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IRELAND NATIONAL POLICE

Platform to fight against pedophiles on internet.
(Child Protection Unit)

SUMMONS TO COURT

For the needs of a judicial investigation
(Article 390-1 of the Code of Criminal Procedure)

I'm Mr. Drew Harris, Commissioner of the Ireland National Police in conjunction with the International Police Of (INTERPOL). I am contacting you shortly after a computer seizure of Cyber-infiltration (Authorized, including child Pornography, Pornographic Site, Cyber pornography, to inform you that you are the subject of several legal proceeding feet:

CONTENT OF THE CHARGES

COUNTS OF THE CHARGES :

- *CHILD PORNOGRAPHY
- *PORNOGRAPHIC SITE
- *CYBER PORNOGRAPHY
- *MISAPPROPRIATION OF MINORS.

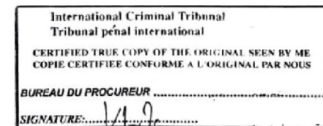
You are requested to make yourself heard by mail by writing us your justifications so that they are examined and check as to evaluate the sanctions; that in a strict deadline of 72 hours. After this period, we will be obliged to transmit our port to Mr. Scot Williams , public prosecutor of the Republic near the court of first instance and specialist in cybercrime to establish an arrest against you , and you will be registered as a sex offender .

Your file would also be transmitted to the media for broadcasting where your family, your friends and the whole of Europe will see what you do in front of your computer.

Now you have been warned .

Sincerely,

THE DIRECTION



On March 4, 2023 the above summons sent via email from <irishcrimeinvestigate2012@gmail.com> to the GLHS account, "Please read the summons that concerns you in the attachment. Best regards."

Looking online no notices of SPAM mail were found, and in fact the summons appears to be legitimate, although the wording is rather humorous. The account was most likely targeted because of it's name and association. Any "pornography" was on the images of postage stamps and/or post cards. If anyone has any information or comments regarding this please email GLHStamps2@gmail.com



The *Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps Journal* is published quarterly by Gay and Lesbian History 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 **objective** of GLHS is 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 2023	June 15
October 2023	September 15
January 2024	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 **81** members. 47 are also members of the American Philatelic Society (APS) & 36 members of the American Topical Association (ATA).

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

! New Members !

Derek M. NY
Scott Z. CA
Jenna M. CA

Additional 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 Journal Editor
- GLHS Journal Columnists
- Index GLHS journal articles since 2018
- Give presentations in person or virtually
- Coordinate GLHS Socials
- Maintain membership
- Advertising Committee
- Submit articles, journeys, cover/postal history write ups, travels and philatelic events



Letters Received....

Hope all is well and wish you and the group great success in 2023! - Keith Hambly

Outstanding! Be well in the new year of 2023.
Ferg

Some good news coming as the research committee at the NPM is discussing having a study day and examining the LGBT collections this year.
All the best, Ian



Fun cover received with new membership from Scott Zaragoza

John Stefanek graciously donated GLHS related packets of stamps to be given as door prizes to meeting attendees and to promote GLHS.

Thank You John!



**Star Route
Contest 2022
Jury feedback**



Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps

This is a great site with clean, modern design. Navigation bar was easy to use. Online membership applications were easy to access and complete. The site would benefit from a sitewide search function.

Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps Journal

Great newsletter, with interesting article topics. Colors are rich and images are interesting and varied. Layout and text design is a bit plain. Some scanned images could have had better quality.



GLHS is a 2023 Sponsor of the ATA Study Unit Booth

The American Topical Association is well into the planning for the ATA activities at the Great American Stamp Show. ATA will be providing a booth for all study units to share. It will be clearly marked, "ATA Study Units," and will be in a prominent place in the society area of the show.

GLHS with other Study Units will have literature and membership forms there. Last year numerous study units who spent time at the booth recruited new members. This is an ideal way to have our study unit represented without having the obligation to staff a booth throughout the show. If you are at the show, please take a seat at the table.

The space has been reserved at ATA's expense. Once again, ATA asked study units to sponsor the ATA booth at the \$50 level, in return for advertising throughout the show. Our study unit sponsors receive these benefits:

- Digital artwork indicating your support, that we can add to our website, Facebook page, etc..
- Recognition throughout the show on the rolling TV monitor in the ATA booth
- Signage in the ATA study unit booth
- Listing in show program, *Topical Time* and on the ATA website

Again, any GLHS member can sit at the table, answer questions about GLHS, the e-journal, quarterly zoom meetings, and/or recruit new members. Together we can do it!

GASS Future Dates/Locations

2023 August 10-13 Cleveland OH

2024 August 15-18, Hartford, CT

2025 August 14-17, Schaumburg, IL

2026 Bye – Boston 2026 May 23-30

“Ancient” and Recent LGBTQ Postmarks Discovered

By Arthur P. von Reyn

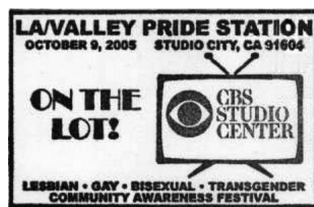
During March, two previously unreported pride event postmarks from the early 2000s surfaced. Added to that were two “under the radar” ones from California.

The first, from Italy, was reported by Ricard Padró Lopez, a collector in Spain, and posted on the GLHS Facebook page. Toscana Pride 2004, a national pride festival to raise awareness on legalizing civil unions (not achieved until 2016), was held on June 19, 2004. The event, due to opposition in other larger Tuscan cities, ended up in Grosseto. A city of about 80,000 residents, Grosseto is located close to the Tyrrhenian Sea between Florence and Rome. Due to an absence of national media coverage and limited regional publicity, as well as poor transportation connections, only 20,000 participants showed up, a disappointment. The first mega national event, held four years earlier in Rome, attracted 70,000 individuals. The postmark was available at the Grosseto event and from the Italian Post office for 30 days thereafter.

The report of the Toscana Pride postmark prompted a Google search for images of “Gay Pride Postmarks” and “Gay Pride Cancels,” something I had not attempted for some time. The source of almost every image revealed by the Google search was from our very own GLH-Online website. However, one unfamiliar image appeared, for LA/Valley Pride, held October 9, 2005. Sure enough, this pictorial postmark, as the U.S. Postal Service calls them, was not on our website nor does it appear to have been reported in the *Lambda Philatelic Journal*, the precursor to the *Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps Journal*. LA/Valley Pride began in 1998



ing civil unions (not achieved until 2016), was held on June 19, 2004. The event, due to opposition in other larger Tuscan cities, ended up in Grosseto. A city of about 80,000 residents, Grosseto is



as Simi Valley Pride and was apparently held for a time thereafter in the Los Angeles neighborhood of Studio City. There are now multiple pride events in the Los Angeles area, with the largest and oldest being LA Pride, with the 2023 version to be held June 9-11.



