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The Cover Story

So You Want to Be a Stamp Dealer?

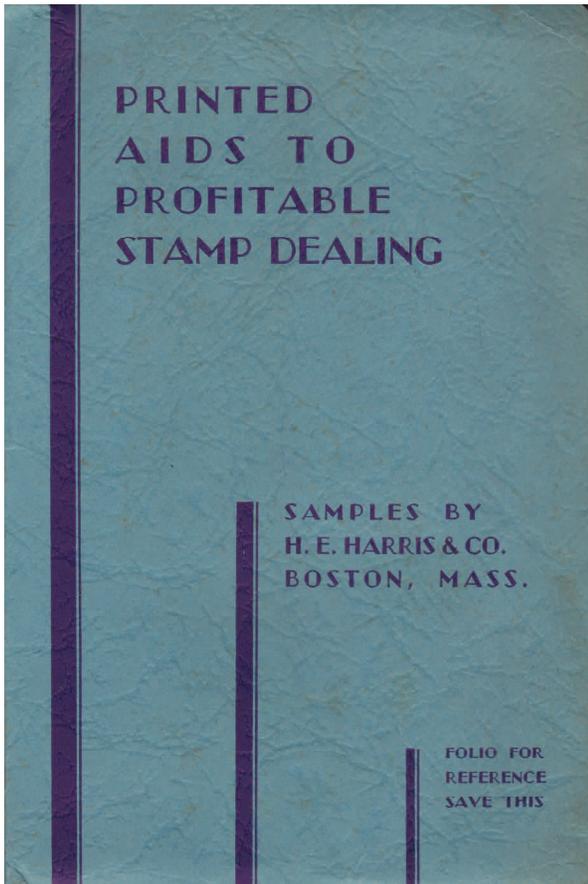


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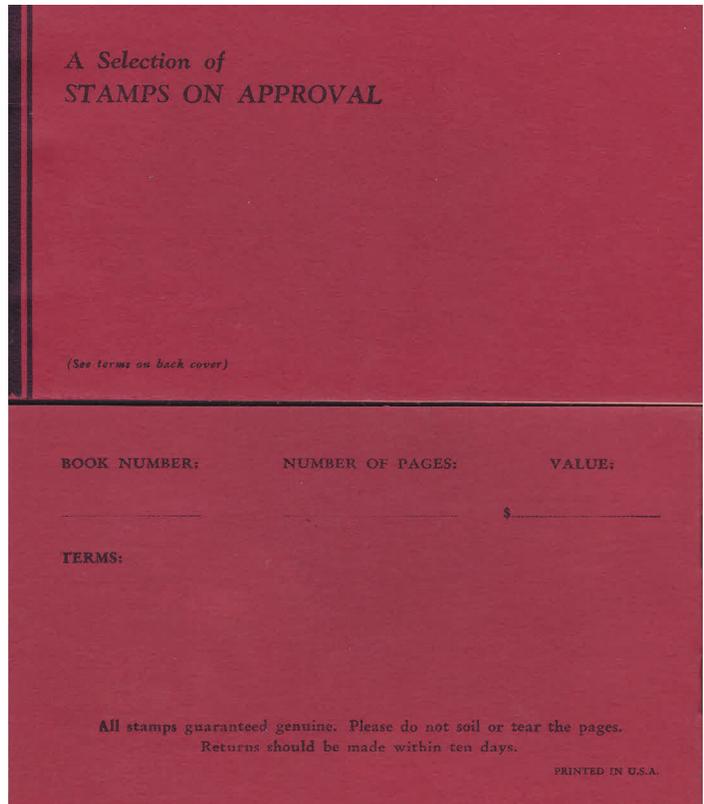


Figure A2

Program Schedule (Nov/Dec/Jan)

November — The first meeting on 11.02 will be the ever popular Fall Cried Auction. Bring your material and your wallet! The second meeting on 11.16 will have Henry Jehan presenting on “Stamps That Glow”.

December — The first meeting on 12.07 will have Robert Fisher presenting on “A History of FLOREX Souvenirs”. The second meeting on 12.21 will be the event of the year, which is of course the Holiday Gathering Pot Luck. Come one — Come all. Doors open at 6pm, dinner is served no later than 6:30pm.

January — The first meeting on 01.04.18 will have the return of the well known — Club Donation Auction. The second meeting on 01.18.18 will be the Annual Membership Meeting that is required by our By-Laws. This meeting will involve voting for the next Board of Directors along with discussion.

BoD meeting for 2018; 01.18, 03.29, 05.31, 08.30 & 10.25(?)

October Meetings Recap

The first meeting of the month started with 10 for dinner and a sizeable crowd of 38 members spread out in the ballroom. Tom Lera’s Presentation on “Dracula” was a delight. The silent auction sold 13 lots for \$137.

The second meeting of the month was actually dry for a change! Dinner was attended by 13 hungry souls. The meeting had 40 signed in for the interesting and informative presentation by Mel Borofsky. The silent auction sold 10 lots for \$301.50.

