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## The Cover Story

Welcome to the 2c Phantom!

KELLEHER "FLAGSHIP SERIES"  
JUNE 12, 2013 SOLD FOR \$2950.00

Figure 4

U.S. STAMPS: 1912-1916 Washington-Franklin Issues



1269 ★★ 3¢ deep violet, aniline ink variety "pink back" (426 var.), o.g., never hinged, rich delicate shade with full characteristics of this desirable variety, unequalled large jumbo margins and immaculate perfect gum, worthy of the most discriminating collections, a Superb gem; 2013 graded PSE certificate. SMQ GEM 100J.

Estimate \$3,000 - 4,000

*The only example attaining this luxuriant grade.*

## Schedule February and March

**\*\* March Pre-meeting session March 2nd CFSC starting at 4:00 pm Second session: CFSC hosting German Philatelic Society meeting—2:00pm. to 4:00pm all are welcome.**

**March** (1st meeting) “Sharing Stories about your prized stamp possession.” Let Mike Smith know you have something to share to get on the list. Silent auction to follow.

**March** (2nd meeting) Presentation by Robert Fisher “**Polish Second Corp during WW2**” followed by silent auction

## February Meetings Recap

**February** (1<sup>st</sup> meeting) Cried Auction was conducted—21 of 39 lots sold with total sales \$335.00. Three people met for dinner; 5 people attended the pre-meeting and 28 people attended the meeting. Jerry Eller won the door prize and John Bailey won the coupon for the Maitland Stamp Show.

**February** (2<sup>nd</sup> meeting) A wonderful presentation by John Gehrig on the “British Guiana – Pictorial Definitives” followed by a silent auction in which 32 lots were sold with total sales of \$387.50. 32 individuals attended the meeting including one guest; 6 people attended the dinner gathering; David Allen won the door prize; Jim Cooney won the additional First Day of Issue “Women’s Soccer” items.

## Event Calendar 2023

**CFSC Annual Picnic - April 2, 2023**

**Maitland Park**

## Maitland one-day stamp shows:

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](http://www.FloridaStampShows.com)

## Great American Stamp Show

APS, ATA & AFDCS sponsors

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:

**2023 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

“I believe every human has a finite number of heartbeats. I don’t intend to waste any of mine.”

## Neil Armstrong

Why does this stamp have two different first day cancel dates?

The stamp issued on September 9, 1969.



The stamp’s printing die made the trip to the moon and back in July 1969. Because the moon landing on July 20, 1969 was such a significant event a cancellation was created to commemorate the occasion. Thus two First day cancel dates.

## The Editor’s Box



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

Libertyville, ILL. Postmarked March 9, 1959

Some philatelic items just appear interesting and when a bit of research is applied the fun begins. Libertyville began as Vardin’s Grove in the early 1830’s when George Vardin and family arrived. In 1936 area residents voted to rename it “Independence Grove”. The first post office was established there April 16, 1837 in the Vardin cabin. The village also registered under the name “Libertyville”, because an Independence Grove already existed in the state. In 1839 the village became the seat of Lake County and was renamed “Burlington”. The county seat moved to Little Fort in 1841 and the village reclaimed the name “Libertyville”. In 1881, the Milwaukee-St. Paul Railroad was extended to Libertyville. It is about 37 miles from Chicago, IL.





## President's Message by Mike Schumacher

Once again, thank you to everyone that volunteered at the February Maitland Stamp Show. The show was a success and even the Youth Table was busy in the afternoon and a number of donations were collected for buckets of stamps that were purchased.

