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B & A Feilden, Blundellsands, Liverpool, Real Photo post card

S. S. Lesbian was a 272 ft long, 2,352 GRT (Gross Registered Tonnage) British cargo/freighter ship, which was built by Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson Ltd., Newcastle upon Tyne in 1923 for Ellerman Lines Ltd. She was launched on 31 July 1923 and completed in September 1923. She was named after the inhabitants of Lesbos, Greece. *Lesbian* was powered by a 274-horsepower triple expansion steam engine and could make 10 knots (19km/h).

Lesbian was the third Ellerman Lines ship to bear that name. The first SS Lesbian was a cargo ship built in 1874 by Thomas Royden & Sons of Liverpool, acquired from the Leyland Line in 1901, and scrapped in 1903. The second SS Lesbian was a cargo ship built in 1915 by W. Harkess & Sons of Middlesbrough and sunk by gunfire from German U-boat U-35 during World War I, on January 5, 1917. On 24 May 1925, *Lesbian* ran aground at Kephez, Turkey. She was refloated on 27 May 1925.

Lesbian was a member of several convoys during the World War II. *Lesbian* was a member of Convoy OG 1, which formed at sea on 2 October 1939 and was destined for Gibraltar. She was carrying a general cargo bound for Piraeus, Greece. In Convoy HG 7, which departed Port Said, Egypt on November 3, 1939, and arrived at Liverpool on 22 November, she was carrying a general cargo and also fruit. In Convoy HG 17, which departed Gibraltar on February 1, 1940, arrived at Liverpool on the 11 May, she was on a voyage from Alexandria, Egypt to Liverpool. *Lesbian* was also in Convoy HGF 28, which departed Gibraltar on April 26, 1940, and arrived at Liverpool on 5 May.

In 1940, *Lesbian* was seized by Vichy French forces at Beirut, Lebanon. During the Allied invasion of Syria and Lebanon in 1941, Beirut was bombed. The Vichy French, fearing that she would be sunk and block the port, took *Lesbian* a short distance offshore and scuttled (deliberately sunk) her on 14 July 1941.

In 2000 the ship was discovered by two local diving centers, the National Institute for Scuba Diving (NISD) and the Abyss Dive Center. The ship is very well preserved, sitting upright at a depth of 67 meters (220 ft), just outside the main commercial port of Beirut. It continues to be an active dive site.



The *Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps Journal* is published quarterly by Gay and Lesbian on Stamps (GLHS). GLHS is an affiliate of the American Philatelic Society (APS), Number 205, and a study unit of the American Topical Association (ATA), Number 458.

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 as having prominent homosexual behavior, and
- Even though emphasis is placed on the above aspects of stamp collecting, GLHS strongly encourages other philatelic endeavors.

PUBLICATION SCHEDULE:

<u>Publication Date</u>	<u>Submissions due</u>
July 2022	June 15
October 2022	September 15
January 2023	December 15
April 2023	March 15

Members may submit advertisements for free.

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MEMBERSHIP:

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 organization, GLHS, mailed to 1020 E. Hemlock St, Kent WA 98030-6241 or by PayPal to glhstamps2@gmail.com.

Membership Report

Our current membership consists of **69** members. 41 are also members of the American Philatelic Society (APS) & 30 members of the American Topical Association (ATA).

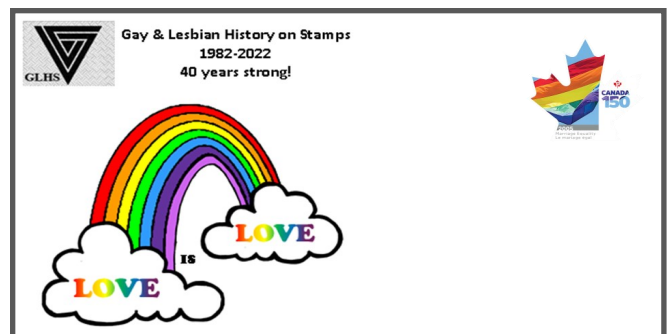
*When you join the APS and /or ATA
 notify GLHS*

New Members

Jane F., Sheringham Norfolk, UK

Additional **2022 volunteers** are needed

- Social Media Committee to explore options for group open and/or closed online communications/meetings such as Google, Instagram, twitter, blogs, go-to meeting, HipChat, etc.
- GLHS 40 Year Anniversary Committee
- GLHS Journal Editor
- GLHS Journal Columnists
- Index GLHS journal articles since 2018
- Give presentations in person or virtually



Cachet designed for CAPEX 22 by Laurie Anderson

Letters Received....



In January 2022, Jennifer Miller of ATA provided our contact information to an ATA member requesting information on Gays and Lesbians on stamps, Stanley D. Brunn, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus in the Department of Geography at the University of Kentucky.

