



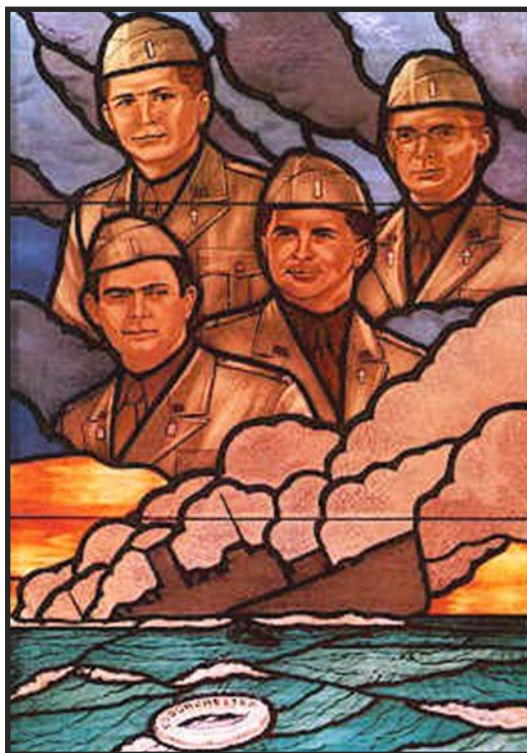
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August 1968



## The Cover Story

### The Four Chaplins

The night of 2 February, 1943, the order was given that all personnel aboard the United States Army Transport *Dorchester* must sleep fully clothed, with life vests on. It had been a rough voyage, but now the seas were calm and the men aboard were exhausted. The coast of Newfoundland seemed a safe area, so many of the men disobeyed that order, because the danger was invisible. (cont'd on page 4)



George L Fox of Cambridge, Vermont; Alexander D. Goode of Washington, DC, Clark Vandersall Polling of Philadelphia, and John Patrick Washington of Newark, NJ.

## Upcoming Schedule—June and July

### \*\* May Pre-meeting sessions

**June 1<sup>st</sup> CFSC starting at 2:00 pm** CFSC members time to work on philatelic interests, use the club catalogs, etc.

**June 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:00 pm** CFSC hosting German Philatelic Society meeting—all are welcome to attend. CFSC members can even come during that time and work on their own philatelic interests in another part of the room.

**June** (1<sup>st</sup> meeting) Called auction—bring your items to sell.

**June** (2<sup>nd</sup> meeting) Presentation by John Catiller on “**Oddities & Novelties—Weird Stamps from around the World**” followed by a silent auction.

**July** (1<sup>st</sup> meeting) **Member Show & Tell**, followed by a silent auction. There will be birthday treats to recognize those born in the second quarter of the year (April, May & June). Contact Mike Smith to sign up for the “Show & Tell.”

June 29th - CFSC Board Meeting 4:30pm @ Somethings Fishy Altamonte Springs

### May Meetings Recap

**May** (1<sup>st</sup> meeting) Members’ Show and Tell was a huge success—eight members did a brief presentation on an aspect of philately— all quite different and interesting. Well done everyone and Mike Smith for organizing it. Thirty lots sold with total sales of \$229.00 Seven people met for dinner; two people attended the pre-meeting and 33 people attended the meeting. Donald Bourassa won the \$10 door prize.

**May** (2<sup>nd</sup> meeting) The German Philatelic Society met and had a presentation prior to the CFSC meeting. 7 CFSC members met for dinner and 29 individuals attended the meeting where Mike Schumacher did a presentation on *Iceland Stamps of the 70’s—Color Proofs to Usage*, which was followed by a silent auction. Jim Moffit won the \$10 door prize. 30 lots sold in the auction with total sales of \$201.00.

### Event Calendar 2023

Maitland one-day stamp shows:

**June 3rd** - FSDA Summer show \*\*\*\*\*

**Sept. 9th** - FSDA Autumn show

**FLOREX 2023 December 1-2, 2023**

Volusia County Fairgrounds—Deland

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

## Newest Members

Welcome new members:

**Gary Geimer # 765** from Maitland has joined. He is also a member of ANA and has an interest in U.S. used singles. Welcome Gary!

Who will be new member number 766?

