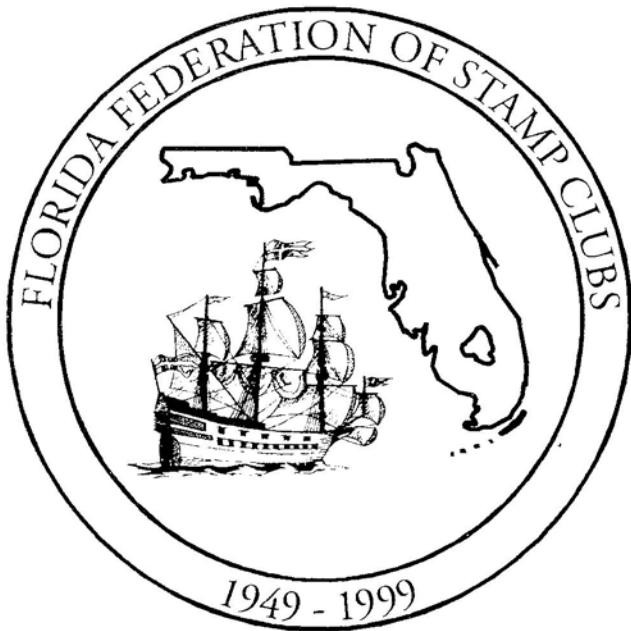


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FLOREX 99

A Salute to Florida Philately



November 5 - 7, 1999
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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

To all we wish to extend a most sincere welcome on behalf of the Officers and members of the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs. The Federation Show has been an annual event of this organization since 1950 when it held its first show in Winter Haven, FL on December 2nd. This show called "The ALL-STATE SHOW" went through name changes to MIPEX and EXSTAMP and in 1954 officially became FLOREX.

We owe our existence to a group of dedicated people both in the Federation and in the show who gave endless hours of their time and service. To the Presidents and Vice-Presidents who led us through our history, the Secretaries and Treasurers who kept the accurate record of our comings and goings of both events and finances. The editors of our paper The Florida Philatelist and the District Directors who kept our state wide organization informed of the events and desires of our many club members, the Chairman and Assistant Chairman of our show. But most of all to the many volunteers who worked so very hard and made it all possible. Without these people who gave of their time and effort, none of this would have happened. These are the people to whom all the honor and glory really belong. We thank the people at the top in their coats but the credit goes to the people who did the work in their shirt sleeves.

As we have said this is our final show under the auspices of the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs. We hope you find this our finest show also. We as members of the Federation will hold many fond memories of our past and present visitors, friends, members, dealers, and judges. We hope when you and if you think of us there will be a smile on your face also. Parting is sad, but think of us with pleasant memories.

On behalf of all the members of the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs and Show Committee, we wish you the very best in all your endeavors.



Edward Walter Parker
President

Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs

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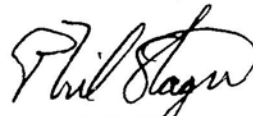
On behalf of the organizing committee and the many member clubs of the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs, welcome to FLOREX 99 - the end of the millennium and the final FLOREX. Why the final FLOREX? Here is why.

Phil Fettig has been either General or Assistant Chairman for 15 years; Barry Savedow has been Bourse Chairman for 15 years; Clyde Jennings has been on the Committee for 29 years; and I have been Assistant or General Chairman for 11 years. It is time for some new blood and fresh faces. Unfortunately, none have come forward.

Our thanks to the Florida Stamp Dealers Association for their generous donation of the Grand Award - a one ounce U.S. Eagle gold bullion coin. Our thanks also the Central Florida Stamp Club for providing volunteers for FLOREX and other major shows in the Orlando area, and a big 'thank you' to the Georgia Federation of Stamp Clubs for the loan of 200 frames.

I extend my personal 'thank you' and well-done to the committee members listed below. Your dedication and hard work has made FLOREX on the great national shows in the U.S. But the end is here. However, this is a celebration and not a wake.

So let's party heartily philatelically one more time.



PHIL STAGER
General Chairman

YOUR SHOW COMMITTEE FOR FLOREX 99

Assistant Chairman Phil Fettig
Exhibits and Awards Jim Pullin
Bourse Barry Savedow
Judges Clyde Jennings
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Youth Bernice Kruppenbacher
Cachet & Souvenir Card Steven Patrick

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, 4 - November

1:30pm-5:30pm American Helvetia Philatelic Society Seminar Lake Dot Room

Friday, 5 - November

10:00am SHOW OPENS Halls 600 & 700
 2:00pm Prexie Study Group Lake Dot Room
 6:00pm SHOW CLOSES
 6:15pm Hospitality Room Opens Marriott