Stanley, a lifelong philatelist and someone who has published articles and chapters on stamps in the past couple decades, stated, "I am editing a book with a French geographer that Springer will publish. It has about 45 chapters and authors from over 30 different countries. I decided to write about LGBT stamps as it is not a subject addressed by scholars."

The GLHS website was an easily accessible resource, "I looked at the Gallery heading for US and Foreign stamps; exactly what I want". In addition, GLHS new issues specialist, John Stefanek took time to create a spreadsheet that provided additional supporting information requested. Stanley responded with, "Again, thanks for ALL your work. I will be certain to thank you and John in the Acknowledgements."



Dale Smith graciously donated a year of GLHS advertising in Topical Times again for 2022.



Francis Ferguson

In the February 2022 American Philatelist (page 176) was the heading, "FLOREX Chair Steps Down". In the column *Philatelic Happenings*, Ken Martin wrote:

"Congratulations and thanks to Francis Ferguson who retired after 20 years of service as chair of the FLOREX show following their December show. FLOREX is one of about 30 national, often referred to as World Series of Philately (WSP), exhibitions accredited by the American Philatelic Society.

Ferguson agreed to assume the show chair duties from Phil Fettig in 2002, and in 2003 the decision was made to build the show back up and apply for re-accreditation as a WSP event, which was approved in 2008.

In addition to serving as FLOREX show chair, Ferguson has served as the Florida Stamp Dealers Association president, the Central Florida Stamp Club president, and the Florida Postal History Society president."

Thank you for your dedication and service. We wish you great joy collecting in your retirement.

EP3719: Man Called X: Ha' Penny Stamp

The Great Detectives of Old Time Radio

Ken goes to Egypt in hopes of obtaining a ha'penny stamp that contained a coded detailed report on Soviet activity on the back. Original Air Date: February 19, 1952.



Listen on Apple Podcasts: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-great-detectives-of-old-time-radio/id335549005?i=1000554944133>

More on website @ [Great Detectives of Old Time Radio](#)

Mystery History Covers

Going beyond the obvious



On March 8, 2022 GLHS hosted a virtual presentation, followed by a brief meeting with 17 members in attendance.

Larry Crain told brief individual stories behind a variety of covers. Larry shared fun and informative findings that are not immediately visible to the naked eye.

The presentation was interesting, fun and elicited the desire to hunt through dollar boxes in search of mystery covers.

If you missed the presentation you can watch on the GLHS YouTube site at:

<https://youtu.be/wAWarZeVDn0>

Upcoming GLHS Meetings

Friday June 10, 2022 at 4:00 PM @CAPEX 22

TBD August 2022 @ GASS 22



Publication Content Wanted

Did you recently acquire a fun stamp? An interesting cover? Scan it!

Did you attend a philatelic related event, in person or virtually? If so tell us about it!

Do you have a question or two that another member may be able to answer? Ask it!

Did you enter the ATA one page exhibit program? Share it with us!

Send all submissions for publication to glhstamps2@gmail.com.

Canada has announced the elimination of pre-flight COVID-19 testing effective April 1, 2022. Proof of full vaccination remains a requirement for entry. This move follows the removal of capacity restrictions and the removal of the requirement for use of face masks in indoor public spaces. Certainly, continued personal caution is advised for continued use of hand sanitizers, masks and social distancing. Use of the ArriveCan app for documenting vaccination status remains required and airlines may still require the wearing of face masks while on board.

Collectors attending the CAPEX22 International Bourse will find a great variety of material available no matter one's collecting interest. The Dealer Profiles feature added to the CAPEX 22 website provides information in the dealers' own words on their business and the types of material that they carry. Also provided with each profile is the dealer contact information by phone, e-mail and website. Take some time to review the listings and their websites to understand the types of material that may be available.

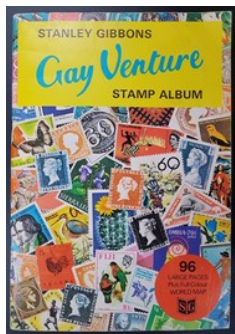
As per the CAPEX 22 website information on the hotel room blocks each hotel has a last day for booking a room under the room block agreements and those days are quickly approaching. Here is the information for each of the hotels:

- InterContinental Toronto Centre **Sold Out**
- Sheraton Centre Toronto **April 13, 2022**
Last day for booking
- Hyatt Regency Toronto **May 9, 2022**
Last day for booking
- Delta Hotels by Marriott Toronto Downtown **May 11, 2022**
Last day for booking

For more information: <https://capex22.org/>

Gay Ventures

A Philatelic Column - Larry Crain



The fascination of covers. Let me convince you that covers are fun, that covers add another dimension to stamp collecting. You can discover much from covers: rates, cancels, routes, auxiliary markings, censorship and, of course, the stamp(s). But there's even more. There are the stories of the names on the cover or of the time frame it was sent. This goes beyond the obvious, beyond the philatelic aspect. Let me show you.

