



# GAY AND LESBIAN HISTORY ON STAMPS JOURNAL



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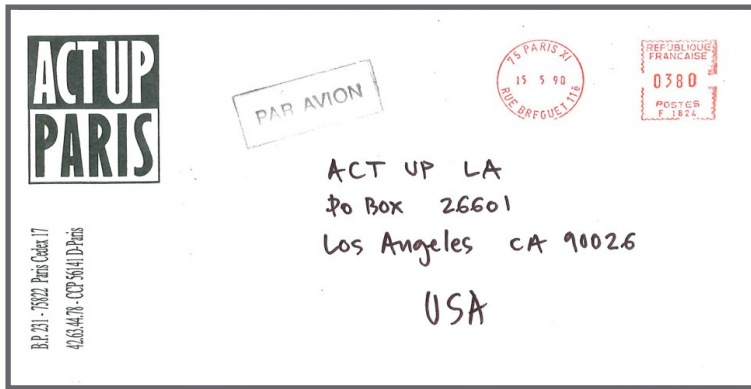
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## Mail From ACT UP to ACT UP

By Richard L. Beecher

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By the late 1980s and early 1990s, the activist organization AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP) had developed a global reach, with chapters established in cities around the world.

In the years that I spent managing the business affairs for the Los Angeles chapter, many of the members knew that I was a stamp collector and an accumulator of AIDS/HIV-related postal history. When ACT UP's annual budget had reached a point where the organization could afford a small office in the Sunset Junction section of Los Angeles, I frequently reminded the volunteers who worked in that office to save any incoming mail that they thought might be of interest to me. They were more than obliging.

The accumulation of material that came my way during this period yielded a lot of covers mailed from other ACT UP chapters, not just in the U.S., but from international chapters as well. The two covers shown here represent, at least for me, some of the crown jewels in my HIV/AIDS collection. I think they are exceptional, and I'm pleased that they were saved for me and that I have them to show.

Both covers stand out because of their elaborate corner cards that dominate the upper left corner. Whoever designed them was clearly looking for a bold approach. The first cover shows the ACT UP/Paris logo in an unmediated fashion. The postage is paid with a 3,80- franc postage meter.



The second cover, from ACT UP/Berlin, is just as striking. It appears that the Berlin chapter was affiliated with Mann-O-Meter, a LGBT organization still in existence today. The total postage of 190 pfennigs is paid with four stamps from Germany's Famous Women series. The letter is addressed to Mark Kostopoulos, one of the founding members of ACT UP/LA who was also a USPS letter carrier.

For both covers, the actual contents are a mystery. They may have contained information about chapter events and activities or even personal correspondence. We will never know for sure.



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>
April 2025	March 15
July 2025	June 15
October 2025	September 15
January 2025	December 15

Members may submit advertisements for free.

### GLHS Board of Directors 2023-2025

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Thank you for renewing your membership in Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps and for recognizing the importance of supporting your philatelic community. Your continued participation and financial support are essential as we continually strive to strengthen our organization.

**Membership dues for 2024** continue at \$10.00 a year. You may make your dues payment online via PayPal at <http://www.glhsonline.org/pages/onlinememberform.html>.

You may also make dues payments via check or money order payable to GLHS to the Treasurer, Laurie Anderson, 646 169<sup>th</sup> St. S., Spanaway, WA 98387.

## 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

## Membership Report

Our current membership consists of **83** members. 52 are also members of the American Philatelic Society (APS) & 37 members of the American Topical Association (ATA).

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

## ‘24 Star Route Newsletter Competition



The Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps Journal received a Large Vermeil Medal in the 2024 Star Route Newsletter Competition sponsored by the American Philatelic Society.

The Newsletter as a whole was Good, the content, communication about meetings, events, and recognition of members was Very Good.

The Judge's written feedback included positive comments such as, "The new issues section is a very valuable part of the newsletter."

Another Judge commented: The content is so valuable! I am so glad this newsletter exists, acknowledging 2SLGBTQIA+ representation on stamps and 2SLGBTQIA+ themes in postal history and philately is so important. The tone of the articles written for this newsletter is so fun and engaging.

Enthusiasm from contributors was "Excellent!" So, hint, hint...if more members contribute to the journal, GLHS may just earn a Gold Medal in 2025.



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## 2024 Star Route Website Competition




The Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps Website received a Gold Medal in the 2024 Star Route Website Competition sponsored by the American Philatelic Society.

The Website as a whole was excellent, with excellent, accurate content and design.

