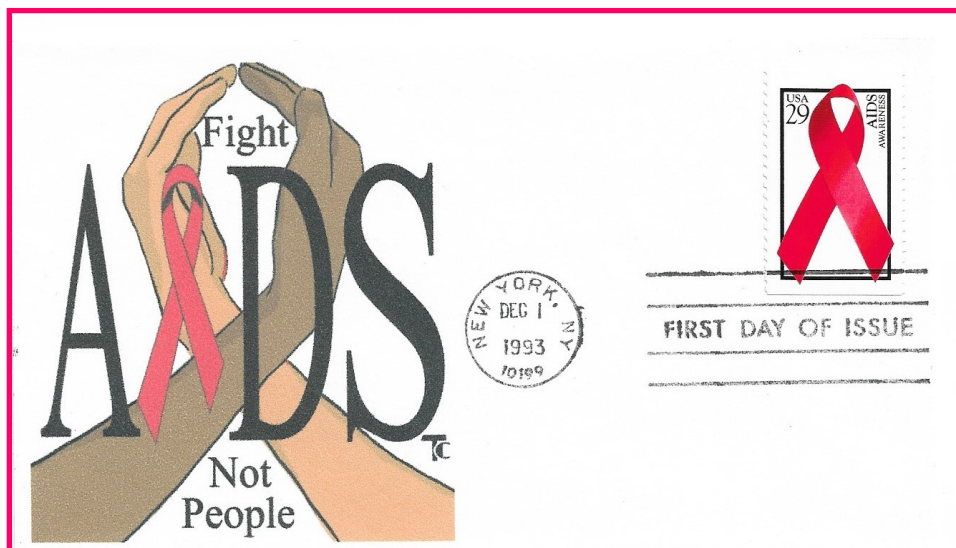




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National AIDS Awareness Month for the U.S. is October. It was started by presidential proclamation back in 1988 by Ronald Regan. The International observance for AIDS is December 1st.

The U.S. AIDS awareness stamp was issued on December 1, 1993, more than 11 years after the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention coined the name Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome for a new disease that was surfacing among gay men. The U.S., Jordan, Nepal, Peru and Uruguay stamps all issued stamps on World AIDS Day that year, but emissions from 39 other countries and the United Nations had preceded them.

March 10 is National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day; March 20 is National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day; April 10 is National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day; April 18 is National Transgender HIV Testing Day; May 18 is HIV Vaccine Awareness Day; May 19 is National Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day; June 5 is HIV Long-Term Survivors Day; June 27 is National HIV Testing Day; September 18 is National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day; and October 15 is National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day.

The **objectives** of GLHS are to promote an interest in the collection, study and dissemination of knowledge of worldwide philatelic material that depicts: Notable men and women and their contributions to society for whom historical evidence exists of homosexual or bisexual orientation; Mythology, historical events and ideas significant in the history of gay culture; Flora and fauna scientifically proven to having prominent homosexual behavior, and other philatelic endeavors.

Membership fees at this time are \$10 a year to assist with maintenance fees including the website, photocopies of brochures, advertising, and other administrative expenses. Payment by check or money order, payable to the club, GLHS.

The GLHS electronic journal is published quarterly, January, April, July, and October. Submissions for January 2020 issue are needed by November 30, 2019. Members may submit advertisements for free.

GLHS Social at StampShow/NTSS

– Carol Costa

Ten GLHS club members met at the Hilton Omaha on Sunday morning winding up four busy days at APS/NTSS Stamp Show August 1st-4th. The show was well organized, well attended, and offered a wide variety of informative seminars and over 70 dealers.

We met for breakfast in the private dining area of the Liberty Tavern in the show hotel. The food was good and prices reasonable. We all chose the breakfast buffet, which offered an expansive array of high calorie meats, baked goods, eggs, and fruit.

Discussion was lively and focused on exhibiting. Many present were either judges, exhibitors, or potential exhibitors. A good time was had by all.

If you missed us in Omaha, make plans now to join us in Hartford next August.



left to right Tomas G., Mike M., Darrell E., James, Larry C., Lisa F.



left to right Lisa F., Carol C., Laurie A., Benny, Art V.
Photos courtesy Tomas

Military Working Dogs



The First Day of Issue Ceremony was held on Thursday for the Military Working Dogs stamp issues. GLHS member Scott English was the Master of Ceremonies.



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GLHS member Laurie A. visited the USPS photo booth where attendees could create and mail postcards.

GLHS General Meeting

The GLHS meeting was held Friday August 2nd. We had 16 people attend. Of those 10 were previously GLHS members. 10 of the attendees were ATA members and 14 APS members.

GLHS had 26 members before the show. Five new members signed up during StampShow/NTSS, and others voiced their intent to sign up.



Photos courtesy of Tomas Griebling



Photo courtesy of Susanna Mills

GLHS a “Super Study Unit”

Note the rainbow stamp on the wall behind the ATA booth?

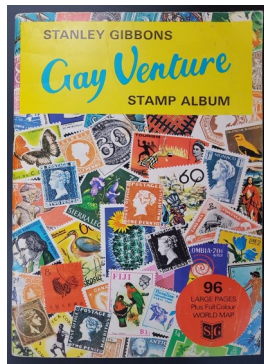
GLHS Member Vera Felts is pictured behind the booth.



GLHS Member Carol Costa had fun in the ATA photo booth.

Gay Ventures

A Philatelic Column - Larry Crain



My Aunt Katy started me collecting stamps when I was 10 or 11. I got an album, packets of world-wide stamps and a first day cover addressed to me personally as new stamps were issued by the US. I saved my

pennies and nickels and bought further packets at the five-and-dime. Every year between Christmas and New Year's I counted my stamps.

One country, Germany, had stamps hinged under hinge under hinge with its pages in the album filled. Others looked empty. One caught my eye, probably caught the eye of most kids -- the bi-colored animals and scenes of the Mozambique Company.

When I got older, way post-college, and decided I couldn't collect the whole world, I chose to collect one country per continent.



