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“BOSTON MARRIAGE”

By John P. Stefanek

Reprinted and reformatted for print from an exhibit made by John and shown at the Spellman Museum in June 2024

What Is It? The term “Boston marriage” refers to a non-traditional, domestic relationship between two middle- or upper-class women. Many, but not all, were romantic. These queer, committed partnerships occurred primarily in New England, where higher numbers of college-educated women were financially secure enough to choose whether to enter into a conventional marriage with a man.



USA 1940
Scott #872

Frances Willard (1839-1898) taught at colleges that would later become parts of Syracuse University and Northwestern University. She participated in the founding of the Women’s Christian Temperance Union, eventually becoming president. Frances met social reformer and songwriter Anna Adams Gordon in 1877. They lived together romantically until Anna’s death. In 1888, Frances became the president of the National Council of Women of the United States.

Katharine Lee Bates (1859-1929) is best known for writing the anthem, “America the Beautiful.” She was born in Falmouth, Massachusetts, and graduated from Wellesley College in 1880. She taught at high schools and won a prize for a young adult novel, *Rose and Thorn*, that taught about social reform. She popularized the concept of Mrs. Claus from her poem, “Goody Santa Claus on a Sleigh Ride.” She studied at Oxford before earning her master’s degree and becoming professor at Wellesley. Katharine’s poems and surviving letters to social activist and professor Katharine Coman reveal they lived in a “Boston marriage” (or “Wellesley marriage”).

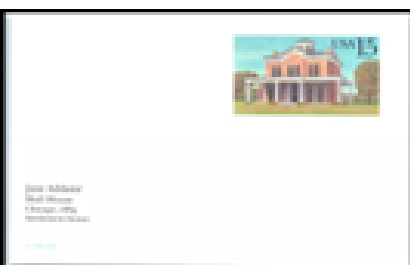


USA 1981 Scott #1890, #1891, #1893



USA 1948 Scott #959

Carrie Chapman Catt (1859-1947) was a women’s suffrage leader who campaigned for the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. She served twice as president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, founded the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, and founded the League of Woman Voters. After her second husband died, Carrie lived with longtime companion, suffragist, and community organizer, Mary Garrett Hay, next to whom she is buried.



USA 1989 Scott #UX134

Jane Addams (1860-1935) was an American settlement activist, reformer, social worker, sociologist, public administrator, and author. She co-founded Chicago’s Hull House, and in 1920, she co-founded the American Civil Liberties Union. In 1931, she became the first American woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. She is recognized as the founder of the social work profession in the United States. She was a role model for middle-class women who volunteered to uplift their communities. Jane’s romantic partner for over thirty years was philanthropist Mary Rozet Smith.



USA 1940
Scott #878

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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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October 2023	September 15
January 2024	December 15
April 2023	March 15
July 2023	June 15

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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/onlineform.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.

Membership Report

Our current membership consists of **79** members. 48 are also members of the American Philatelic Society (APS) & 36 members of the American Topical Association (ATA).

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

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
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- Maintain membership
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- Submit articles, journeys, cover/postal history write ups, travels and philatelic events

Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History

The Spellman Museum celebrated their first Gay Pride month with exhibits created by GLHS members.

One page exhibits were provided by Carol Costa, John P. Stefanek and Lisa Foster.

Dr. Tomas L. Griebeling's exhibit, "From Mark of Oppression to Symbol of Gay Pride—The Pink Triangle" was on exhibit through the month of June.



On June 18, 2024, the museum hosted a zoom presentation by Tomas sharing the exhibit. Tomas is a GLHS member, and collector of postal & sports history & ephemera, LGBTQ history and Civil Rights. There were 27 participants. Attendees comments included, "Fascinating presentation," "Fantastic information," and "Very interesting! Thank you".

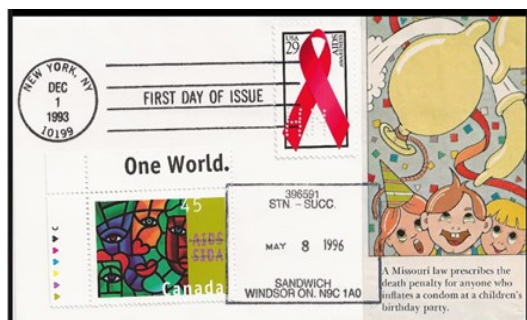


The museum's Executive Director, Brian Howard has plans to grow Pride participation in future years and is open to reviewing LGBT collections. For future consideration contact BHoward@spellmanmuseum.org.

Be sure to see Tomas Griebeling's exhibit,
*"From Mark of Oppression to Symbol of
Gay Pride—The Pink Triangle"*
at
GASS/NTSS 2024.

