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THE COVER STORY

Florida Postmarks and Cachets

With the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of FLOREX quickly approaching it only seemed appropriate to take a look at some of Florida's illustrious philatelic history. By no means will this article cover the depth and breadth of philatelic material from Florida, but a mere "tip of the iceberg". The purpose here is just to whet your appetite about Florida Postmarks and Cachets and introduce you to a few Florida philatelic facts.

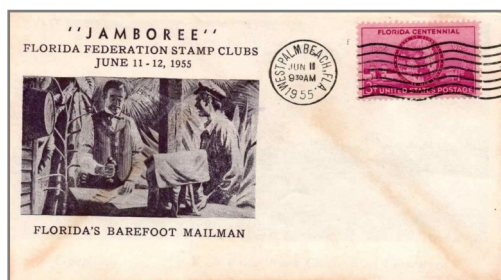


CFSC cachet
A little self-explanatory!

The CFSC has been a significant player in the Orlando, FL area for many years and a big supporter of the larger philatelic community.

Star Route 6451

The 68 miles of coastline between (present-day) Palm Beach and Miami was largely untouched since 1513. In 1867 mail was delivered as far as Jupiter via steamer from Titusville. A beach walker was added to carry the mail from Jupiter to Miami. In 1884, that portion of the route was reactivated using mail carriers who walked the beach. The legendary "Barefoot Mailmen".



First Day Issue Postmark

"Waves of Color" stamps

FLOREX 2012

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Upcoming Schedule— 2024

**** Pre-meeting sessions in 2024 on the third Thursday of the month from 2-4pm. German Philatelic Society will not be meeting in July; but CFSC members are welcome to use the room and equipment during that time.**

Upcoming Meetings:

No meeting the first Thursday in July. Have a safe and happy July 4th to all!

July 18th — John Gehrig will do a presentation on “**Guatelows**” - **The Guatemalan 1902 Waterlow Issue** followed by a silent auction. Door prize will be available. **No GPS meeting in July**, CFSC members can meet and use the equipment from 2—4pm.

Recap of last Month's meetings:

June 6th— A **Called Auction** was conducted—Auctioneer Tom Hart, 21 lots sold with total sales of \$790.00. Assisting with the auction were David Zambon, Rick Cohen, Francis Ferguson, Mike Schumacher, Jerry Eller & Jeff Small. Door prize was won by Robert Fisher. Five members met for dinner & twenty-four people attended the meeting including one visitor.

June 20th—A wonderful presentation “**Masters of the Night**” by Tom Lera (no bats were harmed in the making of the presentation) followed by a Silent Auction. 10 lots sold—total sales of \$64.99. Assisting with the auction: David Zambon, Dan Wagenknecht; Mike Smith, Jeff Small, Robert Fisher & Mike Schumacher. Door Prize was won by Stephen Strobel. Both the German Philatelic Society & the FLOREX Planning Committee met before the regular meeting. Jim & Abe Cooney stopped by to say Farewell to CFSC, as they depart for new adventures. We will miss you guys!

Fall Show Maitland Civic Center Sept. 7, 2024

Venue on the Lake

641 Maitland Ave. S. Maitland, FL 10am-4pm

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



Great American Stamp Show 2024
Hartford, CT August 15—18, 2024
More info: <https://stamps.org>

Newest Members

Welcome to our newest member(s):

John Snow has returned to the CFSC fold. Member # 569 rejoined after a few years absence. Philatelic interests include: Worldwide 1840-1940. Welcome back!!!

Robert Wernich Member # 773 has joined CFSC. He is also an APS member and his collecting interests include: Worldwide. Welcome Robert!

Who will be new member # 774?

*** 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.



Boston International Stamp Expo
May 23-31, 2026
Boston, Massachusetts
More info at:
<https://boston2026.org>

Quoted

“Be silly. Be fun. Be different. Be crazy.
Be you, because life is too short
to be anything but happy.”

unknown



2019 Sesame Street Forever Postage stamps

The Editor's Box

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

Retired & Relaxed?