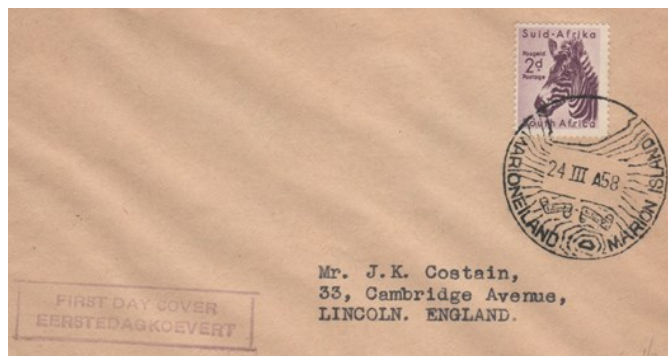


This mundane 1895 cover was sent to Otto Bickel from Colombia to Montenegro, forwarded to Germany. OK, exciting places, but who was Otto Bickel? He was a stamp dealer and, maybe, forger, who lived in San Marino in 1891, founded a stamp newsletter which used questionable 5¢ overprinted stamps, moved to Montenegro and settled in Munich by 1895.

Myriad covers from Iceland to the South Pacific with high value stamps are addressed to him. While philatelic creations, they are almost the only examples of these stamps that went through the mail.



Ah, Graf Zeppelin cover! Hardly mundane, but not a trans-Atlantic cover. This cover was on a test/promotional flight in April 1929. The Zeppelin floated around the western Mediterranean with a crew of 36 and landed in Seville the 24th. The cover arrived in Madrid the next day. Opps, the Graf Zeppelin didn't land. The mail bags were lowered by rope.



Another mundane cover hints at atomic Armageddon. On the surface, it is a FDC of South Africa 1958 Sc203, if the handstamp on the lower left is to be believed.

Maybe not. Level 2 - The date doesn't match Scott's nor any of the other listings of the zebra design. A South Africa specialist is needed.

Whatever, Level 3 - it is canceled Marion Island, over 1000 miles southeast of the South African mainland. It was claim by South Africa in 1948 and is uninhabited except for those at the meteorological/research station.

Level 4 – In 1979 the US Vela surveillance satellite observed an unexplained flash near the island. It was possibly an undeclared nuclear test. Wikipedia states, “some information about the event remains classified.”



This opposite-of-mundane 1914 cover is very messy. It is canceled Dec. 29 Constantinople “KOB” which may have been a Russian post office in Turkey, maybe not. Wherever it was, the cover was caught up in the chaos of WWI Europe.

The next readable cancel is St. Petersburg, Russia Nov 9, 1917. This is after the Russian Revolution

which ousted the Tsar and after the Bolshevik revolution which ousted the first revolutionaries. It made it to the address in New York but was unclaimed. The last date is Feb. 11, 1918 in New York.

Philatelically, the cover has a lot: registered, forwarded after address found, unclaimed and returned to sender. By being messy, it creates the challenge to decipher the markings and to find the chronological route. But it is the background of history that keeps it in my collection.

The last cover is a mystery cover I haven't solved.



It is postmarked United Nations, Chile March 15, 1951. The return address on back is Santiago. A purple oval handstamp says in the middle “Special Services United Nations” and on the outside “Post Office and Telegraph Chile.” Why was the UN in Chile and why for so long that there were a cancel and handstamp made? I have a second similar cover, also March.

Was it in response to strikes and unrest which had been going on since January 1950? Was it a response to the earthquake in December 1950? I don't know. Help appreciated.

GLHS 40th Anniversary Party @ The Great American Stamp Show 2022



2022 marks the 40th Anniversary of Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps. GLHS will be celebrating at The Great American Stamp Show (GASS) in August 2022.

The June 2002 publication of Lambda Philatelic Journal had an article of the first 20 years ([June2002.pdf \(glhsonline.org\)](#)). If anyone is willing to write an article of the subsequent 20 years to be published in a 2022 edition of the GLHS journal, please drop a note to glhstamps2@gmail.com

The Exhibit Entry Form is available online. Entries are due May 15, 2022.

The show hotel is taking reservations: [Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel](#), 1230 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

The United States Postal Service will host a first day of issue ceremony on Thursday August 25th at GASS for the “Pony Cars” stamps.

A GLHS show cachet is being designed by Pablo Valencia, an artist and former Graphic/Product Designer for Hot Wheels and Matchbox at Mattel.

