

Birmingham - Ferndale Stamp Club Newsletter



November 2023

In honor of all who have served in the military, we thank them for their service on Veteran's Day, November 11th. Don't forget the end of Daylight Savings Time on November 5th (Fall Back).

In 1621, Pilgrims at Plymouth, Massachusetts, along with Wampanoag Native Americans, celebrated what is considered the first Thanksgiving. Four centuries later, we give thanks on November 23rd.



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Notes from our October meetings:

Our 2023 club banquet was held again this year at Shield's Restaurant in Troy, on October 17th. Good food and fellowship! Thank you, Dana Markey, for organizing the affair.

The 1989 VHS tape "Video Guide to Stamp Collecting" has been digitized to a USB thumb

drive and is available in the club library. The content is somewhat outdated and the video portion is a bit rough in some areas, but it is still a source of valuable and interesting information. Club members who want a copy of the video can bring a blank thumb drive to a meeting and it will be copied.

Upcoming Events:

Club meetings – November 7th and 21st, 6:00 p.m. at NEXT Senior Center, Birmingham. Meetings are currently held in room #4 at the rear of the senior center.

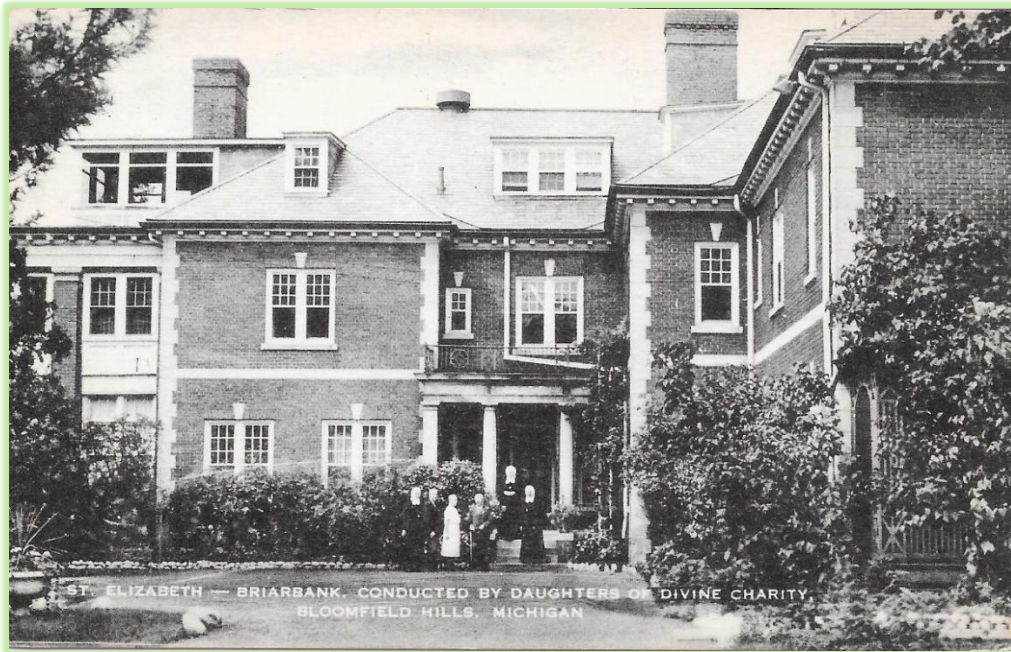
Ann Arbor Stamp Club Bourse and Exhibition, November 3rd & 4th, in the Morris Lawrence Bldg., Washtenaw County Community College.

Modern Stamps sale #515, December 2nd, 12:00 Noon, at its Oak Park Facility.

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Briar Banks

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Featured above is an unused Artvue Postcard Company (New York), real photograph post card of the former Briar Banks estate at 39315 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Briar Banks, with its Georgian style home, was designed by Detroit architect Alpheus Chittenden on behalf of businessman and CEO of the Detroit Stove Works Company, William Tefft Barbour (1877-1955). The residence was completed in the fall of 1904.

Pictured in the RPPC are Novitiates and Sisters from the Daughters of Divine Charity who purchased the mansion, stable, and various out buildings, along with 13 of the original 220 acres of land, in 1943. They renamed the property, St. Elizabeth Briarbank, a Catholic assisted living community for women.

The Daughters of Divine Charity are a Catholic international pontifical congregation of women founded in 1868 at Vienna, Austria. Today, the Sisters number over 1500 and are located in 16 countries around the world.

In April 2022, St. Elizabeth Briarbank was sold to the Cranbrook Educational Community to house students while Cranbrook undergoes residential housing renovations.

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Post card from Author's collection

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