There are few events in life as defining as beginning to work in your career field – and finally after many years -- retiring from that career. Of course, there are other life events such as marriage that are as profound. I spent 45 years working in the field of computer technology and saw tremendous paradigm shifts in the use of technology in everyday life. Most of the advances in technology that I have participated in made for a better life – some not so much. That is a discussion for a different time and place.

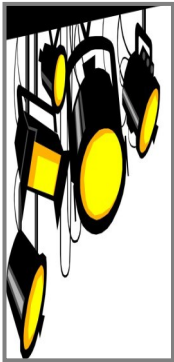
I have to say that retired life is much better than the 8-5 grind that involved a lot of people and more windshield time than I care to remember. My normal mileage in a year was 20K to 22K – all on the roads of Central Florida. Not any more -- thank goodness.

I am midway through a 15-night stay in Little Switzerland where mountains tower over us and the major color (this time of year) is green, green and more green. Every night we have been treated to a dance of hundreds of fireflies for an hour after dusk. It has been magical to watch and oddly mesmerizing. This has been our retreat for going on 15 years now and it is a time we both look forward to.

Now my days are driven by what I want to do. No more alarm clock jolting me awake every week day. For the most part I wake around 8:30am – depending on what time I have put down the book I was reading in the early hours of the morning. This is a pattern that is more natural for me. You may ask – what else do I do? Of course, there is always stamp stuff to keep me engaged. If that is not enough the seemingly never-ending stream of medical appointments adds to my week. So, what do you do in retirement?

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

Member Spotlight— Stephen L. Strobel



Stephen has been a CFSC member since January 2009. He has served on the CFSC Board of Directors and has actively participated in club meetings, local shows and contributed articles to the newsletter. His stamp collecting interest began with a gifted stock book of U.S. used singles while in 5th grade. He is also a member of the APS (since 1985), FPHS, SRS, USSS (2017), & CWPS. His philatelic interests include: U.S. mint & used; plate blocks; airmails; bees; orchids; Florida State Revenue, citrus and Confederate stamps.

He was an active member of the Southern Illinois Stamp Club while attending Southern Illinois University (1967-1971). Collecting then fell by the wayside until 1976 when the 200th anniversary of the nation's independence rekindled his interests (as he is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and founded a chapter (2011) in Sebring, FL. He is also a member of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) in St. Cloud, FL.

His interests in collecting bees on stamps results from having been an apiarist. His interest in collecting orchids on stamps stems from having grown up on a farm in Illinois and having had a thriving business, (Strobel Orchids) where he sold to the public and local florists. The increase in CTO's in this area has led to a waning interest in this area.

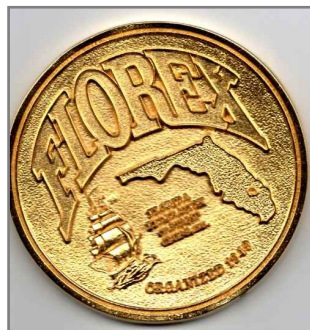
In the early years (1991) after moving to Florida his collecting interests were sidelined while he concentrated on his profession as a Hearing Aid Specialist and Audioprosthologist until retiring in 2011. As his stamp collecting interest rekindled he began collecting FL Postal History along with Winter Garden fruit crate labels and advertising from the FL Citrus Commission in Lakeland. This has expanded to include FL citrus revenue stamps. He joined the State Revenue Society (2015) and the FL Postal History Society in 2012 and has served on the Board of Directors and is currently Vice President. This collecting area of interest led to an article in the Philatelic Missive. A more recent interest includes—Farley's Follies (stamps and FDCs).

His other interests and memberships include: Confederate Stamp Alliance (2010) now known as the Civil War Philatelic Society (CWPS), Winter Garden's Central Florida Railway Society (railroad post offices) and exhibited postcards at their meeting. THANKS, Stephen for your contributions to the CFSC and the Philatelic community!