For the show, the USPS is working with the California Automobile Museum with hopes of displaying a few pony cars on the show floor.

Be sure to check the show website frequently for updates at <https://stamps.org/great-american-stamp-show>

GLHS will be a sponsor for the ATA Study Unit booth. The booth will be in a prominent place in the society area of the show. We will have copies of the journal and membership forms available. By sharing a booth with all the study units, we will not have to ensure our members cover the booth at all times throughout the show. If attending, please check it out, hang out there for awhile and recruit new members.

As a sponsor GLHS will receive digital artwork indicating our support that be added to our website, Facebook page; Recognition throughout the

show on the rolling TV monitor in the ATA booth; Signage in the ATA study unit booth; Listing in the show program, Topical Time and on the ATA website.

Essays & Proofs—Pre Show Learning Event

The purpose of this course is to provide an understanding of the development of United States postage stamps from 1845 - 1893 by the private bank note companies. For each period you will learn about the development of the designs, engravers, and production methods employed to produce the various essays and proofs. While a lecture format will be employed it will be augmented with hands on study of the actual material.

We will look at each of the issues produced by the various bank note companies from 1847 through 1893 when stamp production was assumed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. It is this 46-year period that produced the classic U.S. postage stamp issues. Our study will also include background on the engravers and the many experiments conducted.

Date: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (lunch on your own) Location: Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel, Sacramento, CA Cost: \$50 for APS Members / \$100 for non-members Register at: <https://stamps.org/great-american-stamp-show> Registration Deadline: August 12, 2022 Participants Should Bring: Stamp tongs, magnifier, paper & pen (for note taking)

GASS Future Dates/Locations

Aug. 25-28, 2022 - Sacramento, CA
Aug. 10-13, 2023 - Cleveland, OH
Aug. 15-18, 2024 - Hartford, CT

Summer Seminar - Virtual



The Summer Seminar originally scheduled for June 19-23 at APS Headquarters, has been switched to a virtual event. The course descriptions will be released in a few weeks on the Summer Seminar web Page <https://stamps.org/summer-seminar>.

Registration for the event will open May 1, 2022.

ATA One-Page Exhibit Program Launches Second Year

By Michele Bresso and Thomas Broadhead

Imagine an exhibit program that provides an on-ramp for first-time exhibitors while challenging experienced philatelists to stretch themselves and strengthen their exhibiting acumen. That is the essence of American Topical Association (ATA) My One-Page Exhibit Program, which opens its second annual event on February 15.

ATA's novel My One-Page Exhibit Program is for everyone. It offers both experienced and would-be exhibitors a way to show off the stamps, covers, postcards and ephemera we love. A digital, single 8.5" x 11" page resides at the core of this exhibit program and sweeps away the grueling hours of labor required by traditional exhibiting programs with their multi-page and even multi-frame categories. Instead, My One-Page Exhibit focuses on a small collection of material to tell a story exhibitors feel is important. Do you have a favorite stamp that suggests a theme you'd like to explore? Is there a cover with a unique story begging to be told? Perhaps you've always wanted to research a narrow aspect of your favorite collection. ATA's My One-Page Exhibit lets you investigate all of those options!

The program boasts a solid first-year track record. ATA's My One-Page Exhibit Program returns after a successful inaugural year in 2021 that saw 216 exhibits submitted from philatelists in the United States, Australia, Canada, Germany, India, and Peru and included exhibits by WE members. Exhibitors ranged from novice youths to an international large gold recipient. The result of these submissions, displayed to the public on the ATA website, gave the global philatelic family a glimpse of our diverse interests.

Join us for year two! Now is the time to begin planning your 2022 one-page exhibit. And, here's the good news: it's risk free. There is no fee to enter, and the program does not include judging or popularity votes. Instead, it focuses on expression, storytelling and sharing. The

resulting exhibits are sure to inspire fledgling exhibitors and allow experienced exhibitors to expand the scope of their future exhibits or try something completely new.

Submissions for 2022 will be accepted on the ATA website – americantopical.org. Exhibit guidelines and information will be posted there, too. If you choose, your exhibit can include your email address to encourage interactions with viewers. Once the submission deadline passes, the My One-Page Exhibit website will open to the public in mid-May for viewing of exhibits. A seminar about the program and the 2022 entries is scheduled for the Great American Stamp Show in August.

Plan to be a part of this fun and engaging exhibit opportunity. Visit americantopical.org for updates and details.

1982....Forty Years Ago

Lisa Foster and Laurie Anderson



US 1982 State Bird and Flower Stamps Issued April 14, 1982

February 25, 1982 Wisconsin passed the first lesbian and gay civil rights bill in the United States. The law prohibited bias in housing, employment and public accommodations.

