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Netherlands Top 40 By Bryan Manley-Green

In 1995, the Dutch Postal Service issued a set of stamps celebrating 50 years of the Dutch Top 40 pop singles. A few of these stamps are of interest to LGBT stamp collectors, even if only via a link with Eurovision, which has a huge gay following:

Paul de Leeuw, whose most famous song “Fly With Me” includes rainbows in the lyrics, is a household name in the Netherlands, and adopted two children in the early 2000s with his husband Stephan Nugter, that’s a decade earlier than when Elton John and David Furnish started their family. Outside the Netherlands, de Leeuw is probably most famous (or infamous) for giving out his phone number to a male contestant when he should have been giving his scores live at the 2006 Eurovision Song Contest. He has been a very colourful character throughout his career.

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

Membership fees at this time are \$10 a year to assist with maintenance fees including the website, photocopies of brochures, advertising, and other administrative expenses. Payment by check or money order, payable to the club, GLHS, mailed to 1020 E. Hemlock St, Kent WA 98030 or by PayPal to glhstamps2@gmail.com..

The GLHS electronic journal is published quarterly, January, April, July, and October. Submissions for January 2021 issue are needed by December 15, 2020. Members may submit advertisements for free.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

[Lisa Foster](#)

▼ Norman Jacobs, the author of last quarter's Sally Ride article wrote, "Thanks so much for sending the copy of GLHS Journal 009. I'm glad that Sally Ride found another home. You did a great job transferring it to your format, and I hope that the readers will enjoy it. With your permission I'd like to send a copy of the issue to Sally's partner Tam.

The changes in GLHS Journal over the last few issues are dramatic- you can feel good about what you are creating. One of my interests during lockdown has been to develop a collection of Covid-19 stamps, so I enjoyed that article a lot. The stamps and postmarks seem to be increasing exponentially, both for legitimate Covid fundraising support as well as the excessive number of high-value philatelic agency issues.

I'm sure there will be other opportunities in the future to combine efforts between GLHS and SPI."

▼ The Editor of the Journal of Sports Philately, Mark Maestrono wrote, "Nice job, Lisa! Also, very much enjoyed reading through the rest of the journal. In particular, I got a hoot out of the Nero article! Look forward to collaborating on future gay-themed athlete pieces!"

Thank you both for sharing! GLHS looks forward to working with you and SPI in the near future.

Sports Philatelists International (SPI) at the Virtual Stamp Show

SPI held their annual meeting 08/22/2020. Andrew Urushima gave a presentation on 1932 Olympics and cachet maker Walter Crosby. The focus was on ship cancels and are catalogued by the Universal Ship Cancel Society. There were 18 participants. Laurie Anderson was asked to post her exhibit on women in the Olympics, "Go for the Gold!" online on google share for viewing. SPI will be holding their 2021 convention at the Great American Stamp Show, in Rosemont IL, August 12-15.



▼ Bryan Manley-Green of Birmingham, UK wrote; I've just rekindled my stamp collecting hobby from my childhood and thought I'd concentrate on LGBT stamps, something that would have been unthinkable some 50 years ago, so am delighted to find your website.

I've been using the Delcampe site - it's very creaky and quite expensive once you put the postage/handling charges on top), but I have had some nice stuff.

I mentioned the Spanish Pride Rainbow stamp to one dealer on there who is based in Spain, but specializes in Cuban stamps (so I got the anti-homophobia ones from him) and he kindly bought me ten Pride stamps. Even though I'd bought one in the meantime, I said I'd buy them as they might come in useful as nice and quirky Christmas presents if they went in a nice frame. Or even if we've got some friends who are getting married.

Must say that the stamp collecting is so much nicer than watching TV, especially the politics!

▼ On August 12th, John P. Stefanek provided important information; I just received the *Linn's Stamp News 2020 Stamp Resource Guide*, accompanying the 17 August 2020 issue of *Linn's Stamp News*. Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps Club is included on page 53, under "Thematic Philately," but I think has "old" information (e.g., Joe Petronie, a Dallas address, an AOL e-mail address). The "Philatelic Societies" section says on page 52, "Groups should inform the Scott catalog editors of any address changes when they occur."

