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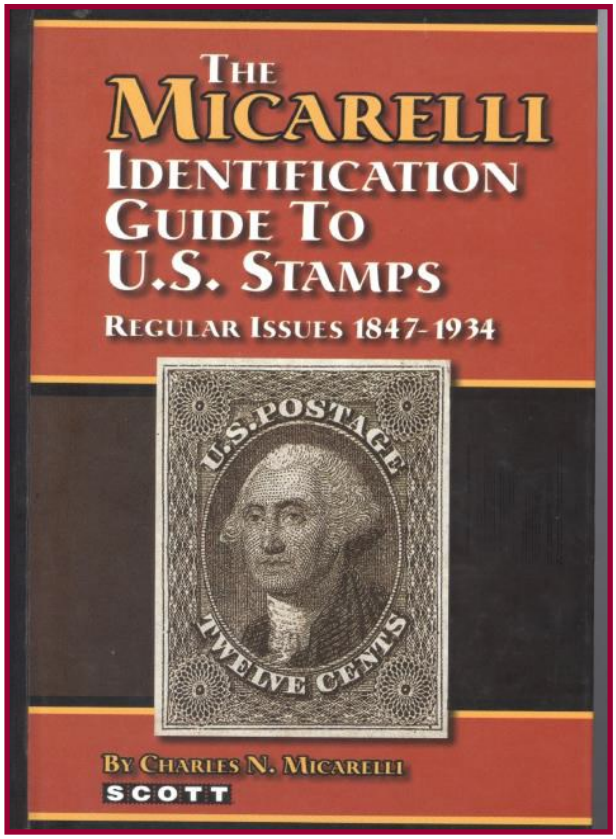

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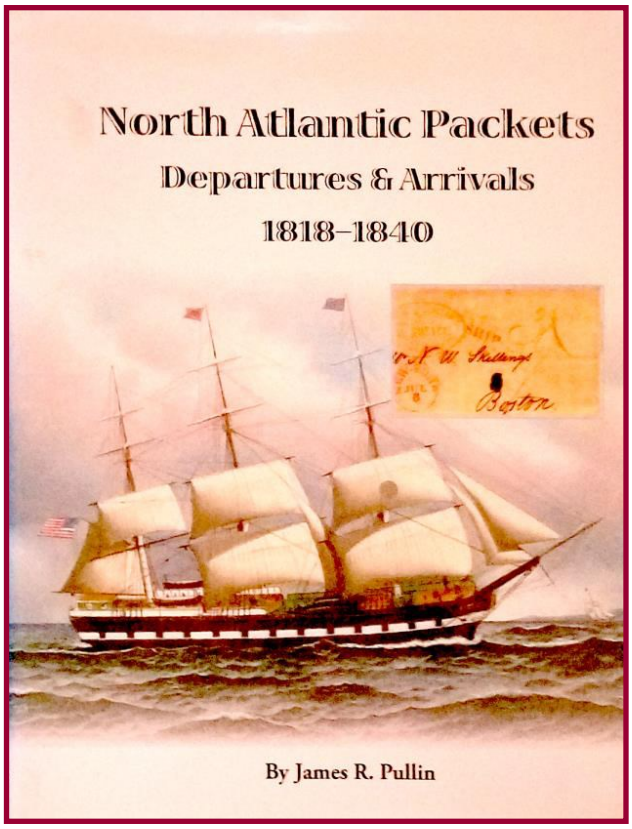


Figure B3

Schedule December and January
**** No - January Pre-meeting sessions are happening.**
January meetings will be in the Ballroom

January (1st meeting) 2022 Annual club awards to be announced and a club fundraiser auction will be conducted. Time to clean out that unwanted material in your stamp room.
January (2nd meeting) CFSC annual business meeting followed by a silent auction.
February (1st meeting) Called auction.
February (2nd meeting) Presentation on British Guiana - Pictorial Definitives by John Gehrig and a silent auction.

