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FLOREX celebrates its 75th Anniversary Exhibition this year.

Thus, as Tevye (in Fiddler on the Roof) would say: "Tradition!". Tradition - the passing of customs from one generation to another. The Central Florida Philatelic Community through the dedicated members of its stamp clubs, dealers, exhibitors, philatelic organizations (The Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs; the Florida Stamp Dealers' Association and the Florida Postal History Society) and philatelic societies has certainly done an outstanding job of creating and achieving "tradition". It is upon this legacy that they created and passed on to us that we honor them, as we celebrate the 75th Anniversary Exhibition! As we celebrate this special event, we also look to the future of building on this legacy and tradition.

This years' show features:

- ★ a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cachet and postmarked covers;
- twenty dealers (many who have attended for decades and been a major part of building this tradition);
- three APS Judges Dr. Peter McCann, John Hotchner, Jay Stotts (who have provided decades of distinguished service);
- the Central Florida Stamp Club members (who annually host and staff the \* show):
- Twenty exhibitors (many who exhibit annually) presenting twenty-seven \* exhibits filling 140 frames - including two Court of Honor Exhibits and three youth exhibits);
- several philatelic societies (who annually participate, provide their \* knowledge and expertise to nourish the tradition and build for the future), and - Show Door Prizes that include: various philatelic items and 1-year paid memberships to the: APS, ATA and AAPE, as FLOREX celebrates its 75th Anniversary Exhibition!

A BIG THANK YOU to the dealers, judges, societies, exhibitors, donors and volunteers (Central Florida Stamp Club, West Volusia Stamp Club, FLOREX Planning Committee) for all that you have done to build, maintain and guide this tradition and legacy throughout the years and into the future!

I welcome you all to the celebration and wish you the best of success at FLOREX 2024. Celebrate, enjoy the show and let me know if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns.

Yours Sincerely,

Mile Schumeler

Mike Schumacher General Chairman, FLOREX



FLOREX has been an annual tradition for 75 years. That is simply an amazing accomplishment. The fact that Central Florida hosts a WSP event is remarkable in many ways. There less than 30 active WSP shows in the country at this time -- and two of them are in Florida. There has been a rather diverse list of folks serving as General Chairman over those years. I am proud and honored to have been part of that list from 2002 to 2021. Now it is Mike Schumacher's turn to lead the charge.

Philately in Central Florida is alive and well - and seen in full display at each FLOREX show. Come on out and be part of the magic. Maybe you will catch a new collecting bug - there are a lot of areas of interest around the world that might thrill you. Browse and find one!

Take the time to investigate the specialty societies in attendance and attend some of the information sessions. Knowledge is always a good thing to acquire. Whether you are meeting philatelic friends of many years or making new ones – it is all good in my book. Have fun.

While I have retired from the daily grind of a vocation, I find the joys of my avocation to be much less stress. I am involved in the local philatelic scene as the show manager for the four small shows held in the Maitland area. Additionally, I am currently the president of the Central Florida Stamp Club and the Florida Postal History Society. If you are interested in attending (and joining) either group please reach out to me. Both groups can go a long way to assist beginners of all kinds and even seasoned collectors of many decades.

#### www.CentralFloridaStampClub.org -or- FPHSonline.com

When you see me on the show floor stop and say hello.

Sincerely,

From Fergion

Francis Ferguson Central Florida Stamp Club, President Florida Postal History Society, President Florida Stamp Dealers' Association, Treasurer



Welcome everybody to FLOREX 2024.

This is our 75<sup>th</sup> year of presenting this event. First let me introduce myself. My name is Mark Tiger and I am the manager and buyer at the Browse House. This is my first year as President of the FSDA and I am also the Bourse Chairman for the show. It is my pleasure to welcome everyone and hope you find everything you had hoped for by attending the show.

Show theme and cachet for this year was an easy choice as we celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the FLOREX show, make sure you get yourself a postmarked cover with the show cachet at the front sign in table. It is mind boggling the amount of time and effort over the years that has gone into keeping this show running. As the Bourse Chair for the last 3 years, I have an appreciation for the work put in by Show Chair Mike Schumacher, as well as those who came before him to be able to keep this going for an amazing seventy-five years.

FLOREX continues to be a World Series of Philately show in conjunction with the APS. I look forward to seeing all the exhibits which at the time of this writing have all been sold out. Make sure to pay special attention to a few special exhibits we have this year including two very special 10 frame Court of Honor Exhibits. "World Rarities and Uniquities" by John Hotchner and "The Story of FLOREX Stamp Show", by Robert Fisher.

This year we welcome 20 dealers occupying 32 booths from all over the United States, as well as a dealer from Canada. As usual you will find a wide variety of material covering all your needs or desires, and hopefully some surprises you were not expecting to find. Enjoy browsing through all the extensive inventories the dealers have brought here for you.

