

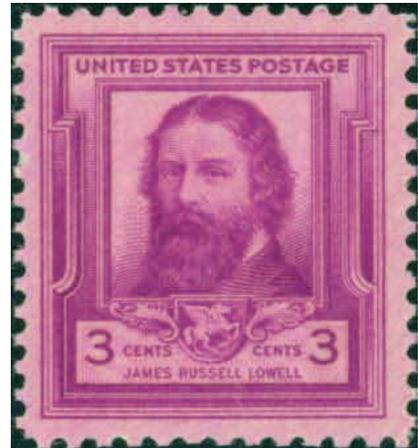
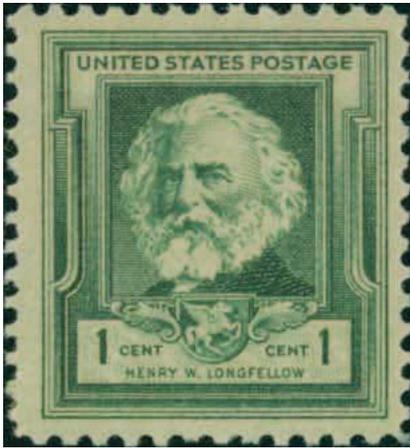
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The Cover Story

Second in a Series; Poets

Figure A1 to A5



Program Schedule (Feb/Mar/Apr)

February — The first meeting on 02.07 will have Jim Pullin presenting on the “Great Western”. The second meeting will have Mel Borofsky presenting on “Plate number coils — Modern Rarities”.

March — The first meeting on 03.07 will feature up to 8 members presenting for 5-6 minutes on “Interesting Pieces From Their Collection”. The second meeting on 03.21 will be a cried auction, with a \$5 minimum.

April — The first meeting on 04.04 will have Mike Schumacher presenting on “1936 Swedish - Iceland Vatnajokull Expedition”. For the second meeting on 04.18, members of the CFSC who are members of the American Topical Association will be presenting on 5-6 topical subjects — it should be interesting!

BoD meetings for 2019; 03.28 & 08.29.

January Meeting Recaps

The first meeting on the month started off with 17 for dinner — there was a lot of conversation and food! The meeting signed in 43 folks — pretty good for the dead of winter in Central Florida! The club benefit cried auction was cried by A. Stephen Patrick and ably handled by Team David and supporting staff. The auction of 40 lots added \$568.50 to our treasury. Thank you to everyone who dug into their closets to pull out great material for sale.

The second meeting started off with 12 for dinner. The crowd of 53 signed in for the meeting made for a nice crowd in the Ballroom. The Annual meeting of the membership of the CFSC was held per the By-Laws. Jim Cooney won the pop quiz question with the answer of “Grok” — \$10 door prize is his. The informative session by Randy Shoemaker on expertizing enlightened the membership. The silent auction sold 26 lots for \$396.25.

Dinner Plans

Come join the group for dinner at Viet Garden at 5:00pm before each meeting. Located on the NW corner of Shine Ave & 50 at 1237 E. Colonial Dr. There is plenty of parking on the north side, behind the restaurant. Bring your appetite – and your wallet. The record attendance for dinner is 20 — if we can break that number someone will get a free dinner. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

Event Calendar 2019

CFSC-Spring One Day	April 6
SUNPEX 2019	June 8
FSDA Fall 2019	September 14
FLOREX 2019	December 13-14-15

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

New Member X3

We have added 3 new members, bringing our total as of 02.04.19 to 104. **Elisabeth Horstmann** from Winter Park collects museum art and classic painters. **Deane R. Briggs**, who calls Winter Haven home, collects CSA and Florida Postal History. **Phil Eschbach** also from Winter Park collects CSA and Florida covers. Welcome one and all!

After Glow

The first meeting of the month will feature a Member’s Bourse from 8:15 to 8:55. Dig in your closet for your material that needs to find a new home. The second meeting will feature A. Stephen Patrick discussing PNCs.

Renewal Process Status Update

It is with deep regret that we remove the following individuals from our active roster for non-payment of 2019 dues; **Mike & Nick Cryer, Tom Hart, David Kolodgie, Steve Main, Eretta Morris and Charles Phillips (Apopka)**. All individuals have received snail-mail notices in early November and early January along with an email reminder in the middle of January.

January One Day Show Report

The show was held on a rather chilly day, somewhat typical for a normal(ish) winter day in Central Florida. Seven dealers setup booths and a record setting crowd of 106 came through the show in the five hours of operation. The previous record was 105. See you folks on Saturday April 6th — same place, same time!

Local History Event of Interest

This year's Pine Castle Days will feature A History Tent focusing on Orange County History and Pioneer Families. Those interested in local history will enjoy presentations from 10-3 on Saturday & Sunday February 23 & 24 at Cypress Grove Park on Holden Avenue. Our own Steve Patrick will be one of the presenters. His triple great grandfather Wright Patrick was the first postmaster of the Jernigan settlement.

Quoted

“I find television very educational. Every time someone turns it on, I go in the other room and read a book.”

Groucho Marx [1890-1977]
Quick witted, American comedian, writer and stage, film, radio and television star.



