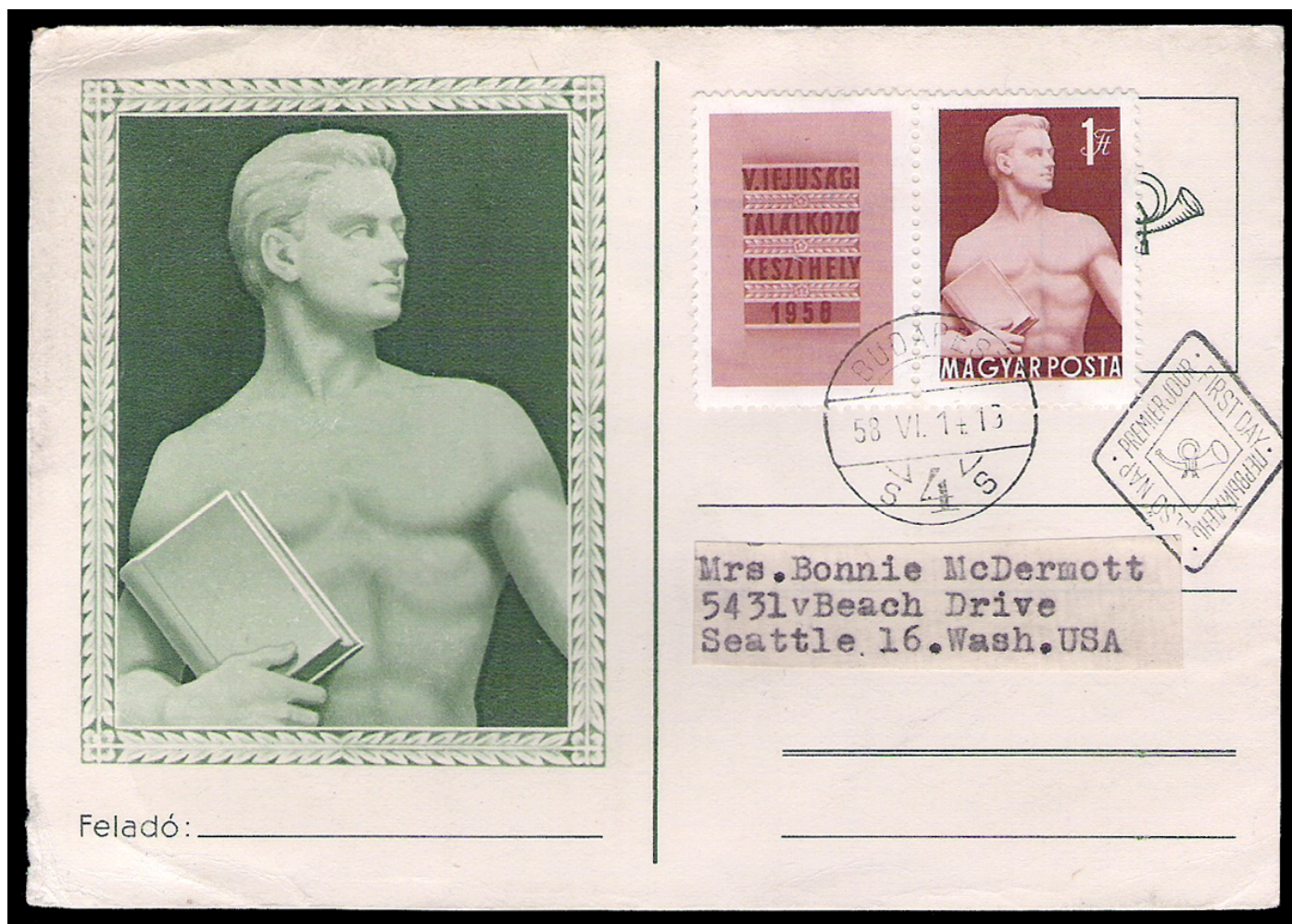




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Hungary #1193 from 1950 commemorating the 5th Hungarian Youth Festival.
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- Mythology, historical events and ideas significant in the history of gay culture,
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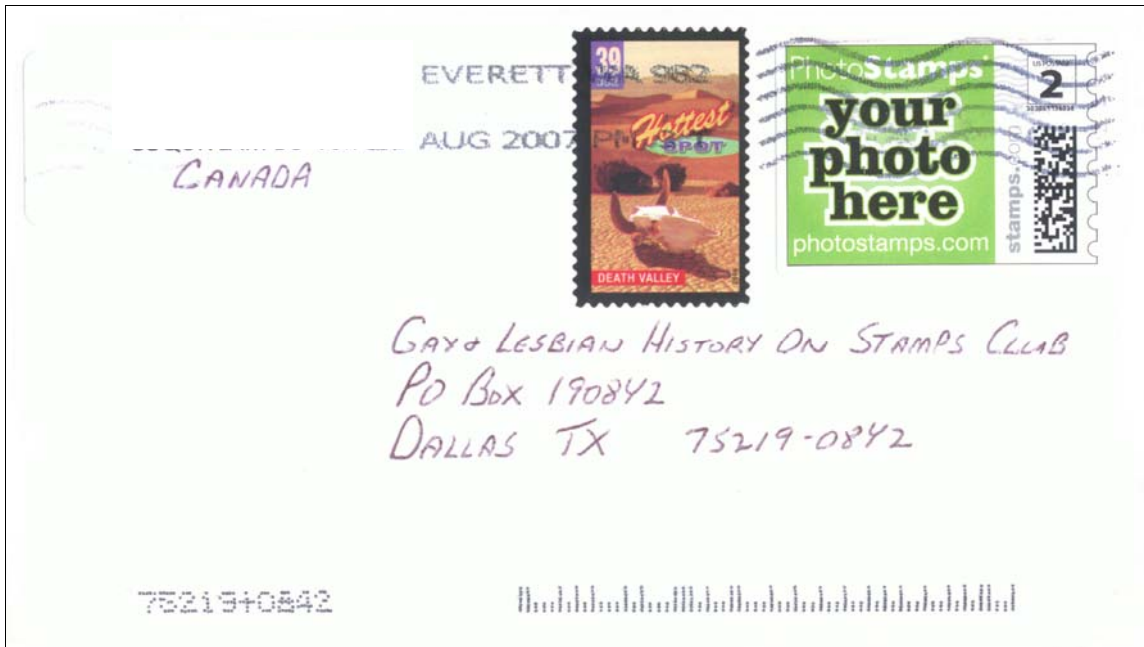
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Regarding the Editor's Request for Articles for the Lambda Philatelic Journal....

So the Journal arrived the other day with a great Darth Vader stamp and a Bighorn Sheep and a Texas Longhorn cancel all of which is going into the cover album and Joe is requesting articles (again) for future issues. Now I have experience creating and editing newsletters so I empathize with Joe 110% about the need for articles and how frustrating it is to not have enough text to fill the space and the pages and having to create content at the 11th hour so the paper gets to the printer on time and in the mail sometime during the month printed on the cover of the newsletter, journal, magazine, whatever.

Somewhere along the line we all took up stamp collecting and somewhere along the line we started joining organizations about stamp collecting and they have publications that come with the membership and they all request articles from the members. Editors realize that not all members are writers, but they develop this talent for instilling guilt into those members who do occasionally write something. Joe is no exception, but I empathize because I've been there and done that, so it is okay. Now this leads me to the story of my involvement in the United Nations Philatelists group.

Last fall the editor requested member articles for this year's anniversary issue. In a moment of being out of touch with reality I promised to write something, but couldn't do it then because I was

moving (a valid excuse). Since then I have been meaning to sit down and write the article and even have ideas for what to write about. I just haven't done it – until today. So after fighting with the computer to scan an image of some stamps and then save it to a CD and writing the article, I have progressed to the point of e-mailing it and the picture to the editor – only I have dial-up internet access and it is taking the better part of a month to attach the documents to the e-mail (so I am sending hard copies and a CD as well). So now I am sitting here writing this article because I have nothing else to do while the system attaches the documents to the e-mail! Isn't technology fun?

But I do need to say something about my favorite stamps (because Joe always suggests that as a topic for an article for the journal). My favorite stamps are from Chad, Scott #C2-6, 1961-63, which are engraved African birds in multiple colors and have nothing to do with one's sexuality. My favorite stamp of a gay nature is Hungary #1193 from 1950 commemorating the 5th Hungarian Youth Festival. I have that one on an official FDC with the cachet showing the stamp. Now I haven't included pictures of all these stamps because that would entail fighting with the computer and trying to save the images to a CD and you get the picture... (actually you don't because I didn't include any!).