The judge's written feedback was also very complementary:

There is so much detailed and worthwhile content on this website! The site is useful for both members and to inform philatelists (and others) about the presence, contributions, and relevance of the LGBTQ community. Just an all-around great contribution to philately! It is obvious that a lot of thought and effort has been invested in creating this excellent website.

Congratulations webmaster Arthur von Reyn, and Thank You!



**American Philatelic Society  
(APS)**

Gay & Lesbian History on Stamps as  
an APS Affiliate (AF0205).

GLHS is listed on the online directory of specialty societies at <https://stamps.org/Collect/Affiliates> and <https://classic.stamps.org/Specialty-Societies>. According to the Specialty Society site, GLHS has been an "Affiliate since: 8/31/1991."

## GASS Future Dates/Locations

2025 August 14-17, Schaumburg, IL

The hotel for the show will be the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel, a Marriott property directly connected to the convention center. The convention center and hotel are located approximately 18 miles from Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

2026 Bye – Boston 2026 May 23-30



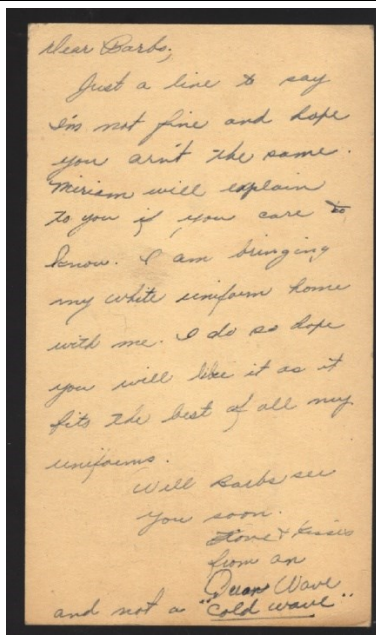
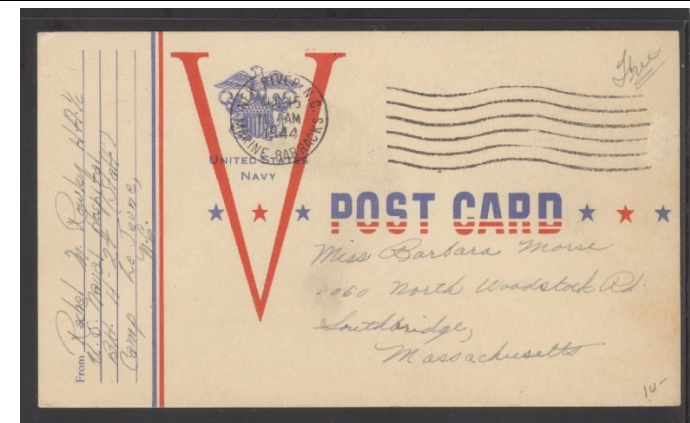
# Giving Back

Francis Ferguson

## Love Across Time?

By Francis Ferguson

Postcard Postmark, Aug 15, 1944; 11AM, New River N.C., Marine Barracks



From Rachel M. Rowley H.A. 1/c  
 U.S. Naval Hospital  
 Bld. H-24 Staff  
 Camp LeJeune, N.C.

To Miss Barbara Morse  
 1060 North Woodstock Rd  
 Southbridge, Massachusetts

Dear Barbs,  
 Just a line to say I'm not fine and hope you aren't the same. Miriam will explain to you if you care to know. I am bringing my white uniform home with me. I do so hope you will like it as it fits the best of all my uniforms. Well Barbs see you soon. Love & Kisses from an Ocean Wave and not a "cold wave"

This little treasure of times gone by crossed my path about a decade ago, when I dealer acquaintance found it in an estate collection he purchased. He thought I might find it interesting – and it certainly is. Assuming that both ladies were in their early to middle 20s when this was written that would put their date of birth some time in the early 1920s give or take a year or two. Thus, if still alive they would be 100 or more.

A friend who knows a lot more about military ranks and such has filled in a bit of information. *“She was in the early part of her service and was considered an apprentice in the medical field. Entry would be as a Third Class, then moving up to Second Class. At this time, she was at the grade of First Class.”*



*branch mark, on upper left sleeve*



Hospital Apprentice, 1st Class (HA1c)

The black and white patch would have been on the cuffs of her sleeves.

Unfortunately – nothing of any substance turned up after about two hours of digging on the world wide web. I would have loved to be able to flesh this out in more detail, but that simply is not to be this time.

Until next time, be good and practice kindness. Pay it forward.