Saturday, 6 - November

9:00am FFSC Board Meeting Hospitality Room
 10:00am SHOW OPENS Halls 600 & 700
 10:00am Cuban Philatelic Society Annual Meeting Lake Eola Room
 10:00am U.S. Newspaper & Periodical Stamps by Roy Whitson Lake Dot Room
 11:00am FFSC General Meeting Lake Dot Room
 12:00am Florida Postal History Society Meeting Lake Eola Room
 12 Noon Judges & Exhibitors Luncheon Marriott
 1:00pm American First Day Cover Society Meeting Lake Eola Room
 1:30pm American Philatelic Society Town Meeting
 with Ann Triggler and Janet Klug Lake Dot Room
 2:00pm America Helvetia Philatelic Society
 General Meeting (2hr) Lake Eola Room
 3:00pm American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Lake Dot Room
 4:00pm Judging Critique Lake Dot Room
 6:00pm SHOW CLOSES
 7:00pm Cocktails Lake Cherokee Room
 7:30pm Awards Banquet Lake Cherokee Room
 9:00pm Hospitality Room Opens Marriott

Sunday, 7 - November

8:00am Dealers Breakfast Marriott
 10:00am SHOW OPENS Hall 600 & 700
 10:00am America Helvetia Philatelic Society Lake Dot Room
 12:00am Cuban Philatelic Society Lake Dot Room
 3:00am SHOW CLOSES - *La commedia è finita*

THE JURY

FLOREX 99 is honored to have the following
past Jury Chairmen on this year's panel.

William H. Bauer - Unadilla, NY FLOREX 88 Jury Chairman
Our Jury Chairman is a Past President of the American Philatelic Society and collects and exhibits Colorado Postal History. He is editor of the Manual of Philatelic Judging and is also an FIP qualified judge.

John Hotchner - Fall Church, VA FLOREX 90 Jury Chairman
John is the immediate Past President of the American Philatelic Society. He is a prolific author as evidenced by his weekly column in Linns and his editorship of The Philatelic Exhibitor. John is also an FIP qualified judge.

Charles LaBlonde - Chelmsford, MA FLOREX 96 Jury Chairman
Chuck is a lifetime collector and exhibitor of classic and modern Swiss postal history. He has authored numerous articles on the subject. He is the only American member of the Swiss Consilium Philatiliae Helveticae.

Roger Schnell - Ft. Lauderdale, FL FLOREX 94 Jury Chairman
Roger is President of the American Philatelic Congress and has collected and exhibited Danish West Indies (for which he received the Champion of Champions Award in 1989) Nevis, Iceland, and Germany. Roger is also an FIP qualified judge.

Ann Triggler - Clarence, NY FLOREX 95 Jury Chairman
Ann is a Director of the American Philatelic Society and a board member of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and Vice-president of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors. Ann collects and exhibits the postal history of Wales, a thematic titled Ichthyology, and postal stationery. She is the US representative to the FIP Thematic Commission and is also an FIP qualified judge.

Richard Drews - Chicago, IL
Richard was scheduled to be a future Jury Chairman, but we closed the show before he had an opportunity. He was the Grand Award winner at FLOREX 94 and the Champion of Champions winner in 1997.

EXHIBIT AWARDS

GRAND AWARD - One ounce U.S. Gold Eagle coin donated by the Florida Stamp Dealers Association; awarded to the best exhibit in open competition.

RESERVE GRAND AWARD - U.S. Gold Half Eagle coin awarded to the second best exhibit in open competition.

Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze, and Bronze Medals

Awarded without limit at the jury's discretion to exhibits in open competition.

FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD PLACE MEDALS

Awarded to exhibits in the Display Class.

Puerto Rico Philatelic Society

Raul Gandara Award for Excellence in Philately

(Presented by Raul Gandara, Jr.)

American Philatelic Society

Medals of Excellence: Pre-1900, 1900-1940, 1940-1980, Post 1980
Research Award

American Topical Association

First, Second, and Third Place Medals

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors

Excellence of Presentation Awards

Creativity Award

American Helvetia Philatelic Society

Felix Ganz Memorial Grand Award with Gold Medal

Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals

Best One Frame

Novice Award

Cuban Philatelic Society

Grand Award

Special Award

Members Awards

EXHIBIT AWARDS (CONT.)

Bureau Issues Association
Statue of Freedom Medal

Florida Stamp Dealers Association
Best Exhibit by Member of FL Federation of Stamp Clubs

Orlando Postmaster's Award
Best Exhibit of U.S. Stamps

American Airmail Society
Best Aerophilatelic Exhibit

U.S. Philatelic Classics Society
Best Exhibit from the Classic Period

United Postal Stationery Society Award
Marcus White Award

Please visit the Registration Table for a selection of past and current FLOREX souvenirs, cacheted and canceled covers, and souvenir cards.

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FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY

COURT OF HONOR EXHIBIT BY THE FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Florida Postal History Society is honored to have been selected to assemble this Court of Honor Exhibit of Florida Postal History. This exhibit is the joint effort of several members of our Society and represents a unique exhibit of not just one person's collection but a highlight of many collectors' finest examples.

