The Philatelic Missive



August 2025





THE COVER STORY

Iceland's Vatnajökull Stamps



Map of Iceland stamp issued on Oct. 9, 1949 for the 75th Anniversary of the UPU.

Vatnajökull is located in south east Iceland and is the largest and most voluminous glacier in Iceland. It covers about 8% of Iceland with an area of 7,700km.

The average thickness of the ice is about 400m (1300 ft) with a maximum thickness of 950m (3,120 ft).

There are several volcanos under the Vatnajökull glacier—such as Grimsvötn and Bárðarbunga. Bárðarbunga is Iceland's second highest peak (2000m).



Õræfajökull is located on the southern edge of Vatnajökull overlooking the Ring Road between Vik and Höfn. On the northwestern edge is Iceland's highest peak, Hvannadalshnúkur (2110m—6920 ft).

Airplane over Õræfajökull stamp issued May 2, 1952 Õræfajökull stamp issued May 8, 1957 >>>



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Upcoming Schedule—2025

** CFSC has the room available for Pre-meeting use from 2-4pm on both the first and third Thursday of the month for the coming year. CFSC members are welcome to use the room, catalogs and equipment during that time. The German Philatelic Society will be meeting on the third Thursday of the month during the 2-4:30pm time period.

*** Pre meeting Dinner Plans:

Club members are invited to meet for dinner prior to the meeting on August 7th at the Anh Hong restaurant 1124 E. Colonial Ave and on August 21st at IHOP at 646 E. Colonial Drive at 4:30pm. Bring your appetite & topics for discussion.

Upcoming Meetings:

July 31: CFSC Board Meeting at Francis Ferguson's home.

August 7: Agenda includes a "Called Auction" with Auctioneer Bob Sazama; a door prize will be available. (See pre-meeting dinner plans above.)

August 21: Agenda includes a presentation titled "The 1936 Swedish-Icelandic Vatnajokull Expedition" by Mike Schumacher; followed by a silent auction and a door prize will be available. (See pre-meeting dinner plans above.) The German Philatelic Society will meet from 2:00pm to 4:30pm.

Recap of last Month's meetings:

July 3: Thirty-one members attended the meeting and 6 met for dinner prior to the meeting; Fred Bohle did a presentation on "**The History of Duck Stamps**"; followed by a silent auction where 14 lots sold with total sales of \$160.20; the door prize was won by Mike Daly and Carlos Guffain won the 2nd Quarter Birthday certificate.

July 17: 35 members attended the meeting, including a new person who joined CFSC. Agenda included a presentation titled "**Odd Stuff**" by Francis Ferguson; followed by a silent auction in which 20 lots sold; total sales of \$309.50; door prize was won by Ron Aguilera. Pre-meeting, the German Philatelic Society met and 12 members met for dinner at IHOP.

Newest Members

Welcome to our newest member(s):

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Stephen McKenzie member # 779! His interests include coin stamps. Welcome Stephen!

Who will be the next to join CFSC?

Who will be new member # 780?

SHOW SCHEDULE:

Maitland 2025 Stamp Shows Venue at the Lake Maitland Civic Center 641 Maitland Ave. S. Maitland FL 32751 September 6, 2025 10am—3:30pm

FLOREX 2025 December 5-6, 2025

Show cachet theme:

250th Anniversary of the Post Office

Friday 10am-5pm & Saturday 10am-4pm Tommy Lawrence Arena Volusia County Fairgrounds—Deland FI

Volusia County Fairgrounds—Deland, FL More info at:

www.FLOREXStampShow.com



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

Hotel rooms can now be booked.

New announcements on their website!

Quoted:

"Nothing is impossible. The word itself says 'I'm possible."

Audrey Hepburn

Scott # 3786 Issued July 11, 2003 Legends of Hollywood series

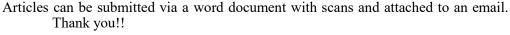


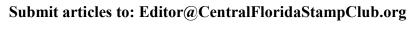
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Are you attending or exhibiting at another show around the U.S. or in another country—write about it. Have a particular philatelic interest—write about it. Share the info with other CFSC members.

Philatelic Missive Newsletter articles needed!









