

Club News

by F. Ferguson

FLOREX Committee Meetings 2026

My name is Chad Grove and I will be stepping into the role of General Chairman for the 2026 FLOREX show. I am a new member of the Central Florida Stamp Show club and have just started my philatelic journey. My interests in stamps have begun with collections from the Netherlands and Japan. I hope to be able to continue the good work of my predecessors and continue to help FLOREX thrive in as many ways as possible. I can be reached at Chad.FLOREX@gmail.com or 689.271.6898. If I am unable to take the call, please leave a message and I will return the call as soon as possible.

Meeting and Time

Thursday March 5th at 2:30pm. Future meetings every two months thereafter before CFSC meetings to continue with updates and progression; May 7, July 2 and September 3.

After Glow 2026 Sessions



The AG Sessions started off with a presentation of a modern US error pertaining to the “Swedish” issue from 1986. This issue has four clearly identifiable printing errors (one of the four stamps in the issue can be found at the left) that can still be found in discount postage lots – if you know what you are looking for. The nine folks in attendance enjoyed the off-beat discussion topic.

The next topic to be discussed on March 5 will be the Over Run Countries Issue and the strange printing errors that are still being studied 80 years after issuance. It is expected that list of topics and

presenters will be available online in the MEMBERS Only Section of the website.



Additional topics will be discussed at the first meeting of the month starting at 7:30(ish) in the back of the room. Please contact Francis Ferguson to get on the schedule to give a 10-15 minutes instruction session at an upcoming meeting. Topics can be as off-beat – however the time allocated is only 20 minutes at the most – and that has to include questions. As always, we have to be out of the room by 7:59pm.

CFSC 2025 Service Award



David Zambon has been recognized as the recipient of the 2025 CFSC Service award for his many years of service to the club. David joined in April of 2010 and has been hands-on almost from the beginning. His continued work with the auction software (that has been modified by Ron Aguilera from David Allen's original work.) has been a key factor in how the club processes and handles both the silent and called auctions at each meeting. While this function can be done by hand – I do not want to even attempt it! David's dedication and almost perfect attendance record -- is truly remarkable

in today's busy world of too much going on all the time. I can honestly say that I breathe a sigh of relief when I see him walking in the door before the start of each meeting. Thank you -- David for all you do!

Questionable eBay, #40

Washington Needs a Lot of Help

Francis Ferguson



Listing reads: "1964 vintage #1213 Washington 5¢ stamp Error rare blue color". Starting bid of \$49.99 with a buy it now price of \$169.99, with \$4.95 for shipping and no returns accepted. A further description is provided of: "Here is a strange color Washington 5 cent stamp. Not sure if it is an error or what. It is postmarked 1964."

This experienced seller has a couple dozen active listings that can only be called eclectic in nature. The material offered -- covers politics, molded figures, paper money and some stamps. Pricing seems to range from reasonable to just wishful. The description

of the 5 cent Washington stamp shown -- is just strange. This common as dirt stamp is most likely 1213a which is from the booklet pane of this issue.

There are counterfeits known of the sheet stamp (i.e. no straight edge) which could account for this supposed color problem. Most likely since there does not appear to be any obvious evidence chemical action on the paper, the color changing (if it is) was done by exposure to harsh light for an extended period of time. This is a guess without physical examination of the stamp and paper with magnification.

Is this an error or rare? Nope.

What do you think?