

The Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs, Inc. 1949 1999

The Florida Federation and Florex

- 1949 A group of Collectors from around the state met to form some sort of a state organization; appointing F. Berger, of Daytona Beach, President and M. Lane, of St. Petersburg, Secretary/Treasurer.
- 1950 The Ridge Stamp Club invited the group to hold their next meeting in Winter Haven, Florida. At this meeting, P. Segnitz of St. Petersburg was elected President; G. Knoth, Vice President, and M. Lane remained Secretary/Treasurer. The date was the 2nd of December and the show was called "The All-State Convention".
- 1951 The Miami Stamp Club became host club this year and the show was to be called "MIPEX". The dates were now expanded to a three day show and was held on the 6th to 8th of December. The State Convention elected R. Shepard of St. Petersburg, President; C.M. Phillips of Winter Haven, Vice President and G. Ritter as Secretary/Treasurer.
- 1952 The show this year moved to the west coast of Florida when the Tampa Collectors Club became host club. The show was now to be called "EXSTAMP 1952" and was to be in Tampa on the 20th to 22nd of November. C.M. Phillips of St. Petersburg was elected President; C.L. Brisley of Lake Worth and F.B. Klein of Daytona Beach in turn held the office of Vice President with R. Klippstein becoming the Secretary/Treasurer.
- 1953 The Central Florida Stamp Club invites the convention, now known as The Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs to hold their meeting and show in Orlando; the date to be the 19th to 21st of November at the Angebilt Hotel. At the Federation meeting L. Kittinger of Orlando was elected President; M. Lane of St. Petersburg became Vice President, later to finish out the year as President. E. Porter of Orlando served as Secretary/Treasurer.
- 1954 The Federation and its show now officially called "Florex" returned to the west cost and was hosted by the St. Petersburg Stamp Club on the 18th through 20th of November at the Soreno Hotel. M. Lane was elected President; F.E. Hart of Lake Worth took the office of Vice President and W.J. Stevens rounded out the slate in the office of Secretary/Treasurer.

- 1955 The Lake County Philatelic Society of Leesburg became the host club this year and the "Florex" Show was held at their Community Center on the 4th through 6th of November. J.A. Gavelex of Miami was elected to a two year term as President; H. Spelman of Belle Glade took the office of Vice President also for two years with L.F. Denchfield of Miami as Secretary/Treasurer.
- 1956 Southeast Florida's Palm Beach Stamp Club of West Palm Beach invited the Federation and "Florex" to come to the George Washington Hotel on the 2nd through 4th of November that year for the show and convention. J.A. Gavelex and H. Spelman were still serving in their respective offices, with R.K. Voles holding the office as Secretary/Treasurer.
- 1957 The Collectors Club of Miami obtained the Y.M.C.A. of Miami Beach as the site for the "Florex" show and the Federation meetings to be held the 8th to 10th of November that year. H. Spelman of West Palm Beach was elected President for a two year term; H.T. Van Dyke was elected Vice President for a two year term and R. Phillips was elected the new Secretary/Treasurer.
- 1958 The Federation and "Florex" moved to the west coast of Florida once again when Clearwater's Fort Harrison Hotel was acquired by the Clearwater Stamp Club for the 20th through 23rd of November. Both H. Spelman and H.T. Van Dyke continued in their terms and was joined by R.A. LaLane from West Palm Beach as Secretary/Treasurer.
- 1959 The St. Petersburg Stamp Club hosted the Federation and "Florex" at the Huntington Hotel in St. Petersburg on November the 6th through 8th. Elections were held and E. Shollenberger of Daytona Beach and J.F. Carlin of Sarasota were elected to the offices of President and Vice President respectively. F.A. Berger of Daytona was elected Secretary/Treasurer for the next two years.
- 1960 Leesburg's Lake County Philatelic Society once again became the patron of the Convention for the Federation and "Florex". E. Shollenberger, J.F. Carlin and F.A. Berger continued serving in their respective offices.
- 1961 Daytona Plaza Hotel was the place secured on November 3rd through 5th by the Daytona Beach Philatelic Society for this years "Florex" and Federation Meetings. P. Stivender of Leesburg was elected President; A.H. French of Leesburg became Vice President, and B. Bell of Fruitland Park, the new Secretary/Treasurer.
- 1962 The Palm Beach Stamp Club of West Palm Beach sponsored the Federation's convention and the "Florex" Show. P. Stivender continued as President, with K. Rice of West Palm Beach becoming Vice President. B. Bell again served as Secretary/Treasurer.