It is appropriate for this the last FLOREX to select an exhibit of Florida Postal History. This exhibit will cover most aspects of of postal history from Florida and will encompass: the British Period (1763-1784), the Second Spanish Period (1784-1819), the pre-territorial or American Military Government Period (1821-1822), the Territorial Period (1822-1845), and the Statehood Period (1845-date), with examples from the Confederate States of America Period (1861-1865). Both rarities and more common usages will be shown. Stampless examples will be a highlight, but usages of U.S. #1 and #2 and other adhesive examples will be shown.

Examples from Confederate Florida will show both stampless and adhesive usages as well as examples of patriotic covers and adversity use of wallpaper and printed forms or maps when envelopes became scarce. All known stampless Provisional examples will also be shown. The Banknote Period will include examples of Postmaster and County postmarks which are quite scarce from Florida. The twentieth century will encompass the Doane, 4-bar, machine, rural free delivery, and R.P.O. postmarks.

In all, this is a remarkable 15 frame exhibit and is well worth viewing. Such an assemblage of Florida Postal History will never again be shown. The Florida Postal History Society thanks the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs and FLOREX for allowing us the oportunity to assemble and display this exhibit.

THE EXHIBITS COURT OF HONOR

Frame	Title	Exhibitor
1-15	Florida Postal History	FL Postal History Society
	Please see description on page 8. It does not get any better than this!	
21-28	Edward All for Love	George T. Guzzio
	Life and times of Edward VIII, from birth through abdication, with a brief epilogue 1894-1972	

The following exhibits received Grand Awards at other national level shows after being accepted for FLOREX and not eligible for competition. We are glad that the exhibitors chose to show them in our Court of Honor.

271-280	The Penny Dominion of New Zealand	Paul Tyler
	Grand Award at Philatelic Fiesta	
	A study of N.Z.'s Penny Dominion with all issued errors, varieties, and overprints. Uses - both foreign and domestic showing rates during period of use.	
311-320	150 Years of U.S. Precancels	Arnold Selengut
	Grand Award at Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition	
	A survey of U.S. local and Bureau precancels from the Pioneer through the present emphasizing unusual usages, precancel postal history, and collecting specialties.	

SHOW DEALERS

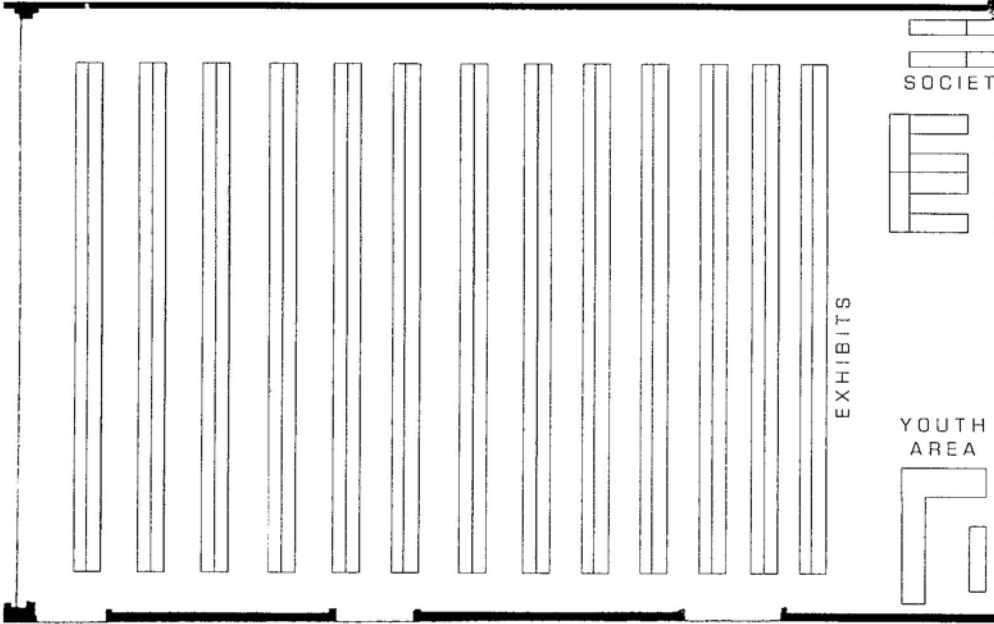
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1.	Quality Stamps	Sarasota, FL
2.	Classic Stamps and Covers	Atlantic Beach, FL
3.	William A. Fox	Hilton Head, SC
4-5.	Winchester Collectibles	Winchester, MA.
6.	Mark-Lane Stamps	West Haverstaw, NY
7.	Suncoast Stamp Co.	Sarasota, FL
8.	Jerome's Express Co.	Southfield, MI
10.	Newport Harbor Stamp Co.	Newport Beach, CA
11.	Carl E. Lipton	Boynton Beach, FL
12.	Ventura Galleries	Westport, CT
13.	RUSTCO	Lima, OH
14.	H & S Rogg/EDKEN	Port Richey/Tampa, FL
15.	Philatelic Consultants	Atlanta, GA
16.	Court Street Stamp & Coin	Clearwater, FL
17.	Robert Hart Stamps	Jacksonville, FL
18.	BEJJCO, Inc.	Temple Terrace, FL
19.	The Stamp Professor	St. Augustine, FL
20.	Michael A. Banas, Jr. Stamps	Coral Springs, FL
21.	The Stamp Explorer	Jacksonville, FL
22.	Collectors Corner	Destin, FL
23.	Ameen Stamps	Houston, TX
24-25	S. George Trager	Miami Beach, FL
26.	Browse House	Holly Hill, FL
27.	Jerry Siegel	Hallandale, FL
28.	Winter Park Stamp Shop	Winter Park, FL
29.	A & R Stamp & Coin, Inc.	Kissimmee, FL
30.	A & R Worldwide	Seal Beach, CA
31.	Martin R. Farber	Glen Oaks, NY
32.	Armstrong Philatelics	Chatsworth, CA
33.	Albany Stamp Company	Charleston, SC

