

Birmingham - Ferndale Stamp Club Newsletter



January 2024

In January we observe “National Hobby Month” and with that in mind, let’s make a New Years resolution to get our stamp collections organized! January is also “National Mentoring Month”, a call to recruit and mentor new stamp collectors.

2024 is the Chinese “Year of the Dragon” and we hope the concomitant promise of growth, progress and abundance is conferred to our club. Also, don’t forget “National Spouses Day” on the 26th, the unofficial holiday that encourages people to let their spouses know how much they are loved, respected, and appreciated.



Scott #5829

Notes from our December meetings:

The books are now closed on our 2023 club season and it is time to look forward. Plans are in place for FERNPEX 2024 on Friday and Saturday, February 16th & 17th at Sokol Cultural Center in Dearborn Heights.

The GoDaddy club website and domain have been renewed through 2025.

Upcoming Events:

Club meeting – January 16th, 6:00 p.m. at NEXT Senior Center, Birmingham. No meeting is scheduled for January 2nd. Meetings are currently held in room #2 or #4 at the rear of the senior center.

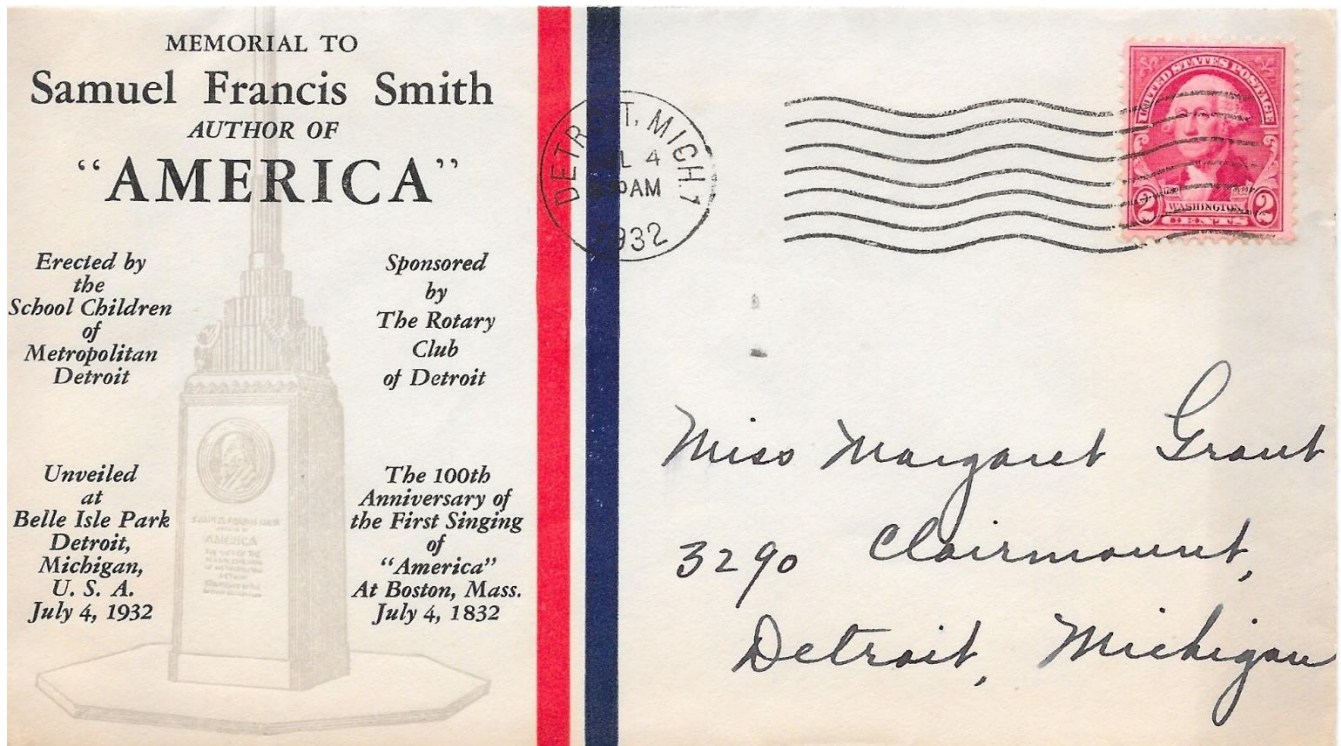
Winterpex 2024, January 13, 2024; 10 to 4 at Sokol Cultural Center, Dearborn Heights.

Modern Stamps sale #516, January 20, 2024, 12:00 Noon, at its Oak Park Facility.

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Samuel Francis Smith

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Samuel Francis Smith (1808-1895), American Baptist minister, journalist, professor, and author is best known for having written "America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)".



S.F. Smith Memorial, Belle Isle Park

Smith, born in Massachusetts, attended Harvard University and was ordained a Baptist minister in 1834. For the next eight years he served as a pastor in New England as well as professor of modern languages at Waterville College in Maine. He served as editor of the Christian Review in Boston from 1842 to 1848. He is well known for his work with hymns.

Shown above is a commemorative cover celebrating the 100th anniversary of the first singing of "America", and the unveiling of the Samuel Francis Smith memorial at Belle Isle Park in Detroit, Michigan, On July 4th, 1932. The cover is franked with the 2¢, carmine rose, Washington Bicentennial issue stamp (Scott #707) and cancelled at Detroit on July 4, 1932. At left, the memorial was designed by Albert Kahn and sculpted by Samuel A. Cashwan.