- 1963 The Jacksonville Stamp Club hosted the Florida Federation and “Florex” at the Robert Meyer Hotel in Jacksonville on November 1st through 3rd. Elections were held with K. Rice of West Palm Beach becoming President; R. Pitt of Bradenton, Vice President and L. Resnick of Miami as Secretary/Treasurer.
- 1964 The Fort Harrison Hotel in Clearwater once again became the convention site for the Federation and the “Florex” Show when the Clearwater Stamp Club set the dates for October 30th and 31st and November 1st. K. Rice, R. Pitt and L. Resnick continued in their offices.
- 1965 The University Stamp Club and The Germany Philatelic Society #7 combined efforts and hosted the “Florex” show and Federation Convention on November 5th through 7th at the Everglades Hotel in Miami. After the election of offices, L. Resnick of Miami became President, with R. Pitt of Bradenton again serving as Vice President and K. Laurence as Secretary/Treasurer.
- 1966 Manatee County Stamp Club along with Venice Stamp Club and Sarasota Philatelic Society joined together to sponsor the Federation’s Convention and the “Florex” Show at the Landmark Hotel – Lido Key on November 3rd through 6th. L. Resnick serving as President; R. Pitt as Vice President and K. Laurence serving as Secretary/Treasurer.
- 1967 The Sebring Stamp Society held the “Florex” Show at the Sebring Fair Grounds. The Florida Federation elected K. Laurence of Mimi as President; R. Pitt of Bradenton as Vice President, and D. Colling of Miami as Secretary/Treasurer.
- 1968 The Clearwater Stamp Club again offered to host the Federation convention and “Florex” at The Fort Harrison Hotel in Clearwater on November 1st through 3rd. K. Laurence of Miami served a second year as President; R. Pitt of Bradenton, Vice President for the sixth year and L. Resnick served as Secretary/Treasurer.
- 1969 The Collectors Club of Miami hosted the Florida Federation and “Florex” in Miami at the Everglades Hotel on the 7th to 9th of November. D. Schaefer of Clearwater was elected President for two years, and C. Stephenson of Sebring was elected to the office of Vice President. J. Devlin of Clearwater was made Secretary/Treasurer.
- 1970 The Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs at this time felt that they should sponsor their own conventions and shows, with MANY THANKS TO THE MEMBER CLUBS THAT HOSTED THEM TILL THIS YEAR. The show and convention was held in Orlando at the Robert Meyer Motor Inn on October 30th, 31st and November 1st. D. Schaefer, C. Stephenson and J. Devlin all continued in office.

- 1971 The Federation again held their convention and “Florex” at the Robert Meyer Motor Inn in Orlando on October 22nd through 24th. The Federation elected C. Cadman of Panama City as President; C. Stephenson of Sebring as Vice President and N. Schuh of Panama City Secretary/Treasurer. It was voted at this meeting to incorporate.
- 1972 The Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs, Inc. was registered with the state of Florida on the 10th of March, 1972 with the document number of 722976 at 5:15 PM.
- The Federation held the convention and “Florex” in Clearwater at the Fort Harrison Hotel on October 27th to 29th. The President was C. Cadman. . Martin of Fort Lauderdale was elected for a one year term as Vice President and M. Schuh remained as Secretary/Treasurer.
- 1973 Clearwater once again, was picked by the Federation to hold their annual convention at the Fort Harrison Hotel. The date for “Florex” and the meetings were set for November 2nd to 4th. C. Cadman from Panama City was elected President J. Talbert from Lake Worth became Vice President and C. Stephenson was elected Secretary/Treasurer.
- 1974 The Fort Harrison Hotel seemed to be a fine place to hold the Federation’s Convention so once again Clearwater became the spot to meet for “Florex” on November 8th to 10th. J. Talbert from Lake Worth was elected President; G. Hoffman from Lakeland became the new Vice President and the offices of Secretary/Treasurer were filled by C. Stephenson of Sebring.
- 1975 This would be the last time the Florida Federation would meet at the Fort Harrison Hotel in Clearwater. The Federation sessions and the “Florex” Show were set for November 7th to 9th. C. Cadman from Panama City served his last year as President W. Nazarenko from Tampa served this year as Vice President and H. Knoeckel from Placida became the Secretary/Treasurer.
- 1976 Federation and “Florex” moved to Tampa for a Meeting and Show on November 5th to 7th at the Holiday Inn Airport. After last years election G. Blizil from Hollywood was President; W. Bomar of Orlando was Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer was held by H. Knoeckel from Placida.
- 1977 “Florex” and the Federation met on November 4th, 5th and 6th this year at the Holiday Inn on Cypress Street in Tampa this year. G. Blizil, President; W. Bomar, Vice President and H. Knoeckel as Secretary/Treasurer; all served their second year in office.
- 1978 The venue for the Federation meetings and “Florex” move this year from Tampa Bay to St. Petersburg and the facilities at the Bayfront Hilton Hotel. It

was held on November 3rd to 5th. W. Bomar, from Orlando had been elected President; G.E. Kuhn of Leesburg was made Vice President; both for a two year term. M. O'Connor from Bradenton was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

