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The Cover Story

Valentine's Day from the beginning!



Pair of Love stamps issued in 2022



Heart stamp issued in 2016



Heart stamp issued in 2014



Candy Hearts stamp issued in 2004



Love and Kisses stamp issued 2007



Heart stamp issued in 1997



Heart stamp issued in 1998



Hearts and flowers stamp issued in 1985



Flower & Heart stamp issued in 2003



Basket of flowers and a pair of love birds stamp issued in 2001
May Peace be resorted to Ukraine soon!

Schedule February and March

**** February Pre-meeting session only on February 2nd starting at 4:00 pm**

Beginning with the February meetings we will be in the Oak room (our usual room).

February (1st meeting) Cried Auction will be conducted. Time to clean out that unwanted material in your stamp room.

February (2nd meeting) "British Guiana – Pictorial Definitives" presentation by John Gehrig followed by a silent auction.

March (1st meeting) Member Discussion—"Sharing Stories about our prized stamp Possessions" followed by a silent auction.

March (2nd meeting) "Polish Second Corp during WW2" presentation by Robert Fisher followed by a silent auction.

January Meetings Recap

9 members attended dinner and 30 folks attended the first meeting. Door prize was won by Mark Haas and the 4th quarter birthday certificate winner was Richard Cohen. Annual awards were announced and the club donation fundraiser silent auction sales totaled \$316.00. More awards coverage on page 7.

6 members attended dinner and 24 folks attended the second meeting. Door prize was won by John Bailey. Club awards were presented (for those not at the first January meeting).

Annual business reports were presented. Show and tell presentations by Henry Jehan, Mike Smith and Stephen Patrick and a silent auction was conducted. 27 lots were sold for a total of \$250.10.

Event Calendar 2023

Maitland one-day stamp shows:

Feb. 4th - CFSC Winter show

Apr. 1st - CFSC Spring show

June 3rd - FSDA Summer show

Sept. 9th - FSDA Autumn show



FLOREX 2023

December 1-2

Volusia County Fairgrounds—Deland

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

Great American Stamp Show APS, ATA & AFDCS

August 10-13, Cleveland, Ohio

More info: <https://stamps.org>

Newest Members

Welcome to CFSC's newest member:

760 Richard Stanley joined at FLOREX 2022

761 Lafayette Michaels joined at FLOREX 2022

762 Mark Haas joined at first January meeting

Who will be member number 763?

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.

Reminder:

New membership cards are being distributed by Richard Cohen at the February meetings. Be sure to renew your membership.



Contact Mike Smith to sign up for a presentation and get on the 2023 meeting schedule.

Quoted



"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."

Mother Teresa

The Editor's Box



Let the CFSC newsletter reflect your philatelic knowledge and interests.

Submit articles to: **Editor@CentralFloridaStampClub.org**

Can't guarantee that there will be a Pulitzer Prize in it for you, but you could end up as the winner of next years "Best article" award.

John Pulitzer was a Hungarian-born American newspaper publisher, who is best known for prizes in journalism, literature, drama and music that bear his name. He immigrated to the United States at the age of 17, served in the Union Army during the Civil War, was a reporter and revitalized several major newspapers. He left an endowment for the Columbia University school of Journalism and in his will established the Pulitzer Prize. The 3-cent Joseph Pulitzer stamp was released to commemorate the 100 anniversary of his birth in 1947.



President's Message by Mike Schumacher

The CFSC annual business meeting and awards were handed out at the January meetings, in addition to a very successful club fundraising auction which raised more than \$300.00. Thank you to everyone who donated auction items and to those who bid on and won some new treasures for your collection.

The continued success of the CFSC happens because of the involvement and participation of its members in so many ways—attending meetings; doing a club presentation; writing articles for the newsletter; staffing the welcome table at club meetings and the registration table at stamp shows; helping another member get to meetings; helping with set-up and take down at stamp shows; serving on the board; helping with club auctions; planning club events; donating to auctions; creating show cachets; organizing local stamp shows; chairing a position at FLOREX; representing CFSC in other aspects of the community; and the lists goes on, etc. etc. These are the sort of contributions and involvement in the CFSC that goes into determining annual award recipients. A list of individuals participation is compiled and points are attached to various tasks based on time and complexity of the task. Obviously, the more a person participates and is involved in assisting the CFSC in accomplishing these tasks the more points are accumulated over the year.