The American Topical Association My One-Page Exhibit Program begins its fifth year of virtual exhibiting December 15 by expanding to 14 entry categories. The exhibit program is free to enter and open to all. ATA membership is not required to participate.

Rather than offering judging or popularity votes, the program focuses on expression, storytelling and sharing. The program's reward is an opportunity to share new philatelic ideas and view a broad range of collecting interests. Exhibits are submitted as PDF file uploads on the ATA website during the submission period, ending February 15.

Literally a single page, either 8.5" x 11" or 11" x 17" in size, or A4 and A3 in international sizes, the exhibit represents an accessible way for philatelic exhibiting newcomers to engage in this aspect of the hobby. For experienced one- and multi-frame competitive exhibitors, the My One-Page Exhibit Program provides a place to explore new themes and topics and share important stories.

The previous years' entries realized nearly 850 exhibits from 20 countries around the globe. The more than 430 exhibitors' entries were submitted by ATA members giving the global philatelic family a glimpse of our topical and other philatelic interests covered myriad topics.

A new category, gastronomy, joins 13 other category options for 2025 submission on the ATA website including animals, arts, culture, health and safety, nature, philately, plans, postal history, science and technology, sports, transportation, U.S. history, and world history. Exhibits are not limited to these categories, and new categories are added as needed to accommodate the exhibits received.

For example, last year's exhibits shared how the discovery of ancient bones launched a scientific conundrum for paleontologists, introduced Ande-

an musical instruments of Peru, suggested a sixth-century origin of today's modern chess game, explored numerical symmetry in postmarks, and heralded the history of tequila.

Narratives developed by exhibits can be serious, questioning, comic, and everything in between. Every exhibit offers an opportunity for viewers to be introduced to or learn more about a topic. For exhibitors, the My One-Page Exhibit Program provides a unique opportunity to try out storylines and do preliminary research in new or expanded collection areas, according to ATA Board President Dawn Hamman.

"Philatelists love to relate the stories they learn as they explore, research, and expand knowledge in their collection field," Hamman said. "ATA's My One-Page Exhibit Program provides an open-source opportunity for collectors to share those stories globally and hear from other collectors with intersecting philatelic interests."

My One-Page Exhibit allows exhibitors to create and share interesting items from their collections that may be outliers from their exhibits. Simultaneously, the ATA program lets participants share in promoting exhibiting to those who want to try it for the first time.

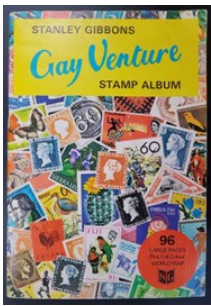
"ATA recently offered a Zoom presentation on how to create a virtual one-page exhibit for our program. It is linked on the My One-Page Exhibit Program page for all to view, making it even easier to participate this year," Hamman said.

The 2025 My One-Page Exhibit Program opens for entry submission on December 15, 2024 and closes on February 15, 2025. Exhibits will be submitted on the ATA website – [americantopical.org](http://americantopical.org). Exhibit instructions and requirements are posted on the ATA exhibit page. Exhibits in the 2025 program will be available for viewing on the ATA website by April 1, 2025 and will remain online throughout the year. Visit [americantopical.org](http://americantopical.org) for updates and details.



# Gay Ventures

## A Philatelic Column - Larry Crain



For most of October I was in New Zealand. I attended one local show and visited two stamp shops, and I will include a few New Zealand stamps in this column. However, the first item is a pride pin which I obtained at a tourist site near Queenstown.



I took the coal-burning steam ship TSS Enslaw across Lake Wakatipi to visit a sheep farm. I chose the lunch rather than tea option and my waitress was wearing this pin. When paying my bill, I commented on it, saying I hadn't seen the gold circle before.

She explained that besides the colors for various groups, the circle was for everyone—to be all inclusive, and it was from the Queenstown pride, Winter Pride in August. I asked if there was a place to buy one and she went to check.

Returning, she said no but someone found one without the pin clamp, and she gave the loose pin to me. Online I learned Winter Pride is the largest pride festival in the Southern Hemisphere.

OK, New Zealand stamps and places I visited.

### North Island



Green Dragon Inn – Hobbiton



Waitomo Cave



mud pots - Rotorua, volcanic caldera formed 1800 years ago

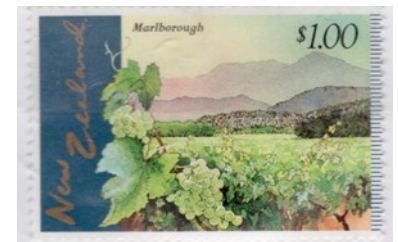


Napier rebuilt in art deco style after 1931 earthquake

### South Island



Picton - terminal of ferry from North I.