I would like to personally thank all the volunteers that make this event possible, without them we would likely not be able to pull this off year after year. Special thanks to the Central Florida Stamp Club, as well as volunteers from the West Volusia Stamp Club, without these groups of dedicated individuals' things would not get done. Please be sure to thank our volunteers as you encounter them on the floor. Special thanks to Show Chair Mike Schumacher who has gone over the top this year to make the show a success.

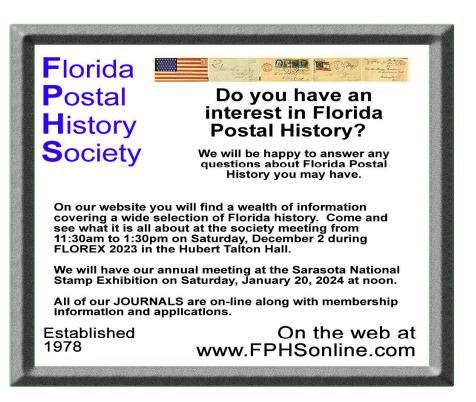
If you have any questions or concerns, please visit me at the Browse House Booth #25 -- or track down our Show Chairman Mike Shumacher.

I look forward to meeting and talking to everyone this year. Enjoy the show!

Mark Tiger Florida Stamp Dealers' Association, President

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# **Closed Album 2024**

#### Sy Bricker 1944-2024 M.T.O. Stamps

One of the saddest things I have to do is to write about the passing of a longtime FLOREX booth holder who was by every measure an outstanding dealer and a close friend for more than 20 years.



Sy Bricker passed away on 06.24.24 at the age

of 80, at home with his loving wife Lucy at his side, after a protracted slow-paced illness that stole his identity from him.

Sy was a teacher for 32 years in Rockland County NY, where he was beloved by his junior school students (grades 7 & 8). Early retirement at the age of 55 brought them to Lakewood Ranch where they settled into a fulfilling retirement with golf, stamps and travel on the agenda. Sy and Lucy celebrated 58 years of marriage this past spring.

They were a fixture on the show scene for nearly two decades. Sy was the consummate dealer with a deep well of knowledge on U.S. material with a quick wit and easy smile – Lucy was the side-kick -- who by her own admission was the "driver" – with a heavy foot! What a pair they made. Their loyal following of collectors was evident at every show they attended. MTO Stamps could be found at FLOREX, SNSE and at many local shows throughout South & Central Florida. (Who was aware that MTO were the initials for Monroe Toy Outlet?) The last show that they attended was September of 2018.

Sy would have grumbled at me for this -- his full first name was **"Seymour".** He did not like being called that – so it was simply "Sy". Rest in peace my friend, you will be missed and will be long remembered with a smile and a chuckle.

[The Editor]



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Booth(s)

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French Areas, British Areas.	
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covers, collections.	

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US Postal History, Foreign Postal History. Lawrence Sachs/Boca Collectables Buying all US 1847-1930 Mint & Used.	38
N Newport Harbor Stamp Company US Classics, Plate Blocks, Errors.	28
<b>P</b> Philip Spitzer [Ad on page 17] World Wide, Canada, Canadian Revenues.	4-5
Q Quality Stamps, LLC Buying Stamps & Coins, US & Worldwide, Appraisals.	16-17
<b>R</b> Robert M. Sazama Worldwide, Collections, Appraisals.	7
Roy's Stamps [Ad on page 27] Canada & Provinces Stamps & Covers, British Commonwealth Stamps & Covers.	47-48
S Sheldon Rogg [Ad on page 27] German Stamps & Covers, US Stamps & Covers, World Wide Collections, Supplies.	14-15

#### FLOREX 2024 Dealer List

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9	George Enstrom, LTD	Byron	IL	815.275.2607	genstromstamps@gmail.com
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10	Jim Archbold Stamps	Plymouth	FL	407.814.4486	jimarchbold@cfl.rr.ocm
11-12	Tropical Stamps, Inc	Tamarac	FL	954.351.9794	tropstamps@gmail.com
13	Dutch Country Auctions	Wilmington	DE	302.478.8740	auctions@dutchcountryauctions.com
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18	Twin Oak Stamps	Pinellas Park	FL	727.248.7923	rogerwaivio@gmail.com
19-20	Collectors Exchange	Orlando	FL	407.620.0908	jlatter@cfl.rr.com
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25-26	The Browse House	Holly Hill	FL	386.672.1673	BrowseHouseStamps@gmail.com
27-30	James F. Taff	Sacramento	CA	916.709.0412	jt9955rex@gmail.com
28	Newport Harbor Stamp Co.	Newport Beach	CA	949.701.3392	newportharborstamps@gmail.com
36-37	Totten Stamps	Port St. Lucie	FL	772.336.4670	totlor@comcast.net
38	Lawrence Sachs / Boca Stamps	Scarsdale	λN	917.656.2260	metfan $67@yahoo.com$
39-40	The Stamp Center of Texas	Boerne	TX	210.240.4083	Klingsor $88@$ hotmail.com
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# FLORIDA COUNTY AND POSTMASTER POSTMARKS By Deane R. Briggs, M.D.