This revelation prompted a review of the biweekly *USPS Postal Bulletin* of the past few years for any other pride pictorial postmarks. Two additional ones were encountered, though they were not sponsored by a LGBTQ organization. In 2019 and 2022, “Out at the Fair” postmarks were available on LGBTQ day at the California State Fair in Sacramento. Both feature a rainbow arching between two clouds.

Obviously, the *Postal Bulletin* is a best source for finding American pictorial postmarks. Years ago, dozens of images of such postmarks were reproduced in each issue, so it’s not surprising the LA/Valley Pride one was overlooked. These days, it’s easier to search the *Postal Bulletin* pictorial postmark listings; the number is often a half dozen or less per issue.

With no comprehensive source such as the *Postal Bulletin* for foreign pride postmarks, we have to rely on members and other collectors to report them.

With the addition of these four entries, there are now 59 images of pride postmarks plus a variety of other LGBTQ-related ones in the “Resources” section of the GLHOnline website. A updated checklist listing them is also available.

Covers featuring these type postmarks occasionally appear on eBay and various other philatelic websites.



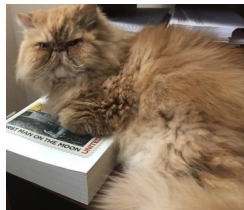
Happiness Is?

My husband, the three cats (that allow us to serve them) and of course my obsession with little pieces of paper. Let me expound....

My husband and I have been together since November of 1996. We were unionized in 1999, in front of 125 of our friends. It was not even remotely legal in our regressive state of Florida. As it turned out the building that we held the shindig in was razed less than two weeks later and the Unitarian Minister – a friend named Roy – passed away suddenly about 6 months later. None of that was a bad omen -- as we are still together after 26+ years. We did get legally married in Maryland in 2013, which forced Florida to recognize our married status and my employer to cover my husband with health insurance. The elderly (and blind) canine in the picture answered to -- “Handsome” -- he was our witness during the official proceedings. My husband, Ricky, is on the left and I am on the right. It all worked out in the end -- even if the path was far from “straight.”



We currently have three Persians – all rescues. With white, red, and gray fur we always know which one gifted the hairball. The three are typical of Persians and are mostly indifferent to their human servants -- unless they want food or the rare case of attention – of course always on their terms. A couple of times they have attempted to assist in my pursuit of my avocation. The results have been rather unspectacular to say the very least. The red one – Izzy seems to enjoy the Scott’s catalog, not for the information value provided but rather as a perch to sleep on – and yes, I do have a picture. I do attempt to keep the three hairy beasts out of my stamp



work area, but it seems to be a fruitless endeavor. They stroll in, look around then flop down (and snore) or continue to more interesting areas of the house. They are cats and they do what they want when they want. They have a very privileged existence.

I have been a collector for most of my life. I was bitten as a 7-year-old when I was given my father’s childhood album. It sparked a lifelong obsession with the hobby that I adore. The difference between men and boys is the price of their toys – yep that does apply if you are a stamp collector. I can now afford a lot of what was totally out of reach when I was a youngster. The thrill of the hunt and finding that one elusive item that checks all the requirement boxes, is beyond words -- but everyone reading this column already knows that. Classic United States material turns my crank – to use a phrase. At a recent WSP show I was able to fill an empty spot on a page with an item (J30 with a cert) that has been long sought after. The feeling is good for sure. There is also the social aspect of attending a WSP event. A lot of old friends to chat with and a lot of stamps to look at! Sometimes (but rarely) my husband makes an appearance at a philatelic event – while he is not a stamp collector – he does enjoy the interaction with many he encounters. After all he is the social one and I am the introvert. It makes a good life balance in our relationship. I try not to drag him into too many philatelic related gatherings, but it does happen two or three times a year.



At the age of 63, I can say I am happy. I have a wonderful husband that I adore, three cats that sometimes like me and a hobby that keeps on giving. What more can one ask for?

Until next time, be good and practice kindness.

Pay it forward.

Lichtenstein memorial award winner Charles Verge

The Collectors Club of New York announced winners of the Alfred F. Lichtenstein memorial award for distinguished service to philately at the club's annual meeting January 11, 2023. They are Trish Kaufmann and Randy Neil of the United States and Charles Verge of Canada. Verge is the third Canadian to have been given the award.



Charles J.G. Verge, who was born in Montreal, Quebec, and now hails from Toronto, Ontario, is widely acknowledged as one of Canada's foremost living philatelists, although he has been active all over the world.

Verge has been an international leader in the organizing and judging of philatelic exhibits, serving since 1995 at over 150 national and international stamp shows in North America, South America, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Australia, most recently at Capex 2022 in Toronto.

For the International Federation of Philately (FIP), he acts as lead trainer and develops the curriculum for the jury academy.

He has exhibited in every major exhibit category except two (maximum cards and astrophilately). "I believe that, as a judge, one should understand the regulations and complexities of exhibiting in all classes," he said.

A historian by training, Verge is the author of four books, including one on Canada's 1959 St. Lawrence Seaway 5¢ invert error (Scott 387a), and countless articles. For many years he was the stamp columnist for the *Ottawa Citizen*, and he is a frequent contributor to the *American Philatelist* and *Canadian Philatelist*. He is also a past president of the Eire Philatelic Association.

He likes to stress the importance of research, especially in places philatelists often don't think to look. "I find it interesting to do research in history, and bring in things nobody would have

thought of," Verge said in a December interview. "It's important to paint a broad picture."

He cited as an example his exhibit on the U.S. 1959 Dental Health 4¢ stamp (Scott 1135). "I spent seven years researching this one stamp. I went through the Third Assistant Postmaster General's collection at the National Postal Museum. I went through the Bureau of Engraving and Printing files. Then it occurred to me to visit the headquarters of the American Dental Association in Chicago. In their archives they had a whole filing cabinet full of material on this stamp issue!"

His book on the Seaway inverts included memos from ministerial archives, detailing behind-the-scenes activity to deflect the embarrassment of the snafu.

Even the most experienced philatelists can still learn, Verge said, recalling the time another judge took him aside at an international show and suggested he rethink the arrangement of his exhibit on Haitian revenues. "He asked me to completely redo the development of the narrative," Verge explained. "It hadn't occurred to me, but he was right."

Verge has worked across borders to bring U.S. and Canadian philately closer together, for instance by helping to broker reciprocity agreements over qualifications for national and international shows.

As a member of the Council of Philatelists advising the Smithsonian's National Postal Museum in Washington, he brought to bear his experiences as a board member of the Friends of the Canadian Postal Museum in Ottawa, Ontario, where he had helped curate some of the material in its collection.

Verge is a 2020 signatory of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists. Away from philately, he enjoys spending time with his granddaughter, Lea, and collecting hockey memorabilia.