Those bi-colored Mozambique Company stamps won the day for Africa, and the Company became one of six serious collections which continue the joy and enthusiasm of a kid's delight. Now, I have used copies of most of the Mozambique Company stamps, except for those damned postage dues and the high value semi-postal.

I have also learned a lot about the Company. It was established in 1891 and given a 50-

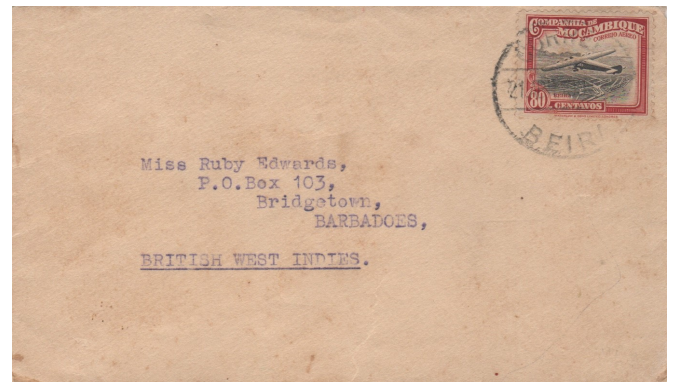
year concession. Although it was a failure financially, it kept its authority for the entire 50 years of the charter. Two other companies were given concessions but one was never funded and the other lasted 35 years.

Through covers, I've learned the Company had contacts throughout the world and was a successful marketer of its stamps.



above - Beira, Mozambique, Aug 1901 to Jamnagar, Kathiawar, India, transit Bombay.

below - Beira, Apr 1937 to Bridgetown, Barbados.



The Portuguese government awarded the Company the Grand Cross of the Order of the Colonial Empire in 1939. That was because it was a success for the government. The Company held back the British absorption of the area and countered Cecil Rhodes' influence. It kept alive Portuguese colonialism in Mozambique and cost the Portuguese government very little hard cash. Yet, for those investors who fronted cash and hoped to cash in, it never turned a profit. It did continue as a business in Mozambique ten years after its concession was over.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lisa Foster



Craig Cox wrote, "Nice! Thanks for doing this impressive newsletter! I like your work on this fascinating area of philately and will try to get a check to you soon for membership! Take care, and thanks again."

Thank you, Craig for forwarding GLHS information on the Florida Pride Cancel...and Welcome!

Joe Petronie asked, "Is the journal being provided to any archives or philatelic libraries? ONE Institute in LA should have a nearly complete set of past journals. The LGBT Archives in Amsterdam has copies of the journals while I was editor. (I may have sent them older ones, but do not remember.) The gay archives in Montreal should also have copies. I do not know if any of them take electronic copies, but do not know why they wouldn't."

Thank you, for the suggestions. The journal is currently sent to the American Philatelic Research Library (APRL) and the ATA archives.

Darren Odell, Co-founder of the original club, with Paul and Brian wrote, "Hi....I was astounded to see in Topical Time's Unit Study Group section a listing for GLHS. I had no idea the club had been revitalized. I took a look at the website. Just wonderful. I am so proud of the individual(s) who have done all this work. Paul would be so pleased."

Thank you so much for your kind words. We appreciate the vision, dedication and footwork you all did to make it possible.

ATA Checklist

John Stefanek is actively conducting research to update the 2005 GLHS ATA Checklist. If you are interested in helping out with data entry, looking up Scott numbers, or have your own checklists to send him please contact him directly or email glhstamps2@gmail.com.

Iceland Post's POSTPHIL Is Closing

- John Stefanek



Iceland Post announced, via e-mail on 20 August 2019, that it will be closing POSTPHIL, it's philatelic bureau, at the end of this year.

While it seems that there has been no Iceland stamp issued featuring Johanna Sigurdardottir (born 1942), the world's first openly gay head of government (in modern times), nor no stamp featuring Olafur Davidsson (1862-1903), prominent folklore collector, you can still purchase the following LGBTQ-related stamps at stamps.postur.is/en:

2 May 2013 Town Festivals I - The Reykjavik Pride Parade



Also, you can find a Greenland stamp featuring "Pearls of Europe" celebrating LGBTQ Pride in the 2015 SEPAC Gift Folder.



... our journey is not complete until our gay brothers and sisters are treated like anyone else under the law. For if we are truly created equal, then surely the love we commit to one another must be equal as well ...

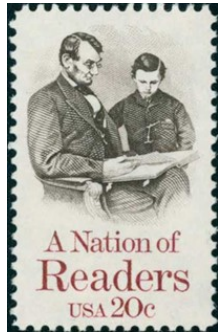
President Barack Obama
2nd Inaugural Speech
January 21, 2013

**Carol Costa, OPE*



Giving Back

Francis Ferguson



Strange Encounters

I have been a lifelong reader. Over the years I have strayed into many fiction and non-fiction areas – however I always avoided romance and westerns – there just was no interest in those subject areas for me. I have read works by G/L authors such as Truman Capote, Armistead Maupin, Edmund White and Rita Mae Brown. Then things changed about 3 years ago.

One evening as I was surfing through the many thousands of movie titles on Netflix, “The Geography Club” appeared. Little did I know at the time where this would lead. The movie was touching, and both my husband and I enjoyed it. During the credits I happened to catch the phrase “based on the book, by Brent Hartinger”. A scant 30 minutes later I had the book downloaded and was reading it on my iPad. Wow – this was very much different. I went on to read all of Brent Hartinger’s books and even read a couple by his husband Michael Jensen. The stories were interesting and in Jensen’s case touched on the historical fiction category that has always been a strong interest of mine. At the end of one of those stories there was a suggested book link – I clicked on.

And down the rabbit hole I went. Mark Richard Zubro was my first find – and I read all his books. John Simpson was my second author and again I read all that was available.

Again, I clicked on the suggested link at the end of one of books and stumbled into the delightful gems written by Alexa Land. Other authors include, Jason Collins, Frank Butterfield, Declan Rhodes, Dan Skin-

ner, Robert Innes, A.D. Ellis, and a handful of others. In total I have read over 200 titles in the Male/Male romance category. While some stories go full throttle into erotic, most just touch on the subject as peripheral to the actual story; those are the books I prefer.