- 1979 St. Petersburg remained the city for the Show and Convention but it was moved to the Bayfront Concourse Hotel and ran from November 2nd to 4th. W. Bomar and G.E. Kuhn held their respective offices, but W. Nazrenko of Tampa finished the last year of M. O'Connor's term as Secretary/Treasurer.
- 1980 St. Petersburg Concourse Hotel in St. Petersburg gain was the site for this years Convention and "Florex". The dates were November 7th through 9th. Elections were held last year and W. Bomar of Orlando was to serve another two years as President. J. Buckner of Gainesville became Vice President for a two year term and D. Van Deveren of Tampa was elected Secretary for a two year term with W. Nazrenko of Tampa remaining as Treasurer for two more years.
- 1981 "Florex" and the Florida Federation again stayed at the St. Petersburg Bayfront Concourse Hotel. The dates were November 6th to 8th. All officers remaining in office for the second half of their terms. W. Bomar, President; J. Buckner as Vice President; D. Van Deveren as Secretary and W. Nazarenko as Treasurer.
- 1982 St. Petersburg and the Bayfront Concourse Hotel once again and the dates for the convention were set for November 5th to 7th. Elections were held last year with J. Buckner of Gainesville becoming President for a two year term. His running mate, R. Welky of Oakland Park became Vice President. R. Cadborn was elected Secretary and N. Schaefer of Clearwater as Treasurer.
- 1983 The Convention and Show stayed in St. Petersburg but moved to the Skyway Inn. The Federation and "Florex" was held on November 4th to 6th. President J. Buckner; Vice President, R. Welky and Treasurer, N. Schaefer were to serve the remainder of their terms with H. Krasne of Hollywood being appointed Secretary for the last half of R. Cadborn's term.
- 1984 The Skyway Inn in St. Petersburg again housed our Federation's Convention and Show. "Florex" was to be held on November 2nd to 4th. After last year's election, R. Welky of Oakland Park was elevated to President for the next two years, with C. Brown of Valporaiso serving as Vice President. H. Krasne is elected for a two year term as Secretary and W. Ogden of Fort Lauderdale Treasurer.
- 1985 Last call for St. Petersburg and we head to the beach at the Tradewinds Resort Hotel on St. Petersburg Beach October 25th to 27th. This is the earliest date "Florex" was ever held (did the Beach have anything to do with that date?) All

of the officers, President Welky, Vice President Brown, Secretary Krasne and Treasurer Ogden served out their terms.

- 1986 The Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs Inc. and their show "Florex" moved to their permanent home in Orlando at the Orlando Expo Center. The first show held at the Orlando Expo Center was on October 31 and November 1st and 2nd. At this convention the old By-Laws adopted on 7th of March 1972 were amended. On 1st November 1986 the election of officers was held last year and the following persons were elected. President, H. Gobie of Cypress Gardens; Vice President, W. Bomar of Orlando; Secretary, H. Krasne of Hollywood and Treasurer, W. Ogden of Fort Lauderdale. All to serve a two year term.
- 1987 The Federation Convention and "Florex" was held at the Orlando Convention Center on November 6th to 8th. President Gobie; Vice President Bomar and Secretary Krasne all finished their terms with W. McP. Jones serving in 1987 as Treasurer.
- 1988 The Orlando Convention Center in Orlando housed our Federation and "Florex" on November 4th to 6th. C. Jennings of Jacksonville became our President; W. Bomar of Orlando the Vice President; H. Krasne of Hollywood the Secretary, and W. McP. Jones of winter Park the Treasurer.
- 1989 On November 3rd to 5th, the Annual Convention of the Federation and their show "Florex" was held at the Orlando Convention Center. President C. Jennings; Vice President W. Bomar; Secretary H. Krasne and Treasurer W. McP. Jones completed their terms in office.
- 1990 Orlando's Convention Center again was the location for our Federation's meeting and for "Florex". This being the year after the elections, the following members resumed office. C. Jennings was again returned to the office of President; J. Harwood of Sarasota was elected to the position of Vice President, with H. Krasne becoming Secretary for her eighth and ninth year, and W. McP. Jones retaining the office of Treasurer for a fourth and fifth year.
- 1991 November 1st, 2nd and 3rd were the dates that the Federation and "Florex" were in the Convention Center in Orlando. President C. Jennings; Vice President J. Harwood; Secretary H. Krasne and Treasurer W. McP. Jones completed their terms.
- 1992 The decision was Orlando, the location the Convention Center, the dates November 7th to 9th. With the election of officers last year, J. Harwood of Sarasota was elected President; E.W. Parker of Crystal Beach was elected Vice President; W. Scott of New Port Richey became Secretary and J. Shirley of Altamonte Springs was elected Treasurer; all to serve for two years.

