

Birmingham - Ferndale Stamp Club Newsletter



December 2023

December observances include the start of Hanukkah and Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day - both on the 7th; National Christmas Tree Day on the 8th; Winter Solstice on the 21st; Christmas on the 25th; and, Kwanzaa begins on the 26th.



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Notes from our November meetings:

As our 2023 club season comes to an end (only one meeting left this year) we have a chance to reflect on our accomplishments and challenges. We had moderately successful shows; our member presentations were interesting and thought provoking; and, good fellowship was abundant. We continued our efforts to seek new members.

President Ken Rusch presented enlightening information on changes that are taking place in electronic on-line philatelic auctions.

The Birmingham and Ferndale Stamp Club Legacy Project has been completed. All known available documents from both clubs (1934 to 2020) have been scanned into an electronic format. The original intent was to place the documents on our website; however, the files are much too large. An abbreviated format of documents from 1934 to 1945 has been posted to the website. A flash drive containing all of the documents is available in our club library for check-out.

Upcoming Events:

Club meeting – December 5th, 6:00 p.m. at NEXT Senior Center, Birmingham. No meeting is scheduled for December 19th. Meetings are currently held in room #4 at the rear of the senior center.

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

Merry Christmas!

Ken Rusch, President
Fred Como, Vice-President
Phil Kwasny, Secretary
Robert Helbig, Co-Treasurer
Faisal Qureshi, Co-Treasurer
Michael Swope, Editor

Levi Lewis Barbour

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Levi Lewis Barbour (1840-1925), attorney, financier, industrialist, and philanthropist, graduated from the University of Michigan in 1863 and started law practice in the Detroit law firm of Barbour and Rexford. Barbour was an uncompromising supporter of all things "Detroit".

Barbour's Memorial Fountain, designed by sculptor Marshall Fredericks and dedicated June 25, 1937, stands in front of the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory. Barbour had pushed for Detroit acquiring Belle Isle, and left money to the city to erect a monument in his honor "in order to inspire others to be charitable."

The Barbour Fountain is notable for being Fredericks' first commission, which he won in a design competition. It launched his career as a sculptor of public monuments, such as "The Spirit of Detroit."



Featured above is a Metropolitan Lithograph and Publishing Company (Everett, MA) linen post card (c. 1945) of the Barbour Memorial Fountain at Belle Isle Park, Detroit. It is franked with the 1¢, green, Washington coil stamp, Scott #839. It was postmarked at Detroit on August 4, 1947.

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Post card from author's collection
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