By far my favorite authors have been Hartinger, Jensen, Land, Skinner, Zubro, Brown and Butterfield. They weave interesting stories that for the most part end happily and add funny notes to my life. My purpose in reading has always been to escape into the world created by the author --- and these authors do a fabulous job of achieving just that.

Recently I discovered that the author John Simpson and I have more than likely crossed paths – we just did not know it. Simpson graduated from the University of Central Florida in 1981 according to his biographical information in a recent book. I graduated from UCF in 1982.

At that time UCF was a small University tucked on the eastern edge of Orlando with about 5,000 students. The chances that Simpson and I passed each other at some point on campus during my 5 years – I would think would be 100%. It is often odd how lives intersect, but that knowledge does not come out until many years later. I have had other instances of close encounters of the third kind over my lifetime. Some have been truly bizarre in reflection. The one that involved my first boyfriend and a work colleague of mine that occurred nearly 40 years ago is funny to even think about!

For the record I still have no interest in western/country stories! Until next time, be good and practice kindness. Pay it forward.

Breaking the Ice

In an attempt for GLHS members to get better acquainted with each other, members are invited to introduce themselves by answering questions to be published in the Journal.



I am Marlene Michelson, born in Tacoma and raised in Spokane. We moved to Oakland in 1950. I was 12. Have lived mostly in the San Francisco Bay Area since then.

I started collecting stamps on a visit to my Aunt Eloise in Tacoma -- I was probably 11 -- she started me collecting stamps. She worked for a bank and was able to take stamps off envelopes that came in. Collecting stamps is such a solitary hobby. I had no idea there were Scott Catalogs until I moved to the Rossmoor adult community in Walnut Creek in 2002 and found a stamp club that meets twice a month here. Don't know how much longer it will last as we're getting old and not many younger folks collect.

I collect the world as my first album was the world, purchased in a 5- and 10-cent store when I was 12. Now I do mostly topicals like birds and butterflies on stamps, oddly-shaped stamps, food and booze on stamps, maps and stamps on stamps. I'm also into back of the book US, including revenues. AND, of course, GLHS. Just bought a Canadian booklet of 8 on marriage equality. The design is a rainbow flag on a maple leaf-shaped stamp.



Stamps are special to me because they are little pieces of art. My butterfly stamps are incredibly beautiful.

I joined GLHSC like in 2005 and went to the GLHSC meeting at the 2006 Stamp Expo in DC. and even met Joe Petronie. I must have found the club in an ad in Linn's. Being a lesbian stamp collector, it was a no brainer to join.

I love the new reconstructed GLHS and find the newsletter very professionally done. I have too much of an accumulation that I need to sort, etc. Just need to focus.

GLHS Facebook Insights - Joe Petronie



Like us

on Facebook—
We're up to 213
followers!

I want to share some insights as provided by Facebook. It can help us tailor both the journal and Facebook page to our audience. We currently have nearly 200 likes and 204 followers. The top 3 countries are, understandably, the US, UK and Canada. The next five are Spain, India, Mexico, Bangladesh (a little surprising) and Germany. Overall, our followers are from over 30 countries. The main languages spoken are English (US/UK), Spanish, French, Catalan and German.

Overall, women make up 27% and men 72%. I would guess there is a rounding issue for the final 1%. I'm unaware if Facebook keeps track of transgender status. The majority of the followers are over 55 - 10% women, 33% men. The next highest group is 25 to 44 - 8% women, 18% men. 45 to 54 is 6% women, 16% men. Under 25 is 2.5% women, 4.5% men.

If you can provide me a copy of the GLHS ad as mentioned in the journal, I will post it on Facebook. It might bring in a few more paying members. Just an FYI - in the heyday of GLHSC, we had close to 150 dues paying members. I would say that the average membership was around 60 - 70. It would be nice to get that 30 to move up!

Current Membership Report

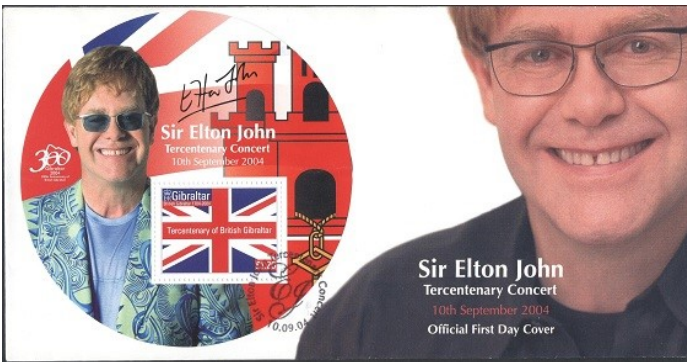
Our current membership consists of 32 paid members; 22 male & 10 female. 21 are also members of the American Philatelic Society (APS) & 15 members of the American Topical Association (ATA).

Currently, all members are from the USA. 11 live in the West (CA, WA, OR, WY, AZ), 8 in the Midwest (MI, KS, ND, OH, IL, MO), 8 in the South (FL, TX, KY, VA) and 4 in the Northeast (PA, NY).

Sir Elton John: a gay icon - Lisa Foster

In January 2019 I attended Elton John's *Farewell Yellow Brick Road* tour in Portland Oregon. His "last-ever tour" began in September 2018 and will continue around the world until 2021.

Elton Hercules John was born Reginald Kenneth Dwight near London in Pinner, England on March 25, 1947. Hereafter referred to as Sir Elton John – a title



bestowed on him after Queen Elizabeth II knighted him in 1997 for "services to music and charitable services."



Elton John announced he was bisexual in 1976, has been openly gay since 1988 and entered a long-term relationship with filmmaker David Furnish in the 1990s. They entered into a civil partnership on December 21, 2005, the first day that gay couples in Britain could.

