



# BIRMINGHAM & FERNDALE STAMP CLUB

## June 2022

Although not a public holiday, June 14<sup>th</sup> is commemorated across the United States as Flag Day. This day celebrates the birthday of the United States flag, first adopted on June 14, 1777. Officially, it was in 1916 that President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day, to be observed every year.



*U.S. Scott #4133*

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Notes from our May club meetings:

The official club meeting time is changed to 6:00 pm on the first and third Tuesday of each month. However, club members may continue to gather for fellowship at 5:30 pm in the NEXT conference room.

Club member Ray Gudding made an interesting presentation on foreign canning jars. Ray has spent a lot of time digging around old homesteads for these unusual collectibles.

Member presentations are needed for future meetings!

A discussion about a recent article in the Birmingham Eccentric newspaper featuring numismatics prompted an idea that the publication might want to feature philately. Club member Chris Crossley volunteered to contact the reporter.

Upcoming events:

Club Meetings – June 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> at NEXT Senior Center, Birmingham

Dearborn Stamp Club Show – June 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at Sokol Hall, Dearborn Heights

Modern Stamps sale #502 – June 25<sup>th</sup> at its Oak Park Facility

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# Spectacle Reef Light

Michael Swope

Shown below is the 32¢, U.S. Scott #2971, Spectacle Reef Light, from the Great Lakes Lighthouse series of stamps. It was issued on June 17, 1995.



The Spectacle Reef Light is a lighthouse 11 miles east of the Straits of Mackinac, Cheboygan County, Michigan, and is located at the northern end of Lake Huron. Opening in 1874, it was designed and built by Colonel Orlando Metcalfe Poe and Major Godfrey Weitzel.

Singularly the most expensive lighthouse ever built on the Great Lakes, it is constructed of monolithic limestone and was originally fitted with a second-order Fresnel lens. Currently, it has a solar powered 300 mm Tideland Signal acrylic lens.

Today, the lighthouse is best seen from the water of Lake Huron. As of right now, the Spectacle Reef Lighthouse is undergoing restoration efforts by the Spectacle Reef Preservation Society, and it's their goal to have the lighthouse open as a partial museum by 2024. This will be the year that marks the 150th anniversary of the lighthouse, during which the Preservation Society wishes to welcome those who want to learn more about the history of such a life-saving structure.

## *References:*

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