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THE COVER STORY

CFSC 2023 FLOREX & Holiday Party

Another busy year for the Central Florida Stamp Club is coming to an end. The first weekend in December the Super Heroes of the CFSC stepped up in a big way and helped pull off another successful FLOREX Stamp Show. The Marvel franchise may have the Fantastic Four, Captain America and a variety of others who save the day, but by my count there were at least 15 CFSC Super Heroes who saved the day and took on all of the challenges of making FLOREX 2023 a huge success (and my apologies if I inadvertently left someone out of the list—but trying to be Captain America and keeping on top of all of the issues it takes to make sure everything goes smoothly, I get pulled in a lot of different directions). The Super Heroes include:

Mike Smith;	Newt Kulp;
Francis Ferguson;	Stephen Patrick;
Gary Byrd;	Robert Fisher;
Richard Blanchard;	Donald Bourassa;
Mel Borofsky;	Jim Moffitt;
Allen Lane;	Jeff Small;
John Gehrig;	Carlos Guffain;
& Jerry Eller.	

You folks were exceptional above and beyond the call of duty! I am so proud and appreciative of all of you and the incredible job you did!!!!!!

Thank you!

But the story does not stop there, as there were also other CFSC and West Volusia County Stamp Club members who had less time available to help out, but came forth and completed a shift or two during the show—helping to make

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Upcoming Schedule—January 2024

**** Pre-meeting sessions in 2024 will only be on the third Thursday of the month from 2-4pm. CFSC will continue to host the German Philatelic Society at that time, but CFSC members are welcome to**

Upcoming January meetings:

January 4th CFSC donation fundraiser auction (clear out those items that you no longer want and benefit the CFSC). Door prize available. Meeting will be in the Ballroom

January 18th CFSC Business meeting—annual awards and BOD election. Door prize available. Meeting will be in the Oak Room.

December Meetings Recap

December 7th (1st meeting) A Members “Show & Tell” was conducted. Thank you Steve Patrick, Carlos Guffain, Newt Kulp for presenting. A silent auction followed—19 Lots sold with total sales of \$204. Door prize was won by John Bailey.

December 21st (2nd meeting) **CFSC Holiday Party—feasting and merriment took place.** 38 individuals attended. Door Prize was won by Mel Borofsky. Ten other individuals won the special Holiday door prizes!

Event Calendar 2023

Sarasota National Stamp Expo—Jan. 19-21, 2024
801 N. Tamiami Trail Sarasota, FL 10am—5:30pm

Winter Show—Maitland Civic Center—Feb. 3, 2024
Venue on the Lake 641 Maitland Ave. S. Maitland, FL
10am-4pm (all four Maitland shows)

Spring Show—Maitland Civic Center—Apr. 6, 2024

Summer Show—Maitland Civic Center—June 1, 2024

Fall Show—Maitland Civic Center—Sept. 7, 2024

FLOREX 2024 December 6-7, 2024
Friday 10am-5pm & Saturday 10am-4pm
Tommy Lawrence Arena
Volusia County Fairgrounds—Deland, FL
For more info:

www.FloridaStampShows.com

Newest Members

Welcome to our newest member(s):

John Kennedy -member # 770— philatelic interests include— worldwide. Welcome John!

Ann Wood— member # 754— also a member of APS, RPSL, BWISC, & BCPSG. President of Guyana Philatelic Society—philatelic interests include—British Guyana. Welcome Ann!

Marc Bostrom—member # 771- also a member of APS— philatelic interests include USA, Canada, British Africa. Welcome Marc! FLOREX 2023 50/50 raffle winner!

Who will be new member number 772?

Pre meeting Dinner Plans:

At the Chuan Lu Garden at 1101 E. Colonial Drive at 4:30pm. Located on the north side of Colonial Drive one block west of Mills Ave. 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

“How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these.”



George Washington Carver

The Editor's Box



Thank you to everyone who submitted an article(s) for the Philatelic Missive in 2023!

Keep them coming! Newsletter articles needed for 2024 Philatelic Missive!

Articles can be submitted in a word document with scans and attached to an email.

Submit articles to:

Editor@CentralFloridaStampClub.org

President's Message by Mike Schumacher

HAPPY NEW YEAR! May your year be filled with many Philatelic good times!

THANK YOU to CFSC Members who helped with FLOREX 2023 and the annual Holiday Party!!! Further information in the cover story of this issue.

