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A recent find at the Mega Event in New York. A 1994 issue from Madagascar features Bill Clinton, Louis Armstrong, Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Presley, John Lennon and Ella Fitzgerald. The sheetlets contain six stamps and three labels. The labels feature Freddie Mercury. Freddie Mercury's bisexuality was acknowledge upon his death in 1991. He was a member of the rock group, *Queen*. He was also an avid stamp collector, his collection being displayed in England after his death.

The *Lambda Philatelic Journal* is published quarterly by the Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps Club (GLHSC). GLHSC is a study unit of the American Topical Association, Number 458, and an affiliate of the American Philatelic Society, Number 205. GLHSC is also a member of the American First Day Cover Society, Number 72.

The objectives of GLHSC are to promote and foster an interest in the collection, study and dissemination of knowledge of worldwide philatelic material that depicts:

- λ notable men and women and their contributions to society for whom historical evidence exists of homosexual or bisexual orientation,
- λ mythology, historical events and ideas significant in the history of gay culture,
- λ flora and fauna scientifically proven to having prominent homosexual behavior, and
- λ even though emphasis is placed on the above aspects of stamp collecting, GLHSC strongly encourages other philatelic endeavors.

MEMBERSHIP:

Yearly dues are \$8.00 per year for U.S., Canadian and Mexican residents; \$10.00 or 12 IRC per year for all others (to help defray higher postage costs.) Dues are due and payable by the first of the quarter as listed on your mailing label. (196-A000 is due by January 1, 1996; 395-S000 is due by July 1, 1995.) Your help with this dues schedule will help keep the costs of mailing reminders to a minimum. Thank you.

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The *Lambda Philatelic Journal* thrives on philatelic articles, original or reprinted, and alternative viewpoints for publication. Members are also encouraged to place free advertisements of philatelic interest. The Editor reserves the right to edit all materials submitted for publication.

PUBLICATION DATE	ARTICLES NEEDED BY
March 15th	February 20th
June 15th	May 20th
September 15th	August 20th
December 15th	November 20th

The views expressed in the journal are those of the writers and do not necessarily represent those of the Club or its members. Any comments should be addressed to the Editor at the address listed.

News From The Editor

Thanks to everyone who sent in their dues. About half of the members responded. If you know of anyone who has not paid, please let them know that a copy of this journal will be forwarded to them upon receipt of dues.

Response to the Membership Directory idea was overwhelming. If someone would like to volunteer to design one, please let me know. A form, asking name, mailing address, phone number (?), and collecting interests will have to be drawn up. If there is prompt response, something should be available by the Fall. Or, should it wait until January 1996? Your input, please.

The idea of a cachet for the 10th anniversary of being in ATA was also popular. However, the time slipped away and there will not be a cachet. Ed Centeno made the suggestion of a "Gay Pride Series" cachet to be used in conjunction with the various gay and lesbian pride cancellations. Any thoughts or ideas? Ed thought that the cachet should incorporate the GLHSC logo. What do you think?

The response to a call for members to assume the position of President and Secretary was almost non-existent. One member offered to put his name in the hat, but withdrew from consideration. Ed Centeno has offered to become active again, if there was no response.

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The ad on page 7 is not the size ad usually published. However, I didn't have anything to put with the ad, and Michael took the time to make a nice ad. All ads are accepted on an "ad-by-ad" basis.

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As mentioned on page 4, there was a postmark used last year in New York City of which the Club or members were not aware. If any members sub-

scribe to any computer bulletin boards or on-line services, could you post a notice to clubs or organizations to notify GLHSC if they are planning to apply for a postmark permit? Unless the person is aware of GLHSC, they wouldn't know to notify us of their plans. Thanks.

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Several members have sent in additional money when paying their dues. Do you think that an ad in *Scott Stamp Monthly*, a topical publication, would be advisable? If it is published in 12 issues, the cost is roughly \$85 (for a 1/8 page ad). Or should this extra be spent on an ad in *Linn's Stamp News*? (I'm not sure of the cost, but it should be around the same.)

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Look for articles on Marguerite Yourcenar, Dag Hammarskjöld, Katharine Lee Bates, Howard Ashman/Disney and the 50th Anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camps. I have various magazine or newspaper articles on others, but haven't had time to write something up. To those of you who said that they would help write articles, I'll be sending requests out soon. And, THANK YOU in advance!

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A dealer from whom I have purchased stamps used to use a "mailer's permit" postmark. I plan to take a weekday off and visit the post office. Would anyone object to receiving the journal with a "mailer's permit" postmark that would have the club logo on it? I'm not even sure what the requirements are at this time. If it is feasible, I would like to do it.

