

The Cover Story

What is Missing?



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Program Schedule (May/June/July)

May meetings — The first meeting on 05/02 will have Jim Pullin presenting “Exhibiting by the Judge”. The second meeting on 05/16 will have Randall Priest talking about “Getting Youth Involved in Stamps”.

June meetings — The first meeting on 06/06 will have Forrest Smith presenting “Match & Medicine”. The second meeting on 06/20 will be the first Youth Night of 2013 hosted by the team Priest.

July meetings — The first meeting on 07/04 will not happen as it is a Federal Holiday. The second meeting on 07/18 will have the annual Super Auction with a \$5 minimum.

Board meetings for 2013; May 30, August 29 and October 31.

April Meeting Recaps

The first meeting of the month started off with a 8 for dinner — and 30 signed in for the meeting The silent auction sold 24 lots for a total of \$164.90. A. Stephen Patrick presented his cinderella material to a receptive crowd.

The second meeting of April started with 16 folks for dinner (tying the record)— and 39 signed in for the meeting. A number of the membership talked about their collecting areas — it was enlightening for many. Bonnie Streeter won the quiz with a perfect score. A perfect score has been achieved less than a dozen times in the nearly 13 years of monthly quizzes. The auction sold 20 lots for a total of \$134.50.

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.

Monthly Quizzes

- May Sports
- June Lighthouses
- July Ducks for a Buck
- Aug Space Exploration
- Sept Flora & Fauna

Quizzes normally are the 2nd meeting of the month.

Event Calendar 2013

SUNPEX 2013 June 15-16
FSDA-Fall 2013 September 21-22
FLOREX 2013 December 6, 7 & 8
For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

New Members X 1

John Witcher from Orlando who collects U.S. has joined us — Welcome member #80!

CFCS—Spring One Day Show — Recap

It was a active and well attended show. All of the six dealers expressed pleasure with sales and are happy to return for a repeat performance next year. A big “Thank You” to one and all that helped and gave of their time.

The Presidents Message by A. Stephen Patrick

More than 30 years ago, I prepared my first stamp exhibit for our club’s SUNPEX show with the encouragement of club secretary Wade Berry. Two of my former students Chuck and Paula Thompson, Class of ’76, had married and moved to Cayman Islands. Paula began to send me first day covers from the Cayman Post Office. They were colorful and contained extra information on the printer and history behind the subjects. We were using the old nine page wooden frames, so I probably filled two frames from the handful of covers I had accumulated.

I carefully typed the information for each page on an old Remington manual. It was tricky because most of the covers were over sized and had to be mounted diagonally. The two day exhibit was held in the social hall of a church in old Winter Park. The club had a souvenir cover, post office presence, and the usual local dealers. My wife came to see my exhibit and share my pride in my first offering. Wade took a photo of me standing by my frames holding my 3rd place ribbon. I also got a certificate suitable for framing.

No one told me at that time how that common material like first days, commercially prepared, with no story or theme was on the lowest level of importance or philatelic value for exhibiting. They smiled and gave me encouragement and made my effort seem appreciated. I’ve prepared more than two dozen exhibits since then getting as high as a silver at FLOREX. I look forward to this year’s SUNPEX to see who collects what and, I will try to encourage beginners in their first efforts. The club level exhibit is a good place to start. Why don’t you give it a try?

[Editor’s Note: Exhibiting even for beginners can be a highly rewarding. The simple fact is — you do not have to have expensive or rare material to garnish a top medal — simply telling a story and presenting the material in the best possible way — is all that is needed.]

Edison Part II — Contest — Answer

Thomas Edison's (Scott #654, #945) work in electrical science is acclaimed the world over. Yet one of his achievements which has benefited thousands of farmers is known to comparatively few. What was this achievement?

The answer is — Mr. Edison perfected the means by which limestone could be pulverized to a very fine degree, so that when it was applied to the soil it could be readily utilized. In 1901, Mr. Edison perfected the equipment and began the production of pulverized limestone for agricultural purposes. This new process saved farmers time and money and eliminated the hazards of handling burned lime or quick lime.



There was no winner. Thanks are given to Josh Furman for this item. Does anyone else have stamp trivia to share?

Issues to be Addressed (Again!)

It the first meeting of April it was evident that once again we have to address issues of auction procedures and member's behavior during a presentation.

First — talking during a presentation is unacceptable. The speaker expects and deserves your undivided attention. Your voice carries through the room and inhibits those close to you from hearing the speaker.

Second — the repeated issue of cell phones going off is rude — turn the thing off, put it on silent or leave it in the car! Why this continues to be an issue is befuddling.

Third — When the auction master calls out the end of the auction — it is final; there are no arguments! If you have started to write your name as the auction is called you may finish, however any writing after will be disallowed.

Fourth — when you sign your name on a silent auction slip use your FULL LAST NAME — your initials are not acceptable and slow every part of the process down. This is an on-going problem and impacts everyone as the folks are trying to enter the auction data —which everyone is waiting for so they can pay/collect their monies and go home.

Fifth — crowding around the head table before the folks are done entering the auction data does nothing more than make the folks feel like they are being pressured — this does not make the process go any faster and can cause more mistakes to be made. Please wait to gather until AFTER the folks have announced everything is ready.

Enough said — again!

No Meeting July 4th

Enjoy your backyard BBQ, or a trip to the beach — there is no meeting on July 4th as it is of course a Federal Holiday.

Bird Lots by Jim Archbold

In recent years we have received a large lot of stamps and philatelic accumulations that the Audubon Society collects from all over the United States. The material is often times a mish-mash of philatelic debris from mundane to interesting. Some board members sort and lot the material. The lots are then sold through our club auctions or directly to dealers where appropriate. So far this year we have sold \$260 -- this will be split 80% for Birds of Prey in Maitland and 20% for our club. Birds of Prey, cares for injured birds of that type. Give them a call about visiting – only \$5 per person; it is an interesting and enjoyable couple hours.

Club Shirts

If you want a club shirt — the cost is \$15 — we have a small number of shirts available for men (w/ pockets) and women (w/o pockets). See a club Board member if you are interested in purchasing.

Quotable

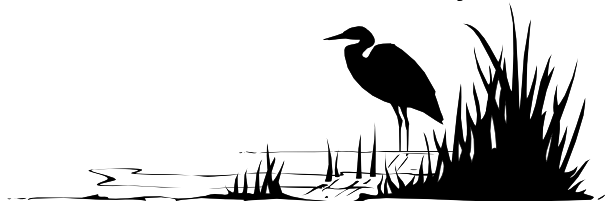
“There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it hardly behooves any of us to talk about the rest of us.”

Edward W. Hoch, American politician and the 17th Governor of Kansas. [1849 - 1925]

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 6:30-7:00. 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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