January 2 Martina Navratilova won the Australian Open Women's Tennis Championship, her first of three Australian single crowns. June 5 Martina beat Andrea Jaeger to win her first French Singles title. July 3 Martina beat Chris Evert to win the Wimbledon Women's Tennis Title.



Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival

June 17-24, 1994, New York, NY
Games were held June 18-25, 1994.



August 28, 1982 in San Francisco the first Gay Games were held, founded and hosted by former Olympic athlete Dr. Tom Waddell. A total of 1,350 competitors from over 170 cities world wide competed in a range of sports including basketball, track and field, bowling, volleyball, wrestling and swimming.





Sally Ride became the first female astronaut on April 19th. The stamp was issued May 23, 2018. Art director Ethel Kessler designed the stamp with artwork by Paul Salmon.



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The Gay and Lesbian History of Stamps Club (GLHSC) was founded in New York City in the spring of 1982. The Founders were Paul Hennefeld, Blair O'Dell, Brian Lanter, and Lambda Stamps.

Exhibitor Contact:
GLHStamps2@gmail.com

One Page Exhibit entered by Lisa and Laurie

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CANADA REPORTING

THE LAMBDA: HISTORY AND MEANING



Take a sheet of paper with a typed letter "Y" on it. Turn the paper upside down, hold it up to the light and view the letter "Y" through the back of the paper. Presto!! You have a good approximation of the Lambda. Lambda, the eleventh lower-case letter of the Greek alphabet, is the forerunner of our letter "L".

Originally the letter was a picture symbol for the scales often seen being carried by the figure of justice. With the passage of time the Lambda bore less of a visual resemblance to a set of scales, and its meaning became more abstract in that it came to represent the concept or qualities of balance.

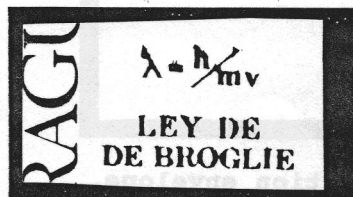
In the 1960's the struggle for gay liberation began to emerge as an organized movement. The Lambda, an historical symbol of justice, balance, freedom, equality and independence, was chosen as a gay symbol.

According to the Florida Weekly News of March 4, 1981, "The history of the Lambda as a symbol of gay pride and liberation is very short, especially in consideration with the extent it is now recognized as a gay symbol and a logo for gay rights organizations". It all began barely a decade ago, when a small committee in New York City set out to create a new symbol which gay people could adopt as their own; a symbol that wasn't as obvious as the double-male or double-female signs, but one that would be easy to draw and reproduce.



Fortunately, one of the early members of the committee was a chemist, and he came up with a perfectly recognizable sign, the Greek letter Lambda. In its lower case form, it has been known in chemistry as a symbol denoting a chemical reaction towards positive energy or activism.

The Lambda caught on. It has become popular and is now widely accepted in the gay and lesbian community. Many organizations, business and publications are named after it. One need only look at the name of our GLHSC journal!!



In December, 1974, the Lambda was adopted by the Edinburgh International Gay Congress as the International symbol for gay liberation.

As has already been mentioned, the Lambda has a role in the Science. In the Universal Wave Equation, the Lambda denotes the wavelength of periodic waves. A stamp from Nicaragua, shown above, illustrates the use of the Lambda in De Broglie's Law. Louis De Broglie was a French physicist, born in 1892. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in physics in 1929, for his hypothesis that matter possesses wave properties, which is one of the fundamental hypotheses of quantum mechanics.

Another controversial cover by Hideaki Nakano

Shared by Lisa Foster

This cover seemed appropriate to share as it is still relevant in 2022. Many philatelists are complaining that postage rates continue to increase while the mail takes longer to be delivered and is often received damaged. Artistamps (faux postage, Cinderella's) are also widely available for sale, used by many households to send often political or controversial messages.



A postal rate increase was proposed in March 1990. On March 20th the comic strip Doonesbury by provocative cartoonist, Garry Trudeau was published in newspapers with “protest stamps” which many cut out and affixed to their mail as directed.



The Postmaster General at the time, Anthony M. Frank had a mission to cut costs and improve mail delivery. One of his costs saving measures was automation. On May 18, 1990, the USPS issued the 25-cent “plastic” flag stamp (Scott 2475). The stamps were made of polyester film, sold in panes of 12 with peel-and-stick backing, and were sold through Automated Teller Machines (ATMs).



Scott 2521

Perhaps the USPS considered the Doonesbury comic and the popularity of the protest stamps when they created the “Make-up Rate” stamp on January 22, 1991. But I doubt it as it too was controversial, just like Hideaki Nakano’s covers.

