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The Cover Story

The APS Visit – 11 Years Later

Figure A1



Figure A2

Program Schedule (Nov/Dec/Jan)

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.

January — The first meeting on 01.02 will be the annual donation auction to benefit the treasury of the CFSC. Dig into your closet and find something you no longer want to keep and donate it for the auction. This event is an important way that club finances itself. There is a \$5 minimum on an item. The second meeting on 01.16 is the annual membership meeting for the election of a new slate of officers. Your attendance is requested as the outcome of this vote will determine the direction of the club into the immediate future.

October Meeting Recaps

The first meeting of the month found 14 gathered for food & fellowship and 48 signed in for the meeting. The cried auction sold 32 of 54 lots for a total of \$940. Thank you to Robert Fisher, Jim Archbold, Josh Furman and team David Allen & David Zambon for making this a successful auction.

The second meeting as reported had 10 in attendance for the last supper at Viet Garden and 40 signed in for the meeting. The silent auction sold 21 lots for \$309. Newton Kulp presented on “Computer Vending Postage”.

Dinner Plans — In Flux!

The closing of the Viet Garden has forced the dinner group to be nomadic for a short time until a more permanent home is found. The dinner group first starting meeting in October of 2007 and I expect this twice a month group-feed will continue. Call Francis at 407.493.0956 for real-time information if you want food.

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.

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

Welcome John Catiller from Sanford who collects a little bit of everything. John Robbins from Mt. Dora has rejoined us after a four year gap. Our current roster stands at 105.

After Glow — November

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.

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 seven 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 at the second meeting of November. Please pay promptly, to prevent this annual paper slog to be as painless as possible. Your attention is deeply appreciated by all involved.

Writers Needed

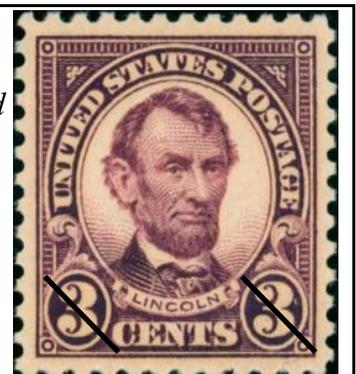
Please contact the Editor as we are always looking for writers to provide material for this newsletter. My bit-bucket has grown rather empty, which causes me to worry. The content of this newsletter is completely dependent on material submitted by the membership of the CFSC. An almost empty bit-bucket means a serious lack of diverse material to print. The Editor has committed to service through the end of 2020, beyond that date is uncertain.

Quoted

"I'm a success today because I had a friend who believed in me and I didn't have the heart to let him down."

Abraham Lincoln
[1809-1865]
POTUS #16 —

No further description need.



President's Message by Francis Ferguson

The Present

What a difference the years can make in the way a group of people interact. Countless changes for the benefit of the membership of the CFSC have created a critical mass of folks devoted to the philatelic hobby. One and all come together twice a month to be part of a greater whole. In all honesty I have developed a pattern in my life that revolves around the twice a month meetings — and I miss not being there. For nearly twenty years, it has been gratifying to watch the club evolve and develop into a active and vibrant place to be. I have every hope that the future will continue and improve upon this foundation.

This is not a static environment, change happens, and it happens for reasons that should always be in the best interest of every member of the CFSC. The status-quo in the long term is simply not sustainable. Change brings new ideas/energy that enhances the current circumstances and prevents stagnation from taking root.

The path to the present day has had some bumps along the way, as we learned what needed to be done to foster an enjoyable environment for all club members. Thankfully most things have worked out well — and in many cases much better than hoped for — or even dreamed of!

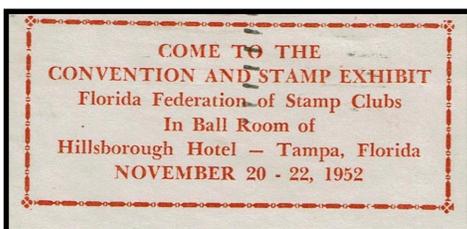
A cadre of dedicated and focused individuals has formed over the last 15 years and guided the club to the present day. It is my fervent hope that the ideas and dedication of this group will continue well into the future. Which brings me to an important point — the next generation of leadership will be coming into office with the next election cycle, January of 2020. Give those individuals your support and most importantly — make sure they are aware of what you want to see the future look like. I fervently believe this hobby as a whole and the club in specific have a dynamic future ahead. The naysayers have been around for more than a century and still have not managed to predict the future of the hobby. I hope they never do!

Feedback is important and necessary when governing a club filled with diverse individuals all working towards a common goal. No two individuals are the same in personality or collecting. Everyone is deserving of respect and a welcoming environment as a member of the CFSC. These two concepts are simply not negotiable. Constructive criticism is an important component of feedback to those in leadership positions. Complaining simply for the sake of complaining achieves nothing — other than to annoy all parties involved. Make sure you have a potential solution for a problem. Talk about solutions with others — you may be surprised what comes out of a 'group think'.

This column is part two of a four-part final series that will end in January of 2020, with the completion of my tenure as president of the CFSC.

Serendipity — LV by The Editor

FLOREX at 70?



The early history of FLOREX is a little slippery to nail down. We know from the official record that the first “show” was held in 1949. That date seems to be more of an organizational meeting than a modern day bourse with exhibits. There is simply no solid information to say definitely what happened.

The first piece of history in our archives is a label from the 1952 show, which was held in Tampa. The second piece is the much more interesting and from what I can determine very rare, commemorative coin for the 10th anniversary of FLOREX in 1959 that was held in St. Petersburg. I have only seen the one — I found it on eBay about 10 years ago for a princely sum of \$12. The reference to the commemorative coin (key chain) in the publication *The Florida Philatelist* on page 62 from the January 1960 issue (whole number 96) says that a some remain available for \$2.



In 2049 when FLOREX is 100 years — I will be 90 — and I hope still around to collect something — other than dust! It has been an honor and privilege to be around for 19 of the first 70 years of FLOREX.

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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