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## Love Knows No Bounds

By Yme Woensdregt

On January 29, 2021, Slovenia Post issued a €0.69 stamp which they call “A Greeting Card for Love of All Kinds”. This heart-shaped stamp in the colours of the LGBTQ+ flag shows two birds in mid-flight.

In its bulletin, Slovenia Post reminds us all that “The modern world is heterogeneous and full of variety in every area. This is actually also true of various periods in history that saw people express their amorous inclinations and relationships between the sexes in different ways. Different societies responded differently to these relationships between individuals and groups.

“Today we try to be ever more understanding of different ways of life and relationship that are an inherent part of the society we live in. An attitude of tolerance is developing that focusses on respect and the acceptance of difference. In some parts of the world and some social environments, conditions are still far from being ideal and we are still witnessing cases of rejection, intolerance and other phenomena that attempt to push homosexual love and the whole LGBT movement to the margins of society, or even out of it altogether.

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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 as 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 July 2021 issue are needed by June 15, 2021. Members may submit advertisements for free.

## GLHS Quarterly Virtual Meeting

GLHS held an internet meeting on March 9, 2021, with 22 members in attendance, including Maxim from Dublin where it was 2:00 a.m.

There was a brief meeting discussing upcoming GLHS events, followed by three entertaining and informative mini presentations.

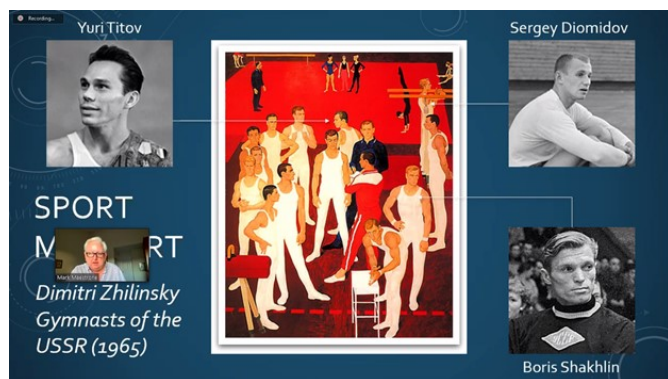
The recording of the presentations is available now on our YouTube channel. The link to the presentation is available in the members area of the GLHS website at <http://www.glhsonline.org/>

### “Pandemic Tennis”



Presented by Norman Jacobs, current Vice President of Sports Philatelist International, who has written many philatelic articles and has created exhibits including, “Tennis—From Game of Kings to King of Games.”

### “Sports Meets Art Philately”



Presented by Mark Maestrone, current President of Sports Philatelist International, Editor of Journal of Sports Philately, and Webmaster of [sportstamps.org](http://sportstamps.org). He is also an active philatelic and literature exhibitor at both national and international levels, having won numerous gold medals as well as two U.S. national grand awards.

## “LGBTQ Authors of Children’s Literature”



Presented by John P. Stefanek, Vice President of GLHS, columnist of *LGBT New Issues* and a regular contributor to the GLHS e-Journal.

If you’re willing to present at a GLHS meeting, in person or virtually, or have a suggested speaker, send an email to [glhstamps2@gmail.com](mailto:glhstamps2@gmail.com).

## Upcoming GLHS Virtual Meetings

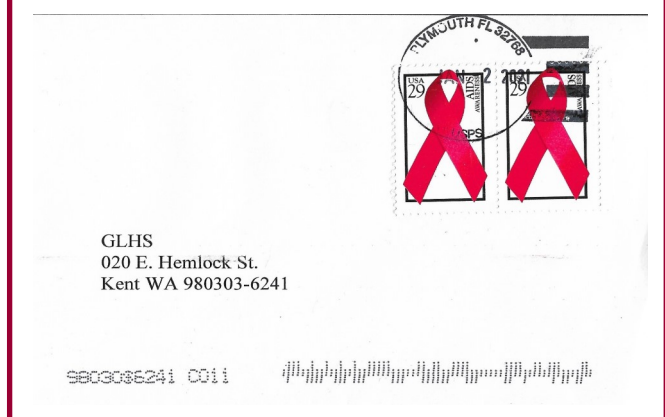
June 8, 2021, 4:30 PDT/7:30 EDT

### U.S.—Foreign Joint Issues



December 1, 2021, 4:30 PDT/7:30 EDT

### AIDS Philately



2021 GLHS Membership renewal from Francis F.

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For this reason, the stamp design in the characteristic colours of the LGBT flag aims to draw attention to our tolerant encounters with human relationships of different kinds.”