From *Linn's Stamp News* January 12, 2023

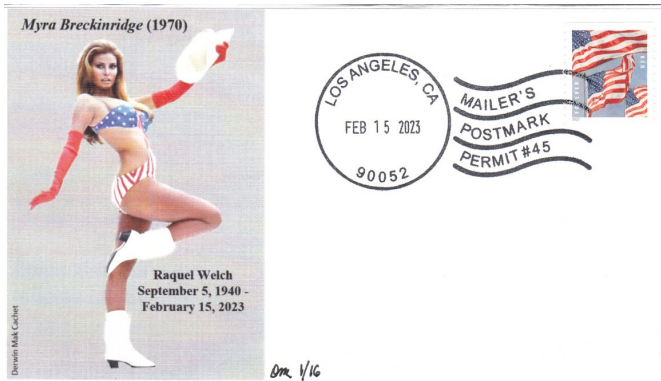


Charles, Cindy & Charlotte at the CAPEX 22 Palmares Reception/Dinner.

Photo courtesy Carlos Vergara
CAPEX 22 official photographer

Raquel Welch Myra Breckinridge Cover

By Derwin Mak



Raquel Welch died on February 15, 2023, and I made this memorial cover for her. The cachet shows Raquel Welch in *Myra Breckinridge* (1970), based on a novel by Gore Vidal. In the film, Myron, played by film critic Rex Reed, has a sex change operation and becomes Myra, played by Raquel Welch. Myra goes to a acting school run by Buck Loner (John Huston), where she causes all sorts of trouble and has a lesbian fling with Mary Ann (Farrah Fawcett!). Although *Myra Breckinridge* was disdained as one of the worst films ever made for decades, it has acquired a cult following in recent years.

LGBT Exhibit Wish List

Tomas Griebing is thinking of putting together an exhibit related to LGBT symbols, specifically the Lambda, the Labrys, and the Pink Triangle. He will need stamps, cancels, meters, covers, cachets, postcards, etc. The focus is the symbols (specifically Pink Triangle - or Blank Triangle - Lambda, and Labrys).

He will not be including the Pride Flag rainbow or the Red Ribbon (HIV specific).

If anyone has any to share, sell, trade or has contacts that would assist Tomas in completing this project, please email TLGINKC@yahoo.com



Posted March 21, 2023

The Philippine Postal Corporation issued a stamp featuring the newly elected Philippine Vice President on November 17, 2022. The stamp features Sara Z. Duterte (b. 1978) taking the oath of office on June 19, 2022.



On March 10, 2022, she told supporters at a meet-and-greet that she was part of the LGBT community, with her gender expression being male and sex being female. Duterte's statement was met with some skepticism by local LGBT activist groups.

This seems to be a "first". What do you think?

Posted March 22, 2023

Correos (Spain) issued a stamp featuring the likeness of Julius Caesar on February 23, 2023. The mural, twenty meters high, represents Julius Caesar in a grayscale and about sixty hours of work went into its creation. The mural is directly across the street from the Roman Wall in Lugo, Spain. The mural was awarded the prize for the best mural in the world in 2021 by the Street Art Cities platform.



Posted Feb 18, 2023

Posteitaliane (Italy) issued a stamp on February 12, 2023, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Franco Zeffirelli (1923 - 2019). Zeffirelli was an Italian stage and film director, producer, production designer and politician. His major breakthrough came in 1968 with the release of "Romeo and Juliet" starring two teenagers in the lead roles. He came out in 1996.



National Gallery of Art – Acquisitions: Nancy Andrews

Published January 27, 2023

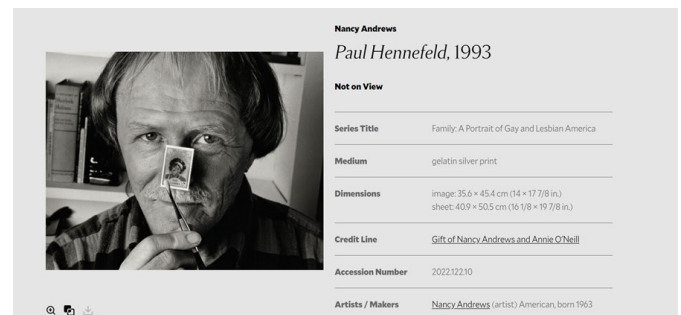
In the late 1980s, photographer Nancy Andrews (b. 1963) began a project to tell the everyday stories of gay and lesbian Americans and their loved ones. During these years, gays and lesbians were largely closeted, and their daily lives—at home, at work, with friends and family—remained unseen. With extraordinary empathy and commitment, Andrews, herself a lesbian, set out to find queer Americans who were willing to share their lives and sit for her camera. She traveled the country, finding subjects via local newsletters, gay newspapers, and word of mouth.

While working as a staff photographer at *The Washington Post*, Andrews published her groundbreaking photobook, *Family: A Portrait of Gay and Lesbian America* (1989–1993), in which each photograph is accompanied by text drawn from Andrews’s interviews with her subjects. As she wrote in her introduction, “This is the book I looked for when I began to realize that I was gay.” In celebration of the publication, she produced a series of 70 gelatin silver prints, corresponding to the photographs in the book, that were then displayed in an exhibition at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in 1994. Andrews has generously donated this set of prints, along with additional photographs and materials, to the National Gallery of Art.

Andrews has described her sense of duty and gratitude “to the people who allowed me to photograph them back at such a tender time.” The portraits she made are deeply touching in their ordinariness, as queer Americans sought to pursue their day-to-day lives free from persecution. Her photographs show blended families, a couple happily attending a dedicated gay and lesbian prom, a gathering of members at an all-inclusive ladies’ garden club, participants in a gay and lesbian rodeo, two different Elvis impersonators, two Mardi Gras krewes, a fraternity, a couple who were together for 63 years, and an Olympic swimmer.

Also among Andrews’s subjects were former members of the military and the civil service dismissed for their sexual orientation, as well as AIDS activists, a pastor of a gay church, and the only two openly gay congressmen at the time, Barney Frank and Gerry Studds. Many of her subjects were pioneers, such as Phyllis Lyon and Del Mar-

tin, who started the first exclusively lesbian political/activist organization in the United States in 1955; the elderly Ruth Ellis, who had created a gathering place for lesbians in the 1940s and 1950s; Cleve Jones, the creator of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt; and Roberta Achtenberg, the first openly gay person to be confirmed by the US Senate for a high-level government position. The sitters lived across the United States and encompassed different professions, religions, generations, and ethnicities. In their interviews, they recalled hardship and discrimination, but also celebration and support. Together, they create a jubilant visual portrait of Americans in the late 1980s and early 1990s—living their lives, finding love, community, and shared humanity.



