

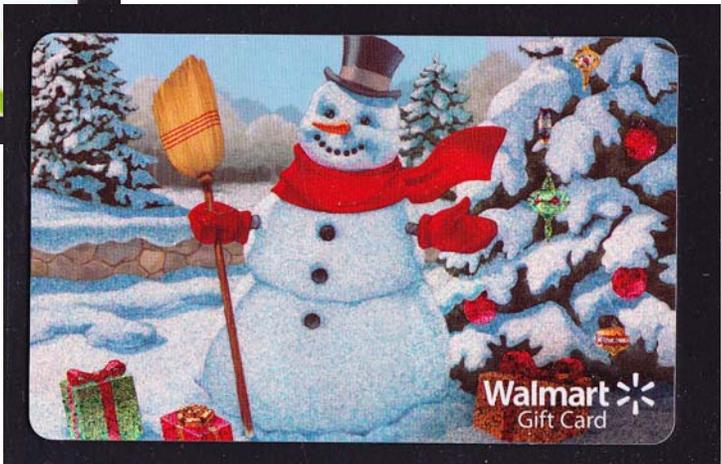
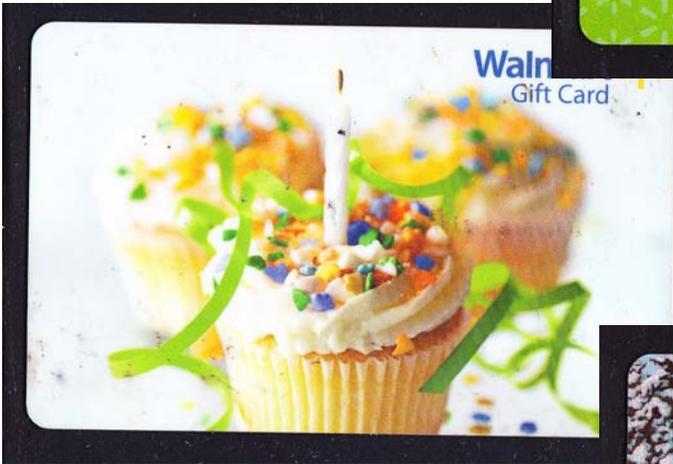
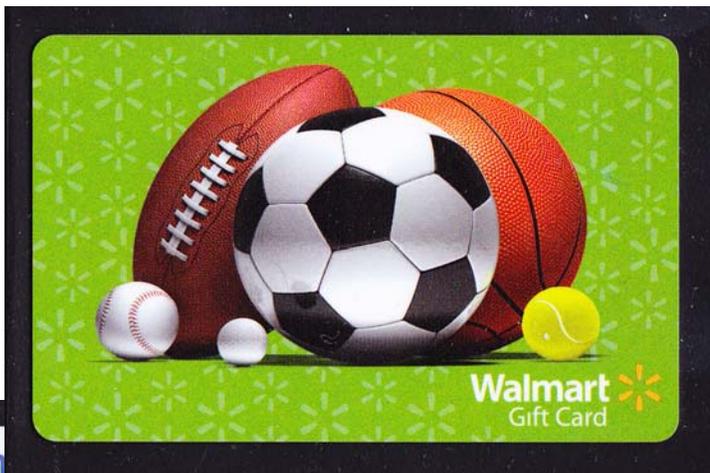


January 2012



The Cover Story

Pay it
Forward...



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Program Schedule (Jan/Feb/Mar)

January meetings — The first meeting of the month on 01/05 has been cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control with the Marks Street Center floor renovation project. The second meeting on 01/19 is the annual Business Meeting where the membership will elect the next BoD.

February meetings — The first meeting of the month on 02/02 will be the previous cancelled no fee auction that was to be held in January. The second meeting is unscheduled at this point in time.

March meetings — To be determined.

Board meeting schedule for 2012 are; January 23, March 29, May 31 and August 30

November meeting recap

The pre-meeting dinner was well attended with 12 hungry folks — 29 members and 1 guest signed in for the meeting. The silent auction sold 23 lots totaling \$99.23!

The second meeting started off with 12 dinner folks — and 30 signed in for the meeting. The cried auction sold 33 lots for a total of \$258.70. The last quiz of 2011 was won by Dave Zambon.

December meeting recap

Because of the setup for FLOREX the meeting was a little thin on attendance but there were still 22 signed in. The auction was the weakest of the year with only 5 lots selling for a total of \$10.20!

The second meeting was the very well attended holiday party. The room was very full with members and their guests. Good food, good company and a laugh or two made for a great time.

Event Calendar 2012

CFSS-Spring April 14
SUNPEX 2012 June 16-17
CFSS-Fall September 15-16
FLOREX 2012 November 30, December 1-2

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

Dinner Plans

Come join the group for dinner at Viet Garden at 5:30pm before each meeting. Bring your appetite – and your wallet. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

Monthly Quizzes

The quizzes will return February of 2012.

Elections 2012-2014

The elections for the next BoD of the CFSC will take place at the second meeting of January 2012, which is the Annual Business Meeting.

Mr. Jim Pullin has agreed to act at the Election Supervisor. We currently have 10 members running for nine positions. Write-in candidates from the floor can be taken after January 1st.

