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When the Scott Catalogue was Only One Volume

By Barry Christensen

Several years back one of my favorite stamp dealers offered a box of philatelic literature which I purchased. The printed-matter postage cost more than the books' price but was well worth it. Included in the box was the Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue for 1941 published by Scott Publications, Inc., in New York City, subtitled The Encyclopedia of Philately.

At 1543 pages, this is a hefty but compact hardbound book, originally priced \$3.50 with tabs (\$3.00 without). I find it fascinating to hold in one hand a catalogue of all the stamps ever published worldwide up to 1940. The old-style type and black and white illustrations contrast amazingly

with the 2025 Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue (Amos Media, Sidney, OH) spanning six large volumes (in 12 books) with full color with clear modern type.

Of course, the prices, notations, and advertisements differ greatly between 1941 and 2025! I love looking up older stamps in the 1941 edition as I acquire them, but I am careful because of the occasional number changes that have taken place.

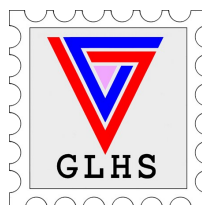
It all makes me wonder what stamp collecting was like for the original owner of this copy, almost three decades before I began my collection. Many nations listing current issues in 1941 were "dead countries" by the time I was collecting. Many had changed names, like Persia and Siam, while others were spelled differently, like Porto Rico and Corea.

Of course, the world was at war again in 1941, and there was an editorial note at the beginning of the book about "territorial changes in Central Europe." The Axis nations were featuring military and propaganda subjects on their stamps and the overrun nations had occupation issues listed.

So, how about LGBTQ+ folk on stamps? There is surprising variety in the listings. These include characters from antiquity such as Julius Caesar and Augustus Caesar (Italy, 1929) and philosopher Zeno of Citium (Cyprus, 1928). Of course, there are many heads of state such as King Kamehameha III (Hawaii, 1853), Abraham Lincoln (USA, 1866), Peter the Great (Russia, 1913), Tsar Ferdinand I (Bulgaria, 1918), Mustafa Kemal Ataturk (Turkey, 1924) and Frederick the Great (Germany, 1926).

Later in the 1920's and through the 1930's, favorite sons and daughters were increasingly portrayed on the nations' stamps. Examples include Susan B Anthony (USA, 1936) and numerous people in the Famous Americans Issues (USA, 1940+). Internationally, there are many as well, including Schubert (Austria, 1922), Beethoven (Germany, 1927), Chopin (Poland, 1927), Handel (Germany, 1935), Hans Christian Andersen (Denmark, 1935) and Da Vinci (Italy, 1935). Note that Great Britain is not included in this list!

Next time you have a chance to thumb through older philatelic literature and catalogues, grab the chance to immerse yourself in the world of our GLHS philatelic forebears!



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.

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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 169th St. S., Spanaway, WA 98387.



Barry Christensen of Louisville, KY has graciously volunteered to Index GLHS journal articles since 2018!

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
- 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 **82** 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*

The Boston 2026 Hotel Block is now open!

By Thomas M. Fortunato
Boston 2026 Public Relations Chair

OnPeak is the housing management company handling all reservations for Boston 2026. Do not call the hotels directly. Reservations are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Click the link below to learn more about the room offerings and make reservations. compass.onpeak.com/e/012606939/in/category/40555

Eight official show hotels have been selected from throughout the Boston Seaport district representing Hilton, Hyatt, Marriott, Omni and Yotel chains. All are three or four-star rated, fully wheelchair-accessible and within walking distance of the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. The show headquarters hotel, the Westin Boston Seaport District, and the Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport, are physically attached to the center itself.

Reservations are being accepted for check-ins a few days before the show's opening, during, and a few days after the close from Tuesday, May 19 through Monday, June 1.

Per night room rates run from \$229 to \$333. Rates shown are for single/double occupancy. Triple and quad occupancy is available at some show hotels. These discounted prices are only available by making reservations through the Boston 2026 web site link to onPeak, the show's contracted housing management firm. Negotiations continue to add one or two properties to the list outside of the city center. These, too, will be found on the Boston2026.org hotel page when confirmed.

Hotel rooms are offered on a first-come basis with no guarantee that additional room blocks will be released once full. In all cases a credit card or check deposit of one night's stay is required. Reservations must be cancelled 72 hours prior to the day of arrival to avoid a late cancellation fee of one night's room and tax.

Boston 2026 World Expo takes place May 23-30, 2026, at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. Full show details may be found at Boston2026.org and on X and Facebook. Sign up to be added to the Boston 2026 email list and receive updates when available.



The Great American Stamp Show is co-hosted by the APS, the American Topical Association, and the American First Day Cover Society. The show is scheduled for August 14-17 in Schaumburg, Illinois.

Go to the GASS show page <https://stamps.org/great-american-stamp-show> and reserve your hotel room, and pre-register to attend.

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.

Exhibit entries are due by **MAY 5, 2025**. Note that StampsShow Single Frames are FULL - Still accepting NTSS and Americover singles frame entries.

Tickets are now available for the Celebration Banquet, where the top exhibit and lifetime achievement awards are presented.

There are multiple opportunities to volunteer at the show. The show website lists duties with explanations of tasks involved. Signing up to volunteer is easy with an online virtual sign up option.



Boston 2026 stamps will be issued on the first day of GASS 2025: Thursday, August 14, in Schaumburg, IL.