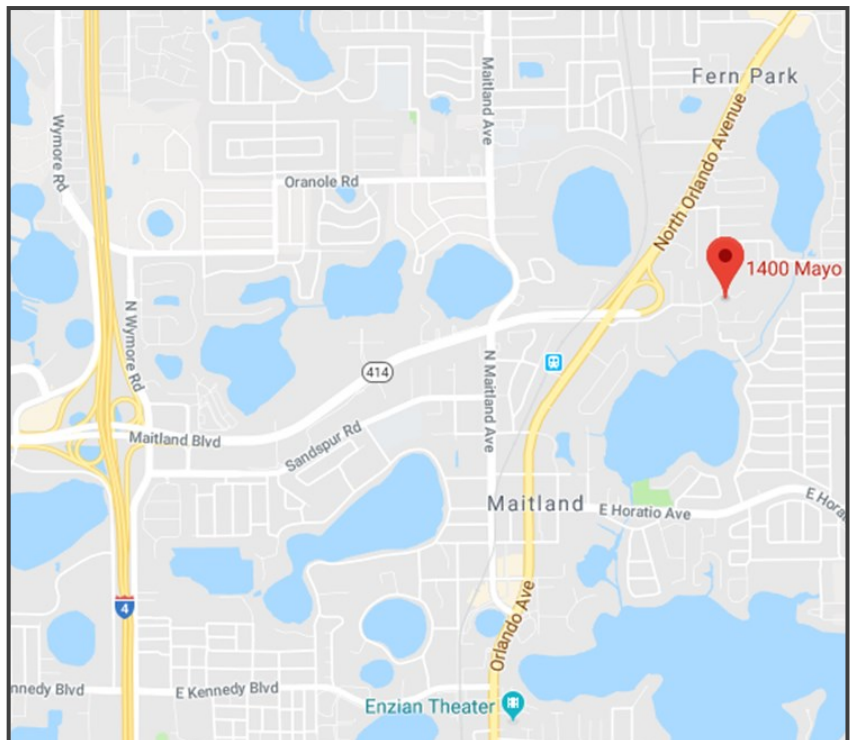
Steve Patrick and I had a good time at the First Day Issue Ceremony in Orlando on February 16th for the new "Women's Soccer Stamp". We both managed to obtain a number of pictures and souvenirs at the event. See page 6.

**Hopefully, you have marked your calendar and dusted off your favorite recipe for the upcoming annual CFSC Spring Picnic - April 2nd!!!**

**CFSC - 8th Annual Spring Picnic April 2, 2023! 2:00pm to 6:00pm**

**Maitland Community Park - 1400 Mayo Ave.**

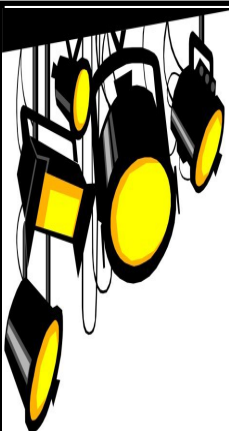
**Maitland, FL**



**Burgers; Hot Dogs; buns; water; & paper goods will be provided.  
Bring a dish to share.  
See you all there!**

## Member Spotlight - A. Stephen Patrick

Mr. Patrick has been a member of the CFSC since May of 1979! Any wonder he is the CFSC Wikipedia on all things about the club and everyone who has passed through the doors of the club meetings? His knowledge and experience about stamps and philatelic events seems to be endless, as does his enthusiasm to share it with other club members. He is a member of: APS CSCSS, ESPER, MEPSI, MSS, SCC and GPS. His interests include: Souvenir cards, Cinderellas, Cuba, Worldwide, Mexico, U.S., Germany, Florida Postal History, Malesia, Maximum cards and ESPER. He is a current Board member, past President of CFSC, and assists with club auctions and stamp shows. He has done a number of presentations, shared many stories of his philatelic travels and regularly attends new issue First Day Ceremonies. Thanks, Steve!



## Cover Story: Welcome to the 2c Phantom!

By Josh Furman

The best source to identify and value United States stamps is undoubtedly the *Scott SPECIALIZED CATALOG OF UNITED STATES STAMPS AND COVERS*. My copy is the 2020 Edition, but parts of the catalog have remained virtually the same for years. One entry that has remained constant is the small note under the listing for number 425. It reads as follows: “*The aniline inks used on some printings of Nos 425, 426 and 435a caused a pink tinge to permeate the paper and appear on the back. These are called, “Pink Backs”*”.

The Editor in Chief of Scott’s Specialized is a surprisingly young man by the name of Jay Bigalke. And if you were wandering along the aisles at FLOREX 2022, whom might you find with the same glazed look at all the wonderful and tempting goodies called stamps? The Scott’s Specialized Editor in Chief, Jay Bigalke!

So I introduced myself to him, and in a moment we were on a first name basis. So I asked him if he would answer a question about the catalog for me. He said he would do his best. My question, of course, is why is there a note of information about numbers 425, 426 and 435a, but no valuation of these stamps? He said to ask the question via email, and the two of us went on to browsing for goodies at FLOREX.

