The Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs

FLOREX 99

A Salute to Florida Philately



November 5 - 7, 1999 Orlando Expo Centre & Marriott Downtown Orlando, Florida

SARASOTA NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION

SALUTES FLOREX

We'll miss our partner exhibit in Orlando & sadly say farewell.

All of us in Sarasota extend a hearty invitation to everyone to come on over & stamp with us.

47th Annual

Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition

February 4 - 6, 2000

Feb 4 - 5: 10AM - 6PM

Feb 6: 10AM - 4pM

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Parsident'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 memebrs of the Federation will hold many fond memories of our past and present visistors, 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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WELCOME TO FLOREX 991

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.

General Chairman

YOUR SHOW COMMITTEE FOR FLOREX 99

Assistant Chairman	Phil Fettig
Exhibits and Awards	Jim Pullin
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Finance	Herbert Higley
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Youth	
Cachet & Souvenir Card	
Youth	Bernice Kruppenbacher

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday,	4 - November	
1:30pm-5:30p	om American Helvetia Philatelic Society Seminar	Lake Dot Room
Friday, 5	- November	11.II. (00 8 700
10:00am	SHOW OPENS	Halls 600 & 700
2:00pm	Prexic 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. Newpaper & Periodical Stamps by Roy Whi	tson 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 CoverSociety Meeting	Lake Eola Room
1:30pm	American Philatelic Society Town Meeting	
1.50p	with Ann Triggle and Janet Klug	Lake Dot Room
2:00pm	America Helvetia Philatelic Society	
2.00	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
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	- November	Marriott
8:00am	Dealers Breakfast	Hall 600 & 700
10:00am	SHOW OPENS	Lake Dot Room
10:00am	America Helvetia Philatelic Society	Lake Dot Room
12:00am	Cuban Philatelic Society	Lake Dot Room

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 Triggle - 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 Icthyology, 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 oportunity. He was the Grand Award winner at FLOREX 94 and the Champion of Champions winner in 1997.

SHOW CLOSES - La commedia è finita

3:00am

RXHIBIT 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 (cone.)

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.



<u>FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY</u>

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 Please see description on page 8. It does	FL Postal History Society es not get any better than this!
21-28	Edward All for Love Life and times of Edward VIII, from bi	
	through abdication, with a brief epilog 1894-1972	gue .

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 unsusual usages, precancel postal history, and collecting specialties.

SHOW DEALERS

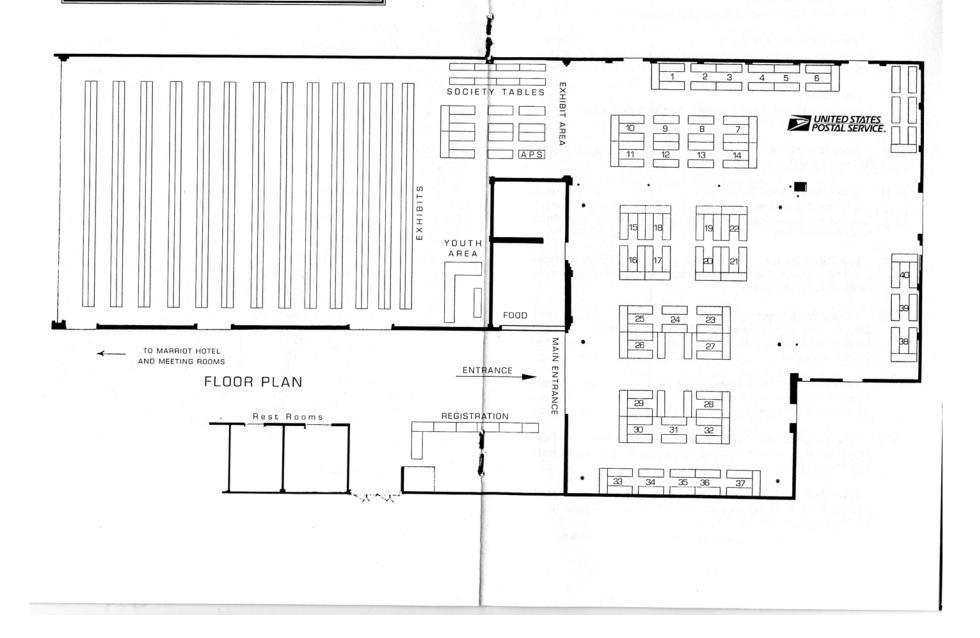
Table	Name	City
1. 2. 3. 4-5. 6. 7. 8. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24-25 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32.	Quality Stamps Classic Stamps and Covers William A. Fox Winchester Collectibles Mark-Lane Stamps Suncoast Stamp Co. Jerome's Express Co. Newport Harbor Stamp Co. Carl E. Lipton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

SHOW DRALERS (CONT.)

Table	e Name	City
34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39-4	Michael Collectors Exchange Edward F. Palmer Coughlin's Queen City Coins & Stamps O. New England Stamp	Titusville, FL Altamonte Springs, FL Ft. Lauderdale, FL Washougal, WA LaFayette, GA Naples, FL



MAP OF FLOREX 99



COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

16-20	FLOREX Memorabilia (D)	Stephen Patric
	A review of past FLOREX show souvenirs, cand	els, 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 Yamil H. Kouri, Jr.
 Wars of Independence
 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 EXCLUSITS (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
 Stamps, postal markings, and usages of the era.

 Gerardo Alvarez
- 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.
- 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 (COIT.)

- 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
 Swiss aerophilately from 1919 1969.

 Richard L. Fath
- 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

 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

 Focus is on the multiple errors which occurred during the Richard Miggins hand tamping 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**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.)

- 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
- 360 Dates The Genus *Phoenix*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 Ronald W. Yankowski
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.

384-387 A B-I-I-I-G Bellyache (D) Clyde Jennings Some of the edible and potables man consumes to sustain life.

388-390 COCONUTS N.U. Cifera
A study of the coconut palm (Cocos nucifera) and its relation to man and the



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 Boletin," 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 arnistad 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 pelvetia 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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AMERICAN HELVETIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY (cont.)

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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Bureau Issues Association



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 reactivated 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* semiannually.

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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