In closing (yes – my rambling is about to end) I just want to thank Joe for his dedication to what often seems a thankless task in assembling the Journal for us and I do encourage all the members to consider sub-



mitting content for future issues. You don't have to be a great writer and you don't have to make a big article. Sometimes a paragraph or two says much more about a subject than several pages. So I hope I've encouraged others to contribute and if you don't then you will be cursed with more rambling from me. What more incentive do you need? (And the documents still haven't attached to e-mail so I cancelled the whole thing and will rely on regular mail with stamps on the envelope – that is what it's all about!)

Rick VanGorder
Phoenix, AZ
June 22, 2007

GLHSC at NTSS

The GLHSC meeting was held on June 16, 2007, at the National Topical Stamp Show (NTSS). The NTSS was held at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Irving, Texas, near DFW International Airport. Attendance at the NTSS and the GLHSC meeting was low.

Besides me, two GLHSC members were in attendance. We had a visitor from Colorado, another from the Medical study unit and two members of the American Topical Association (ATA) Board.

New this year, the ATA had two board members visit each study unit meeting taking place at the NTSS. Dorothy Smith, Treasurer, and Catherine Fechner, Secretary, spoke briefly of the benefits of being a member of the ATA. The ATA is trying to obtain a DVD or CD presentation on all Study Units. These would eventually replace the current slide presentations. Other benefits mentioned were check lists, handbooks and the ATA membership directory. [Are there any Power Point pros out there to help create one for GLHSC?]

The ATA is trying to improve their topical seminars, and also have more of them. These are usually held in conjunction with the various ATA-related stamp shows. The ATA is also looking for website and eBay help.

A member from the ATA Medical Unit stopped by looking for a GLHSC member. He, unfortunately, did not attend the show. She had some AIDS related materials from Portugal that she wanted to show him and had a few questions on several recent AIDS issues. It turns out that she was from Vancouver and was good friends with Blair Henshaw. Blair Henshaw was a former GLHSC member, the major force behind the issuance of the Canadian AIDS stamp issue in 1996 and had a vast AIDS-related collection built over 20 years. Blair passed away in 2002 of complications from AIDS.

Once the special guests left, the actual GLHSC meeting came to order. Two ideas were presented to help get information out to the general public regarding GLHSC and stamp collecting in general. One idea is that GLHSC should design a cachet for a few US issues that can be linked to GLBT. (Judy Garland would have been a good issue.) Foreign issues could be used. However, there are two difficulties to overcome – learning of overseas new issues prior to the stamp's release and servicing the cachets. The second idea is for GLHSC to send out to the GLBT press a press release on upcoming stamps with a gay theme (again, Judy Garland comes to mind.) A GLHSC tag can be placed at the end of the release. This would bring news of new issues to the GLBT audience, and hopefully, get a few new members.

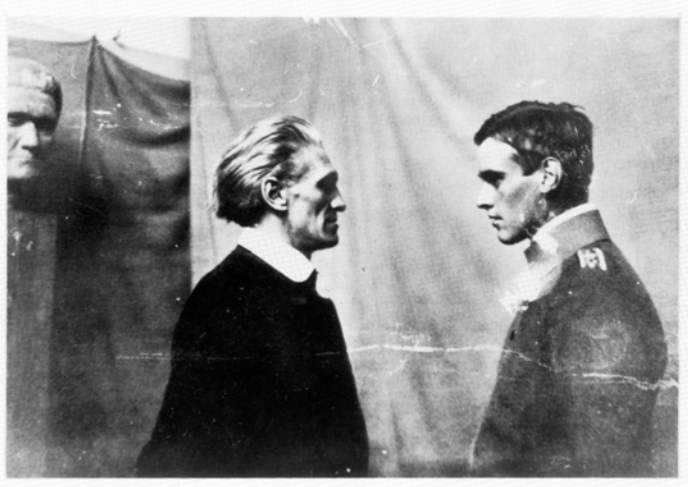
Both ideas make sense. Designing the cachet is the challenge. Are there any GLHSC members who are artists and willing to help? Does any GLHSC member have access to a current GLBT mailing list? Please feel free to connect me at one of the addresses on page 2.