December Meetings Recap
14 folks attended the first meeting; Steve Patrick did a program on the Origins of U.S. First Day Celebrations; and a members "no club fee" auction was held. The door prize was won by Allan Lane. Attendance was low due to a number of members setting up for FLOREX.
41 folks attended the Holiday Party on the second meeting in December. Door prizes were won by: Jeff Small; Ricky Padua; Bill Johnston; Gene Perry; Cathy Johnston; Matthew George; Margaret Baker; Newt Kulp; Forest Smith, and Brian Thomas. (See page 6 for more details)

Event Calendar 2023
Sarasota Stamp Exhibition—January 20-23

Maitland one-day stamp shows:
Feb. 4th - CFSC Winter show
Apr. 1st - CFSC Spring show
June 3rd - FSDA Summer show
Sept. 9th - FSDA Autumn show

FLOREX 2023 December 1-2
Volusia County Fairgrounds—Deland
For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

Great American Stamp Show APS, ATA & AFDCS
August 10-13, Cleveland, Ohio
More info: https//stamps.org

Newest Members

Welcome to CFSC's newest member:
 # 760 L. Michaels joined at FLOREX 2022.

Who will be member number 761?

Dinner Plans

There are plans to meet at 4:30pm at the Chuan Lu Garden at 1101 E. Colonial Drive. Located on the north side of Colonial Drive one block west of Mills Ave. There is plenty of parking behind the restaurant. Bring your appetite – and topics for discussion.

Reminder: Make and keep that New Years resolution to sign up to do a presentation at a club meeting and/or submit an article to the editor of the CFSC newsletter editor!

Contact Mike Smith to sign up for a presentation and get on the 2023 meeting schedule.

Quoted

"Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering,
"It will be happier."

Alfred Lord Tennyson

Set of four stamps issued March 10,1992

The Editor's Box

Submit your (two cents or five cents worth) articles and members will enjoy them. Let the CFSC newsletter reflect your philatelic knowledge and interests.

Submit articles to:

Editor@CentralFloridaStampClub.org

The editor of this newsletter, just like Santa needs a little extra help sometimes to get the job done. Submit an article about a cover; stamp; experience; or area of interest that you have related to stamp collecting.

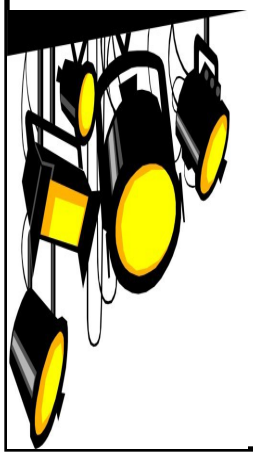
President's Message by Mike Schumacher

. Greetings to one and all as we begin a new year! A new year to explore and enjoy our favorite hobby—stamp collecting. A year filled with learning, being involved, sharing information, being active in club meetings, attending and helping out at meetings/shows, doing a presentation for a club meeting, writing an article for the newsletter, learning to exhibit, joining a new society and building friendships. As I complete my first year as CFSC President and FLOREX Show/Exhibit Chairperson, I have a deeper understanding of what it takes to keep a club and show going and growing. It takes active involvement and participation by all members, not just a few. Thus, I say THANK-YOU to all of you that have helped out during the past year and invite those of who have been reluctant to be an active participant - to participate in CFSC, FLOREX and the Maitland shows, because I am sure you will find it a benefit to your enjoyment of philately. Thank you to CFSC Board members and non-Board members for the contributions you have made to CFSC and Philately this past year and the years ahead. Some of you have been recognized in the "Member Spotlight" column in the newsletter this past year. Some will be recognized at the first meeting in January when the annual "Glue Awards" are presented. All of you are greatly appreciated!

