



BIRMINGHAM & FERNDALE STAMP CLUB

March 2023

The pessimists among us should “beware of the Ides of March”. The rest of us will just enjoy a month of fun-filled holidays. In March, Saint Patrick’s Day arrives on the 17th and everyone is a little bit Irish, if only for the day as we search for a lucky shamrock and that pot of gold.



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Congress designated March as “National Irish American Heritage” month in 1995.

Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour on March 12th when we change to Daylight Savings Time and the first day of Spring arrives on March 20th.

Notes from our February meetings:

FERNPEX 2023 was a successful endeavor with over 150 attendees.

The dates for BIRPEX 2023 are set for the 15th & 16th of September at the Sokol Cultural Center.

Upcoming Events:

Modern Stamps sale #508, March 4th at its Oak Park Facility

Club meetings – March 7th and 21st at NEXT Senior Center, Birmingham

Michigan Stamp Club “Michipex 2023”, March 10th & 11th at Sokol Cultural Center, Dearborn Heights.

Garfield-Perry Stamp Club “March Party”, 17th to 19th at the Best Western Plus in Strongsville OH

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White After Labor Day

Michael Swope



So why can't you wear white after Labor Day? Well, being able to afford a whole new wardrobe for different seasons was a huge status marker for the wealthiest families at the beginning of the 20th Century. It was also a helpful way to separate the nouveau riche from the old money, by creating semi-arbitrary rules about what to wear, when and where, that only those in the know knew to follow.

The Real Photograph Postcard (RPP) shown above depicts a midwinter afternoon of relaxation at a West Palm Beach, Florida, high-society function. Fashion for women in the decade 1900-1910 largely included the S-shape silhouette, created with a "health" corset and modest dresses with ostentatious ornamentation. White and light-colored dresses dominated in South Florida, regardless of season.

The RPP, which does not bear a publisher's mark, was hand cancelled at Saint Augustine, Florida, on January 10, 1911 and mailed to Birmingham, Michigan. The stamp is the 1¢, green, Franklin, Scott A138 (either #331 or #374).