GLHS Virtual Presentation April 2024

Presentation by Dale Smith
on GLHS YouTube
<https://youtu.be/oboeaspjLPI>



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Future GASS

2024 August 15-18,
Hartford, CT

2025 August 14-17,
Schaumburg, IL

2026 Bye – Boston 2026
May 23-30

Great American Stamp Show '24

GLHS will have an open meeting during the show Friday August 16, 2024 at 4:00 PM in Room 25 where Dr. Tomas L. Griebeling will share their award winning exhibit, "From Mark of Oppression to Symbol of Gay Pride - The Pink Triangle", followed by discussions related to the subject and exhibiting in general. The exhibit won the Most Popular Award at the 2023 Greater Houston Stamp Show, and a Large Silver at the San Diego Stamp Show 2024.

GASS 2024 will be held August 15-18 at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, CT. Pre-register to avoid the lines and get a pre-made name badge. Pre-registration closes on July 31 [Pre-Registration \(stamps.org\)](https://stamps.org).



The ATA
will be cele-
brating 75
years at
GASS 24!

The Annual Meeting and Birthday Celebration will be held Friday August 16 at 2:00 PM. They are requesting RSVPs to ensure they have enough giveaways and treats for all the party goers. RSVP at <https://americantopical.org/event-5627793>

The celebration will continue with the [ATA President's Reception](#) on Friday evening (be sure to register by August 1 if you plan to attend).



Breaking the Ice

Member Introductions

Robert Brown

I am originally from Los Angeles, moved to San Francisco and currently reside in Magnolia, NJ. Which is about 12 miles from Philadelphia.

My story is quite typical. My mother worked at a magazine that got letters from all over the world. She was not a stamp collector but she liked the stamps, so she cut them off and kept them in a shoe box. One day when I was about 7 I found the box and asked her about them. I have always loved maps and had by this point memorized all the countries and their capitals. So when we were going through the box I would say "I know where that is. It is in Africa". She could see that I was all excited so she went to a stamp store and bought me an Ambassador album and was getting stamps on approval for 2c a piece. There were more expensive ones but my mother said that I could only get the 2c ones.

When I was in 6th grade my mother asked me what I wanted for Christmas and I said that I wanted a bigger stamp album. She asked me if I were sure as that was all that I would get. I grew up in a very poor family so we only could afford one present for each of us kids. So I told her yes and she bought me a Citation album. I remember opening it up and thinking that this will last me for the rest of my life. As usual when I got to high school I put my album away as I found other pursuits. Though I moved about 10 times in the next 10 years I always kept my album.

Then when I was in my late 20's, I decided to pick it up again. I went to a Department Store (back when they still sold stamps and supplies) and bought a Minkus Supreme Global album in 5 volumes and thinking that it was outrageously expensive. I decided to start collecting only mint stamps and it has now morphed into 12 albums plus lots of binders and stock books.

I collect worldwide mint only up through 1969 stamps and souvenir sheets. I like the unusual so I also collect some Cinderellas like Lundy Island and the South Moluccas. For the US I collect MNH only up through 1999 which besides stamps and souvenir sheets also includes Postal Stationery, Plate Blocks, Christmas Seals and Mr.

Zip blocks. I love Mr. Zip. Everything is special to me. Since I collect worldwide you could say that I am a topical collector of all topics.



I was a member of the old GLHS club before it folded. Since its folding nobody has ever contacted me so I thought that the club was completely dead. So I was quite shocked when I saw the club picture in the last issue of the American Philatelist.

I do not know any other gay philatelists as there are none in my local stamp club. All my local dealers know that I am gay as sometimes my partner would come to the shows with me although he was not a collector. He has since passed away. It would be nice to talk with like minded collectors. I would also be interested in buying or trading with other members.

Welcome back Bob!
We look forward to seeing you.

Canada Post Community Foundation fundraising stamp

Danföth Guy posted on Virtual Stamp Club FB page on April 16, 2024

Here's a look at the upcoming Canada Post Community Foundation semi-postal stamp. Last year's Community Foundation issue came out May 1, so we can anticipate seeing these soon.

Given the illustration, it appears an animal cause will be the recipient of this year's funding. That, or hot air ballooning. Or gay rights for animals who enjoy hot air ballooning.



The stamp comes in a booklet of 10 domestic-rate 'P' stamps, plus 10 cents added (\$1 per booklet). I have since learned the money goes to "local and national non-profit groups that assist children and youth".

On the booklet, the postal service thanks its frontline workers for "participating in the selection" of the stamp design.

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(Boston Marriage, Continued from page 1).



Jessie Willcox Smith (1863-1935) was an illustrator who was born in Philadelphia, attended the Philadelphia School of Design for Women (now the Moore College of Art and Design), and graduated from the Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts. She started work at Ladies' Home Journal magazine, illustrated books such as Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women*, created an advertisement for Ivory Soap, and illustrated every cover of Good Housekeeping magazine from December 1917 until April 1933. Jessie met Elizabeth Shippen Green and Violet Oakley, and the trio became known as the Red Rose Girls because they lived and worked together at the Red Rose Inn in Villanova. They were joined by Henrietta Couzens when she and Jessie began a "Boston marriage."