During the past half century, county and postmaster postmark collecting has become a popular area of specialization within the scope of "Postal History." State postal history societies have been established

for nearly all states in this country and many of these societies have published or maintain comprehensive listings and tracings which include county and postmaster postmarks.

This image-rich book documents the 74 known Florida postmarks and includes a listing of the dates of use as well as an updated current census of all known examples.

An example of the book's presentation format is shown below for the Acton, Polk County post office.

02.06.1884 – 01.15.1889 The Acton post office was established in Polk County on February 6, 1884 with Joseph L. Bettes as postmaster.<sup>1</sup> It was settled by wealthy Englishmen and named for Lord Acton.<sup>2</sup> Wiley Hicks replaced Bettes on August 20, 1884, and served until May 11, 1887, when the post office was discontinued.<sup>10</sup> The post office was re-established on April 21, 1888, before finally being discontinued on January 15, 1889, with mail handled at Lakeland.

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with pen cancelled #210. The known example. Gilman #657.

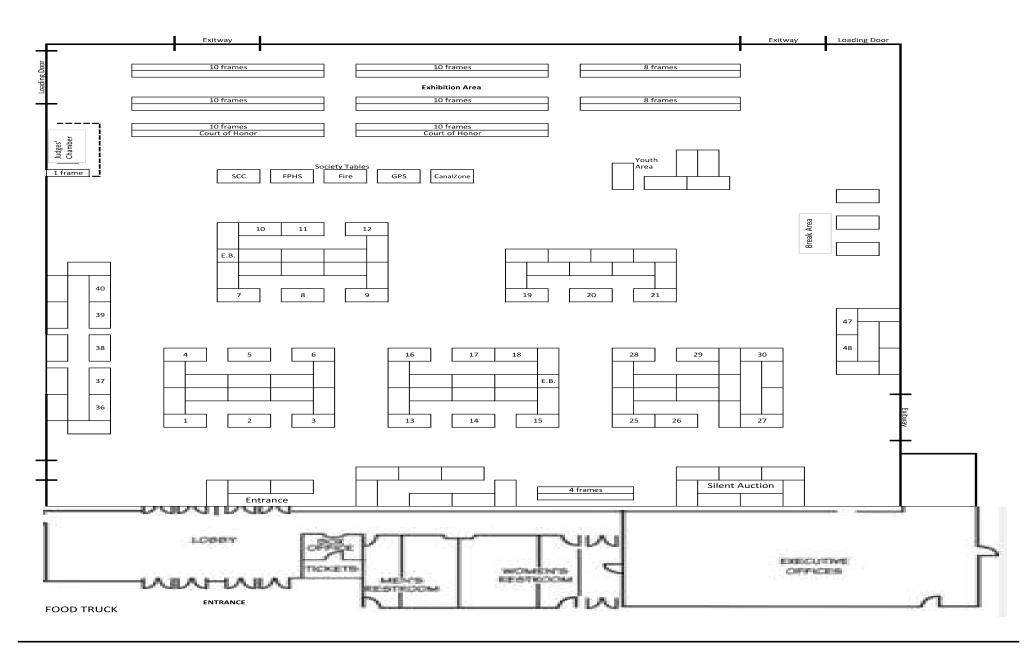
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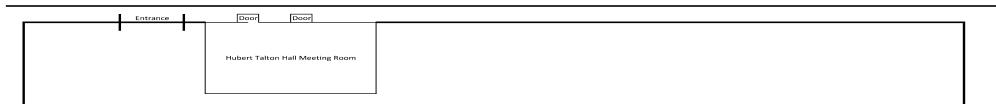
By Deane R. Briggs, M.D. Florida Postal History Society

Only 50 copies of *Florida County and Postmaster Postmarks* are initially to be made available.

The price is \$20 including postage and can be ordered by contacting the author, Deane R. Briggs, at 236 Lost Trail, Highlands, NC 28741 or by email at deanebriggs@gmail.com.



Street



# **Events** Listing

Date & Day	Access	Event	Time
	Public	Show Opens	10:00
	Public	Exhibits Open	All day
	Public	Bucket of Stamps (Youth Area)	All day
	Public	Show Cancel & Cachet FLOREX 75 Year Anniversary	All day
	Public	Collecting Topicals Presented by CFSC Members	11:00 - 12:30 Hubert Talton Hall Meeting Room
, 2024	Public	Save the Manatees Presentation	1:00 - 2:30 Hubert Talton Hall Meeting Room
Friday December 6, 2024	Youth	Stamp Collecting Meeting	2:00 - 3:00 Hubert Talton Hall Meeting Room
	Public	Silent Auction Booth at Front	11:30 - 2:00 Show Floor
	Public	Forum on Exhibiting - AAPE Presented by John Hotchner	3:00 - 4:00 Hubert Talton Hall Meeting Room
	Public	To Be Determined	4:00 - 5:00 Hubert Talton Hall Meeting Room
	Members	Canal Zone Study Group Meeting	At Society Table Time: TBA
	Public	Show Closes	5:00

