

# Birmingham - Ferndale Stamp Club Newsletter



## October 2023

October is National Arts & Humanities month. It is an opportunity to help change public perception about the crucial role of the arts and humanities in promoting individual wellbeing, addressing trauma, connecting cultures, highlighting inequities, and making our communities healthier and stronger. Awarded National Humanities honors in 2000, writer Toni Morrison was featured on a U.S. postage stamp in 2023.



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Notes from our September meetings:

The 2023 BIRMPEX show on September 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> was a moderate success with the club realizing a small profit.

Plans were finalized for the October 17<sup>th</sup> club banquet at Shields Restaurant. A final count of those attending will be taken at our October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and members are asked to pay in advance.

Club members approved a motion to renew our GoDaddy website and domain contract through December 2025. It was noted that our website received an American Philatelic Society award in 2022.

Discussion occurred regarding the cost of our philatelic library. The frequency at which new material is purchased will be evaluated.

Upcoming Events:

Club meetings – October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at NEXT Senior Center, Birmingham. Meetings are currently held in room #4 at the rear of the senior center. Our October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Shield's Restaurant, 1476 West Maple, Troy, 48084

Modern Stamps sale #514, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 Noon, at its Oak Park Facility.

The Ann Arbor Stamp Club continues to seek exhibitors for its Fall show. Obtain application form at [karljedelmanmd@msn.com](mailto:karljedelmanmd@msn.com).

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# Automotive Industry

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Featured here is an Artcraft cacheted, first day cover of the “Wheels of Freedom” issue, 4¢, Scott #1162. The stamp was issued to honor the automotive industry in connection with the National Automobile Show held in Detroit, October 15-23, 1960. The cover was cancelled in Detroit on October 15, 1960.

The automotive industry is made up of a wide range of organizations and companies involved in the design, development, manufacturing, marketing, selling, repairing, and modification of motor vehicles.

Early car manufacturing involved manual assembly by a human worker. The process evolved from engineers working on a stationary car, to a conveyor belt system where the car passed through multiple stations of more specialized engineers. Starting in the 1960s, robotic equipment was introduced to the process, and today most cars are produced largely with automated machinery.

Recent events have highlighted the manufacturing aspect of the automotive industry through striking workers of the United Auto Workers (UAW), officially, the “*International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America*”. Historically, this is the first simultaneous strike ever called against all three leading manufacturing companies: Ford; General Motors; and, Stellantis.

Ref: Cover from Author's collection  
UAW.org