Earth Day – by Lisa Foster

In 1970, fifty years ago, in the United States, more than 20 million people took to the streets to increase public awareness of environmental problems and called on our leaders to demand change. That event, which became the nation’s first Earth Day, launched the modern environmental movement. Earth Day now includes events coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network in more than 193 countries.

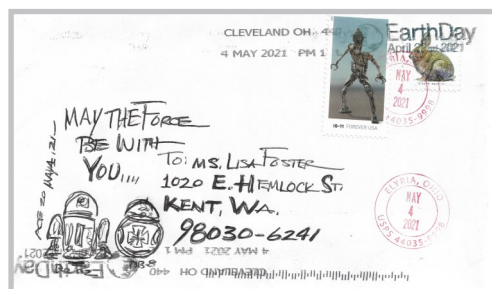
In honor of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, the United States Postal Service unveiled the Earth Day Forever stamp on April 18, 2020. “Earth Day Forever,” the words written on the stamp, reflects Earth Day Network’s motto: Earth Day is not a day — it’s a movement.

Earth Day is celebrated every April 22 fostering appreciation of the earth's environment and awareness of the issues that threaten it. The theme for 2021 was “Restore Our Earth” with focus on Climate restoration technologies, Reforestation efforts, Regenerative agriculture, Clean-ups, and more.



I received this cover after giving a donation to the Washington State Parks Foundation. The only thing that would have made it better would have been if it had been cancelled on April 22.

The 2022 theme is “Invest in Our Planet”. For events, information, or to find action you can take to make a difference visit [Earth Day 2022 | Invest in Our Planet™](https://www.earthdaynetwork.org/earth-day-2022)



Earth Day slogan cancel, on Star Wars Droid Stamp, FDC 05/04/21, cachet by ACE 20 Charlie Delgado

New Issues

By John P. Stefanek

On 18 March 2022, the United Nations (New York, Geneva, Vienna) released twelve stamps celebrating Endangered Species, designed by **Sergio Baradat**.

On 7 March 2022, France released a stamp commemorating the Bicentenary of the Birth of **Rosa Bonheur**.



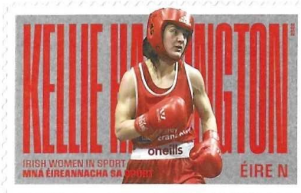
On 7 March 2022, Liechtenstein released a miniature sheet commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the Birth of **Molière**.



On 3 March 2022, the United States released four stamps commemorating the 50th Anniversary of **Title IX**. The landmark legislation prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any school or education program that receives federal funding. It is currently interpreted to include 1) discrimination based on

sexual orientation and 2) discrimination based on gender identity. Title IX protects all students who experience sexual violence or harassment, including LGBTQ survivors.

On 3 March 2022, Ireland released six stamps celebrating Irish Women in Sport, including one stamp featuring **Kellie Harrington (born 1989)**.



She is an Irish amateur boxer who won a gold medal in the lightweight division at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Her partner of twelve years is Mandy Loughlin.

On 25 February 2022, Gibraltar released two stamps commemorating EUROPA: Stories and Myths, featuring **Heracles (Hercules)**.

On 22 February 2022, Bosnia and Herzegovina (Serb/Banja Luka/Srpska) released four stamps celebrating Roman Coins, including one stamp featuring **Domitian (51-96)**. He was Emperor of Rome from 81 until his assassination,



the last member of the Flavian dynasty. He strengthened the economy by revaluing Roman coinage, expanded border defenses, and initiated a massive building program to restore Rome. He had a relationship with the eunuch Earinus.

On 16 February 2022, Czech Republic released a miniature sheet commemorating Mural Art of the Gothic Era, including one stamp featuring **John the Apostle**.

On 7 February 2022, Canada released a booklet stamp commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, featuring a dress designed by **Norman Hartnell** on the booklet cover.

On 6 February 2022, Antigua and Barbuda released a miniature sheet commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, with the selva design based on a photograph by **Cecil Beaton** and featuring the coronation dress designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 6 February 2022, Grenada released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, including one stamp featuring her in the coronation dress designed by **Norman Hartnell** in a photograph by **Cecil Beaton**, one stamp featuring her in a dress designed by **Hardy Amies**, and the souvenir sheet featuring her in the coronation dress designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 6 February 2022, Guyana released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, including one stamp featuring a dress designed by **Hardy Amies** and the souvenir sheet featuring a dress designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 6 February 2022, Nevis released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, including one stamp featuring a hat designed by **Frederick Fox** and the souvenir sheet featuring a dress designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 6 February 2022, Tuvalu released a miniature sheet commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, including one stamp featuring her in the coronation dress designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 31 January 2022, Bosnia and Herzegovina (Muslim/Sarajevo/Bosniak) released a souvenir

sheet commemorating the 225th Anniversary of the Birth of **Franz Schubert**.