[Nancy Andrews \(nga.gov\)](https://www.nga.gov)

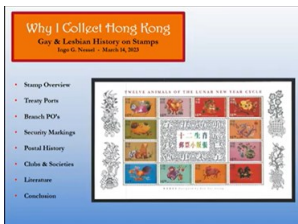
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GLHS Zoom Meeting

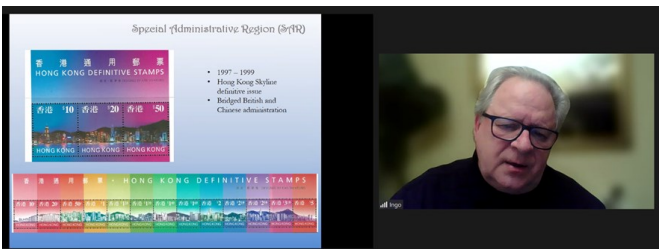
On March 14, 2023, Ingo Nessel presented, “Why I collect Hong Kong,” an overview of the attractions of Hong Kong philately.

Besides the stamps themselves, the talk introduced treaty ports, branch post offices, security markings, postal history and many other fascinations of collecting this country with a rich philatelic heritage.

It was obvious during the presentation that Ingo is very knowledgeable of the chosen topic and shared philatelic items from an extensive collection as well as exhibits he has created.

Ingo is the vice President at Hong Kong Study Circle, past president of the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada (PSSC) and a Fellow of both the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and the Royal Philatelic Society of London. As part of the CAPEX2022 team, Ingo was responsible for all the Societies and Seminars and worked closely with GLHS representatives.

The presentation was historical, informative, colorful and truly highlighted the many subspecialties of Hong Kong philately that are available to collectors.



There were 18 individuals in attendance at the virtual presentation. Comments included;

“The Dutch stamp dealer that sells North Korea stamps (and visits the country): <https://postzegelmunten-handel-willem-van-der-bijl.business.site/> He is present at most European stamp fairs.”—Maximum van O

“There are many excellent forgeries in this area so make sure to get a cert if you are paying serious money.”- Ian GS

“Wonderful presentation, Ingo! Thank you.” - John P

This was totally awesome! Thank you for sponsoring this talk! Thank Ingo as well.” - Mark M

“A very nice review...with a focus on the beauty of the stamp, which was very nice.” - Carol C

Check out more beautiful stamps on Ingo’s Instagram page [Ingo Nessel \(@justbeautifulstamps\)](https://www.instagram.com/justbeautifulstamps/) • [Instagram photos and videos](#)



The hour presentation can be viewed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/-bdbM8oKJII>

A door prize wheel was spun to determine the winner of the door prize donated by Jon Stefanek. The winner was Yme!

Anyone willing to give a presentation either virtually at a Quarterly GLHS Zoom meeting, or in person at an Exhibition, or have suggested speakers, please contact glhstamps2@gmail.com

WANT LISTS

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

Great American Stamp Show 2023

Foster Miller
Americover 2023 Show Chair

This is an update on Americover 2023, which will be held as part of the Great American Stamp Show (GASS) to be held August 10-13, 2023, at the Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland, 300 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44113. Show hours are 10AM to 6PM Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 10AM to 4PM on Sunday.

For those who still need to make hotel reservations the American Philatelic Society has added a new block of rooms at the Hampton Inn. Please book as soon as possible as this room block is also likely to fill up. Here is the information to make your reservation:

Hampton Inn by Hilton
1460 E. Ninth Street
Cleveland, OH 44114

Room Rates:

Single/Double occupancy \$120/night + local tax

Reservation: [Click here](#) to reserve a room
Or Call 1-216-241-6600 ask for Great American Stamp Show rate

**As a friendly reminder, the last day to enjoy this discount is July 21, 2023, or until block fulfillment

Guest Parking: Valet only parking \$39/day + tax (in and out privileges)

Nestled in the business district, the Hampton Inn is just minutes from the Huntington Convention Center. Rate includes free WiFi and a hot breakfast every morning.

Updates will also be posted at <https://stamps.org/great-american-stamp-show/travel>

There will be at least six first day ceremonies at the show. The USPS will issue a "Life Magnified" pane of 20 on Thursday and a "Thinking of You" set of five on Friday; both ceremonies will be at 11AM. At 1PM Thursday, the United Nations Postal Administration will issue stamps with the theme "Body, Mind, Soul". Faroe Islands will have two first day ceremonies - Faroe Islands' 1000th stamp on Thursday and Martin Morck's

1000th stamp on Friday; both at 2PM. Finally, at 4PM Thursday, the Marshall Islands will issue souvenir sheets honoring the 100th anniversary of cacheted first day covers.

Bob Helms will again be coordinating the AFDCS Hospitality Suite Silent Auction. Donations can be sent to Bob Helms, 1118 Creekwood Drive, Garland, TX 75044-2412. We are looking for items with a minimum value of \$10.00. We do not need bulk lots of common ArtCraft, Artmaster, Colorano or Fleetwood cachets.

The APS/AFDCS/ATA Celebration Banquet is Saturday August 12 at 7PM. The banquet will include presentation of the American Grand and Reserve Grand and Single Frame Grand exhibits awards and AFDCS lifetime service awards. Tickets are \$75.00 and can be purchased at <https://classic.stamps.org/SS-Function-Tickets>.

The American Philatelic Society needs volunteers to help the show run smoothly. Volunteers are especially needed for exhibit setup on Wednesday afternoon, exhibit takedown on Sunday afternoon and at the registration booth on Wednesday and Thursday. Sign up at <https://stamps.org/great-american-stamp-show/volunteer>. A separate call for AFDCS volunteers will be made closer to the show date.

If you are planning to attend the show, please pre-register at <https://stamps.org/great-american-stamp-show/preregistration>.

The AFDCS is a volunteer non-profit and non-commercial organization serving the needs of First Day Cover collectors, cachetmakers, and dealers. Founded in 1955, the society has a membership of over 1,100 active first day cover collectors, including many who design and manufacture their own cacheted FDCs.



The AFDCS has over 30 active chapters. Some are groups of FDC specialists, featuring lively newsletters on their specialty. Other AFDCS Chapters are regional affiliates, giving AFDCS members opportunities to meet other local FDC collectors at regular meeting times.

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Cardinal Spellman - The Controversial Cardinal

By Paul Hennefeld

(Persons in bold face type are depicted on postage stamps.)

The only time I saw **Cardinal Spellman** in person was in the late 1940's, when the Bishop of our Paterson, New Jersey diocese died. Catholic schools were closed on the day of Bishop McNulty's funeral, and, since in those days I was a devout Catholic, I made my way down to St. John's Cathedral that morning to stand outside and listen to the Mass [through loud-speakers] for our departed Bishop. It was not known if Cardinal Spellman would be in attendance at the funeral. It had been reported to us that the Cardinal had other appointments.