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And, finally, my apologies to Laura in Canada. She was the first (and only) response to the Gal Pals in History puzzle. I mis-filed the letter, and never made mention of it. Sorry!

Gay and Lesbian Update

While pursuing options for this year's Connecticut cancel (see section below), it was discovered that the Queens Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee had designed and used a postmark for last year's event. Queens is one of the 5 boroughs that make up New York City.

On June 5, 1994, the second annual Queens Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade and Multi-Cultural Festival was held in Jackson Heights, NY. A special cancellation was designed to commemorate the festivities.

Be sure to add this item to your collection. Since the Club had no notice, this cancel will be hard to find.



**MULTI-CULTURAL
FESTIVAL STATION
June 5, 1994
Jackson Heights, N.Y. 11372**

The Queens Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee used a postmark for this year's parade and festival. It was held on Sunday, June 4. For copies, send stamped envelopes to:

US Postmaster
Mgr. of Jackson Heights Station
Jackson Heights NY 11372

Orders must be postmarked by July 4, 1995. Be sure to include a short note requesting the cancel.



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Ed Centeno has once again helped design a postmark for the Hartford, Connecticut Pride Celebration. The Pridefest will be held in Bushnell Park on June 17, 1995. This will be the second gay/lesbian postmark for Hartford. The first was used in 1993.



JUNE 17 1995
HARTFORD CT 06103
MULTICULTURAL
PRIDEFEST '95

Copies can be obtained from:

Pride From Silence to Celebration Stn.
Box 9998
Hartford CT 06103-9998

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In conjunction with the Hartford festivities, Ed has designed two postcards to be used with the postmark/cancellation. The cards will depict the outline of the State of Connecticut portion of the cancel. Unused cards will sell for \$1.00. Cards with postmarks will sell for \$1.50. 1,500 cards were printed. A cachet is also available.

Orders can be placed through Ed. His address is:

Ed Centeno
PO Box 230940
Hartford CT 06123-0940

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Someone in San Francisco turned a "G" stamp gay!! Look closely at the postmark.



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Sweden issued a booklet of stamps on the wood sculptures of Bror Hjorth for their 1995 Europa series. Two of the people shown on the stamps are Walt Whitman and Socrates. The booklet consists of two panes of four stamps each. The booklet was released on March 17, 1995. Scott Nos. 2116-2119 (complete booklet pane is 2119a.)

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An astute member found this wonderful cover with a postmark declaring Bath, England "the Gayest Floral City." Thanks for sharing this, Darrell.



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Another Club member found the following meter slogan on a cover. Thanks, Phil, for sharing!

Nino MARTINI
The GAY
DESPERADO



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The Pink Triangle Post has begun producing artistamps. A block of four stamps commemorating E. J. Byington was sent along with a request for information on GLHSC. E. J. Byington was an abused and outspoken gay teen who killed himself earlier this year. Anyone wishing to contact the Pink Triangle Post, please contact the Editor.

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AIDS Update

The Romanian post office used a special cancel during the Tenth International Conference on AIDS which was held August 7-12, 1994 in Yokohama, Japan.



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From *Linn's Stamp News*, it appears that someone in Europe didn't approve of the Swiss AIDS stamp issued in October 1994. Zumstein, the Swiss catalog and album publisher, used the stamps on one of their mailings. The recipient of the letter kept the contents, but returned the cover with a label attached. In German, the label said, "Acceptance refused. This stamp is immoral."

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Algeria issued a Fight Against AIDS stamp on December 3, 1994. Scott No. 1025.

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A copy of the following letter was received. The Wilkinsburg Stamp Club annually issues an exhibition souvenir sheet. The souvenir sheets are satires on the previous year's stamps. This year's sheet used the Chinese New Year series and the AIDS Awareness stamp.

Wilkinsburg Stamp Club
Box 8711
Wilkinsburg, PA 15221

Dear Members,

I find your 1995 exhibition souvenir sheet lampooning the AIDS Awareness stamp to be completely tasteless, disgusting and offensive. Has no one in your organization been personally

involved with this dread disease? Has no one in your organization witnessed the painful, agonizing death resulting from AIDS?

You owe a public apology to the relatives and friends of AIDS victims worldwide. Shame on your stamp club for disgracing the good name of philatelists. Your club is evidence of just why an AIDS Awareness stamp is necessary -- your ignorance and stupidity.

