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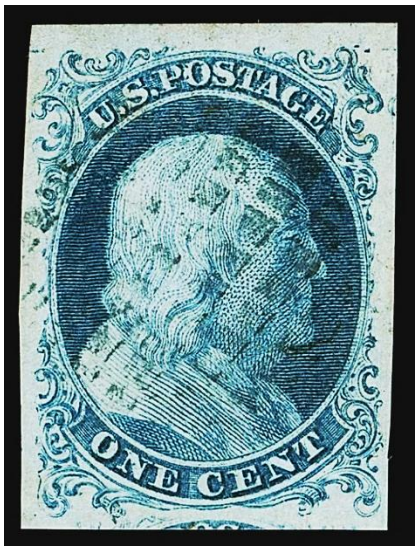



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Pre-Meeting Dinner Plans:

Club members are invited to meet for dinner prior to the first meeting of the month at Anh Hong Vietnamese Restaurant (SW corner of 50/Mills at 1124 E Colonial Dr. with parking in the rear). At the second meeting of the month, we meet at the IHOP restaurant at 646 E. Colonial Drive at 4:30pm. Bring your appetite & topics for discussion.

Upcoming Meetings:

October 1: Called Auction
October 15: Women on Stamps, Carol Bradfield

Recap of September meetings:

The first meeting of the month had 33 signed in and 9 for dinner (two locations). Jerry Eller was the greeter. The door prize went to Brian Thomas. The drawing for the Maitland Door prize went to Newt Kulp for $20. The Cried Auction by Robert Sazama covered a lot of material! The AfterGlow session on Special Papers was well attended. The cried auction sold 25 lots for a total of $519.

The second meeting of September had 12 at dinner (1 location) and 31 signed in. Jerry Eller was the greeter and the door prize was won by Carol Bradfield. The presentation was on Florida FDCs by A. Stephen Patrick. The silent auction sold 19 lots for a total of $330.

AfterGlow Sessions 2026

10.01 Die Cuts Explored, J. Small
11.05 The Strangeness of Special Paper, Part II, F. Ferguson
12.03 None

Sessions start around 7:30pm and have to wrap by 7:55pm without fail. The sessions in 2027 will continue with scheduling already starting. See Francis Ferguson.

Birthday Cake for 3rd Quarter 2026

The door prize for the birthday people was won by Ray Larson!



Photo provided by Carol Bradfield.

Newest Members

Welcome to member #790. James Hancock calls Orlando home and collects older US material and Philippines under US control. Welcome!

FLOREX 2026 December 4-5
www.FLOREXStampShow.com

**** FLOREX Planning meeting is set for 2:30pm November 5th. Please be present.

Writers are Needed

We are always looking for articles for this newsletter. Help us to make the magic happen every month.

German Philatelic Society Meetings

The GPS Chapter #23 group meets from 2pm until 4:30pm at the second meeting of the month. Come on and join an interesting group.

FSDA Fall One Day Show, Recap

The show went extraordinarily well with good attendance. Thank you to everyone who made the event happen! This was the last local show at the Maitland location as the shows for 2027 will relocate to the Oak Room at the Marks St. Center.

www.FloridaStampShows.com

Quoted



"The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age."

Lucille Ball [1911-1989] American red headed comedic artist of great renowned.

President's Message by Francis Ferguson
Question

Why do we have local shows? There are many reasons – let me enumerate some of them.

- Outreach to the philatelic community. This is often times the first exposure a person can have with the CFSC and what it offers to a collector – newly minted or long established.
- Comradery is always good to establish connections and develop knowledge sources. A collector or dealer can share some aspect of your collecting interest that you were not aware of and open a whole new path for you to explore.
- Where do you think new dealers come from? It is more often than not the ranks of collectors that supply the next dealer to hang out a shingle.
- Local shows advertise and that simple act can shake long forgotten collections out of hiding places. This is something that is seen at most every show – sometimes with interesting results.
- Show dealers often times will remember what you collect and possibly provide you with new material as a result when you are seen. This has happened so many times to me personally that I have lost count!
- Shows allow for the cross-pollination of information between collectors that can be beneficial to all parties involved.
- Do you need supplies? Chances are you will find them at a show. That is a good thing for those of us who often forget to check what we have in stock before starting a new project.
- I can personally attest to time spent looking through stock in an effort to find that one special item that makes me happy. Sometimes it is just a small purchase, sometimes it is a lot more – one never knows what can be found at a show.

According to the calendar Fall is here! – be safe and above all else be kind.

Editor's Box

We have had some excellent articles so far this year. Keep them coming! As usual we need more articles for our award-winning newsletter. It is time to put a few brain cells to work, dig up old memories, or brag about your philatelic endeavors and treasures. Long or short articles gratefully accepted.

Submit your articles to: Editor@CentralFloridaStampClub.org

Contact Steve Patrick to schedule a presentation. Contact me if you need help putting a presentation together. Submit your articles to: Editor@CentralFloridaStampClub.org

NEWSFLASH

The Board of Directors has authorized a TEN-dollar reward to any member who submits a cover article for the first time.

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The Central Florida Stamp Club is a 80+ year old organization governed by a Board of Directors elected by the general membership every two years and dedicated to the enjoyment of the hobby of stamp collecting.

- Membership is a reasonable $30 per year, $6 for youth (free the first year).
- 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 7:10 Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions. We must be out of the building by 8:00 without exception. AfterGlow sessions once a month.
- The Membership of the CFSC participates as the host and/or 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
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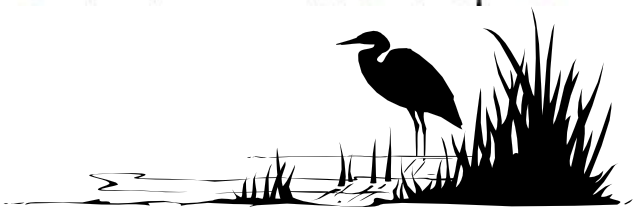

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