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THE COVER STORY

Washington-Franklin Coils Real or Fake?



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Upcoming Schedule— 2024

**** Pre-meeting sessions in 2024 will only be on the third Thursday of the month from 2-4pm. CFSC will continue to host the German Philatelic Society at that time, but CFSC members are welcome to use the room and equipment during that time.**

Upcoming Meetings:

June 6th—Called Auction—bring items you want to sell. Door prize also available.

June 20th—“Masters of the Night” presentation by Tom Lera followed by a Silent Auction. Door Prize available and 2nd Quarter Birthday celebrations. [German Philatelic Society meeting before the regular meeting \(2 to 3pm\).](#) **Additionally, the FLOREX Planning Committee will be meeting before the regular meeting (3 to 4:30pm).**

Recap of last Month's meetings:

May 2nd—“Members Show and Tell” was a huge success with short presentations by Gary Byrd, Mike Schumacher, Tom Lera, Steve Patrick, John Gehrig, Francis Ferguson and Ted Bahry followed by a silent auction (19 lots sold with total sales of \$361.00) handled by David Zambon & Daniel Wagenknecht. 14 members gathered for dinner before the meeting, 39 people attended the meeting including two guests. Carol Bradford won the door prize.

May 16th—Presentation: “Identifying U.S. Stamped Envelopes and Wrappers” by Newt Kulp; silent auction results 8 lots sold for total sales of \$72.00. Auction managed by David Zambon & Daniel Wagenknecht, Rick Cohen, Jeff Small & Mike Schumacher. Door prize was won by Jeff Small & Maitland door prizes were won by Jerry Eller and Gerald Freisinger.

Summer Show Maitland Civic Center June 1, 2024

Venue on the Lake 641 Maitland Ave. S. Maitland, FL
10am-4pm

(same hours and location for all Maitland shows)

Fall Show— Maitland Civic Center—Sept. 7, 2024

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

FLOREX 2024 December 6-7, 2024

Friday 10am-5pm & Saturday 10am-4pm

Tommy Lawrence Arena

Volusia County Fairgrounds—Deland, FL

More info: www.FLOREXStampShow.com

Newest Members

Welcome to our newest member(s):

Who will be new member number 773?

*** Pre meeting Dinner Plans:

Club members are invited to meet for dinner prior to the meeting at the Chuan Lu Garden at 1101 E. Colonial Drive at 4:30pm. Located on the north side of Colonial Drive one block west of Mills Ave. Plenty of parking behind the restaurant. Bring your appetite – and topics for discussion.



Great American Stamp Show 2024

Hartford, CT August 15—18, 2024

More info: <https://stamps.org>



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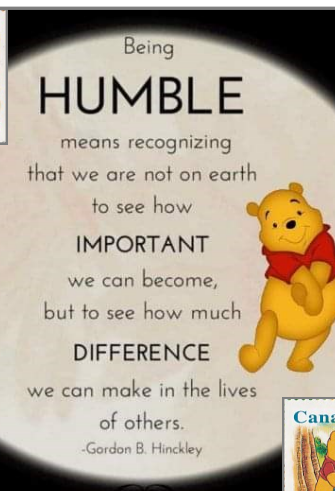
May 23-31, 2026

Boston, Massachusetts

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Newsletter articles **needed** for 2024 Philatelic Missive!

Articles can be submitted via a word document with scans and attached to an email. Thank you!!

Submit articles to: Editor@CentralFloridaStampClub.org



A puzzle missing pieces - is like a stamp album with holes to be filled and a newsletter in need of articles. There are gaps and empty spaces to be filled in coming newsletters, so write something and help fill the empty spaces!

President's Message by Francis Ferguson

Volunteering? Are you a ten percenter? Sadly, most everyone falls into the category of being in the ninety percent.

This quote resonated with me: "*Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.*" This is by Elizabeth Andrew, an American author.

Organizations that run on volunteer help -- have to draw talent from the whole membership. Everyone has something to offer. The variety of vocations that the membership has is truly amazing -- from teachers, engineers to those in the retail sales world. All have something to offer the club. Step forward and volunteer of your time and talent.

