



The 50th anniversary insignia was created by Claudia Stroud in an art deco motif for use on the official mementos. A story on the souvenirs appears on Page 26.

Week of fun Enjoy city's birthday party

Arrangements for Birmingham's 50th anniversary party have been completed, and the week-long celebration will begin Saturday.

A number of festivities have been planned by the 1983 Michigan Week & Birmingham's 50th Birthday Committee.

The Michigan Week parade through downtown Birmingham begins at 11 a.m. Saturday and is followed by Mayfair, an art fair in Shain Park.

The public is invited to an ice cream social to wish "Happy Birthday" to the city from 2-5 p.m. Sunday in Shain Park. Cookies, ice cream and soft drinks will be available, and entertainment will be featured throughout the afternoon.

Following is the schedule for the May 14-22 anniversary celebration:

SATURDAY, MAY 14

• One of the oldest events in Michigan Week, the YMCA-sponsored Fishing Derby at Quanton Lake will be held from 8:30-10:30 a.m. for children 14 years and younger. Registration will be at the park on the east side of the lake. Prizes for the biggest and smallest fish will be given. Bring your own equipment. Bait will be furnished. Parents should accompany younger children.

• A pancake breakfast at St. James Episcopal Church will be held from 9-11 a.m. Sponsored by Common Ground, the cost will be \$2.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children under 12. The country-style breakfast includes pancakes, bacon, milk, orange drink and coffee.

• Mayfair, an art fair sponsored by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, will be held in Shain Park from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. It will feature 100 artists and include work in many different media: acrylic, oil, water color, jewelry, ceramics, fibers, glass, metal, clothing and charcoal sketches. Food concessions will be set up, which will provide an emphasis on gourmet food as well as the traditional hot dog fare. Those participating include John Laffrey's Vineyards, Custer Concessions, Jacques Restaurant, Doug's Body Shop, Down Under, Bonnie's Patisserie, 220 Merrill, Phoenixia Restaurant, Superstein's Wagon, Tony Roma of Bloomfield. Entertainment will also be provided and BBAA faculty members will demonstrate and supervise various children's art activities during Mayfair hours.

• A parade sponsored by the Birmingham-Bloomfield Jaycees will begin at 11 a.m. at the foot of Woodward and Harmon, proceed from Woodward to Maple and end in Shain Park. Approximately 60 groups and 1,000 people will participate. The parade will feature the First Michigan Colonial Fife &

Drum Band, Celtic Pipe & Drum Band, Seaholm and Groves High school bands, Troy Athens Band, Blue Water Buccaneers, Jumbo the mechanical elephant and numerous clowns and floats. The grand marshal of the parade will be sculptor Marshall Fredericks. The Birmingham Newcomers will host a post-parade reception for participants. The Jaycees will provide continuous entertainment in the bandshell at Shain Park following the parade.

SUNDAY, MAY 15

• Historical bus tours of Birmingham beginning at the Community House will be conducted by Merritt Olsen starting at 1 and 3 p.m. Reservations are necessary and should be made in advance at the Community House.

• The Maplewood Garden Club will conduct tours of the Allen and Hunter House gardens from 1-5 p.m.

• Mayfair continues from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Shain Park.

MONDAY, MAY 16

• A Government Day lunch at the Community House will honor Marshall Fredericks, sculptor and city resident, who is donating a copy of his statue, "Freedom of the Human Spirit," to the city in honor of the anniversary celebration. By invitation only.

• A time capsule dedication ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m. in front of city hall. Students from Seaholm High School have planned and selected items for the capsule to be opened in 50 years. School administrators, students, city officials and members of the Birmingham Historical Society will attend. The public is invited.

TUESDAY, MAY 17

• The Senior's Men's Club will hold a lunch at The Community House.

• The Senior Citizen's arts, crafts and hobbies show and sale will be held from noon to 4 p.m. in the undercroft of St. James Church. There will be refreshments.

• Slides of old Birmingham will be shown at 2:30 and 8 p.m. at the Allen House.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

• A service club lunch at the Community House will be hosted by the Lions Club. The Birmingham Elementary School Honors Band will perform.

THURSDAY, MAY 19

• A "Michigan Products" lunch will be served in the Birmingham schools.

• The Birmingham Historical Society will host a walking tour of historic Birmingham. The tour begins at the Community House at 9 a.m. and includes champagne and a box lunch at \$12.75 per person. Reservations necessary. Call 644-4121. The morning features a guided walking tour of Birmingham historic district ending at two historically-designated houses. After lunch, two private homes will be toured.

• Birmingham Area Senior Citizens Center will hold an open house from 2-4 p.m. at Pierce School (Bird Street entrance). Refreshments will be served.

• American Association of University Women will hold an open house from 3-5 p.m. at the Allen House. The public may attend.

• A vocal concert will be presented at 8 p.m. by the Maple Chorus at Seaholm High School.

FRIDAY, MAY 20

• A dinner in Shain Park celebrating Birmingham's 50th birthday will honor community leaders and residents who have contributed to Birmingham during the past 50 years. By invitation only.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

• Happy Birthday Party will be held for all residents. An ice cream social will be held from 2-5 p.m. in Shain Park. Refreshments include ice cream, cookies and soft drinks. Price is 25 cents. Entertainment will include clowns, a magic show, mime groups, dancers, barbershop quartets, Straw Hat Band, children's play, Franklin Village Band and a banjo and guitar duo.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

• Carillon concerts will be presented by Kent McDonald from 12:15-12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at St. James Church.

• The Herb Society will serve tea and have ongoing demonstrations from 1-3 p.m. Sunday through Thursday at the Allen House.

• The Birmingham Historical Society has published a commemorative booklet of Birmingham's last 50 years. The 16-page brochure includes a pictorial history of Birmingham with reminiscences of local residents. Copies are available at Baldwin Public Library, Chamber of Commerce and through local retailers for \$1.

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