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The Cover Story

**Oh, The Things You Can Learn Stamp Collecting!
Torquay, England – A Little Detective Work**

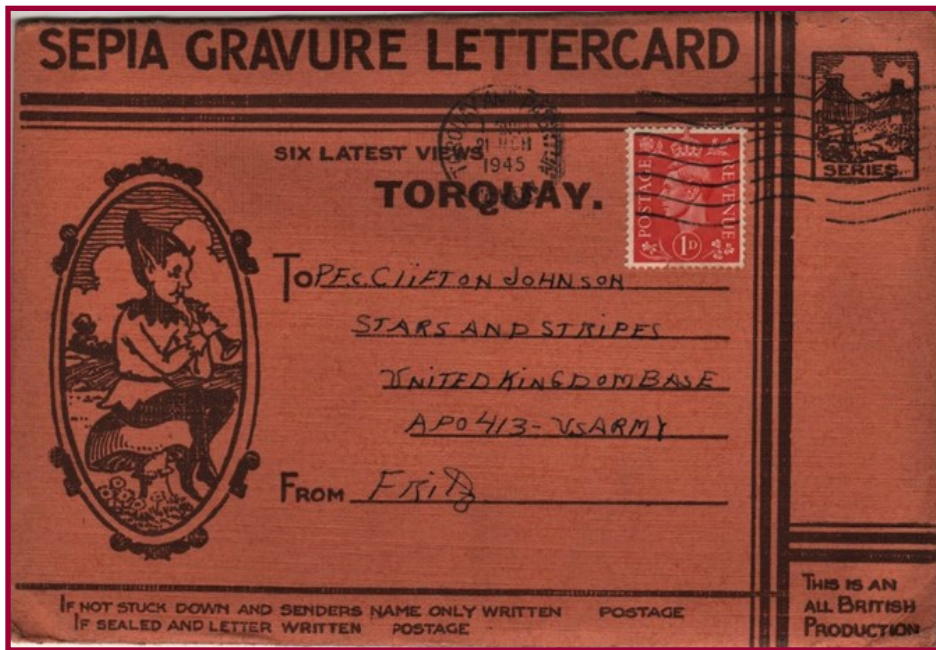


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Program Schedule (Oct/Nov/Dec)

October — The first meeting on 10.03 will have a cried auction with a \$5 minimum. The second meeting on 10.17 will have Newt Kulp talking about “Computer Vended Postage”.

November — The first meeting on 11.07 will have Henry Jehan presenting on “Stamps that Glow — Hidden Masterpieces”. The meeting on 11.21 will have A. Stephen Patrick presenting on “Stephen Dohanos — Stamp Designer”.

December — The first meeting on 12.05 will have the always delightful Larry Stiles presenting on “Remembering Peral Harbor”. The second meeting on 12.19 is the ever popular Holiday Gathering pot-luck dinner with the GLUE 2019 Awards being presented.

BoD meetings for 2020 will be scheduled in January of 2020 when the newly constituted Board is elected.

September Meeting Recaps

It was a hot and muggy afternoon as 12 folks convened for dinner and conversation. The meeting had 33 signed in for the presentation by Jim Cooney on the “First 100 Years of Philately”. Well done UCF professor. The auction sold 17 lots for \$241.

The second meeting of September was unfortunately missed by the Editor. The numbers of 11 for dinner and 39 signed in have been reported. The silent auction sold 19 lots for a total of \$271. Ann Dowrick and Neil Lewis-Levine each won a \$10 door prize for the Kings quiz with perfect scores of 23 points!

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 you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

Shirts are Available

We have lovely shirts for our membership to wear. They come with a pocket and cost \$20. Make sure you contact the Editor before hand as they are kept offsite.

Writers Needed

Please contact the Editor as we are always looking for writers to provide material for this newsletter.

Event Calendar 2019/2020

FLOREX 2019 December 13-14-15

CFSC-Winter One Day February 1, 2020

CFSC-Spring One Day April 4, 2020

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

New Member & Returning

Lucile Jung from Orlando has joined us — she wants to learn more about the hobby. Mike and Nick Cryer have rejoined us after a short gap in attendance. Our current roster stands at 104.

After Glow — October & November

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’s AfterGlow session will have Rick Cohen talking about organizing and maintaining want lists. The AfterGlow session for 11.21.19 will have Francis Ferguson presenting on “2 cent reds, pre Washington/Franklins.” There is no AfterGlow scheduled for December. The schedule will resume in January of 2020.

Third Quarter Birthdays

Thank you to Scot Cornwall for the cookies and Mimi Tompkins for the sheet cake as the club acknowledged those with birthdays in the third quarter of the year. Congratulations to Jean Lee for achieving a significant birthday and Nick Cryer for guessing the correct number; both received a \$10 door prize to use.

As 2020 Approaches.....

It seems like it was just a eye-blink ago that 2019 started. The show dates for 2020 have already been set. The Holiday Gathering on 12.19.19 has Team Patrick coordinating the annual event. Elections for 2020 are moving forward with Josh Furman supervising. We currently have four nominations for the BoD. Things are happening!