Marlborough wine area seen from train to Christchurch



Aoraki / Mt. Cook



Lake Wakatipi - Queenstown



Moeraki Boulders 4-5 million year old



Milford Sound (really a fjord) Over 250" rain a year. It rained.

## 2025 Anniversaries By John P. Stefanek

Here is a list of LGBTQ-related **2025** anniversaries that might appear in philately:

WorldPride 2025 will be held in Washington, DC

EuroPride 2025 will be held in Lisbon, Portugal

25 years since the birth of Teresa Abelleira

25 years since the birth of Georgie Stone

25 years since the death of Gisele Freund

25 years since the death of John Gielgud

25 years since the death of Alec Guinness

50 years since the birth of Marcos Chin

50 years since the birth of Angelina Jolie

50 years since the birth of Mel B

50 years since the birth of Roy Olivero

50 years since the birth of Mariko Tamaki

50 years since the birth of Jan Taminiau

50 years since the death of Josephine Baker

50 years since the death of Pier Paolo Pasolini

75 years since the birth of Howard Ashman

75 years since the birth of Yehudi Poliker

75 years since the death of Edna St. Vincent Mil-  
lay

75 years since the death of Vaslav Nijinsky

100 years since the birth of Rock Hudson

100 years since the birth of Malcolm X

100 years since the birth of Georgi Partsalev

100 years since the birth of Robert Rauschenberg

100 years since the birth of David Watkin

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## U.S. Postal Service Love 2025 Stamp



This new nondenominated (73c) Love stamp celebrates the universal experience of love with a work by artist Keith Haring (1958–1990). With a deceptively simple and now-iconic style, Haring’s work is instantly recognizable. This stamp features Haring’s 1985 *Untitled* drawing.

Antonio Alcalá, an art director for USPS, believes that this drawing makes for an ideal new stamp in this popular series. “The non-specificity of the figures allows a variety of people to see themselves in this stamp,” Alcalá says. “Partners getting married, celebrating an anniversary, siblings sending each other a heartfelt greeting, or even party planners setting a positive tone for their event.”

### First Day ceremony on January 17, in Kutztown, PA

#### How to Order the First-Day-of-Issue Postmark:

Customers have 120 days to obtain the first-day-of-issue postmark by mail. They may purchase new stamps at their local Post Office® or at The Postal Store® website at [store.usps.com/store/home](https://store.usps.com/store/home). They must affix the stamps to envelopes of their choice, address the envelopes (to themselves or others), and place them in a larger envelope addressed to:

**FDI – Love Stamp**  
**USPS Stamp Fulfillment Services**  
**8300 NE Underground Drive, Suite 300**  
**Kansas City, MO 64144-9900**



After applying the first-day-of-issue postmark, the Postal Service™ will return the envelopes through the mail. There is no charge for the postmark up to a quantity of 50. There is a 5-cent charge for each additional postmark over 50. All orders must be postmarked by May 17, 2025.

CECIL RHODES

Robert Boucheron, Christopher Street '88

Cecil Rhodes is best known today as the founder of the Rhodes scholarships at Oxford University. This handsome bequest grew out of a crackpot belief in the all-around superiority of the Anglo-Saxon "race," and specifically of its male members. What is not so well known is that Rhodes was gay.

He was of the butch variety, blunt in manner and at home outdoors. Yet he blushed at the mention of sex, and he suffered poor health most of his life. Yet he was a dynamo of business activity and one of the richest men on earth.

His dazzling fortune was due not so much to mental acuity as to dogged persistence, aided by a willingness to lie, cheat, bribe, and perhaps even murder. He was a champion gambler in one of the greatest crap shoots ever conducted: the Kimberly diamond mines in what is now South Africa.



Rhodes arrived there from England in 1870, at the age of 17, a sickly youth sent to join his older brother at the newly discovered mines. The atmosphere was like that of California in 1849, with instant towns, violent disputes, and a preponderance of young men. Rhodes made an impression with his seriousness and sharp temper, and soon took over from his feckless brother. But he also continued to study, and even commuted to Oxford for eight years, at last earning a bachelor's degree. By then, he was already a considerable businessman, soon to unify the De Beers company, and later the rest of the diamond industry. He ran for South Africa parliament, was elected again and again, and became Prime Minister at the age of 37. He promoted the white settlement of territories to the north, including the country that bore his name-Rhodesia, now called Zimbabwe. And he continued to travel to England on business, exciting the press no end.

