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Pride's Geography

By Barry Christensen

For many of us in the LGBTQ+ community, going back well over 50 years, our Pride is directly tied into our Geography. The new Canada Post stamp issue on May 30, 2025, Places of Pride, is a beautiful and touching testimony to this truth.

As is their habit at Canada Post, the four stamps in this issue span both territory and culture across the Dominion. From the Truax gay bar in Montreal, to Hanlan's Point Beach in Toronto, to the Third North American Native Gay and Lesbian Gathering in Beausejour, Manitoba, to Club Carousel in Calgary, these images convey the depth and richness of the Pride Movement's origins for diverse groups of Canadians.

I strongly resonate with the colorful 70's era art motif used in the stamp illustrations. That was the decade of my high school and college years, and the rainbow just kept getting brighter and brighter!

For me, growing up in Orange County, California, our Pride Festival and our AIDS Walk were often in supposedly safer locations such as the University of California at Irvine or at Anaheim Stadium, due to the very strong conservative politics and anti-gay rhetoric in the county.

It felt liberating to find a safer geography to celebrate my Pride in festivals along the waterfront in Long Beach, or along Santa Monica Boulevard in West Hollywood. It was an example of how a few miles of distance translated into light years of acceptance and diversity.

Over the years I have celebrated Pride in other parts of the continent as well. One that stands out is the Pride Festival at Tom McCall Waterfront Park in Portland, Oregon, developed in the 1970's as an early example of the urban freeway removal movement. Attending the Divers/Cite Festival in Montreal's Gay Village is another very colorful memory for me.

These days my husband and I reside in his hometown of Louisville, Kentucky. Being a blue island in a very red commonwealth, we have enjoyed a diverse geography of Pride in our city. The Belvedere, Big Four Park, our gay burg along Bardstown Rd, and more, are all a part of our Geography of Pride in Louisville.

After the mass shooting at Pulse in Orlando during the Pride season of 2016, our mayor in Louisville marched with all of us in our Pride Parade as a show of support and solidarity. Geography was reclaimed for Pride in a very courageous fashion.

How about the Geography of your Pride? Are there places and events which are part of your history? How about stamps which celebrate those landscapes and moments? Hopefully Canada Post's wonderful stamp set will be an inspiration for others in the years ahead!





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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.

PUBLICATION SCHEDULE:

<u>Publication date</u>	<u>Submissions due</u>
October 2025	September 15
January 2025	December 15
April 2025	March 15
July 2025	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 2025 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.

! New Members !

Walter F., Washington DC

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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 **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*

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. Be sure to visit the GASS show page <https://stamps.org/great-american-stamp-show>.



Pre-registration is open until 07/31/2025.

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.

On Friday August 15th at 4:00 PM, GLHS will be holding their Annual meeting, meet-N-Greet, and Show & Tell.



GASS Future Dates/Locations

2025 August 14-17, Schaumburg, IL
 2026 Bye – Boston 2026 May 23-30

Letters to editor



Regarding Barry Christensen's article, "When the Scott Catalogue was Only One Volume" published in April 2025, Bob Brown wrote, "I also have an old Scott catalogue from 1927 which in addition to being one volume is 4 1/2 inches wide by 6 1/2 inches tall!"

First Day Ceremonies at GASS

"No Nukes"

United Nations Postal Administration

Three sheets of 10 stamps each, in USD, CHF, and EUR denominations.



Thursday, Aug. 14
 3:00 p.m. on show floor,
 stage next to USPS

250 Years of Delivering Mail

United States Postal Service
 Special Dedication



*250 Years of Delivering is an illustrated pane of 20

*Putting a Stamp on the American Experience - 32-page prestige booklet

Friday, Aug. 15
 11:00 a.m.
 on show floor, stage next to USPS



Exhibits in the 2025 My One-Page Exhibit Program are available for viewing on the ATA website americantopical.org.

GLHS Annual Meeting

**August 15, 2025
 4:00 PM**

Meeting during the Greater American Stamp Show, August 14-17, 2025, in Schaumburg, Illinois, at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time in Schaumburg "G" room. Check the show program for any last-minute changes. Come to socialize and bring items to share with others.