

Birmingham - Ferndale Stamp Club Newsletter



February 2024

In February we observe “National Freedom Day” on the 1st; “Groundhog Day” on the 2nd (The groundhog [from the Marmot family] is also known as a Woodchuck – No shadow please!); “Valentines Day” on the 14th; and “Presidents Day” on the 17th.

This February we will add a “Leap Day” to the end of the month. The extra day every fourth year balances the calendar with the earth’s nearly year-long orbit around the sun. Without a Leap Day, a few hours would cumulatively disappear every year, eventually throwing off our calendar and seasons.



Scott #2307

There were no club meetings held in January because the NEXT Senior Center was closed on our regularly scheduled meeting days (1st

& 3rd Tuesday of each month). January 2nd was a holiday closure and January 16th was an inclement weather closing. This is a reminder that if the Birmingham Public Schools are closed for any weather-related reason, the NEXT center will close and our club meeting cancelled. A special meeting was scheduled for January 23rd to complete arrangements for the BIRPEX 2024 show.

Upcoming Events:

Club meetings – February 6th and 20th, 6:00 p.m. at NEXT Senior Center, Birmingham. Meetings are currently held in room #2 or #4 at the rear of the senior center.

FERNPEX 2024, February 16th and 17th at Sokol Cultural Center, Dearborn Heights.

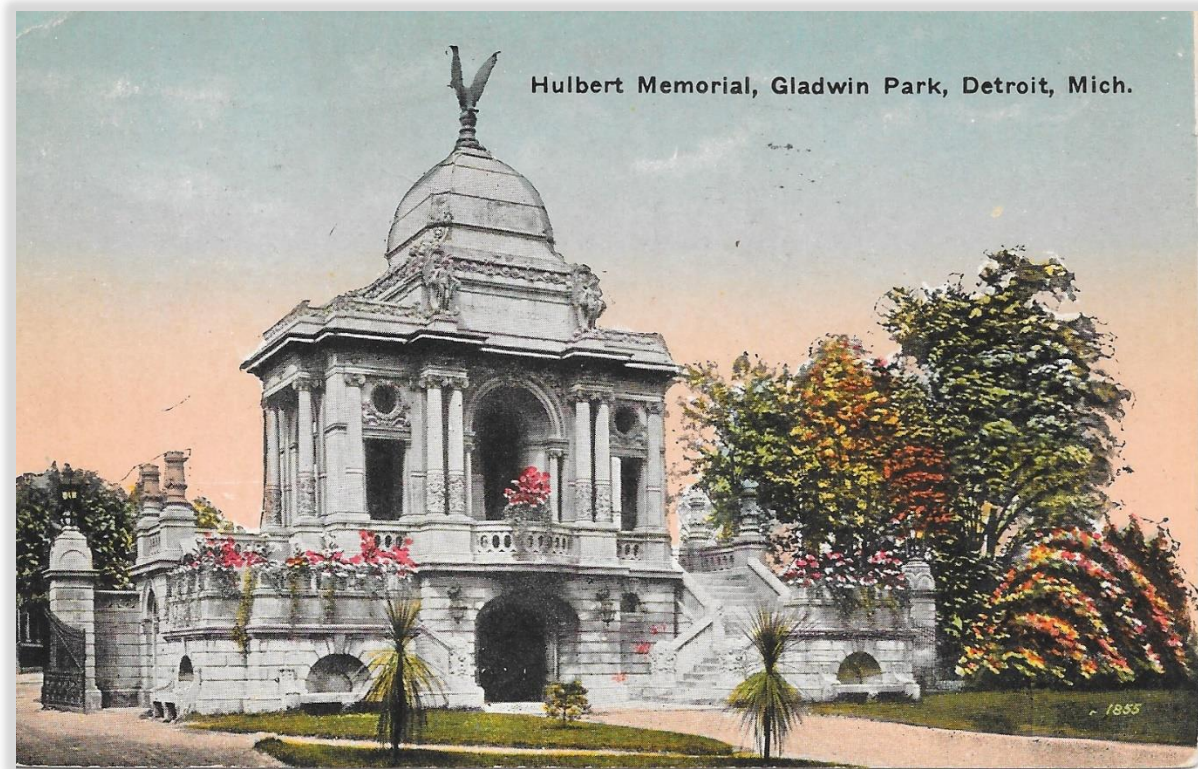
Toledo Stamp Club’s 100th Annual Stamp & Post Card Expo, February 23rd and 24th, at the Graystone Conference Center, Perrysburg, OH

Modern Stamps sale #517, February 24, 2024, 12:00 Noon, at its Oak Park Facility.

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Hurlbut Memorial Gate

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Contrary to the “Hulbert Memorial” printed title on this postcard, the actual name of this monument is the “Hurlbut Memorial Gate” at “Waterworks Park”, formerly known as “Gladwin Park”, located at East Jefferson Avenue and Cadillac Boulevard, Detroit.

Chauncey Hurlbut (1803-1885) moved to Detroit in 1825 and eventually went into the grocery business. Hurlbut became heavily involved in civic functions, serving as city alderman; fire commissioner; director of the board of trade; and, the Detroit Board of Water Commissioners. He presided over the water board when the city purchased and planned Water Works Park. When he died in 1885, Hurlbut willed the bulk of his fortune to beautify the park. Architectural philosophy at the time called for construction of monumental gates at the entrances to public places and part of Hurlbut’s fortune was used to build the memorial gate in 1894.

Shown above is a collotype postcard (c. 1915), by unknown manufacturer. The stamp is a 1¢, green, Washington (Scott # 490), cancelled at Detroit on March 22, 1917.

*Ref: Postcard from Author’s collection,
Historic Detroit.org*

