

CENTRAL FLORIDA STAMP CLUB

A WHOLLY OWNED ENTITY OF THE MID-FLORIDA PHILATELIC SOCIETY, INC.

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Program Schedule (Dec/Jan/Feb)

December is Holiday season. Holiday party 7:30
December 6th ---- Pot Luck -- come share the turkey, ham and all the other good food. Many thanks to Jim A. for coordinating this event.

The last meeting of the year will be December 20th, will have the second part of the presentation (Yangtze Patrol) started by Larry S. earlier in the year.

Welcome to January of 2008, the first meeting is the annual club auction, and the most important meeting of the year is held on the second night, as this is the annual meeting, where the elections for Board posts will be made.

February the first meeting will have Steve Rajtar. presenting "See the USA Through Stamps". The second meeting is currently with no topic.

November Meeting recaps

The \$2 club auction night did well, with about 55% of the entered 45 lots selling. Thank you --- to everyone that brought something to sell --- and more importantly to all those who purchased.

The second meeting was the final quiz of the year, won by James P. and the presentation by Al N. of Canada's Official stamps was an eye opening experience --- and one most collectors can never afford!

Writers needed

Please consider going the extra mile and writing a short piece on something stamp related. It could be about something you collect, or maybe an encounter you had in your travels that somehow related to stamps. Use your imagination! This is

your newsletter, and the only way to keep it going, is to have material to use.....

FLOREX 2007

The show was a success on all levels. Attendance numbers remained strong, with verifiable numbers slightly ahead of last years show. Friday and Saturday as always represented the strongest days. Sunday was surprisingly good day, with very strong attendance numbers on what is normally a weak day.

The exhibit did really well, with a full 200 frames being filled, with a wide variety of material. The APS accredited panel of judges did an admirable job. Many thanks to Jim A. for his handling of the exhibits -- the whole process -- is exhausting and mind-numbing.

The wonderful show booklet, was once again the work of Al N. This 44 page booklet really is a masterpiece -- that elicited many comments of admiration from show attendees. Great job Al!

The youth area handled by Randall. and his cadre of helpers, saw a nice steady flow of youngsters through all three days of the show.

In general a big "thank you" to all club members who participated in some way with the show. I received numerous comments from show attendees about the wonderful reception/registration desk folks. Your time, and dedication, is what has made -- and will make future FLOREX shows great!

Planning has already started for FLOREX 2008 -- and you can be part of it.....

E-Spot

Thank you to all that have contributed material to this newsletter. John, Phil, Al, Jim, Stuart, Bruce, Josh, and others that do not come to mind at the moment, your efforts to provide material for this newsletter have made a difference. Thank you! For those budding writers out there --- let us see what you can produce!

CFSS- Winter

The next local show will be the Winter Central Florida Stamp show, held the weekend of January 26-27 at the Bahia Shrine Center. Currently there are 18 dealers committed to the show. This is the first local show of the year – the next local show is in mid June.

Event Calendar 2008

CFSS-Winter (BSC)	Jan 26-27, 2008
Precancel Show (LaQuinta)	Feb 6, 7, 8, 9, 2008
Central Florida Fair	April 17-27, 2008
SUNPEX (BSC)	June 14-15, 2008
CFSS-Fall (BSC)	Sept 27-28, 2008

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

Monthly Fun with Stamps Quiz

The series of fun-filled quizzes for 2008 will continue, starting in February.

Elections 2008/2010

It is extremely important that all club members attend the second meeting in January. The election process determines the life of this club. Please be an active participant in this process.

Election Process Details

The next slate of Directors of the CFSC will be elected at the second meeting of January 2008. The process involves a slate of persons who have been nominated and have agreed to serve. From this slate, the top seven vote “getters” become collectively, The Board of Directors. After the first part of the process of selection has been taken care of, all of the seven board members meet in private to select the best qualified individuals for the posts of, President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The remaining 3 board members are designated as Board Members at Large, with no specific By-Laws required duties. In an effort to

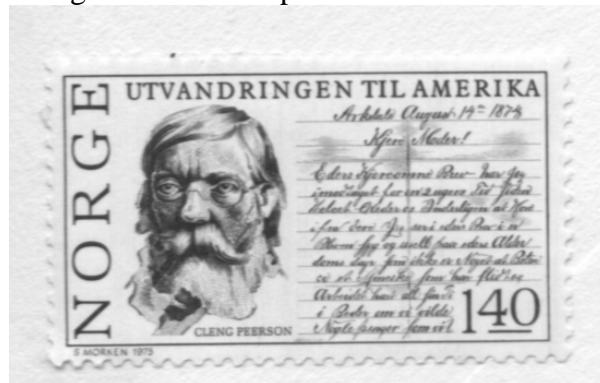
make the board more closely reflect the active membership, the two Vice President positions have been consolidated into one post. This board will serve, from the last meeting of January of 2008 until the next election night, at the second meeting of January 2010.

More on Norway & the US

by Stuart B.

In 1825 the Norwegian sloop “Restauration” set sail for the United States. This was the first organized emigration from Norway to the United States. This ship leg by Cleng Peerson landed in New York City after a three month voyage. The group settled in Kendel, New York. The centennial of this event was commemorated in 1925 with a United States postage stamp featuring the sloop “Restauration” (Scott #621)

In 1975, the sesquicentennial of the same event was honored by Norwegian postage showing Cleng Peerson and a portion of an American letter.



Club Officers (2006/2008)

❖ President	John D. S.
❖ VP-Programs	A. Stephen P.
❖ VP-Operations	Francis F.
❖ Treasurer	vacant
❖ Secretary	Jim A.
❖ Director-at-Large	Al N.
❖ Director-at-Large	James R. P.

Quotable

“I do not fear computers. I fear the lack of them.” *Isaac Asimov (Writer 1920-1992)*

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