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## Ondrej Nepela By John P. Stefanek

“Many people perceived him as handsome or even beautiful. He evidenced an androgynous, Nijinsky-like quality. In physical features he reminded me of a Tartar from the Eastern European steppes, with slanted Mongolian eyes yet light skin. He was small. He was fine. He was a steady, nerveless competitor, completely lacking in personality or finesse: a generic Soviet-satellite skater who had been browbeaten into becoming a fine technician—less fine in free skating and more precise or womanlike in the school figures.” – Toller Cranston

Ondrej Nepela was born on 22 January 1951 in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia (now Slovakia). He began ice skating at the age of seven and met his lifelong coach only two weeks later. (Continued on page 2)

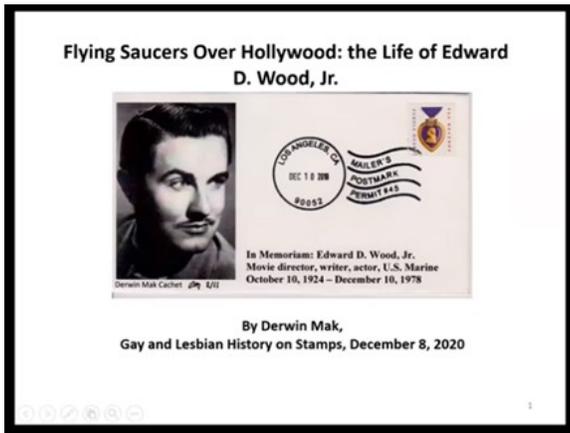
The **objectives** of GLHS are to promote an interest in the collection, study and dissemination of knowledge of worldwide philatelic material that depicts: Notable men and women and their contributions to society for whom historical evidence exists of homosexual or bisexual orientation; Mythology, historical 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 April 2021 issue are needed by March 15, 2021. Members may submit advertisements for free.

## GLHS Held 3rd Virtual Meeting

GLHS held its third internet meeting of the year on December 8, 2020, with 22 members enjoying a program on filmmaker, actor and author Edward Davis Wood Jr., who directed a number of low-budget science fiction, crime and horror films in the 1950s, including the cheesy Plan 9 from Outer Space (1959), regarded as one of the worst films of all time.



The presentation was given by Derwin Mak, an Award-winning Science Fiction Writer, stamp collector, Cachet maker and Exhibitor.

Attendees comments included;

Thanks for a wonderful program on Ed Wood and I want to see Glen or Glenda, it defines who I am from what he explained...And I was pleased when the presenter said he was once at Grand Island, New York, that is only 60 miles from me, near Buffalo, NY. I myself am also a big Wonder Woman fan, I have read the history of how she evolved and bought a ton of the stamps. Thanks again, all the best - Phil E.

Thank you so much for posting this presentation. I'm a recent member of the GLHS and living in Manchester, UK, it wasn't possible to participate 'live' in the event. I enjoyed this so much. I loved how Derwin made a presentation out of someone who'll never be commemorated on a stamp as well as what his presentation had to offer about B-movie attitudes to transgenderism in the 1950s. I also found the information about permit marks in the US really interesting too. I teach Shakespeare and am always talking about 'boys playing girls playing boys' so the concept of 'double drag' mentioned here was really interesting. Thank you to Derwin for such an engaging and passionate talk. - Barry

That was an outstanding presentation. - Francis  
There's even a colored version of "Plan 9 from Outer Space" on YouTube! - Arthur von Reyn

Great presentation - thanks for making it happen. Give my best to Derwin. - Joe

The recording of the presentation is available now on our YouTube channel. The link to the presentation is available on the GLHS website at <http://www.glhsonline.org/>

If you're willing to present at next quarter's zoom meeting, email [glhstamps2@gmail.com](mailto:glhstamps2@gmail.com).

[\(Ondrej Nepela, Continued from page 1\).](#)

He was not naturally talented, but he was known for his humility and hard work. He competed at the 1964 Innsbruck and 1968 Grenoble Olympic Games. He was five-time European champion from 1969 to 1973, three-time World champion from 1971 to 1973, and won the gold medal in men's figure skating at the 1972 Sapporo Olympic Games.