Well of course I did send Jay an email, and about a week later, here is the response I received:

I asked one of my colleagues and this is the response I received. Hope this helps! The short answer is that these undoubtedly are quite rare, and we cannot value an item that we have never seen and have never seen offered. How, then, can we establish a value for such an item? When we see one of these sold, we can revisit the value question.

He answers own question when he says he has never seen a 425 “pink back” or even seen one offered.

I wrote back, saying that I fully agreed with him about number 425. I have never seen one and never seen one offered. But that I strongly disagreed with him about number 426. I HAVE ONE! And have seen several advertised as for sale or as sold.

Jay wanted to see the evidence, so I sent him copies of my stamps, front and back, (see Fig. 1 and Fig. 2). And I also sent him copies of notes I had about sales of number 426. (see Fig. 3., Fig. 4, and Fig. 5.)



Figure 1



Figure 2

Scott 426 var mint NH 3c “pink back” 1914 graded PSE 98 SUPERB SMQ \$4,750 est	
Condition:	--
Ended:	Aug 17, 2018, 11:11:03 AM PDT
Price:	US \$683.00

Fig. 3 is a record of sale of a 426 on Aug. 17, 2018. It’s a scan I made of the price realized for the sale, but I don’t recall whether it was an auction sale or an eBay sale that I was able to copy.

Figure 3

Fig. 4 (See front page) is from another auction sale. The listing looks just like an auction lot, and I added the result in ink at the top of the page. Kelleher is a major reputable auction house which is still in business today.

Figure 5 (See next page) is obviously the first page of an eBay listing. My note at the bottom says it was from Ken Srail, a dealer I bought a number of items from several years ago. I actually bought my example of #246 from Ken Srail in June, 2013, but I don’t have a record of this sale, or even if the stamp was sold according to this offer.

So there is proof of existence of number 426—my stamps—and proof of sales, or at least attempted sales of number 426.



## Cover Story: Welcome to the 2c Phantom! Cont.

Scott 426 var mint SUPERB NH 3c "pink back" 1914 graded PSE 98... <https://www.ebay.com/itm/Scott-426-var-mint-SUPERB-NH-3c-pink-...>

Hi Josh! | Daily Deals | Gift Cards | Help & Contact

**ebay** Shop by category Search for anything

Back to search results | Listed in category: Stamps > United States > 1901-40: Unused

**SAVE UP TO 5%** See all eligible items ▶



**Scott 426 var mint SUPI GEM!**

Condition: --  
"Graded 2008 PSE OGnh, "pink back va

Sale ends in: 05d 11h 03m

Was: US \$1,500.00  
You save: **\$75.00 (5% off)**  
Price: **US \$1,425.00**  
From \$67 for 24 mo

Best Offer: \$1,499.75

**Free delivery in 4 days** 30-day re

**Bucks** You'll earn \$14.25 in eBay

Shipping: **FAST 'N FREE**  
On or before **Fri.**  
Item location: North Olm  
Ships to: United States

Payments: **PayPal** **VISA**  
Credit Cards processed | **PayPal CREDIT**

**Have one to sell? Sell now**

*KEN SRAIL 4/8/18*

1 of 6 4/8/2018

4/8/2018, 2:58 PM

Figure 5

Nevertheless, a value will not appear in the Specialized, even though evidence exists that 426 exists and has been sold.

**Not the same for 425. It is still the Phantom 2c**, having never been seen or offered, and will remain, like number 426, unvalued.

POSTSCRIPT: As I write this, I am just back from the February 4<sup>th</sup> Stamp Show in Maitland. While there, of course I was checking all dealers' stocks of Numbers 425 and 426 for Pink Backs. And, of course there was nary a 425 Pink Back to be found. BUT, one dealer had several rows of number 426 arranged by condition, some MNH, some mint with hinge marks, some used, etc., and guess what I found? About 5 or 6 3-cent #426 Pink Backs! The dealer didn't know about Pink Backs until I pointed out the small paragraph in the U.S. Specialized Catalog. What a thrill! Mr. Dealer of course had no idea how to value the Pink Backs. As you know, there is no valuation for them in the catalog, so he put them aside for later. Aren't Stamp Shows fun?



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

By Mike Schumacher

Was held - 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)

The ceremony was free and open to the public and if you pre-registered you received a program packet. The stamp and other related items could be purchased from the Post Office. There was also a presenters signing following the unveiling.