President's Message by Francis Ferguson

Anthony Dewey: Philatelic Wonder



In my twenty-five years of involvement in the philatelic world – I have meet thousands of folks. Many have impressed me; dozens have become friends and acquaintances.

Anthony Dewey was in a class all by himself. From the first time I met him as an APS apprentice judge at FLOREX 2010 – I had a fast friend who never failed to greet me with a wide smile and a hearty "How are you?" According to FLOREX records, he went on to be part of the judging panel in 2012, 2015 and 2019. I do seem to remember asking another once or twice, but he was already committed and had to decline. His service as a judge was extraordinary. He did his assigned job with charm and wit that never failed to win over his audience.

Anthony passed away on April 14, 2025 after a grueling 4-year battle with lung cancer, he was 69. Right up to his last days he was involved in the philatelic world as an exhibitor as he continued to plan outings. His vocation was one of a software engineer while his avocation was most assuredly firmly planted in the philatelic world.

His devotion to his family and his adoring love of his cats all made him what he was. We did have numerous discussions on the subjects of cats, as I have had a cat or two (or three) in my life for nearly 40 years – Anthony had cats since he was very young. I think he was a cat whisperer!

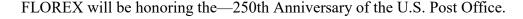
The philatelic world was made much the richer by his presence – his devotion should be a model for others to follow in his footsteps. Rest easy friend.

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



Mark your calendar: FLOREX 2025 December 5-6, 2025

FLOREX 2025 is quickly approaching, dealers contracts are being signed, a Judge's panel has been selected, exhibitor applications are being received, program events are being scheduled, awards have been ordered, etc. A show theme has been picked and a cachet design has been created—Thank you, Ron Aguilera!





Member Spotlight — Fred Bohle



Fred Bohle has been a member of CFSC since joining at FLOREX 2018. He began stamp collecting as a youth with a worldwide collection of mostly used stamps. Like most collectors, he had a dormant period until 1973, when he began collecting space stamps. Eventually, his interests changed to collecting U.S. stamps and French Southern Antarctic stamps. After moving to Oveido, he sold most everything. He still has an interest in Federal Duck Stamps and introduced CFSC members to the area of Duck Stamps with a very enlightening presentation in July. He is quite the expert on the Federal Duck stamps—both in single and plate block format. He is expanding his expertise into the area of Junior Duck stamps. His philatelic interests also include the U.S. Columbian commemorative set for their artistic designs. **Thank you, Fred for being a member of the CFSC and your contributions to the CFSC and philately.**

COVER STORY— Iceland's Vatnajökull Stamps

By: Mike Schumacher

On the north edge of the Vatnajökull glacier is the Kverkjöll mountain range. The highest point on Kverkjöll is Skarphéðinstindur at 1920m. It is Iceland's third highest peak. It was first climbed by German geologist, Alfred Wegener in 1910. (Alfred Wegener—originator of the continental drift hypothesis and made a number of polar expeditions to

Greenland to study polar air circulation.)

Kverkjöll stamp issued May 23, 1991





Traveling the Ring Road on the southern coast of Iceland would require crossing the Skelðará bridge on the way to the Vatnajökull glacier. The Skelðará is 880m long stretching over the floodplain of the Skelðará river.

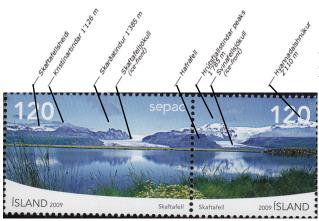
The 30km long Skelðará River is supplied with water from the 23km wide outlet glacier Skelðarárjökull of the Vatnajökull ice cap. The bridge was destroyed in 1996 by floating ice boulders in the river and had to be rebuilt. Vatnajökull has a number of areas where the mountain range creates glacier valleys with a variety of names, such as Svinafellsjökull. This stamp also depicts two mountain peaks, Hrútsfjallstindar (1785m) and Iceland's highest mountain peak, Hvannadalshúkur (2110m).

Skelðará bridge & Vatnajökull glacier stamp issued on August 17, 1978.

Skaftafell National Park on the south coast of Iceland was initially a farming community, however frequent flooding and ash from Grimsvötn eruptions has made the area unsuitable for farming and now mainly thrives on tourism (hiking trails and camping). Skaftafell National Park is a wilderness area within Vatnajökull National Park.