Prior to ending the meeting, next year's meeting was discussed. It was mentioned that GLHSC could hold it's meeting at NAPEX. NAPEX is held the first weekend of June in Tyson's Corner/McLean, Virginia (Metro DC). It is also usually the weekend prior to DC Pride in Washington.

Here's hoping to see more members at next year's meeting!

Claus, Count von Stauffenberg, 1907 - 1944

by Ian Young



Stefan George (left) and Claus von Stauffenberg

Claus, Count von Stauffenberg was one of three handsome and talented brothers who, when still teenagers, joined the intellectual circle gathered around the poet Stefan George, considered one of the greatest German writers of the modern era. Widely cultured, eccentric and aloof, George translated English, French, Spanish and Italian literature into German and wrote formal, highly polished poems for his all-male circle of initiates. The homosexual, pagan George aspired, through his writings and his disciples, to regenerate Western culture through creativity, learning, tolerance, spirituality, loyalty and friendship. He and his group of young men enjoyed animated discussions, walks in the country, shared meals, candlelight poetry readings and the occasional toga party. Though haughty and autocratic, George opposed both political nationalism and anti-semitism. Many of his circle were homosexual and/or Jewish.

The three Stauffenberg brothers quickly became the centre of the group. Twins Alexander and Berthold were designated George's poetic and organizational heirs respectively. Brilliant, good-natured and resolute, Claus, also a twin - his brother Konrad died at

birth - was honoured as a unique spirit, a kind of avatar of the legendary 12th Century Bamberger Rider, whose famous image he closely resembled.

In 1933, the crypto-pagan cult of Naziism emerged from the European unconscious to ravage and rule the continent. George refused Propaganda Minister Goebbels' proffered honours and left Germany for Switzerland. Perhaps the trauma of seeing his prophetic, apocalyptic poems so unpleasantly fulfilled contributed to his death a few months later. George had insisted he not be buried in Germany and his young followers, afraid that Nazis might attempt to kidnap the corpse and take it to Berlin for a big Nazi funeral, stood watch in a candlelight vigil until the body was buried. The three brothers were among the honour guard, and Claus must have wondered about the poet's prediction that his young disciple's noble destiny would cause outrage and condemnation among his countrymen.

With the death of his teacher, Claus disappeared into the anonymity of the armed forces. A brilliant soldier and a popular officer, he read widely, played the cello, and had a large circle of friends. Married, with children, he was nevertheless known for his idealized view of Greek civilization and its close male/male affections.

While serving on the Eastern front during the War, Stauffenberg tried to counter Germany's punitive and counter-productive policies toward its conquered peoples, but by the winter of 1941, he recognized the insanity of Hitler's regime. In 1943, he was severely wounded in combat, losing his right hand, his left eye and two fingers of his left hand. One knee was also permanently injured. With the failure of the generals to overthrow Hitler, and the destruction of the circle around the resistance organizer Colonel Hans Oster and his protector, intelligence chief Admiral Canaris, Col. Stauffenberg soon became the de facto leader of the conspiracy to assassinate the Fuehrer and carry out a coup d'état.. When his fellow-conspirators wavered or potential new recruits dithered, Claus would take them aside and recite to them lines from Stefan George's chillingly prophetic poem "Anti-Christ":



Germany, 1964 (Scott No. 890)

*The Vermin-Master extends his Reich:
No horde fails him, no misfortune betrays,
And every heretic trembles into nothingness.*

*Satanic spectacle! You horde seduced,
Such out the sap from the last of the spring,
And only feel your thirst when the end comes,*

*Your lolling tongues dry as drained troughs,
You wander, an aimless herd, through a court
yard in flames,
And only a trumpet-blast proclaims your fear.*

Stauffenberg realized that his plans to kill Hitler and overthrow the regime had little chance of success. No doubt remembering his old mentor's prophecy, he felt obligated to go through with the attempt, if only to save the honour of Germany.