FLOREX 2022 is in the books and it appears that the Tommy Lawrence Arena at the Volusia County Fairgrounds in Deland served our purposes very well. The feedback I received from dealers and exhibitors alike was very favorable. The attendance was on par with past FLOREX shows in other locations. It was a challenge to reach the necessary number of exhibits to maintain our WSP standing, but in the end with a few late entries, we had 110 frames of competitive exhibits from around the U.S., three from Ireland and one from France. These exhibits covered a wide variety of topics and areas of philately. The Grand Award for multi frame exhibit was won by CFSC member Vernon Morris for his exhibit titled: "Evolution and Impact of Bloods Local Post 1842 to 1862." Congratulations Vernon! CFSC member Thomas Lera won a Gold award and the James Pullin Memorial Award for his one frame exhibit titled: John M.G. Parker, Union Postmaster 1862-1863. Congratulations Tom! Gold awards were also achieved by CFSC members Robert Fisher for his exhibit titled: "A Postal History of Carpatho-Ukraine" and Mike Schumacher for his exhibit titled: "Iceland's Numeral Cancels". Robert Fisher also received a Silver award for his exhibit titled: "The Story of FLOREX". CFSC Member Jerry Eller achieved a Vermeil award with his exhibit titled: "Canal Zone Meter Mail". And last but not least my other two competitive exhibits titled: "The Match of the Century" - A Philatelic Extravaganza" achieved a Large Vermeil award and "The 1936 Swedish-Icelandic Vatnajokull Expedition/Mail attained a Large Gold (my first large gold!). Congratulations to all of the CFSC exhibitors! Thank you to the all of the exhibitors for choosing to exhibit at FLOREX.

Thank you to all CFSC and Volusia Stamp Club members who volunteered to assist in a variety of ways to make FLORERX 2022 a successful show! Thank you to Mike Smith, Steve Patrick and Richard Blanchard!

Thank you to all of the dealers and FSDA for their assistance in making FLOREX 2022 a successful show! And a Thank you to CFSC member and dealer Bob Sazama for his donations that enhanced a couple of the exhibit awards! Thank you to Francis Ferguson, Mark Tiger, Kathy Tiger-Savedow and Herb Long!



Member Spotlight - Francis Ferguson

Francis Ferguson has been a CFSC member since March 2000. His philatelic interests include U.S. prior to 1940, Prexies, EFO's and Great Britain Machins. He is a past President of the CFSC, a past Editor of the CFSC newsletter, past FLOREX Show Chairperson and is transitioning into retirement. None-the-less, he remains a very active member of the CFSC and the FSDA. He provided guidance to me as I floundered my way through learning to be FLOREX Show Chairperson. He also put together the FLOREX Program again and helped with a number of other tasks for FLOREX. He was at this year's FLOREX show from opening to close when the truck departed to take the frames back to storage. He organized and managed the four one-day Maitland shows again in 2022 and now he is writing a regular column for the CFSC newsletter. And that just scratches the surface of all that he has contributed to CFSC, FSDA, FLOREX and philately. Thank you Francis!

Cover Story: CFSC Authors of Books

by David M. Allen

The people that make up the stamp collecting community of the Central Florida Stamp Club possess a wealth of information on many stamp collecting topics. Experts in various countries, identification methods, counterfeit identification, postal history of various areas, and exhibit judging are only a few of the topics. Many have written articles for various publications. It would be very difficult to present an item or question to the full club that would stump all the members.

There are a few members, past and present, who have gone to another level; that of writing a published book on a philatelic topic. In every instance, the book, at the time it was written, was the definitive text on its topic. Most of the books still have that distinction.

The earliest author in the club we know of is Charles N. Micarelli. His book, "The Micarelli Identification Guide to Early U.S. Stamps: Regular Issues 1847-1934" (Figure B1 - shown on the cover), is currently at edition 7 (2022) to be released in December. His organization of the various types of the Washington Franklin issue was so well liked that the Scott Publishing Company added a similar organization to its catalog for all U.S. definitive issues. With the new edition, the Micarelli work remains the definitive text in many areas it covers, and it is still a valued reference piece that many collectors continue to use.

William J. Bomar Sr. wrote the definitive guide on the "Markings of United States Expositions" (Figure B2). From the Centennial Exposition of 1876 forward, each U.S. Exposition is covered with its associated markings and notes on variations and relative rarity.