More privately, Rhodes set up house with his secretary, a young man named Neville Pickering. Neville died young, and he was never replaced in the master's affections. Instead, Rhodes gathered a group of hearties, some of them barely literate and all unmarried. It was an odd household, whether galloping across the veldt (in S. African, open grassy country), or lounging in the beautifully restored Cape Dutch mansion, Groote Schuur.

Women sent proposals of marriage by mail, and London hostesses vied for him, but Rhodes remained cool. None tried harder than the Russian princess Catherine Raziwill, toward the end of his life. Her shipboard antics and bank draft forgeries are the stuff of farce, though it is doubtful if her victims were amused. It is a wonder that he tolerated her at all, and perhaps an indication of finer feelings.



He had several heart attacks and fainting fits, and he developed cyanosis, a bloated, purple appearance. Essentially, he died of suffocation at age forty-eight.

His ideals were quaint, his methods ruthless, and his racism vicious, though typical of the age. But he neither hid nor flaunted his sexual taste - he simply did as he pleased. Brian Roberts, author of CECIL RHODES: Flawed Colossus, W. W. Norton and Company Publisher, is more candid on this topic than other biographers, and he paints as fair a portrait as possible, given the gaps in the availability of documents.



FIRST DAY OF ISSUE



RHODES' CENTENARY

LIVINGSTONE  
30/23.



Miss M. HODSON,

P.O. Box 10286,

JOHANNESBURG

## New Issues

By John P. Stefanek

On 11 December 2024, Tristan da Cunha released four stamps commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Birth of Winston Churchill, including one stamp featuring a design partly based on a photograph by **Cecil Beaton**.

On 3 December 2024, Bulgaria released a stamp commemorating the Centenary of the Birth of **Marlon Brando**, featuring him in the film, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, written by **Tennessee Williams**.

On 30 November 2024, the United Kingdom released eight stamps, a prestige booklet, and a Collectors Sheet, commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Birth of Winston Churchill, with the cover of the prestige booklet featuring a photograph taken by **Cecil Beaton**.

On 27 November 2024, Canada released five stamps celebrating French-Canadian Authors, including one stamp featuring **Marie-Claire Blais** and one stamp featuring **Antonine Maillet**.



**Marie-Claire Blais (1939-2021)** studied at Université Laval and published her first novel, *La Belle Bête*, in 1959. She moved to Paris, then to Massachusetts, where she met her longtime partner, writer and painter Mary Meigs. She lived in Brittany, Montreal, the Eastern Townships, and settled in Key West. Her career spanned 70 years, writing novels, plays, collections of poetry and fiction, newspaper articles, radio dramas, and television scripts. She was a four-time recipient of the Governor General's literary prize for French-Canadian literature.



**Antonine Maillet (born 1929)** was born in Bouctouche, New Brunswick and graduated from the Collège Notre-Dame d'Acadie, the Université de Moncton, and Université Laval. She taught literature and folklore at several universities and worked for Radio-Canada in Moncton before becoming chancellor of the Université de Moncton. She was promoted to Companion of the Order of Canada and was awarded the Royal Society of Canada's Lorne Pierce Medal. She is an Officier des Arts et des Lettres de France and is a member of the King's Privy Council for Canada. She was the first non-European

recipient of the Prix Goncourt. In 2022, Antonine publicly came out as lesbian, having been in a relationship with actress and theatre director Mercedes Palomino until her death in 2006.

On 21 November 2024, Italy released a stamp commemorating the 800th Anniversary of the University of Naples Federico II, featuring Holy Roman Emperor **Frederick II**.

On 12 November 2024, France released a miniature sheet commemorating the 80th Anniversary of Iris and Mercury Stamps, including one stamp featuring **Hermes (Mercury)**.

On 7 November 2024, Switzerland released two stamps commemorating the 2024 film *Paddington in Peru*, featuring Paddington bear, voiced by **Ben Whishaw**.

On 4 November 2024, Morocco released a stamp commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Mohammed VI Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, founded by King **Mohammed VI** of Morocco.