Sir Elton was a strong advocate for the legalization of gay marriage, stating in 2012, "There is

a world of difference between calling someone your



partner and calling them your husband. Partner is a word that should be preserved for people you play tennis with...." After gay marriage became legal in England in March 2014, John and David wed on their anniversary December 21, 2014. They have two sons, Zachary (2010) and Elijah (2013), both born to a surrogate mother. At the Farewell concert, Sir Elton explained to the audience he needed to retire from touring and spend more time with his family.

Sir Elton is considered a gay icon, not only because of his sexuality, Glam Piano playing, flamboyant costumes, championing for gay rights, but also for his AIDS advocacy.



In 1986 he joined with Dionne Warwick, Gladys Knight and Stevie Wonder to record the single, "That's What Friends Are For", with all profits donated to the American Foundation for Aids Research.

In 1992, he established the Elton John AIDS foundation, with a goal of "an AIDS free future through science, support and most of all compassion."

The 1992 single, "The Last Song" was about a gay man dying of AIDS who has one last conversation with his father.

Sir Elton rewrote the song *Candle in the Wind*, which was originally about Marilyn Monroe, as a tribute to Princess Diana after her death, and performed it at her funeral September 6, 1997. It was released on September 13, 1997 with the proceeds (£38 million) from the song donated to the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.

Prince Harry joined forces with Sir Elton to launch the MenStar coalition in 2018. The coalition's goal is to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030.



(Sir Elton, continued from page 7).



On September 3, 2019 Royal Mail, the postal authority of Great Britain issued 12 stamps honoring Elton John.



London2020

Thanks to members who offered to contribute towards the cost of the room rental, GLHS will be holding a meeting at London2020. The request has been sent into the organizing committee and specific information will be provided later.

If anyone is willing to volunteer to organize GLHS social(s) during the exhibition time period, contact glhstamps2@gmail.com. The opportunities are immense. For example, May 5th will be Cinco de Mayo or GLHS can spend a night on the town in neighboring Soho or plan a visit to The Postal Museum, or a group meal, or.....

GLHS Board of Directors 2019

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GLHS Supporters - Lisa Foster

The one-year anniversary of the rebirth of Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps (GLHS) is a perfect time to thank those who made it possible. Thank you to members who volunteered to serve on the GLHS Board, all members who provided support financially, with submissions to the newsletter, through promotion of the organization, and with your membership.

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded at Stamp-Show/NTSS 2019 for contributions made by members during the 2018-2019 year of GLHS:

Francis Ferguson for his support of GLHS as the Webmaster.

Joe Petronie for his support of GLHS as the Social Media Administrator.

Larry Crain, Francis Ferguson, and John Stefanek for their support of GLHS as Columnists.

Robert Pope for his support of GLHS with an article submission.

Jerry Adams, Carol Costa, Ann Dunkin, Francis Ferguson, Bradley Fritts Ian Gibson-Smith, Dawn Hamman, Jon Howard, Marlene Michelson, Sophie Neubert, Robert Pope, Dale Smith and Phil Stager for their Financial support of GLHS.

Scott English and Dale Smith for Advocacy in support of GLHS.

In addition, Dale Smith was awarded a rainbow prism in recognition of his substantial financial support of GLHS.



GLHS Website

I would like to extend an exceptional Thank You to Francis Ferguson for his years of dedication and devotion to the club as Webmaster. Francis, the GLHSC Webmaster continued his role to ensure the safety of archival material through the years the club was inactive. In 2018 when the club became active again, Francis provided consultation, updated the website and volunteered to continue in his role as Webmaster until a new member volunteered. Thank you Francis! GLHS could not have done it without you!

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to the new Webmaster, Arthur P. von Reyn. For updates on the website see page 9.



GLHS Website Refreshed and Expanded

By Arthur P. von Reyn

If you have browsed GLHSONline.org recently, you will see the site has been refreshed and the offerings expanded. I assumed webmaster duties this past summer from Francis Ferguson, who thankfully revived the defunct GLHSC.org website three years after it first went dark, back in 2008.

Many pages of the website, like the home page and those depicting stamps, special cancels and covers, have been revamped to make them clearer to read on the small screens of mobile devices. Some others that appear tiny on cell phones still require rehabilitation.

The formerly static home page has been expanded to allow addition of news updates related to GLBT stamp issues and future meetings of the GLHS. A new banner has been added to the website that not only includes our group's logo, but a potpourri of stamp images. It looks great on computer monitors, but still needs some additional effort towards mobile phone friendliness.

Greatly expanded is the image gallery of GLBT related stamps, special cancellations and covers. There are now more than 70 mostly U.S. stamps illustrated, accompanied by short sketches explaining the subject matter depicted. In the special cancellations section, the number now exceeds 70, including all 51 known to be related to American gay pride events. Most lacking are images of unusual covers; note that first day covers are excluded due to their being readily available on various philatelic marketplace websites. Kudos go to former *Lambda Philatelic Journal* editor Joe Petronie for allowing the reproduction from his collection of all the pride special cancel images, plus a few of his covers.

Still largely absent from the image gallery are foreign items. Members are invited to take a look at the website, see what's missing, whether U.S. or foreign, and let your webmaster know what should be added; note that justification is required for the addition of images related to GLBT personalities. Because there are so

many stamps being issued these days solely for philatelic purposes, stamps featured on our website are preferably related to the issuing entity in some way. Images may be mailed or e-mailed to the webmaster but please contact the webmaster before doing so.

The complete run of the *Lambda Philatelic Journal* that Francis Ferguson scanned from print versions over a period of 10 months has been preserved. To make searching for articles easier, the index for these *Lambda* issues has been combined from three parts into one part. A separate index will be posted after the completion of this year's run of the current quarterly publication—which is termed the *Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps Journal* on the website due to no better title being proposed as of this date.