Skaftafell National Park stamp shows Hvannadalshúkur (Iceland's highest peak 2110m) and the peaks of Tindaborg and Dvrhamar (1800m) issued May 5, 1986.





Hvannadalshúkur/Óræfajökull stamp issued May 24, 2007 in sheets of ten stamps, as well as part of a minisheet of five glacier stamps.

The impressive Skaftafell National Park skyline is dominated by four mountain peaks with the Hrútsfjallstindar peak being the tallest (1875 m). The hiking trail is quite demanding, but provides a majestic view of Óræfajökull massif and the Skaftafellsjökull and Svínafellsjökull valley glaciers.

Skaftafell National Park stamp shows Hvannadalshúkur (Iceland's highest peak 2110m) and the Hrútsfjallstindar peak (1785m) issued September 16, 2009.



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COVER STORY— Iceland's Vatnajokukll Stamps cont.

Traveling further east along the Ring Road on the south coast of Iceland and the edge of Vatnajökull is the Fjallsárlón glacier lagoon and the mountain peak of Miðaftanstindur. Pictured in the upper left portion of the stamp is Óræfajökull volcano area.

Fjallsárlón stamp issued May 5, 1995

Another 12 kilometers to the east is the larger and better know lagoon called

Jökulsárlón. It is a glacier river lagoon situated at the base of the Breiðamerkurjökull glacier, which is now about 8km from the ocean's edge due to melting. The lagoon covers an area of about 9.5 square miles. The subglacial Estufjöll volcano is located at the southeastern part of the Vatnajökull ice cap.





<>< Jökulsárlón stamp issued May 23, 1991

Jökulsárlón/Breiðamerkurjökull stamp issued May 24, 2007 >>>



Climate change has significantly impacted and

Arieal view of glacier valleys.



Civil Aviation stamp issued March 9, 2009 Boeing 757 flying over Vatnajökull The 2007 mini-sheet shows two of the stamps already presented in this article plus three additional glacier stamps.



Hopefully, this article will provide you with an introduction of the importance and significance of how the Iceland glaciers play an instrumental role in the way of life in Iceland.

Now the August 21st presentation about the 1936 Swedish-Icelandic Vatnajökull Expedition ought to be a bit more interesting. See you there!

VI-TONE Malt Chocolate Flavor

By: Donald J. Bourassa

What is VI-TONE? It was promoted as a "Tonic Food Beverage".



The August 27, 1929 edition of the Toronto Globe contained an endorsement of "food-tonic-beverage" Vi-Tone by swimmer Martha Norelius who was winner of the Wrigley Marathon swim event in Toronto. The photograph at left is from the Food and Beverage display at the 1928 Pacific National Exhibition in Vancouver, Canada.



VI-TONE Malt Chocolate Flavor cont.

VI-TONE even had advertising covers



Hot or Cold.

A Tonic Food Beverage.

An Extract of malt and Milk---Rich in Proteins and Vitamins of the Soya Bean.

This cover was found at a dealers box at a recent exhibit.

It has a circular dated cancel of May 26, 1933.

The stamp is Canada Scott #192 of King George V.

This advertising cover proved to be a fascinating find.



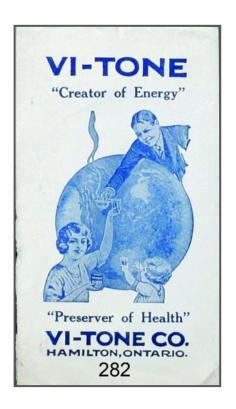
The photo at left proved that even the 1931-1932 Toronto Maple Leafs endorsed VI-TONE.



The Toronto Maple Leafs of 1931-1932 endorsed VI-TONE as they claimed that:

World's Champions train on VI-TONE.

A delicious food beverage



The above advertising cover stated it was be a "Creator of Energy" and a "Preserver of Health".

I think it was just one step from being sold as snake oil.

Questionable eBay, #33

By Francis Ferguson

Crime Scene



Listing reads: "US Scott #505 Mint NH OG Error Stamp w/VF 80 Grade PSE Cert." Bidding started at .01, and ran for 7 days, ending at \$424 with 18 bids recorded. Free shipping and returns accepted.