Just a few upcoming reminders:

1. First meeting in January—CFSC fundraiser auction! Clear out and donate those stamp lots that you want to get rid of in your stamp room to make space for those new additions to your collection and help the club raise funds for future activities.
2. Second meeting in January— CFSC Annual business meeting –including election of new Board members; annual reports, annual glue awards, best presentation and newsletter article! Board candidate bio information on pages 7 & 8 of this newsletter. Make sure you have renewed your membership for 2024, so that you are eligible to vote.
3. CFSC Policy change approved by the Board—membership fees are waived for CFSC members who are over the age of 80 and have been a CFSC member for at least the past 10 consecutive years. So if you meet these criteria please note that on your membership renewal application form.
4. The Winter one day stamp show at Maitland will be on February 3, 2024 from 10am to 4pm at the Venue by the Lake, 641 Maitland Ave. S., Maitland, FL. Volunteers needed and come out and support the dealers!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Preliminary designs for new U.S. Postage stamps in 2024

Lunar New Year



Love Stamp



U.S. Flags



Constance Baker Motley



\$1 Floral Geometry



Pillars of Creation
(Priority Mail)



Cosmic Cliffs
(Priority Mail Express)



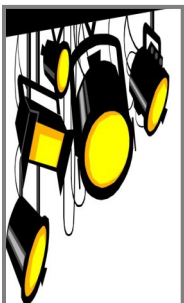
Flowers
(Low values)



Save Manatees



So lots of new designs coming in 2024



Member Spotlight - Donald Bourassa

Donald, joined the CFSC in February 2023 and already (even though he is a snowbird) has been active in club activities (exhibited in the last two FLOREX Stamp Shows) and has written a number of articles for the club newsletter. Donald also assisted with various tasks at FLOREX 2023 especially with setup and take down of exhibits and the Exhibitors' Award Ceremony. He is also an APS member and his philatelic interests include: Canada, British North America, Queen Victoria and Chile. Welcome to the CFSC! We look forward to more of your exhibiting and newsletter articles. Thank you Donald for your contributions to CFSC and Philately!

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By: Mike Schumacher

a difference and FLOREX 2023 a success So, I want to say THANK YOU to each of you for whatever amount of time that you were able to provide to the success of FLOREX 2023! I am proud and honored to have each and everyone of you as part of the FLOREX 2023 team. All of you heroically and proudly represented CFSC in the finest manner possible and I am honored to have had the opportunity to work with each and everyone of you!!! Such dedication and commitment to the Philatelic Community is incredible, outstanding and speaks volumes for the membership of the Central Florida Stamp Club. Thank you!!!

The success of FLOREX 2023, however got started long before set-up day November 30th. The momentum began earlier in the summer when several CFSC members met for a couple of planning sessions over the summer. Those individuals included: Mark Tiger, Francis Ferguson, Mike Smith, Bob Sazama, Gary Byrd, Steve Patrick, Newt Kulp and myself. Thank you planning committee members for getting the ball rolling!

The success of FLOREX 2023 was further aided with the efforts of CFSC members (Newt Kulp and Steve Patrick) who did presentations during the show and assisted with Society meetings—the Florida Postal History Society, the German philatelic Society and the Canal Zone Study group.



Another group of CFSC members who contributed significantly to FLOREX 2023 were those who choose to enter their exhibits and share some of their Philatelic knowledge with attendees. These individuals included: Vernon Morris, Jerry Eller, Donald Bourassa, Thomas Lera, Robert Fisher, Mathew George and myself. A great deal of success was had by this group of exhibitors. Vernon Morris (Large Gold and Single frame Grand Award); Jerry Eller (Large Vermeil), Donald Bourassa (Large Silver), Thomas Lera (Large Vermeil), Robert Fisher (Large Vermeil), Mathew George (Gold - for a novice first time exhibitor!) and myself (Gold and Large Vermeil). Congratulations to everyone who exhibited!

The final group of CFSC Super Heroes who's contributions added significantly to the success of FLOREX 2023—CFSC dealer members—Bob & Ann Dowrick, Robert Sazama, Tom Hart, Jim Archbold, John Latter, Mark Tiger, David Moore, & Norman Hinds Jr. THANK YOU!

Thank you also to the other dealers, societies and exhibitors who participated in the success of FLOREX!!