# Events Listing

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Date & Day	Access	Event	Time
	FSDA Membership Only	General Meeting Show Floor	8:30 - 9:30
	Public	Show Opens	10:00
	Public	Youth Area opens	10:00
	Public	Exhibits Open	All day
	Public	Bucket of Stamps (Youth Area)	All day
	Public	Show Cancel & Cachet FLOREX 75 Year Anniversary	All day
Saturday December 7, 2024	Scouts	Scout Merit Badge Program	10:00 - 12:00 Hubert Talton Hall Meeting Room
Satı Decemb	Public	Florida Postal History Society Membership meeting & presentation	12:00 - 1:00 Hubert Talton Hall Meeting Room
	Public	Silent Auction Booth at Front	11:30 - 1:30 Show Floor
	Public Judges' Critique	Exhibitors & Public	2:00 - 3:00 Hubert Talton Hall Meeting Room
	Judges & Exhibitors only	Awards Meet & Greet	3:00 - 4:00 Hubert Talton Hall Meeting Room
	Public	Show Closes	4:00

#### Cachet & Cancel for the 2 days of the show. Produced by the CFSC. Available at the front reception table.

# Thank you.....

FLOREX 2024 would like to acknowledge and thank the following groups and individuals for providing support for the show -- either of a financial or in-kind donation. This kind of support goes a long way to making the annual show an event that can continue well into the future.

- Central Florida Stamp Club
- Gainesville Stamp Club
- West Volusia Stamp Club
- Golden Triangle Stamp Club
- Bob Sazama
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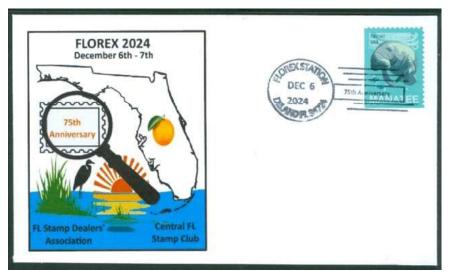
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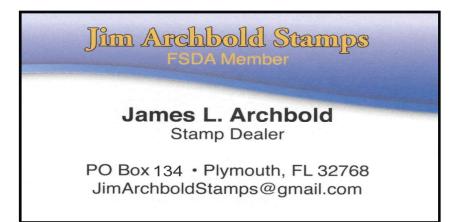
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Additional FLOREX items are available at the front reception table going back a number of years.

You can find covers, souvenir cards, custom postage created for *FLOREX*, and other related show promotional items for sale.

#### See us in Booth 10

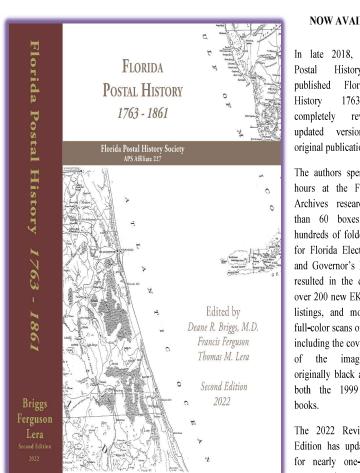


# Thanks for Everything......

- \* The success of a show depends upon many individuals: the individuals, dealers, stamp clubs and organizations that laid the ground work the past 74 years that got us to this 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary FLOREX exhibition.
- \* This year's dealers who bring their stock and invest endless hours to maintain and organize their stock to bring joy and excitement to collectors.
- \* The APS Judges (Peter McCann, John Hotchner, Jay Stotts) who generously give of their time and professionalism to evaluate the exhibits. John Hotchner for his Court of Honor Exhibit and doing the AAPE Exhibiting presentation.
- \* The Central Florida Stamp Club volunteers, who host/staff the show; joined again this year by members of the West Volusia County Stamp Club.
- \* The members of the FLOREX Planning Committee Mark Tiger, Francis Ferguson, Robert Sazama, Newt Kulp, Mike Smith, Gary Byrd, Steve Patrick who generously gave of their time and knowledge to make sure everything comes together – additionally the contributions of - Newton Kulp - Assistant to General Chairman; Robert Fisher - Assistant Exhibit Chair; Mike Smith – Registration Chair; Richard Blanchard – Youth Table Chair; Steve Patrick - Event Programs Chair and Gary Byrd - Silent Auction Chair and Jim Moffitt – Scout Merit Badge Program.
- \* The Save the Manatees Club for their presentation.
- \* The numerous other members of the FSDA; CFSC; APS; FPHS; AAPE; ATA and the other societies for their time, commitment, and dedication.
- \* Mekeel's; Linns; Deland Beacon; Orlando Sentinel; WESH2; WKMG6 ads & coverage.
- \* And a very special Thank you to the following for donations toward FLOREX 2024: Central Florida Stamp Club; West Volusia Stamp Club; Gainesville Stamp Club; Golden Triangle Stamp Club; ATA; Robert Sazama, Phil Fettig, Gary Byrd and Mike Schumacher.
- \* THANK YOU, to each and every one, for your assistance, dedication and commitment! It is greatly appreciated and makes a huge difference to the success of the show!