Willa Cather (1873-1947) was born in the Back Creek Valley near Winchester, Virginia, and moved with her family to Nebraska when she was nine years old. She graduated from the University of Nebraska before moving to Pittsburgh to write for Home Monthly magazine. Her first book, a collection of poetry entitled *April Twilights*, was published in 1903. She moved to New York City where she wrote her best known novels, *O Pioneers!*, *The Song of the Lark*, and *My Ántonia*. She received the 1923 Pulitzer Prize for her novel, *One of Ours*. Willa's life partner was McClure's Magazine editor Edith Lewis.



USA 1973 Scott #1487

Publication Content Wanted

Did you recently acquire a fun stamp?
An interesting cover? Scan it!

Did you attend a philatelic related event, in person or virtually? If so tell us about it!

Send all submissions for publication to
glhstamps2@gmail.com.



Lisa Foster pictured in Tromsø, Norway, in June 2024. Note the Pride Flag is hung upside down.

From the Canada Post press release April 29, 2024:

Today, the Canada Post Community Foundation kicked off its annual campaign to raise money for children's programs across Canada with an uplifting new stamp.

Featuring an illustration of a group of animals flying in a hot air balloon, the stamp is a nod to the Foundation's mission to support young Canadians to reach for their dreams and soar as high as they can imagine.

Each year, the Foundation distributes grants to Canadian charities, schools and community organizations that make a difference in the lives of children and youth. In addition to the sale of the stamp, funds are raised through customer donations in post offices, grassroots fundraising activities and employee payroll deductions.

100 per cent of funds go to local communities

Since 2012, the Foundation has provided \$13.5 million to more than 1,100 initiatives nationwide, including literacy and language programs; youth outreach services; projects that support Indigenous youth; gender and sexual diversity programs and many others. Every dollar raised during the campaign goes straight to community projects in every province and territory.

This year's grant recipients will be announced in August.



The stamp, Official First Day Cover (OFDC) – cancelled in Ottawa – and postage-paid postcard are available at post offices and online at <https://store.canadapost-postescanada.ca/store-boutique/en/10/c/stamps-and-collectibles>.

postcard



Exploring LGBTQ+ Philately: An NPM Study Day at WESTPEX Stamp Show



Burlingame, CA - The National Postal Museum's curators met with collectors from the Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps Club at the WESTPEX Stamp Show on Saturday, April 27, 2024 to immerse themselves in a scholarly discussion of LGBTQ+ philately. The event provided an opportunity to deepen participants' shared knowledge and expertise.

The day's agenda encompassed topics including the postal censorship faced by gay-oriented mailings from the late '50s to early '70s, and the role played by pen-pal clubs, magazines, and mail order in creating LGBTQ+ communities. Attendees explored early newsletters, publications, exhibits, and archives to shed light on the changing representation of sexual and gender minorities within organized philatelic circles. The session ended with a viewing of Dr. Tomas L. Griebeling's forthcoming single-frame philatelic exhibit, *From Mark of Oppression to Symbol of Gay Pride: The Pink Triangle*, which will be shown for the first time at this year's National Topical Stamp Show 2024 in Hartford, Connecticut.

"This event provided a unique opportunity for participants to come together and explore an often overlooked aspect of philately and postal history," said Daniel Piazza, curator of philately at the National Postal Museum. "We're really grateful to the attendees for contributing to a better understanding of LGBTQ+ representation within the national collection."

The success of this inaugural gathering set the stage for future exploration and collaboration. Participants endorsed an idea to collect oral histories from pioneering LGBTQ+ philatelists and were invited to convene again at the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition in January 2025. The event provided valuable input to the National Postal Museum's collecting plan and highlighted

important issues surrounding interpretation and exhibition of material related to diverse sexual orientations and gender identities.



For more information, please visit the National Postal Museum's website at <https://postalmuseum.si.edu> and the Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps Club at <http://www.glhsonline.org>.

WESTPEX 2024

Robert Pope received a Vermeil Award for his exhibit, "Overprints of Mexico Hidalgo 5 Centavo War Issue 1911-1917". Also awarded the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE): Jean Benninghoff Encouragement Award.



*Scott English & Robert Pope
Awards Banquet Photo from
WESTPEX FP posted
May 01, 2024*



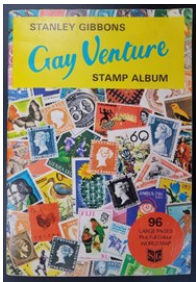
*Photo from Sacramento
Philatelic Society FB post
May 04, 2024.*

Other GLHS members included Dawn Hamman who won a Large Gold for her Multi-Frame exhibit, "All Aboard! A Grand Tour - American Style, 1915." The exhibit also received the American Philatelic Congress – Excellence of Written Text award.

Larry Crain won a Gold medal for his Multi-Frame exhibit, "Postcards: Colombia 100 Years Ago."

