

A Glimpse of the Past

by A. Stephen Patrick

Boston 2026 wasn't just a stamp show. The first weekend, that also coincided with Memorial Day, had a three-day postcard show at the same venue. I spent two hours looking for bargains and came up with a few local Orlando and Florida cards that I thought club members would like to see.

This card advertises Duke Hall in downtown Orlando on East Pine Street. The card is Rich-Art published by Dexter Press of Pearl River, NY. The cars appear to be in the 1930's, and the blue one is hand painted according to the advertisement. The address of 140 East Pine Street appears to be an Embassy Suites today.

The ad on the reverse notes that it is a hotel under giant oak trees and opens on November 1 for winter guests. It's within two blocks of everything. It has 40 sunny outside rooms with or without bath, steam heat, and wide porches with comfortable chairs. If you were staying in Orlando today, which type hotel would you prefer?



DUKE HALL.—under giant oak trees, located within two blocks of Post Office, Chamber of Commerce, City Library, Eola Park, Restaurants, Cafeterias, Theatres, Churches, and main business section of the city. Forty sunny outside rooms, with or without bath, steam heated, spacious porches with comfortable chairs. Open November first.

Something Not Seen Often

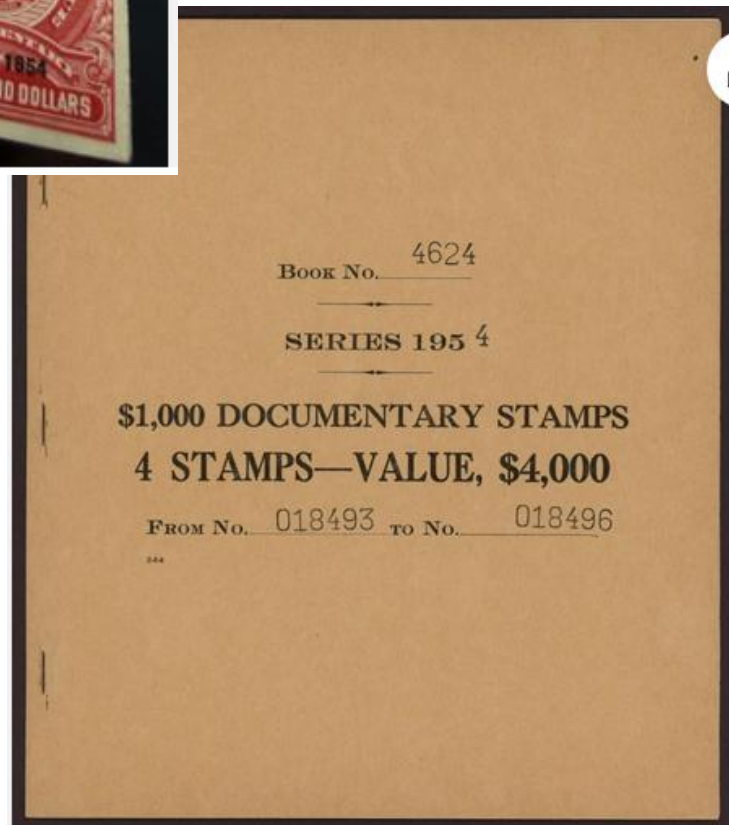
by Francis Ferguson



This is an unusual item I ran across on one of those sites I frequent. Listing reads; USA Scott# R684A XF, Complete Bklt (1 Pane) (see Full Descr) SCV \$500 (57538). Starting price is \$250, with \$5.00 for shipping and 30 days for a return.

Description by the seller; “USA Scott# **R684A**, Complete Booklet with (1) pane of (4) stamps (NGAI). This booklet is in excellent condition there is only very minimal rust on the staples, both covers are sound and problem free.”

This is a complete booklet of four stamps with a total value of \$4,000. Wow!



Caveat Emptor, #46

Window Dressing by Francis Ferguson



The listing reads; “1980 Inkwell & Quill Imperforate Error Stamps in PCS Folder” with a starting bid of \$49.99, free shipping and a 30 day return policy.

This production error is pretty common and is listed at \$60 in the 19th Edition of the EFO reference catalog. It is not rare by any stretch of the imagination with an estimated 600 pairs available in the marketplace. This particular offering is packaged in a presentation folder which is visually nice – but adds no value to the basic offering.

What do you think?

Celebrating Jean Lee

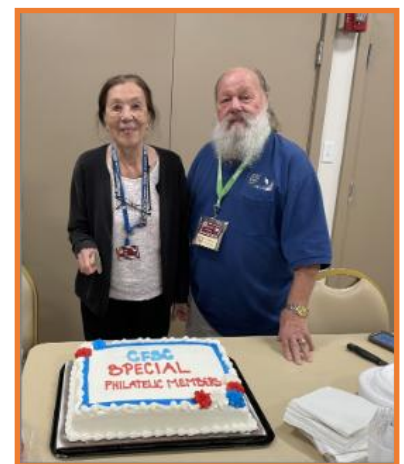
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On Saturday August 8th I was invited to celebrate the birthday of fellow CFSC member Jean Lee. Her birthday – 102 -- is actually on August 9th – so we were one day early!

Jean has been a member of the club since January of 2000 – besting me by 3 months. The picture to the immediate left was taken on Saturday with Jean’s family surrounding her. Jean was obviously thrilled by the event and enjoyed talking to everyone – including the violin player who provided background music.

The second picture to the right was taken in August of 2024 and was to acknowledge Jean’s 100th



name day. Fellow club member Stephen Strobel is assisting in the process of cutting of the cake.

To my knowledge Jean holds the record as the oldest member of the CFSC.

We wish her all the best in the years to come and we look forward to celebrating each year with her!