Mathew George
Achieves Gold
First time Exhibitor

Welcome to FLOREX 2023!
Deland, FL
Home to Stetson University

Phil Fettig, Newt Kulp, Mike Smith and Jeff Small
Registration Desk

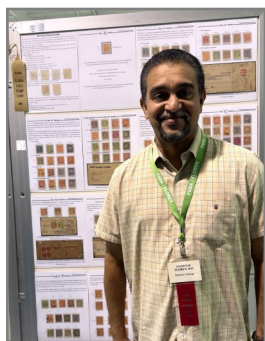


Photo by Mathew George



Thanks also to the
Mike Schumacher, the



generous donations from Bob Sazama, Mark Tiger, Gary Byrd,
Central Florida Stamp Club and the West Volusia Stamp Club!
Photos by newsletter Editor

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Dealer booth—Bob Sazama

CFSC members Francis Ferguson,
Henry Jehan & Gary Byrd



Dealer booth—Norman Hinds Jr.



< German Philatelic Society
presentation/meeting Carlos
Guffain, Robert Fisher and
Steve Patrick

Dealer booth >>
Jim Archbold
in the background
(blue shirt) Dealer
Tom Hart



Other FLOREX 2023 Highlights:

APS Exhibit Judges Yamil Kouri (Chief Judge)

Raymond Pietruszka & Ronald Leshner (& 2 non-competitive exhibits)



Youth Exhibitor Grand Award winner
Sahitya Setty & Chief Judge Yamil Kouri



Activity at the Youth Table—about 20 youth attended FLOREX
many associated with the Home Schooling Association



<<<< Photo by Ms. Setty's family - other photos by Mike Schumacher

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CFSC Holiday Party: Now with the hard-work completed and 2023 coming to an end it was time to relax and enjoy some good food and friendship! On December 21st members of the CFSC and family members came together in honor of the Holiday Season.



Food tables filled with a feast!

Attendees: Bill & Kathy Johnston, Mike & Jack Smith. (background) Mel & Michele Borofsky, Linda Patrick, Jerry Eller, Steve Patrick, & Ricky



A little relaxed predinner discussion amongst attendees

Mimi Tompkins, Mathew George & daughter, Wes & Betty Helton and Maggie



(below) Gary Byrd, Robert Fisher, Gene Perry, Bev & Jim Moffitt, Jim Cooney and Bob Sazama

(lower front) John Bailey, Michele & Mel Borofsky




Nearly 40 people were in attendance and a good time was had by all. Mel Borofsky won the regular door prize and 10 additional holiday door prizes were won by various other individuals. Happy Holidays to all and a wonderful New Year!

Photos by Mike Smith and Mike Schumacher



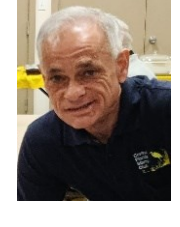

Candidates for CFSC Board Member Election 2024

Names are listed alphabetically

	<p>Mel Borofsky – CFSC member since July 2009, and currently has served two terms as the CFSC Board Secretary. I was honored to receive the CFSC Service award for 2018. Stamp collector for nearly 73 years, as with most “senior” collectors there were some gaps for education, family and military service. I thoroughly enjoy being involved in the decision making and inner workings of the club. I am presently the “treasurer for life” of the international PNC3 stamp club. As an aside from my collecting interests, I have shared my experience in marketing and computer graphic arts by designing the past six FLOREX cachets, cancellation designs and other posters. Edited and distributed the CFSC “Bourse” for seven years making the membership in our club more inviting while providing a free benefit of membership. I promise to serve the Club and our Board to the utmost of my ability.</p>
	<p>Richard Cohen – CFSC member since August 2014 and have enjoyed my association with the CFSC. Currently serving as CFSC Treasurer. Collecting stamps for more than 60 years since my father gave me my first U.S. Single album, and the passion has never wavered! Collecting interests include – U.S. singles, pre-1940, U.S. Revenues, U.S. Postal Stationary, Israel Tab Singles and my topical interest, Bicycle Stamps-Worldwide. Also, a member of APS and ATA. My business career spanned more than 44 years in the financial service industry. Active in leadership roles and have served as President of several other organizations. I have written articles for the CFSC newsletter and have volunteered at FLOREX and want to be more active in the CFSC. Please help me to achieve this goal through a continued board position in this election.</p>
	<p>Jerry Eller – member of CFSC since April 2012, current CFSC Board member and have collected stamps since the age of 7. Currently specialize in all aspects of Canal Zone Philately and Dead Letter Return mail. I have exhibited at a variety of WSP Shows around the U.S. Also, a member of the Canal Zone Study Group, APS, United Postal Stationary Society, the American Revenue Association, Meter Mail Society and Board member of the Canal Zone Study Group.</p>
	<p>Francis Ferguson – member of CFSC since 2000 and have been involved in every aspect of management of the club and the Florida Stamp Dealers’ Association. My experience includes serving four complete terms as President and most of a fifth term, in addition to other board positions over the years. I look forward to serving one last term. My affection and dedication to supporting the hobby runs deep! I ask for your vote one more time.</p>
	<p>Carlos Guffain – member of CFSC since January 2015, and have enjoyed my association with club members. Life-long collector and since joining CFSC, have learned much regarding the art, history and science of philately. Retired from a 40-year career in government and education. Actively volunteer for club activities and currently serve as CFSC VP of Operations and former VP of GPS # 23. Also, a member of APS, GPS, SCCS, SFPR, SCC as well as other groups related to my other collecting and intellectual interests. I would be proud and honored to serve as a Board Member and continue to contribute to the advancement of the CFSC and its membership.</p>
	<p>Newt Kulp – Member of CFSC since August 2010. During my tenure, I have served on the Board for 10 years and have served as VP of Programs and as Secretary. Currently serving as CFSC Librarian and in charge of most donations to the club. I have helped Francis Ferguson with the 5 different shows each year that he has run. I do 1 or 2 programs per year. I wish to be elected again to the BODs to help direct the progress I have seen the club experience and help it grow even further.</p>