FLOREX 2011

The show ran very smoothly with the attendance numbers coming within a hair of 2010. The membership of the CFSC should be commended for their devotion and good nature at the greeting table. Ann and Robert Dowrick received the 2011 Chairman's Service Award for service over and above the call of duty. Robert Fisher received the Shinning Light Award for a newcomer to the scene. Congratulations to all three individuals!

Challenge 2011 Conclusion

Apparently this was too tough — sadly we had no players or winners. The town is Whitman MA, were Mrs. Ruth Wakefield invented the Toll House cookie and where the Commonwealth Shoe Co. is located. The mystery person was Cardinal Francis Spellman. The club member who met Uncle "Frank" is John T. Snow. Does anyone have a challenge for 2012? See the Editor.

Glue Awards 2011

The conclusion of the year long Glue Awards was announced. The top five (in no particular order) were Phil Fettig (\$20 Door Prize), Ann Dowrick (Linn's), Robert Dowrick (\$50 Gift Card), Robert Fisher (APS) and Stephen Patrick (\$20 Door Prize).

In addition the group of four that clustered very close to the winners also walked away with a \$10 door prize certificate; Randall Priest, David Zambon, David Allen and Newton Kulp.

Please take a moment to congratulate each of these individuals for contributing their time and efforts to making the CFSC a better place.

The fifth year of the Glue Awards will continue in 2012. Participation in a wide range of club related activities earns points — and they do add up!

The Cover Story: A Philatelic version of “Pay it Forward”

by Phillip Fetting

I was sitting at my table in the afternoon during the December Melbourne show. A family, mom, dad & 7-8 year old son came up to my table. I recognized them from before & knew while their interest was high, that funds were probably low. Mom was looking for topicals and stock pages while the young man's interest ran wild from coins to stamps. The parents were wisely trying to help their son find a balance in his enthusiasm. After a while the mother paid for her purchase and the boy was not able to settle on any one thing.

I had a set of cards with brass tokens showing the Presidents from Washington through Clinton at the back of the table. They were priced at \$10 but I would have taken half that. I quietly asked the parents if there boy was interested in history and presidents. They stated he was very much so and had a favorite one. When asked he stated President Obama and the parents told me they thought he would have said Lincoln. I asked permission to give the set to their son and they agreed. He was very excited and thanked me.

Much later, just as I was starting to pack up, they returned and picked out a few more items, including some on stock pages for the boy. Just prior to this, I had obtained a 3 ring binder with a clean stock page and some page protectors. I gave this item to the boy and said they could keep their new items in it. At first he didn't understand it also was a gift and tried to pay me with a Walmart gift card. Mom quickly explained to him that it was a gift, and besides, the amount on the card had been spent. He decided that he wanted me to have the card which was decorated with various types of sport balls.

I thanked him and explained that I have a very good friend who had just retired from a career of teaching children and that he collects cards like this. I said that I was sure that my friend would like this card and that I was going to pass it on to him. Not only did the young man seem pleased, but each parent then pulled out their own “used” card and passed them over to me. So, Steve P. — step up and I will “Pay it Forward”!

Membership dues for 2012

Dues for 2012 are due at the latest by the beginning of the meeting on January 19th. An individual's membership privileges will be suspended at that time if non-payment has occurred. Only member's in good standing will be permitted to cast a vote during the BoD election to be held at the Annual Membership meeting on January 19, 2012.

Holiday Party 2011

The full house of collectors and spouses — and other guests was a good time for all. They seemed to be the best attended Holiday Party in my 12 years associated with the club. Thank you to everyone who was involved in making this a successful event, especially the Priests and the Dowricks who made sure everything came together. The effort was much appreciated by everyone!

We need.....Your Help!

We are always in need of articles for this newsletter — if you have a writing bent, please send your efforts along. If you do not have a computer — write it out in long-hand give me the pictures and I will take care of the rest! This newsletter survives because of being able to obtain content the bottom line is - no content, no newsletter.

We are also in need of folks to give a presentation at a club meeting — it can be as short as 15 minutes and as long as 30. We have a overhead (computer driven) display available to make the presentation easier to see; with advance warning please!

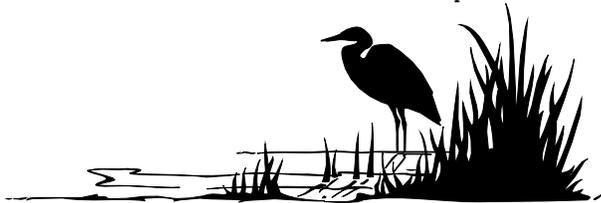
Quotable

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.” — POTUS 35, John F. Kennedy [1917-1963]

The Central Florida Stamp Club is a 70+ 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 \$18 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 the last 10 years and provides a pleasant meeting room with easy access and plenty of free parking.
- The informal part of the meeting runs from 6:30-7:00. The business side of things from 7:00-7:20. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 7:25 until 8:00. Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions from 8:00 to 8:25. We must be out of the building by 8:30 without exception.
- The Membership of the CFSC participates as the host and sponsor of the SUN-PEX show in June of each year. In addition, we are the resident hosting club for FLOREX, and many of the smaller local shows held in the Orlando area.
- The CFSC maintains a website: CentralFloridaStampClub.org
- Benefits of membership include; monthly newsletter, access to loaner equipment & catalogs, participation in door prize drawings & quizzes, the right to bid in cried/silent auctions — and much more.

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