Thus the “Glue Awards” are meant to highlight and recognize the contributions and dedication of those individuals who have participated the most to the benefit of the CFSC in the past year. No doubt many other CFSC members have made significant contributions and participated in club events/activities and their efforts and contributions are also highly appreciated and no less valued. I thank, each and everyone of you for being a CFSC member and contributing/participating in the success of the club. CFSC is a large club and it takes a lot of work to make everything happen for 26 meetings; a monthly newsletter; a dozen or more presentations; more than 20 auctions; maintaining and staying connected to members; making new members feel welcomed; 4 one-day stamp shows and an annual FLOREX multi-day show.

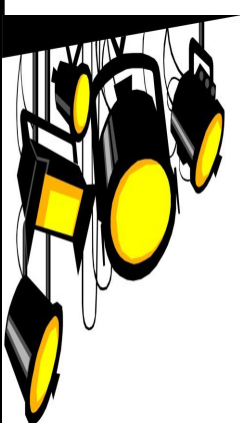
An addition to this year's program was the inclusion of what I called “Rising Star awards” for new members who have joined the CFSC in the past year to a year and a half and have shown an active interest in getting involved quickly in helping out the club. Those individuals were Jeff Small and Daniel Wagenknecht. Thank you and keep up the good work.

Once again, Thank you to everyone for their contributions and congratulations to this year's award recipients! May the CFSC continue to achieve even further success in 2023 and a new group of award recipients in the coming year. (See page 7 for more coverage on this year's award recipients.)

As always, I want to encourage everyone to be involved and help to make this club about you, fun and a philatelic success. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns as I am still learning and can use all the help I can get. The very best of philatelic and life success in 2023 and the years ahead to you all!

Thanks also to the hardworking efforts of the officers of the board: VP Mike Smith; VP Carlos Guffain; Secretary Mel Boforsky; Treasurer Richard Cohen and the other at-large Directors—Newt Kulp, Stephen Patrick, Jim Cooney and Jerry Eller.

Member Spotlight - Melvyn (Mel) Borofsky



Mel has been a CFSC member since mid 2009. He served two terms on the Board of Directors as a Director at-large 2014– 2015 and 2016-2017. He is currently serving his third term as Secretary on the BOD. Besides the CFSC, he is a member of the APS, PNC3, ATA, ASPP, CSCSS and the CISS. His philatelic interests include: Palestine, Israel, Cinderellas, British Commonwealth, Canada, U.S, Polar, and the Channel Islands. He has long been an active member of CFSC activities helping to staff the registration table at stamp shows, creating the cachet and canceller for the FLOREX stamp shows, doing presentations and recruiting new members. His friendly smile and cheerful disposition is always a welcome sight at club meetings and stamp shows.

Mel, Thanks for your many years of dedicated service to the CFSC. Best wishes for 2023!

Cover Story: Valentine's Day from the beginning!

by Mike Schumacher

Valentine's Day may not be the typical philatelic topic for a group of mostly older men sorting through piles of old postage stamps. However, it might serve as a reminder to set down our magnifying glasses and tongs and get or do a little something special for that loved one of ours, who has spent years tolerating our stamp collecting passion. Unless that someone special is also a philatelist, I wouldn't recommend just giving them a variety of postage stamps depicting hearts, love and kisses as shown on the cover of the newsletter.

The postage stamps shown on the cover are just a few of the postage stamps that have depicted love, hearts and candy over the years. For many of us our earliest connection to Valentine's Day probably dates back to our early years in grade school, when we shared valentines and candy hearts with others in class. Then as we got older, we were swept up in the passion and romance that comes with having that someone special in our lives and bought and sent those cards, flowers, chocolates, etc. over the years supplementing the bottom lines of those business that monopolize on providing those items and finding more and more ways for us to depart with our hard earned money that could have been used to make that philatelic purchase that would have filled that empty album spot. Guess I have wandered a little far into the economic aspect of Valentine's Day and thus let me find my way back to the love and romance aspects of the occasion.