Membership Dues Renewals for 2020

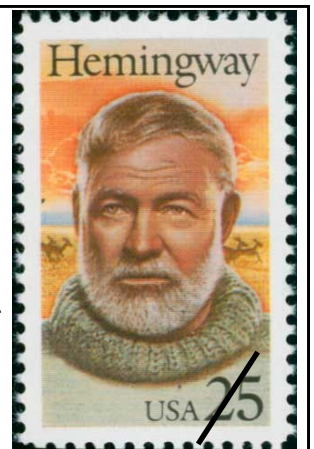
The dues notices will be available at the first meeting of November. The notices will be mailed to the address of record if not picked up by the second meeting of November. Please pay promptly.

Quoted

“It takes two years to learn to speak and sixty to learn to keep quiet”

Ernest Hemingway

American journalist, novelist, short-story writer and sportsman.
[1899-1961]



President's Message by Francis Ferguson The Past

This month I begin a series of 4 columns that will be about the past, the present, the future and a farewell as my term as President of the CFSC comes to an end on 01.16.20 — as does my time serving on the Board of Directors.

What an incredible change has taken place since I walked in the doors of the meeting of early March of 2000. Many people have come and gone. Many extraordinary philatelic souls have closed their albums. For the most part (backed up by the sign in roster) a meeting in 2000 typically had 15-25 present, occasionally more — but keep in mind the membership roster was in the range of 45-50 during this time period. The names of those still around from before 2000 are few; Fettig, Patrick, Johnston, Allen, Cohen, Phillips III, Rogers, Scott, Edmunds, Anderson, Furman, Hart, Lee and Stiles.

This was well before the club had an Internet website, so recruitment was limited to shows and the announcements in the local paper attracting attention. The club finally had a website in early 2004 after a long series of discussions at Board meetings, that involved a lot of education about the new fangled Internet. The cost was (and is) so minimal that the benefits far out weigh the financial costs.

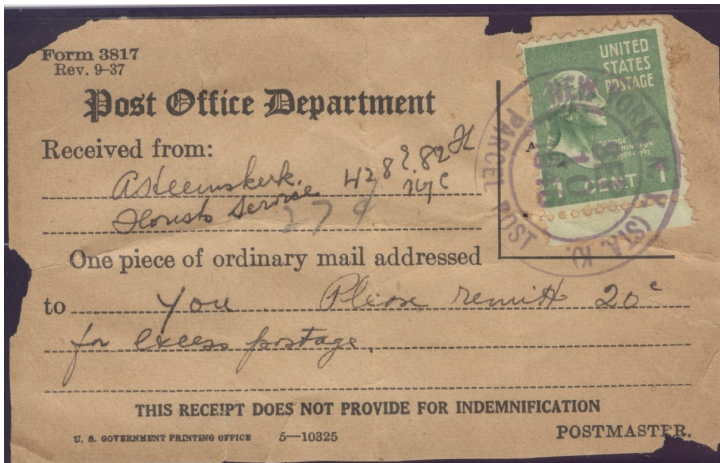
The ability for the club to keep track of its own history was scattered and disjointed — and often simply not available in any form or fashion. Often times history related items just appeared by dumb luck. We have whole decades with little to no information available, but yet we know the club existed. The website now functions as a repository of historical data of the CFSC. This availability of information has had a profound affect on the club's ability to market itself. Who could have imagined this?

Auctions both silent and called, were a far cry from the 50-55 unit auctions we see now. If one table was covered with 20 items, it was a "big" auction. The long-time Treasurer John Shirley handled the auctions by hand — his math skills were very good as was his understanding of the system and how it worked (or did not work at times). The software that has been developed by David Allen and used successfully at every auction for the last 14 years has profoundly changed our auctions. Don't get me wrong, John Shirley did a fabulous job, however the team of David Allen and David Zambon takes that effort to a whole new level.

The CFSC in the present time — has its foundations — built in the past, which have established a long and proud history.

Serendipity — LIV by The Editor Odd Little Thing

This is little piece (2.5 inches by 4 inches) of Prexie history landed in my hands in recent weeks. It is not a error, freak or oddity, but rather and unusual form franked with a one cent presidential sheet stamp. The poor thing is in rather ratty condition as is very evident from the picture, however if it could speak — I wonder the tale it could tell. The cancel is dated September 10, 1946 and shows "New York, N.Y. (STA 10) Parcel Post". The handwriting on this piece leaves a lot to be desired. The name of the business is unknown. I tried to find a half dozen different variations on that name and nothing was indexed on the Web. The readable part says "4282 82 Street, NYC; Florists Service" and "you please remit 20¢ for excess postage". The address is still good and shows an apartment building with what appear to be shops at street level.



Since this fragile piece of ephemera can not speak, I will conjecture a thought as to the use. It was placed in the mailbox of the recipient with the expectation that the requested twenty cents would be left for the next pickup. Do you have a better guess? Another thought has come to mind — why was this even saved? By accident? I would think that 99.99% of these little forms hit the waste basket with haste. Your thoughts?

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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