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U. S. Postal
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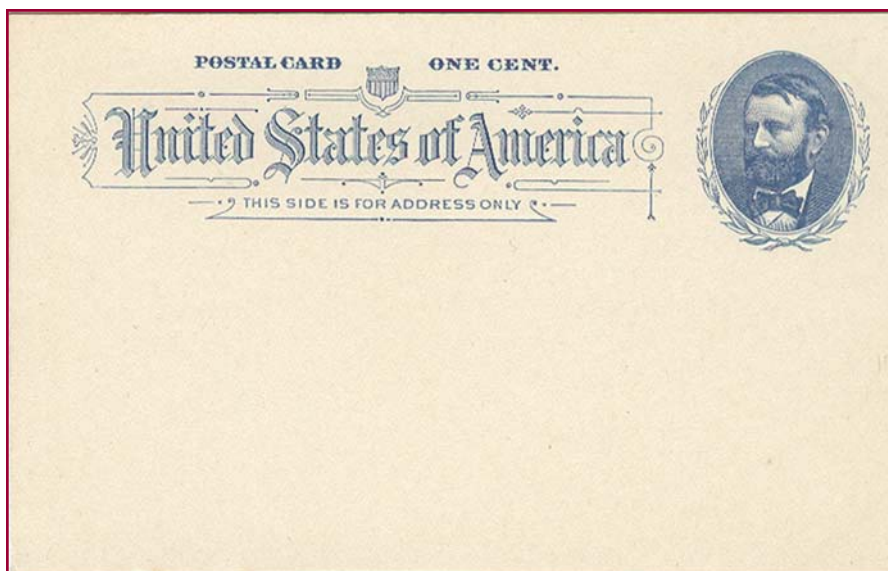
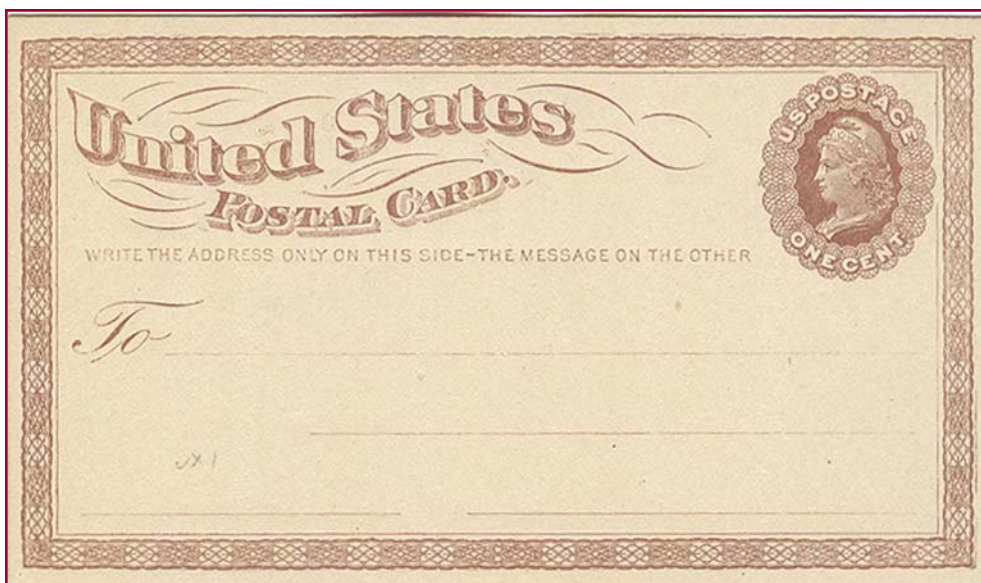


Figure 2
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Program Schedule (Aug/Sept/Oct)

August meetings — The first meeting on 08/05 is Auction night! Super Auction with a \$5 minimum, bring your material to sell and of course your wallet stuffed with bills to buy with. You never know what shows up in these auctions. The second meeting on 08/19 is set to listen to club member Karl Zurn talk about “Battleships on patent Medicines”

September meetings — The first meeting on 09/02 is the second Youth Night of the year, with Randall Priest as the ring master along with his cavalcade of stars. The second meeting on 09/16 has Francis Ferguson presenting “Presidential Gutters”.

October meetings — The first meeting on 10/07 has Randall Priest talking about “Impressionistic Art on Stamps”. The second meeting on 10/21 is currently set with Robert Fisher talking about Ruthenia.

The final Board meetings for 2010 is September 30. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

July Meeting recap

The first meeting of the month was preceded by a nice group of 10 for dinner, which included the long lost Nagy Clan from Canada. The meeting was a little more unstructured than normal, but the crowd of 24 seemed to enjoy the mound of stamps and the unplanned adventure with soaking those tough to get off ones that require more than water. (Think chemicals that you have to use outdoors!) The silent auction did a little over \$33 with 9 lots sold. Congratulations (and glue points) to Tom Hart for his PERFECT score on the quiz. This is something that has only been achieved about a half dozen times in the nearly 10 years of doing the monthly quizzes.

