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## THE COVER STORY

### Alphabet Soup—FLOREX FFSC FSDA CFSC

By: Francis Ferguson

You may ask what do all four of these acronyms have in common?  
That would be the letter 'F' – as in Florida.

The first FLOREX held in 1949 was by modern standards a non-event. It was simply a one day gathering of like-minded collectors from around the state who met with the intention of forming an organization to further the aims of philately. There was no bourse but rather a “showing” of material by those attending. As FLOREX evolved in the first decade the show moved around from Miami to Tampa and Orlando (was hosted by the CFSC in 1953). There are few solid records pertaining to those early shows. Very little has surfaced for much of the 1950s and 1960s; with only 5 show booklets being known for the first sixteen years of shows.

The first known FLOREX from 1952 is shown [Figure 1]. The last cachet from 1999 is shown [Figure 2]. See page 4

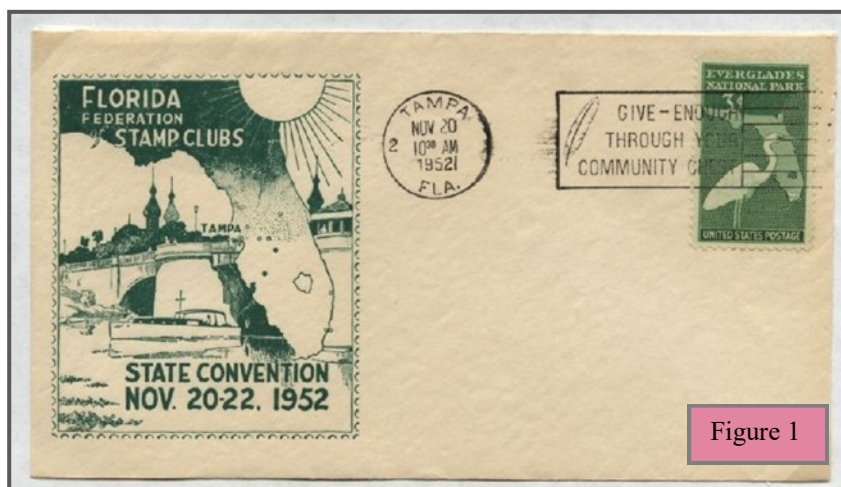


Figure 1

## Upcoming Schedule—October

**\*\* Pre-meeting sessions  
NO PRE-MEETING**

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** (1<sup>st</sup> meeting) A Members “Show & Tell” followed by a silent auction. Door prize available,  
**December 21<sup>st</sup>** (2<sup>nd</sup> meeting) **CFSC Holiday Party**  
Bring a dish to share and enjoy the company of friends.  
Door Prize available.

## November Meetings Recap

**(1<sup>st</sup> meeting)** A “Called Auction” was conducted by Tom Hart with the results being - **21** lots sold with total sales of \$288.50. Twelve people met for dinner; 32 Members and 1 guest attended the meeting. Steve Patrick won the \$10 door prize. Mimi brought treats—thanks Mimi!

**(2<sup>nd</sup> meeting)** The German Philatelic Society met and had 4 members in attendance prior to the CFSC meeting. 3 members met for dinner and 18 members and a guest attended the meeting. Presentation by Gary Byrd on “Collecting 1945, An Interesting & Challenging Philatelic Pursuit.” Proving to the club that there are many ways to define a collection and one can surely collect whatever one has an interest in. Thanks Gary! A silent auction was conducted— 14 lots sold with total sales of \$144.50. Gene Perry won the door prize and Mark Haas won the FLOREX door prize.

## Event Calendar 2023

**It's show time!!!**

**FLOREX 2023    December 1-2, 2023**  
**Friday 10am-6pm & Saturday 10am-4pm**  
**Tommy Lawrence Arena**  
**Volusia County Fairgrounds—Deland**  
**For more info:**  
**[www.FloridaStampShows.com](http://www.FloridaStampShows.com)**

## Newest Members

Welcome to our newest member(s):

**Carol Bradfield**—member 769 – she is also an APS member—her philatelic interests include “countries of the world”; Women and Aviation. Welcome Carol!

**John Kennedy** -member 770– info to follow  
Welcome John!

Who will be new member number 771?

