# The Philatelic Missive



August 2024





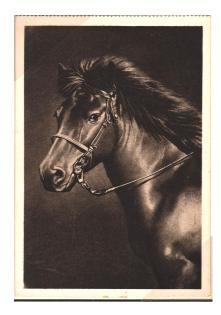
# THE COVER STORY

# The Icelandic Horse

"In Iceland, man, nature and horse are one." Steed of the Gods by Anna Fjola Gisladottir

"It is not an exaggeration to maintain that without the horse the Icelanders would not have survived in their barren, mountainous and remote island."

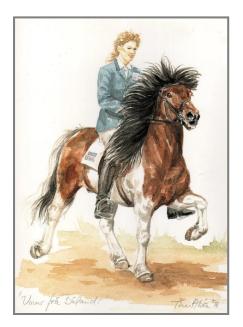
(The Icelandic Horse by Sigurdur Magnusson)



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Drawn by artist Christine Abee

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**Upcoming Schedule—2024** 

\*\* Pre-meeting sessions in 2024 on the third Thursday of the month from 2-4pm. German Philatelic Society will not be meeting in August; but CFSC members are welcome to use the room and equipment during that time.

**Upcoming Meetings:** 

August 1: Will be a "Special Birthday celebration" to honor CFSC "Senior Ambassadors" & a "Called Auction" by Tom Hart. Door Prize will be available.

August 15: Presentation by James Auffant titled "British Officers Abroad—Specifically Puerto Rico" followed by a Silent Auction. Door Prize available.

#### Recap of last Month's meetings:

There was no meeting the first Thursday in July. As folks were enjoying July 4<sup>th</sup>.

July 18th — 29 members and 2 guests attended the meeting & 8 gathered for dinner premeeting. John Gehrig did a presentation on "Guatelows" - The Guatemalan 1902 Waterlow Issue followed by a silent auction. 11 of 34 lots sold with total sales of \$134.00 Auction was managed by David Zambon, Daniel Wagenknecht, Jeff Small, Mike Smith. Door prize was won by Jim Tinkoff. Don DeGraw made it to the meeting after recovering from a health matter. 2nd Quarter birthdays were celebrated & Carlos Guffain won the birthday certificate. There was no GPS meeting in July,

Fall Show Maitland Civic Center Sept. 7, 2024

Venue on the Lake

641 Maitland Ave. S. Maitland, FL 10am-4pm For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

#### FLOREX 2024 December 6-7, 2024

Friday 10am-5pm & Saturday 10am-4pm Tommy Lawrence Arena Volusia County Fairgrounds—Deland, FL More info: www.FLOREXStampShow.com

#### **Newest Members**

#### Welcome to our newest member(s):

John Snow has returned to the CFSC fold. Member # 569 rejoined after a few years absence. Philatelic interests include: Worldwide 1840-1940. Welcome back!!!

Robert Wernich Member # 773 has joined CFSC. He is also an APS member and his collecting interests include: Worldwide. Welcome Robert!

Who will be new member # 774?

#### \*\*\* Pre meeting Dinner Plans:

Club members are invited to meet for dinner prior to the meeting at the IHOP at 646 E. Colonial Drive at 4:30pm. Bring your appetite – and topics for discussion.



Great American Stamp Show 2024 Hartford, CT August 15—18, 2024 More info: https://stamps.org



Boston International Stamp Expo May 23-31, 2026 Boston, Massachusetts More info at: https//boston2026.org

#### **Usefull Philatelic Links:**

Florida Postal History Society
www.fphsonline.com
American Topical Association
https://americantopical.com
American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors
https://www.aape.org
U.S. Philatelic Classic Society
https://www.yspcs.org



#### The Editor's Box

#### **Newsletter articles needed for 2024 Philatelic Missive!**

Articles can be submitted via a word document with scans and attached to an email. Thank you!!



# Submit articles to: Editor@CentralFloridaStampClub.org

A puzzle missing pieces - is like a stamp album with holes to be filled and a newsletter in need of articles. There are gaps and empty spaces to be filled in coming newsletters, so write something and help fill the empty spaces!