Every organization that I am involved with suffers -- from the same problem -- too few people to do the tasks that are needed to keep everything running. Even small acts of assistance can make a big difference in the larger picture of running an organization.

As I have been life-long introvert, my preferred location is in the back of the room. It takes a lot of energy for me to be in the front of the room and being part of the solution. Consider what you can give to the CFSC -- remember everyone can offer something! If I ask for assistance, it is because I see the potential for you to help; while I hope for a 'yes' -- I do understand those that say 'no'. Consider what you have to offer the club.

A real consideration for those that get involved and remain in the thick of things for extended periods of time -- is burnout. How does one manage this? After being involved for almost 25 years with the CFSC -- I avoid burnout simply because of the love for what is being done. I know that my work in the short term makes a lot of difference to the collective known as the CFSC. But I also realize with great clarity that there is no legacy beyond the short-term and I am fine with that. Make a difference in the here and now. Mentor those that will follow you.

Be well, be safe and above all else be kind.

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No mystery to this reminder— Summer Show— Maitland Civic Center— June 1, 2024
Venue on the Lake 641 Maitland Ave. S. Maitland, FL 10am-4pm
See you there—as a volunteer or attendee—come for the fun!

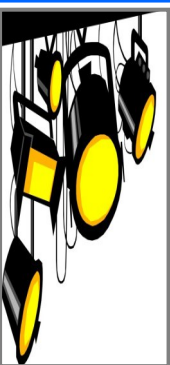


This is a mystery: the USPS issued this stamp on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at the International Spy Museum 700 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington D.C.

Word is the stamp offers some intrigue and excitement to decipher the hidden message in the stamp. Featuring bright colors and interesting shapes in a seemingly random pattern—the stamp design is a visual riddle spelling out a difficult-to-discern message. Can you figure it out? The answer: "*More than Meets the Eye!*"

Just like at the Maitland show - **you never know what you will find, until you look!**

Member Spotlight— John Bailey



John Bailey has been a CFSC member since February 2013. He has also been an APS member for more than 50 years! He started collecting in his teens and the first dealer that he would visit was Mr. Libman at Orlando Stamp. He attended Mike Roger's auctions when Steve Patrick was working there. Steve informed him and invited him to attend CFSC meetings. Over the years, his philatelic interests included U.S. mint and used (which he sold), then while in the Air Force stationed in Japan he collected Japan (which he sold in the 1980s) and then got interested in Canada. He attended Capex in 78, 87 and 97 (Toronto) when it was a very good international show. He wasn't as impressed with Capex in 22, but still found items to add to his collection. Currently, John is working on collecting the "Large Queens" used. He indicates that the Unitrade Canada Specialized Catalog lists 100 varieties for 13 numbers. He found one at FLOREX 2023, but realizes he likely will never have a complete set, as Scott # 32 lists only 3 known and one sold in auction for \$325K (Canadian). Unless, he goes on another door prize win streak! John indicates he is impressed and amazed with the detail and expert knowledge that CFSC members share in their presentations. THANKS, John for your contributions to the CFSC and the Philatelic community!

Cover Story: Washington—Franklin Coils Real or Fake?

By: Mike Smith and Francis Ferguson

Let us examine the “real”ity of these philatelic gems. As some of you may be aware, collecting coils from the Washington – Franklin series can be challenging. Finding well-centered examples is a chore, but ensuring they are genuine is a must. Otherwise, you will have been duped into spending big bucks for a fake!

These coils were only produced for a few years starting in late 1908 and continued through early 1922 with the majority issued within the first 10 years. During this time frame, there were many varieties produced in both the horizontal and vertical coil formats. Without going into detail, they exist with perforations of 8.5, 10 and 12. The exception is Scott# 459, an imperforate coil. Now add in double-line, single-line and unwatermarked paper along with issued denominations of 1-cent, 2-cent (different types), 3-cent (different types), 4-cent, 5-cent and 10-cent and you have a multitude of Scott numbers to spend money on! By my count, 55 to be exact!

As you will soon learn, obtaining a certificate of authenticity is highly recommended for these coils, particularly for the early perforated 12 coils and especially for those with a value over \$100. Some of these coils are very rare and cost thousands of dollars. For example, Scott# 356, 388, 389 (the famous Oranburg coil), 449 and 491 to name a few. The Scott catalogue has many warnings regarding coil fakes whereby individuals take inexpensive imperforates and add perforations along the respective sides or take less-costly perforated stamps and trim off the perforations along one pair of sides.