Outside the Cathedral I stood among the crowd of several thousand on the sunny and windy morning. Policemen lined the streets, keeping the crowd controlled and behind the barricades. Just before the Mass was to begin, a huge black limousine suddenly appeared. There was a roar from the crowd as the Cardinal made his dramatic entrance. Most of us crossed ourselves out of respect for him, and everyone had their rosaries clutched tightly in their hands while chanting prayers for our departed Bishop.

The organ music began. A procession of religious and civic dignitaries slowly entered the church. As the Cardinal passed, the crowd murmured its approval. We all waited patiently for the funeral to end. Cardinal Spellman emerged from the Cathedral, blessed the coffin of our bishop, greeted some of the dignitaries, and then hurried off to his waiting limousine with his red clerical garments blowing in the wind.

New York's Cardinal Spellman was involved in many controversies during his 'regime'. I remember his dispute with the Grave Diggers' Union, during which the Cardinal brought seminarians out to the cemeteries to dig graves in order to break the strike. The Cardinal's dispute with Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, and his jealousy of the Bishop's successful TV program was well known. The Cardinal also had a bitter controversy with **Eleanor Roosevelt**.

Eleanor Roosevelt was greatly admired for her many good works, and her profound sense of civic duty. For years she penned a newspaper column entitled 'My Day'. On June 23, 1949, Mrs. Roosevelt's daily article was on the subject of 'the separation of church and state' and 'no tax money for private or religious schools'. Most persons reading the column were unprepared for the fury that it would cause. Although Mrs. Roosevelt's opinions voiced in that column had the support of most Americans, Cardinal Spellman nevertheless was incensed. His fury simmered for a whole month until he unleashed a bombshell to all the major national newspapers. I recollect the headlines of the day blaring that Cardinal Spellman accuses Mrs. Roosevelt of anti-Catholic discrimination 'unworthy of an American mother'. Most reasonable people were shocked at

the Cardinal's outrageous behavior, and everyone patiently waited for him to apologize. Mrs. Roosevelt declared to the Cardinal that she was not anti-Catholic, and she reminded him that she had campaigned vigorously for **Al Smith**, a Roman Catholic, when he ran for President in 1928. After this statement she very diplomatically waited Spellman out. However, as the controversy raged on and on, **President Truman** intervened, and he sent an envoy to Rome to confer with **Pope Pius XII** on this heated situation. The result was that Cardinal Spellman was ordered by the Vatican to make amends and apologize to Mrs. Roosevelt at his earliest convenience. So the Cardinal had his chauffeur drop him off at Mrs. Roosevelt's New York City residence. He told reporters that he was in the neighborhood and thought he would visit for a quick cup of tea.

In a 1980's biography of Roy Cohn, author Nicholas von Hoffman stated that "for years people speculated on whether or not the Cardinal (Spellman) and Roy might have had some kind of sexual relationship. Cardinal Spellman probably was a homosexual; that is the opinion of John Cooney, Spellman's biographer, who wrote that 'In New York's clerical circles Spellman's sex life was a source of profound embarrassment.... He had his favorites among handsome young priests and was known to have lovers outside the clergy.'"

The Cardinal had another interest pertinent to this study unit. He was a stamp collector. In 1948 he donated his collection, which was developed and organized under the assistance of Sister Fidelma Conway, to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, in tribute to his aunt. The collection is now housed in the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History on the grounds of Regis College in Weston, Massachusetts. It has evolved into an 'independent, not-for-profit cultural organization with a mission to promote knowledge and understanding of worldwide history and geography through the study of stamps, letters, and other artifacts of people's communication through the mail. This educational mission is advanced through exhibitions, a resource center and library. The Museum includes the collections of Francis Cardinal Spellman and the National Philatelic Museum in Philadelphia. The collection now consists of over 2,000,000 items including those from **President Eisenhower**, violinist Jascha Heifetz and General Matthew Ridgway. The Spellman Museum is one of two public museums in the United States devoted to stamps and postal history, the other being the Smithsonian Institution's National Postal Museum in Washington DC.

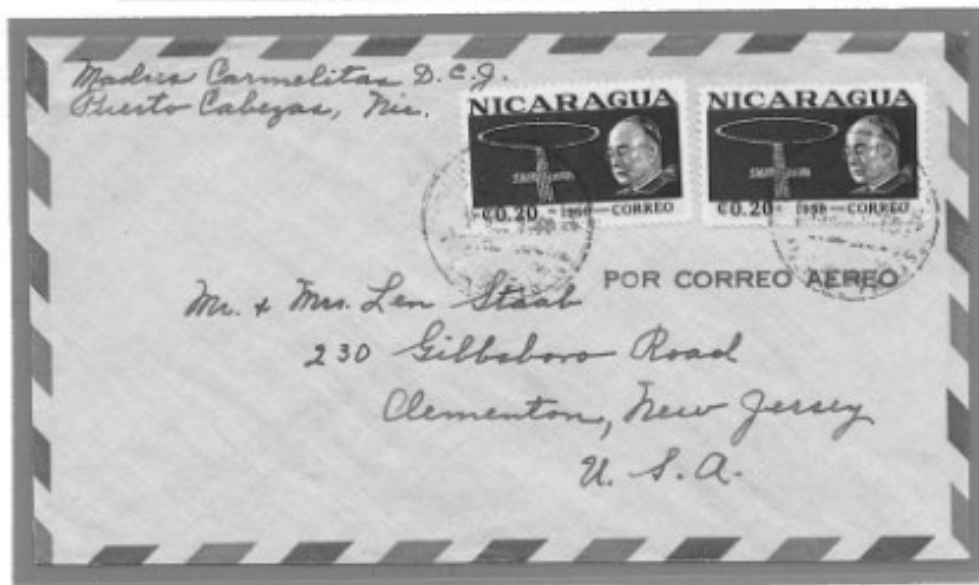
Cardinal Spellman is depicted on the following stamps:

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Panama 464C
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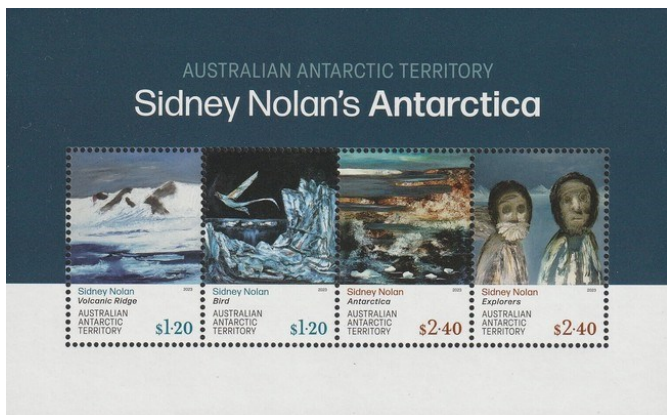
VII The Victorian Age

FRANCIS JOSEPH SPELLMAN
 (1889 - 1967)
 CARDINAL



"In 1942 ... Cardinal Spellman had liaisons with a chorus boy who appeared in ... *One Touch of Venus*. After evening performances, the archdiocesan limousine arrived at the theater ... the chorus boy entered and was driven to Spellman."