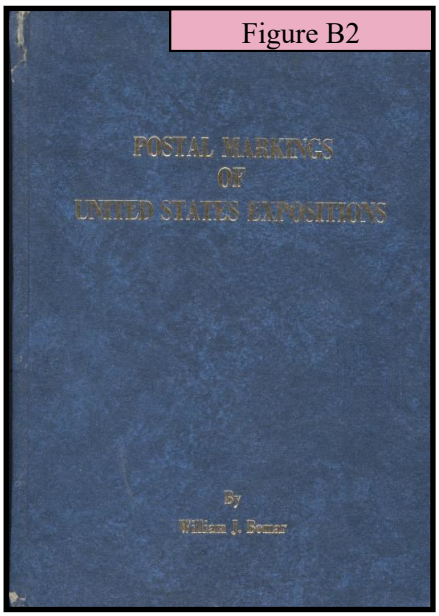


Figure B2

More recently three new books, each the definitive reference in its area, have been authored by members of the CFSC. "North Atlantic Packets: Departures and Arrivals 1818-1840" (Figure B3—shown on cover) by James R. Pullin covers the earliest period, a stampless cover period, of trans-atlantic mail by packet. Markings for each packet, various postage rates, and other details are discussed.

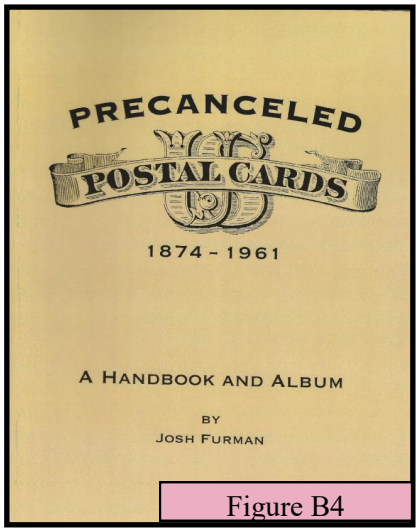
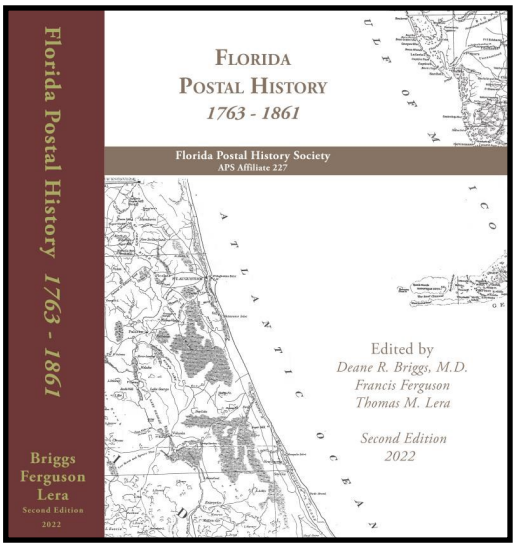


Figure B4

Josh Furman wrote "Precanceled Postal Cards 1874 – 1961" **(Figure B4)**. He catalogs and displays, in full-size color illustrations of classic precanceled postal cards, from the Great Barrington card to first government-printed precanceled card. Permit cancels that might have been intended as precancels, and some examples of philatelically-inspired cards are also covered. The Appendix shows proofs, printer's waste, look-likes, and fakes.

"Florida Postal History 1763 – 1861" (**Figure B5**) is the work of Deane R. Briggs, MD, Francis Ferguson, and Thomas M. Lera, all members of the Florida Postal History Society. The work covers Florida post offices and when they were in existence, markings and marking changes of each office. The book has received a major revision and is now available in a 2nd edition (2022). The revision added over 200 new EKU and LKU listings and more than 80 full-color scans of either new covers or covers for which the images were originally printed in black and white in prior editions. It also updated records for nearly half of all towns and scans of several new post-marks and rate markings. As new US Post Office records have become available on the internet, many post offices where "the location was not clearly known" have now been properly located. Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Lera are also members of the CFSC.