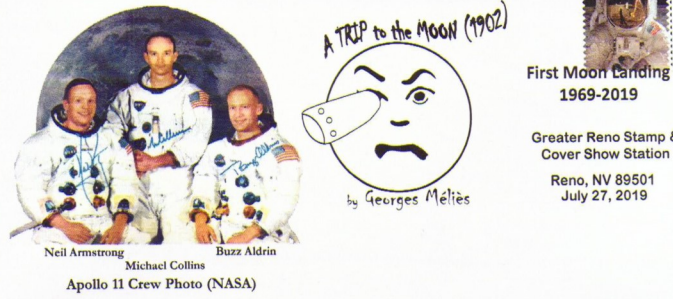
Future plans for the website include adding the capability to apply for society membership online and acceptance of dues payments therefore, as well as renewal dues and donations.

For those who haven't already done so, please take some time to visit GLHSONline.com and offer any suggestions for improvements. You might also want to do some time travel and see how older versions of Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps or other websites appeared. This can be done free of charge at a website called the Internet Archive Wayback Machine that houses websites back to the 1990s. Just enter in the website address, such as <http://GLHSONline.org> or <http://GLHSC.org>. There is a calendar showing dates when the website was crawled, normally a couple of times a year. Select a highlighted date to see how the website appeared at that moment. This can be done for completely defunct websites; an interesting one is paulsgaystamps.com, the website GLHSC cofounder Paul Hennefeld maintained. It consists mainly of pages from his award-winning and sometimes controversial *Out of the Closet* stamp exhibit that made the rounds at various stamp shows during the late 1980s and into the 1990s.

As I noted at the onset of this article, we have Francis Ferguson to thank for the continued existence of a Gay and Lesbian History on Stamp website over
(Continued on page 10.)

Reno Stamp Show - Lisa Foster

"...A Giant Leap For Mankind"



The Nevada Stamp Study Society put on the 2019 Reno Stamp Show July 27-28, in the Hall of Fame Museum at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, NV. There were 10 dealers, the USPS and a youth table. They also have show covers with cancels for each day of the show. The show venue is a short walking distance from the strip with well known casino hotels.



There were 28 frames of competitive exhibits. The Exhibit Awards dinner was held Saturday at Harrah's and was very nice. All exhibitors received a nice framed picture of Reno with a poker chip representing their award level.



Although it is a smaller show, the location and time of the year is a must do for GLHS members. The show is held the same weekend as Reno Pride.



The Parade was held Saturday morning and was just a couple blocks from the stamp show.



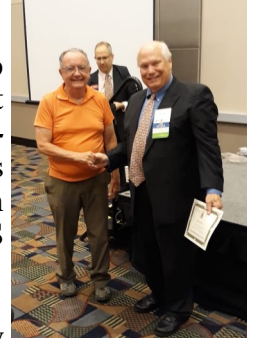
After the show closed on Sunday, GLHS members held a social at *Carl's - The Saloon*, one of five gay bars in Reno.

Further information can be found at <http://www.renostamp.org/show.html>.

Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Recognition Awards - Local Service

The American Philatelic Society is proud to honor the service of stamp collectors who promote the hobby at the local level, lead and organize local clubs and shows, and work behind the scenes to sustain and grow the hobby.

At the APS General Membership meeting on Saturday, August 3rd, at StampShow 2019 in Omaha, **Lawrence Crain**, received the Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Recognition Award for Local Service from APS President Robert Ziegler.



An APS member since 1979, Larry Crain has been active in the Southern Oregon Philatelic Society and its annual show since at least 2007. He is currently Executive Secretary of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs and President of the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies. He has at least five different exhibits on subjects ranging from Colombia to Plate Number Coils, has given presentations on exhibiting at World Series shows and has been a volunteer at a number of APS shows. <https://stamps.org/Blog/post/2019-volunteer-awards-local>



American Philatelic Society (APS)

Gay & Lesbian History on Stamps as an APS Affiliate (AF0205). GLHS is listed on the online directory of specialty societies at <https://stamps.org/Collect/Affiliates> and <https://classic.stamps.org/Specialty-Societies>. According to the Specialty Society site, GLHS has been an "Affiliate since: 8/31/1991."

(Website cont. from page 9) years. The second time the website address expired for non-renewal, in late 2014, a website predator promptly snapped up the address and has since been holding it for ransom, most likely for maximum 10 maximum years possible. Rather than pay the ridiculous ransom demand, Francis, with the help of an anonymous donor, was able to get a GLHS website back on line shortly thereafter with the current GLHSONline.org address.

Those desiring to contact me can do so by e-mail at apvr@msn.com or at the mailing address appearing in the membership roster posted in the "members only" portion of the website.

GLHS Club Showcase Exhibit



The GLHS Club Showcase exhibit had its debut in 2019 at StampShow/NTSS. In this edition is the one-page exhibit (OPE) from Carol Costa, “Barack Obama” on page 4. Currently GLHS has exhibits from six participants. If you are interested in participating, or know of a show accepting Club exhibits, email glhstamps2@gmail.com.

National Topical Stamp Show 2019

The Reserve Grand and Large Gold medal were awarded to Dawn R. Hamman for her multi-frame exhibit, “*Backyard Chickens—Raising Chickens at Home, Then and Now*”. Dawn was also awarded the AAPE Award of Excellence Epilogue.



Photo courtesy Igor Grigorian

Dawn was also awarded a Gold medal for her one frame exhibit, “*When Ostrich Plumes Were All the Rage*”.



Photo courtesy APS



Photo courtesy APS

Tomas Griebing was awarded a Large Silver, and the AAPE Novice Award for his multi-frame exhibit, “*Rings of Glory: The Olympic Symbol as Philatelic Motif*”.

Laurie Anderson was awarded a Silver-Bronze for her one-frame exhibit, “*Point Arena Light-house...Lighting the Way!*”.



Photo courtesy APS



The ATA celebrated its 70th anniversary at NTSS 2019. The stamp decorated birthday cake was served at the ATA President’s Reception on Friday evening.

ATA has a New Address

The ATA office has moved, and our congenial new executive director, Jennifer Miller, is hard at work. Please use our new address: P.O. Box 2143, Greer, SC 29652-2143. Our email and phone have not changed: americantopical@msn.com and (618) 985-5100.

