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The Cover Story

The Dreaded Ft. Delaware

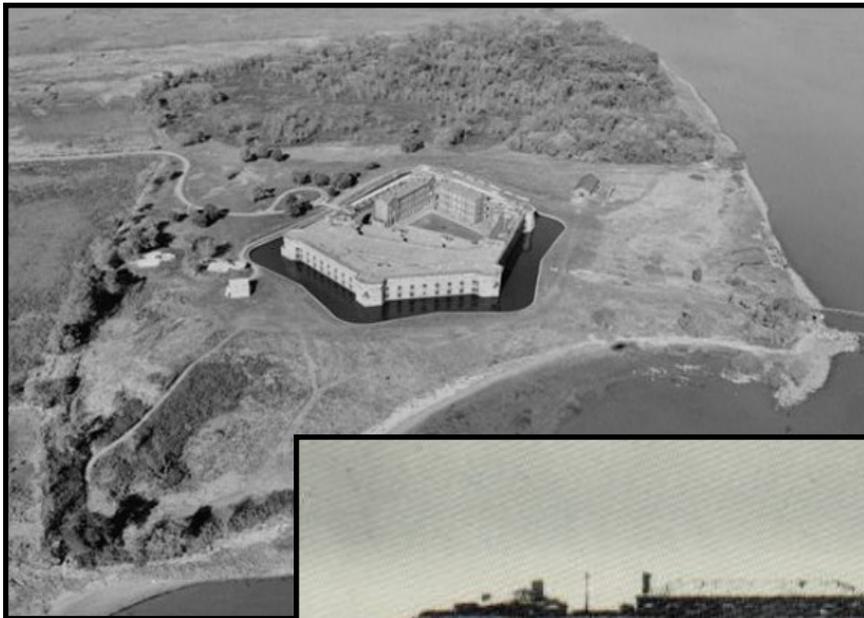


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Figure A2

Program Schedule (Jun/Jul/Aug)

All philatelic activity of the CFSC has been suspended in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. A review of circumstances will be made at the end of June. There will be Zoom meetings for the foreseeable future. E-mail notices will go out a couple of days before the meeting date. Come see your fellow club members!

BoD meeting for 2020; 07.30 & 10.29.

May Meeting Recaps

No meeting occurred.

Dinner Plans

No meetings for June and no dinner gatherings.

Shirts are Available

We have lovely shirts for our membership to wear. They come with a pocket and cost \$20. Please contact Stephen Patrick as he is now the holder of the box of shirts.

Event Calendar 2020

~~CFSC Summer One Day~~ July 11 (**cancelled**)

FSDA Fall One Day Show September 12

FLOREX 2020 December 4-5-6

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

New Member (none)

The current roster stands at 104.

After Glow — June

No sessions scheduled.

Writer are Always Welcome

I am amazed that this newsletter and the previous two have had 5 and 6 inserts. This is a testament to the membership providing material for use. Thank you — and continue to write!

Quoted

“If I do a good job, people won’t care if I am green or have three heads.” & “Hope will never be silent.”

Harvey Milk,
[1930 — 1978]

Slain, Equal Rights
Activist & Politician



What is Zoom....and How Do I Use?

Welcome to the 21st century. We have been forced into a new paradigm to maintain some resemblance of being a social philatelic being. Zoom it is. Zoom is nothing more than a video meeting that you can join via a smart phone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer. The requirements are simple: a camera and microphone. That is it. You can even use a regular land-line to join a meeting, but obviously you will not have the video experience. The Zoom app can be downloaded for your device for free from your app store.

Most every smart phone or tablet is capable of supporting a video meeting. I have personally used my iPhone 8 and iPad Air2 without a single problem. Most all laptops purchased in the last 5 years will automatically come with a built in camera/mic. A traditional desktop computer can have a camera/mic added for as little as \$40. Higher end models can reach into the \$200 plus range. Remember the old adage — “you get what you pay for”. I am not suggesting that you spend hundreds of dollars, but rather seek out a reasonable unit at an affordable price.

I recently was forced to retire a 12 year old camera/mic and was able to easily find a serviceable unit for \$55....and it works fine.