It is heartening to see stamp agencies reflect the growing tolerance in society as a whole. It is not that long ago that homosexual love was banned and criminalized. Slovenia Post acknowledges that there is still far too much prejudice and intolerance. Stamps such as this help us take small steps as we seek to promote a more tolerant and healthy attitude towards difference.

The FDC for this issue shows a heart in the lower left corner in the same colours. The inscription above the heart exclaims, “Love knows no bounds.” Truer words were never spoken.

### GLHS Website Mobile Upgrade Complete

By Arthur P. von Reyn

The GLHS website has been upgraded to make viewing friendlier to those who use mobile devices. Smart phone users will find it is no longer necessary to finger zoom pages to a larger size in order to select journals for viewing or to click on links. The presentation will vary according to whether a smart phone, tablet, laptop, or desktop is used to access the website, with the experience changing very little for those using larger screen size devices.

In addition to the mobile friendly upgrade, the “links” page has been expanded from a dozen to almost 400 philatelic sites on the internet. Included are links to about 200 postal administrations and around 135 philatelic organizations. Members finding their favorite philatelic links missing, especially ones helpful for LGBTQ-related research, are encouraged contact me at the addresses listed on the website.

Even more stamp images have been added to the website, including one for a 2013 Uruguay stamp that appears so far to be the first depiction of the Rainbow Flag on a regular postage stamp. Thanks to Yme Woensdregt for mailing this stamp to me

for scanning and posting. John Stefanek continues to provide stamps for imaging on the website, with more than three dozen added in the past few weeks.

There are now over 350 LGBTQ related stamp and souvenir sheet images published on the website, but more are always welcome. One advantage of displaying images on the website is they are presented in a much more organized manner than postings of Facebook. Also wanted are LGBTQ related covers and postmarks.

Because there are so many topical stamps being produced these days for the philatelic market, I prefer to have stamps depicted that somehow relate to the country of issue, unless there is no other way to depict the subject matter. So far, most of the images have been provided by myself, John Stefanek and Joe Petronie. I hope to add your name to the list of contributors.

Don't forget that dues can now be paid on the website in the “Members” section. An option to make a donation, in addition to the normal \$10 dues is provided. If you don't have or forget the password for the “Members” section, Lisa Foster will be happy to provide it to you.

The image shows two side-by-side screenshots of the GLHS website on a mobile device. The left screenshot shows the desktop version of the 'GLHS and Lambda Journals' page, featuring a detailed table of journal issues with columns for Issue Date, File Size, Number, and Editor/Associate Editor. The right screenshot shows the mobile version of the same page, which is more compact and easier to navigate on a small screen, with a prominent 'GLHS' logo and a menu icon.

Issue Date	File Size	Number	Editor/Associate Editor
2022 July	2.2Mb	Volume 3, No. 4, Whole No. 010 (3 pages only)	Lisa Foster
2022 April	1.6Mb	Volume 3, No. 3, Whole No. 009 (3 pages only)	Lisa Foster
2021 January	5.7Mb	Volume 3, No. 1, Whole No. 007	Lisa Foster
2021 October	6.2Mb	Volume 3, No. 4, Whole No. 006	Lisa Foster
2021 July	6.7Mb	Volume 2, No. 3, Whole No. 005	Lisa Foster
2021 April	10.2Mb	Volume 2, No. 2, Whole No. 004	Lisa Foster
2021 January	8.0Mb	Volume 2, No. 1, Whole No. 003	Lisa Foster
2021 October	4.8Mb	Volume 1, No. 2, Whole No. 002	Lisa Foster
2021 August	2.3Mb	Volume 1, No. 1, Whole No. 001	Lisa Foster