

Central Florida Stamp Club – Newsletter

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Change of Address

Please note that if you wish to visit to visit Michael Rogers Inc. that the street address is 600 Fairbanks Ave. in Winter Park.

Silent Auction

Please be patient. Your board will be implementing procedures to help speed up the silent auctions. Here is what you can do. **Print your last name** on bid sheets, both buyer and seller. **Initials are inadequate.**

Name Tags

New members will be charged a one time \$6.00 surcharge on the dues in order to fund club name tags.

2005 Program

Francis Ferguson is now reserving speakers for next year's program. As a result of suggestions from the recent survey, there will be four cried auctions next year in a addition to the club donation auction in Jan.

Borrowers Agreement

The board will institute a signed pact similar to a library loan to be signed for use of club catalogues. The club now owns a **Signoscope** for watermark detection. We plan to have the equipment available for club use from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. It can be loaned between meetings, but is due at 7:30 on meeting night.

FLOREX NEWS

The stamp show known as the Florida State Stamp Show which is held in December is being re-named FLOREX. The good news is that there is a group of volunteers that want the show to return being an APS certified competition. This will take several years, but the outlook is positive.

Francis Ferguson reports that 40 dealers will participate in the show Dec. 3-5. An effort is being made to add new dealers.

Jim Pullin is in charge of the exhibit, and the goal is to have 100 frames. There will be no cost to exhibitors, and they will be judged in three categories: U.S., world, and topical. The exhibits can be one to ten frames of nine pages each.

There are plans to have a souvenir cover based on 200 years of Lewis and Clark. A \$79 room rate will be available at the hotel at the OMNI. This may be the last time at this venue as the city of Orlando has new plans for the space.

Appreciation

Your board voted to send a letter of appreciation to **Carl Ulstad** for his service as secretary and board member for the last few years. Thanks Carl, for your time in volunteering and your sincere interest in advancing philately.

Club History – There has been interest recently to write a history of the Central Florida Stamp Club. Apparently, the club was known up to 1941 as the Orange County Philatelic Society. The cover below marks the dedication of the new downtown post office building on April 15, 1941. The color is green to match that of the “For Defense” stamps on the envelope. The building still stands and has a post office section; however, the importance has diminished as the sectional center on Tradeport Drive at the OIA dominates local mail service. Where the cachet views the building from the northeast, the post card looks from the southeast.