The etiquette of a video meeting is something you will have to get used to. (1) There is a moderator who controls the overall meeting. (2) Please mute your local mic — unless you are needing to talk. If you don’t mute your mic, the sound becomes part of the overall meeting. (3) Try not to talk over someone, wait to be acknowledged by the moderator. (4) If the meeting is to start at 7pm then you can normally join the meeting 15 minutes before — be prompt. (5) Long soliloquies should be avoided, keep your comments to short sound bites that are concise and to the point. (6) Be mindful of your video and what it is showing. Ideally the picture should be focused on you and a non-moving background. Attempts should be made to avoid being bombed by humans and pets as that just distracts from the overall experience for everyone.

President's Message by A. Stephen Patrick

Please enjoy our June newsletter. Editor **Francis Ferguson** continues to produce an excellent “lifeline” for our club. During June we will meet on line through Zoom meetings. Our vice president **Jim Cooney** has two presentations ready for our on line meetings. **Mel Borofsky** is out of the hospital and his computer has received a partial cure as we received a bourse issue on May 27.

Our club continues to function with our on line bourse, newsletter, and Zoom meetings. That's the good news. The bad news is that all stamp shows through at least August have been cancelled including the APS show in Hartford. We had 32 members join us on line for the May 21 Zoom meeting, and we hope for more participants on June 4.

Missing club meetings from March to June makes us miss our quarterly birthday celebrations. Not knowing when we meet again, I wish to say to all our members “Happy Birthday” in 2020. Our celebration may be cut short, but our wishes for life, happiness, and health still go out.



When I joined the CFSC 40 years ago, we had a member **Bob Bobroff** who was also the *Orlando Sentinel* citrus and agriculture reporter. Bob passed away several years ago, and the best part of his stamp collection had been stolen. His son Mike called me last week and plans to donate the remainder of his father's stamps to our youth fund. Thanks, Mike, as the circle of life continues.

Our on-line meeting May 21 included many stories and items from WW II. We are missing the 75th diamond anniversary of Iwo Jima, V. E. Day, Okinawa and similar events. I would like you to see an Iwo Jima cover (illustration) I acquired at Americover 2019 in St. Louis. It is an add-on modern cachet by Larry Gassen from Illinois in the style of Dorothy Knapp. Our Memorial Day celebrations were muted due to the virus, and this scene of perhaps the most famous photo of WW II still touches the heart.

Please keep safe until we meet again. Until then, see you online.

The Editor's Box — Now What?

Unless you have the gift of foresight or a really good crystal ball — the future is unknown — until it happens. Everything that we are as stamp collectors and have accepted as normal is no longer such. When things will revert to “normal” is simply a guess. In the meantime we will endeavor to carve out a “new normal” with the hope that sometime in the future we can return to our friends in the philatelic universe.

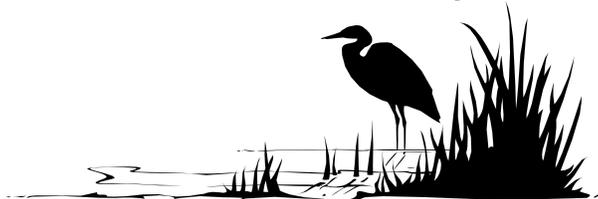
Meanwhile we will continue to work on those projects that can keep us occupied. Goodness knows I have more than one project to work on. My feeble attempt so far has only involved the organization of a small portion of my reference library. The larger part of that project is actually the need to create an index of volume names. I am not sure when that will be completed.

I am inching towards working on some of my Prexy EFO material and redoing pages with newly acquired material. While that might sound tedious, it is pure joy for me to get hands on with my material and rediscover why I think it is so much fun! These strange times will pass in time and I will look forward to seeing my stamp buddies.....and returning to a more normal size newsletter format!

The Central Florida Stamp Club is a 75+ 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 going on 25 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 6:45-7:00. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 7:05 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 one day shows in January/February, April & June. In addition, we are the resident hosting club for FLOREX which is held in the Kissimmee 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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