the United States to commemorate the World's Columbian Exposition held in Chicago during 1893.

The Other Columbians are: (see pages 4-5)



## Program Schedule December and January

**\*\* No Pre-meeting sessions in December.** Pre-meeting sessions to resume in January. **January meetings and pre-meetings will be in the Ballroom**

**December** (1<sup>st</sup> meeting) Steve Patrick will have a program on the Origins of U.S. First Day Celebrations; a members "Show and Tell" and a members "no club fee" auction. So bring those items you are looking to sell and make a little holiday shopping money.

**December** (2<sup>nd</sup> meeting) Will be the annual Holiday Party. Bring a dish to share with others and plenty of merriment.

**January** (1<sup>st</sup> meeting) Will have the annual club awards and a club donation auction.

### November Meetings Recap

25 folks attended the first meeting; 5 folks gathered for dinner and 5 members attended the pre-meeting session. The door prize was won by Jeff Small. A very successful Called auction was conducted. Auction results: 32 out of 62 lots sold; total sales \$691.00! Well done to all the club members who helped with the auction!

24 folks attended the second November meeting, with 10 who met for dinner and 5 who attended the pre-meeting. The door prize was won by Gene Perry. Newt Kulp made us put on our thinking caps as he did an interesting presentation on "Important Firsts on United States stamps. A silent auction was conducted. Auction results: 24 lots sold for total sales of \$263.25.

### Event Calendar 2022

**Club meeting Holiday Party December 15!!!**

FLOREX 2022

December 2-3

Volusia County Fairgrounds—Deland

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

Don't forget to take a little time this week to sort and organize a few stamps as you celebrate—Philately Week!

November 27 through December 3. The purpose of Philately Week is to celebrate and promote the significance of philately to the arts, culture, science and international relations. Raise a stamp and let out a hearty cheer for the beauty of our hobby.

## Newest Members

Once again—welcome to CFSC's newest members: Jeff Small; Stan Martin; and Jose Raul Martinez.

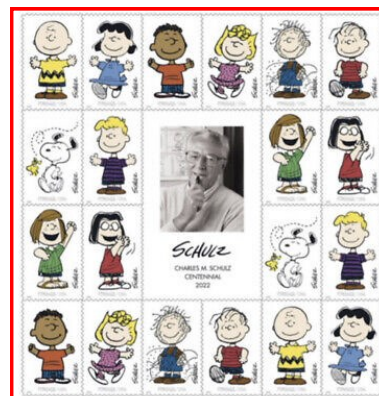
Who will be member number 760?

## 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

*"Behold I bring you great tidings of Joy!" Charlie Brown and friends*



Happy Holidays!!!!

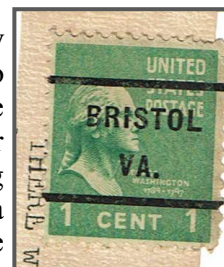
## The Editor's Box



Submit your (two cents or five cents worth) articles and members will enjoy them. Let the CFSC newsletter reflect your philatelic knowledge and interests.

Submit articles to: [Editor@CentralFloridaStampClub.org](mailto:Editor@CentralFloridaStampClub.org)

Just a little example of how the newsletter is appreciated. The other day I received a lovely note from Betty Helton (CFSC member # 673) who hasn't been able to attend meetings in awhile, as she is just a bit over 29, but hopes to be able to attend the Holiday Party on December 15th. She writes to say how she enjoys reading the newsletter each month and finds them very interesting. She even included a couple of interesting items with her letter. The first is a precanceled stamp that she found in the bottom of a drawer. It is precanceled Bristol, VA. She indicates that she moved to Bristol when she was about 10 years old and that it is a "twin city" - in that one side of main street is Virginia and the other side is Tennessee. She lived in Virginia.



The second item that she included as appreciation for the enjoyment she gets from the newsletter was a hand made gift. A round "tuit". She reminds us that if we tell someone that we are going to do something for them as soon as we get around to it, that we should be sure to follow through and get around to it. Thus she sent us a round "tuit". Thanks Betty and hope you can attend the Holiday Party!



## President's Message by Mike Schumacher

It is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of two CFSC members—Scott Cornwall and Ed Evan. Scott joined CFSC in July 2016. He collected Worldwide with an emphasis on U.S.; Thailand and Greenland. More information about Scott on page 6. Ed joined CFSC in November 2012. His philatelic interests included Canal Zone; Sweden, Slovakia and U.S. 4 cent commemoratives. More information to follow in the January newsletter about Ed. Scott and Ed you both will be greatly missed, but always remembered.