October is Stamp Collecting Month

Everyone Recruit One!

To celebrate Stamp Collecting Month, we’re rolling out a special offer for ATA members. It’s our *Everyone Recruit One* campaign, and we hope you’ll participate. For each new member you recruit in October, you’ll receive a \$5 checklist credit. If you recruit a former member after a lapse of more than a year, you’ll get a \$5 credit for that also. And, yes, you can recruit more than one member! If the new member signs up on the ATA website, be sure to let us know you’re the member who recruited him/her.

New Topics from ATA

The hardworking checklist coordinators continue to add all new issues, as well as new topics to our dATAbase. Fall is a perfect time to update your checklist or add a new one. Perhaps one of these new lists appeals to you: Game of Thrones, Duchess Meghan, scented stamps, the Beatles, US National Parks, Charles Schultz-Peanuts, French horns, propaganda, all-terrain vehicles and jet skis. ATA now has more than 1300 checklists by topic, and can also custom search for any topic you dream up. Contact the ATA office to order your next topic! 618-985-5100, americantopical@msn.com.

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Maude Adams – Laurie Anderson

An American actress best known for her portrayal of the Broadway production of “Peter Pan” in 1905. Born in Salt Lake City, Utah and began her acting career at the age of two months old when she appeared on stage in the play “The Lost Baby”. Adams starred in many plays throughout her life and briefly retired from acting in 1918. She continued to be involved in theater by working with General Electric to find a way to improve stage lighting. Adams returned to acting in 1931, starring in “The Merchant of Venice” and “Twelfth Night” in 1934.

Adams never married and was described as shy and a person who preferred to be alone. Her life was absent of any relationships with men which contributed to her image of a virtuous and innocent public celebrity. In fact, many biographers concluded Adams was a lesbian due to her two long-term relationships with women that only ended upon her partners’ deaths. One relationship was with Lillie Florence from the early 1890s until 1901. The second relationship was with Louise Boynton from 1905 until 1951. There were also rumors Adams had a romantic relationship with Spring Byington.

Adams stayed involved in theater her entire life. She was known to supplement the pay of other performers with her own money and she once forced a theater owner, who raised ticket prices knowing Adams name would draw a sold-out crowd, to refund money to patrons before she would go on stage. At the age of 80, Adams passed away at her summer home, Caddam Hill, in Tannersville, NY. She is interred in the cemetery of the Sisters of the Cenacle in New York and Louise Boynton is buried alongside her.

Elections of Executive Officers

According to Article III of the GLHS Constitution and Bylaws there is to be a Board of Directors, consisting of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor. They shall be responsible for the general supervision and management of GLHS and its activities. The term of office for all officers shall be for three calendar years. There will be no limits to the number of terms.

When GLHS was reinstated in 2018 a Board was formed with volunteers who agreed to serve one year terms until elections could be held. Nominations/volunteers for all positions are being accepted through October 2019 at glhstamps2@gmail.com.

Elections will be held via email in November 2019.

"Genius is the talent for seeing things straight."

Maude Adams



The **President** provides general supervision over all matters of GLHS; presides at meetings unless unable to attend; shall be an ex-officio member of all committees; coordinates publicity and membership drives.

The **Vice President** is expected to assume duties of the President in his/her absence or if the position becomes vacant; and other duties as directed by the Board.

The **Secretary** shall be the custodian of all records and property belonging to GLHS; attend meetings as able; keep records of meetings.

The **Treasurer** shall maintain financial records of GLHS; pay bills on behalf of GLHS; report to the Secretary delinquent accounts; provide yearly financial report to the Board.

The **Editor** shall be responsible publication of the quarterly e-journal.



Australia Post announced release of a series of LGBTQ-themed postal stamps on October 1, 2019 to celebrate the legalization of same-sex marriage in Australia.

The following was written in the Australian Post Stamp Bulletin, Issue No. 361, Sept-Oct 2019, page 10.

“Marriage in Australia was legally defined as a union between a man and a woman in 2004. Same-sex unions were treated as de facto unions under federal law. These unions provided couples with most, though not all, of the legal rights of marriage, although those rights may be difficult to assert and were not always recognized in practice.

A voluntary postal survey designed to gauge support for same-sex marriage and the removal of legal discrimination was held between 12 September and 7 November 2017. The survey returned 7,817,247 (61.6%) "Yes" responses and 4,873,987 (38.4%) "No" responses. An additional 36,686 (0.3%) responses were unclear and the total turnout was 12,727,920 (79.5%).

This important survey closed on 7 November 2017 and the results were released on 15 November 2017.

Liberal senator Dean Smith introduced a historic marriage equality bill to the Australian parliament and senators from across the spectrum rose to endorse it just a day after the release of the survey results.

Legislation to allow same sex marriage, the Marriage Amendment (Definition and Religious Freedoms) Act 2017, passed the Australian Parliament on 7 December 2017 and received royal assent from the Governor-General the following day. The law came into effect on 9 December, immediately recognizing overseas same-sex marriages. The first same-sex wedding under Australian law was held on 15 December 2017.

The stamp designs are celebratory, showing the highly recognizable rainbow colors and slogans synonymous with the Marriage Equality campaign.”
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On 1 October 2019, Australia released two stamps commemorating **Marriage Equality** (see page 13).

On 26 September 2019, the United Kingdom released a miniature sheet commemorating England as ICC Women’s World Cup 2017 Winners, including two stamps featuring **Georgia Elwiss** (born 1991). She is a British international cricketer, currently playing for the Melbourne Stars.



Her girlfriend, British footballer Carly Telford, revealed their relationship in a 2017 *BBC Sport* interview.

On 24 September 2019, Norfolk Island (Australia) released two stamps and a miniature sheet commemorating the Mutiny on the *Bounty*, including one stamp and the miniature sheet featuring **William Bligh**.

On 12 September 2019, the United States released a stamp commemorating the Bicentennial of the Birth of **Walt Whitman**.

