

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 \$12 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 and everything in between.
- The meeting location 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 7:00-7:30. The business side of things from 7:30-7:50. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 7:55 until 8:30. Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions from 8:30 to 9:00. We must be out of the building by 9:10 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, 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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What interests you?

Program Schedule (Apr/May/June)

April Meetings — 04/02 Steve P. will present “Celebrating Lincoln”, 04/16 Francis F. will talk about “Ona, Florida — and other small towns”

May Meetings — 05/07 will have Bill B. discussing “A Postal Forgery” The second meeting on 05/21 has Steve P. pulling out Orlando postcards for a trip down memory lane.

June Meetings — 06/04 will be a \$2 minimum cried auction. The second meeting on 06/18 has Phil F. giving a talk called “Identifying U.S. Banknote Issues”.

***** **The Board meeting for 2009 are: April 30, July 30, & October 29. Please mark your calendars accordingly.**

March Meeting recaps

Dinner was a nice affair with 7 people attending, congrats to Bob D. for finding the place and enjoying dinner with the group. Peter W. presented his bi-sect topic to a group of 21 members. Thank you Peter! The silent auction was moderately active with 22 lots selling. Tom H. scored a goodly number — and came out on the top for the first quiz of the year.

The second meeting started off with 9 people attending dinner. The meeting was well attended with about 15 youth. Many thanks to Randall, Sarah, and Mary for handling the evening with such deft skill. Congratulations to our Birthday persons for the first three months of the year. Mary L. was the prize winner for the birthday drawing. The second quiz of the year was won by our soon to be on-the-road-west-bound member Phil F.

Central Florida Fair 2009

The CFSC will once again be participating in this annual event. We are still in need of volunteers to staff the booth. Please contact Al N at 407.468.8416 for more information. This really is a great event to be part of. Come be part of the experience!

CFSS — Spring

Come The next local show will be held in the Oak Room at the Mark Street Senior Center. This ONE day show will be held on April 11 and is configured for 9 dealer tables. At this time the show is sold out.

Youth Night

The CFSC would like to extend a thank you to all those involved in making the last Youth Night a success. Randall, Sarah, Mary, Nancy, Stephen P., Larry and everyone else who helped directly or indirectly you are the reason why things flow smoothly — thank you! The next youth night is scheduled for September 3, 2009. Be there, or be missed!

Box of Treasures

I happened to be digging through my box of “common” stamps that I use to make packets out of and I was struck by the beauty of this modern US commemorative. While I do not collect this material, I am still enthralled as a stamp collector with certain designs and subjects. What gets your attention?



Cover Story by Josh F.

Remember last month's newsletter illustration? Here are some more of the same thing. They are called International Reply Coupons, and the way you use them is this: Suppose you have a friend in a foreign country and you write him asking him to send you a couple of covers for your collection. But he can't afford the postage. And you don't have the right amount of mint postage in Canadian dollars or Israel shekels or French francs or whatever currency your friend's country uses.

Well, you simply go to your post office here and purchase one of these Universal Reply Coupons and enclose it with the letter to your friend in Montreal or Tel Aviv or Lyon or wherever. Your friend then takes the coupon to his post office and exchanges it for the postage he needs to send you your covers. These are valid in any country that is a signatory to the Universal Postal Union.

What does it say on the backs of these coupons? Tell you next month. Stay tuned.

SUNPEX 2009

The two day show at the BSC on June 20-21, needs to fill 20 frames of exhibits This is a great opportunity to get your feet wet. Contact Jim A, Steve P, or Francis F. for more information.

Event Calendar 2009

CFSS-Spring	April 11
Central Florida Fair	April 16-26
SUNPEX 2009	June 20-21
CFSS-Fall	Sept 26-27
FLOREX 2009	Dec 4, 5, & 6

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

Youth Night — Third and March

By Randall P.

Come join We have just held our third Youth Night, (March 19th) and once again it was a great success. Our attendance was a little off from the last Youth Night however we did have our best youth and one new member. (This was his second meeting. What a way to start). Of the 10 youth that were their, half of them are members of our club. The others have been coming for some time.

The program was a mix of information, a story, games, and prizes for all. From the reports that I received from some of the members even the adults had some fun.

In the back of the room was a display of different kinds of “collections” and posters. The youth and the adults did some looking.

Let me also thank some people that helped make this youth night possible. My wife Sarah for her help in putting together some of the games, and also the packets of stamps. She also took care of the sign in table with the help of Mary Lepich, Larry Stiles for a story about “Lafayette”. For the “Find a Stamp” game, Sarah, Mary, Larry, and Nancy Hoffman helped pass out stamp packets to the winners.

At the end of the program we also had cake for those in the club with birthdays the first three months of the year. This was provided by Steve Patrick, I would like to also let you know that I have had some more people offer to help, and I will be asking them in the future for their help. From what I see the Central Florida Stamp Club is getting some more members that are new to stamp collecting, and they are not just youth. This is great and gives me high hopes for a great and vital club in the future.

New Members!

The CFSC continues to add new members — Hal (the Dad) & Ian (the Son) Levine have joined us

Recently, after a couple of previous visits. At this time they have not declared a collecting interest — but I am sure they will let us know in time. Kathi Thomas — as in the Mother of Corey Thomas, has become one of us. Her collecting interests include, US, Cuba and Russia. We wish all three folks a long and enjoyable association with the club.

A Stamp, A Ferry, and a Town Changed

By Randall P.

On August 24, 2007, and then again on September 18, 2007, events happened that would change a town for the rest of its life.

The sixth issue of the ‘AMERICAN TREASURES’ series was presented at the (STAMPSHOW) in Des Plaines, IL. This set of 10 stamps features 10 quilts created by the African-American woman of a town called Gee’s Bend, Alabama. These 10 different quilts show off the different patterns and colors that make

some of the most interesting looking quilts to be found anywhere.

Gee’s Bend (population about 400) is, as the name says, on the bend of the Alabama River, and across the river is the town of Camden (population about 2000). To get from one side of the river to the other was a short (15 minute) ride on a ferry.

In 1962 the ferry service was suspended, allegedly to keep the black residents from voting. This meant that the people of the poor, mostly black Gee’s Bend had to drive more than 40 miles over rural roads to get the county courthouse in Camden. It has been that way ever since.

Quotable

"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

Activist, Statesmen & Nobel Peace winner Nelson Mandela [1918—]