On 29 October 2024, Australia released a Stamp Pack of twelve stamps commemorating the 85th Anniversary of Marvel, including one stamp featuring **Loki**. The adoptive brother and nemesis of Thor was created by Stan Lee in 1962. He was depicted as the Asgardian God of Mischief, a cunning trickster, and a master of Asgardian magic and sorcery. He has been portrayed in film and television by Tom Hiddleston. Loki's bisexuality and gender fluidity was explored in 2014's *Loki: Agent of Asgard*.

On 15 October 2024, Serbia released a stamp commemorating the Centenary of the Serbian Institute of Public Health, featuring a caduceus (**Hermes (Mercury)**).

On 14 October 2024, the United Kingdom released ten stamps, a miniature sheet, a retail booklet, a prestige booklet, and a Collectors Sheet, celebrating Music Giants X: The Who, featuring **Pete Townshend**.

On 10 October 2024, Germany released a stamp celebrating Neuschwanstein Castle, built by King **Ludwig II** of Bavaria.

On 9 October 2024, Germany released its third crypto stamp, featuring Neuschwanstein Castle, built by King **Ludwig II** of Bavaria.

On 3 October 2024, Denmark released two miniature sheets commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the Danish Post Office, including one stamp featuring **Hans Christian Andersen**.

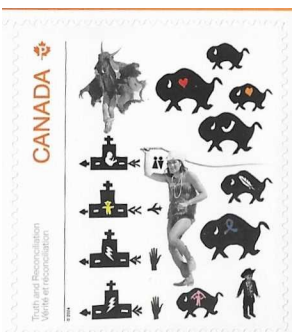
On 1 October 2024, the United Nations (New York, Geneva, and Vienna) released three stamps commemorating the International Day of Older Persons, designed by **Sergio Baradat**.

On 1 October 2024, the United States released a stamp celebrating Thank You Healthcare Community, featuring a caduceus (**Hermes (Mercury)**).

On 29 September 2024, Ukraine released three “personalized” stamps commemorating the Centenary of the Birth of **Sergei Parajanov**.



On 27 September 2024, Canada released three stamps commemorating Truth and Reconciliation, including one stamp featuring art by **Adrian Stimson (born 1964)**. He is a Two-Spirit member of the Siksika Nation who graduated from the Alberta College of Art and Design and the University of Saskatchewan. His mostly black and white paintings often depict bison. His installations reference experiences in the residential school system. His performances examine constructing identity and



the blending of the Indian, the cowboy, the shaman, and the Two-Spirit being. He was recently commissioned for the National Monument for Canada’s Mission in Afghanistan.



On 27 September 2024, St. Martin released a gold stamp commemorating the 175th Anniversary of the Death of **William II** and the Accession of William III. **William II (1792-1849)** was King of the Netherlands, Grand Duke of Luxembourg, and Duke of Limberg from 1840 until his death. He was born in The Hague, spent his youth at the Prussian court in Berlin, served in the Prussian Army, and studied law at Christ Church, Oxford. He entered the British Army, eventually promoted to general, and was commander of I Allied Corps at Waterloo. He married Gand Duchess Anna Pavlovna of Russia in 1816. William had a string of relationships with both men and women, and he was blackmailed over his intimacies with men, for the first time in 1818. During his reign, the Netherlands became a parliamentary democracy with the new constitution of 1848.

On 24 September 2024, Monaco released two stamps commemorating Films Shot in Monaco, including one stamp featuring *Monte Carlo Nights*, starring **John Darrow (1907-1980)**. He was born in Leonia, New Jersey, and began his film career with a featured role in 1927’s *High School Hero*. He retired from acting in 1935 and became a very successful agent. From the 1930s to the early 1950s, John was in a relationship with film director Charles Walters.



On 23 September 2024, France released a stamp commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Death of **Françoise Sagan (1935-2004)**. She was born in Cajarc, Lot, and studied at the Sorbonne, but did not graduate. Her best-known work was her first novel, *Bonjour Tristesse*, published when she was 18. During her forty-year literary career, she wrote dozens of works, many of which have been filmed. Françoise was married twice, had a long-term relationship with fashion stylist Peggy Roche, and had a long-term affair with French *Playboy* editor



Annick Geille.

On 19 September 2024, Turkey released a semi-postal stamp celebrating Heroes' Day, featuring **Mustafa Kemal Atatürk**.

On 18 September 2024, Austria released a stamp celebrating Diana with Menthol, featuring **Artemis (Diana)**.

On 30 July 2024, Morocco released a souvenir sheet commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Accession of King **Mohammed VI** of Morocco.

In July 2024, Morocco released two definitive stamps featuring King **Mohammed VI** of Morocco.