Gay Ventures

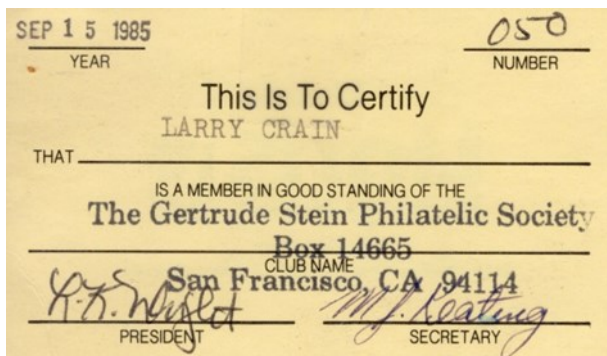
A Philatelic Column - Larry Crain



Dan Piazza, the National Museum's Chief Curator of Philately, led a meeting at WESTPEX 2024 about gathering items on the history of the LGBTQ movement to include in the Smithsonian's collection.

The museum is looking for mailings from early groups with contents, flyers of local groups, mailed issues of gay-themed material, etc. Hey, are any of the plain brown envelopes still in existence?

The search is not just for the national organizations, but for local based groups which promoted local awareness. The discussion at WESTPEX named some of these, from Maine to California. That encouraged me to rummage through files until I found the membership card below.



A friend Jim Willeford allowed me to scan his photo taken at a 1990s Ashland Fourth of July parade. He also had a newspaper clipping from 1996 and a plaque awarded to him by After 8, a group in Corvallis, OR.

By Kristin Walp

Ashland Daily Tidings

MEDFORD — The Medford area is about to gain a national reputation for its efforts to curb hate crimes and prejudice.

The Community Action Network (CAN) and Medford are featured in a three-minute segment of "Not in Our Town II." The program is the sequel to an Emmy award-winning documentary about how Billings, Mont., fought anti-Semitic hate groups, and features similar efforts in seven communities around the country.

It was this area's response to the

Finally, I scanned my Out of the Closet t-shirt of the title page of Paul Hennefeld's gold medal exhibit.



Help out if you can.

Two of a Kind By Lisa Foster and AI

In recent years more and more research has been focused on same sex sexual behavior in animals. Homosexual behavior is much more common among animals than researchers previously thought. Same sex behaviors have been observed in more than 1,5000 species.



One of the most well-known examples of homosexual behavior in animals is found in bonobos (Zaire, 1997), a species of great ape closely related to humans. Bonobos are known for their promiscuous behavior, and same-sex interactions which are common among both males and females. Before splitting a honeycomb found together, female bonobos will rub genitals. These interactions serve various social functions, such as conflict resolution, bonding, and alliance formation.

Female Japanese macaques (Japan, 2015), or snow monkeys, enjoy short-term sexual consortships with one another.



Bonin flying foxes (Japan, 1974), a type of bat, curl up in same-sex clusters to keep warm during the mating season, and oral genital stimulation is common in the male clusters.



Giraffes (Niger, 2022), with their towering presence, also display homosexual behaviors in the form of courtship and mating rituals between male individuals. These behaviors can help strengthen social bonds and establish hierarchy within giraffe communities.



Another example comes from the animal kingdom's colorful inhabitants, the birds. Same-sex behavior has been recorded in more than 130 bird species. Many species of birds, such as penguins, swans, and albatrosses, form same-sex pairs and engage in courtship rituals, nest building, and even raising young together. Penguins (South Georgia, 2008) are renowned for their monogamous relationships, and interestingly, some penguin species exhibit homosexual behaviors by forming long-term bonds with same-sex partners.

These pairs often engage in courtship rituals and even adopt and raise orphaned chicks together. Female Laysan albatrosses (Pitcairn Islands, 2014) in Hawai'i share nests,



mount each other sexually and raise their young together. At the Denver Zoo, two male flamingos, Lance and Freddie, paired up for several years. Male zebra

finches (Australia, 2018) form lifelong socially monogamous relationships that include courtship dances and sex, and they don't break up when females become available. These behaviors can be seen as a way for individuals to form strong bonds and increase their chances of reproductive success.



Insects that have shown homosexual behaviors include the Male Mazarine blues (butterflies).



In the world of marine life, some species of fish also exhibit homosexual behaviors. For example, the clownfish (Liberia, 1998), made famous by the movie "Finding Nemo," can change sex in response to social cues, leading to same-sex pairings within a group.

This fluidity in gender and mating behavior challenges traditional notions of sexuality in the animal kingdom.

Bottlenose dolphins (Tanzania, 2003) have been observed engaging in same-sex behaviors both in captivity and in the wild. These activities serve various purposes, such as establishing social connections, relieving tension, and displaying dominance within dolphin pods.



While the reasons behind homosexual behaviors in animals are not fully understood, it is clear that these behaviors play important roles in social dynamics, reproduction, and survival. By studying these behaviors in animals, scientists can gain valuable insights into the complexity of sexuality in nature and challenge traditional notions of sexuality and gender roles.