On 27 January 2022, Ireland released two stamps commemorating the Centenary of the Publication of *Ulysses* in One Volume by **Sylvia Beach** (1887-1962).

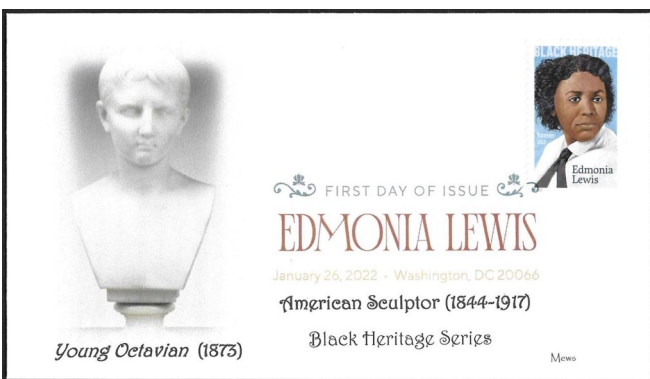
She was born in Baltimore and grew up in New Jersey. She lived a few years with her family in Paris, made trips to Europe, and

lived a couple years in Spain before returning to Paris near the end of World War I to study French literature. She visited a lending library and bookstore there and met the owner, Adrienne Monnier. They became lovers until Adrienne's death in 1955. With Adrienne's help, Sylvia opened an English language bookstore and lending library in Paris named Shakespeare and Company. Eventually, it moved across the street from Adrienne's shop. James Joyce was unable to get *Ulysses* published in English-language countries, so he turned to Sylvia, whom he met at a dinner party. She was forced to close the bookshop near the end of 1941, and she occasionally helped to shelter American airmen shot down during World War II.



On 26 January 2022, the United States released a Black Heritage stamp celebrating **Edmonia Lewis** (1844-1907). She was born in upstate New York and worked most of her career in Rome, Italy. She was the first African-American and Native American sculptor to achieve national and inter-

national prominence. She incorporated themes relating to Black people and indigenous American people into Neoclassical-style sculpture. Edmonia was part of a circle of lesbian expatriate artists in Rome that included Charlotte Cushman, Emma Stebbins, Harriet Hosmer, and Anne Whitney.



On 20 January 2022, Czech Republic released a stamp commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the Birth of **Molière**.

On 20 January 2022, the United Kingdom released eight stamps, a miniature sheet, two prestige booklets, two Collector's Sheets, and two Fan Sheets celebrating Music Giants V: The Rolling Stones, including six stamps featuring **Mick Jagger**.



On 19 January 2022, Austria released a stamp commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Death of **Ludwig Wittgenstein**.



On 17 January 2022, France released a stamp commemorating the 400th Anniversary of **Molière**.

On 17 January 2022, Monaco released a stamp commemorating the 400th Anniversary of **Molière**.

On 15 January 2022, Burundi released two miniature sheets celebrating Pablo Picasso, including one stamp and one selvage featuring **Gertrude Stein**.

On 15 January 2022, Burundi released four miniature sheets celebrating **Leonardo da Vinci**.

On 15 January 2022, Burundi released four miniature sheets celebrating **Raphael**.

On 15 January 2022, Burundi released two miniature sheets celebrating Vincent van Gogh, including one stamp and one selvage featuring cypress trees (**Cyparissus**).

On 15 January 2022, Burundi released a miniature sheet celebrating Peter Paul Rubens, including one stamp featuring **John the Apostle**.

On 3 January 2022, Germany released a stamp commemorating the 75th Anniversary of **David Bowie**.



On 2 January 2022, Oman released a miniature sheet commemorating the 5th Anniversary of the Opening of the National Museum, including two stamps featuring the throne and a letter of **Sultan Qaboos bin Said (1940-2020)**. He was the Sultan of Oman from 23 July 1970 until his death. He was a fifteenth-generation descendant of the founder of the House of Al Said, and he was the longest-serving leader in the Middle East and Arab world at the time of his death. He was educated in Suffolk, United Kingdom, graduated from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, and served briefly in the British Army. He implemented a policy of modernization and ended Oman's international isolation. His three-year marriage ended in divorce without children. Qaboos was widely believed to be homosexual by Omanis and Gulf Arabs.



On 31 December 2021, Kyrgyz Express Post released a stamp commemorating the 550th Anniversary of the Birth of **Albrecht Dürer**.

On 20 December 2021, St. Thomas and Prince Islands released a miniature sheet celebrating Nude Paintings, including one stamp featuring **Zeus (Jupiter)**.

On 20 December 2021, St. Thomas and Prince Islands released a souvenir sheet celebrating Christmas Paintings, featuring work by **Caravaggio** in the selvage.