I have zero issues with the listing as it appears; this is a highly collectable item. My problem is the fact that the context of the stamp was destroyed in an effort to make this seem to be better than it is. The graded cert shows only 80 – which would be considered just slightly better than average. This wonderful error is normally collected in relation to the stamps surrounding it as a block of nine or a horizontal strip of three. Maybe this crime was perpetrated in an effort to salvage a block of nine that was damaged in some way on the outer edges surrounding the center 5-cent error – that is just a guess.

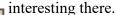
The whole story about the accidental production of the 5-cent color error is fascinating and can be found in many philatelic publications through the years. It all boils down to a production error when a damaged image was removed and replaced with the wrong design element. The mistake was not caught until distribution of the sheets was well under way. Even though the sheets were "recalled" many of them found thier way into use and into the hands of collectors. Interestingly the accounting nightmare that resulted from having to count a 5-cent stamp as a 2-cent value was a story unto itself!

Some years ago, I had a chance at buying a pair of the 5-cent color error with the attached 2 cent normal stamp – used, with a cert. I am still kicking myself for not bidding aggressively to win this very rare item. The chances of ever seeing another offering such as that – are at best slim.

What do you think?

Ocunquit, ME? By: Mike Schumacher

Here is another one of those covers that due to the postmark it gets me to wonder—where is it and what is





The first thing interesting, that I discovered in my research is the town name is actually, Oqunquit. I guess either the canceller is misspelled or it is broken, because on the envelope the second letter certainly appears to be a "C".

As we can see by the map, Oqunquit is located on the southern coast of Maine on a long sandy peninsula between the Oqunquit River and the Atlantic Ocean. The village of Oqunquit was first settled in 1641 as part of the town of Wells. Its name is believed to



come from the Natick tribe and means "Beautiful Place by the Sea". The first sawmill was built in 1686 by the Reverend John Wheelwright. Being located on the river it developed into a ship building site and fishing was a major livelihood.

The Oqunquit Post Office was established in 1826.



Its beautiful beach became a tourist attraction and by 1898 it became a popular art colony. In 1911, Charles Woodbury founded a summer school of drawing and painting. The Playhouse was established in 1933, and is famous for its Broadway performances and performances by Hollywood stars. Oqunquit separated from Wells in 1980 and incorporated as a town.

It was named America's Best Coastal Small Town in the USA Today's Readers' poll in 2016.



(ASE #2281: THE BEE THAT WOULD NOT SIT STILL

Por most the "Honey Bee" coil is a very unassuming modern coil – usually not worth a second look, other than to use it for postage. But this stamp has many very interesting varieties surrounding it. First, this is the normal stamp:

Then, as with many other coils this comes as an imperf error:

It also comes with the Black "bee" omitted:

But the printing team had a heck of a time – Keeping the bee aligned as it wanted to "FLY" off the stamp – This one shows where it is out of register, and actually was used. This mis-registration of the bee comes in all sorts of degrees of mis-registration, but this is the only one I have.





#2281 Misaligned bee error

There was also a controversy surrounding these stamps and the BEP. Normally the BEP would send a letter to its employees for a job well done. However, in this case, they produced less than 100 souvenir cards for their employees who worked on this project. Those cards read, "In commemoration of those employees of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, whose sheer brilliance, dedication, steadfastness, innovativeness, and technical know-how made 'Project Honeybee' a success. 'The Bureau salutes you.' Considering the production issues they had this was a very nice thing the BEP did for that group of employees.

But, when collectors learned of these cards, they complained that they were collectible souvenirs that hadn't been made available to the public.

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"Project Honeybee"
BEP Souvenir Card

the misspelling of "sheer" was

intentional or not, but the skewing of the printing was. Kind of an inside joke to the issues they had during production. I personally really like the wrangling of the bee design. Very fitting for the production issues they had.

Seems that even printed bees are hard to make sit still! There are a lot of fun and interesting varieties to be had in modern stamps—if you know where to look.