On 5 September 2019, Germany released a stamp commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Birth of **Alexander von Humboldt**.

On 3 September 2019, the United Kingdom released eight stamps, a miniature sheet, a retail booklet, and three fan sheets commemorating 50 Years of the Music Career of **Elton John**, including one stamp featuring an album cover designed by **Gianni Versace** (See page 8).

On 3 September 2019, Gibraltar released four stamps commemorating 500 Years since the Death of **Leonardo da Vinci**.

On 2 September 2019, Liechtenstein released three stamps commemorating Princely Treasures: Sculptures of Antico, including one stamp featuring **Hercules**.

On 27 August 2019, Portugal released a miniature sheet commemorating Harry Potter, including one
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stamp featuring **Albus Dumbledore**.

On 14 August 2019, St. Thomas and Prince Islands released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating Nude Paintings, including one stamp featuring **Venus** and **Cupid**, one stamp featuring **Diana**, one stamp featuring **David**, and the souvenir sheet featuring **The Turkish Bath**, **Venus** (twice), and **Cupid**.



On 8 August 2019, the United States released a stamp commemorating 50 Years since the Woodstock Music and Art Fair, which included performances by **Janis Joplin** and **Pete Townshend (born 1945)**. He is guitarist, second lead vocalist, principal songwriter, co-founder, and leader of the rock band The Who. He won a 1993 Tony Award

and a 1994 Grammy Award for *The Who's Tommy*. He has received several lifetime achievement awards, including a 2008 Kennedy Center Honor. In a 2002 interview with *Rolling Stone*, Pete admitted that he had sex with two men "consciously" and another man "unconsciously" in the 1960s. Danny Fields said the two had a casual "on-and-off" relationship.

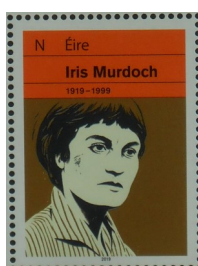
On 31 July 2019, St. Vincent and the Grenadines released a miniature sheet commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Death of **Leonardo da Vinci**, including one stamp featuring the work of **Salai**.

On 26 July 2019, Bequia released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 65th Anniversary of the Coronation of Elizabeth II, including one stamp featuring dresses designed by **Norman Hartnell** and the souvenir sheet featuring a dress designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 22 July 2019, Isle of Man released six stamps commemorating the Bicentennial of the Birth of **Herman Melville**.

On 18 July 2019, Malaysia released a souvenir sheet commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the First Sarawak Postage Stamp, featuring **James Brooke**.

On 16 July 2019, Turkey released seven definitive stamps depicting the life of **Mustafa Kemal Atatürk**.



On 11 July 2019, Ireland released a stamp commemorating the Centenary of the Birth of **Iris Murdoch (1919-1999)**. She was a British nov-

elist who received a first-class honors degree from Oxford and taught philosophy there at St. Anne's College. She received a knighthood in 1987. She married (a man who thought sex was "inescapably ridiculous") and had multiple affairs with both men and women.

On 7 July 2019, Nevis released a miniature sheet commemorating the Centenary of the Birth of **Leonard Bernstein**.

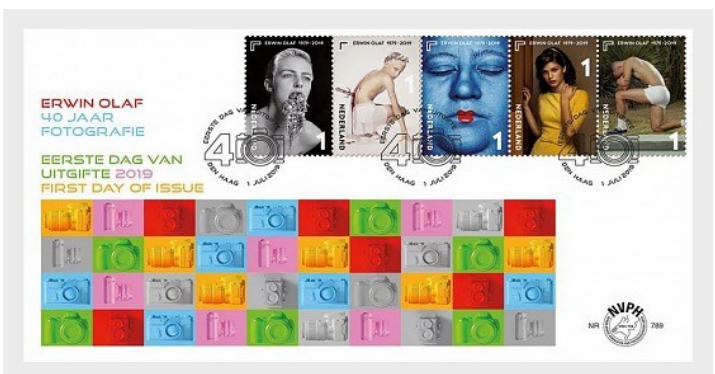
On 5 July 2019, Togo released a souvenir sheet commemorating Monuments of Egypt, featuring **Horus**.

On 5 July 2019, Togo released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating **Timothy Ray Brown (born 1966)**. He is an American considered to be the first person cured of **HIV/AIDS**. He was known as "The Berlin Patient" until he revealed his identity in late 2010. To fight leukemia, he received a bone marrow transplant with mutant stem cells that confer resistance to HIV. He has been openly gay since high school.



On 5 July 2019, Monaco released a stamp commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Death of **Salvador Dali**.

On 1 July 2019, the Netherlands released five stamps commemorating 40 Years of the Photography of **Erwin Olaf (born 1959)**. His often daring and provocative photos have been exhibited around the world. He's provided advertising campaigns for



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Levi's, Microsoft, and Nokia, and he designed the 2014 Dutch euro coins featuring King Willem-Alexander. In a 2008 interview for *The Telegraph*, he said "I could never hide being gay, even when I was six."

On 1 July 2019, Jersey released four stamps commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Investiture of HRH Prince of Wales, including three stamps featuring a dress by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 28 June 2019, Uruguay released a souvenir sheet commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Birth of **Walt Whitman**.

On 25 June 2019, Togo released a souvenir sheet commemorating 100 Years since the Death of Theodore Roosevelt, featuring Mt. Rushmore with **Abraham Lincoln**.

On 25 June 2019, Togo released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating 220 Years since the Death of George Washington, including one stamp and the souvenir sheet featuring Mt. Rushmore with **Abraham Lincoln**.

On 25 June 2019, Togo released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating German and Austrian Composers, including one stamp featuring **George Frideric Handel** and the souvenir sheet featuring **Ludwig van Beethoven**.

On 25 June 2019, Togo released a miniature sheet commemorating Castles, featuring Neuschwanstein Castle built by King **Ludwig II** of Bavaria.