#### NOW AVAILABLE

In late 2018, the Florida History Society Florida Postal 1763-1861, а completely revised and updated version of the original publication.

The authors spent over 100 hours at the Florida State Archives researching more than 60 boxes containing hundreds of folders and files for Florida Election Returns and Governor's Papers. This resulted in the discovery of over 200 new EKU and LKU listings, and more than 80 full-color scans of new covers including the covers for many of the images printed originally black and white in both the 1999 and 2018

The 2022 Revised Second Edition has updated records for nearly one-half of all towns, and scans of several

new postmarks and rate markings. As new US Post Office records have become available on the internet, we have located many post offices where we had originally stated, "the location was not clearly known."

This Revised Edition is a 456-page perfect-bound hardback book and includes revisions to the sections on Florida Pre-Territorial Postal History and the Republic of West Florida. An up-to-date census of known covers makes this a must have reference text for Florida postal historians.

The second edition will be available for \$50 at FLOREX 2024 and at the 2025 Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition. If a copy is requested by mail, the cost is \$60 which includes postage. Please order your copy now, with a check payable to the Florida Postal History Society. Send to: Deane R. Briggs, 138 Odin Drive, Winter Haven, Florida 33884

Send an e-mail to DeaneBriggs@gmail.com.

# **FLOREX-75** Years by Robert Fisher

It was a dark and stormy night, a door slammed, a shot rang out, then the screaming began... just kidding ... Actually, I am going to write about FLOREX, The Florida State Stamp Show; the beginning, how it grew, how it nearly died and how it was revived.

It all started on August 13, 1949 meeting of the St. Petersburg Stamp Club when member Polly Van Dyke proposed the creation of the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs (FFSC). The membership approved and a committee was formed to draft a constitution and present it to other stamp clubs in the state. On August 19, 1949, the proposed constitution was presented to the Ridge Stamp Club in Winter Haven where it was approved.

Letters were sent to other stamp clubs in the state, and to the philatelic press. With numerous favorable letters of encouragement, a meeting was set up for December 1949 at the Denis Hotel in St. Petersburg with the purpose of organizing a Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs.

The creation of the federation was approved, minor changes were made to the constitution. officers elected and it was moved that the new organization apply for membership to the National Federation of Stamp Clubs.

To promote the hobby of stamp collecting, it was decided that the FFSC would support an annual stamp show. The first was held in Winter Haven on 2 December 1950 and was called "The All-State Convention". Each club was invited to display an exhibit from their memberships.

The next show was hosted by the Miami Stamp Club and was held in Miami from 2 to 5 December 1951. This show was called "MIPEX" and set the precedent of being a three day show. At the show business meeting, the Tampa Collectors Club stepped up to host the show the next year in Tampa. The 1952 show was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of November. There was a small group who wanted the show to be called TAMPEX, but wiser heads prevailed and came up with EXSTAMP 1952. The show was a real extravaganza with movies, seminars, boat tours and events for "stamp wives". This was the first show to create cachets and souvenirs for guests.

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As 1953 rolled round the show was hosted by the Central Florida Stamp Club and held at the Angebilt Hotel in Orlando from 19 to 21 November. The show was still officially known as the "All-State Convention". The 1953 cachet was prepared by a nationally known and syndicated cartoonist.

The 1954 show was hosted by the St. Petersburg Stamp Club and held at the Soreno Hotel in St. Petersburg on 18 to 20 November. This was the first show that was called FLOREX and the name has stuck ever since.

In 1959 for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of FLOREX the token pictured below (front and back) was issued in very small quanity for the modest sum of \$2. How many have survived over the years is uncertain.



Over the next 70 years the show has had its ups and downs and has been hosted by many different stamp clubs all over the state of Florida.

Stamp exhibits from many countries were proudly display by their owners and stamp organizations from Latin America, Canada, Asia and Europe have held their annual meetings at FLOREX. Many distinguished philatelic guests have been invited to speak at the show banquets. The US Postal Service and the United Nations Postal Service have participated by providing booths with souvenirs, stamps and ephemera.

Of course, an event this large and complex has had its' share of near disasters. In 1995, the show was held at the Buena Vista Palace on Disney property. Reservations were made for the show and for hotel room accommodations. Unfortunately, they were scheduled a week apart. Some mild panic and fast footwork by the show committee resolved the issue. A fall and severe injury by a guest prompted a law suit.

At the General Meeting at the 1998 show a discussion was brought

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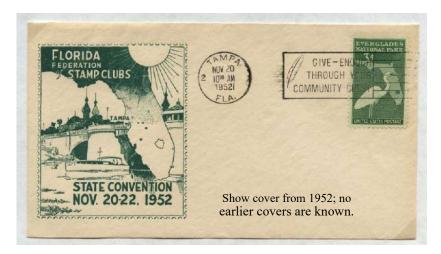
to the floor about the lack of participation to fill vacant committee positions needed to run the show. It was decided to officially end the Federation and FLOREX at the 1999 show. The show was picked up in 2000 by the Florida Stamp Dealers Association (FSDA). The show was renamed "The Florida State Stamp Show" and was held in Orlando much reduced in scope and size.