On July 20, 1944, on his third attempt, Stauffenberg was able to detonate a briefcase bomb in Hitler's East Prussian bunker. Hitler survived the blast, taking revenge on Stauffenberg, his brother Berthold and many others who were tortured and killed in the following weeks. Alexander, serving with the army in Greece, survived the war.

The best biography of Stauffenberg in English remains Peter Hoffman's *Stauffenberg: A Family History, 1905 - 1944*. John W. Wheeler-Bennett's *The Nemesis of Power: The German Army in Politics, 1918 - 1945* also contains interesting details. Eric Bentley's *A Century of Hero-Worship* includes an interesting section on Stefan George, and composer Cyril Scott's autobiography *Bone of Contention* pro-

vides an up-close and personal look at the poet. *Secret Germany: Stauffenberg and the Mystical Crusade Against Hitler* by Michael Baigent and Richard Leigh, otherwise a good study, suffers from the authors' refusal to acknowledge the homosexual ethos of the George Circle. Hans B. Gisevius' rivetting memoir *To the Bitter End: An Insider's Account of the Plot to Kill Hitler, 1933 - 1944* provides a vivid portrait of Stauffenberg in the days leading up to the assassination attempt, a harried man at the end of his tether, determined to carry out his mission at all costs.

Count Claus von Stauffenberg is depicted on a 1964 stamp of the German Federal Republic (Scott No. 890), one of eight in a souvenir sheet honouring Resistance heroes. Two other issues commemorate the July 20 plot. A German souvenir sheet of 1994 (Scott No. 1836) shows prison bars. A West Berlin stamp of 1954 (Scott 9N107) shows a statue of a male nude symbolizing "Germany in Bondage." Curiously, no stamp has yet been issued honouring Stefan George.



Berlin, 1954 (Scott No. 9N107)

The Florida Forty Stamper: Mystery of Lincoln - Pre- Presidential

by Francis Ferguson

The early summer of 1831 found the young Lincoln in search of a larger world. The next phase of his life was to begin very quickly after he set-ashore in New Salem. Almost immediately after coming ashore, Lincoln was asked to stand-in as a recording clerk for the elections being held, as the original person had suddenly taken ill. The simple ability to read and write was all that was required, but in the rural-frontier lands of the early 1800s this was still an uncommon set of skills. While performing these duties Lincoln's persistent attention to detail caught the attention of Mentor Graham who was a well liked member of the community.



3 cent: Scott nos. 555 (perf 11), 584 (perf 10), 635 (perf 11 x 10.5).
16 cents: Scott no. 821.
4 cents: Scott no. 1036.
4 cents (log cabin background): Scott no. 1282.

An invitation to Mentor Graham's home for dinner and conversation was quickly made as Mentor became enthralled with the astute and colorful Abraham. The dinner invitation also was extended to Mentor's young cousin, the eighteen year old Billy Greene. Billy and Abe fast developed a close friendship. This is what is more than likely the first of Lincoln's homosexual relationships. Allegedly Mentor's wife, in what may have been an astute observation of behavior, specifically said that Billy and Abe "had an awful hankerin' one for t'other." This bond lasted for a little more than three years, as the two shared a narrow cot most nights.

A three month stint serving in the Black Hawk War with Billy ended in time for Lincoln begin his political career at the at age of 23 with a run for the Illi-

nois General Assembly in 1832, as a member of the Whig Party. Election Day, August 6th, 1832 presented Lincoln with a loss, albeit a narrow one.

A quick turn at dry-goods store co-owned with his friend William Berry ended badly with the declining population of New Salem and the bad business practices of the co-owner's both playing major roles in the closing of the store. While it took Lincoln nearly 15 years to pay off the accumulated store debts, he did so at great personal sacrifice ---- once-again pushing him to the edge of poverty.

Out of the blue, an appointment as assistant county surveyor and later Postmaster of New Salem kept Lincoln from going over the edge into poverty. In 1834, Lincoln ran for the Illinois House of Representatives and won by a handy amount. This win provided Lincoln for the first time in his life, a solid financial base. Lincoln went on to four successive terms. He also was able to renew a long time friendship with John T. Stuart who encouraged him to study law. This was to serve as a pivotal time in his life. After endless hours of intensive reading and studying, Lincoln was granted a law license in 1836 and made plans to leave New Salem for Springfield to become John T. Stuart's law partner.

