



The Cover Story

Living People on Stamps



Program Schedule (Jan/Feb/Mar)

January — The first meeting of on 01/02/14 will be the well received and much anticipated Annual Club No Fee Auction. The second meeting on 01/16/14 is the Annual Business meeting at which the elections will be determined for 2014/2016. All members in good standing who attend the meeting will be eligible to vote.

February — The first meeting of the month on 02/06 will have Newt Kulp presenting “140 Years of Postal Cards”. The second meeting on 02/20 currently will have Jim Pullin talking about “Catapult Mail”.

March — The first meeting of the month on 03/06 is currently without a presenter. The second meeting on 03/20 has Phil Fettig talking about “Odd, Old, Unusual or Inexpensive Philatelic Tools”

Board meeting for 2014; January 30, May 29, July 31 & October 30.

November/December Meeting Recaps

The first meeting of November started with 11 for dinner. The meeting had a nice crowd of 37. The presentation on the British Penny Black was nicely received. The silent auction sold 20 lots for a total of \$300.50.

The second meeting of November began with 11 for dinner and 35 signed in for the meeting. The silent auction sold 16 lots for a total of \$177.00. Our Jim Pullin did a masterful job presenting the details of what to do (and not do) as an exhibitor. The final quiz of the series was won by Tommy Tomlinson.

The first meeting of December which conflicted with the setup of FLOREX had 7 for dinner and 23 in attendance at the meeting. The silent auction sold 16 lots for a total of \$112.75.

The second meeting night of December was the annual Holiday gathering — this year we had 51 folks present to enjoy the food and prizes. Mel Borfosky was the high bidder at \$75 for the Mystery Box.

Dinner Plans

Come join the group for dinner at Viet Garden at 5:00pm before each meeting. Bring your appetite – and your wallet. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

Event Calendar 2014

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| CFSC Winter 2014 | January 25 |
| CFSC Spring 2014 | April 12 |
| SUNPEX 2014 | June 14-15 |
| FSDA Fall 2014 | September 13-14 |

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

Membership Dues 2014

The invoices will be available at the two meeting of November. If you do not attend either one of the two meetings the invoice will be mailed to you in late November. Please keep in mind that to remain a member in good standing you are required to pay the balance due by January 2, 2014 ***Only members in good standing can participate in the auctions and elections that occur in January of 2014.***

FLOREX 2013 in Review

The show is in the record books. It was a successful show with attendance numbers higher than anything I have seen in my 12 years of running the show. I would like to thank the cadre of folks that made all the pieces of the puzzle fit together so well. Robert Fisher did a faultless job of making the exhibit process as painless for all parties involved as possible — and he has agreed to reprise this role for FLOREX 2014. Ann Dowrick (otherwise known as the Lady in Purple) did a incredible job of running the reception/greeting area. Thanks to Robert Dowrick, David Zambon, Newton Kulp, Jim Archbold and all the remaining members of the CFSC who gave of their time to help.

FLOREX 2013 Awards

The acknowledgement of those individuals who have gone over and above the call of duty while serving FLOREX, the FSDA, CFSC and the world of philately is a special privilege afforded to the General Chairman of FLOREX and the President of the FSDA.

The Chairman's Service Award for FLOREX 2013 was presented to **Ann Fettig** for her exceptional dedication. Ann has been an ever steady guiding force — for over three decades, as a stamp store owner, FSDA and CFSC member. The Outstanding Contributor award for 2013 was presented to a FLOREX dealer of long standing, **John Hunter** (The Stamp Professor), who went out of his way to aid a stranded show attendee — who happened to be a APS judge. Finally the FSDA presented to **Stephen Reinhard** (the current APS President) the Lifetime Achievement award for his help with FLOREX and his dedication to the general world of philately. Please congratulate each one of these folks for being special and doing a lot to make the hobby great! The hobby is simply a better place for the actions of these people.

President's Message by A. Stephen Patrick

For my last president's message, I would like to start by thanking all the volunteers who helped out at FLOREX. The show was successful on many levels starting with Ann Dowrick's crew who greeted guests, sold souvenirs, cancelled covers, etc. that resulted in a \$200 check for the club's treasury. Randall and Sarah Priest and volunteers ran a busy youth table except that the average age was more like AARP participation. Robert Fisher ran a smooth exhibit with help from the many who mounted and dismounted the exhibits in almost record time. The exhibit included participation by club members Randall Priest, Robert Fisher, Jim Edmunds and Jim Pullin in the Court of Honor.

Mike Rogers held a successful auction with several club members participating. I got some nice Mexican district overprints and an interesting book of Canadian revenues among my two box lots. From the dealer bourse I scored several items of Florida postal history including a Doane cancel from West Apopka, Florida. And where was Livingston, Florida, in Orange County?

We had two "closed albums" in 2013 with the passing of former members Charles Micarelli and Niles Schuh. Charles was club president when I joined back in 1979. Former president Jim Estes liquidated much of his collections at the Pre-cancel Convention in Chattanooga. Randall Priest and I went shopping there as I bought Jim's Christmas seal collection.

The APS Seminar by Clark Frazier on 19th century banknotes prior to FLOREX had 10 participants, seven from our club. We expect a presentation to the club this year to help us all identify these challenging stamps. I learned that Bill Bomar's flick test for hard and soft paper is not as effective as a good UV black light. Others participating were Bonnie Streeter, Forest Smith, Jim Archbold, Jim Pullin, Jim Tinkoff, and Henry Jehan.

We have a competitive Board of Directors election coming up as there are 12 candidates for the nine positions. Our officers will come from this group. Thanks for your willingness to serve. We need a good turn out on January 16 for the business meeting, and we will also be voting on the service award. No one was chosen for the Bomar Award for 2013. The board had much discussion about whether the award should continue. The new board can pick up all the left over business with their first meeting on January 30.

It's been an honor and a pleasure being your president for the last two years. My best wishes go to the new board and president, and happy collecting to all in 2014.

Special Notice to the Membership

Notice of elections: All club members who have paid their dues for 2014 by the beginning of the Annual Meeting on January 16th are eligible to vote for the new Board of Directors. Ballots will be available at that meeting for those paid-up members who are present.

If you cannot attend the January 16th meeting and have paid your dues and would like to vote by absentee ballot, contact Josh Furman by email or phone with your request. (jfurman@rivercross.com or 407.492.2313) You will be sent a ballot by email (or snail-mail, your choice) and the ballot must be returned to Josh by January 15th in order for him to be able to tabulate the votes. Absentee ballots will not be secret.

Quotable

What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead."

Nelson Mandela,
1918-2013



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 12 years and provides a pleasant meeting room with easy access and plenty of free parking.
- The informal part of the meeting runs from 6:00-6:45. The business side of things from 6:45-7:10. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 7:15 until 7:50. Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions until 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.

Central Florida Stamp Club



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CFSC Officers (2012/2014)

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| Secretary | Josh Furman |
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| Director-at-Large | Newton Kulp |
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