National Anthem song by Officer Gladys Justiniano  
Others: Master of Ceremony Lisa Early (left above)  
Mayor Buddy Dyer (center) & Amber McReynolds  
Board of Governors U.S. Postal Service (right above)

Right of stamp image: Club Founder: Kay Rawlins,  
Captain Seminole Soccer Player: Morgan Wright &  
Director of Families, Parks and Recreation and  
Children & Education City of Orlando, Lisa Early



(before and after unveiling)



Steve Patrick getting some  
covers canceled with the special  
“Women’s Soccer FDC”



A few remarks from superstar youth soccer player Morgan Wright, one of several speakers.

## Stupid eBay, #3 Hello George!

By Francis Ferguson



Where to begin..... All four of these examples have been listed for months on an online auction site. Oddly enough the listings are still active.

These three listings jumped out at me in the last week or so. I am normally immune to outlandish claims, however these three listings (by different sellers) jumped the shark. Let us look at the first one -- "Rare Stamp US George Washington 2c Red 1902 Mint Hinged Rare Non Perforated". Offered for \$1,749.99 with free shipping. Anyone can see that this stamp is perforated on three sides and the fourth side is a natural straight edge that is nothing unusual.

The seller seems to think it is special. Nope – it is a common stamp worth little. I doubt that you could find anyone to purchase the stamp at a nickel.

Item number two. Blows my mind. Someone with a lot of spare time on their hands trimmed all the "extra" paper away from the stamp design – and did a rather bad job of it to boot. Offered at \$1,200 with free shipping, it is rather a dog to put it mildly. Damaged beyond salvation. I tried to find the original listing to no avail. I am pretty sure it screamed "Imperforate, 120-year-old Rare Stamp". Not even close to an accurate description.



Item number three. The description reads "Stamps US George Washington 2c Red 1902 used on post card" Offered at \$1,995 with \$5.60 shipping. On a good day it is worth about \$1 on a postcard. The seller seems to think it is rare. Not really.

This last one is epic. The seller seems to think that they have a real gem, despite two certs that say otherwise. What do you think? I have quoted directly from listing – errors and all. The seller seems to have a lot of listings for mostly coins that are highly priced for no reason that makes any sense.

Listing description "Stamps US George Washington 2c Red 1902 used genuine error oddity freak Lot# RR2", \$100,000 with free shipping.

The description as written (errors and all): "Rare EFO Stamp US George Washington 2c Red 1902 used genuine, error, oddity, freak, Lot# RR2 - I sent this stamp to 5 different experts and have gotten five different reports, we have had it x-rayed, gray scaled, gamma tested. The stamped impression "Postage, Two Cents, and Washington" are clearly seen on the stamp in the photo's. It appears the die was greased in the area causing the loss of ink, but the stamps impression exists - this in my opinion is a very rare stamp, and after 50 years researching have not see another. We believed at first it might be faded but not the case, we thought sun damage but not the case either, then we asked if chemicals, again no, there is no chemical marks, no trace elements and no boarder stains. You can clearly see the stamped impression on the paper where there should have been ink at the bottom of the stamp. I have listed this stamp as best I am able, I love that it appears to be one of a kind, it is genuine and a real oddity. Thank you for looking and all the input and information from ebay users also. \*\*Also note there appears to be an additional letter "Y" just to the left and behind the "S" in states at the top of the stamp, it is clearly a letter. As a one of a kind item, I am estimating the value of this stamp to be \$100,000.00 and will start the stamp at an opening of \$10,500.00"



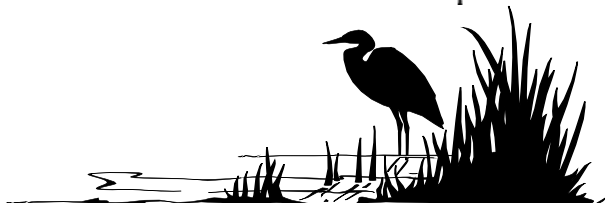
First of all, the stamp is missing a corner and second it looks pretty obvious that the stamp has been damaged by a chemical of some nature. It is not a plate inking error in any way that I have ever seen. Two certs state the stamp is not what the seller purports it to be; but they continue to hold onto the bizarre thought that it is worth \$100,000. What do you think?



**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](http://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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