After some negotiations, the FLOREX name was revived and added to the official title "FLOREX – The Florida State Stamp Show" for the 2003 show. The show of 2004 saw the return of cachets, souvenir cards and exhibits.

The 2020 show in Kissimmee was the first FLOREX to be cancelled. Fears of the Covid-19 pandemic caused too many exhibit and dealer cancellations for the show to be economically viable.

In 2022, the rental rates at the Kissimmee venue doubled so a new site had to be found quickly. The Volusia County Fairgrounds in Deland was selected and the show continued but was reduced to a two-day show.

2024 will celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> year of FLOREX as a statewide show and has restored some of its tenacity to survive. I am looking forward to helping FLOREX celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> year.



1. FLOREX is a WSP show open to all collectors regardless of philatelic affiliation who conform to the rules in this prospectus. Exhibits at time of entry that have won the APS Champion of Champions, an international grand prix, or three international large gold medals are ineligible. All material exhibited must be owned by the person(s) whose name(s) appears on the official entry form. Exhibits with dual ownership are not eligible unless the two individuals are husband and wife or parent and child. Exhibitors' names will be used in the program, in the palmares, in press releases after the show, and in connection with the awards. To remain anonymous, exhibitors must advise the exhibit committee and furnish a pseudonym.

2. Exhibits that have been purchased intact may not be exhibited for a period of two years from the date of purchase unless the exhibit is substantially altered by the addition of new material or new text. The Committee on the Accreditation of National Exhibitions and Judges will determine whether or not a particular exhibit is affected by this regulation.

3. An entry form for each exhibit, along with the entry fee payable by check (made out to FSDA), must be mailed to: FLOREX, Mike Schumacher, 21635 Regency Park Lane, Leesburg, FL, 34748 -- arriving by September 16, 2024. At most two multi-frame and one single-frame exhibits may be entered in the open competition by any one exhibitor. All fees paid will be refunded in case of non-acceptance but otherwise fees are non-refundable except as noted in #12 below.

4. Exhibits may be entered in any one of four classes: General, Single Frame, Youth, and Noncompetitive.

5. There will be up to 125 total frames at the show. Noncompetitive exhibits will only be accepted if they add significantly to the show. Examples include famous or infrequently seen rarities, innovative exhibits including those that will not fit in standard frames, and exhibits related to the theme or location of the show.

6. Exhibits are generally accepted in the order of receipt of completed entry forms and payment, however, FLOREX reserves the right to refuse any exhibit. Criteria that may be considered in the acceptance of exhibits include APS member status, membership in Societies participating in the show, service on the local committee or as a volunteer, planned attendance of the show and or awards functions, submission of title or synopsis pages, and whether or not the exhibit has been previously shown at FLOREX.

7. A jury of at least three APS-accredited judges will be appointed by the Exhibition Committee and approved by CANEJ to judge the exhibits. The judges will judge each exhibit on its own merit set forth in the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the APS Manual of Philatelic Judging & Exhibiting, which is available through a free download from www.Stamps.org. Judging will be on an open basis. Exhibitors should familiarize themselves with the rules in order to achieve the highest award. Decisions of the judges are final. Other special and society awards will also be given to deserving exhibits at the discretion of the jury. All awards will be announced at an awards ceremony the afternoon of Saturday, December 7, 2024.

8. The following awards will be given to each qualified exhibit, based on the individual merit of that exhibit: Large Gold, Gold, Large Vermeil, Vermeil, Large Silver, Silver, Silver Bronze, Bronze or Certificate. There is no limit on the number of any one award that can be given in the exhibition. Grand and Reserve Grand awards will be given to the top General Class multi-frame exhibits. Awards will also be given to the best Single Frame, the best Youth Class exhibit and the People's Choice Exhibit.

9. The Grand Award winner is expected to enter the winning exhibit in the next World Series of Philately, competing for the Champion of Champions award.

10. Exhibitors who have an exhibiting age of 21 years of or less on January 1, 2024, may enter the Youth Class. Frames for youth exhibits are offered at \$1.00 per frame.

11. Adult exhibits have a one-frame minimum and a ten-frame maximum. (Jenkins/ Ameripex type frames, each holding four rows of four 8 1/2 by 11 inch pages will be used.) If you wish to deviate from the standard frame layout (4 rows of 4 letter size pages) you must get the approval of the Exhibit Chair prior to submission of your application (call Mike Schumacher 352-575-2553). The use of double size or double row pages to display larger items is approved. Each album page must be inserted into a transparent protective sleeve, envelope or covering and should bear progressive numbers, preferably on the reverse side, to indicate the order in which the pages are to be mounted, preferably closed on three sides. The FLOREX Exhibit Chair should be consulted in advance regarding any exhibits with large or odd-sized pages that will not be mounted and dismounted by the owner or a designated agent.