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Hubbard L. Hart's Influence on Stagecoach and Steamboat Travel and Commerce in Central Florida (**Figure B6**) by Thomas Lera (published 2022 by the Florida Postal History Society), details Mr. Hart's work by looking at the Post Office Department (POD) mail routes in Central and Northern Florida which Hubbard L. Hart was awarded and contemporary correspondence along those routes. His Florida Stage Line (Pilatka through Ocala to Tampa started operating in the 1850s. After the Civil War, he started steamboat routes along the Ocklawaha River (including Silver Springs, which he turned into a tourist destination), St. Johns and Indian Rivers and later ran mail routes on the St. Mary's River, the boundary river between Florida and Georgia, and one on the Ocklawaha River. This monograph received a Gold Medal at Chicagopex 2022.

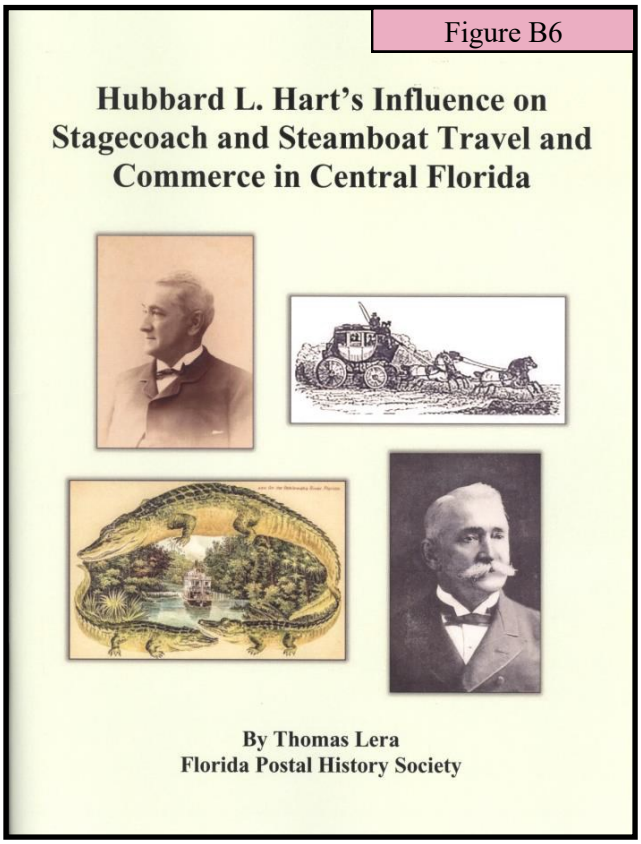


Figure B6

The 50th Anniversary of "The Match of the Century" A Philatelic Look" (Figure B7) by Michael Schumacher, Gaétan Lapierre, and Jon Edwards is the defining resource book covering the philatelic artifacts created during and shortly after the 2-month event known as the 1972 World Chess Championship Match between Boris Spassky (USSR) and Robert "Bobby" Fischer (USA) at Laugardalsholl (stadium) in Reykjavik, Iceland. From the 4 most complete collections of related philatelic material currently in existence, the book details, quantifies and examines the stamp, cachet envelopes, First Day cancels (both at the match site and various other cities) for each game, post cards, and other philatelic souvenirs (including where they mailed from and sent) all while preserving the historical flavor of the dynamics of the match.