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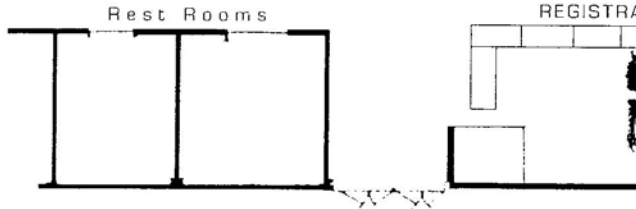
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34.	Michael	Titusville, FL
35.	Collectors Exchange	Altamonte Springs, FL
36.	Edward F. Palmer	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
37.	Coughlin's	Washougal, WA
38.	Queen City Coins & Stamps	LaFayette, GA
39-40.	New England Stamp	Naples, FL



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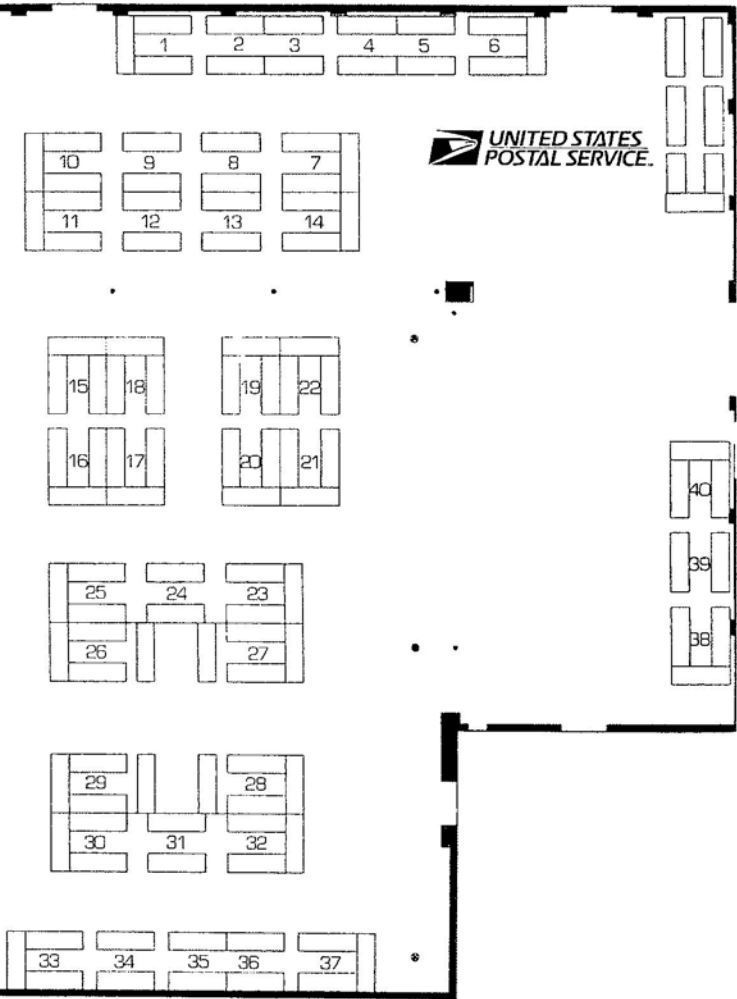


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COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

16-20 **FLOREX Memorabilia (D)** Stephen Patrick
A review of past FLOREX show souvenirs, cancels, cachets, cards, etc.

29 **Stampless Florida/ A Sampling** Anonymous
A small but strong representation of "stampless era" Florida territorial and early Statehood covers and folded letter wrappers. A variety of rates, stamper colors and M/S markings.

30 **Hawaiian Fly** Anonymous
A compilation of Kingdom of Hawaii postal issues, all forms, pertaining to fly spec type errors, omissions, inking shifts, etc.