12. The Official Entry Form must be used. It has space for a description of the exhibit of no more than 25 words for inclusion in the program. The title and description on the Official Entry Form will be used in the exhibition program. Do not exceed 25 words in the description. Please check your Official Entry Form carefully before mailing it. If the frames are over subscribed, only one exhibit may be accepted. Each exhibitor must also submit four copies of the title page and four copies of a one or two page summary synopsis of the exhibit at the time of application. Updates can be submitted up to October 1, 2024. The title page and synopsis for your exhibit will be distributed to the jury in advance of the show to assist them in preparing to evaluate your exhibit. A collector may submit more than one exhibit application, but the option to accept or decline the additional exhibits, is up to the Exhibition Committee. Separate entry forms must be used for each exhibit. The exhibit entry is \$12.00 per frame. However, the minimum fee for each exhibit is \$30.00. The entry fee must be paid in full when you submit your Official Entry Form, by check made payable to: FSDA. The deadline for entries is September 16, 2024. Early application is important because the Exhibition Committee may close entries without further notice when frames are filled. The Exhibition Committee can, at its discretion, reject any exhibit for any reason. If the exhibit is rejected, the entry fee will be refunded in full. All exhibitors will be notified whether their exhibit has been accepted. Entry fees will not be refunded for exhibits withdrawn after October 1, 2024, or not delivered to the Exhibition Chair. In the event that an exhibit is rejected for violating this requirement, all entry fees, less an administrative fee of \$15, will be refunded. Withdrawal or failure to present an exhibit after accepted will result in forfeiture of any entry fee paid.

13. Personally, delivered exhibits will be received by the Exhibition Committee before the show between the hours of 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

14. No exhibit may be removed prior to the closing of the show at 4:00 pm Saturday, December 7, 2024. The exhibit may be removed thereafter only when signed for by the exhibitor or duly-authorized representative and when checked out and released by the Exhibition Committee. The removal of exhibits will be carefully supervised by approved staff and will not be rushed so that safety and security are ensured.

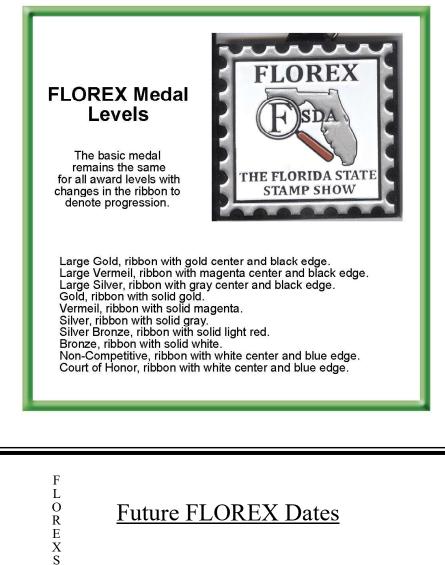
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15. Exhibits must be sent prepaid and with return postage or payment. They will be returned promptly after the closing of the show by the method requested by the owner. If no method is specified, your exhibit will be returned via Express Mail at a minimum fee of \$30.45 or the current rate, or actual cost whichever is greater. We highly recommend the use of fully insured Express Mail. Please package your exhibit for shipping, so that the packaging materials can be return.

16. Exhibitors must provide their own insurance. All reasonable care will be taken to ensure the safety of the exhibits, including 24-hour professional security guards. The exhibit is entered at the risk of the exhibitor. No responsibility or liability shall be attached to the Florida Stamp Dealers' Association, FLOREX 2024, its Committee members, sponsoring societies, or any of their employees, officers, volunteers or representatives for any damage or loss for any cause or reason.

17. The Exhibition Committee will have complete discretion in matters that may arise concerning the Exhibition and not provided for in this prospectus. Exhibitors must agree that the decision of the judges shall be final, and hereby release and agree to hold harmless the judges and the American Philatelic Society, its officers, directors, employees, and representatives from any damages, including but not limited to damages to my reputation or that of my exhibit, suffered or incurred as a result of the judging. Signing of the Entry Form denotes acceptance of all conditions set forth herein. Any and all disputes are the sole responsibility of the Exhibits Chair to resolve.

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#### FLOREX 2024 Judges

APS-accredited judging is chaired by Dr. Peter P. McCann, RDP of University Park, FL. Rounding out the remaining two jury positions are:

Mr. John M. Hotchner, RDP of Falls Church, VA Mr. Jay B. Stotts, of Houston, TX

The Judges' Critique is scheduled for 2:00-3:00pm Saturday, December 7, 2024 in the Hubert Talton Hall meeting room. The awards presentation and reception for exhibitors and judges will begin at 3:00pm in same meeting room.