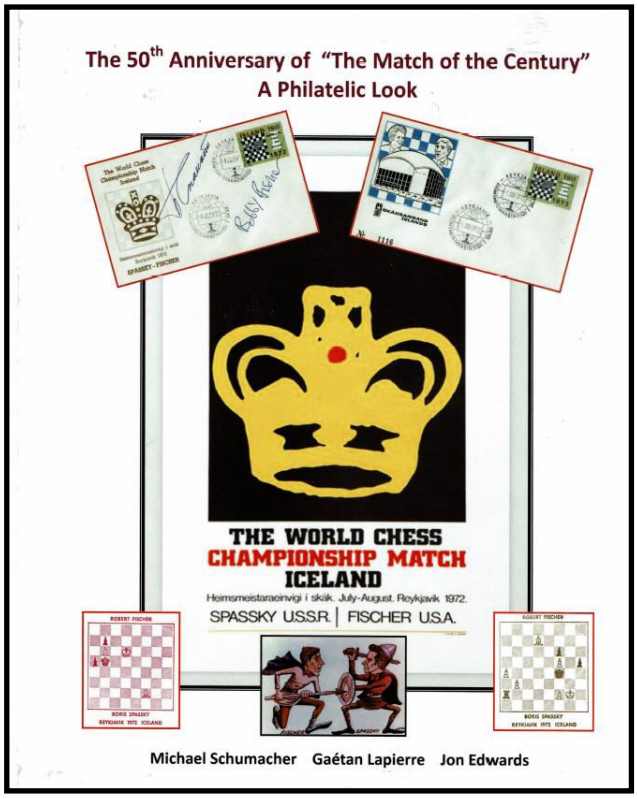


Figure B7

Not only has each of these authors made knowledge available to the philatelic world and thereby added prestige to the club, but each has also been involved in club leadership. Charles N. Micarelli, (Figure B1), was president 1978-1979. William J. Bomar, Sr., (Figure B2), served 5 terms as president 1974-1975, 1980-1981, 1982-1983, 1984-1985 and 1986-1987. James R. Pullin, (Figure B3), served as vice-president from 2002-2003 and president from 2004-2005. Josh Furman, (Figure B4), served 3 terms as secretary from 2008-2009, 2010-2011 and 2012-2013. Francis Ferguson, (Figure B5), has served two terms as vice-president 2004-2005 and 2005- 2006, and four terms as president 2008-2009, 2010-2011, 2016-2017 and 2018-2019. Thomas Lera, (Figures B5 & B6), has presented Halloween themed programs for several years. Michael Schumacher, (Figure B7), has served two terms as a director 2018-2019 and 2020-2021, and is serving as president for the 2022-2023 term.

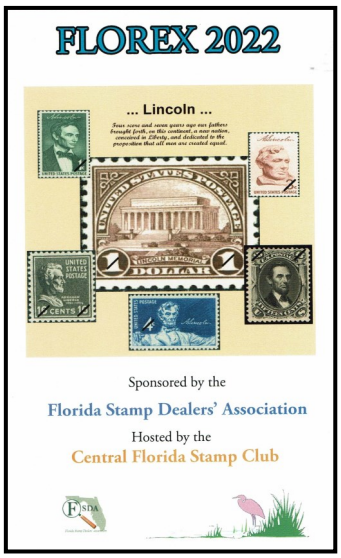
In time the club may yet have more authors to emerge. Will you be next?

[Note: These books can all be found in the primary or secondary markets.]

CFSC Holiday Party 2022

A good time was had by all! A total of 41 people were in attendance (29 members and 12 guests/spouses). Great food, comradery and door prizes a plenty. Steve Patrick served as organizer and emcee. Some time was taken to remember CFSC members who's "Albums have Closed" since 2020. May they rest in peace, and we will always remember them. Dan Wagenknecht led the dinner blessings. And a FLOREX summary was presented with a Big THANK YOU to the CFSC and Volusia Stamp Club members who gave of their time to make the show a success!
(Credit for Holiday Party photos to Mike Smith)

FLOREX 2022



The tradition continues—the FLOREX Stamp Show completed it's 73rd show at a new location this year, the Tommy Lawrence Arena at the Volusia County Fairgrounds in Deland, Florida. FLOREX showcased 24 dealers, five philatelic societies—Florida Postal History, The German Philatelic Society, The U.S. Classic Society, the Souvenir Card Collectors Society and the Canal Zone Study Group. Additionally there was 31 competitive exhibits judged by an outstanding panel of accredited Judges. This year's theme was the 100th Anniversary of the Lincoln Memorial. The show was sponsored by the FSDA and hosted by the CFSC. The show was staffed by members of the CFSC and the Volusia County Stamp Club. Thank you to the volunteers for staffing the registration table and assisting with the setup and take down of the exhibits. Overall feedback about the show and it's new location was that it was a success. Plans for FLOREX 2023 is to return to the same location! See you all there next year!