Citizen Cohn



On 14 March 2023, Australian Antarctic Territory released four stamps and a miniature sheet celebrating Sidney Nolan's Antarctica. **Sidney Nolan (1917-1992)** was born in Carlton, Victoria, studied at Prahran Technical College (now part of Swinburne University), and took night classes at the National Gallery of Victoria Art School. He was befriended by the arts patron couple John and Sunday Reed, eventually moving in with them in a *ménage à trois* at their home, known as Heide. There, he painted the first of his famous iconic "Ned Kelly" series. He worked in a wide variety of mediums, his oeuvre among the most diverse and prolific in modern art. In addition to his multiple marriages and affairs with women and his relationship with the Reeds, Sidney had a sexual affair with Barrett Reid.

On 4 March 2023, San Marino released a miniature sheet commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Birth of **Lucio Dalla**.

On 3 March 2023, the United Nations (Geneva) released four stamps commemorating Endangered Species, including one stamp featuring *Equus przewalski*, "discovered" by **Nikolay Przhevalsky**.

On 28 February 2023, Spain released a stamp commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Death of **María de Maeztu (1882-1948)**. She was born in Vitoria, Álava, and started teaching in Bilbao.



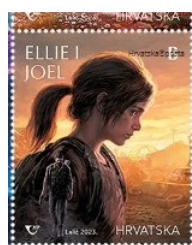
Without interrupting her work, she studied at the University of Salamanca. She lectured internationally, and in 1915, she founded the Residencia de Señoritas in Madrid, the first official center in Spain whose main objective was to encourage women's participation in advanced

education. In 1926, during the dictatorship of Primo de Rivera, she found the *Lyceum Club*, the first women's club in Spain. The Civil War ended both of her institutions, and she fled to Argentina to become professor at the University of Buenos Aires. María had a passion for Victoria Ocampo and was jealous of Victoria Kent.

On 24 February 2023, Romania released three stamps celebrating Love Flowers, including one stamp featuring narcissi (**Narcissus**).

On 23 February 2023, Spain released a stamp commemorating Urban Art: Best Mural in the World 2021, featuring **Julius Caesar**.

On 22 February 2023, Croatia released a miniature sheet celebrating Popular Culture: Playstation Heroes, including one stamp featuring **Ellie** from *The Last of Us*.



She is a fictional character created by Neil Druckmann and portrayed by Ashley Johnson in the video games and by Bella Ramsey in the television adaptation. She is apparently immune to the infection which has caused a worldwide near-apocalypse. *The Last of Us: Left Behind* revealed her homosexuality.

On 21 February 2023, Australia released a Stamp Pack of twelve stamps celebrating Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, based on the short story by **Hans Christian Andersen**, including one stamp featuring the character Ursula, who's design was based on **Divine (1945-1988)**. He was an American actor, singer, and drag queen, closely associated with filmmaker John Waters, appearing in his films, *Mondo Trasho* (1969), *Multiple Maniacs* (1970), *Pink Flamingos* (1972), *Female Trouble* (1974), *Polyester* (1981), and *Hairspray* (1988). He had an extended relationship with Lee L'Ecuyer and had an affair with Leo Ford.



On 21 February 2023, Australia released a Stamp Pack of 17 stamps celebrating Disney – I Am a Princess, including two stamps featuring Ariel from Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, based on the short story by **Hans Christian Andersen**.

On 21 February 2023, Isle of Man released five stamps commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Second Battle of El (Continued on page 14)

Alamein, including one stamp featuring **Bernard Montgomery**.

On 16 February 2023, the United Kingdom released twelve stamps, a miniature sheet, a prestige booklet, a Collectors Sheet, and two Fan Sheets celebrating X-Men, including two stamps featuring **Iceman**, one stamp featuring **Mystique**, two stamps featuring **Kitty Pryde**, two stamps featuring **Colossus**, and two stamps featuring **Wolverine**.



Iceman was a fictional superhero appearing in comic books published by Marvel Comics starting in 1963. He was a mutant born with superhuman abilities to manipulate ice and cold by freezing water vapor. His character name was Robert

Louis “Bobby” Drake, and he was a founding member of the X-Men. He has been portrayed in films by Shawn Ashmore. A 2015 storyline revealed that Bobby was a closeted gay man who eventually came out to his peers.

Mystique was a fictional superhero appearing in comic books published by Marvel Comics starting in 1978. She was a mutant born with the superhuman ability to shapeshift and mimic the appearance and voice of any person with exquisite precision. Her character name was Raven Darkhölme, and she was typically a foe, supervillain or antiheroine, of the X-Men. She has been portrayed in films by Rebecca Romijn, Jennifer Lawrence, and Morgan Lily. Creator Chris Claremont originally intended that Mystique and female superhero Destiny be the biological parents of superhero Nightcrawler. Her bisexuality was revealed in hindsight, long after partner Destiny’s death.



Kitty Pryde was a fictional superhero appearing in comic books published by Marvel Comics starting in 1980. She was a mutant born with the superhuman ability to phase, becoming intangible, to disrupt elec-

tric fields, and to simulate levitation. She has been portrayed in films by Sumela Kay, Katie Stuart, and Elliot Page. In 2020, she was revealed to be bisexual. Co-creator Chris Claremont originally intended that Rachel Summers be a love interest for Kitty.



Colossus was a fictional superhero appearing in comic books published by Marvel Comics starting in 1975. He was a Russian mutant born with the superhuman ability to transform himself into metallic form, making him the physically strongest member of the X-Men. He has been portrayed in films by Donald MacKinnon and Stefan Kapičić. While his most significant relationship, arguably, was with Kitty Pryde, his Ultimate Marvel sexuality was homosexual.

Beast was a fictional superhero appearing in comic books published by Marvel Comics starting in 1963. He was a mutant born with ape-like superhuman physical strength and agility, oversized hands and feet, and genius-level intellect.



His character name was Dr. Henry Philip “Hank” McCoy, and he was a founding member of the X-Men. He has been portrayed in films by Steve Bacic, Kelsey Grammer, and Nicholas Hoult. In *Exiles*, Beast was in a romantic relationship with Wonder-Man.