F L O R E	Future FLOREX Dates	
X S T A M	2025 December 5 & 6	
P S H O W	2026 December 4 & 5	
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# 2024 Exhibit Frame Information

Frame #	Exhibitor Name	Exhibit Title
C of H, 1 – 10	John Hotchner	World Rarities and Uniquities
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21	Sahitya Setty	Celebrating 200 Years of Florida's Capital
		'Tallahassee'
22	Tabitha Fox	The History of Blarney Castle in Ireland
23	Sahitya Setty	A World Without Butterflies
24		VOTE – Most Popular Exhibit
25		FLOREX Show Medals
26-30	Brian Callen	Zeppelin Airship Mail Posted Onboard
32-39	Alfredo Frohlich	Delaware Postal History – 1732 to 1847
41 – 44	Donald Bourassa	Lafayette His Personal, Military and
		Political Journey
45-49	Michael Schumacher	Iceland Stamps Printed by Courvoisier
		Printers – Color Proofs to Stamp Usage –
		1970-1979
50	Thomas Lera	Ship Island and New Orleans Postal
		Markings under Postmaster John M. Parker:
		1861 - 1865
51 – 60	Philip Leber	Telegraphy – Origins, Consolidations and
		Technologies
61 – 68	Jeffrey Erichson	Royal Hawaii Postage Stamps
69 – 76	Murray Abramson	Geographical Expansion of Commercial US
		Mail to Foreign Destinations via Airmail
		(1920-41)
77 – 86	Charles J. O'Brien III	The Eagle has Landed
87 – 94	Charles J. O'Brien III	Sesquicentennial Exposition
95	Robert Benninghoff	Ireland 1914 – Civil Unrest in Ireland Helps
		Cause the Great War in Europe with
		Germany
96	Robert Benninghoff	The Irish Civil War Jan. 1922 to April 1923
97	Nisarg Vipul Sutaria	Mahatma Gandhiji's Life Through Picture
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98 - 105	Octavio Cabrera	Postal Stationary of the United States
100		Intervention in Cuba 1898 to 1902
106	Timothy Wait	Adhesive Stamps Used to Pay the 2¢ Tax on
107 100*		U.S. Bank Checks 1862 - 1883
107 – 108*	Michael Schumacher	Iceland's 1937 King Christian X Silver
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117 – 124	Robert E. Thompson	25¢ Honeybee – From Design to Postal
125 127*	Mahaal Cale and	Usage
125 - 127*	Michael Schumacher	Iceland's Numeral Cancels
133 - 142	Ronald Klimley	The Polish Hyperinflation of 1923 - 24
143 - 149	James Cate	The American Freedom Train 1975 - 1976
150 - 152	Jerry Eller	Canal Zone Meter Mail
109 – 116*	Michael Schumacher	"The Match of the Century" A Philatelic
128-132*	Michael Schumeerk	Extravaganza!
	Michael Schumacher	The Saga of the Icelandic Horse
*non-competitiv	e exhibit	

- Grand Award Multi-frame ٠
- **Reserve Grand Award**
- Grand Award Single frame
- Youth Grand Award
- Youth First Second Third Places
- People's Choice Award
- APS Medal of Excellence Pre 1900
- APS Medal of Excellence 1900 1940
- APS Medal of Excellence 1940 1980
- APS Medal of Excellence Post 1980
- **APS** Research Medal
- AAPE Gold Award of Honor Pin (2)
- **AAPE** Creativity Pin
- AAPE Award of Excellence Treatment
- AAPE Novice Presentation Certificate
- Jean Benninghoff Encouragement Award Presentation Certificate
- Women Exhibitors Sterling Achievement Award
- ATA First Award Multi-frame (medal and ribbon)
- ATA Second Award Multi-frame (medal & ribbon)
- ATA Third Award Multi-frame (medal & ribbon)
- ATA One-frame Award (medal & ribbon)
- ATA Youth Award (medal & ribbon)
- U.S. Philatelic Classics Society Medal
- U.S. Stamp Society Statue of Freedom Award
- U.S. Cancellation Club Award
- American Philatelic Congress Award United Postal Stationary Marcus White Award
- Postal History Society Award
- Military Postal History Society Award American First Day Cover Society Award
- Collectors Club of Chicago Gold Medallion Award
- CFSC James Pullin Memorial Award ٠

FLOREX would like to congratulate the top winners from 2023	
Grand Award Octavio Cabrera; Postal Cards of Cuba 1878-1898	
<b>Reserve Grand Award</b> Will Csaplar; United States Military Fish and Game Licenses, Stamps and their Usages	
Single Frame Grand Award Vernon Morris; World's Third Producer of Stam Philadelphia Local Post Fee Reduction, 1842 to 1861	ps:
Youth Grand Award Sahitya Setty; Malaria is Still Around	
Peoples' Choice Award Dawn Hamman; All Aboard! A Grand Tour – American Style 1915	

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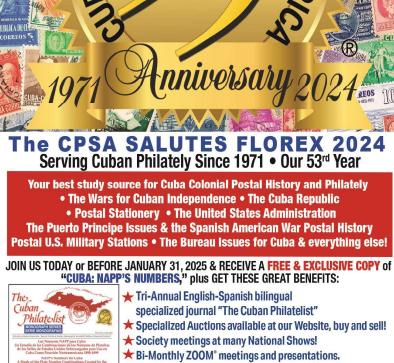
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