

CENTRAL FLORIDA STAMP CLUB, Inc.

December, 2000

Newsletter

HOLIDAY PARTY INVITE

The annual Club Holiday party will take place December 21, 2000, at the Marks Senior Center. All members are urged to participate in this time of fellowship and bring your "significant other," so they can see philatelist have regular fun too.

For the first time in 16 years, **John Shirley** will not be cooking the turkeys and dressing. He will be on a cruise with his son sailing to Mexico. Our president will be on his annual trip to visit his children in the North.

One turkey will be provided by **Jim and Lissa Estes**. **Linda Patrick** will provide dressing. We are looking for volunteers for mashed potatoes, squash or green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, bread, yams, or salad. Your favorite dessert is also welcome. **Linda Patrick** will try to coordinate the meal if you would like to call at (407) 889-0528. Otherwise, make it truly "pot luck."

The club will provide plates, cups, and service. Each couple may also bring their favorite 2-liter soda. If someone has a coffee maker, we could use 20-30 cups. We also need ice.

Doors will open at 7:00, and we start serving about 7:20. Last year, we fed almost 50. Let's try to do as well this year.

NO DUES INCREASE IN 2001

The Board voted on November 30 to hold dues at \$12.00 for another year. We expect a shortfall on the year's budget between \$200 - \$500. Our main expense is rent at Marks Center. The rental rates recently went up from \$30 to \$50 a night.

One way members can help with the shortfall is to plan now for **the best Club Donation Auction** ever on January 4. Check those cigar boxes and shelves for that item you no longer need but would bring a nice price at auction.

John Shirley is now accepting dues payments. The reason that we can keep the dues low is because of the strong reserves of the club, but we intend to protect them well.

Give stamps to kids.

CENTRAL FLORIDA FAIR OFFERS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE PUBLIC

The Central Florida Fair has made an offer that couldn't be refused. Our stamp club will participate in the 11-day event by manning a booth in the Creative Arts Exhibit.

The Fair opens Thursday, March 1 at the grounds at 4603 West Colonial Drive. It will close Sunday, March 11. Luckily, the booth will **not** have to be manned full-time. However, we will be looking for volunteers to help at the high traffic times in the evening and weekends.

Why did the Board think this invitation is such a good deal? Here is what we are offered.

1. A free 10 X 12 foot booth with a sign, tables, chairs, and electricity as needed.
2. A \$200 grant to cover the expenses of our exhibit.
3. The opportunity to sell club souvenirs either at the table or through the Fair's boutique.

Here's how you, the members, can help. First, you can volunteer to man the booth. We have the chance to invite the public to become members.

Second, we need donations of stamps. Our goal is to prepare 1000 packets of stamps to give away to kids. Start checking your reserves and extras and bring them to the January 18 meeting. Immediately after the annual business meeting, we are asking all members to help stuff packets. Our goal is to prepare **1000 packets** with 25 to 50 colorful stamps each to give away to kids.

Third, we need your ideas for an exhibit. Part of the frames will be organized by **Randall Priest** and will be aimed at kids. However, we would like to have interesting pages aimed at adults too. We will use club frames and other devices that will educate and inform.

Fourth, we are investigating whether to produce a philatelic souvenir to sell at the show. We need your ideas. This is a golden chance to gain new members and to start new collectors. We hope all members can get behind this project.

Upcoming Shows

January 4 – 6 There will be a **Post Card and Paper Show** at the Rosen Center next door to the Orange County Convention Center. This comes at the same time as the F.U.N. coin show at the Orange County Convention Center.

February 2 – 4 The **Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition** will be held at the regular time and place. This is the last APS sanctioned show in Florida.

February 7-10 The **Florida Pre-cancel Show** will be held at the same Lee Road site as last year. There is an interesting auction on Friday afternoon. See **Jim Estes** for details.

February 17 - 18 The **Maitland Bourse** at the Civic Center.

April 15 – 16. The **Tampa Stamp and Coin Show**.

Manny Delgado invites you to the West Volusia Stamp Club. It meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at the Faith Luthern Church on Pennsylvania Avenue in Deland at 2:00 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the following new members who have joined us in 2000. Already **Francis Ferguson** has shown his computer skills in one program, and **Clay Sherrod** has volunteered for next year's program.

506 Clay Sherrod
507 Francis Ferguson
508 Randy Doyle
509 Lith Doyle
510 Al Nagy

NEWS NOTES

The 2001 US stamp program will include reprints of the Pan-American inverts. It reminds many of us that our former member **Bill Bomar** owned these for real.

This next year will be the year of the snake according to the Chinese calendar. I guess this means an extra souvenir for **Linda Patrick** who happens to own six snakes.

VISIT THIS WEB SITE

Our own member **Rick Scott** has created a very interesting web page to display unknown stamps and ask the Cyberworld to help identify the items. Besides regular postage stamps, one can find locals, provisional, bogus and fantasy stamps.

There are over 200 stamps listed with explanations given by collectors from all over the world. Some of the information comes from specialized catalogues seldom seen. You can find his Unidentified Philatelic Objects at <http://home.att.net/~RickScott/Unidentified/Unident.html>

2001 Club Program

January 4 Club Donation Auction
January 18 Annual Business Meeting and Work Bee.
February 1 **Bill Johnston** – Postal History
February 15 **Jim Estes** – T.B.A.
March 1 **Tom Hart** – US Revenue Stamp Paper
March 15 **Clay Sherrod** – German Colonies/Afr.
April 5 2nd Quarter Club Auction
April 19 **Larry Stiles** – Shells on Stamps
May 3 **Jim Edmunds** – Warships on Stamps
May 17 **Tom Kinney** – Classic U.S.
June 7 **John Shirley** – Back of Book
June 21 **Jerry Eller** – Cinderellas & Ephemera
July 5 3rd Quarter Club Auction
July 19 *
Aug 2 **Lewis Wiseman** – T.B.A.
Sept. 20 **Doug Toland** – Buying and Selling on Ebay
Oct. 4 – 4th Quarter Club Auction
Oct. 18 – **Al Quintana** – Latinos on U.S. Stamps
Nov. 1 *
Nov. 15 – **Jim Pullin** – American Sailing Packets
Dec. 6 – **Steve Patrick** – Something U.S.
Dec. 20 – Annual Holiday Party

- There are two dates need to be filled. Are there volunteers? If there are any questions or changes, see **Steve Patrick**.
- Thanks to our first time presenters **Tom Hart, Clay Sherrod, Tom Kinney, Jerry Eller, Doug Toland, and Larry Stiles** who hasn't presented for several years.

Reminder – Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Meeting starts at 8:00. We must be out by 9:30. We are also looking for volunteer greeters at the door.