Thanks for sharing, an editorial revision has been sent. If any members see outdated references, please email glhstamps2@gmail.com.

▼ Yme Woensdregt shared; I've been working my way through all the copies of the Journal on the website ... starting with the very earliest issue of Lambda, and working my way on up through the years. It has been a wonderful journey of discovery for me. The reason I'm writing is to let you know how impressed I am with the revamped GLHS Journal when you took it on. It's a treat to read, filled with wonderful and informative articles and lots of great pics.

Colorful graphics is one of the benefits of e-journals. The journal's success is a result of the multitude of great submissions by members.

GLHS Annual Meeting via ZOOM

by Marlene Michelson and Lisa Foster

The August 20th meeting had 18 attendees. Following a 30-minute social, check in we held a business meeting. Board members and committee chairs introduced themselves. It was great to be able to put faces to names.

Lisa Foster gave the Membership Report: currently 39 members, of whom 26 are members of the APS and 18 are members of the ATA. A discussion was held regarding what we can do to grow the membership. Dale Smith offered to pay for placement of a GLHS advertisement in Topical Times, the ATA journal for three issues and on the new and upcoming ATA website.

Laurie Anderson gave the Treasurer's Report: Balance in Checking \$926.31. For this membership year, GLHS has received \$420 in donations and \$210 in membership fees. Still waiting for return of \$130 from London2020. APS refunded \$35 for The Great American Stamp Show program advertisement. ATA \$50 for the Great American Stamp Show has not yet cleared, but our advertisement is on the ATA website and GLHS was invited/showcased at the ATA Roundtable at the Virtual Stamp Show. A PayPal account was set up 08/15/2020.

Arthur P. von Reyn gave the Webmaster report: The website is updated several times a month. Many new images of foreign stamps are slowly being added to the gallery pages as time permits. Most of these images are stamps from John Stefanek's collection. A dues payment option will be added to the website in the coming months using PayPal. Members will be able to renew their membership in the "Members Only" section of the website. Those wanting to join the club and pay their dues will be able to do so in the "Public" section of the website, also using PayPal.

Lisa gave an Editor's Report: GLHS entered in the Chicagopex 2020 Literature Contest. Expressed thanks for our regular columnists: Larry Crain for "Gay Ventures", Francis Ferguson for "Giving Back", and John P. Stefanek for "New Issues" and article submissions. Have submitted a request to ATA Biology Study Unit for "Flora & Fauna" columnist. GLHS will have a new column for "Want Lists" and put a call out for submissions for the next issue by September 15, 2020.

During Marlene Michelson's presentation, "Coming out to the straight seniors in my stamp club" she spoke about sharing her interest in LGBT stamps and those individuals depicted on stamps at her local stamp club. She shared with attendees her reference of Paul Henefeld's book, "Gay & lesbian history on stamps: Achilles to Zeus." Susanna Mills shared that the APS American Philatelic Research Library (APRL) [<https://stamps.org/services/library/library-services>] has the 1st (1983), 2nd (1992) and 3rd (2004) editions of the book available for checkout.

John P. Stefanek discussed how he finds new issue LGBT+ stamps. John explained that Paul Henefeld's book identified 397 names and information, 51 additional names were identified in the Lambda Philatelic Journal, 27 additional on Facebook posts, etc. for a total of 565 people he uses to search for new issues on stampworld.com, colnct.com, IGPC, PCistamps, and other online resources. Attendees discussed and made a plan to update the ATA handbook within three years. Art shared LGBT items from his Joint Issue collection. Susanna Mills shared postcards she found at the APS: Vincent Van Gough's postcards sent by Vincent's nephew! Scott English, APS Executive Director thanked Susanna for her service to the APS and shared with attendees all the wonderful things she does for the organization.

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