True Colors

By Barry Christensen

Pictured are Pride colors philatelic materials from my collection that I sent to the Spellman Museum director last winter after he solicited ideas at our meeting for items to on loan to the museum for their Pride exhibit.



The first image is a stamp proof of the Pride issue by Sweden mounted on a collector's sheet with a photograph of the gay pride flag. The reverse has several paragraphs in Swedish and English about the gay pride movement.

The second image is a pane of ten stamps issued by Canada Post to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Confederation. One of the ten stamps, which are circles containing an image shaped like a maple leaf, celebrates Marriage Equality which was achieved in 2005 in Canada.



The third image contains three items. The first is a booklet issue of Canada's Marriage Equality stamp. Notice that this design of the stamp is directly shaped like a maple leaf. The booklet cover features a photograph of the gay pride flag with a sentence in English and French about Marriage Equality.

Below that is a pane of stamps from Denmark containing the colors of the gay pride flag in a heart shape illustration. The pane features two stamp designs, one with the heart above the wording and one with the heart below the wording. The reverse of the pane has paragraphs in Danish about Pride and Post

Nord, their postal service.

Finally, below that is a Digital Color Postmark first day cover created by the United States Postal Service for the Harvey Milk commemorative stamp, which is the first US stamp to feature the gay pride flag in its design, the colors of which are also included in the digital color postmark.

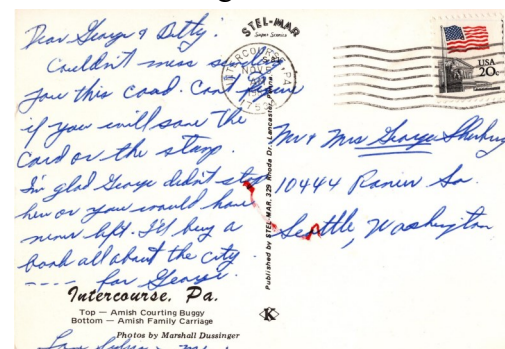


Intercourse...



is an unincorporated community in Leacock Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, 10 miles (16 km) east of Lancaster on Route 340. As of the 2020 census, the population was 1,494.

Intercourse is a popular site for tourists because of its location in Amish country and its sexually suggestive name. The 1985 movie *Witness* was filmed in Intercourse as well as other parts of the surrounding area, and *For Richer or Poorer* was set there, though not filmed in Intercourse. Be-



cause of the town's unusual name, the sign posts for the town are frequently targeted by thieves.

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COLE PORTER

by Thomas F. Shaw

Listen to a Cole Porter song and what comes to mind? Candlelit, champagne dinners in a seaside cafe on the French Riviera? Witty, big-city sophistication and worldly style and grace? His songs conjure up international glamour. America fell in love with these romantic images during the 20's, 30's and 40's.

Cole Porter was born to wealth in the town of Peru, Indiana on June 9, 1891. He was the only child of Kate and Samuel Porter. His grandfather, J. O. Cole, had built up an estimated seven million dollar fortune by 1890.

At an early age, Cole displayed musical talent. With encouragement from his mother, who was an amateur pianist, he attended the Conservatory of Music in Marion, Indiana. There he studied piano, violin and composition. At the age of eleven, Cole had a piece for the piano published in Chicago. His father was tolerant of Cole's musical aspirations, but his grandfather was openly hostile. J. O. wanted Cole to study law and promised him a sixth of the family fortune the day he received his law degree.

In the fall of 1909, Cole Porter headed to New Haven, Connecticut to study at Yale University. He spent little time in classes and more time socializing and composing. During his undergraduate days, he met two men who would become life-long friends.

Monty Woolley, an upperclassman who headed the Drama Society, was the model for Sheridan Whiteside in *The Man Who Came To Dinner*. Monty and Cole remained friends for nearly fifty years, until Woolley began a relationship with his black chauffeur. Cole was very class

conscious and snobbish. Another Yale friend, Leonard Hanna, helped spread the word of Cole's songwriting talent. Both Woolley and Hanna introduced Porter to the theater and the underground gay life of the time.

After graduating from Yale, and under pressure from his family, Cole entered Harvard Law School. It soon became obvious to him that he was no law scholar. He requested a transfer to the School of Music where he studied for the next three years. See *America First* was Cole's first complete musical score, but it flopped on Broadway in 1916.



In 1917, following the United States' entry into World War I, Cole ventured to Paris. Various accounts of his military service exist, but none are officially documented. Porter maintained that he joined the French Foreign Legion. A Yale publication of the time states that "Classmate Cole A. Porter has joined the American Aviation Forces in France, although nobody seems to know in what capacity." Another source states that he served in an artillery regiment and later the Bureau of the Military Attache of the US.

