



## BIRMINGHAM & FERNDALE STAMP CLUB

### May 2023

From being supportive to teaching important life skills, there are countless reasons why mothers are the best. Celebrate Mother's Day on May 14<sup>th</sup> with your mom or a maternal figure in your life – show her how much you appreciate everything she does.



*Whistler's Mother, Scott # 737*

And, lest we forget, a day set aside to honor and mourn United States military personnel who have died while serving in the armed forces – Memorial Day, is May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Notes from our April meetings:

Planning continues for our Fall stamp show, BIRMPEX 2023, set for the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> of September at the Sokol Cultural Center.

The club's certificate of deposit will not be renewed with funds placed into our checking account.

#### Upcoming Events:

Club meetings – May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at NEXT Senior Center, Birmingham. Our meetings have been temporarily moved to room four in the rear of the senior center.

Modern Stamps sale #510, May 20<sup>th</sup> at its Oak Park Facility.

Lansing Stamp & Coin Show at the Royal Scot Golf & Bowl on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 4722 West Grand River Avenue, Lansing.

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# SS Eastern States

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The SS Eastern States was designed by naval architect Frank Kirby and built for the Detroit & Buffalo Steamboat Company, by the Detroit Ship Building Company at Wyandotte, Michigan.

On June 1, 1902, the Detroit Free Press noted; “The new steamer Eastern States, bedecked with flags with every pennant flying to the breeze, was thrown open to the public for the first time yesterday afternoon, when 2,500 invited guests of the Detroit & Buffalo Steamboat Company took the initial trip and went into Lake Saint Clair”. The ship’s first trip from Detroit to Buffalo, New York, occurred the next day. The overnight service between Detroit and Buffalo was so popular that the Detroit & Cleveland Navigation Company bought out D & B in 1909.

By 1950, overnight steamship travel was passe and more companies chose trucking to move goods, forcing D&C to lay up its fleet. In June, 1956, SS Eastern States was sold to Lake Shore Steel, Inc., and then scrapped in December.

The featured color post card of the SS Eastern States was printed (ca. 1905) in Dresden, Germany, by the H. L. Woehler Company. The 1¢ green, Franklin booklet stamp, Scott #331a is postmarked at Detroit on July 1, 1909, and was mailed to Jersey City, New Jersey.