## 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.



## Great American Stamp Show

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Cleveland, Ohio

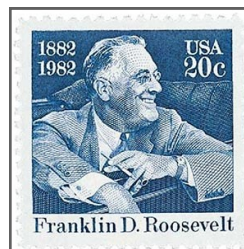
More info: <https://stamps.org>

## Quoted

“So many compensations reward the stamp collector that it is difficult to decide which is the greatest benefit to accrue from his avocation.

After all, the sheer delight which it affords justifies our interest, and brings ample returns to our effort.”

*Franklin Delano Roosevelt*



(One of us - a philatelist!)

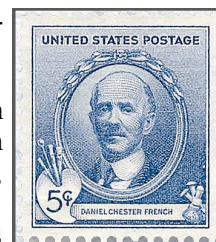
## The Editor's Box



I can't hear you! AKA the club newspaper can't represent your interests without you submitting an article about your philatelic interests and experiences.

You may wonder what the Daniel Chester French stamp has to do with this column and my not hearing you? Well, it turns out that he has a connection to Gallaudet University. For those of you not familiar with Gallaudet University, it is a research university in Washington D.C. for the education of the deaf and hard of hearing. It was founded in 1864 as a school for both deaf and blind children and named after Thomas Gallaudet, a leader in the advancement of deaf education.

Daniel Chester French was an American sculptor best known for his 1874 sculptures “*The Minute Man*” in Concord, Massachusetts and “*Abraham Lincoln*” in the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. Well, it turns out that Daniel Chester French also created the sculpture of Thomas Gallaudet at Gallaudet University. Let me hear you!



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# President's Message by Mike Schumacher

Greetings CFSC Members:



As you sit and enjoy reading this month's Philatelic Missive and prepare for the first club meeting of the month for the CFSC, I will be representing the Scandinavian Collectors Club at the NORDIA 2023 exhibition in Gardabaer, Iceland. There will be about 600 frames of exhibits and 20 Postal Service and sales booths. NORDIA is a joint stamp exhibition amongst the Scandinavian countries and rotates between the countries each year. Members of the SCC have 7 exhibits, 28 frames entered and one Literature entry. It is an honor and a great pleasure to attend and visit Iceland again. This will be my fifth trip to Iceland since 2002. I first exhibited in Iceland at the Reykjavik Stamp Expo 2007. This will be the third time that I have served as SCC Commissioner to NORDIA (previously in Iceland 2018 and in Norway 2019). I have made a number of friends there over the

years. I have also worked in a few extra days on this trip to again do some sightseeing—Vestmannaeyjar (Island south of central Iceland) with a friend from New Zealand who will also be attending and exhibiting at NORDIA and then to the West Fjords area in northwestern Iceland. These trips are so much fun in terms of building philatelic knowledge and friendships from around the world! Try it, you'll like it!

As plans for **FLOREX 2023** continue to progress, I can assure you there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer! Needed:



1. **EXHIBIT Chair person** (training provided by Fisher & Schumacher)
2. Registration table volunteers
3. Individuals to help with a variety of other activities (from setup, during the show and take down)



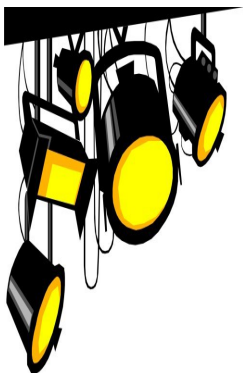
4. Individuals to be on the planning committee (next meeting **June 24th at 1:00pm** at my house with lunch served first and then discussion and planning meeting). Let me know if you want to participate! Thanks to those individuals who attended the first meeting in March—good food and great discussion!!!

**Maitland Stamp Show June 3, 2023** Volunteer opportunities, also available at this event. Sign up sheet will be available at the club meetings. The dealers will be bringing in their new items for sale, so come and check it out!

**Hard work pays off!** The Christian Help Foundation Donation lots have concluded - **THANKS** to Steve Patrick, Tom Hart and Bill Johnston for their time and effort (especially Steve and Tom who put in a lot of hours to sort through and determine lots and sale prices). The end result: the lots were sold benefiting the Christian Help Foundation for a total of \$4,602.00 and the CFSC a total of \$1,150.00. Those funds will be well spent by both organizations and those of you who purchased lots have some new items in your collections! A win, win, as they say! Steve is already hard at work breaking up another recent donation collection into lots for sale at the club auctions that has already raised over \$200.00 for the CFSC. Thanks Steve!

