The Philatelic Missive

November 2026

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August 1968

THE COVER STORY, Insert 1
Wabasso, Florida, History Tour

The Little Ritz Dining Room

Postcard Wabasso Florida, Circa 1949 [postmarked Vero Beach]

Subject Index

Wrapper –Monthly CFSC News and Information.

Insert 1 – Cover Story, Wabasso, Florida, History Tour; 7 pages

Insert 2 – German Novelty Postcard; 2 pages

Insert 3 – Things That Hide in Plain Sight! & Caveat Emptor, #48; 2 pages

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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:

November 5: Called Auction, Robert Sazama
November 19: The Lindberg Link, John Gehrig

Recap of October meetings:

The first meeting of the month had 32 signed in and 8 for dinner at Anh Hong. Jerry Eller was the greeter. The door prize went to Gary Byrd. The Cried Auction by Stephen Patrick covered a lot of material! Treats by Mimi were available. The AfterGlow session by Jeff Small on Die Cuts was well attended with 13. The cried auction sold 29 lots for a total of $492.

The second meeting of October had 9 at dinner (IHop) and 36 signed in. Jerry Eller was the greeter and the door prize was won by Trevor Delafield. The presentation on Women on Stamps by Carol Bradfield was fun and interesting! The silent auction sold 20 lots for a total of $224.

AfterGlow Sessions 2026

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 are being scheduled. See Francis Ferguson for scheduling.

Membership Renewal for 2027

The process will begin at the first & second meetings of November where the invoices will be handed out to those in attendance. Any invoices left will be mailed to the address of record after the second meeting of November. Please return the marked invoice with the payment if due. Remember LIFE members do not owe anything and we just request that they make sure the contact information is correct. Your cooperation in this annual event is greatly appreciated!

Newest Members

Welcome to Frank Raggo (#791), who calls The Villages home and collects Italy and World Wide, along with Allen Fischler (#792) who also calls The Villages home and collects African Colonies and World Wide.

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.

One Day Saturday Shows, 2027 (tentative)

February 6, 2027 – Marks Street Center
April 3, 2027 – Marks Street Center
June 5, 2027 – Marks Street Center
September 4, 2027 – Marks Street Center
Location: 99 East Marks St., Orlando
Oak Room, 10am to 3:30pm

www.FloridaStampShows.com

Quoted

"Toto, I've a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore." — The Wizard of Oz (1939)

The classic iconic movie with Dorthy played by Judy Garland. Of course, the Wicked Witch of the West played by Margaret Hamilton also gets a little wet.

President's Message by Francis Ferguson

The Year is Ending….

The year 2026 has passed quickly – in what seems to be a blink of an eye. After nearly three years as a retired person I have settled into a familiar daily/weekly/monthly routine that works for me in ways I would never have imagined. Life events seem to happen with equal parts enjoyment and satisfaction.

If you had asked my twenty something self what I would be doing in retirement – I am pretty sure the response would have been: "Not a clue!" …and that would have been the truth. I am doubtful that any one in that age group can accurately guess what will be "normal" forty years into the future.

In the philatelic universe that I inhabit -- the end of year routines are a given; renew annual dues in different organizations and begin to organize the "stuff" for the year coming up. In the case of the CFSC, it involves programs/auctions/articles and all the things that go into keeping the club going as a healthy, smoothly functioning entity. Local shows for the new year have to be scheduled and planned well in advance to meet deadlines for contracts and advertising. All these things are critical to maintaining an active (and healthy) local/state philatelic scene. Yes, it is a busy time of year!

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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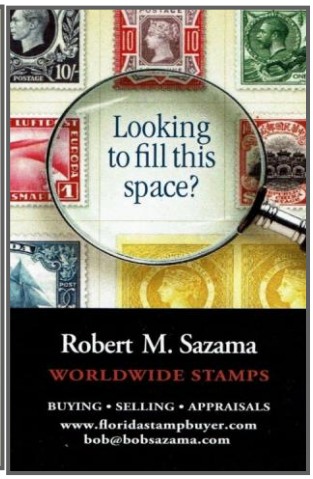

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The Central Florida Stamp Club is a 80+ year old organization governed by a Board of Directors elected by the general membership every two years and dedicated to the enjoyment of the hobby of stamp collecting.

- 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
- As of 03.2026

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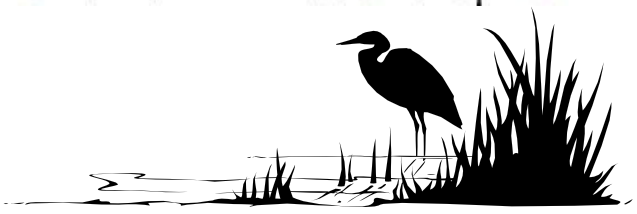

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