(Credit for FLOREX 2022 photos to Mike Schumacher)

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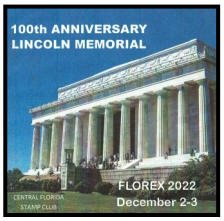
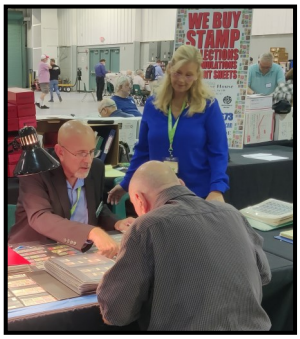


Registration table

Youth table

Some of the Dealers:



Along with the annual CFSC awards to be announced at the January 5th meeting, those in attendance will have an opportunity to vote on their favorite newsletter article and club meeting presentation from 2022. See ballot below to have an opportunity to prepare your voting choices. Ballots will be available at the meeting.

Best Article Ballot - The Philatelic Missive 2022

Vote for your three favorite articles: Place a - (1) best (2) second best (3) third best
Place a 1, 2, or 3 in the voting column to indicate your selections. "CS" denotes a cover story.

Vote	Author	Title
	Mike Schumacher	(CS) A Changing of the Guard – Central Florida Stamp Club
	Josh Furman	(CS) New York Circular Date Stamp Cancels& Barred Ellipse Oval Killers
	Mike Schumacher	(CS) Ukrainians Who Have Changed the World
	Newt Kulp	(CS) Fire Cancellations on U.S. Revenues
	Daniel Wagenknecht	Benjamin Franklin and Mrs. Hoffman
	Mike Smith	(CS) Graded Stamps-One Members Perspective
	Mike Schumacher	(CS) January 6th and the AAA
	Mike Schumacher	National Stamp Day
	Mike Schumacher	(CS) Philatelic Organizations
	Mike Schumacher	Where are these places?
	Scott Martz	Case of # 500
	Mike Smith	(CS) What's in Your Wallet Collection?
	Scott Martz	Case of 529A and 530A
	Scott Martz	Case of 534A
	Josh Furman	(CS) U. S. Bureau Precancels / Precancel Progress
	Newt Kulp	(CS) Philatelic Jeopardy: Important Firsts on U. S. Stamps
	Rick Cohen	Poetic Philately
	Mike Schumacher	Oh, The Things You Can Learn Stamp Collecting: Bicycles on Stamps
	Henry Jehan Jr.	(CS) The Other Columbians
	Francis Ferguson	Stupid Ebay # 1

Best Presentation Ballot - 2022 Club Meetings

Vote for your three favorite presentations: Place a - (1) best (2) second best (3) third best
Place a 1, 2, or 3 in the voting column to indicate your selections.

Vote	Presenter	Title
	James Auffant	George Boutwell Revenue Stamps
	Mike Schumacher	A Philatelic Look at the 1972 World Chess Championship
	Mike Smith	FLOREX Exhibit – Scott 11A Yellow Colored Cancel from Placerville, CA
	David Allen Francis Ferguson	CFSC Website Tutorial
	Stephen Patrick	First Day Cancelled Souvenir Cards
	John Catiller	Transportation Covers
	Henry Jehan Jr.	Finding Hidden Images with USPS Stamp Decoder
	Mike Smith	U. S. Classics Colored Cancel Extravaganza!
	Mel Borofsky	Universal Postal Union (UPU)
	Thomas Lera	Halloween Covers and Stamps
	Newt Kulp	USPS Postal Firsts
	Stephen Patrick	First Day Souvenir Programs

Stupid eBay, #2
Francis Ferguson

Sometimes in the world of online philatelic sales, things can just be called strange. Do you believe what you see? Or is it appropriate to question the listing? Good questions for sure. After nearly 25 years of experience in the eBay philatelic ecosystem, I have learned to take odd listings with a grain of salt.