**Sad News to report:** Stan Brodersen who was a CFSC member since 2015 passed away in March 2023. He had been an APS member and liked to collect worldwide. (More information to follow in the next issue.)

## Member Spotlight - John Latter and Jean Schneider



John Latter has been a CFSC member since 2012 and Jean Schneider has been a CFSC member since 2016. Together they have long been a part of the central Florida philatelic community operating as the Collectors Exchange specializing in Great Britain philately. They are members of the Florida Stamp Dealers Association and they have attended and staffed their dealer table at many Maitland and FLOREX shows over the years. John has written a number of articles for the CFSC newsletter over the years. One such article can be found in the May 2020 issue titled —“*Philatelic Congress of Great Britain*”. Their contributions to the Central Florida Philatelic Community are immeasurable. Thank you John and Jean!!

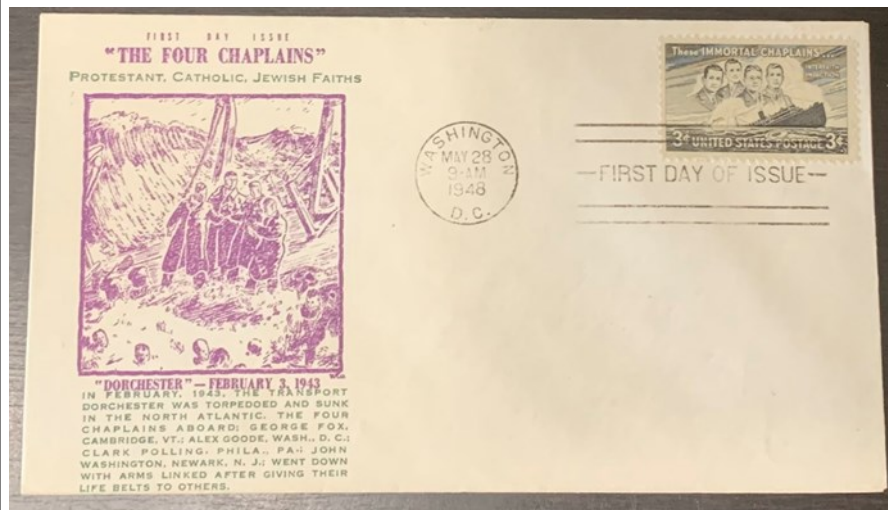


## Cover Story: The Four Chaplains

By: Daniel Wagenknecht

Cont'd from front cover

The *Dorchester* was built as a civilian cruise ship. In 1942 it was repurposed as a troop transport. Soldiers of the US Army were being deployed to Greenland to help defend that strategic island in case of German attack. The ship was escorted by the United States Coast Guard Convoy SG-19, consisting of the cutters *Tampa*, *Comanche*, and *Escanaba*. The chaplains aboard said mass, visited the nervous soldiers, and announced a talent show for the following evening's entertainment. It was known that there were German U-boats in the area, but sonar could not detect the subs if they were on the surface where they could easily hide in calm seas at night. The German submarine U-223 was ready. She launched a torpedo, striking the *Dorchester's* engine room. She was ninety miles from the destination port.



Fourteen months before, on a date which lives in infamy, the Empire of Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. Thousands of young men and women volunteered to serve the cause of freedom and democracy and to fight against tyranny and aggression. Among them were four men who would serve as military chaplains:

George L Fox of Cambridge, Vermont; Alexander D. Goode of Washington, DC, Clark Vandersall Polling of Philadelphia, and John Patrick Washington of Newark, NJ.

Reverend Fox was born March 15, 1900 in Lewiston, PA. He had joined the Great War in 1917 by lying about his age. He served in the Medical Corps as an ambulance driver, and was decorated for heroism. After his military service, he studied to be a Methodist preacher, serving as an itinerant preacher and at four different congregations. In 1942, Fox volunteered for the army chaplaincy. He began active duty August 8, 1942, the same day his son enlisted in the USMC.