Thus begins the next chapter of Lincoln's life that revolved around his law practice and the developing "friendship of sorts" with Joshua Fry Speed. Speed was the owner and sole proprietor of the general store on that fateful day of April 15, 1837 when Lincoln inquired as to the expense of buying bedding. Lincoln who was now 28, would go on to live exactly 28 years, to the day from this date. What resulted was the most important, intimate, and closest relationship of Lincoln's life. The nature of the relationship can be hypothesized from the many written letters between the two men, but as those words are viewed through the prism of historical perspective they may not hold the same meaning as we now would attach. Countless words have been written about the Lincoln-Speed friendship/relationship, and while many interpretations have been made, the existing evidence is strongly pointing in the direction of some form of a relationship during the four years they shared together. To what degree this relationship went, is

purely a matter of conjecture. The bottom line in the Lincoln-Speed matter is one of a close personal friendship that Lincoln never again shared with any one else.

During these years Lincoln was courting Mary Todd. After a difficult and grief filled courtship the marriage took place November 4, 1842. The marriage produced four children over a 10 year period starting in 1843. Only one child would survive into adulthood. [Robert Todd Lincoln August 1, 1843 – July 26, 1926] Years later a friend, James Matheny would recall on his wedding day, “Lincoln looked and acted as if he was going to slaughter”. That comment is a good depiction of what the marriage seemed to be. Mary Todd has been often described as cold, callus, difficult, and most accurately, a shrew. What forced the Lincoln-Todd marriage to happen can only be the pressure of society on Lincoln’s political ambitions as it seems that little love actually existed between Mary and Abe.

Lincoln continued his climb up the political ladder with a term (1846) in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he was a staunch Whig. The law practice continued to thrive in Springfield in the off-times that the political scene allowed. Lincoln was involved in over 5,100 cases in Illinois during the 23 years of his practice. His skills at oral presentation

became stronger and stronger, as was well showcased by the Lincoln-Douglas Debates of 1858. Douglas was reelected to the Senate, but nevertheless, Lincoln’s eloquence thrust him into the national political spotlight as a rising star.

Until next time, have a great time collecting, and I look forward to hearing from any readers with comments or suggestions.

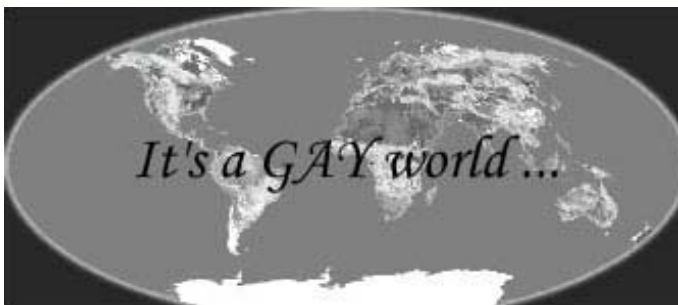
I can be reached at hampton@cfl.rr.com.

Gay & Lesbian Update

The Mexican post office released a stamp for the 100th anniversary of the birth of Frida Kahlo. Mexico and the United States issued a stamp on June 21, 2001. That issue had been planned as a joint issue. The issue also caused an uproar in the US due to Kahlo’s being a member of the Mexican Communist Party, bisexual and her dislike of Americans. Kahlo was the first Hispanic woman to be featured on a US stamp.



A postmark was used for the 14th Annual GLBT Exposition held in New York City in March. If any members have more information on this postmark, please contact the editor.



France issued a booklet of 10 self-adhesive stamps honoring antiquities. The head of Aphrodite can be found in the upper right position of the left portion of the booklet. The new French non-Marianne booklets are divided into three sections. The left and center section contain four stamps each. The right section contains two stamps and selvedge. Scott no. 3280.

Isle of Man issued a set of eight stamps on August 25, 2006 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the National Portrait Gallery. William Bligh by John Condé can be found on Scott no. 1166.

Kazakhstan issued a stamp honoring Hans Christian Andersen on December 30, 2005. Scott no. 503.