Following the war, Cole began perfecting and experimenting with his music under the supervision of Vincent D'Indy at the Schola Cantorum. He also began to host lavish parties at his Paris apartment. Soon he gained the reputation of a gracious host and

playboy. Cole's tunes, with their sophisticated lyrics and unabashed references to wealth and the good life, became the rage all over the city.

One of the significant people that Cole met while he was in Paris was Linda Lee Thomas. She was an American divorcee eight years his senior. She was one of the most wealthy, beautiful and famous hostesses in the French capital. They traveled in the same social circles, having many of the same friends and interests. They were married in a civil ceremony on December 18, 1919.

On the outside, the Porters lived and entertained in grand style. They seemed to be the perfect couple, but there was a hidden side to their relationship. Cole had been looking for someone with class and social prominence. Linda needed comfort and stability. Throughout their marriage, Cole and Linda were totally devoted to each other. Even though they were married in name only, they were there for each other. Cole made few demands on Linda and she, in turn, condoned his homosexuality.

Even with a hectic social life, Cole continued to write songs. He decided that musical theater was the way to success. He started by contributing tunes to revues which were running in New York. In 1928, three of his songs captured the public's attention: "Let's Misbehave," "Two Little Babes in the Wood" and "Let's Do It."

The Porters' moved to New York, setting up their residence at the Waldorf Astoria. Here they continued their lavish entertainment schedule. The 1930's found Cole becoming a box-office draw with many public favorites. With his string of successes, it wasn't long before Hollywood was calling. Cole and Linda soon journeyed to the West.

Cole found himself surrounded by some of Hollywood's most beautiful men. These men enjoyed being seen in the company of the famous composer. He began to attend many homosexual parties. His sexual behavior began to cause great concern for Linda. She left him for several months in 1937 and returned to Paris.

On October 24, 1937, Cole and some friends were horseback riding on the Long Island estate of Countess Edith di Zoppola. The horse Cole was riding slipped in mud, falling on top of him. Unfortunately, both legs were crushed. Cole suffered serious nerve damage. He underwent over thirty painful operations to save his legs. He would be confined to a wheelchair for the rest of his life.

The early 40's were difficult times for Porter. His health, due to the horse accident, had deteriorated. The public was no longer interested in the glamour and glitz of the 20's and 30's. In 1948, Porter proved his critics wrong with his greatest artistic success, *Kiss Me, Kate*. The show opened to rave reviews on December 30, 1948. Every song performed became a classic. The production ran for 1,070 performances. At the time, it was only the third musical comedy to surpass the 1,000 mark.

During the 1950's, Cole's success continued with Broadway hits and film scores. They were also filled with tragedy. His mother died in 1952, followed by Linda four years later. In 1958, Cole had to have his right leg amputated.

He became a recluse shortly after the operation. He refused to attend a 1960 "Salute to Cole Porter" and his own 70th birthday celebration in 1962. On October 15, 1964, two days after having a kidney stone removed, Cole Porter died. He was buried alongside his relatives in Peru, Indiana's local cemetery.



On 18 June 2024, Australia released a Stamp Pack of twelve stamps commemorating the Premiere of *Despicable Me 4*, co-written by **Mike White (born 1970)**. He was born in Pasadena, California, and graduated from Wesleyan University. He wrote for television for *Dawson's Creek* and *Freaks and Geeks* before writing and acting in the 2000 film, *Chuck and Buck*. He wrote *Orange County*, *School of Rock*, and *Nacho Libre* before creating, writing, and directing HBO's *The White Lotus*, for which he has won three Emmy Awards. Mike is openly bisexual and currently lives with his partner, Josh.

On 3 June 2024, Liechtenstein released a miniature sheet commemorating the 120th Anniversary of the Birth of **Salvador Dalí**.



On 30 May 2024, Spain released a stamp celebrating **Carmen de Burgos (1867-1932)**. She was born in Almería, Spain, and escaped her family when she met Arturo Asterz Bustos, fifteen years her senior. They were unhappily married for 17 years. She

obtained a teaching certificate and moved to Guadalajara, where she wrote her first book. She wrote for the "weekly novel" market, and some of her works dealt with male or female homosexuality. In 1904, she became the first female professional journalist in Spain as editor of Madrid's *Diario Universal*. She became the first president of the International League of Iberian and Latin American Women. Carmen was linked romantically to feminist and suffragette Ana de Castro Osório.

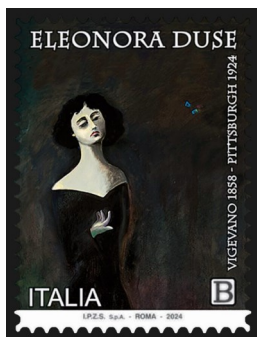
On 30 May 2024, the United Nations (New York, Geneva, and Vienna) released three stamps commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Universal Postal Union, featuring art by **Sergio Baradat**.