## Pre meeting 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.



## Boston International Stamp Expo May 23-31, 2026

Boston, Massachusetts

More info at:

<https://boston2026.org>

## Quoted

*“Learn as if you will live forever,*

*Live like you will die tomorrow”*

*Author unknown*

10c Booker T. Washington  
from the American Educators  
series (first stamp to depict an  
African-American) Principal of  
Tuskegee Institute

Stamp issued April 7, 1940



## The Editor's Box



Newsletter articles needed! Articles can be submitted in a word document with scans and attached to an email. Submit articles to:

**[Editor@CentralFloridaStampClub.org](mailto:Editor@CentralFloridaStampClub.org)**

Thank you to all CFSC members who contributed articles in 2023!

Good news! CFSC Philatelic Missive was entered in the APS Star Route competition and the Judges awarded it a Large Vermeil Award! They were very impressed with the Content of the articles and felt some of them should also be published in national Philatelic journals. Congratulations to CFSC Philatelic Missive!



## President's Message by Mike Schumacher

Seasonal Greetings CFSC Members:

It's show time! As you read this month's issue of the Philatelic Missive—FLOREX 2023 will be underway! The 74<sup>th</sup> annual Florida Stamp show made possible by the Florida Stamp Dealers Association and the Central Florida Stamp Club. Thank you to the FLOREX Planning Committee and the members of the CFSC who have volunteered to staff the show!

FLOREX 2023 will feature 23 dealers from around the country and Canada. Browse their inventory and see what gems you can add to your collections.

There will also be 24 exhibitors who have submitted a total of 32 exhibits filling 118 frames. Members of the CFSC who have entered exhibits include: Vernon Morris, Thomas Lera, Robert Fisher, Donald Bourassa, Jerry Eller, myself and first time exhibitor Mathew George. Best of success to these and all of the other exhibitors.

The exhibits will be evaluated using the APS/AAPE exhibit criteria by APS Judges: Yamil Kouri (Chief Judge) (who is also the Commissioner General for Boston 2026 World Expo), Ronald Leshner (who also entered a non-competitive exhibit on *"Promoting and Marketing Florida Citrus Inspection Fees and Advertising Taxes"*.) and Raymond Pietruszka. Thank you to the Judges!

**New at FLOREX 2023 - Silent Auction Friday 12 to 2pm Saturday 12 to 1:30pm**

Lot entries will be submitted by the Dealers, FSDA and the Central Florida Stamp Club. Two separate auctions, so stop by and put in your bids. Money raised will go to the seller minus 10% that goes to FLOREX (to help cover expenses). Thanks to Gary Byrd for organizing and managing the auctions!

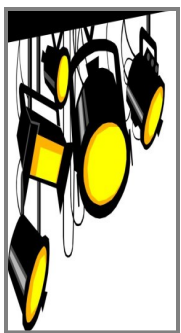
[FLOREX 2023 Friday December 1st 10am to 6pm Saturday December 2nd 10am to 4pm See you there!!!!](#)

⇒ **CFSC Board Member nominations** have been submitted and ballots will be put together with the candidates names and bios. Voting will take place at the second club meeting of January. So mark your calendars for the meeting and show up and vote.

⇒ **CFSC HOLIDAY PARTY!!!** The meeting on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Food will be Potluck, bring a dish to share. Water and tableware will be provided by CFSC. Door Prizes !! Holiday fun and merriment!!

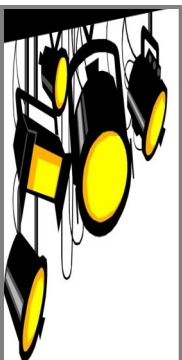
⇒ **Have a safe and wonderful holiday season to all CFSC members and their families!!!**

### Member Spotlight - Mark Tiger



**Mark Tiger** has been a member of the CFSC since 2019. He is also a member of the APS, and FSDA (President nominee for the coming term). Mark is the Manager and Buyer for The Browse House stamp shop located in Holly Hill, FL (8 years). The Browse House has been in business for more than 40 years and is owned by Kathy Savedow. Mark and Kathy (The Browse House) are a regular dealer at the Maitland and FLOREX Stamp shows. Mark is also the Bourse Chair for FLOREX (meaning he handles the dealers and their show contracts). Thanks Mark and Kathy for all that you do for FLOREX and the Central Florida Philatelic community!