# President's Message by Francis Ferguson

#### **Civility**

We come together as a club for the enjoyment of being part of the philatelic world with likeminded folks. Outside concerns/issues do not intrude into the ecosystem that we create at a club meeting. That is by design and necessity. Politics and religion are not topics of discussion as there is simply no point. Everyone has an opinion that is most likely in opposition to someone else's. What can be gained by letting those kinds of discussions flourish? Absolutely nothing. Keep your pointed comments to yourself. In my nearly 25 years with the CFSC, I can count on one hand how many discussions about "hot-button" issues I have had with a club member – and those have always been outside of the meeting environment.

Also to be noted – we have had access to the meeting site for more than 25 years, by contract that is renewed every year in October. While we do currently enjoy a free rent status – it is incumbent on every club member to be civil to each other and to the staff of the Marks Street Senior Center. This is not up for debate.

The phrases "please" and "thank you" should be used in any interaction. I was taught those phrases at a very young age and have used them my whole life -- when the situation warrants. Clean up after yourself – leaving debris on the table or floor is not acceptable and paints the club as a whole -- as messy and uncaring. As of late we have been seeing more and more evidence of papers, napkins, tickets, cups and bottles left in the room to be cleaned up. We are not your private nanny – toss your items in the garbage cans that can be found in the room.

Be well, be safe and above all else be kind.

# Questionable Ebay: #21 Here We Go Again.

By Francis Ferguson



Listing "US STAMP 3C WITH PLATE NUMBER ERROR WITH STAR, GUIDED LINE". Offered at \$105.92, with free shipping; does not accept returns. Since I was watching the item, I was offered a discounted price of \$84.74, which I declined to accept. While I will agree the item has some value because of the star plate number showing about 70% -- the real value to a collector who looks for plate numbers would be in the \$5 range.





Listing "ERROR 1912-1914 U.S. 1C MNH BOOKLET PANE STAMP PAIR MISPERF INK TRANSFER ON BACK". Offered at \$144.28, with free shipping, does not accept returns. Since I was watching the item, I was offered a discounted price of \$115.42, which I declined to accept. Where to start? First off this is not a "misperf" as claimed. Most of the production of the booklets during this time frame had similar perforations, cutting close to

the stamp image. Nothing rare or unusual. Second the "ink transfer on back", is a characteristic of flat plate printing, found on virtually all of the production. Again, nothing rare or unusual. So, what is the value to a collector? An amazing 2 cents – use it for postage!

This seller has listed both items along with a whole plethora of similar items with seriously inflated "value" according to the writeups. These kinds of listings do nothing to promote the hobby, especially when those with little knowledge see them and assume there is something of potential value.

What do you think?



# Member Spotlight— Michael (Mike) Schumacher

CFSC member since 2016; CFSC Board member—Secretary & past President & VP of Operations; Philatelic Missive newsletter Editor; FLOREX Show Chair. Latest & upcoming Philatelic adventures—MN Stamp Expo (July) two exhibits entered & received a Gold and a Large Vermeil award; Great American Stamp Show Hartford, CT—two exhibits entered; Indypex (September) two exhibits entered; FLOREX 2024 (December) —two exhibits entered. Retired and living the Philatelic dream!

#### **COVER STORY—The Icelandic Horse**

By Mike Schumacher

The purpose of this article is: To tell the story of **the Icelandic Horse** (it's uniqueness; & importance to the Icelandic way of life). The importance of the Icelandic Horse to Iceland, its people and way of life is evident in the frequency of its appearance on Icelandic stamps.

The Icelandic horse currently appears on 42 different Icelandic stamps since 1930 (and a few stamps from other countries). (Only room in this article for 27 of the 42 stamps.)

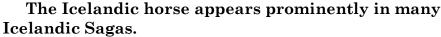
Iceland's early settlers were Vikings from Norway, who brought with them supplies and belongings including livestock to be able to start life anew somewhere else. The Viking settlers arrived around 870 and by 930 had established a Parliament and rules of the land. In 982, parliament established rules banning the importation of other horses resulting in the Icelandic Horse being a purebred breed since that time. No other horses are allowed to be brought into Iceland and any Icelandic horse that leaves Iceland can not return. This has resulted in the Icelandic Horse developing into a unique breed in terms of size, appearance, stamina and demeanor. The Icelandic Horse is raised in the wild for the first four years of its life, with minimal human contact.