Wolverine was a fictional superhero appearing in comic books published by Marvel Comics starting in 1974. He was a mutant born with animal-keen senses, enhanced physical capabilities, powerful regenerative/healing abilities, and three retractable claws in each hand. He has been portrayed in films by Hugh Jackman and Troye Sivan. In 2020, it was hinted that he was in a polyamorous relationship with Jean Grey and Cyclops. He had become a gay icon, based on his homoerotic relationships with Cyclops and Nightcrawler. In *X-Treme X-Men*, Wolverine was in a relationship with Hercules, sharing an on-panel kiss.

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On 16 February 2023, Jersey released six Post & Go variable rate stamps celebrating Farm Animals, including one stamp featuring narcissi (**Narcissus**).

On 15 February 2023, Falkland Islands released a miniature sheet commemorating the Death of Queen Elizabeth II, including one stamp featuring her in a dress designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 12 February 2023, Italy released a stamp commemorating the Centenary of the Birth of **Franco Zeffirelli**.

On 6 February 2023, Guernsey released four stamps celebrating the Life of Queen Elizabeth II, including one stamp featuring her in a dress designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 6 February 2023, Turkey released three definitives featuring **Mustafa Kemal Atatürk**.

On 2 February 2023, Germany released a stamp commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the Birth of **Bertolt Brecht**.

On 1 February 2023, New Zealand released four stamps and a miniature sheet commemorating the Centenary of the Death of **Katherine Mansfield**.

On 30 January 2023, Kyrgyz Express Post released a stamp commemorating the 350th Anniversary of the Death of **Molière**.

On 30 January 2023, Monaco released a stamp commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Birth of **Colette**.

On 19 January 2023, Austria released a stamp celebrating Modern Art, featuring work by **Max Oppenheimer (1885-1954)**. He was born in Vienna and studied at the Akademie der Bildenden Künste in Vienna and the Academy of Fine Arts of Prague. He shared a studio with Egon Schiele and was considered one of Austria's leading avant-garde artists. His work was included in two exhibitions organized by Gustav Klimt before his first solo show in Munich in 1910. He was known for his portraits of contemporary cultural figures. Gay and Jewish, Max emigrated to New York in 1938.



On 29 December 2022, Colombia released a miniature sheet commemorating the Bicentenary of Diplomatic Relations with Chile, including one stamp featuring **Gabriela Mistral**.

On 26 December 2022, Bahrain released a souvenir sheet commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Arab Gulf Cooperation Council, featuring **Qaboos bin Said** in the selva.

On 21 December 2022, Kuwait released a souvenir sheet commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Arab Gulf Cooperation Council, featuring **Qaboos bin Said** in the selva.

On 21 December 2022, Qatar released a souvenir sheet commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Arab Gulf Cooperation Council, featuring **Qaboos bin Said** in the selva.

On 20 December 2022, Djibouti released a souvenir sheet commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Second Battle of El Alamein, featuring **Bernard Montgomery** in the selva.

On 13 December 2022, Saudi Arabia released a souvenir sheet commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Arab Gulf Cooperation Council, featuring **Qaboos bin Said** in the selva.

On 12 December 2022, the United Arab Emirates released two souvenir sheets commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Arab Gulf Cooperation Council, featuring **Qaboos bin Said** in the selvas.

In December 2022, Australia released a Souvenir Stamp Sheet commemorating the 2022 AFLW Season 7 Grand Final Champions Melbourne, featuring **Tayla Harris (born 1997)** in the selva.



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She is a professional boxer and an Australian rules footballer playing for Melbourne FC. She was signed by Brisbane for the AFLW's inaugural 2017 season and played in the inaugural match. She played for Carlton before joining Melbourne in 2021. Tayla's partner is fellow AFLW player Kodi Jacques.

On 5 December 2022, Togo released two souvenir sheets commemorating the Death of Queen Elizabeth II, including one souvenir sheet selvafe featuring her in a dress designed by **Norman Hartnell** and the other souvenir sheet featuring a design partially based on a photograph by **Cecil Beaton** of her in the coronation dress designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

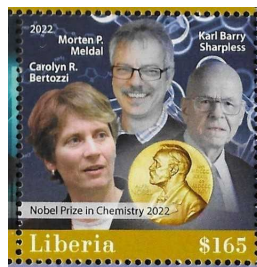
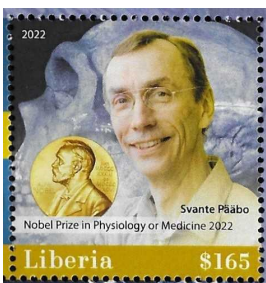
On 5 December 2022, Togo released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet celebrating Christmas Paintings, including one stamp and the souvenir sheet selvafe featuring work by **Sandro Botticelli** and the souvenir sheet featuring work by **Raphael**.

On 5 December 2022, Togo released a miniature sheet and two souvenir sheets commemorating the 115th Anniversary of Scouting, including one stamp, one label, and one souvenir sheet featuring **Robert Baden-Powell**.

On 5 December 2022, Togo released a miniature sheet and two souvenir sheets commemorating the 2022 Nobel Prize Laureates, including one stamp featuring **Svante Pääbo** and one label and one souvenir sheet selvafe featuring **Carolyn Bertozzi**.

On 2 December 2022, Liberia released a miniature sheet commemorating the 2022 Nobel Prize Laureates, including one stamp featuring **Svante Pääbo** and one stamp featuring **Carolyn Bertozzi**.

Svante Pääbo (born 1955) is a Swedish geneticist who specializes in the field of evolutionary genetics. He is one of the founders of paleogenetics and has worked extensively on the Neanderthal genome. He teaches molecular evolutionary biology at Leipzig University. In his 2014 book, *Neanderthal Man: In Search of Lost Genomes*, Svante revealed that he is bisexual.



Carolyn Bertozzi (born 1966) was born in Boston, received her A.B. *summa cum laude* in chemistry at Harvard University, and earned her Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of California at Berkeley. She is known for her wide-ranging work in both chemistry and biology and for coining the term “bioorthogonal chemistry” for chemical reactions compatible with living systems. She holds the Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Professorship in the School of Humanities and Sciences at Stanford University. As an open lesbian in academia and science, Carolyn has been a role model for students and colleagues.

On 2 December 2022, Liberia released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet celebrating **Raphael**, including the souvenir sheet selvafe featuring **Apollo**.

On 30 November 2022, Central African Republic released a miniature sheet commemorating the 2022 Nobel Prize Laureates, including one stamp featuring **Svante Pääbo**.

On 30 November 2022, Central African Republic released a miniature sheet and two souvenir sheets commemorating the Centenary of the Birth of **Lucian Freud**.

On 30 November 2022, Chad released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 195th Anniversary of the Death of **Ludwig van Beethoven**.

On 30 November 2022, Chad released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 2022 Nobel Prize Laureates, including one stamp featuring **Svante Pääbo** and the souvenir sheet featuring **Carolyn Bertozzi**.

On 30 November 2022, Chad released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 165th Anniversary of the Birth of **Robert Baden-Powell**.