Cover Story: Florida Postmarks and Cachets cont.

By: Mike Schumacher

Over the years and throughout the years, there have been many local Florida stamp clubs. For many years the **Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs** helped to organize stamp shows and FLOREX.



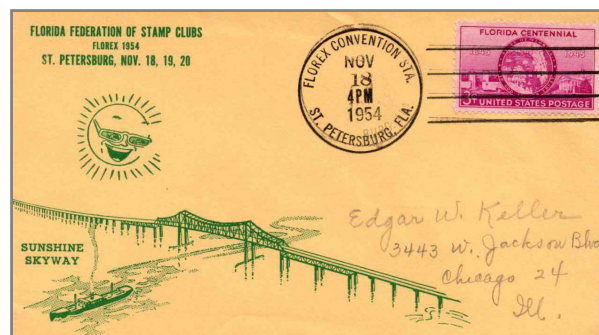
Florida Federation of Stamp Club (past) Exhibitor show medals

Recent Exhibitor show medal

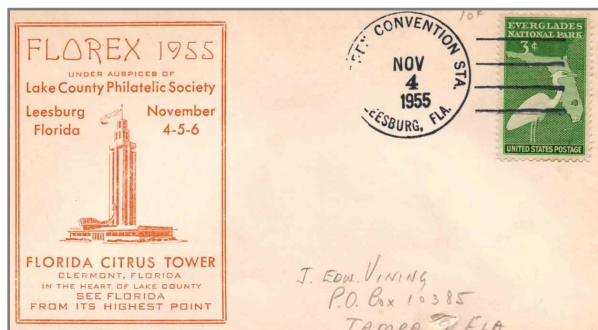
Early Years - Florida Federation of Stamp Club FLOREX cachets



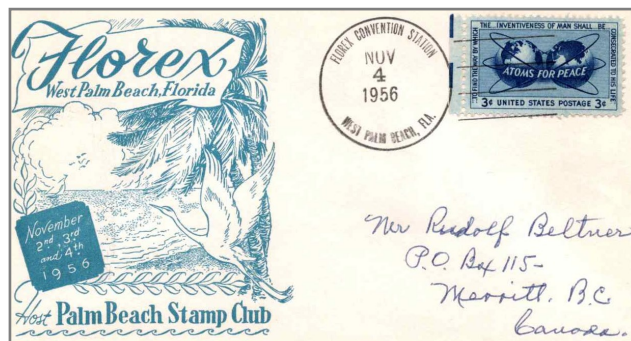
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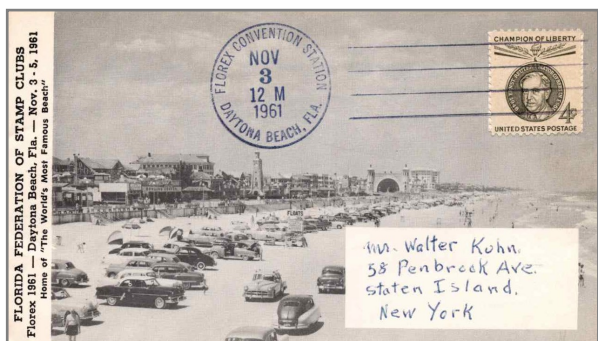
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Palm Beach, FL



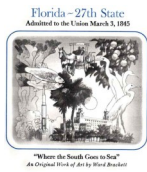
Daytona Beach, FL



West Palm Beach, FL

Cover Story: Florida Postmarks and Cachets cont.