Many philatelists collect these coils as single stamps while others prefer pairs, or better yet, joint line pairs. Faking perforations on pairs is more difficult and less likely but it still has been done, as you will see in this article. For the untrained collector, this can be a painful hit to your wallet.

Let’s start by examining two genuine coils, a Scott# 351 horizontal and a Scott# 354 vertical. These are both perf. 12 coils, both certified as the real deal. You will see that the holes have an irregular shape and contain fibrous paper and not cleanly cut like a razor. The holes align properly and measure a true perf. 12.

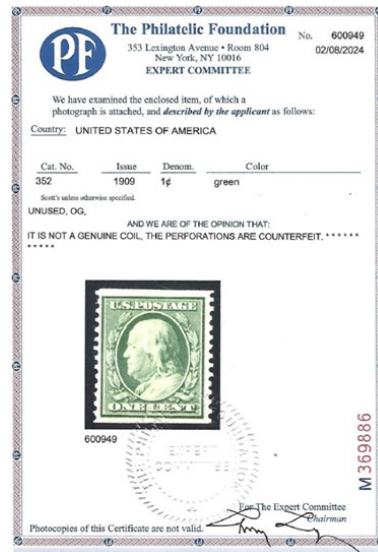
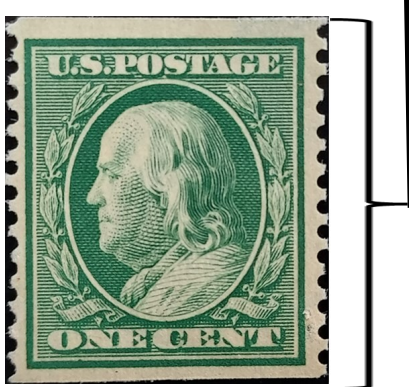


Now let’s check out a bad guy. On the next page is a #352 perf. 12 coil that has obvious signs of a fake. Of course, this is backed up by a certificate of “not” authenticity!

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For starters, you can see how cleanly cut the holes are on the right side, especially at the top.



This is a dead give-away. Usually, reperforated fakes are closer to measuring correctly than the poor effort put into this one! Notice on a standard perforation gauge, the holes quickly become out of alignment as you traverse down the side towards the bottom.



Another clue are the holes not being properly aligned between the two sides. They should be in agreement across the stamp. This one isn't even close! A poor job but still a lesson learned for the collector. Luckily, this isn't a terribly expensive coil.

On to coil pairs...

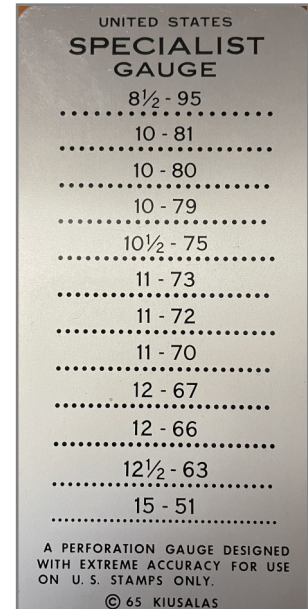
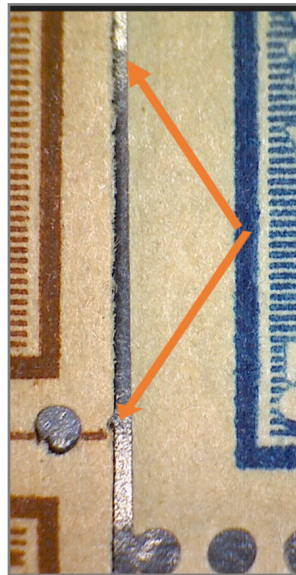
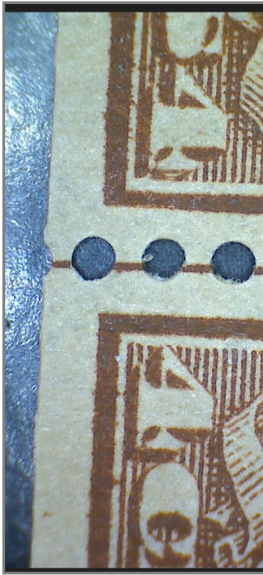
Which one is fake? If you are knowledgeable on coil fakes or have a keen eye, you will notice that the violet (3-cent) is the bad apple in the crowd. While it is true that the colored line separating the stamps in a line pair can be somewhat blurry, this one is way overdone. Not to mention that the line between each hole isn't in alignment with the next line. The middle line shown by the arrow is crooked in relation to the bottom line. The offender certainly could have done a better job to pass this one off, or at least, have used a ruler!