On 10 May 2024, Canada released four stamps celebrating Graphic Novels of Canada, including one stamp featuring **Mariko Tamaki (born 1975)**. She was born in Toronto and graduated from McGill University. She worked as a performance artist in Toronto with Cheap Queers and with Pretty Porky & Pissed Off. She published the novel, *Cover Me*, in 2000 and collaborated with her cousin on the 2008 graphic novel, *Skim*, about a teenage girl and her romantic feelings toward her female teacher. They collaborated again on 2014's *This One Summer*, which won the 2015 Michael L. Printz Award. 2019's *Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up with Me* won several awards. She has written for both Marvel (*She-Hulk*, *Spider-Man* and *Venom*) and DC Comics (*Supergirl*, *Wonder Woman*, Starfire's daughter). Mariko is openly lesbian.



On 7 May 2024, Australia released a Stamp Pack of ten stamps commemorating the 85th Anniver-

sary of the Premiere of *The Wizard of Oz*, co-written by **Edgar Allan Woolf**, including four stamps featuring Dorothy with hair braids styled by **Sydney Guilaroff**.



On 21 April 2024, Italy released a stamp commemorating the Centenary of the Death of **Eleonora Duse (1858-1924)**. She was born in Vigevano, Lombardy, and joined her father's acting troupe at the age of four. She first came to fame in Italian versions of roles made famous by Sarah Bernhardt. She

toured many countries, notably in plays by Gabriele D'Annunzio and Henrik Ibsen. She was rated by many as the greatest actress of her time, initiating a change in acting style closer to today's naturalistic acting. Eleonora married once and had several affairs, including one with feminist Lina Poletti.

On 16 April 2024, the United Kingdom released ten stamps commemorating the Centenary of the First UK Commemorative Stamp, including three stamps featuring dresses designed by **Norman Hartnell** and one stamp featuring **Freddie Mercury**.

On 8 April 2024, Mauritius released a stamp commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the World Health Organization, featuring the Rod of **Asclepius**.

On 3 April 2024, Monaco released a stamp commemorating the Centenary of the Birth of **Marlon Brando**.



On 2 April 2024, Belgium released a miniature sheet celebrating Contemporary Dance, including one stamp featuring the work of **Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui (born 1976)**. He was born in Antwerp and participated as a dancer in a variety of shows and television programs. He

won his first prize for solo performance at a national competition when he was 19. He studied at Performing Arts Research and Training Studios and debuted as a choreographer in 1999 with the musical, *Anonymous Society*. He has created over 50 pieces and has re-

ceived two Laurence Olivier Awards for Best New Dance Production, three Ballet Tanz awards for choreography, the KAIROS Prize, and the Europe Prize Theatrical Realities. Sidi is openly gay.

On 27 March 2024, North Macedonia released a stamp commemorating the Centenary of the Birth of **Marlon Brando**.

In March 2024, Egypt released a miniature sheet celebrating Flowers of Egypt, including one stamp featuring narcissi (**Narcissus**).

On 12 March 2024, Croatia released a stamp celebrating Easter, featuring **John the Apostle**.

On 5 January 2024, Liberia released a miniature sheet and two souvenir sheets commemorating the 35th Anniversary of the Death of **Salvador Dalí**.

On 5 January 2024, Liberia released a miniature sheet and two souvenir sheets commemorating the 505th Anniversary of the Death of **Leonardo da Vinci**.

On 5 January 2024, Liberia released two miniature sheets commemorating the 215th Anniversary of the Birth of **Abraham Lincoln**.

On 22 December 2023, Djibouti released a miniature sheet commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Birth of Ozzy Osbourne, including one stamp featuring **Elton John**.

On 22 December 2023, Djibouti released a miniature sheet commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Birth of Andrew Lloyd Webber, including a label featuring the film, *Evita*, co-produced by



Robert Stigwood (1934-2016). He was born in Port Pirie, South Australia, and studied at Sacred Heart College in Adelaide. He moved to the UK and founded Robert Stigwood Associates Ltd, a small theatrical agency. He signed singer John Leyton, who would top the UK charts in 1961

with “Johnny Remember Me.” He managed Cream (with Eric Clapton) and the Bee Gees before producing the first theatrical production of *Jesus Christ Superstar* and its film adaptation. He signed John Travolta in time for *Saturday Night Fever* and *Grease*. For legal and business purposes, Robert was discreet about his homosexuality.

On 22 December 2023, Djibouti released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 85th Anniversary of the Death of **Mustafa Kemal Atatürk**.

On 22 December 2023, Djibouti released a miniature sheet commemorating the 115th Anniversary of the Birth of Lyndon B. Johnson, including one stamp featuring a Caduceus (**Hermes (Mercury)**).

On 22 December 2023, Djibouti released a souvenir sheet commemorating the 110th Anniversary of the End of the Ottoman Empire, featuring **Mustafa Kemal Atatürk** in the selva.