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Candidates for CFSC Board Member Election 2024 cont.

	<p>Stephen Patrick – member of CFSC almost continuously since 1984, because I love this hobby and club. For 40 years, the first and third Thursdays of the month have been my philatelic “date night”. I collect U.S. and worldwide. I belong to more than a dozen collector groups including: APS (#133999), MEPSI, GPS # 23, SCCS, SCS, CS & CSS, FPHS, ANA, FUN and CFCC. I have served as President for four organizations. If you will have me, I will serve on the BOD for another term. Thank you for your vote.</p>
	<p>Mike Schumacher – member of CFSC since February 2016; served on the BOD since 2018, currently as President and Newsletter Editor. FLOREX Show / Exhibit Chair the past two years. Collector of Icelandic philately for more than 30 years and an exhibitor since 2006. Member of APS, AAPE, SCC (Life), ATA, FPHS, FSDA and NPL. Author of numerous articles in a variety of philatelic journals and authored and published a philatelic resource book in 2022. I would be honored to serve on the CFSC BOD for another term. Thank you for your vote.</p>
	<p>Mike Smith – member of CFSC since December 2019 and a member of the APS since the mid-1980s. I have been a stamp collector since my early teens. I have been active in club meetings and volunteer for FLOREX and Maitland shows. Currently serve on the CFSC BOD as VP of Programs and as FLOREX Registration Chair. I ask for your vote to again serve on the BOD. One of my goals is to grow membership and attract younger members. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
	<p>Stephen L. Strobel – member of CFSC since January 2009, previously served on CFSC Board; have actively participated in club meetings, shows and have contributed articles to the newsletter. I have enjoyed the friendships of CFSC members and the comradery of the dealers. Prior to moving to Florida more than 30 years ago, I was an active Club member at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. I contributed to their shows and newsletter. I have helped with various facets of the CFSC shows. With a deep conviction for the love of philately, I ask for your endorsement once again as a member of the CFSC Board of Directors. Thank you!</p>

Questionable eBay, # 15 Repeat Offender - By Francis Ferguson



Listing: “****ULTRA RARE ERROR*1789-1797 U.S.A George Washington 1 C.Used Stamp.CHRISTMAS St*” Starting bid of \$499, Free shipping, no returns allowed.

This seller has 10 reviews to their name with a sparkling 85.7% positive rating. Nothing I can say will make this less of a pig ‘n a poke. The more than one dozen pictures taken at all angles do nothing to enhance the value of this common as dirt stamp that is not even worth a penny on a good day. As a point of reference there were over 25 billion printed according to available information.



Listing: “****RARE*ERROR STAMP* 3Cent*purple-Thomas J.1801-1809 Mis. Ink On Forehead-U.S.A*” Starting bid of \$225, Free shipping, no returns allowed.

Nothing to see here. The stamp is part of a printing total that involved 3 different formats (sheet, booklet and coil). The sheet stamp clocked in at 87 billion printed. The “mis. Ink on Forehead” is nothing more than normal printing. The seven pictures provided nothing to help justify the selling price. Same seller as above – I don’t need to expound on this anymore.

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- Membership is a reasonable \$30 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.
- Postal address: CFSC P.O. Box 1206, Plymouth, FL 32768-1206
- As of 12.2023

Central Florida Stamp Club



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