Reform Rabbi Goode was born May 10, 1911, the son of a rabbi, in Washington, D.C. In January 1941 the Navy rejected his application to join the chaplaincy program, but the following year, he was accepted by the Army Air Forces.

Pastor Polling was born August 7, 1910, in Columbus, OH. After graduating from Yale in 1936, he followed the calling into ministry, and eventually received a position at First Reformed Church in Schenectady, NY. After Pearl Harbor, he saw men his own age and younger heading off to war. He felt called to face the same dangers as others were, so he joined the army. His father convinced him that chaplains, just like all other servicemen, make sacrifices, face danger, and serve. Since he had specialized training for pastoral work, he could make a bigger impact in that role. So he accepted a commission as a chaplain.

Father Washington, born July 18, 1908 was known as a tough street kid in his Newark, NJ, hometown. But he followed a calling to the priesthood. He received Holy Orders in 1935 and briefly served as priest in three parishes. The Navy turned his application down because of poor eyesight. But during his eye test for the army, he covered his bad eye twice, correctly guessing that the medic administering the test was too busy to notice. He prayed God would forgive his subterfuge.

## Cover Story: The Four Chaplins cont.

The four men first met at Army Chaplain's School at Harvard. They all were commissioned as Lieutenants. Each of them was assigned to serve at a stateside army base, and a few months later, in November, they were reunited at Camp Miles Standish in Taunton, Mass., where they prepared to travel with troops to Greenland. They did not know how soon they would give the ultimate sacrifice, but they were ready to do so if it was required of them.

When the *Dorchester* was hit, the engine room was destroyed and power failed. In the darkness, panic and chaos ensued. The chaplains knew their job was to keep everyone calm, organized, and safe. They began handing out life vests and when the last ones were issued, each chaplain gave up his own.

As the ship went down, one of the chaplains gave his gloves to a soldier who couldn't find his. Soldiers who were rescued from the frigid sea recalled that the last time they saw the chaplains, they were huddled together praying as they went down with the ship. Some of the rescued soldiers heard English prayers blending together with Hebrew and Latin. Of the 900 souls aboard the *Dorchester* that night, only 230 were rescued. Those floating in the 34 degree water lasted about twenty minutes unless they were pulled into a dry lifeboat.

The "Four Chaplains" were given posthumous medals—the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart. They are remembered in a glass window at the Pentagon (on front cover), and on monuments near their towns. Four Chaplains Day is observed on February 3 in some locations.

The Four Chaplains Foundation supports those who embody their examples of service, duty, and sacrifice. A "Chapel of the Four Chaplains" was built in the lower level of Grace Baptist, Philadelphia. It was maintained there after the property was purchased by Temple University. In 2002 the chapel was relocated to the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard.



A US Stamp commemorating their sacrifice was issued in 1948 (Scott Catalogue Number 956). According to USPS tradition, no individuals except for Presidents were commemorated on stamps until ten years have passed since their death. This was the first stamp issued within ten years of death bearing the likenesses of people who were not Presidents. In a compromise, to keep the traditional ten-year waiting period intact, the names of the Four Chaplains were not printed on the stamp.

Two officers of the U-boat, U-223, that sunk *Dorchester* joined with survivors and the children of two of the chaplains for a reunion fifty years later. Those officers, Kurt Rosser and Gerhard Buske, met with Theresa Goode Kaplan, widow of Rabbi Goode, who accepted their expressions of respect and regret. On the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Four Chaplains Foundation in 2004, Rosser said, "We ought to love when others hate. . . . We can bring faith where doubt threatens; we can awaken hope where despair exists; we can light up a light where darkness reigns; we can bring joy where sorrow dominates."

The Second World War ended almost 78 years ago. The youngest soldiers to have served at that time are well into their nineties. We who come after them have a duty to remember.