President's Message by Francis Ferguson The Collective

I spent a very pleasant three days at the recent Sarasota National Stamp Show. It was a pure pleasure to be NOT in charge of running things. My collector driven nature came out as I hunted down a couple of nice pieces that fit well within my collections. With the help of another club member — I was able to obtain another cover from Ona that made me smile. I even was able to find a couple of Prexy “wandering heads”, along with a nice selection of Transport covers. Purchases were for the most part small but meaningful.

The thought ran through my brain that I was no more than a small fish in a much larger ocean of philatelic activities.....and I am fine with that! There were all kinds of things going on at the show, of course — buying and selling — but the major realization was one of the exchange of information. Many times during the three days, while either attending a meeting or being on the bourse floor — I witnessed the process of education happening. Sometimes it was subtle, and other times it was much more direct and intense.

We as collectors are part of a much wider world of philatelic activity. The “collective” we belong to, includes all of humanity — with no qualifications. We share in common two things — the pursuit of small pieces of paper and the need to learn. One simply can't be a stamp collector and not directly or indirectly absorb knowledge. The need/desire to be a collector also enriches our lives and makes us better educated humans.

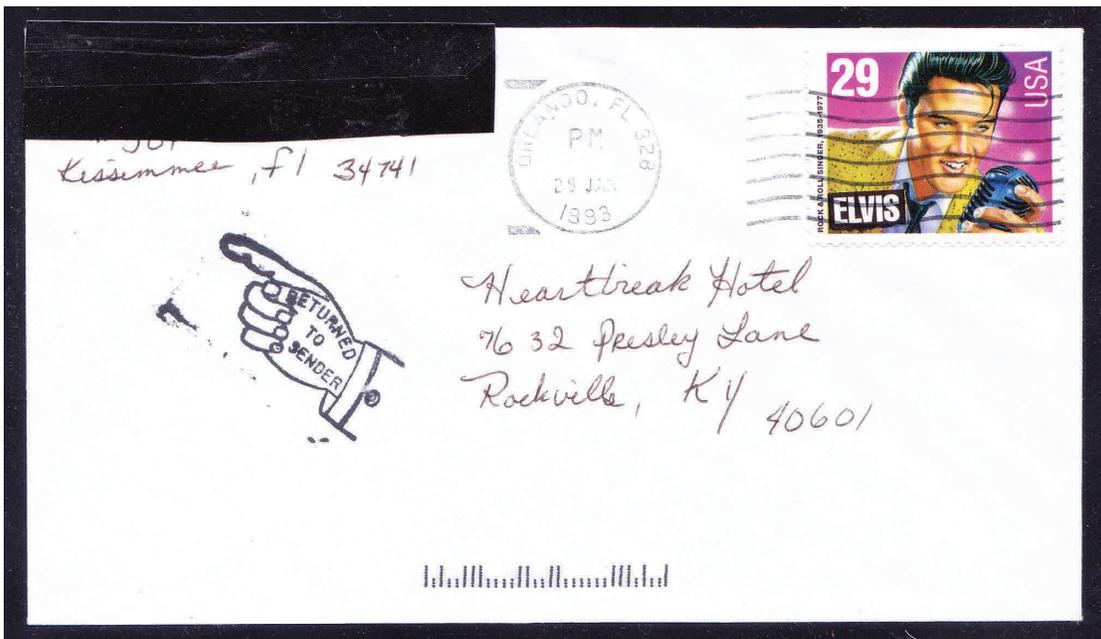
While expounding on your philatelic holdings at a gathering of non-collectors will more than likely be awkward — if you take the ancillary information that you know and use it to buttress the conversation, you are a winner. I admit to being an introvert by nature. My preference is to be a wall-flower. Thankfully, my base of knowledge that has been fortified by being a collector does help to make me more comfortable in social situations where discussions are being held.

So — how do you feel about being a collector? Does being part of a “Collective” help you in any way?

Remember according to the Borg; resistance is futile.

Serendipity — XLVII by Phil Fettig

Most dealers have experienced the unfortunate task of having an excited collector walk up with a sheet (or sheets) of Scott 2721 which they viewed as the way to pay off the children's college bills. What, you don't recognize 2721? Think Elvis Presley! While it was an extremely popular stamp in 1993, that did not make it valuable — in fact just the opposite! With a quantity issued of 518 MILLION stamps, a rare item it would never be! Now, as to the cover — it is not valuable either, however it sure is interesting. The address is mostly fake. There



was a Rockville, KY back in the 1800s near the West Virginia line. The zip code does exist in Frankfort, KY, up near the Indiana line. Back in the “Golden Era” of cover collecting (1920s – 1930s) a favorite pastime was to send covers all over the world with a bad address. The sole purpose was to get the item returned with interesting postmarks or hand stamps. This cover certainly works for the Elvis fan!

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 \$25 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 nearly 20 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 8:10 Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions. We must be out of the building by 9:00 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, a monthly bourse buy/sell newsletter, access to loaner equipment & catalogs, participation in door prize drawings, the right to bid in cried/silent auctions — and much more.

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