### FLOREX 2022

The annual **FLOREX Stamp show is ready to get underway at the Volusia County Fairgrounds in Deland, FL. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10am to 5pm both days.** Thanks to everyone who has helped to make things come together for the show (especially Francis Ferguson, Mark Tiger, Kathleen Tiger-Savedow, Mike Smith, Robert Fisher, Newt Kulp, Mel Borofsky, Stephen Patrick, David Zambon and Richard Blanchard) and thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help during the show from set up to tear down. Thank you also to the members of the Volusia County Stamp Club who have volunteered to help as well. It takes many hands to make the show a success. Dealers, Judges and exhibitors are signed up and ready to be a part of the show. Your attendance and lending a helping hand goes a long way to ensuring the show's success. Let Mike Smith or myself, Mike Schumacher, know when you are available to help and we will find some fun things for you to do.

Reminder: **NO** Pre meetings in December! The pre-meetings to resume in January.



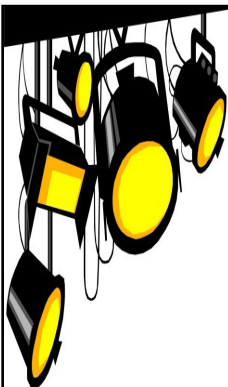
Reminder: The December 15th club meeting will be the CFSC Holiday Party! Bring a food item to share. Set up will begin around 5:00pm and the eating should be ready to begin at 6:00pm! Plates, utensils, etc. will be supplied by CFSC. Any questions about what to bring, contact Steve Patrick. May everyone have a safe, blessed and wonderful Holiday Season!

**Meeting presentations:** 2023 will soon be upon us, please be thinking about that meeting presentation you would like to do and let Mike Smith know, so that it can get it on the schedule. Also keep those newsletter articles coming in so that the tradition of interesting newsletters can continue.



I would also like to thank everyone from the CFSC for all of your support condolences, kind words and best wishes to me and my family regarding the passing of my wife's mother, Natalie Shapiro a few weeks ago. She would visit from Minnesota for a couple of months during the winter each year. In early 2020, she came for her usual visit when the pandemic hit and she ended up living with us for the past 2.5 years. She struggled through many health challenges during that time. She was 96 years old. A few of you have met her, as she attended a couple of our spring picnics and had a good time as evidenced in the photo to the left. Slowly but surely over time she got to appreciate my interest in philately and actually contributed some money toward the publication of my book in 2022. Thanks to everyone and thanks to Natalie. Rest in peace.

### Member Spotlight - Richard Blanchard



Richard Blanchard has been a CFSC member since January 2011. Richard's philatelic interests included worldwide collecting. Thus as he says, he is an active bidder at the club auctions. Throughout the years he has helped set up and take down exhibits at FLOREX and has been a mainstay at the Youth Table as Chairperson for over a decade. He has been a ballot counter for the club elections and has worked at the registration table at the other shows over the years. Thank you Richard for your contributions of time, effort and winning auction bids! Likewise your friendly disposition and cheery smile add to the atmosphere of the CFSC.



## Cover Story: The Other Columbians

By: Henry I. Jehan, Jr.

The Columbian Exposition was held in Chicago to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the landing of Christopher Columbus in the New World. The exposition brought the debut of many new innovations that have since become everyday technologies and consumer products. The newly introduced consumer products included: Cream of Wheat, Shredded Wheat, Pabst Beer, Juicy Fruit chewing gum, Cracker Jack, and the hamburger. New technologies showcased at the Exposition included the zipper, the automatic dish washer, the moving sidewalk, spray painting, and the new wonder – electricity. But the Exposition also brought a philatelic first – the introduction of the world's first commemorative stamps. However, they were not the first commemorative postal issue because the United States Post Office Department had previously issued a commemorative envelope in 1876 at the United States Centennial Exhibition held in Philadelphia to mark the 100th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

The United States Post Office Department planned to issue a series of 16 stamps in conjunction with the opening of the Exposition, presumably on the 400th anniversary which was Wednesday, October 12, 1892. The dedication ceremonies for the exposition did not happen until Friday October 21, 1892, and the Exposition opened the following year on Monday, May 1, 1893. The delay in opening the exposition resulted in a delay in the issue of the U.S. Stamps now known to collectors as the “Columbians” (Scott 230-245). But even if the Exposition had opened at the dedication ceremonies, the United States Columbian Exposition postage stamps would not have been the first commemorative stamps. Argentina gets that honor with their October 12, 1892 issue of two stamps commemorating the 400th anniversary of the landing of Christopher Columbus in the New World.