31-40 **Cuban Maritime Mail** Yamil H. Kouri, Jr.
Maritime mail to and from Cuba until its entry into the UPU.

41-43 **Cuban Insurgents Mail During the Wars of Independence** Yamil H. Kouri, Jr.
The stamps and postal history of the Cuban Revolutionary Government during the wars of independence from Spain.

44-45 **Irish Railway Stamps** Raymond H. Murphy
From 1891 to the present; different railway variations and follow-ons through partition, independence, and nationalization.

46-55 **A Cuban Postal Stationery Trilogy** Octavio Cabrera
Spanish Colony - U.S. Administration - Republic (1878-1958)
A traditional exhibit of postal stationery issued or sanctioned for use in Cuba during three distinct political periods.

56-60 **Half Real of 1855-1857, Plating on Cover** Fernando J. Iglesias
Plating of the first issue on cover showing rates and usages. A total of 170 positions were printed per sheet in three different platings over ten years; 1855 to 1864 with varieties.

61-70 **Cuba - Republican Era - Errors & Varieties** Silvia Garcia-Frutos
Pages of a collection to exhibit errors, varieties, and everything else different before or after the stamps were printed.

71-75 **Cuba: The British & French Post Offices** Fernando J. Iglesias
The study of rates, postal markings, usages for both the Havana and Santiago de Cuba post offices; routes and early and late usages.

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS (CONT.)

76-83 **Cuba: The Stamps of King Alfonso XII, 1876-88** Ernesto Cuesta
A study of the regular issues and their main varieties with emphasis on usages.

84-89 **Cuba: The Stamps of King Alfonso XIII, 1890-98** Ernesto Cuesta
A study of the regular issues and their main varieties with emphasis on usages.

90 **A Postal History of Rixheim** Stanley J. Luft
A 1 frame exhibit of the five national postal administrations of this community, plus a one-of-a-kind interlude.

91-100 **Spain: 1854-1869 - Postal Markings and Uses** Gerardo Alvarez
Stamps, postal markings, and usages of the era.

101-110 **Cuba XIX Century** Anonymous
An introduction to the prephilatelic era followed by complete issues from 1855 to 1898 in blocks of 4 including telegraphs and official stamps.

111-120 **Puerto Rico - Selected Pages** Frank Acevedo
The Spanish period, prephilatelic, first issues, British & French Postal Agencies and U.S. Administration.

120-129 **Cuba - The Republican Period** Fernando J. Iglesias
Errors, varieties, proofs arranged chronologically by year from 1902 to the early 1960s.

130-137 **Cuba - Air Mail Services (1914-1939)** Robert B. Spooner
The one pioneer attempt; development of national and international service; post office sponsored glider and postal rocket trials.

138-140 **Origins of Swiss Aviation (1913-1918)** George Struble
The Flugtage and other activities of the Flugspende in 1913 and the philatelic aspects of the Flieger-Abteilung during World War I.

141-150 **Switzerland Revenues - The Cantonal Issues** Donald Lueck
The exhibit shows a variety of the Cantonal Revenues including pre-stamp revenue paper.

151-160 **Switzerland Postage Due Charges** Harlan F. Stone
Penalties for unpaid and partially paid mail, domestic 1862 to 1967 and international 1875 to 1971.

161-165 **Orange Free State: Postal Cards of 1884-1900** R. Timothy Bartsche
London printed and the myriad of provisional postal cards issued meeting the needs of rate changes. Types, varieties and usages displayed in detail.

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS (cont.)

- 166-175 **Switzerland Railroad Post Office Markings, 1858-1900** James A. Anderson
Illustrating the development of the Swiss railway postal delivery system with related markings emphasizing routes and a variety of usages.
- 176-180 **Transition to Prepayment of Postage - 1840 to UPU.** H.L. Arnould
Prepayment, partial prepayment and combination usage; private ship letters, non-governmental postal services, North German Postal Union, and Italo-Austrian League.
- 181-186 **Swiss Fondue** Bruce Marsden
An overview of Swiss and Liechtenstein philately that can for the basis for a collection of interest.
- 187-194 **The Swiss Imperforate Sitting Issue, 1854-1862** Steve P. Turchik
A specialized exhibit of Swiss "Strubles".
- 195 **Switzerland's Golden Franc** Harlan F. Stone
The highest value of the 1862-81 Sitting Helvetia issue.
- 196-203 **Swiss Airmail: A Look at the First 50 Years** Richard L. Fath
Swiss aerophilately from 1919 - 1969.
- 204-209 **Swiss Official Stamps of the U.N.** Anthony F. Dewey
A study of the Swiss official stamps issued for use by the UNEO and the international agencies associated with the UN.
- 210 **Switzerland 1854-62, The Strubeli, An Overview** John F. Barrett, Jr.
Examples of each printing, cancellation types, printing inks, domestic and certain foreign uses, printing methods, and silk thread-imbedded paper production.
- 211-218 **Aid from Swiss Organizations to Civilian and POWs During World War I**
Private and official organizations
Georges Schild
- 219-221 **Military Stamps of Switzerland, 1914-1918** Rudy Schaelchli
Selected pages from a Swiss Military Soldier collection.
- 222-224 **Pro Juventute** John F. Barrett, Jr.
A chronological display of all issues through 1997 including examples of proofs, sheets, booklet panes, printing flaws, varieties, usages, special cancels, and stationery
- 225 **A Lady's Collection** Frances Dixon
A view of U.S. postal usages including incoming foreign and social customs portrayed with miniature covers.