There are many interesting Valentines Day traditions throughout the world aside from Hallmark greeting cards, valentines, candy hearts, flowers, and chocolates. Some of these traditions include:



Figure 1

France - often thought of as one of the most romantic destinations in the world is believed to be where the first Valentine's Day card originated, when Charles, the Duke of Orleans sent love letters to his wife from prison in 1415. In Valentine, France, it is tradition to decorate yards, trees and homes with roses, love cards and marriage proposals. France issued its first heart shaped stamp in 1999 with two different designs. (Figure 1) And another in 2001. (Figure 2)



Figure 2

In the Philippines, the government sponsors a Valentine's Day gala event where young people get married. Valentine's Day stamps issued by the Philippines are shown to the right issued in 2003 (figure 3) and in 2018. (figure 4)

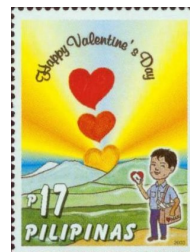


Figure 3



Figure 4

In Wales, Valentines Day is called "day of San Dwynwen" and is celebrated on January 25th and the tradition is for lovers to exchange hand-crafted wooden spoons. (figure 5) Wales is part of Great Britain and thus a British Valentine's Day stamp is depicted below. (figure 6)



Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 7



Figure 8

In Spain, Valentine's Day is known as the feast of Saint Dionysus and falls on October 9th. It is celebrated by men making "macadora" - a marzipan figurine and giving it to their female companion. (figure 7) Valentine's Day stamp from Spain issued in 2021. (figure 8)

Cover Story: Valentine's Day from the beginning! Cont.

In Denmark, Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14th and is a recent addition to their holidays. Friends and lovers give flowers, chocolate and unique handmade cards pressed with white flowers called snowdrops. (figure 9)
Didn't find a Danish Valentine's Day stamp.



Figure 9



Figure 10

Valentine's Day in the Czech Republic is celebrated on May 1st. Lovers repeat the pilgrimage of poet Karol Hynek Macha (statue—figure 10) and hike the countryside flowering trail in the Tatra Mountains. Stamp issued in 1998. (figure 11)



Figure 11

Aaah, with all of this love and romance, one must wonder “How did this whole Valentine's Day” celebration begin? Well, our story begins with the skull of an ancient Roman martyr named Valentine (it can be observed in the church of Santa Maria in Cosmedin in Rome, Italy). (figure 12) The name Valentine was a rather common name in Rome during the third century, so our story about who the real Saint Valentine is a little murky. At best it is narrowed down between a couple of fellows running around Rome about 269 during the reign of Emperor Claudius II. Claudius believed that single men made better soldiers so he outlawed the marriage of young men. Valentine, not liking the injustice of this, would secretly perform marriages for young lovers. Valentine's actions were discovered by Claudius and he was put to death on February 14th. The other possible Valentine was the Bishop Terni, who was also put to death by Claudius II for attempting to free prisoners from the harsh Roman prisons. Before his death it is rumored that he fell in love with the jailer's daughter and would write her letters and sign them “From your Valentine”. The story maybe a bit uncertain, but it does have a sympathetic, romantic hero. In time, Valentine would become one of the most beloved saints in England and France by the Middle Ages.

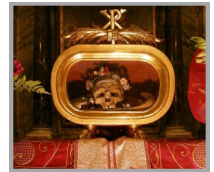


Figure 12

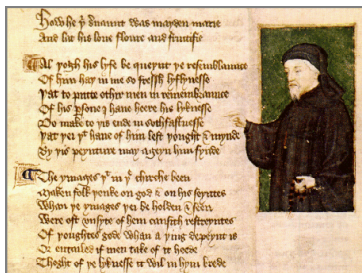


Figure 13

Here our story takes another turn, as our martyr Valentine and the connection between love and the celebration of Valentine's Day is brought to life in the poem *Parlement of Foules* (figure 13) written by Geoffrey Chaucer in the late 14th century.

Geoffrey Chaucer was an English poet, author and best known for “*The Canterbury Tales*”. His portrait is represented in the stamp issued by St. Vincent. (figure 14)

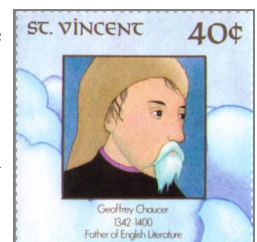


Figure 14

Our story does not end here, as not everyone believes in the connection of martyred St. Valentine as the reason for celebrating Valentine's Day in the middle of February. Some believe that the Christian church was behind the decision to celebrate Valentine's Day in the middle of February in an effort to “Christianize” the pagan celebration of “Lupercalia” a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, and the founders of Rome, Romulus and Remus.

