



The Cover Story



True Confessions.....



## Program Schedule (Nov/Dec/Jan)

**November** — The first meeting of the month on 11/07 will have our intrepid Larry Stiles presenting “Yangtze Patrol, Part 1.” The second meeting on 11/21 will have our resident judge — Jim Pullin, presenting on “Exhibiting by the Judge, Part II.”

**December** — The first meeting of the month on 12/05 which conflicts with the setup for FLOREX 2013 will be the popular “Mound of Stamps”. The second meeting on 12/19 is the annual Holiday Pot Luck dinner and GLUE Awards.

**January** — The first meeting of on 01/02/14 will be the well received and much anticipated Annual Club No Fee Auction. The second meeting on 01/16/14 is the Annual Business meeting at which the elections will be determined for 2014/2016. All members in good standing who attend the meeting will be eligible to vote.

**Board meeting for 2014;** January 30, May 29, July 31 & October 30.

## October Meeting Recaps

The first monthly gathering started with 13 for dinner. The meeting had an “average” crowd of 33. Bill Johnston did a wonderful job of presenting his material. The Hocus-Pocus quiz was won by David Zambon — who apparently studied! The auction sold 15 lots for a total of \$180.50.

The second meeting began with 10 for dinner and 36 signed in for the meeting. The auction was cried by Josh Furman and sold 28 of 34 lots for a total of \$356.30.

## Dinner Plans

Come join the group for dinner at Viet Garden at 5:00pm before each meeting. Bring your appetite – and your wallet. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

## Event Calendar 2013/2014

FLOREX 2013	December 6, 7 & 8
CFSC Winter 2014	January 25
CFSC Spring 2014	April 12
SUNPEX 2014	June 14-15
FSDA Fall 2014	September 13-14

For more info: [www.FloridaStampShows.com](http://www.FloridaStampShows.com)

## Elections

Nominations slips are now available. Please return them to Josh Furman. Do keep in mind that any nomination made MUST be agreed to by the person being nominated. An insert to the January 2014 newsletter will have a photo and short biography on each person running in the election.

## Monthly Quizzes

- Nov American Arts Issue

## Quizzical Announcement

After 12 years and 128 quizzes this series is coming to an end with the November quiz. It has been a fun and interesting ride, but it is time to move on. All of the quizzes remain available on the club’s website for your future reference. If any one would like to take over the production of monthly quizzes please see the President.

## Membership Dues 2014

The invoices will be available at the two meetings of November. If you do not attend either one of the two meetings the invoice will be mailed to you in late November. Please keep in mind that to remain a member in good standing you are required to pay the balance due by January 2, 2014 *Only members in good standing can participate in the auctions and elections that occur in January of 2014.*

## FLOREX 2013

The show is coming along nicely. The exhibit frames are sold out. Once again this year Ann Dowrick will be the headmaster of the Greeting/Reception/Sales table. The sign up sheet for shifts is available to the membership. This yearly event is made possible by a lot of folks who give a tremendous amount of time and effort to make it happen. See you at the show!

## Club Shirts

Shirts are still available for both women and men at the cost of \$15 each. We do have a range of sizes available — for as long as they last! See a BoD member to make a purchase.

## Holiday Party Time

Mark the date of December 19th on your calendar to attend the annual CFSC Pot Luck Holiday Party. Food aplenty, along with conversation and laughs. Come see what happens with the annual Glue Awards. Be there or be missed! A. Stephen Patrick and his wife Linda will be acting as the coordinators for this event.

## December Newsletter

You are holding the combined November/December Newsletter. The monthly newsletter will resume January 2014.

## President's Message

A. Stephen Patrick

This last year I gave a program on philatelic places that I recently visited. In 2012 I revisited Mt. Vernon, the Hermitage, the Williamsburg City Court House, and went to Gunston Hall and Gadsby's Tavern for the first time, all subjects on U.S. postage stamps.

On my recent vacation, we sailed into Charlotte Amalie on the cruise ship. Immediately, the 1937 purple commemorative for the Virgin Islands filled my mind. I already knew this place from my stamp collection. As my tour vehicle climbed the mountain, my camera captured the same harbor scene except that instead of two older sailing ships in the harbor, it was the Carnival Breeze and Liberty.



In high school I visited Monterrey, Mexico, with my Spanish class. We were taken to the modern new cathedral with statues of the 12 apostles in line over the front doors. No one in my class had seen it before, but I recognized it from a 30 centavo stamp in my collection. The same déjà vu came with the Lief Ericson statue at the Mariner's Museum in Hampton Roads, the kneeling slave before Lincoln statue at Tuskegee Institute, and the marble shaft at the Huguenot Memorial near Ft. Caroline at Jacksonville.

Someday, I may visit the Devil's Tower, Old Faithful, and even Mt. Rushmore, but I'm already an expert through postage stamps (even the muddy brown variety). Most stamp collectors know what I mean.

I'm sure we are all anticipating FLOREX next month with 50 dealers, great exhibits, a Rogers auction and chances to add more examples of places we have visited or wish to visit in our philatelic dreams. Thanks to all the club volunteers that will make it a success.

May your holiday season be filled with fun, family, food and love.

### Questions?

At the last meeting the Board of Directors awarded a membership to the American Philatelic Society to a club non-member. [Congratulations to the winner Larry Quadrato!] One question we might ask is why more Central Florida Stamp Club members are not also members of the APS, the world's largest philatelic fraternal organization? Please stop for a moment and consider the impact the APS has on our wonderful hobby. FLOREX, our wonderful show, full of dealers and exhibits that has been anchored in Orlando since 1986 would not exist in its present size and scope. The monthly journal, "The American Philatelist" always has a wide variety of articles on many different subjects. Even if you never visit the APS Library, an amazing storehouse of knowledge, you can have books sent to you on loan for a nominal fee. Educational classes are presented, both at the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, PA or around the country in connection with APS shows. The APS assists members in selling stamps, either in circuit books or online. The list keeps going — Please consider helping the hobby by joining.

### Presentations for 2014

Please consider giving a presentation of 30 minutes to your fellow club members in 2014. The amazing diversity of collecting interests within our member's ranks can be highly interesting and often times entertaining to one and all. You may come to find out that others share your interest but have been reticent to discuss. Life is like a box of chocolates to quote a famous line. See Robert Dowrick for scheduling your presentation sometime in 2014.

### Quotable

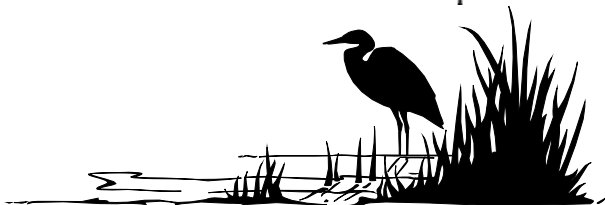
A Masterful Rejoin — "Excuse me for talking while you are interrupting." Anonymous.

[Editor's note. I have for the last 30+ years, always associated this quote to an amazing friend who is a rather crusty (and sometimes cranky), but endearing 85 year old retired Air Force Major.]

**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 \$18 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 12 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 7:50. Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions until to 8:25. We must be out of the building by 8:30 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](http://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.

## Central Florida Stamp Club



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