A superstar in Czechoslovakia, Ondrej grew tired of having bodyguards and retired at the age of 23. He toured as a soloist with Holiday on Ice, then he moved to Germany and began coaching. In his autobiography, Toller Cranston described a brief 1973 relationship with him.

Ondrej Nepela died of complications due to AIDS on 2 February 1989.

*"Ondrej Nepela," by Laura Darling, makingqueerhistory.com, 22 June 2019*

*"Ondrej Nepela, Figure Skater, 38," New York Times, 7 February 1989*

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A list of LGBTQ-related **2021 anniversaries** that might appear in philately. By John P. Stefanek

World Pride 2021 will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, and Malmö, Sweden

EuroPride 2021 will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark

25 years since the death of Kenneth Fleetwood

25 years since the death of Barbara Jordan

25 years since the death of Renato Russo

75 years since the birth of Freddie Mercury

75 years since the birth of Gianni Versace

75 years since the death of Manuel de Falla

75 years since the death of John Maynard Keynes

75 years since the death of Gertrude Stein

100 years since the death of Camille Saint-Saëns

125 years since the birth of Ethel Waters

125 years since the death of Paul Verlaine

150 years since the birth of Marcel Proust

150 years since the death of Moritz von Schwind

200 years since the birth of Charles Baudelaire

200 years since the birth of Richard Francis Burton

200 years since the birth of Gustave Flaubert

200 years since the death of King Pomare II of Tahiti

250 years since the death of Thomas Gray

275 years since the birth of King Gustav III of Sweden

300 years since the death of Mary Read

400 years since the birth of Louis, Grand Condé

450 years since the birth of Caravaggio

450 years since the death of Benvenuto Cellini

475 years since the death of Giulio Romano

500 years since the death of Pope Leo X

550 years since the birth of Albrecht Dürer

c. 2450 years since the death of Phidias

c. 2500 years since the birth of Euripides

c. 2500 years since the birth of Phidias

c. 2650 years since the birth of Sappho

c. 2650 years since the birth of Solon

*Editor's note: Members, please consider writing an article for publication in an upcoming GLHS Journal highlighting an anniversary event.*

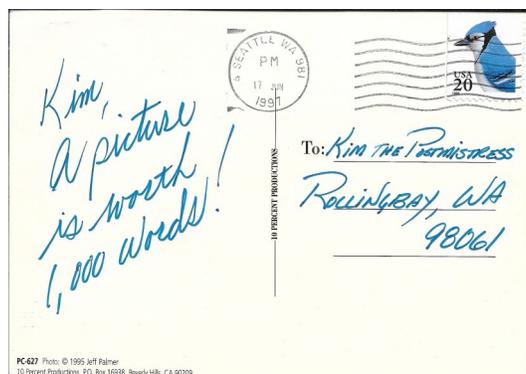
## A Picture is Worth 1,000 Words!

By Lisa Foster



The image on this postcard is by artist Jeff Palmer (<https://jeffpalmer.com/>), leading gay photographer from California. His career began while

working for the San Diego AIDS Project, where he created the AIDS Benefit Calendar as a fundraiser for eleven years. “Extraordinary. Fine Art Male Nude Photography” is available for sale at the online store <https://store.jeffpalmer.com/>. He has also published many books of his photography.



The postcard is addressed to “Kim the Postmistress” of Rollingbay WA. It was postmarked June 17, 1997. Looking at Postmaster finder <https://webpmt.usps.gov/pmt002.cfm>, there were no Postmasters named “Kim”. The Postmaster during that time was David L. Reid. Reid was the Postmaster from 05/28/1994 until Marlene Herman was named the Officer-in-Charge on 02/06/1998. David L. Reid moved and became the Postmaster of the Leesville Post Office (PO) in Texas on 02/14/1998. The Rollingbay PO did not have a Postmaster until 05/09/1998, Carolyn R. Leech.

The Rollingbay post office was established in 04/06/1892 and is still operating today. The 100+ year old building also houses Bay Hay and Feed and Rolling Bay Cafe’.



Rollingbay is a neighborhood community on Bainbridge Island, a 30-minute ferry ride from Seattle WA.