On 20 December 2021, Togo released a miniature sheet commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Birth of Diana, Princess of Wales, including one stamp with a design based on a photograph by **Mario Testino**.

On 17 December 2021, French Polynesia released a stamp commemorating the Bicentenary of the Death of **Pōmare II**.



On 16 December 2021, Cayman Islands released four stamps commemorating the Death of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, including one stamp featuring a dress designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 30 November 2021, Chad released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 550th Anniversary of the Birth of **Albrecht Dürer**, including the souvenir sheet featuring Pope **Julius II**.

On 30 November 2021, St. Thomas and Prince Islands released a miniature sheet commemorating the 95th Anniversary of the Birth of Queen Elizabeth II, including nine stamps featuring her in the coronation dress designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 25 November 2021, Guinea-Bissau released a miniature sheet celebrating Peter Paul Rubens, including one stamp featuring **Aphrodite (Venus), Eros (Cupid), and Dionysus (Bacchus)** and one stamp featuring **Artemis (Diana)**.

On 25 November 2021, Guinea-Bissau released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet celebrating **Raphael**, including one stamp featuring **Apollo, Sappho, and Virgil** and the souvenir sheet featuring **Aristotle**.

On 5 November 2021, Guinea-Bissau released a miniature sheet and three souvenir sheets celebrating Nude Paintings, including one stamp featuring **Zeus (Jupiter)** transformed into a swan and one souvenir sheet featuring **Zeus (Jupiter)** disguised as **Artemis (Diana)** in the selvage.

On 5 November 2021, Guinea-Bissau released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet celebrating **Leonardo da Vinci**.

On 1 November 2021, Djibouti released a miniature sheet celebrating Elvis Presley, including one stamp featuring him in *Viva Las Vegas* with hair styling by **Sydney Guilaroff**.

On 25 October 2021, Guinea-Bissau released a miniature sheet commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Birth of Diana, Princess of Wales, including one stamp featuring a dress designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 5 October 2021, Mongolia released a stamp commemorating Prague Zoo's Support of Returning Equus przewalskii to the Dzungarian Gobi, featuring the species "discovered" by **Nikolai Przhevalsky**.

On 30 September 2021, Central African Republic released a miniature sheet commemorating the 95th Anniversary of the Birth of Queen Elizabeth II, including one stamp featuring her in a dress designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 30 September 2021, Central African Republic released a miniature sheet celebrating Nude Paintings, featuring **Aphrodite (Venus)** in the selvage.

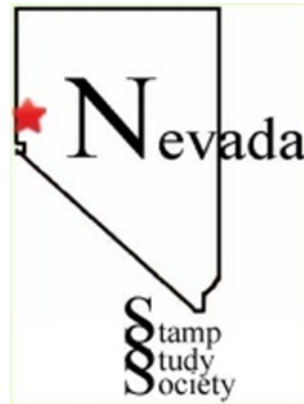
On 30 September 2021, Central African Republic released a souvenir sheet celebrating Vincent Van Gogh, featuring cypress trees (**Cyparissus**).



Mark Thompson, Advertising Manager for the American Topical Association sent the First Day Cover shown below to Kent WA. The Title IX FDC stamp depicts a female swimmer. The other three stamps issued March 03, 2022, depict female athletes: a runner, a gymnast and a soccer player. Yellow laurel branches, symbolic of victory, rest in their hair and on the swimmer's cap. Artist Melinda Beck designed the stamps. Derry Noyes was the art director.

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[Reno Stamp Show](#)

While your there enjoy the Annual Northern Nevada **Pride Festival**, on Saturday July 23rd, 2022. The Parade downtown at 10:00 AM and the Festival at Wingfield Park



from 11 AM – 5:00PM. The schedule of events will be posted on the website <https://northernnevadapride.org>.

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Send want lists to glhstamps2@gmail.com

COLLECTOR SEEKS VINTAGE POSTCARDS WITH LGBT CONNECTION (People, History, etc. ALSO MAGS PRIOR TO 1980. Please email Frank at FFINO69@aol.com

Ian Gibson-Smith is seeking the following:

- There was a mailing in 1988 about AIDS. I would love to find an original and know how it was mailed.
- Love letters or letters from gay men or lesbians from prior to 1850 or so that have LGBT relevance. (Stampless postal history)
- Any postal history associated with Baron von Steuben

Dear friend. I was a stamp collector. Postcard collector. FDC collector. Now I'm just staying with my autograph collection.

I suggest if you have an autograph then I will send you: 50 stamps for one autograph Or 10 postcards for one autograph Or 1 fdc for one autograph.

I have that you like my perspective
Marek, Instagram Wysoczynski
The smile photographer