The Icelandic Horse first appeared on an Icelandic stamp in 1930 on one of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Parliament issue. Note the red 20aur stamp in the second row.

The set of stamps was created by the **Society** of Friends of Iceland & printed by Elbemuhl A. G., Vienna

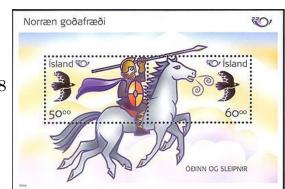
The early Vikings knew and appreciated the importance of a good horse - some were even

buried with their favorite horse when they died.



Mythology of Gods stamp (2004) Odinn & Sleipner

According to Norse Mythology & Prose Edda, Sleipner was an 8 legged horse of the God Odinn.



Stamp design by H. Olafsson



Published by Egill Jacobsen & Bjorn Kristjansson, Reykjavik (1912)

#### COVER STORY—The Icelandic Horse cont.

Deacon of Myrka stamp (1997) Design by S. Bragadottir

Drawing by artist Asgrimur Jonsson

Deacon of Myrka in Eyjarfjord & his horse Faxi tells the story of his visit to the farm Baegisa across the river Horga to visit his girlfriend, Gudun.



Njals Saga Stamp sheet (2011)

Design by K.R. Gunnarsdottir

Njals Saga tell of blood feuds that lead to the death of many over several decades. Showing how defending one's honor over minor slights could lead to prolonged destructive bloodshed.





Nordic Mythology (Beings of Nature) stamp (2006) Design by D. Hilarsson Picture from artist Johann Briem

Briem studied art in Reykjavik & Germany. Human beings and animals are often foremost in his works.

#### Characteristics of the Icelandic Horse



Short, stocky, gentle, friendly, strong, sure footed, easy to ride & considerable stamina. Size—13 to 14 hands (56 inches)
Wide variety of colors

Issued 1958 (first two) and 1960.







Stamp design by artist Haldor Petursson-Stamps steel engraved recess printed.

Postcard published in 1920. Icelandic Horses were bred & selected based on quality & color. Icelanders were also concerned that a horse have a distinct personality.

#### COVER STORY—The Icelandic Horse cont.

#### Characteristics of the Icelandic Horse cont.

The Icelandic Horse has 5 gaits (ways of movement) walk; tolt; trot; pace, canter



Stamps issued 2001 Stamp design by K. Gudbjartsdottir



It has been documented that the Icelandic Horse has 50 different colors and at least 85 color combinations.



First day cover with multihorse color cachet by Magasin, Copenhagen (1960)

Magasin was a textile company started by Theodor Wessel & Emil Vett in Aarhus, Denmark.



The first published essay on breeding practices was Olafur Stephensen in 1788, His son, Magnus Stephensen later wrote about careful selection of stallions & mares in 1825.

Postcard—issued by Sigfus Eymundsson, Reykjavik Eymundsson was a landscape photographer & established the first photography studio in Reykjavik in 1867.

The Icelandic Horse throughout the history and development of Iceland was critical for transportation, farming, and delivering the mail.



Kaupfelag Pingeyinga Society Stamp (1982) Iceland's first commercial co-op was established in 1882 in Husavik



Transportation of goods & supplies.

Stamp sheet issued (2007) in honor of 100th anniversary of King Frederick's visit.

Design by Tryggvi T. Tyggvasson. Offset printing

# COVER STORY—The Icelandic Horse cont.

Transportation cont.

