

Birmingham - Ferndale Stamp Club Newsletter



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The poppy is a symbol of remembrance and hope, representing the sacrifices of veterans and costs of war. Remember our heroes on Veterans Day, November 11th.

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 3rd, so set your clock back one hour. Please honor your right to vote on Election Day, November 5th, and have a happy Thanksgiving on the 28th.

Notes from our club meetings:

Our club's American Philatelic Association affiliation is up for renewal and members are encouraged to provide President Ken Rusch with their APS card number.

Our annual club banquet at Shield's Pizzeria in Troy on October 15th was declared a success. Good food, good friends, and short speeches.

Club meetings –

November 5th and 19th, 6:00 p.m. at the NEXT Senior Center, Birmingham. Our club currently meets in Room #4 at the rear of the building.

Upcoming Events -

Ann Arbor Stamp Club's AAPEX 2024, Bourse & Exhibition, November 1st & 2nd, Washtenaw Community College, in the Morris Lawrence Building. The Peninsular State Philatelic Society will meet at 2:00 p.m. on both days of this show.

Modern Stamps Public Stamp Auction #524, December 7th, at their Oak Park facility.

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International Philatelic Week

Walter Koster



International Philatelic Week is celebrated in the last week of November to promote the significance of philately to the arts, culture, science, and international relations. This year, it is November 24th to 30th.

The featured Dedication Cover was created and sponsored by the Detroit Stamp Collectors Exchange Club to celebrate International Philatelic Week and announce the club's annual Philatelic Show on Saturday, November 19, 1938, at the iconic Book Cadillac Hotel in Detroit, Michigan. The Detroit Stamp Collectors Exchange Club was founded in Windsor in 1935 and terminated in 1958. An online source recounts the purpose of the club: *"For a yearly subscription fee of \$1, a collector and his address were listed in the club's bi-monthly magazine. A member could then write to, or receive mail from any other member. It made it easy for members to find people with similar collecting interests. The club included members from a wide variety of countries around the world, so if you were collecting stamps from the Canary Islands or Ivory Coast, for instance, you could write to collectors there."*

Mailed from Windsor, Ontario, the cover is franked with the 6¢ "Airplane & Steamer" (Scott #C6) airmail stamp. Front post marks include dual circular "Windsor, Ont., 21, Nov. 19, 38," with "21" identifying the postal station.

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Vanceauctions.com; Alphabetilately.org

News Boys Fountain

Michael Swope



News Boys Fountain, Belle Isle Park.

Detroit, Mich.

Featured here is a (c. 1905) Poly-Chrome color postcard, published by the Detroit News Company. It depicts a news boy and his dog atop a water fountain on Belle Isle Park, Detroit.

Publisher James E. Scripps (1835-1906) sought to pay tribute to the thousands of young boys who hawked his newspapers with a statue on Belle Isle. Scripps founded the *Detroit Evening News*, forerunner of the Detroit News in 1873 and served as its publisher until his death in 1906. The News Boys Fountain was revealed on July 6, 1897 at a picnic held on the island.

The sculpture was done by artist Frederick Dunbar (1849-1921), who depicted a newsboy counting his change next to his faithful dog, standing above a water fountain. The news boy was abducted in 1966 but later recovered and reinstalled on the fountain. Unfortunately, a thief absconded with him again in 1974, leaving only the newsboy's poor canine companion behind for some 25 years.

With the 100th anniversary of the fountain's dedication approaching, Grosse Pointe Park-based sculptor Janice Trimpe (1943-) was commissioned to recreate the missing statue. Using old photos, she sculpted a faithful replica of the young man (at right). It was dedicated exactly a century after the first; on July 6, 1997. Trimpe named the piece, "Partners: A Newsboy and His Dog." The fountain is no longer functional.



The postcard bears the 1¢, green Franklin postage stamp, Scott #300 and was cancelled at Detroit on Nov. 8, 1907.

Ref: Postcard from Author's collection; Historicdetroit.org