Well, however we got to celebrating our love for another, we know people have been sending valentines and love poems to loved ones for more than 500 years, all to the economic benefit of businesses like—Hallmark cards; flower producers/delivery services; candy makers; restaurants; jewelry stores and the like. And we get to share those precious moments with loved ones. Happy Valentine's Day!

Another Album Closed - John Edward Evan



John was born in 1943 in Summit, New Jersey and passed away on Thanksgiving Day 2022. He is survived by his wife Gladys and other relatives in Illinois and Canada. He was a graduate of Economics from Rutgers University in Newark New Jersey. He was a member of MENSA. He and Gladys moved to Florida in 1973 for a career opportunity. He was a retired Banking VP with 25 years of service, handling trusts and estate settlements. He was active in his community with the Boy Scouts where he earned a Silver Beaver award and served on several committees at the Lake Seminole Square retirement residence. John also participated for many years in local and national hobby and travel societies. He was an avid stamp, engraving and scriptology collector. He was a member of the American Philatelic Society, the New York Collectors Club and the Friendship Force International. He loved the railroad and belonged to the National Railroad Historical Society and often took memorable excursions with his wife. As a member of an international family, he and his wife visited all 50 states and more than 60 different countries. He was a member of the Central Florida Stamp Club for 10 years and had an interest in Canal Zone, Sweden, U.S. 4 cent commemoratives and Slovakia. Condolences to Gladys and other family members.

Upcoming Stamp shows

February 4th - Maitland Civic Center 641 Maitland Ave. S. Maitland, FL
The Venue on the Lake 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

February 18th - West Volusia Stamp Club Annual Stamp Show 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Sons of Italy, 1270 Doyle Road, Deltona, FL 32725

June 3rd - Maitland Civic Center 641 Maitland Ave. S. Maitland, FL
The Venue on the Lake 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

USPS announces “Women’s Soccer Commemorative Forever Stamp” First Day of Issue Dedication Ceremony



Thursday, February 16, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m. EST
Exploria Stadium, 618 W. Pine Street, Orlando, FL 32805
(at the SheBelieves Cup in Fan HQ – Lot B)

If you are interested in attending, click on the link below and submit your information.

Dedication ceremony attendees are encouraged to RSVP at: usps.com/womenssoccer.

The ceremony is free and open to the public.

CFSC Annual Awards and Business for 2022

During the January CFSC meetings, the annual business of the club and awards presentation was conducted. The CFSC is in good shape with just under a membership of 100 people, a solid financial situation, an active and involved group of Board members and other club members who step up and do what they can to help the club continue to be a vibrant force in the philatelic community of Central Florida. Thank you, to everyone for your participation and contributions, your efforts are greatly appreciated. Congratulations to this years award recipients!

Voting was conducted and the ballots were counted for “Best Newsletter articles and club meeting presentations “.

For **best presentations** the winners were: (left to right) Thomas Lera (1st) Mike Smith (3rd) Henry Jehan (2nd)



For **best newsletter** articles the winners were: (left to right) Mike Schumacher (3rd) Newt Kulp (2nd) Francis Ferguson (1st)



“Glue Award Recipients for 2022” (left to right) Mike Smith, David Zambon, David Allen, Richard Blanchard, Richard Cohen, Henry Jehan, Francis Ferguson (recipients present on January 5th)



“Customer Service Award for 2022”
President Mike Schumacher congratulating recipient Francis Ferguson



“Glue Award Recipients for 2022” (left to right) Gene Perry, A, Stephen Patrick (recipients present on January 19th)

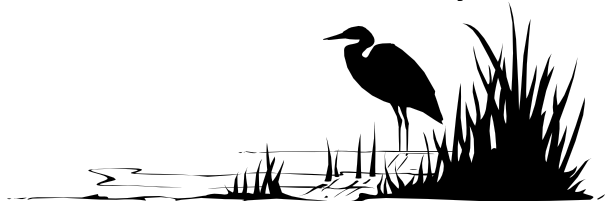


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The Central Florida Stamp Club is a 75+ year old organization governed by a Board of Directors elected by the general membership every two years and dedicated to the enjoyment of the hobby of stamp collecting.

- 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 6:15 until 7:15 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 February, April, June & September. 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
- Benefits of membership include; monthly newsletter, access to loaner equipment & catalogs, participation in door prize drawings, the right to submit and bid in cried/silent auctions — and much more.
- As of 01.2023

Central Florida Stamp Club



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