Postmarks and Cachets



Tallahassee
100th Anniversary of statehood

First Postmaster
Ambrose Crane
1825

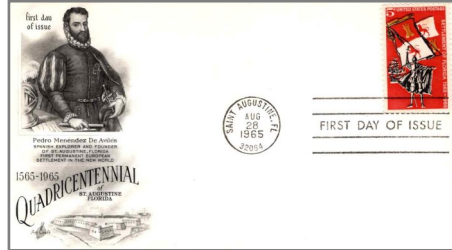


150th Anniversary
FL statehood FDC

FL Gator stamp
Designed by Laura
Smith

Mary "Mollie"
Pridgen served as
Inverness Post-
master 1915-1936

St. Augustine
Governor's House
served as Post
Office 1880s to
1965.
First Postmaster
Jonathan Beers
1821

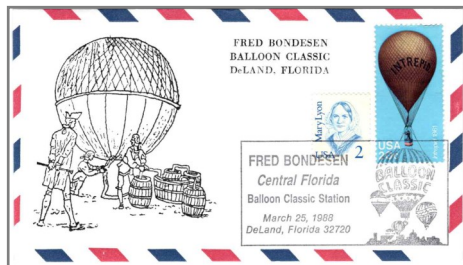


Jacksonville
First Postmaster
John L. Doggett
1824
Jacksonville
Stamp Club—
APS member
since 1978.



Cachet & stamp -400th anniversary first European settlement

The 1895 Post Office—located at Forsyth and Hogan Streets



Special event
cachet/cancel
DeLand, FL

Hot Air
Ballooning
stamp issued
1983



Cocoa Beach PO
built as part of
1939 New Deal
Post Offices

Currently houses
the Florida
Historical Society

Cachet & stamp -200th anniversary first manned balloon flight

Nassau, Bahamas
Jan. 2, 1929
"Come to Nassau,
Bahamas Ideal
Tourist Resort"
receiving cancel
on reverse



Stamp & cachet
commemorate
50th anniversary
of Lindberg's
solo Atlantic
flight



Clearwater's Cleveland St. P.O. was dedicated Oct. 9, 1933.

Helen Keller & Anne Sullivan stamp issued June 27, 1980
They dedicated their lives on behalf of the disabled and
showing that the disabled could lead full productive lives.



The Panama City
P.O. was con-
structed as a New
Deal P.O. 1937-38



Heritage Station was
Palmetto's first free
standing P.O. built
in 1880.
Mary Nettles was
Postmaster from
1880-1897.

Ponce de Leon in his search for the Fountain of Youth
discovered Florida in 1513. Stamp issued Oct. 12, 1982

The need for communications between FL Governor Andrew Jackson and federal officials in 1821, when the Spanish transferred Florida to America played an essential role in developing post offices, post roads and routes. Post riders carried the mail to Milledgeville, Georgia and then messengers carried the correspondence to wherever Gov. Jackson was camped.

As the saying goes: "The rest is history." There is much to be learned & enjoyed in collecting covers!

1937 EVERGLADES ROUTE AM-31

By Thomas Lera

In my research on registered mail between 1857 and 1904, I discovered this eBay item, number 145816891438.

It is a First Flight Cover Registered Airmail with an auxiliary Second Notice handstamp.

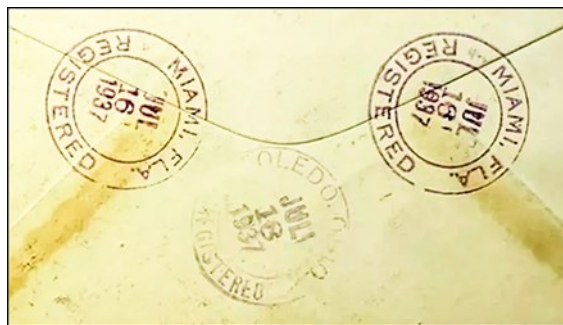
A First Flight Cover (FFC) is a subset of First Day Covers (FDC).

The First Flight of the Everglades Route AM-31 handstamp shows the flight started in St. Petersburg and ended in Miami with intermediary stops in Sarasota and Fort Myers. The handstamp is clearly struck held by two feathered wings hovering above, a fisherman catching a tarpon on the left, and a waving bathing beauty on the right.