Yours truly,

James A. Sowa



Macedonia issued two sheetlets (one perforate and one imperforate) and a block of three stamps and a label. It appears that the stamps were issued in conjunction with World AIDS Day 1994. Anyone with more information on these stamps, please let us know. Thanks.



In Memory

It is with great sadness that I must report the death of one of our Club members.

Mikell Goetsch of Cleveland had been a member of GLHSC for several years. He would generally phone me a week prior to me mailing the journal, asking what would be in it! He was currently working on two articles for the journal, one on Arthur Ashe and one on the postal history of gay and lesbian organizations in the Cleveland area. He had many ideas for the journal.

Mikell died of complications due to AIDS on May 11, 1995. He was 26 years old.



The final 9 pages of a portion of Paul Hennefeld's collection begins on page 8. I hope that all members have enjoyed viewing Paul's work. If any other members would like to share their collections with the Club, please contact the Editor. Several requests have been received to see how others are collecting and/or displaying their work. Please share your knowledge and ideas with the Club. Thanks.



Collecting stamps is fun!

Nurses Wanted!



I collect postcards depicting nurses. I am interested in "better" material from pioneer period through modern, U.S. and foreign, including artist-drawn, photo, printed advertising, etc. Please exclude birth announcements, hospital exteriors of viewcard variety, and non-postcard items.

I also collect the following subjects (on postcards only):

Modern postcards relating to AIDS, drug abuse, safe sex, other post-1980 health care issues.

Depictions of Hygeia (Hygea), the goddess of health. She appears with a small snake (usually twined around her wrist) and/or with a medicine bowl or cup.

Please send approvals or photocopies. I reimburse for all expenses and send returns promptly. Thank you for your assistance.

**Michael B. Zwerdling, R.N.
Post Office Box 70654
Chevy Chase, MD 20813**

ARTISTS & SCULPTORS



Raphael Santi. The 'Divine Painter' chose two of his apprentices, Romano and Penni, as his personal house guests. Upon the death of Raphael, both men shared equally in his estate.

Caravaggio's ability to capture the seductive moods of his male models, brought him fame among his gay clientele.



Antonio Canova, sculptor. When Canova was thirteen years old, Senator Falier became his patron. Falier's son became Canova's intimate friend for life.

The sculptor, Benvenuto Cellini wrote:

I formed a close and intimate friendship with a charming young man of my own age . . . we came to love each other so much that we were never apart, day or night.



AUTHORS & POETS



Sappho of Lesbos, composed romantic verse extolling her love for women.
Desiderius Erasmus was accused of seducing his English pupil.
William Shakespeare wrote 154 'love sonnets' to Mr. W. H.



Banished from France for her political views, Madame Germaine de Staél settled in Switzerland with her lover Madame Juliette Recamier.




Giacomo Leopardi shared a room with his friend Ranieri, despite the fact separate rooms were rented.
Franz Grillparzer's diary revealed his affairs with two gentlemen.
Lord Byron's bisexuality is well known and documented.
Heinrich von Kleist wrote many love letters to the Prussian war minister, Ernst von Pfuell.

AUTHORS & POETS



From the age of 18 or younger, Nikolai Gogol manifested passionate attachments to his male acquaintances.


With the publication of Leaves of Grass, Walt Whitman emerged from the "closet." Hans Christian Andersen ran away from home at the age of 14. He was supported by several men throughout his life.




Saluting
Herman Melville

NOVELIST, POET

LITERARY ARTS SERIES - 1984





FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

Paul Hennefeld
512 Park Street
Montclair, NJ 07043

Herman Melville's obsessive love for Nathaniel Hawthorne was rejected. This caused Melville great bouts of anxiety, depression and sadness.



AUTHORS & POETS



Oscar Wilde. At the peak of his career, he sacrificed wife, family and fame for the love of the selfish Lord Alfred Douglas.

In a lovers quarrel, Paul Verlaine shot Arthur Rimbaud. Verlaine served two years in prison. Rimbaud soon recovered and settled in Africa.

Henry David Thoreau wrote of his love and admiration of several of his male friends. However it was Edmund Sewall who captured his heart.

Horatio Alger
(1832-1899)



Alger
Clergyman, Author
Extolled honesty, industry
Equated Success with wealth
Alger



Horatio Alger



USA 20c

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

Paul Hennefeld
512 Park Street
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Cinquain-8

Sachet designed by Bill Keeling

Horatio Alger, Jr. fled Brewster, Massachusetts, upon confrontation by his congregation with being familiar toward Thomas Crocker and John Clark.

AUTHORS & POETS



André GIDE



André Gide was one of the first authors of his time to reveal, autobiographically, his gay lifestyle.