Ferry Crossing on Hvita River stamp sheet issued 1986 for Stamp Day

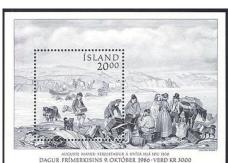
Designs by P. Magnusson I French surgeon & naturalist

17 horses depicted on the stamp

**Farming** 

Nupsstadir farm stamp sheet issued 1988 for Stamp Day

llustration by A. Mayer from travel book by Dr. P. Gaimard (1836) Engraved by Czeslaw Slania (both stamps)





Sheep Farming stamps (Horse depicted in background)
Issued 1950
Issued 2009

Design by S. Jonsson

Design by Tryggvi T. Tyggvarsson

Farm Implements stamps issued 2008 Design by H. Olafsson









Mail Delivery The horse was essential to mail delivery—few roads before 1940.
75th Anniversary of UPU Overland Rural Postman Iceland Stamp Jubilee Da

Issue (1949)

Design by S. Jonsson

Overland Rural Postman stamp issued 1997 Engraved by Martin Morck Iceland Stamp Jubilee Day issued 1973 Design by H. Halldorsson







Even today the Icelandic Horse is a major component of Icelandic lifestyle.

**Equestrian Sport** 

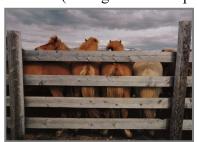


Postcard (Riding & Photo Op!









THE END

#### Home Town Lad Makes It Into Baseball Hall of Fame!

By Mike Schumacher

The timing of the recent MN Stamp Expo (July 19-21) was as perfect as a 'no-hitter" in baseball. On July 21<sup>st</sup> Minnesota Twins catcher Joe Mauer was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, and the Minnesota Stamp Expo had created two cachets for the show to mark this momentous occasion.





Joseph (Joe) Patrick Mauer was born April 19, 1983, in St. Paul, MN, attended Cretin-Derham Hall High School (the same high school as Baseball Hall of Famer, Paul Molitor) and was a High School standout baseball, basketball (point guard and averaged more than 20 points a game) and football player. (He was so talented in both football and baseball that he could have played professionally in either sport. Lucky for MN he choose baseball.) He struck out only once in his four year high school baseball career. He also set a Minnesota High School record of hitting a home run in seven consecutive games.

In 2000, he was selected as the High School football player of the year (senior year completed 178 of 269 passes for 3022 yards and 41 touchdowns—only 1 interception) and followed that up by being selected as the High School baseball player of the year in 2001. Joe Mauer had committed to playing for Florida State University, but changed his mind and entered the MLB draft were he was the #1 pick in the 2001 MLB (Major League Baseball) draft and was selected by the Minnesota Twins. He played three years in the minor league and was a phenom "contact hitter". He was quickly promoted to the major leagues and demonstrated his skills in the major leagues. He played his entire 15 year career (2004-2018) with the MN Twins—was a six-time All-Star; received the "Most Valuable Player" award in 2009; three American League batting titles; five Silver Slugger awards, and three Gold Glove awards. He is also the only catcher in baseball history with over 2000 hits, and a .300 batting average. In 2006, he was the first American League catcher in history to finish the season with a .347 batting average, thus becoming the first catcher to win the American League Batting Title.

Career Stats: Games played—1858; Plate appearances-6930; Hits-2123 Runs batted in—923

Home runs—143 Doubles—428 Walks—939;
Batting average—.306

Joe Mauer holds the MLB single season records for a catcher with the highest batting average (2009) .365 and the highest on base percentage .444.

The Minnesota Twins retired his #7 Jersey number in 2019.

This was the first year he was eligible for consideration into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. He received 76.1% of the votes and thus was voted in.

Three other St. Paul, MN professional baseball players have been voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame: Paul Molitor, David Winfield and Jack Morris. (In 1991, Jack Morris pitched an 11 inning game 7 World Series game for the MN Twins winning 1-0 against the Atlanta Braves.)



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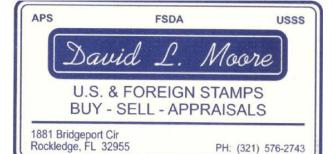
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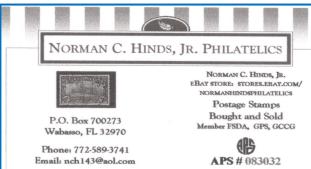
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- Membership is a reasonable \$30 per year, \$6 for youth.
- Meetings are twice a month on the first and third Thursdays.
- The Membership of the CFSC includes many diverse interests that cover the range from A-Z.
- The meeting is centrally located 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.
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