Stamp issued:	May 28, 1948 in Washington D.C.
Designer:	Charles R. Chickering
Vignette:	M. D. Fenton
Lettering:	E. H. Helmuth
Printer:	Bureau of Printing and Engraving
Print Quantity:	121,953,500





THE VARIETYHUNTER by Scott Martz

## Case # 307 - A Major Double Transfer

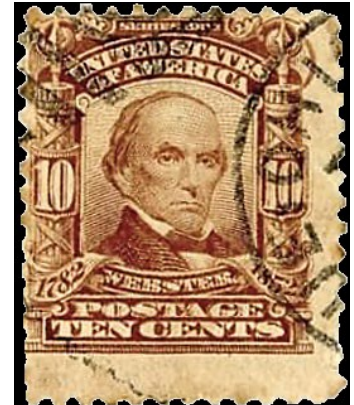
Hello everyone – Today I wanted to highlight one of my white whales.

I am always on the lookout for this and unfortunately have NEVER found one.

This is a US Scott# 307 with a major double transfer. The numerals on the side, WEBSTER, and POSTAGE all have major doubling visible.

An absolutely beautiful variety and quite RARE! Be on the lookout.  
If anyone finds one of these in their holdings and are willing to trade it I would be happy to find something that will make your month.

Happy Hunting - Scott



## **“SHOW AND TELL” FOLLOW-UP - THE REST OF THE STORY FOR NEW ZEALAND ADSONS.**

by John Gehrig

I took an opportunity during the “Show and Tell” period of the May 4th meeting to share a few interesting things about the 1893-1894 New Zealand Post Office attempt to increase revenue by printing commercial advertising on the backs of New Zealand definitive stamps. As usual, I bit off more than I could chew. I did not allow time to mention a few easily accessible resources available to further explain this area of philately. Here is a short note to make up for my oversight..

First, a solid basis for understanding the philatelic and social history aspects of this area can be gained from the Internet by googling “New Zealand Advertisement Stamps: Commercial Failure, Philatelists’ Delight”. There you will be greeted with a masterful four page article written by Robin Gwynn, FRPSL, FRPSNZ which provides a great basic framework for the N Z AdsOns.

Next, invest twenty minutes or so by reporting to YouTube and searching for a short lecture entitled “New Zealand Advertisement Stamps Robert Carswell”. Watching this excellent and very understandable lecture will enable you to know far more than most about this fascinating and esoteric topic.

If you’re now hooked, proceed to buy or borrow the Bible on this topic: “The 1893 New Zealand Advertisement Stamps” by J. A. Robb, published by the Christchurch (N.Z.) Philatelic Society Inc. Happy Kiwi time.

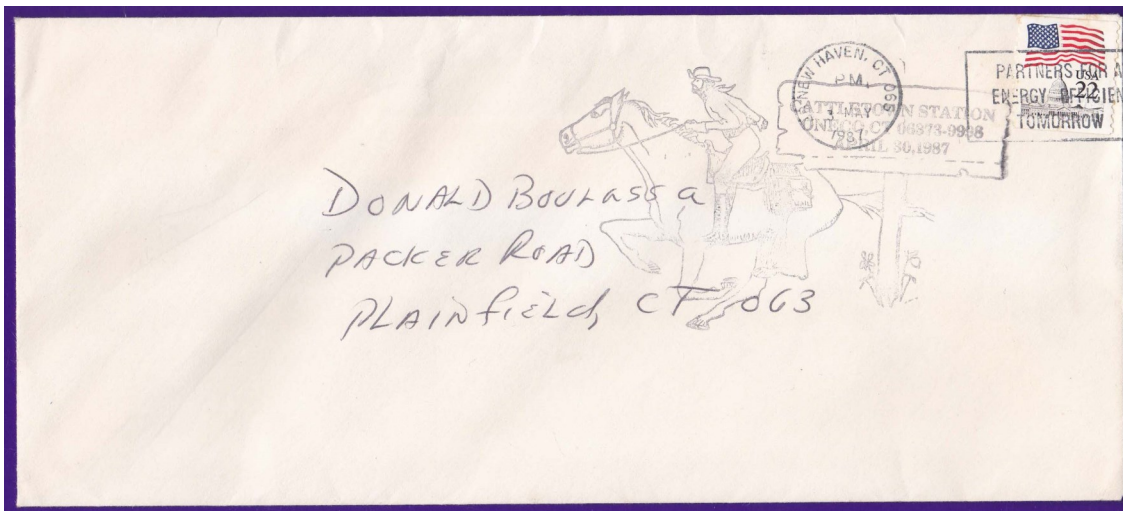




# Modern Day Pony Express Cover

By Donald J. Bourassa

Imagine my surprise when I received this letter from a nearby town in eastern Connecticut. My good friend Bob 'Bones' Brannon was at the Sterling Movie Ranch set and sent this via Pony Express.