The second meeting started off again with 10 for dinner. Twenty-nine signed in for the meeting. Steve Patrick told us a lot of interesting stuff about his home town of Chattanooga....and who thought Steve could sing! The silent auction sold 10 lots for a total of \$65.

Dinner Plans

Come join the group for dinner at Viet Garden at 6pm before each meeting. Bring your appetite – and your wallet. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

Event Calendar 2010

CFSS-Fall September 18-19
FLOREX 2010 Dec 3, 4, & 5
For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

Monthly Quizzes

- Aug Airmail This (2nd meeting)
- Sep Go Tilt
- Oct Hocus-Pocus VIII
- Nov 19Flowers80

New Members

Since January we have welcomed a dozen new members to the CFSC. I apologize for not getting these names out in the newsletter sooner — it was an oversight on my part. Please welcome ; (1) **Neil Blackwood** of Lake Mary who collects British Empire, (2) **Betty Kierstead** of Longwood who collects Xmas, Birds, Canada, & U.S., (3) **Dan Niederman** of Longwood who collects U.S., (4) **Emily Niederman** of Longwood who collects Horses, (5) **Elisabeth Niederman** of Longwood who collects Family and Authors, (6) **David Townsend** of Orlando who collects U.S., Ducks, and Xmas seals, (7) **Olga Vucemilovic** of Longwood who collects anything, (8) **Dan Moran** of Ormond Beach who collects Panes, Souvenirs, Christian Religion, (9) **Timothy Campbell** of Debary who collects covers, (10) **David Zambon** of Longwood who collects U.S. & British, (11) **John Barber** of Maitland who collects China, Japan, Maryland postal history, and (12) **John T. Snow** of Orlando who collects pre 1940 U.S., pre 1960 Albania, Forgeries, China, and whatever looks good!

The most recent new member brings our roster total to 80! We are aiming for 100 before the end of the year.



We are officially an A to Z club — the handshake — left is **Jim Archbold** — right is **Karl Zurn**.

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“Library” Postal Cards By Josh Furman

The Post Office Department introduced postal cards in the United States in 1873. They came with pre-printed postage and cost only one cent to mail. They were immensely popular with individuals, businesses, and organizations, and they quickly became the email (without the spam) of 19th century America. The first cards were issued in a size of 5 1/8” x 3”. See Figure 1.

Libraries were quick to take advantage of postal cards and used them for a multitude of purposes including overdue notices, acknowledging gifts, requesting free material, interlibrary loan requests, and others.

One of the drawbacks to the first postal cards was that they were too large to fit into standard sized library file drawers. Postal cards could be purchased in large uncut sheets, and libraries often had standard messages printed on the back side of these sheets and then had the printer cut the cards down to a standard library index size.

In 1891, the U. S. issued a card that measured 4 5/8 x 2 11/16, a mite too small for library use. It was commonly known as the “Ladies Card” and was designed for short missives. See Figure 2.

To be continued.....

Refresher

For all our new members who may have missed this information. We will have available the Code of Ethics you have agreed to as a member of the CFSC and a copy of the rules that govern the silent/cried auctions at the first meeting in September.

FLOREX 2010

The preshow planning is in full gear. The theme for this year’s show is “Scouting” to acknowledge the 100th anniversary of the founding of the organization. Work has already begun on the full-color cachet which will be available for all three days of the show. This year we have decided to use the 44 cent Scouting stamp which will be available — instead of producing a special use stamp. The cancellation is in process and will be available also for each one of the days of the show. Dealer booth space is currently sold out. At this point we have 49 dealers attending the show, and three of them are new.

This year Robert Dowrick has agreed to act as the coordinator for the reception/greeting table. He will also have the able assistance of his wife Ann (we hope). Sign up sheets for reception desk duty will be out in October. Exhibit frames are selling out rapidly — as of 08.01.10 we are nearly 50% sold out. Get your paperwork in now if you want to participate. The most current show information can be found at www.FLOREXStampShow.com.

Challenge 2010

Clue #1, The stamp in question is in a very safe place and will more than likely not see the light of day for a term of at least 30 years.

Clue #2, The sum of the digits of the person’s birth year equals 20. This person while not the current owner, is the nexus of the connection.

Clue #3, Anagrams-are-us: two words, l-t-r-a-m-p-e-e-e-t-s. The first word has 5 letters.

Clue #4, The Fifth George of our Mother Country, bid he did, win he did not.

Clue #5, Last purchased by a member of a family with a very long pedigree, and has not been seen in public since --- Come to think of it neither has the owner, in this millennium.....

Clue #6, Recent sighting, on Julian Day

179, much to the surprise of myself and the long dead E.D.W.

NEW Clue #7, The home state is considered one of the Middle Colonies with an area of 13.3 to 13.46% water depending on your source. Ranks 27th in land area of all the 50 states.

Quotable

“I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here.” — Stephen Bishop [B 1951 —] American songwriter/singer

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.
- 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 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, 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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