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THE COVER STORY

Carpatho-Ukraine and I

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Pre-Meeting Dinner Plans:

Club members are invited to meet for dinner prior to the meeting the first meeting of the month at the newly opened A Gourmet Chinese Cuisine, 1101 E. Colonial Drive (this is the same location as the previous place — Chuan Lu Garden — where we went for years.) There is plenty of parking in the rear. At the second meeting of the month we meet at the IHOP restaurant at 646 E. Colonial Drive at 4:30pm. Bring your appetite & topics for discussion.

Upcoming Meetings:

April 2: Called auction in the Oak Room. Bring your material to sell. AfterGlow will be presented by Francis Ferguson on the use of the White's Color Guides.

April 16: Presentation "Transports" by Francis Ferguson. In the Oak Room with a silent auction.

Recap of March meetings:

The first meeting of March had 9 show for dinner and 33 signed in for the meeting. The called auction by Robert Sazama sold 22 lots for a total of \$677.50.

The second meeting recorded 11 for dinner and 31 signed in for the meeting. The GPS meeting hosted 6 in attendance. The door prize went to Jerry Eller and the 1st Quarter Birthday Certificate was won by James Auffant who almost nailed the exact number! The presentation by Newt Kulp on the Scott's Back of Book issues was enlightening. The silent auction sold 20 lots for a total of \$206.75.

AfterGlow Sessions 2026

02.05	Swedish Issue of 1988, F. Ferguson
03.05	Overrun Countries, F. Ferguson
04.02	The Whites Guides to Color, F. Ferguson
05.07	Specialized Collections, F. Ferguson
06.04	ID of Stamped Envelops, N. Kulp
07.02	Watermarking US-WW, J. Eller
08.06	TBD
09.03	TBD
10.01	TBD
11.05	TBD
12.03	None

Sessions start around 7:30pm and have to wrap by 7:55pm without fail.

GPS Meetings 2026

The GPS Chapter #23 group meets from 2pm until 4:30pm at the second meeting of the month. Come on and join an interesting group.

Newest Members

Jim Crescitelli of Winter Park has joined us in March and has been assigned #787. He collects "Various Things". Welcome to the club!

SHOW SCHEDULE 2026

CFSC Spring One Day Show, April 4
FSDA Summer One Day Show, June 6
FSDA Fall One Day Show, September 5
www.FloridaStampShows.com

FLOREX 2026 December 4-5
www.FLOREXStampShow.com

Sign Up Available

The greeting table sign up sheet for the April 4th show is available for you to add your name. This is a great way to meet people and have a conversation about our wonderful hobby. Shift times run two hours. Come on out and have some fun!

Writers are Needed

We are always looking for articles for this newsletter. Help us to make the magic happen every month.

Picnic 2026

We hope to see a nice turnout for the April 5th Picnic. The club will provide hamburgers and hotdogs — bring a side dish to share. Word is there may be some fun activities for one and all.

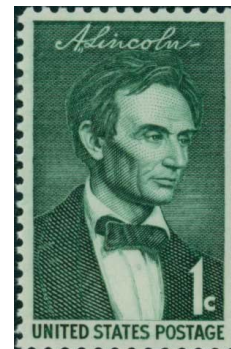
April 4, Spring 2026 Show

Nine dealers will be booth holders. Come on down and have some fun looking and hunting. You never know what you may find!

Quotables

"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

Abraham Lincoln,
POTUS #16
[1809-1865]



President's Message by Francis Ferguson

What To Be Thankful For.....

There are many things I am thankful for in my life — let me enumerate some of them. I challenge each and every one reading this to do the same thing.

- ◆ I am happy to be involved with a group of philatelic minded folks that enrich my life.
- ◆ Life in retirement is something to be cherished and enjoyed.
- ◆ My husband of nearly 30 years allows me the freedom to be a stamp collector (and be involved).
- ◆ Being able to read a book until midnight without having to worry about waking at 6:30am.
- ◆ Friends of all stripes that add an interesting dimension to my life.
- ◆ Ice cream (chocolate of course), no more words are needed.
- ◆ Pepsi, ice cold — the rare times I indulge (so far this year — zero).
- ◆ Beefy King the four or five times a year I find myself in the area.
- ◆ The fact that I have not set a morning alarm clock but maybe four times in the last two years.
- ◆ The satisfaction of planning, researching and writing an article.
- ◆ “Working” with my collections...there is always something to do!
- ◆ Helping to divest philatelic material into the ecosystem for others to enjoy.
- ◆ The joy of a lovely 30 minute afternoon nap — most days — especially if it is raining.
- ◆ Vacation time away from this state in the mountains of NC near Asheville.
- ◆ The cathartic time spent at the beach with toes in the sand.
- ◆ The satisfaction of working through a two hour gym routine — 3 to 4 times a week.
- ◆ A doctor's appointment that actually produces good news.
- ◆ Music in general from my younger years and specific songs that brings back long ago memories.
- ◆ The privilege of experiencing the passing of years.
- ◆ The sublime joy of petting a purring cat — that actually likes me!

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






The Editor's Box

After a mildly rocky and confused start, I am enjoying my first tenure as the editor of our world famous purveyor of philatelic wisdom and mirth. Er ... so much for trying to resell the Brooklyn Bridge. As usual we are in need of new articles for our award winning newsletter. It is time to put a few brain cells to work, dig up old memories, or brag about your philatelic endeavors and treasures. Long or short articles gratefully accepted.

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The Central Florida Stamp Club is a 80+ 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 \$30 per year, \$6 for youth (free the first year).
- 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 30 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 7:10 Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions. We must be out of the building by 8:00 without exception. AfterGlow sessions once a month.
- The Membership of the CFSC participates as the host and/or 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 03.2026

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