On 20 December 2023, Togo released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the First Anniversary of the Death of Queen Elizabeth II, including one stamp and the souvenir sheet selva featuring her in dresses designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 15 December 2023, Guinea released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Birth of **Alberto Santos-Dumont**.

On 15 December 2023, Guinea released a miniature sheet commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Birth of Prince George, including one stamp featuring a photograph by **Antony Armstrong-Jones**.

On 15 December 2023, Guinea released a miniature sheet commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Death of John F. Kennedy, including one stamp featuring Elizabeth II in a dress designed by **Norman Hartnell**.

On 15 November 2023, Central African Republic released two souvenir sheets commemorating the Second Coronation of King Charles III, with one souvenir sheet featuring Elizabeth II wearing a dress designed by **Hardy Amies** in a photograph by **Cecil Beaton** and the other featuring Elizabeth II wearing a dress designed by **Norman Hartnell** in the selva.



On 15 November 2023, Central African Republic released a souvenir sheet commemorating the 85th Anniversary of the Birth of Kofi Annan, featuring **Angelina Jolie (born 1975)**. She was born in Los Angeles and made her screen debut in 1982's *Lookin' to Get Out*. She won an Oscar for 1999's *Girl, Interrupted* and won Golden Globe Awards for *George Wallace*, *Gia*, and *Girl, Interrupted*. She is known for humanitarian efforts promoting conservation, education, and women's rights, and on behalf of refugees. Angelina married three times and had a several-year relationship with model and actress Jenny Shimizu.

On 15 November 2023, Central African Republic released a miniature sheet and two souvenir sheets commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Birth of **Alberto Santos-Dumont**.

On 15 November 2023, Central African Republic, released a miniature sheet and two souvenir sheets commemorating the 355th Anniversary of the First Reflecting Telescope, including one stamp and both souvenir sheets featuring **Isaac Newton**.

On 9 November 2023, Burundi reissued two miniature sheets celebrating Scouting and Butterflies, featuring **Robert Baden-Powell**.

On 9 October 2023, Central African Republic released a miniature sheet celebrating German Trains, including one stamp featuring Neuschwanstein Castle, built by King **Ludwig II** of Bavaria.

On 9 October 2023, Central African Republic released a miniature sheet commemorating the 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, including one stamp featuring **Abraham Lincoln**.

On 9 October 2023, Central African Republic released a miniature sheet celebrating Christmas Paintings, including one stamp featuring work by **Sandro Botticelli**.

On 9 October 2023, Central African Republic released a miniature sheet and two souvenir sheets commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the First American Woman in Space, featuring **Sally Ride**.

On 9 October 2023, Guinea-Bissau released a miniature sheet and two souvenir sheets commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the First American

Woman in Space, featuring **Sally Ride**.

On 9 October 2023, Guinea-Bissau released a miniature sheet celebrating Nude Paintings, including one stamp featuring work by **Georgia O'Keeffe** and one stamp featuring work by **Salvador Dalí**.

On 9 October 2023, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 495th Anniversary of the Death of **Albrecht Dürer**, including the souvenir sheet featuring Pope **Julius II** and the souvenir sheet selva featuring **Saint Sebastian**.

On 9 October 2023, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet commemorating the 5th Anniversary of the Death of George H. W. Bush, including one stamp featuring **Whitney Houston**.

On 9 October 2023, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet and a souvenir sheet commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the First American Woman in Space, featuring **Sally Ride**.

On 15 September 2023, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet commemorating the 65th Anniversary of the Birth of Madonna, including one



stamp featuring **Katy Perry (born 1984)**. She was born in Santa Barbara, California, and started vocal

training at the age of nine. She completed her GED at age 15 and began recording demos in Nashville before she released her debut album, a contemporary Christian record titled *Katy Hudson*, in 2001. In Los Angeles, she rose to fame with 2008's *One of the Boys*. She is known for her influence on modern pop music and her camp style. She is one of the best-selling music artists of all time, having sold over 143 million records worldwide. She is the only female artist to have a *Billboard* Spotlight Award and has four Guinness World Records, five *Billboard* Music Awards, five American Music Awards, a Brit Award, and a Juno Award. Katy has admitted that her song, "I Kissed a Girl," was written about her own bisexual experiences with other women, and she has publicly discussed her fluid sexuality.

On 11 August 2023, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet commemorating the 85th Anni-

versary of the Death of **Mustafa Kemal Atatürk**.

On 11 August 2023, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Death of Pablo Picasso, including one stamp featuring *Three Musicians*, depicting **Max Jacob**.

On 11 August 2023, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Birth of **George Michael**.

On 11 August 2023, Sierra Leone released a miniature sheet commemorating the 130th Anniversary of the Death of **Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky**.

On 22 May 2023, Guinea-Bissau released a miniature sheet celebrating European Speed Trains, including one stamp featuring the Pantheon, built by Emperor **Hadrian** of Rome.

On 22 May 2023, Guinea-Bissau released a miniature sheet commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Birth of **Whitney Houston**.



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