On 7 March 2024, Guinea released a miniature sheet and two souvenir sheets commemorating the 505th Anniversary of the Death of **Leonardo da Vinci**.

On 7 March 2024, Guinea released a miniature sheet commemorating the 120th Anniversary of the Birth of **Salvador Dalí**.

On 7 March 2024, Guinea released a souvenir sheet commemorating the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, featuring **Bernard Montgomery** in the selva.

On 7 March 2024, Guinea released a miniature sheet commemorating the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, including one stamp featuring **Bernard Montgomery**.



On 7 March 2024, Guinea released a miniature sheet celebrating Mahatma Gandhi, including one stamp featuring **Louis Mountbatten (1900-1979)**. Prince Louis of Battenberg was born at Frogmore House in Home Park, Windsor, Berkshire, and studied at Royal Naval College, Osborne. He posted as midshipman during World War I, studied two terms at Christ's College, Cambridge, and studied electronics at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. Louis married in 1922, though he later said, "Edwina and I spent all our married lives getting into other people's beds." Naval postings continued until World War II, during which he was promoted to commander of Combined Operations before he was appointed Supreme Allied Commander South East Asia Command. After the war, he was created

Earl Mountbatten of Burma and Baron Romsey before being appointed Viceroy to India to oversee the transition to independence. He became the first Governor-General of India. He was promoted to Admiral of the Fleet in 1956. His driver in 1942 and 1943 said he transported young boys to Louis's residence and was paid to keep quiet about it. His driver in 1948 said that Louis would visit an upmarket gay brothel in Malta. In 2019, FBI files about Louis's homosexuality (or bisexuality) and alleged pedophilia became public.

On 7 March 2024, Guinea released two miniature sheets and two souvenir sheets commemorating the 95th Anniversary of the Birth of Audrey Hepburn, including eight stamps, one souvenir sheet, and one souvenir sheet selva featuring her from the film, *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, based on the novel by **Truman Capote** and with wardrobe by **Hubert de Givenchy**.

On 7 March 2024, Guinea released a miniature sheet commemorating the 175th Anniversary of the Death of **Frederic Chopin**, including a label featuring **George Sand**.

On 1 March 2024, Central African Republic released two souvenir sheets commemorating the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, featuring **Bernard Montgomery** on one and in the selva of the other.

On 1 March 2024, Central African Republic released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 505th Anniversary of the Death of **Leonardo da Vinci**, including one stamp featuring **John the Apostle**.

On 5 January 2024, Liberia released two miniature sheets commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Death of **Marlon Brando**.

On 5 January 2024, Liberia released two miniature sheets commemorating the 175th Anniversary of the Death of **Frederic Chopin**.

On 22 December 2023, Central African Republic released a souvenir sheet commemorating the 90th Anniversary of the Birth of Jayne Mansfield, featuring **Aphrodite (Venus)** in the selva.

On 22 December 2023, Central African Republic released a miniature sheet commemorating the Centenary of the Walt Disney Company, including one stamp featuring **Dennis Day (1942-2018)**. He was born in Las Vegas and was a Mouseketeer for

the first two seasons of *The Mickey Mouse Club*. He came out as gay to his family and moved to San Francisco when he turned eighteen. He continued to work as an actor and dancer. Dennis married Henry Ernest Caswell, his partner since the early 1970s, in 2009. The pair ran a guesthouse for gay actors in San Francisco from the 1960s until the early 1980s before moving to Oregon.



On 22 December 2023, Central African Republic released a miniature sheet and two souvenir sheets commemorating the 230th Anniversary of the Louvre Museum, including one stamp featuring **Virgil** in work by **Eugène Delacroix**, one souvenir sheet selva featuring work by **Carravaggio**, and the other souvenir sheet featuring work by **Leonardo da Vinci**.

On 22 December 2023, Central African Republic released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the Centenary of the End of the Ottoman Empire, featuring **Mustafa Kemal Atatürk** in the selva of each.

On 22 December 2023, Central African Republic released a souvenir sheet commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Opening of London Bridge by Queen Elizabeth II, featuring her in a hat designed by **Frederick Fox**.

On 22 December 2023, Central African Republic released a miniature sheet commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Death of Frank Sinatra, including one stamp featuring him in the film, *On the Town*, with music by **Leonard Bernstein** and hair styling by **Sydney Guilaroff**, and one stamp featuring him in the film, *High Society*, directed by **Charles Walters** with music by **Cole Porter** and hair styling by **Sydney Guilaroff**.