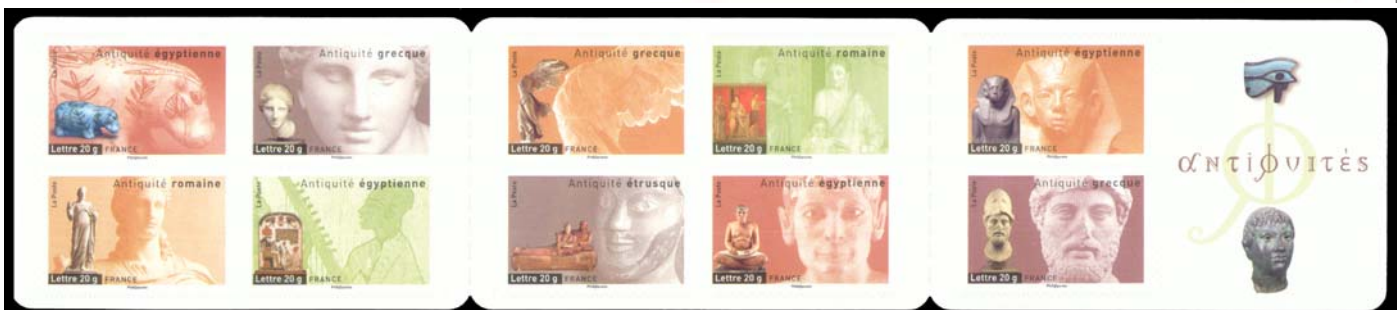
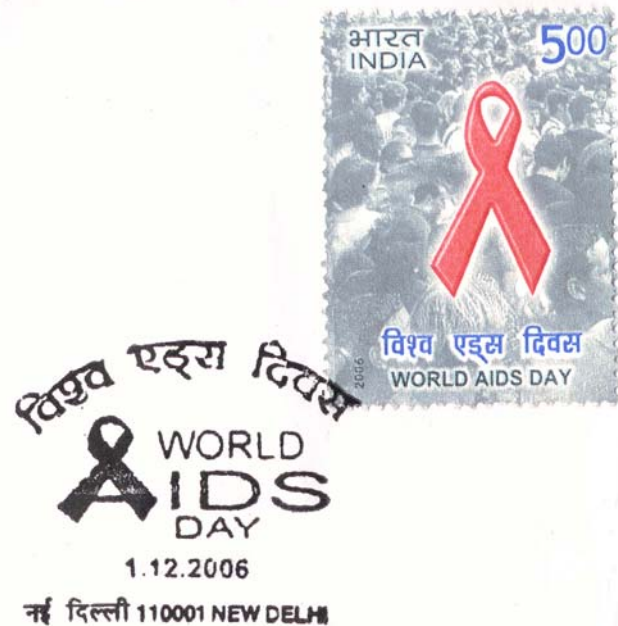
Montenegro issued a stamp of the Mona Lisa by Leonardo da Vinci on October 18, 2006. Scott no. 151.

Morocco issued three new stamps featuring King Mohammed VI on July 1, 2006. Scott nos. 1020 - 22.

AIDS Update

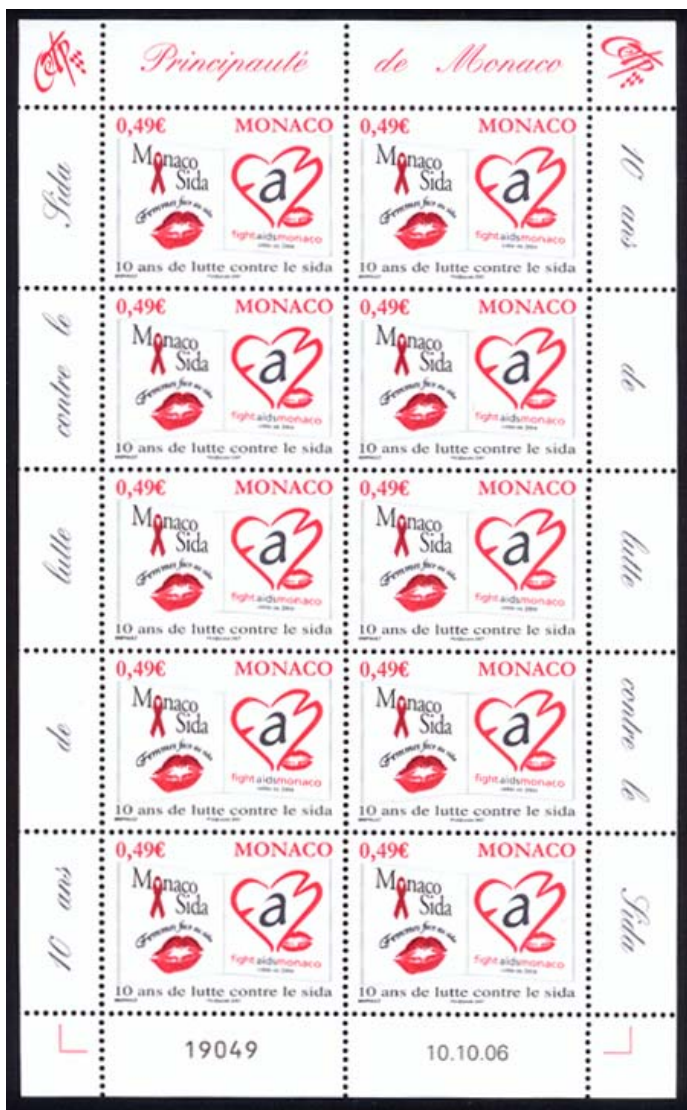
A new website is on the Internet. Be sure to visit www.aidsonstamps.com. Be sure to check it out. The site is the result of hard work of one of GLHSC's newest members.