College mates described Willa Cather as "Masculine in dress, voice and manner." Isabella Mc Clung and Edith Lewis were her life-long companions.



Marcel Proust's love for his chauffeur was broken by the news that Alfred, while on a solo flight, crashed and perished at sea.



Thomas Mann's diaries reveal tender feelings for his wife and children as well as an overpowering homosexual inclination.



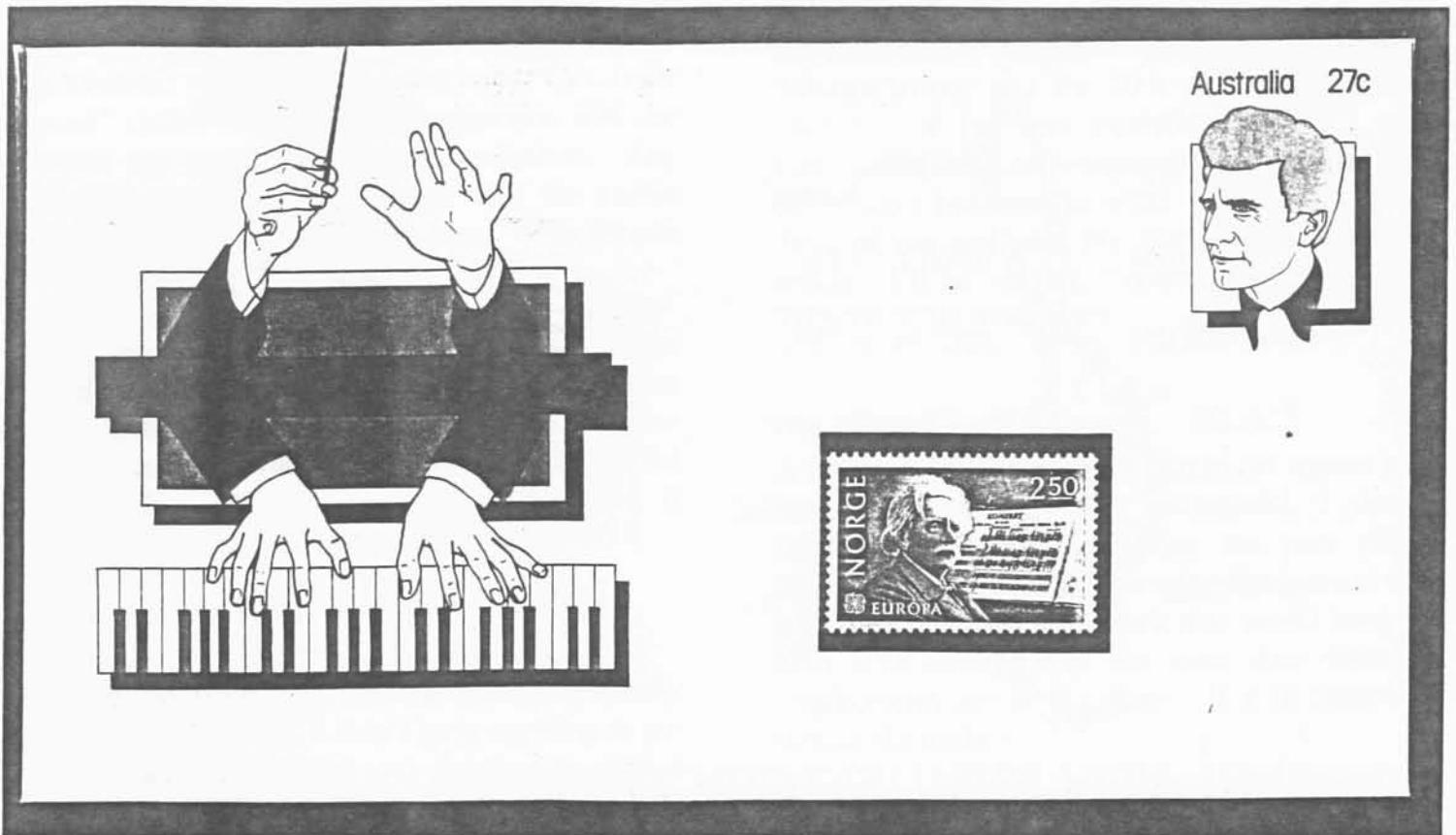
Federico Garcia Lorca was brutally murdered by fascist civil guardsmen who despised his political views and his homosexuality.