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS (cont.)

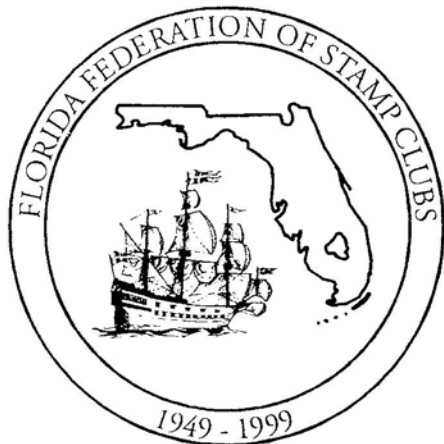
- 226-233 **Switzerland and World War II** Ernest L. Bergman
A special study of preserving independence and assisting needy Swiss & foreigners as shown by regular mail, surtax, censored, internment camps, ICRC, BIE, and Campione d'Italia materials.
- 234-240 **Famous Americans at Work** John Grabowski
A study of the usages of the U.S. Famous American Series, 1940-1942.
- 241-250 **Collecting Prexie Postal History** Jeffrey Shapiro
A selection of notable usages representing the 51 varieties of the Fifth Bureau Issue (1938 Presidential Series).
- 251-254 **United States Newspaper and Periodical Stamps** Roy L. Whitson
Showing the issued stamps and usages and selected pages of special printings, overprints, die, plate, and trial color proofs, fakes, and facsimiles.
- 255 **The First U.S. Postal Notes, 1883-1894** Peter Martin
A study of the seven types of 19th Century U.S. Postal Notes, including first and last day usages, proofs and rarities.
- 256-265 **The United States Domestic Two Cent Rate: 1792-1979** Earle F. Plyler
Postal history of the Laws and Regulations for the 2 cent Domestic Rate including the various 2 cent indicia from manuscript and stamps to meters.
- 266-270 **Philippines: Errors and Varieties on Stamps of the Surcharge Era, 1881-88** Richard Miggins
Focus is on the multiple errors which occurred during the hand stamping of these provisional issues, including numerous unique and rare items.
- 281-285 **E.F.O.s on U.S. Stamps** Carlos San Martin, Jr.
Freaks and oddities on United States stamps during the production of same, using singles, blocks or sheets and covering common printing and perforation varieties.
- 286-295 **To Conquer the Sky** Daniel Olsen
Early in our existence mankind moved over the Earth and conquered the seas. But the dream to fly like birds was only realized a short while ago. This exhibit of maximum cards traces the dream and the realization.
- 296-299 **F.A.M. 14: 1935 - 1943** William J. Drummond
The initial trans-Pacific route of flown mail covering survey flights, first flights, and supplementary flights.

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS (CONT.)

- 300 **The Postal Cards of the Second Spanish Republic (1931-39)**
Postal cards issued by the government with emphasis on Arturo Martin-de-Nicolas
circulated items including overprints and one rare specimen double card.
- 301-310 **The Development of Hungarian Airmail (1896-1945)** Paul Sziliagy
Selected pages showing the development of Hungarian airmail from pioneer attempts to
WWI to the TransAtlantic flights and WWII airmails.
- 321-328 **United States Airmail, Nov 12, 1910 - Jun 30, 1924** Allen D. Jones
Early U.S. airmail from the pioneer period of 1910-16 through the test flights leading up
to the transcontinental air mail routes.
- 329-330 **Ya Gotta Have Balls (D)** Clyde Jennings
A fun exhibit in the Display Class having a look at the game of golf and its players.
- 331-338 **Postal History of Tasmania, 1824-1870 Marks, Routes & Rates**
Local, inland and overseas mail showing: Early developments John F. Cress
(Van Diemen's Land) 1824-53; consolidation of regulations and routes, 1853-70;
expansion and public benefits, 1870-1900.
- 339-344 **Special Cancellations of Germany's Third Reich, the Pre-war Years (D)**
A representative selection of special cancels of Germany George E. Kuhn
from 1933-38, the early years of the Third Reich, a long overlooked field of philately.
- 346-351 **Masters of the Night** Thomas Lera
Highly sophisticated, gentle, and beneficial allies of man, bats are the least understood
and most maligned of the world's mammals.
- 352-359 **Postage Dues of the British Empire and Commonwealth**
The story of the evolution of the design and production of David L. Herendeen
postage due stamps of the British Empire and Commonwealth between 1883 and the
1960s.
- 360 **Dates - The Genus *Phoenix*** Phillip J. Stager
A study of the palm genus *Phoenix* with an emphasis on the edible date palm
(*P. dactylifera*) and its relation to man.
- 361-368 **The 1959-1987 United States Postage Due Issue** Jay Jennings
The stamps and their uses.
- 369-375 **The Philately of the French Expositions** Stanley J. Luft
Postal artifacts produced for French International Expositions and Philatelic Exhibitions.