About 8 years ago, I stumbled across a listing that declared, "Block of four with gutter, 20 cent Presidential" -- interesting to say the very least. The description was obviously slightly off the mark. At the time there was no such listing in the Scott's Catalog for a horizontal gutter pair – and there was no listing in the bible of all Prexy material – The 1994 work by Roland E. Rustad, *The Prexies*. I was more than slightly perplexed with this listing.

The price of $40 was very reasonable. I tossed back and forth about making a bid. I continued to try and research this item with zero results. There was simply no evidence that a similar item existed. Additional attempts contacting EFO collectors that I knew – turned up nothing. I remained perplexed as to how this item from nearly 80 years ago could have gone so long without being identified. The question that kept coming to mind -- was it real? Or was it someone's attempt at fakery?

I put the bid in for $51. Much to my shock I was the only bidder and won the lot at $40. Ten days later the item showed up in the mail. I took it out of the glassine to examine it closer – I was stunned to determine that it was real. There was zero evidence of any trickery. Continued forensic work all revealed it to be genuine in appearance. Additional discussions with EFO collectors met with the same response as before – shock that this item went unreported for nearly seven decades.

Technically speaking there could exist a total of 20 horizontal gutter pairs. However, keep in mind that most vertical and horizontal gutter pairs are usually created because of an accidental fold-over of some nature in the final production process that involves the cutting of the panes of 400 units into 4 sheets of 100 for distribution at post offices. There is simply no way to say with any authority how many exist in the philatelic ecosystem.

I decided to submit the item to the APEX for a certificate – and started to fret as weeks dragged on. Finally, I was sent notification that the item was being mailed. A clean certificate had been issued!

My next step was to report it to Scott's for a listing. That was when the mystery surrounding this item deepened. It seems around the same time that I sent my find for expert opinion – someone else did the same thing. The next year's Scott's catalog contained two new sub-listings; one for a vertical gutter pair and another for a horizontal gutter pair – both unpriced. To this day I have seen zero evidence of either -- in the marketplace. So where are they? Who owns them? Questions that remain unanswered.

The moral of this story is to look at listings closely – just because something looks odd, does not mean it is an outright fake. Sometimes taking a gamble does pay off. Happy hunting!

Reminder:

Time to renew your CFSC Membership and pay your dues for 2023!

Contact: Rick Cohen toowhir2@yahoo.com

"Gledilegt nytt ar (Happy New Year in Icelandic)

The Central Florida Stamp Club is a 75+ 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 more than 25 years and provides a pleasant meeting room with easy access and plenty of free parking.
- The informal part of the meeting is prior to 6:00pm. The business side of things will be brief. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 6:10 until 7:10 Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions. We must be out of the building by 8:00 without exception.
- The Membership of the CFSC participates as the host and sponsor of the one day shows in January/February, April & June. In addition, we are the resident hosting club for FLOREX which is held in the Central Florida area.
- The CFSC maintains a website: CentralFloridaStampClub.org
- Benefits of membership include; bi-monthly newsletter, access to loaner equipment & catalogs, participation in door prize drawings, the right to bid in cried/ silent auctions — and much more.
- As of 06.2022

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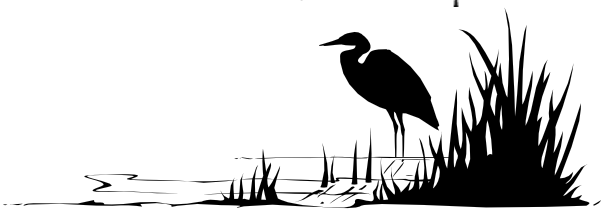

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