Happy Hunting, Scott



Reminiscences

By Michael Rogers

ou never know what's coming in the door of a stamp shop. I had a front window that piqued the interest of even a non-collector, inviting the curious into a living room setting. The window displayed documents and maps, illuminated stamps and postal history. Stamp collecting kits sold at a discount introduced beginners of all ages to collecting.

Took a while to get the shop going so I would buy just about anything that came my way, figuring I'd find a home down the pike. My theory was if someone saved it, someone else would like it and pay money. About the only time I'd pass on anything was when we couldn't agree on price. Two reasonable people can disagree and part amicably. Not a problem.

Mid 1978, when I didn't have much of a stock, I bought 1,200 lbs of metered mail from a lady. Complete envelopes they were. When I opened up the first box, my heart quickened because the top meter was the very rare Jacksonville, Florida, flying eagle. As was the next, and the next, and the next! Darned near everything was the same so the population of the very rare item went from a handful to a gazillion.

Problem is, meters aren't all that popular in relation to stamps. Still I thought it was pretty neat. It just wasn't worth what it could have been worth. So I bought the lot, did a bill of sale and paid by check. Done deal? Not quite!

I started selling a #10 box of metered envelopes at \$1 per pound. Thankfully, I'd only sold a couple of boxes before I asked myself why anyone would hold onto all these envelopes. Then it occurred to me that maybe I should look inside and you know what? I realized the envelopes were someone's containers for sorting.

So I looked inside every envelope. Gosh knows I had the time. Some had goodies like 19th century U.S. I found a crumpled used No. 11 block of 16—later on I sold this very rare piece, though damaged, for \$250. Others contained worldwide or British. Adding my figures, I determined



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that had I been aware of the contents, I would have offered her \$3,000 more.

I returned to the bill of sale so I could pop her the \$3,000 check and do the right thing. She'd just scrawled her name and phone number. So I called her and explained that if I'd done a competent appraisal of her material, I would have offered her more money. "Please give me your address and I'll send you your check." Hey, my Mama raised me right.

Well, she was so surprised that she thought it was a trick! "Nope I've got a check for you, because it's the right thing to do." We went back and forth, so I went to plan B; "Come in and pick it up" I said. Well, she wouldn't do that either! So I remarked that if I didn't see her in a week, I'd make a \$3,000 donation to the American Cancer Society. I was feeling kind of dumb right about here.

So the gal comes in right when I had six or seven customers and she blasts me for inconveniencing her. I was mortified. A few years later she phoned to say her granddad had passed and did I want to buy the stamp collection? Obviously, she'd thought it over, and realized I was trying to do right by her.

Grandpa lived near downtown Orlando in a white wooden framed three story home. He'd been ill for some time so unable to convey his wishes to the family on how to best dispose of his collections. Each floor was themed according to the material for his collectibles.

His especially large stamp collection, fine art and wonderful library were housed on the first floor, so I reckoned this to be the "paper" theme. A substantial coin collection joined antique mechanical banks and beautiful clocks on the second floor. I thought of this as the "metal" floor. But the greatest treasure of all was on the third floor, a wondrous array of collectible glass! All posed to catch the sun's rays, to tell a story as the day progressed. Tiffany and more. Dazzling!

The stamp collection was marvelous. British Commonwealth virtually complete 1938-68, mint, Lightly Hinged, a smashing Mexico collection, Confederate patriotics, certainly U.S. material to die for.

My only regret was that I had never met the Grandpa to realize what an interesting man he must have been. ⋈

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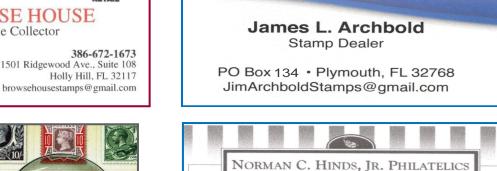


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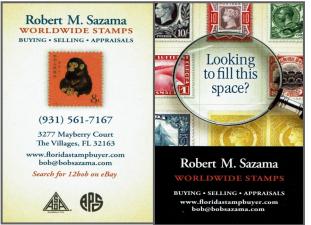


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- Membership is a reasonable \$30 per year, \$6 for youth.
- Meetings are twice a month on the first and third Thursdays.
- The Membership of the CFSC includes many diverse interests that cover the range from A-Z.
- The meeting is centrally located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