The two stamps issued by Argentina, a light blue 2 centavos and a dark blue 5 centavos, are listed in the Scott catalog as numbers Argentina 90 and 91. Both stamps have the same vignette which depicts the three caravels of Columbus' fleet, the Niña, Pinta, and Santa Maria. The design was by Edoardo De Martino, an Italian painter active in South America and London and known for his paintings of warships and naval battles. The stamps were engraved and printed by the South American Bank Note Co. From the lack of fine detail in the engraving, the original picture was most likely a pencil sketch and not taken from a finished painting.



The 12 September 1892 Official Decree ordering the printing of the two stamps stated that the stamps were to be issued on 12 October 1892 and “Correspondence which shall be deposited in post offices on that day, can be franked with the postage stamps noted,,,” From this it appears that the intent was for the stamps to be valid postage only for mail sent on the day of issue.



In July 1893 Venezuela issued a stamp to commemorate the discovery of the mainland of South America. Issued in conjunction with Venezuela's participation in the Columbian Exposition, the stamp is listed in the Scott catalog as Venezuela number 136. It was produced by the American

Banknote Company, the company that also printed the United States Columbian issues. Its design is so strikingly similar to the US issues that it has always been of interest to U.S. collectors, and particularly to those who favor the commemorative issues. However like the Argentinian stamp, this stamp does not match the scarcity or the demand of the US stamps.

## Cover Story: The Other Columbians cont.

The vignette is the work of Arturo Michelena, a great Venezuelan artist. His other works include the unfinished picture of the "Last Supper" which hangs in the Cathedral of Caracas. (It is unfinished because the artist died before finishing it and it has been left as it was.) There is no evidence that the painting depicted on the stamp exists today. The last recorded information is its delivery to the American Bank Note Company.

The fourth Columbian issue was released on November 19, 1893 in Puerto Rico to celebrate the 4th century anniversary of the island's discovery. The stamp was issued due to the initiative of Mr. Fernando Zegui and Mr. Jose Prats, residents of Mayaguez who secured authorization from the General Governor in Royal Order Number 483.



The stamp was valid postage only for mail within Puerto Rico and only on the day of issue. Its usage was voluntary, and any other postage required had to be completed with regular issue stamps.

The stamp was printed at the printing shop of the Mercantile Bulletin in San Juan, Puerto Rico, it being the only stamp not done by the Mint and Stamp House of Madrid. Once the printing process was completed, the lithograph sheet was destroyed along with any remaining stamps. It is estimated that only 2,000 stamps were sold that one day. The stamp is listed in the Scott catalog as Puerto Rico number 137.

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The pictured stamps in the article (not the set on the cover page) are from the author's collection.

## Another Album Closed

It is with great sadness that CFSC says farewell to Scot James Cornwall.

Scot James Cornwall, 76, died November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in his home in Tavares, Florida.

Scot was born in Watertown, Wisconsin, on August 10, 1946, to Robert “R.M.” Maynard Cornwall and Janet “Sue” Jones Cornwall. After graduating from Ripon High School in 1964, Scot attended St. Olaf College, highlighted by a semester studying in Thailand, and obtained a masters in Library Studies from Rutgers University in 1969. Scot then moved to Boston, MA, where he worked for the Boston Public Library for over 33 years. In 1977, Scot met William “Bill” Robert Opperman in Boston, MA, and, along with their friend Hera Welsh Goodrich, had two children, Kirstin Sidney and Carl Peter Goodrich. After their marriage in 2004, Scot and Bill retired to Central Florida in 2005.



Scot showed fierce love, loyalty, and devotion to his husband, children, grandchildren, and closest friends. He channeled his passion for geography, history, culture, and world politics through his extensive stamp collection, and would scrupulously navigate the postal service to send care packages to his grandchildren over seas. He was a member of the American Philatelic Society and the Central Florida Stamp Club, as well as president for many years of the Golden Triangle Stamp Club. He will be remembered for his infectious smile, his wealth of knowledge, and as a proud and patriotic Democrat and activist in the LGBTQ community. Scot was a founding member of the Dorchester Gay and Lesbian Association (GALA), member of the Greater Boston Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance, and founding member and officer of the Triangle Connection in Central Florida.