### Member Spotlight - Robert (Bob) Sazama



**Robert Sazama** has been a member of the CFSC since 2013. He is also a member of APS, FSDA, ASDA and the China Society. He is one of nearly a dozen members of the CFSC who are also dealers. His booth at the Maitland shows and FLOREX are a common site. Additionally, this year he had a dealers' booth at the Great American Stamp Show in Cleveland. Over the many years that he has been a dealer he has had a booth at many shows around the U.S. and in Asia. He served on the Planning committee for FLOREX 2023 and has made significant prize contributions to FLOREX again this year. Thank you Robert for your help, assistance and contributions to the CFSC and FLOREX!



# Cover Story: Alphabet Soup

## FLOREX FFSC FSDA CFSC cont.

By: Francis Ferguson

The last cachet from 1999 is shown [Figure 2].

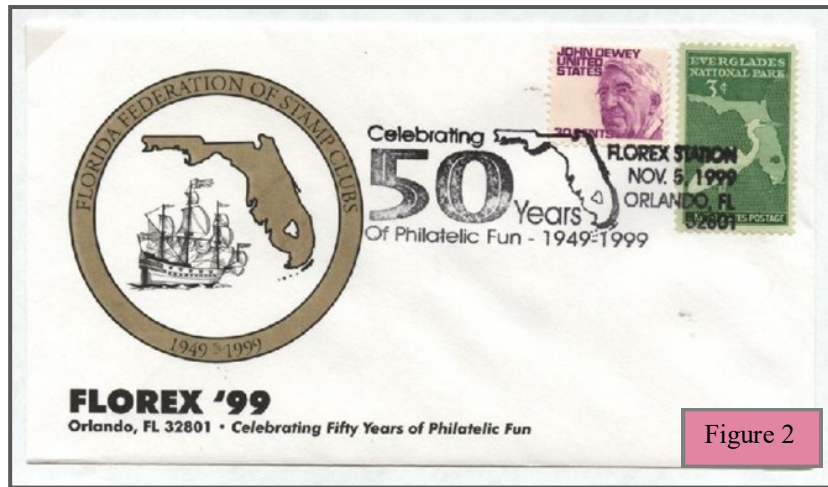


Figure 2

### FFSC

Out of this first group of philatelic folks formed the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs which claimed a 1949 date for its inception. The FFSC remained active and published a monthly/ quarterly newsletter from 1951 to 1997. The publication *The Florida Philatelist* archives can be found at <http://CentralFloridaStampClub.org/pages/FP.files> -- this repository is considered the definitive reference for the philatelic community in Central Florida. The work of processing and scanning this archive and preserving the information for future generations was supported financially by FSDA & CFSC. As the leadership of the FFSC collapsed the support for the old FLOREX also ceased -- the 1999 show -- 50<sup>th</sup> year was the last sponsored by the FFSC. Front and back covers of the 1999 Program show booklet shown (figure 3)