On 25 June 2019, Togo released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the Death of **Karl Lagerfeld (1933-2019)**. He was an internationally successful German fashion designer, working for Fendi and Chanel. He directed a short film and became a professional caricaturist. He had an 18-year relationship with Jacques de Bascher.

On 25 June 2019, Togo released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Death of **Leonardo da Vinci**.

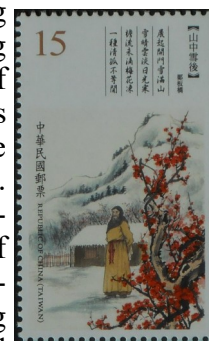
On 25 June 2019, Togo released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 65th Anniversary of the Death of **Frida Kahlo**.

On 22 June 2019, the United States released a miniature sheet commemorating 50 Years of *Sesame Street*, partially written by **Mark Saltzman**, including one stamp featuring **Ernie** and one stamp featuring **Bert**.

On 17 June 2019, Antigua & Barbuda released a miniature sheet commemorating the Centenary of the Birth of **Leonard Bernstein**.

On 15 June 2019, Maldives released a souvenir sheet commemorating Pablo Picasso, featuring work depicting **Max Jacob** in the selvage.

On 12 June 2019, the Republic of China (Taiwan) released four stamps commemorating Classical Chinese Poetry, including one stamp featuring the work of **Zheng Xie (1693-1765)**. He was born in poverty and rose through the exam system to become a magistrate. He painted and wrote poetry, becoming one of the Eight Eccentrics of Yangzhou. He was the official calligrapher and painter for the Qianlong Emperor. Zheng Xie had a celebrated homosexual relationship with his young page.



On 10 June 2019, Mozambique released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating German and Austrian Composers, including one stamp featuring **Robert Schumann** and the souvenir sheet featuring **Richard Wagner**.

On 7 June 2019, Belarus released a stamp commemorating Achievements of Belarusian Medicine, featuring the Rod of **Asclepius** in the stamp's miniature sheet selvage.

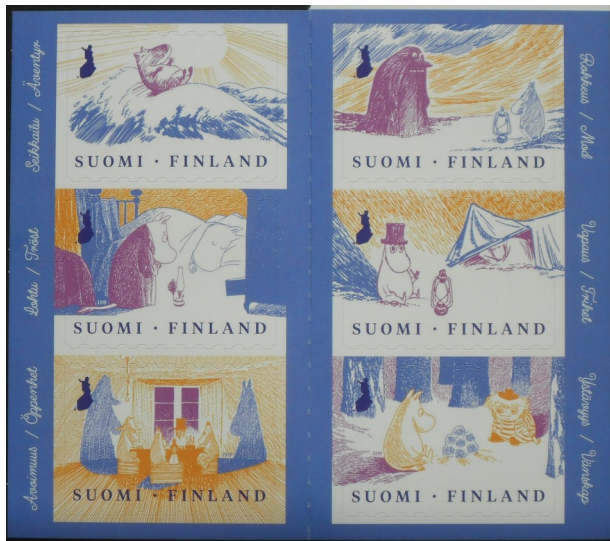
On 5 June 2019, Finland released a booklet commemorating Advice of Moomins to the Good Life, feature-



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ing the work of **Tove Jansson (1914-2001)**. She was a Swedish-speaking Finnish author who created the Moomins in 1945. In 1966, she won the Hans Christian Andersen Award, the highest recognition available to a writer or illustrator of children's books. Her lifelong partner was graphic artist and professor Tuulikki Pietila.



On 1 June 2019, Antigua & Barbuda released a miniature sheet commemorating 75 Years since the Death of Franklin D. Roosevelt, including one stamp featuring **Eleanor Roosevelt**.

On 31 May 2019, Vatican City released a miniature sheet commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Restoration of the Sistine Chapel, rebuilt by Pope **Sixtus IV**, featuring the work of **Michelangelo**.



On 22 May 2019, Bosnia & Herzegovina (Croat/Mostar) released a souvenir sheet commemorating Myths and Flora, featuring Aconitum napellus (also known as **aconite** or wolf's bane). The twelfth and final labor of **Heracles** required him to retrieve Cerberus, the three-headed dog who guarded the entrance

to the Underworld. With his bare hands, Heracles managed to strangle the creature to submission. While transporting it to Eurystheus, Cerberus spewed saliva, which, upon reaching the ground, caused aconite to grow. After, Cerberus safely returned to

Hades and Heracles reunited with Zeus.

On 19 May 2019, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus released a stamp commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Beginning of the Turkish War of Independence, featuring **Mustafa Kemal Atatürk**.

On 15 May 2019, Uruguay released a souvenir sheet commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Death of **Leonardo da Vinci**.

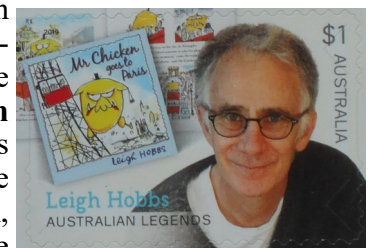
On 29 April 2019, Vatican City released a stamp commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Death of **Leonardo da Vinci**.

On 29 April 2019, Vatican City released a miniature sheet commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Carabinieri for the Protection of Cultural Heritage and Anti-Counterfeiting, including one stamp featuring the work of **Raphael**.

On 16 April 2019, Algeria released a stamp commemorating National Knowledge and Science Day, featuring **Augustine of Hippo**.

On 10 April 2019, St. Thomas and Prince Islands released a miniature sheet commemorating the 180th Anniversary of the Birth of Paul Cezanne, including one stamp featuring **Zeus** (transformed into a swan).

On 17 January 2019, Australia released five stamps commemorating Australian Legends of Children's Literature, including one stamp featuring **Leigh Hobbs (born 1953)**. His humorous books feature the characters of Old Tom, Horrible Harriet, Fiona the Pig, Mr. Badger, and Mr. Chicken. He designed the color schemes for the antique carousel at Sydney's Luna Park and the entrance of Melbourne's Luna Park. He lives with his partner, writer Dmetri Kakmi.



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Membership fees are \$10 a year.

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