On 22 December 2023, Djibouti released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 230th Anniversary of the Louvre Museum, including one stamp featuring work by **Eugène Delacroix**, the souvenir sheet featuring work by **Leonardo da Vinci**, and the souvenir sheet selva featuring **Aphrodite (Venus)**.

On 22 December 2023, Djibouti released a wood souvenir sheet commemorating the 130th Anni-

versary of the Birth of **Mei Lanfang**.

On 22 December 2023, Guinea-Bissau released a miniature sheet commemorating the 110th Anniversary of the Birth of **Amrita Sher-Gil**.

On 22 December 2023, Guinea-Bissau released a miniature sheet commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Death of Audrey Hepburn, including one stamp featuring **Cary Grant** and a poster for the film, *Charade*, with costume design by **Hubert de Givenchy**, one stamp featuring a poster for the film, *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, based on the novel by **Truman Capote**, with wardrobe by **Hubert de Givenchy**, one stamp featuring a poster for the film, *Sabrina*, with wardrobe by **Hubert de Givenchy**, and one stamp featuring a poster for the film, *Funny Face*, written by **Leonard Gershe**, produced by **Roger Edens**, with costume design by **Edith Head** and wardrobe by **Hubert de Givenchy**.

On 22 December 2023, Guinea-Bissau released a miniature sheet commemorating the Centenary of the Walt Disney Company, including one stamp featuring **Salvador Dalí**.

On 22 December 2023, Guinea-Bissau released a miniature sheet celebrating Nymphs, including two stamps featuring **Artemis (Diana)**.

On 22 December 2023, Guinea-Bissau released a miniature sheet commemorating the 320th Anniversary of the Birth of François Boucher, including five stamps featuring **Aphrodite (Venus)**, one stamp featuring **Eros (Cupid)**, one stamp featuring **Dionysus (Bacchus)** transformed into grapes, and one stamp featuring **Hephaestus (Vulcan)**.

On 22 December 2023, Niger released a miniature sheet commemorating the 90th Anniversary of the Birth of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, including one stamp featuring Elizabeth II in a dress designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 22 December 2023, Niger released a silk souvenir sheet celebrating work by **Leonardo da Vinci**.

On 22 December 2023, Niger released a miniature sheet commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Maiden Voyage of RMS Queen Mary 2, including one stamp featuring Elizabeth II in a dress designed by **Norman Hartnell**.



On 15 December 2023, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet and two souvenir sheets commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the Birth of **Tamara de Lempicka**.

On 9 October 2023, Liberia released a miniature sheet and two souvenir sheets commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Birth of **Alberto Santos-Dumont**.

On 9 October 2023, Niger released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 230th Anniversary of the Louvre Museum, including one stamp featuring **Zeus (Jupiter)**, the souvenir sheet featuring work by **Leonardo da Vinci**, and the souvenir sheet selva featuring **Aphrodite (Venus)**.

On 9 October 2023, Niger released a miniature sheet commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Birth of Andrew Lloyd Webber, including one label featuring the film, *Evita*, produced by **Robert Stigwood**.

On 9 October 2023, Niger released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 495th Anniversary of the Death of **Albrecht Dürer**.

On 9 October 2023, Niger released a souvenir sheet commemorating the 210th Anniversary of the Battle of Leipzig, featuring Emperor **Alexander I** of Russia in the selva.



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100 years since the death of John Singer Sargent

100 years since the death of Sergei Yesenin

125 years since the birth of Aaron Copland

125 years since the birth of Joseph Dubin

125 years since the birth of George Oppenheimer

125 years since the death of Arthur Sullivan

125 years since the death of Oscar Wilde

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150 years since the birth of Thomas Mann

150 years since the birth of Maurice Ravel

150 years since the birth of Rainer Maria Rilke

150 years since the death of Hans Christian Andersen

175 years since the birth of Herbert Kitchener

175 years since the birth of Pierre Loti

175 years since the birth of Robert Louis Stevenson

175 years since the death of Joseph Louis Gay-Lussac

200 years since the birth of Karl Heinrich Ulrichs

200 years since the death of Emperor Alexander I of Russia

300 years since the death of Peter the Great

375 years since the birth of King William III of England

400 years since the death of King James I of England

525 years since the birth of Benvenuto Cellini

550 years since the birth of Pope Leo X

550 years since the birth of Michelangelo

625 years since the death of King Richard II of England

700 years since the birth of Hafez

775 years since the death of Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II

925 years since the death of King William II of England

1,925 years since the death of John the Apostle