Scot is survived by his husband Bill Opperman, brothers Dr. Thomas “Tom,” Steven “Steve,” and Dr. Jeffrey “Jeff” Cornwall, children Kirstin and Dr. Carl Goodrich (Mary Robbins), grandchildren Sidney and Theodore Goodrich-Robbins, step-grandchildren Alex and Hailey Moynihan-Stevens, and godchildren Valerie Hansen and Suzanne Thibeault, and many dear lifelong friends.

A service is tentatively planned for the summer of 2023. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Zebra Coalition ([zebrayouth.org](http://zebrayouth.org)) or Lake Cares ([lakecares.org](http://lakecares.org)).

Thank you Scott for the time we got to share with you. You will be missed, but always remembered.

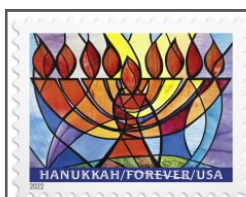
## A space filler by the Editor

A “space filler” in philately is one of those stamps with a few defects or imperfections used to fill in that empty space in an album until the quality of stamp is found that you want in your collection. In this case a space filler is a little something to fill in this space and not leave an open blank area. This year’s holiday stamps by the post office include the following:

Holiday Elves



Hanukkah



Kwanzaa



Christmas



Have a safe, blessed and happy holiday season!

Just a reminder  
Buy those stamps that you are going to need for next year now, as the price increases on January 22, 2023.

# Stupid Ebay, # 1

By Francis Ferguson

It feels like it was just yesterday that I was concerned with a monthly newsletter. The respite has been nice, but it is time to jump back on the writing horse. I return to these pages with one of my favorite topics in the online world of philately.

I have been an eBay user since the fall of 1998 – the first years were spent mostly as a seller and occasionally as a buyer. When the philatelic bug bite me hard I pivoted to being more of a buyer than a seller – and that has been pretty much my story for the last 20 years. Sooner or later, I will have to return to my eBay roots and become a seller again – but not right now.

I have always been fascinated -- and more than slightly repulsed at times with the grandiose offerings on eBay that defy common sense. Logic seems to have totally escaped some folks that make listings that are beyond reasonable. Such as -- the common 4 cent violet from the Liberty Series (1950s to 1960s) that is being sold in quantities of 10,000 (in one lot) at the fantastic price of \$1,000 – oh and the listing will say “unpicked” – as if that makes any difference whatsoever with this particular issue.

The listings that yell in all capital letters “RARELY SEEN” or “EXTREMELY RARE” or “UNIQUE” -- and so on – they all fall into the category of being questionable. The great P.T. Barnum would have appreciated to over-the-top attempt. For the most part -- those kinds of listings are nothing more than a pig with a cute pink ribbon that have no real philatelic value and lack expertizing paper to back up the fantastic claims. It is still a pig at the end of the day.

While I do not imply that all listings on eBay are questionable in nature, I do caution any user – especially a new user – it be careful and avoid the trap doors. Read the terms of sale. While eBay will most often protect the buyer – that does not always work.



If a listing reads “Rare Harding #613 MNH for \$1,000 – sold as is.” Alarm bells should go off immediately as a quick glance at the Scott’s Catalog will see that the value quoted is \$35,000 and that is for a used – average/fine copy. There are no known MNH copies! Period.

Robert Siegel Auctions shows 48 copies known with 42 verified and 6 unknowns as to status. [<https://siegelauctions.com/census/us/scott/613>]

If it is too good to be true it certainly is.

I will focus this column on the outright bizarre listings that lack any common sense let alone a grasp on reality. Just because a seller claims something is wonderful – does not make it so. Ask yourself the question “Is it too good to be true?” If the answer is “yes” than let common sense guide your next move. Further evidence like the seller’s feedback can help to guide one in determining the veracity of the claims.

The wild world of the internet sales is to be navigated with caution and a strong dose of reality. As I stated earlier – “is it too good to be true?”

In my next column I will share an eBay purchase that I made about ten years ago, that seemed, at the time, too good to be true – and it turned out to be exactly what it was described as, much to my amazement.

I look forward to exploring the land of weird, strange, and outrageous listings in the months to come. Buckle up – it is going to be an interesting adventure!



**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.
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