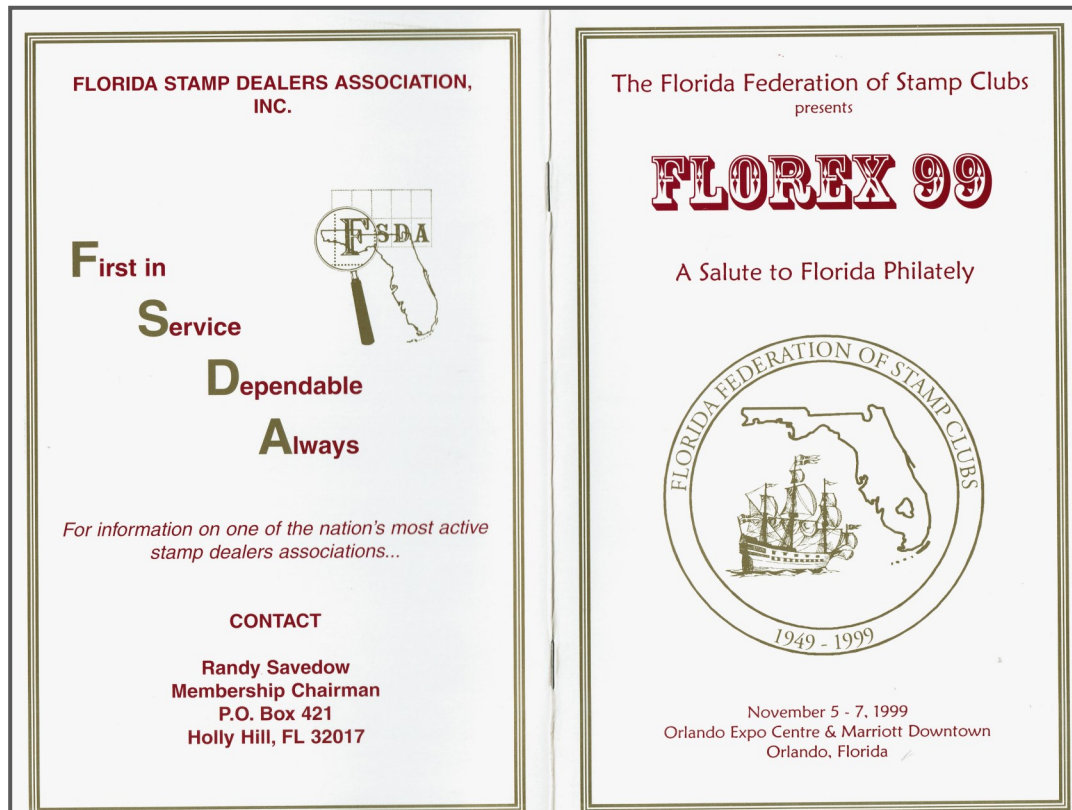


Figure 3

## **Cover Story: Alphabet Soup**

### **FLOREX FFSC FSDA CFSC** cont.

#### **FSDA**

As it became obvious in 1998 that the FFSC was going to cease to exist, a plan was presented to the FSDA BoD that would create a show to replace FLOREX. The show that resulted from that effort took place in 2000 and ultimately became the newly minted *FLOREX – The Florida State Stamp Show*. The leadership of the FSDA played an important and critical role in this revitalization of FLOREX.

The Florida Stamp Dealers' Association came into existence in 1960 and was formed to further the aims of professional philately in the state. The last founding member (Carl Kish) passed away in the fall of 2020. The organization is now in year sixty-three of existence and continues to be relevant in the modern era with almost 90 professional members. The FSDA entered the digital realm in the early years of the 1990s with the first dedicated website. The website now averages about two thousand hits every week, ([www.FloridaStampDealers.org](http://www.FloridaStampDealers.org)).

#### **CFSC**

The Central Florida Stamp Club ([www.CentralFloridaStampClub.org](http://www.CentralFloridaStampClub.org)) has archives proving the club's genesis from the middle 1940s and continuing into the modern era. There is an extraordinary depth of information on the club that can be accessed from the website. The club currently has about 90 on the active roster and continues to be a vital and active member of the Central Florida philatelic community. The club sponsors and hosts two local shows a year (February & April) and is the official hosting organization for FLOREX, providing critical staffing for the event. Without the dedication of a cadre of volunteers the show would simply not happen.

#### **FLOREX**

FLOREX ([www.FLOREXStampShow.com](http://www.FLOREXStampShow.com)) had a long run of years at the Expo Center in downtown Orlando and at the Central Florida Fairgrounds before moving for a short period to The Osceola Heritage Park in Kissimmee and finally landing at the Volusia County Fairgrounds. Because of constraining financial issues, the show was reduced to a two day event, while still maintaining WSP status.

FLOREX is one of only two World Series of Philately events in Florida and continues to send top winners to the Champion of Champion competition every year.

The digital footprint of FLOREX began in 2004 and continues to this day as the historical repository of show information. The width, depth and breadth of information related to FLOREX is extraordinary.

Over the decades countless individuals have played key roles in all four organizations: frequently holding administrative positions in multiple groups at the same time. While it would be easy to name some of those who are responsible for the success of the "Alphabet Soup", I would fear forgetting an individual who contributed extraordinarily of their time and talent. I will simply end with saying -- those that did great things will long be remembered in the history of the philatelic community of Florida.

The objective of all the efforts detailed in this article is to foster the hope and expectation that philately will live long and continue to prosper for generations to come (sorry for mangling the quote from Mr. Spock).

[Thanks are extended to Phillip Fettig for contributions to this article.]

# British Honduras bisects of 1888

By Donald J. Bourassa

This article focuses on the British Honduras bisect stamp Scott #28a.

The currency in the colony changed from sterling to the dollar in 1888.

Stamps changed from *the penny, the pence and the shilling* to the new dollar values of *1 cent to 50 cents*.