The official Pony Express cancel has a rider on horseback and a sign that reads:

"Cattletown Station, Oneco, Ct. 06373-9998, April 30, 1987".

This cover also boasts a New Haven, Ct. cancel of May 3, 1987.

The cancel on the coil stamp, Scott #2115, includes the words:

"Partners for an energy efficient tomorrow."

"Bones" did not know my exact address but addressed the envelope to "Packer Road, Plainfield, Ct. 063".

The letter made it to my address at 7 Packerville Rd., Plainfield, Ct. 06374 just fine.

**The Cover backstory:** Sterling, Connecticut has never had any zoning ordinances. Companies such as Sterling Powder could move into town and start a business. Sterling Powder made gun powder and ingredients for fireworks. With no zoning a group of investors decided to set up a 24 acre western themed movie ranch. The idea was to attract the movie industry to eastern Connecticut for filming. Cattletown became the official post office at the Sterling Movie Ranch.

On May 3, 1987, the New York Times wrote:

*"There will even be a genuine Pony Express operating out of Cattletown, which is in the Oneco section of Sterling. Letters dropped off at the post office, a United States Postal Service transfer station, will be stamped, and delivered by a pony rider a mile away to the permanent postal station."*

The remote location never attracted the film industry and visitors to the site were few and far between.

My friend Bones passed away a few years ago but this cover lives on in my collection.

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\*Sterling Movie Ranch

STERLING MOVIE RANCH presents CATTLETOWN

## Stupid eBay, # 8 “Really?”

By Francis Ferguson

Just when you think you have seen it all – something beyond real shows up. Oddly enough I am pretty sure this same exact piece made an appearance on a popular online site about 5 years ago. After an exchange with the seller, the offered piece was removed.

Let me offer some background. I have actively collected all aspects of the Edison issues (654-655-656) for going on 20 years. Plate blocks, coils, EFOs, essays, proofs, & FDCs – all are fun! I can say I know the material very well. The plate number – shown on this piece -- simply does not exist. Closer examination will show what looks like a patch job to make it look like a real deal. It is not. Someone took the side margin paper with the plate number from Scott #634 and melded onto the block of four of the Edison stamps – thus creating this monstrosity.



I contacted the seller and the following terse exchange happened.

### Me to seller:

There is no such plate number on this Edison series. This is an effort to trick someone.

### Seller to Me:

We are not trying to trick anyone and do not appreciate the accusation. If we have the stamp number listed incorrectly then please advise us on the correct information and we will update the listing.

### Me to Seller:

I will take the high road here. I have collected the Edison issues for 20 years and know it well. The plate number 20179 is associated with Scott # 634 (per Durlands) and not the # 655. If you look closely, you will see the perfs do not match.

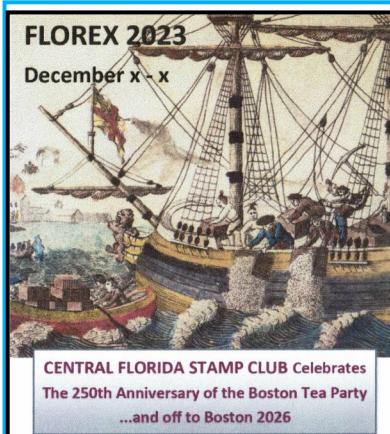
### Seller to Me:

The high road would have been to notify us of the error before the accusation that we were trying to trick someone. We have edited the listing.

### Me to Seller:

No further communication was attempted—it was pointless.

I think my actions fell in line with an attempt to educate the seller—who apparently does not even know what the Durlands reference book is—let alone know how to use it. What would you have done?



Draft design for the  
FLOREX 2023 Cachet

250th Anniversary of the  
Boston Tea Party ... and  
off to Boston 2026 World  
Expo.

Thanks Mel!

Boston 2026 World Expo will be the 12<sup>th</sup> time the  
International show has been held in the U.S.A.  
May 23-30, 2026 with first day ceremonies every-  
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Their logo





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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](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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