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The following scans show a couple more examples of coil pairs. The first pair, a Scott# 354, looks to be a legitimate example. The second one compares a known certified 5-cent (blue) pair, Scott# 351 against a suspect 4-cent (brown) pair, Scott# 350. The edges of the 4-cent coil are rough and not straight. This might imply trimming of a perforated pair.



(Kiusalas perf gauge)

There are numerous coil fakes in the marketplace. Many dealers unsuspectingly have these coils amongst their inventory but are unaware of their authenticity. *Word to the Wise – Always obtain a Certificate of Authenticity for U.S. Coil Stamps valued over \$100, particularly the Perf. 12 Issues.*

Hopefully, this article enlightens the collecting community regarding the “real”ity of early U.S. coil stamps. For accuracy when attempting to determine perms the United States Specialist Gauge by Kiusalas (shown above) should be used as this has the true measurements for what is generally thought of as perf 11 and 12.

Questionable Ebay: #19 A Dollar for Your Thoughts

By Francis Ferguson



Listing: “US Stamps # J77 Postage Due Stamp Hoard of 15,000+ Scott Value \$5,000+”. Offered for \$237. \$12 mailing with 14-day return policy. As a watcher, I was offered the lot for \$150.

Scott’s lists a sound used copy at 35 cents. There are no varieties of note with this issue. It is common and will be so for many hundreds of years – or more! To think that a hoard of 15,000 of them is worth any amount of money is a philatelic folly.

The odd part of this listing is the owner is a long-established seller who should know the market better than that.

What do you think?

. Icelandic Postmarks

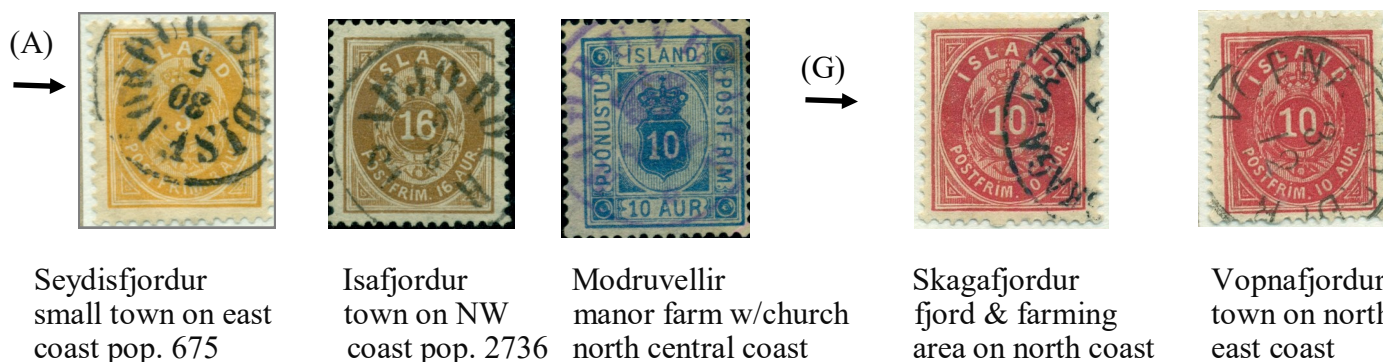
By: Mike Schumacher

Collecting Icelandic postmarks makes for an interesting aspect of Icelandic philately. Throughout the course of Icelandic Postal history, there have been a variety of cancelling devices used. The earliest ones are known as Danskir (D) cancellers, because at the time Iceland was under the sovereignty of Denmark. Examples include: (D1) and (D2)

Also known as 3 ring cancellers - # 1 and # 236 are common.