As reported earlier this year, **India** issued an AIDS related stamp on December 1, 2006. Scott no. 2176.



Iran issued a stamp in fight against AIDS on December 1, 2005.

Monaco issued a single stamp commemorating 10 years in the battle against AIDS in Monaco. The single stamp was issued in mini-panes of 10 stamps for World AIDS Day on December 1, 2006. Scott no. 2438.



Rwanda issued a set of four stamps on January 1, 2003, for the fight against AIDS.

Yugoslavia recently issued two AIDS-related stamps. Does anyone have a copy or other information on this issue?



WATERCRAFT ON STAMPS IS THE NEWEST ATA HANDBOOK

The newest handbook to be released by the American Topical Association (ATA) is Katherine A. Kirk's, *Watercraft on Stamps II*. (HB #156). This handbook picks up from where *Watercraft on Stamps I* (HB117) left off when written by this same author in 1991. This new work is 315 pages long in an 8 ½ X 5 ½ format with perfect binding. Twenty-four pages show a total of 92 illustrations in black and white, while twelve pages feature 52 illustrations in color.

The listings of stamps picturing different watercraft is based on stamps found in the 1999 Scott's Catalog and are listed by country for easy identification. In addition to the stamp listings, there are write-ups of specific types of watercraft including dugouts, Viking Boats, Clipper Ships, and the Panama Canal.

A series of short articles on topics such as the first stamp showing ships, ships on stamps on stamps, the earliest stories of ship-building, navigation, maritime tall tales, St. Brendan and other Irish Sailors, Columbus, the two Mayflowers, the USS Constellation, Cape Horners, tall ships of today, famous liners of the past and submarines.

This new handbook is priced at \$26 with ATA existing or new members receiving a \$4 discount to \$22. Joining the ATA in order to reduce the cost of this book would amount to getting a membership for \$16 rather than the normal \$20 for US ad-

dresses. A membership form can be found on their website listed below. Shipping prices are \$3 to US addresses, \$9 to Canada, and \$12 for all other countries, pursuant to the new USPS pricing structures. Payment can be made by VISA, MasterCard, PayPal or a check on a US Bank in US Dollars.

Watercraft on Stamps I, (Handbook 117), which is 170 pages in length, has a selling price of \$17 but can be obtained for an additional \$10 with no additional increase of postage when ordered with Book 2.

The ATA currently has 68 available handbooks along with 8 different CD presentations from slide shows available from their Central Office.

For a listing of all available titles and prices write to American Topical Association, PO Box 57, Arlington, TX 76004-0057, or see their website at www.americantopicalassn.org.

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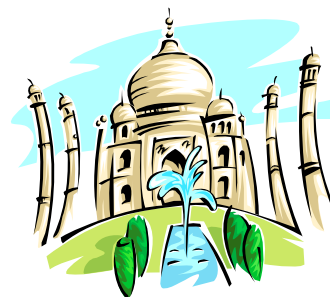
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