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS (cont.)

- 376-383 **Lithuania: 1916 - 1941, A Philatelic Study of an Unconquerable Spirit (D)**
Lithuania through the millennium has been occupied many times but remained unconquered. The exhibit will show an example of this spirit of the Lithuanian culture from German occupation of WWI up to the beginning of WWII. Ronald W. Yankowski
- 384-387 **A B-I-I-I-I-G Bellyache (D)**
Some of the edible and potables man consumes to sustain life. Clyde Jennings
- 388-390 **COCONUTS**
A study of the coconut palm (*Cocos nucifera*) and its relation to man and the environment. N.U. Cifera



CUBAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

Our Society was organized early in 1971, as a cooperative effort for the purpose of promoting the Cuban philately and philatelic friendship among its members; assisting them in acquiring philatelic knowledge, and sponsoring studies and research of the Postal History and Stamps of Cuba.

From our small beginning, we now have several hundred members, including, student, collectors, and specialists; residing in the United States and abroad. Among them are members of the American Philatelic Society, the Philatelic Foundation, the Collectors Club of New York and many other prestigious organizations. We stress cooperative efforts and all members are urged to contribute with their knowledge. Thus, any member is at liberty to solicit information on his/her problem or research.

We also publish, three times a year each, the philatelic bilingual journals, "The Cuban Philatelist" and "El Boletín," the first one contains outstanding articles on all aspects of philately and the second one news about the Society and the philatelic world in addition to our mail auctions, which will give you the opportunity to dispose of your surplus material or acquire desirable ones.

If you find the above of interest, you are cordially invited to join our Society.

For more information and a copy of the latest issues of "El Boletín" and the Cuban Philatelist," please write to:

Cuban Philatelic Society of America, Inc
P. O. Box 141656
Coral Gables, Florida 33114-1656



Nuestra Sociedad fue fundada a principios de 1971 en un esfuerzo conjunto para promover la filatelia cubana y la amistad filatélica entre sus asociados, asistiéndolos a adquirir conocimientos filatélicos y patrocinando estudios e investigaciones de la historia postal de Cuba, así como su emisiones postales.

Desde nuestro pequeño comienzo, hemos llegado a tener varios cientos de socios, entre los que se encuentran estudiosos, coleccionistas principiantes, medios y avanzados, que residen tanto en Estados Unidos como en el resto del mundo. Entre ellos se encuentran coleccionistas muy reconocidos, y muchos miembros de la American Philatelic Society, la Philatelic Foundation, the Collectors Club of New York y otras organizaciones de igual prestigio.

Nosotros le damos el mayor énfasis al apoyo de nuestros socios y tratamos de que los miembros con mayor experiencia contribuyan a dar la mayor y mejor información de acuerdo con sus conocimientos.

Así que todo asociado se encuentra en libertad de obtener información que le aclare sus dudas o trabajo de investigación.

La «Cuban Philatelic Society of America» publica dos revistas bilingües cada cuatrimestre: «The Cuban Philatelist» y «El Boletín». En la primera de estas publicaciones encontrará los mejores artículos sobre la filatelia cubana y en la segunda noticias sobre lo que está pasando en la Sociedad y el mundo de la filatelia además de una subasta que le dará la oportunidad de vender su material sobrante o de adquirir piezas que le faltan.

Si lo expuesto anteriormente le parece interesante, está cordialmente invitado a unirse a nuestra Sociedad.

Para información adicional, así como para recibir una copia del último número de «El Boletín» y «The Cuban Philatelist», escribanos.

AMERICAN HELVETIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

By Harlan F. Stone

The American Helvetia Philatelic Society (AHPS) is the largest group for collectors of Switzerland outside that country. The current organization dates from 1975 but traces its lineage back to 1938. That year six Swiss and three Americans founded the original Society for Collectors of Switzerland in Philadelphia.

Today AHPS offers a full range of services to more than 450 collectors primarily in the United States, but also in Canada, Great Britain and Switzerland, from new issue fans to international exhibitors.

AHPS members have said, in a past survey, that they collect Swiss stamps for one of four reasons: family ties to Switzerland, the experience of living or visiting there, the fine design and printing quality of Swiss stamps, or the country's solid reputation for a conservative stamp-issuing policy and hard currency.