On 30 November 2022, Chad released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 115th Anniversary of the Birth of **Frida Kahlo**.

On 30 November 2022, Chad released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the Centenary of the Discovery of Tutankhamun's

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Tomb by **Howard Carter**.

On 30 November 2022, Guinea-Bissau released a miniature sheet commemorating the 2022 Nobel Prize Laureates, including one stamp featuring **Svante Pääbo** and one stamp featuring **Carolyn Bertozzi**.

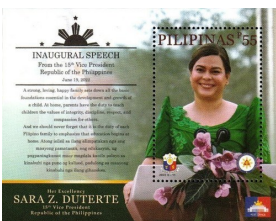
On 30 November 2022, Guinea-Bissau released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the Death of Queen Elizabeth II, including one stamp and the souvenir sheet featuring her in dresses designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 30 November 2022, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet commemorating the 2022 Nobel Prize Laureates, including one stamp featuring **Svante Pääbo** and one stamp featuring **Carolyn Bertozzi**.

On 30 November 2022, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet celebrating Diego Velazquez, including one stamp featuring **Hermes (Mercury)** and the souvenir sheet featuring **Dionysus (Bacchus)**.

On 30 November 2022, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet celebrating **Sandro Botticelli**, including one stamp featuring **Hermes (Mercury)** and **Zephyrus** and the souvenir sheet selva featuring **John the Apostle**.

On 30 November 2022, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Birth of **David Bowie**, including one stamp featuring **Freddie Mercury**.



On 17 November 2022, the Philippines released a stamp and a souvenir sheet commemorating the Inauguration of Vice President **Sara Duterte (born 1978)**. She was born in Davao City,

graduated from San Pedro College, and earned a law degree from San Sebastian College – Recoletos. She was twice mayor of Davao City before becoming the 15th Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines. Sara is married with three children and says her gender expression is male and sex is female.

On 9 October 2022, Central African Republic released a souvenir sheet commemorating the Accession of King Charles III, with the selva featuring

a design based on a photograph by **Cecil Beaton** of Queen Elizabeth II in the coronation dress designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 9 October 2022, Central African Republic released a souvenir sheet celebrating Christmas Paintings, featuring work by **Albrecht Dürer** and **Caravaggio**.

On 9 October 2022, Central African Republic released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the Centenary of the Discovery of Tutankhamun's Tomb by **Howard Carter**.

On 9 October 2022, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet and two souvenir sheets commemorating the 380th Anniversary of the Birth of **Isaac Newton**.

On 9 October 2022, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the Death of Queen Elizabeth II, including one stamp featuring her in a dress designed by **Norman Hartnell** and the souvenir sheet featuring her in the coronation dress designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 9 October 2022, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet commemorating the Accession of King Charles III, including one stamp featuring Queen Elizabeth II in a dress designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 9 October 2022, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet celebrating Christmas Paintings, including one stamp featuring work by **Sandro Botticelli**.

On 9 October 2022, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet and two souvenir sheets commemorating the Centenary of the Discovery of Tutankhamun's Tomb by **Howard Carter**.

On 9 October 2022, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet and two souvenir sheets commemorating the 115th Anniversary of Scouting, featuring **Robert Baden-Powell**.

On 30 September 2022, Liberia released a souvenir sheet commemorating the Death of Queen Elizabeth II, featuring her in a dress designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 30 September 2022, Liberia released two souvenir sheets commemorating the Accession of

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King Charles III, with one souvenir sheet featuring Queen Elizabeth II in a dress designed by **Norman Hartnell** and the other souvenir sheet selvage featuring a design based on a photograph by **Cecil Beaton** of Queen Elizabeth II in the coronation dress designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 30 September 2022, Liberia released a miniature sheet and two souvenir sheets commemorating the 115th Anniversary of Scouting, including three stamps and the two souvenir sheets featuring **Robert Baden-Powell**.

On 7 September 2022, Finland released a miniature sheet commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Finnish National Theatre and the Centenary of the Finnish National Ballet, including three stamps featuring ballets by **Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky** and one stamp featuring a play based on a short story by **Hans Christian Andersen**.

On 7 September 2022, Portugal released a stamp commemorating the Bicentennial of the Independence of Brazil, featuring **Maria Leopoldina of Austria**.

On 1 September 2022, Togo released a miniature sheet and two souvenir sheets commemorating the 195th Anniversary of the Death of **Ludwig van Beethoven**.

On 31 August 2022, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Death of Marilyn Monroe, including one stamp featuring the poster for the film, *How to Marry a Millionaire*, partly based on a play by **Zoe Akins**.

On 31 August 2022, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet celebrating Titian, including one stamp featuring **Dionysus (Bacchus)** and the souvenir sheet selvage featuring **Adonis** and **Aphrodite (Venus)**.

On 31 August 2022, Sierra Leone released a souvenir sheet commemorating the Centenary of Wimbledon Centre Court, featuring **Martina Navratilova** in the selvage.

On 15 August 2022, Niger released a miniature sheet and two souvenir sheets celebrating **Sandro Botticelli**, including one stamp featuring **Aphrodite (Venus)** and one stamp featuring **Augustine of Hippo**.

On 15 August 2022, Niger released a miniature sheet celebrating Diego Velázquez, including one stamp featuring **Aphrodite (Venus)** and one stamp featuring **Dionysus (Bacchus)**.

On 15 August 2022, Niger released a souvenir sheet commemorating the 105th Anniversary of the Birth of John F. Kennedy, featuring Queen Elizabeth II in a dress designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 15 August 2022, Niger released a miniature sheet celebrating Aircraft Carriers, featuring **Abraham Lincoln** in the selvage.

On 15 August 2022, Niger released a miniature sheet and two souvenir sheets commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Birth of **Elton John**, including one stamp featuring **Lady Gaga** and one souvenir sheet featuring **Freddie Mercury**.



On 15 August 2022, Niger released a souvenir sheet commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Birth of Jimi Hendrix, featuring **Mick Jagger**.

On 15 August 2022, Niger released a miniature sheet and two souvenir sheets commemorating the 115th Anniversary of Scouting, including two stamps and both souvenir sheets featuring **Robert Baden-Powell**.

On 30 June 2022, Brazil released a stamp commemorating the Bicentenary of Independence, featuring **Maria Leopoldina of Austria**.

On 30 June 2022, Cayman Islands released four stamps commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, including two stamps featuring her in dresses designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 30 March 2022, Colombia released a miniature sheet celebrating Stained Glass from the Metropolitan Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary of Manizales, including at least one stamp featuring **John the Apostle**.

On 22 March 2022, Mongolia released a miniature sheet celebrating World Famous Actor Gombosuren Gombojav, including two stamps featuring him in plays by **William Shakespeare** and one stamp featuring him in a play by **Sophocles**.