- 1993 “Florex”, the annual show of the Florida Federation was held on November 5th through 7th along with the Federation Convention in Orlando. The officers were in their second year of service with J. Harwood, President; E.W. Parker, Vice President; W. Scott, Secretary and J. Shirley as Treasurer.
- 1994 After last year’s election of officers, the new officers opened the Federation Convention on November 18th. The General Assembly was held on the 19th with the convention and “Florex” closing on the 20th. Once again we met at Omni International Hotel. The “Florex” show was held at the adjoining Orlando Expo Center. The President for the next two years E. W. Parker of Crystal Beach; the Vice President W. Carter of Tampa; W. Beery of Orlando was elected Secretary, and J. Shirley was elected Treasurer. All officers were to serve for two years.
- 1995 Buena Vista Palace on Lake Buena Vista in Disney World is the location this year on November 10th to 12th. The officers; E.W. Parker President; W. Carter, Vice President, W. Beery, Secretary and J. Shirley, Treasurer were serving their second year. The Executive Board revised boundaries and clarity. They were presented to the General convention at the November 11th meeting and were adopted. The election of officers was held for the term of 1996 and 1997. E.W. Parker of Crystal Beach was reelected President; W. Carter from Tampa was reelected to the office of Vice President; E. Lyons of Tampa was elected to the office of Secretary, and J. Shirley from Altamonte Springs to the office of Treasurer. Meanwhile at “Florex”, Mrs. Edith Babich, dealer’s wife, entered the Exhibition Hall by a door not to be used; she fell breaking her hip. By no stretch of the imagination could this convention be called a Mickey Mouse affair.
- 1996 The Orlando Marriott Downtown had now taken over the hotel next to the Orlando Expo Center. The Federation and “Florex” held the Convention and show on November 15th to 17th. The new officers, E.W. Parker, President; W. Carter, Vice President E. Lyons, Secretary; and J. Shirley, Treasurer conducted the meetings, t which we were notified that a law suit to the amount of fifteen thousand dollars had been filed against The Royal Palace Hotel, also known as the Buena Vista Palace Hotel;: The Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs, Inc. and Barry Savedow by Edith Babich on 24 October 1996. Our Federation lawyers plus the Disney World lawyers will work together to handle this suit.
- 1997 The Federation and “Florex” met in Orlando on November 14th to 16th at the Marriott Downtown and the adjoining Expo Center. President E.W. Parker; Vice President W. Carter; Secretary E. Lyons and Treasurer J. Shirley conducted the meetings and then held elections for the years 1998 and 1999. E.W. Parker of Palm Harbor was elected President for a fifth and sixth term; A. Selengut of Tampa was elected Vice President; E. Lyons was elected to

serve as Secretary and H. Higley from Venice was elected to the office of Treasurer.

The President, E.W. Parker was requested to appear and make a deposition on the 18th of December 1997 before the Federation lawyers, Vernis and Bowling of Fort Lauderdale. The lawyers from Disney World and Edith Babich were present. Also when the trial was held in Fort Lauderdale, the General Chairman of “Florex”, Phil Stager and the Assistant Chairman, Phil Fettig attended and were called upon for statements. Results: Case Dismissed.

1998 The Federation and their show “Florex” met at the Orlando Marriott Downtown and the Expo Center on October 30th, 31st and November 1st. At the Executive Board Meeting and again at The General Meeting a discussion was brought to the floor about filling the offices necessary to run the Federation and also the show “Florex”. There were no suggestions and no volunteers. After serious deliberation it was decided to not let either the Federation or “Florex” slowly die, but to end it next year.

1999 The Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs, Inc. held its final meeting at 11:00 am on Saturday the 6th of November at the Orlando Marriott Hotel at the Expo Center in Downtown Orlando, Florida. The Meeting was called to order by President E. Walter Parker. A request for the roll call of clubs was made. Secretary Frances S. Dixon called the roll and a quorum was declared. The secretary then read the minutes of the last meeting. Herbert Higley, Treasurer then gave the treasurer’s report. The Secretary gave us her report and read the communication we had received. The meeting then held a discussion on the closing of the Federation and the end of our national show, “Florex.” After hearing debates as to the disbursements of the Federation’s funds and property, the meeting was CLOSED.

“THE END OF A MILLENNIUM AND THE END OF A SHOW”

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