On the reverse are two magenta double circle REGISTERED handstamps from MIAMI, FLA. dated Jul 16 1937 and a black REGISTERED double circle handstamp from TOLEDO, OHIO dated Jul 18 1937.

The initial REGISTERED No. 21631 was applied in Miami, with the Second Notice Registered No. 1331 applied in Toledo. The 6¢ Wing Globe stamp (Scott C19) was the air mail rate, the 15¢ Statue of Liberty (Scott 566) the registry rate. The double oval cancellation was used on this registered letter.

The auxiliary Second Notice handstamp was applied on Jul 21, 1937, which leads one to assume the first notice was left upon delivery circa Jul 19. The letter was probably picked up on or after Jul 22.



First Flight Everglades Route AM-31 from St. Petersburg to Miami, July 16, 1937.

First Flight covers, both domestic and international, have remarkable cachets and handstamps commemorating flight. See the website for the American Air Mail Society (www.americanairmailssociety.org) for more information.

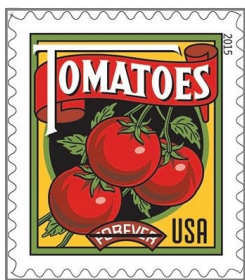
Questionable Ebay: #20

By Francis Ferguson



Listing “US stamp 1893, 2, ERROR of perforation, Non perforated at top, rare Landing”. Starting bid of \$99.00, shipping of \$4.02, seller does not accept returns. This seller currently has 287 lots for sale – a quick review shows; coins, stamps, knitting supplies, books, door knobs and a whole bunch more. None of the philatelic items being offered are worth anywhere near what the starting bid is. The item at left was offered to me at a discount as a follower of the listing – but the offer of \$80 was declined for obvious reasons. The top of the stamp is NOT imperforate, but rather a victim of a pair of scissors, leaving a stump of perforations on the right top edge. Stuff like this is just egregious and does nothing to promote the hobby.

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You say, To-may-toe & I say, Ta-ma-toe! Some say, “Astabula” and some say, “Astatula”

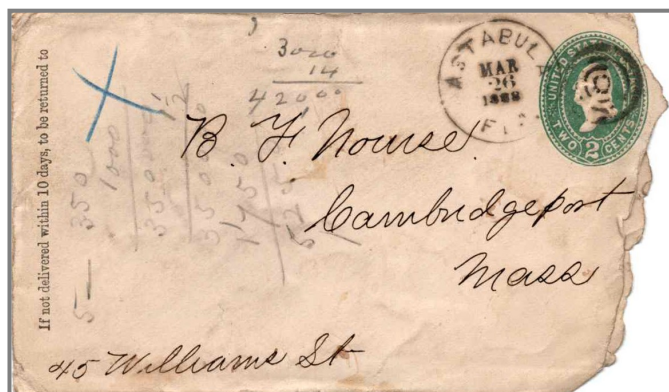
By Mike Schumacher

Just a short ride down the road from me on the east side of Little Lake Harris (formerly known as Lake Astatula) is Astatula, FL. An Indian name meaning “Dancing Sunbeams”. A town of about 2000 people. According to the “History of Lake County” the area was settled in 1872 by T.A. and Mary C. Hux, who purchased the land from Col. John M. Bryan and began to raise cotton, corn, sugarcane, citrus and cattle. The corn grown by Mr. Hux was used to feed the laborers building the railroad from Astor to Ft. Mason.

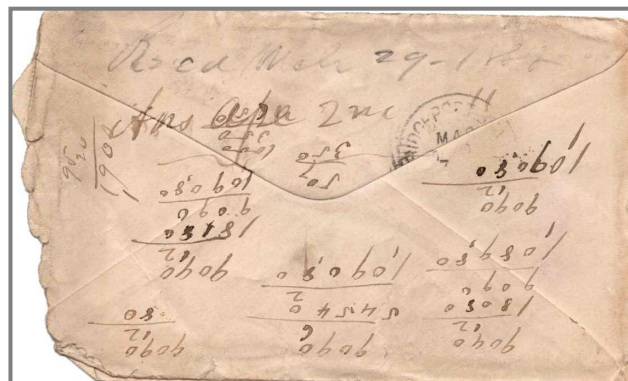
In the 1880s, a sawmill was built on Little Lake Harris by O. A. Wells. The area was so sparsely humanly populated at the time, that there were actually more bears, foxes and panthers that lived there. The Post Office was created on December 8, 1884 with Daniel W. Lowell as the first Postmaster. The town was incorporated on May 5, 1927.