COMPOSERS & MUSICIANS



Mistakenly thinking that marriage would bring an end to his homosexual feelings, Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky proposed to Antonina Milyukova. This disastrous union drove him to the verge of suicide.

Contemporaries of Camille Saint-Saens reported that this brilliant pianist, and composer, chose his male companions indiscreetly.



EDVARD GRIEG (Norway) & PERCY GRAINGER (Australia)

Edvard Grieg, devoted husband of Nina Hagerup, late in life became infatuated with Australian concert pianist Percy Grainger, of whom Grieg wrote lovingly in his journals.

COMPOSERS & MUSICIANS



Impresario Serge Diaghilev and dancer Vaslav Nijinsky loved, quarreled and parted. Diaghilev wooed other male dancers. Nijinsky married, lost fame and became mentally deranged.

It is believed that a love triangle existed between composer Maurice Ravel, composer Manuel de Falla and pianist Ricardo Vines.

Blessed Cecilia appear in visions
 To all musicians appear and inspire:
 Translated Daughter, come
 down and startle Composing
 mortals with immortal fire

BRITTEN
 BRIDGE
 PURCELL
 BYRD
 WALTON
 ST. DELIUS
 FINZI
 IRELAND
 GIBBONS
 TALLIS
 VAUGHAN WILLIAMS
 ELGAR
 SMITH



Peter Pears

PHILATELIC MUSIC CIRCLE J & M Arlington Ltd., 45 Lakenheath, London N14 4RL

Special postmark honoring Benjamin Britten,
 autographed by his life-long companion, Peter Pears.

ACTORS & ENTERTAINERS



Charles Laughton in 'Mutiny on the Bounty'

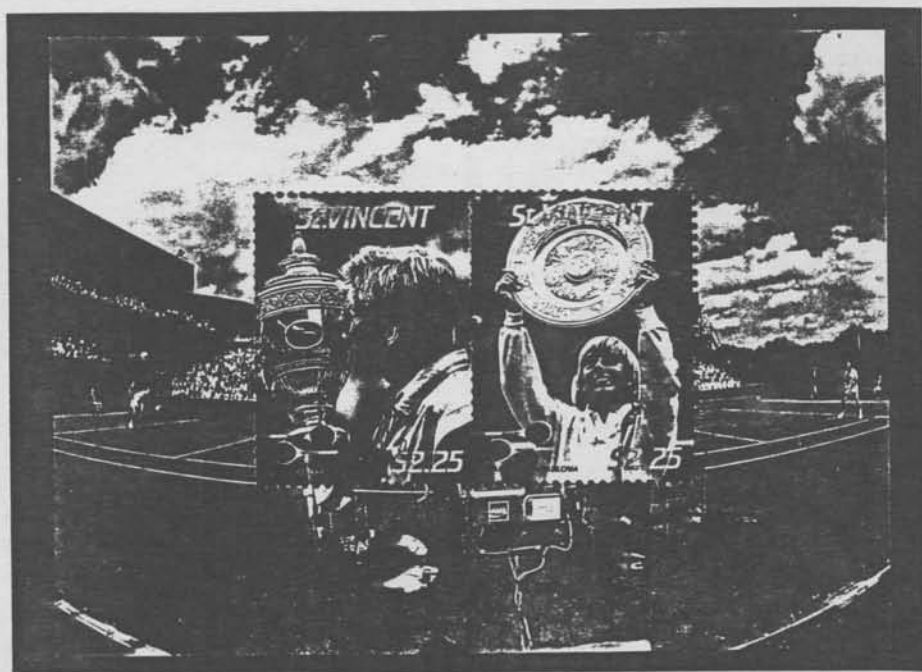
Actor Charles Laughton admitted to his wife, Elsa Lanchester, that he had a homosexual streak in him. Elsa later wrote, "If I had known all this before we were married it might have been different...The deception is what hurt so deeply."



Movie idol Rock Hudson emerged from the closet with an announcement from a Paris hospital that he had been diagnosed as having AIDS.

Entertainer Wladziu Valentino Liberace denied being homosexual. He died of complications from AIDS on February 4, 1987.

ATHLETES



TENNIS STARS

Billy Jean King, Martina Navratilova, Bill Tilden.

Lesbian and gay athletes have excelled in every sport. Martina Navratilova, a champion both on and off the court, is outspoken in the fight for equal rights for lesbians and gays.



Wish list of athletes who should be depicted on stamps:

Decathlon	Tom Waddell
Weight Lifting	Bob Paris
Swimming	Bruce Hayes
Baseball	Glenn Burke
Baseball	David Pallone
Football	David Kopay