There were no 2 cent stamps.

In order to get 2 cent stamps it was best to overprint the large stock of the one penny red of 1882 (Scott #14).



## Why is there a bisect ?

The stamp above is a one penny stamp that has been overprinted:

**2  
CENTS**

To make 3 cents you need a 2 cent overprint plus half of another one as seen below.

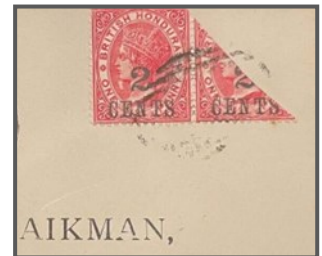
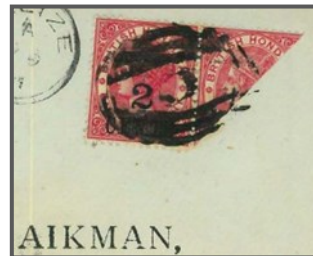


The cover appears correct but is it the proper use of the bisect stamp Scott #28a.

## British Honduras bisects of 1888 cont.

Catalogue values for a legitimate bisect on cover are well over \$100.00.

Let's see what kind of results we get when searching on EBay.  
These are complete covers but only the pertinent portions are shown here.



Do you see the repeating name on all of these covers?

Mr. W. G. Aikman

### How is that possible?

From the book "*A Postal History of Belize*" by E.W. King":

***"William George Aikman described as a General Merchant....took a keen interest in stamps, and especially in the financial possibilities which they offered".***

It goes on to state that Mr. Aikman:

***"...was friendly with the then Postmaster Mr. W.F. McKinney, and in all probability with the Postal Clerk, Carl Metzgen."***

***"... Carl Metzgen overdid things and was subsequently convicted and dismissed for selling overprinted stamps to the Scott Stamp and Coin Company, which has not been authorized for issue."***

It seems that British Honduras bisect Scott #28a is more common than first thought.

So there you have it. A rarely seen use of the bisect  
being exploited over a hundred years ago by an  
enthusiastic dealer/collector and the local postal authorities.



## Questionable eBay, # 14

### Two Outlandish Listings - By Francis Ferguson



**Listing:** 1940 US Statue of Liberty For Defense 1c Stamp Sc#899 Used Strip Of 3 - #B655, starting bid of \$3.00, shipping of \$1.00, No returns allowed.

Common as dirt. This was one of the work horse stamps of the era and was designed to promote patriotism during WWII. It is not worth five cents.



**Listing:** 3 CENT LIBERTY US POSTAGE STAMP - USED - PURPLE LADY STATUE OF LIBERTY, starting bid of \$12.00, free shipping, No returns allowed.

This listing is even more egregious than the previous one. This stamp was the major work-horse stamp of the series as the first-class rate during this time was three cents. If I wanted to spend the time to find the reference, I would wager the quantity printed was well into the billions.

Oddly enough some years ago, I was contacted by a person who had placed thousands of these stamps from the three different formats (sheet, coil, booklet) into a series of a couple dozen binders – and they were looking to sell this fabulous collection for \$5,000. It was not worth \$5! I declined to make the purchase or even give them a reference.



### It's Show Time FLOREX 2023—Begins December 1<sup>st</sup> !

Come one and come all. Check out the dealers stock and the exhibits.  
Put in your bids at the Silent Auction booth. Check out the exhibits.

Dealers	booth
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Boca Collectables	23
Collectors Exchange	19-20
Dutch Country Auctions	13
Gary Posner, Inc.	37-38
George Enstrom, LTD	6
Jacksonville Stamp & Coin	8-9
Jim Archbold Stamps	10
James F. Taff	27
Labron Harris	21
Newport Harbor Stamp Co.	28
Tom Hart	17-18
Norman Hinds Jr.	36
Philip Spitzer	22
Quality Stamps	16
Robert M. Sazama	7
Roy's Stamps	47-48
Sheldon Rogg	14-15
The Browse House	25-26
The Stamp Center of Texas	39-40
The Stamp Professor	1-2
Twin Oak Stamps	11-12

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7.	A Study in the design of Queen Victoria Stamps in the 19 <sup>th</sup> Century	36-39
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- 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.
- Postal address: CFSC P.O. Box 1206, Plymouth, FL 32768-1206
- As of 11.2023

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