Now here is where the story gets interesting—according to the Daily Commercial newspaper (May 13, 2018) “There was some discrepancy over the name of the town Astatula, at least with the United States Postal Service and The Florida State Gazetteer and Business Directory published in 1886-87. The town was listed as Astabula in Volume 1 of the directory. That is also the name given by the U.S. Post Office when service began on May 17, 1882. The post office officially changed the name to Astatula on July 24, 1894. The following covers provide proof of the town name change by the post office.

Letters to Benjamin F. Nourse
“Astabula” Mar. 26, 1888



Reverse side



“Astabula” Jul. 14, 1888



Reverse side

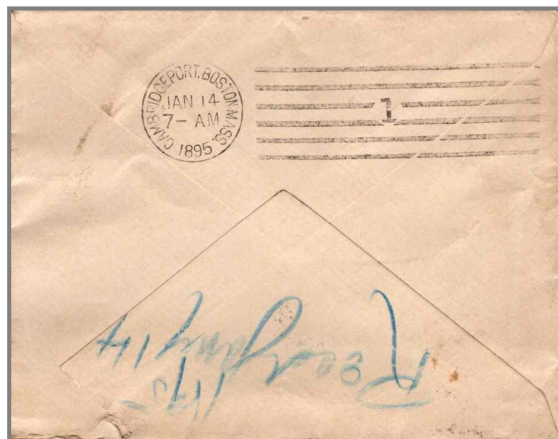


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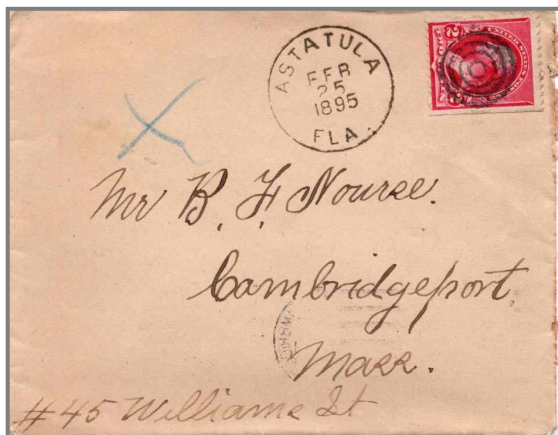
Letters to Benjamin F. Nourse
 “Astatula” Jan. 10, 1895



Reverse side - Arrival date: Jan. 14, 1895



“Astatula” Feb. 25, 1895



Reverse side - Arrival date: Feb. 28, 1895



P.S. Within the first few months of my retiring and moving to Florida from Minnesota in early 2016, I happened upon an ad for a postal worker needed at the Astatula post office for which I applied, but unfortunately I did not get hired. What a bummer, as I thought that would have been a cool job to do.

Questionable Ebay: #20 cont. By Francis Ferguson



Listing “US # 1204v (1962) MNH, 4c EFO: Yellow inverted (New: 4 position color shift)”. Starting bid of \$450.00, free shipping, 30 days return policy.

This serial fabulist has over 5,000 items for sale, ranging from articles of clothing, CDs, stamps, books, and even a modern un-inverted Jenny (for \$540,000, which is at least 100 times the catalog value of a single!).

This particular item offered -- is a group of four singles of the well documented versions of the printing of Scott 1204. Sheets of 1204 can be found in discount postage bins on a regular bases for less than face value. There is nothing rare here.

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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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