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 17 — if we can break that number someone will get a free dinner. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

Show Your Pride!

Please contact the Editor for a lovely blue shirt that has a club logo. The cost is \$20. Buy two! The shirts are kept off-site so please make your intentions known to the Editor before the meeting night.

Event Calendar 2017/2018

FLOREX 2017 December 1-2-3
CFSC-Winter One Day February 10
CFSC-Spring One Day April 7
For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

New Member x 1

Jason Wells from Orlando has joined us. He collects world-wide. Welcome!

After Glow October

Officially the name of this after meeting effort is changing to the name suggested by A. Stephen Patrick some months ago. The Editor was slow to come around. The term “After Glow” captures very well the intention behind this effort. The first meeting will have an After Glow topic of “Identification of early U.S. material.” The second meeting is to be a members bourse. Bring your material to sell!

Fall FSDA Stamp Show Recap

The rescheduled fall show attendance numbers were spot on, compared to the last two years. Thank you to the dealers for supporting this show and the club members who make it all possible!

Holiday Pot Luck Dinner

Remember to place December 21st on your schedule for our annual wing-ding. Be there or be missed! A. Stephen & Linda Patrick are delighted to act as the coordinators of this event. Please keep in mind that a well rounded selection of pot-luck items is hoped for.

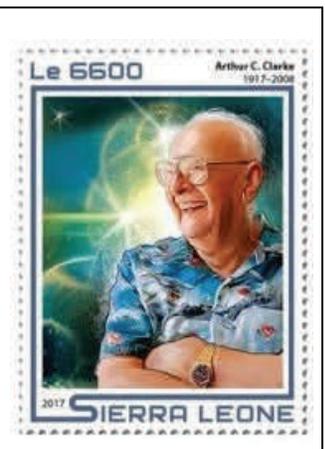
....As 2018 Approaches....

There is no December newsletter. The regular monthly newsletter will return January of 2018 provided I have material to use. — the bit-bucket is totally dry! Writers needed. Membership renewal invoices are being distributed at the two meetings in November — If you do not pick your invoice— It will be mailed to you the last part of November. Please — Please — Please pay it promptly as the renewal season does not need to drag on. Remember to nominate your candidate for the Board of Directors; slips can be obtained from Josh Furman. There will be a detailed election insert included in the January 2018 newsletter.

Quoted

“Two possibilities exist: either we are alone in the Universe or we are not. Both are equally terrifying.”

Arthur C. Clarke,
British science fiction writer, science writer and futurist, inventor, undersea explorer, and television series host [1917—2008]



President's Message by Francis Ferguson

The Year 2017 in Review

I thought this would be a good time to review my resolutions list for 2017. I have placed a number in the range from 0 to 10 (0 is no effort, 10 is high) at the end of each of the points giving weight to the way I see my performance. The chances of any change the last two months of the year is slim.

⇒ Spend more time as a collector with my collection	6
⇒ Spend more time reading a book— e-books count	9
⇒ Spend more time researching and writing	5
⇒ Organize my philatelic library	0
⇒ Get out and enjoy the sunshine more often (damn the mosquitoes)	2
⇒ Find the humor in everyday life that sometimes is difficult	7
⇒ Follow more — lead less	6
⇒ Share philatelic knowledge when possible	8
⇒ Stretch outside my comfort zone	2
⇒ Say “please” and “thank you” more often	8
⇒ Attempt to actually be able to proof read my own writing (yah sure!)	5
⇒ Strive to delegate more and obsess less	6

Self analysis is something that is difficult to do at times. I can see where I have made some effort in 2017, but in other areas I have failed miserably. I can only hope that 2018 will have me making more progress on this list. Two added category points that do not appear on the original list from January are (1) Pay it forward and (2) Cleanup and ID, Washington/Franklin material — I would assign a 8 and 9 respectively.

Now I ask — where do you fall on this list?

Serendipity — XXXV by The Editor

At the recent October show, I had an odd experience. As I was passing one of the ten dealer booths, I heard a noise. It sounded like my name. Closer investigation, narrowed the sound down to a coming from underneath the display glass. This scan does not do justice to what this spectacular piece actually looks like in person. To find a piece like this — all joined (no separations) with an attractive seven line circular grid cancel is like finding a pearl in an oyster. I had to own it [Scott 65 circa 1861, 3 cent, rose, printed in quantity of many millions]. Do I collect things like this? No — not really. While I have always been attracted to multiples of a stamp — especially EFO material, this is a unique item in my collection. Finding another item like this from the classic era of the U.S. may never happen again in my lifetime. Remember it has to speak to me. Thankfully this was actually a relatively low price item. If you ever found a strip of five of the higher values (up to 90 cent) in this series — you would be looking at many thousands of dollars to own.

Have you ever had a philatelic item speak to you? I am guessing, I am not the only one who has had this experience. Over the years, I have encountered thousands of collectors that enjoy and revel in obtaining treasures that in their eyes are beyond pale. What is one person's treasure is the next person's “oh — well”.



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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