The society's primary service is its bimonthly journal named *Tell* after William Tell, the legendary Swiss folk hero. This publication contains original research articles, translations, new stamp issue information, literature reviews, society news, reports on related activities by societies in Switzerland and Great Britain, and advertisements from U.S. and foreign dealers.

An AHPS cumulative index, starting in 1938, lists articles published in all the U.S. society publications for collectors of Switzerland up to 1985. A supplement covers 1986-1997.

Bimonthly mail auctions, included in *Tell*, contain both popular and specialized stamps and postal history covers. These auctions are also available on-line with computer-scanned images of the lots in color.

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Sales circuit books are distributed to members with material matching their interests as a service to both buyers and sellers.

Six AHPS slide shows and a video film are available on loan to any organization. An introductory show is called "Switzerland: A Panorama of Its Postal History and Stamps." Another describes the history of the St. Gotthard Railway from 1882 to 1982 through philatelic material.

Swiss-designed medals for exhibit awards are available to all U.S. shows for the best exhibits of Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Swiss-related United Nations material. These AHPS awards include the Sophie Buser Memorial Youth Award, named for one of the society's 1938 founders, who died in 1997.

AHPS national conventions are held in different parts of the country every 12 to 18 months. Convention exhibition awards include a best one-frame award, a novice award, and the Felix Ganz Memorial Grand Award, named for an internationally-known researcher, prolific writer and frequent exhibitor who died in 1990.

An affiliate of AHPS is Liechtenstudy for collectors of Liechtenstein. This group has grown to be a major organization in its own right, with official assistance from the Principality of Liechtenstein.

AHPS is Affiliate No. 52 of the American Philatelic Society. It is also a member of the Union of Swiss Philatelic Societies, giving AHPS members access to the union's monthly journal *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung (SBZ)* and the opportunity to exhibit in Swiss shows.

AHPS annual dues are \$20 in North America or \$30 overseas. Membership information is available from the secretary, Richard T. Hall, P.O. Box 666, Manhattan Beach, CA 90267.

PRESIDENTIAL SERIES COMMITTEE BUREAU ISSUES ASSOCIATION

We are a group of Twentieth Century stamp and postal history enthusiasts interested in the 1938 Presidential Series (or simply The Prexies) from their issuance in 1938 through the late '50s when the series was replaced by the Liberty Definitives.

The Committee has grown over the past few years to include other stamps issues of the time period (i.e., Famous Americans, Overrun Countries, and the Transport Air Mails).

Our Committee is a sub-group of the Bureau Issues Association (BIA), the society dedicated to the study of our nation's postage stamps. We currently have over 100 members, a periodic newsletter, and regional meetings at national stamps shows around the country.

Our membership is open to all. There are no formal dues requirements, but we do depend on the "kindness" of members, whether through money, postage, or auction donations.

For a sample of the Committee's newsletter, please contact:

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FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Florida Postal History Society is pleased to be honored at this, the final FLOREX, with a 15 frame **Court of Honor** exhibit of Florida Postal History. Our Society is deeply associated with the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs and FLOREX. The Florida Postal History Society was re-activated at an organizational meeting held at FLOREX on November 6, 1992. The Society had been the idea of several postal historians interested in Florida Postal History and had its roots in the early 1980's with the late Larry Resnick spear-heading the idea. Unfortunately, it lay dormant until 1992. An initial 44 Charter members joined in 1992. Deane R. Briggs, M.D., was elected as the first President, with Donald G. Thompson, as Vice President, and the late William J. Bomar as Secretary-Treasurer.

Membership now numbers 98. The Society is recognized as the American Philatelic Society Affiliate Number 227. Niles F. Schuh is the current President, Herbert P. McNeal, past President, Donald G. Thompson, Vice President and Deane R. Briggs, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer. Meetings of the Society have been held annually at FLOREX, and since this year will be the last FLOREX, subsequent meetings will be held in February each year at the Sarasota National Stamp Exposition. The Society publishes a very scholarly *Florida Postal History Journal* semi-annually.

Anyone interested in Florida Postal History is encouraged to join the Society. Applications can be obtained from Deane R. Briggs, M.D., 160 E. Lake Howard Dr., Winter Haven, FL 33881, fax (941) 299-7666 or e-mail drb@gte.net. Dues are \$10 per year and includes copies of the journal and pre-publication discounts on society publications such as the recently published text, *Florida Stampless Postal History 1763 - 1861*. This text is a significant expansion of the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs 1957 Handbook, *Florida Postal History and Postal Markings During the Stampless Period*, published by the Palm Beach Stamp Club. This new text is 320 pages of maps, reference data and actual full size tracings of all known stampless markings. It is limited to a total publication of 500 copies. A limited number of soft-bound "Otobind" copies are still available for purchase at the Central Florida Stamp Club desk for \$45.00. This text is now the definitive reference catalog on Florida "Stampless" postal history.

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