The Antiqua (A) and the Grotesk (G) cancellers followed the D cancellers. The Antiqua and the Grotesk cancellers get their names from the lettering style used. Examples include:



At smaller “Receiving” locations from 1873 to 1903 the Kórónustimplar (C) (Crown & Posthorn) cancellers were used. Often a farm, church, boat, or a store where mail was picked up or dropped off. Examples include:



From 1903 to the 1930's (and some locations even later) the Númerastimplar (N) (Number-in-circle) cancels replaced the Crown & Posthorn) cancellers. A total of 300 different numbers were used before they were replaced with a different type of canceller(s). Examples include:

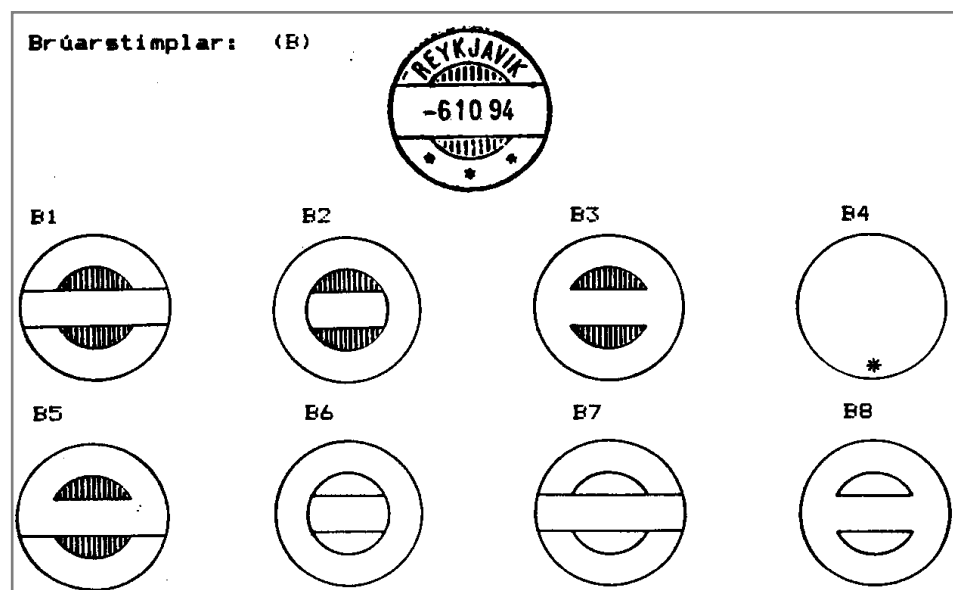


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Icelandic Postmarks cont.

Things begin to get really interesting starting in 1930, when the Numeral cancellers began to be replaced with Brúrstimplar (B) (Bridge) cancellers. The “B” cancellers have the name of the town on the upper portion and there are eight design varieties (B1 - B8) and six different styles of dates. See chart below.

B design types



Date styles

- a. 5.8.94
- b. 1.7.1899
- c. 25.V.09
- d. 25.III.10.11
- e. 18.III.1945
- f. 10.10.56.15.00

(day, month, year, & some have time of day)

Now when one considers how many different locations that were Post Offices, that makes for a significant number of Postmarks to be collected.

Examples include:

Skardshild B3e

Laugaból B2c

Poroddsstadir B2a



Budardalur B3a



Hallormsstadur B8e



Fagurholmsmyri B5a



Reykjavík B6c



Arnarstapi B1a



Well, if that isn't enough to think about, then wait until you see the Revenue, Special event, Machine, Metered and Foreign cancels that can be found on Icelandic stamps. How many of these locations have you even heard of or been too? One of the fun aspects of visiting Iceland, has been to find as many of these locations as I can. Makes filling the spaces in my albums way more meaningful!

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- Membership is a reasonable \$30 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 6:15 until 7:15 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 February, April, June & September. 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; monthly newsletter, access to loaner equipment & catalogs, participation in door prize drawings, the right to submit and bid in cried/silent auctions — and much more.
- Postal address: CFSC P.O. Box 1206, Plymouth, FL 32768-1206
- As of 12.2023

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