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The Cover Story

**Oh, The Things You Can Learn Stamp Collecting!
What March event is most significant to Philately?
International Women's Day – March 8**



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Figure A8



Figure A9

Program Schedule (May/June/July)

May — The first meeting on 05.02 will have Phil Fettig presenting on “Strange Things Dealers Find”. The second meeting on 05.16 will be a cried auction with a \$5 minimum.

June — The first meeting on 06.06 will have A. Stephen Patrick presenting on “Czech Stamp Engravers”. The second meeting on 06.20 will feature Josh Furman discussing “Collecting Chinas”.

July — The first meeting on 07.04 will not happen as it is a national holiday. The second meeting on 07.18 is currently without a presentation scheduled.

BoD meeting for 2019; 08.29.

April Meeting Recaps

The first meeting night found 11 folks gathered for dinner and 40 signed in. Mike Schumacher presented an interesting talk on “The 1937 King Christian X Silver Jubilee issue”. The silent auction sold 26 lots for a total of \$351.25.

The second meeting night found 10 for dinner enjoying fellowship and conversation. There were 41 signed in for a rather active meeting. A. Stephen Patrick was the coordinator for folks who talked about their ATA special collections (more details Insert C). The silent auction sold 18 lots for a total of \$221. The After Glow session with Newt, completed Part II of designing your own album pages.

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.

Club Shirts Now Available

The club shirts are available at \$20. Show your pride in being a member of the CFSC and you will get a pocket (on the shirt of course) as a no-charge add on! We now have the most popular sizes in stock. Contact the Editor before the meeting night, as the shirts are kept off site.

Event Calendar 2019

CFSC-Summer One Day June 8
FSDA Fall 2019 September 14
FLOREX 2019 December 13-14-15
For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

New Member X1

Mark Tiger joins the ranks of the CFSC. Mark is part of the team at The Browse House in Holly Hill. We welcome Mark — he is number 101 on our active roster.

After Glow — May

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 have Francis Ferguson, presenting on “Prexy Colors”.

Sign Up Sheet for the June 8th Show

We need your help for the greeting table. Sign up sheet is on front table. Show hours are 10-4, in the west end of the Maitland Civic Center, also known as The Venue on the Lake.

July Break

As previously announced there will be no newsletter for the month of July. The newsletter will resume in August.

Begging — Again

I want to thank those that have responded to my pleading for articles for this newsletter. My bit bucket is nearly empty. I especially can use longer articles for the Cover Story — a page to page and a half of text plus 3-5 pictures are enough to qualify. Shorter articles are always welcome as they are filler material when I need to fill a blank spot. *The Philatelic Missive*, in year 14 — is simply a reflection of the support from the membership. Please do not make the Editor nervous.

Please Note!

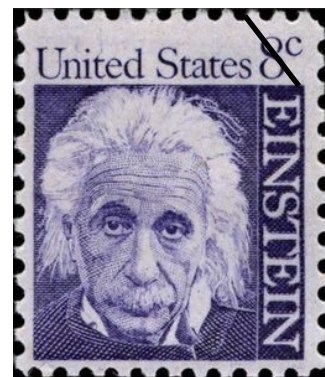
There is no meeting scheduled for July 4th as it is a national holiday. Enjoy your family time! We shall see you on July 18th.

Quoted

“Stay away from negative people. They have a problem for every solution.”

Albert Einstein
[1879-1955]

$E=MC^2$
It is all relative.



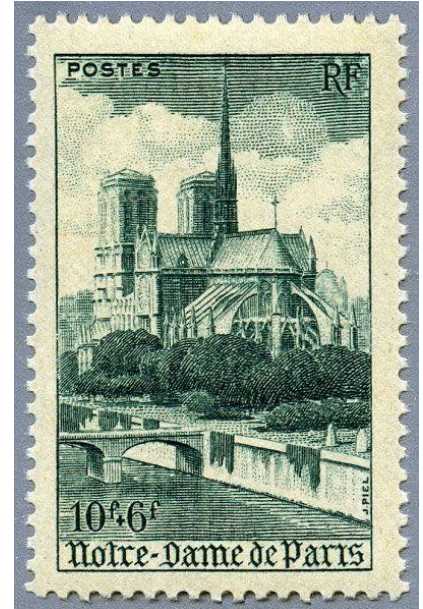
President's Message by Francis Ferguson Fragility

The horror of watching the unfolding drama as Notre Dame in Paris burned, was especially painful to me. While my vocation is in the computer field and my avocation is of course philately — a serious interest in my life has always been architecture. When I traveled in Europe four times in the 1980s — my bucket list was rather short, Notre Dame, St. Mark's, St. Peter's, The Parthenon, The Colosseum, the Spanish Steps and the Pantheon. I was not disappointed as the grandeur of these places was wonderful and life affirming, in ways I can not even begin to verbalize.

The destruction in Paris made me think of just how fragile my avocation is. Pieces of paper burn — and burn quickly. In a rather cruel twist on fate — water or other means used to put out such a blaze would also result in serious damage if not destruction of philatelic material. We collect fragile pieces of paper that simply will not stand up to fire.

How do you protect what you collect? From a practical standpoint it is impossible to protect every piece of philatelic material that one amasses in a lifetime of collecting — unless you have a fire-proof safe that is the size of a small room! I have settled for a small fire-resistant safe. While this is not the best of a solution it is the only one available to me at a reasonable cost.

In the course of the last couple of days — and while writing this piece — the thought came to mind as to how much philatelic material has been lost over the last 200+ years? I think we would all be very sad to know what has been lost to the flames.



Serendipity — L by The Editor

What to do? Part II

Last month's *Serendipity* had an image of a two cent Washington coil hanging off the left edge of a cover. Now I can tell the rest of the story. Before anything started that would alter the character of the cover, I took two pictures to document the item. The process to lift a stamp from a cover can be tricky. I used the time honored method of a wet cue-tip and moistened the surface to the stamp. It is important that one not be impatient as the stamp can be damaged by not waiting long enough for the glue to release. I waited. The stamp cleanly lifted off the cover. Further time in a water bath removed the piece of cover from the portion of the stamp that had been hanging off the envelope and the remaining glue. Drying the stamp took about 30 minutes. Other than the obvious faults on the top edge and what looks like a diagonal crease in the upper right corner the stamp is amazingly sound for what it has been through. Further investigation reveals it to be a perf 10, type II, with no watermark. The stamp is a Scott #491 used about 10 weeks after the earliest known use recorded. It is well within the period of acceptable use. Further comparison against a known certified #491 shows this example to be a perfect match in every way.



Now the question is — do you treat this as a off cover stamp or a on-cover example? The difference is rather considerable — \$800 for a single versus \$1,100 for an on cover example. Normally the stamp would be rehinged in the exact position on the cover it came from. I have encouraged the owner to submit the item for a certificate.

If you ever doubt that nice finds can be made in unexpected places — think again. This cover was discovered in a handful of covers that John Latter asked me to look at. The rest of the material was common, this one however caught my attention as a possible gold nugget. You never know what will show up!

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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