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Lesbians have always been the vanguard of feminist politics and crusades for social justice. But they also lead the field in many professions, from such disparate ones as tennis to poetry.

LESBIAN LISTS: A Look at Lesbian Culture, History, and Personalities by Dell Richards, Alyson Publication is a must for any collector of "lesbians on stamps".

The Lambda Philatelic Journal is published quarterly by The Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps Club (GLHSC), an official study unit of the American Topical Association, membership number 458.

The objectives of the club are:

To promote and foster an interest in the collection, study and dissemination of knowledge of worldwide philatelic material depicting:



notable men and women (and their contributions to society) for whom historical evidence exists of homosexual or bisexual behavior, orientation or support.

mythology, historical events, and ideas (laws) significant in the history of gay culture.

flora and fauna scientifically proven having prominent homosexual behavior.

Even though emphasis is placed on this aspect of stamp collecting, the club strongly encourage other interest of philately.

MEMBERSHIP

Yearly dues are \$6.00 per calendar year for U.S. and Canada residents; \$8.00 or 10 IRC per year for foreign residents (cover higher postage cost).

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The Lambda Philatelic Journal thrives on philatelic articles (original or reprinted) and alternative viewpoints for publication. All members are welcome to submit any of the above. Members are also encouraged to place free advertisements of philatelic interest.

GLHSC main events

The American Topical Association has confirmed our reservation during TOPEX '90, to be held June 1-3 at the Omni-Biltmore Hotel in downtown Providence, Rhode Island.

Saturday, June 2nd 1990
5:00 PM

Our agenda will consist of the following:

Discussion over the various logos submitted by club members.

"Show and tell" of photos from World Expo '89, New York City Gay Pride Day '89 and the club's booth. We welcome your favorite pictures.

Paul's collection "ALTERNATE LIFESTYLES OF FAMOUS PEOPLE" will be in exhibit during the show.

Your president will bring his personal collection of gay cachets, male nudes on stamps and postcards. So if you have any dups you would like to trade or wish to share your favorite collection; just bring them down!!

Will also discuss the possibility of a new name for the club. We have received an abundance of suggestions from members.

Discuss regarding increase of membership dues for next year postage hike.

Brunch and/or dinner will be open for suggestions.

Providence provides a wide range of gay activities and its just one and half hour drive from Cape Cod (Provincetown), Boston, and New York City.

I made reservation at the above place, only 10 minutes from downtown. The rooms can accommodate up to 4 people (two beds and sleeping sofa - for only 20 dollars per person on each room).

If you have any questions please feel free to call me (Ed Centeno) or drop me a note. Sorry for the short notice!!!!!!

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GAY & LESBIAN
PRIDE WEEKEND
JUNE 23-24, 1990 NYC

NEW YORK GAY PRIDE DAY '90

Your club is having its booth at the 21st NEW YORK CITY PRIDE DAY. All members are welcome to stop by for a cold drink on us.

We need members to assist at the booth. We're going to sell cachets, hand-out free brochures about the club and stamp collecting.

June 24th (Sunday) 1990
between CHRISTOPHER & GREENWICH STREETS

Books to enrich GAY COLLECTING

by Gaylord Lovett

OUT OF ALL TIME by Terry Boughner. Alyson Publications, 1988 - This book scans the centuries from ancient Egypt to modern America, examining scores of the past's most interesting men and women from a different perspective. Each chapter is illustrated with the imaginative and entertaining drawing of WASHINGTON BLADE NEWSPAPER artist Michael Willhoite.

THE ALYSON ALMANAC by Alyson Publications, Boston, 89 - A treasure of information for the gay and lesbian community, simply a reference book that's fun to read.

THE GAY BOOK OF DAYS by Martin Greif. Lyle Stuart, Inc., 1982 - An astonishing collection of fact and lore about hundreds of world famous people who are, were, may have been, or were thought to have been homosexual or bisexual during the past 5,000 years.

HOMOSEXUALS IN HISTORY by A. L. Rowse. Dorset Press, 1983 - This foremost historian of our time provides a thought-provoking look at gay men and women of genius in society, politics, literature and the arts in this first serious study of the problems and contribution of the homosexual through the ages.

GAY AMERICAN HISTORY: Lesbians and Gay Men in the U.S.A. by Jonathan Ned Katz. Harper & Row, 1976 (reprinted several times since) - Fascinating to read, and intended for a general audience. A superb example of investigative research: from colonial executions of gays to the witch-hunts of the 1950's. This book documents four hundred years of homosexual oppression.

JONATHAN TO GIDE: The Homosexual in History by Noel I. Garde. NOSBOOKS, 1969 - Referred by Paul Henefeld (GLHSC Sec'y) as the "the club's bible". An astonishing reference book of names and biographies of over 300 famous men whom have played important roles in political and cultural history. Although the biographies must of necessity be short, they are surprisingly detailed, with many of those human interest touches to which most readers are partial

This, of course are only a handful of books that has enriched the GLHSC Research Library throughout its nine years of existence.

They are dozens of well written biographies of famous people on stamps: Rock Hudson, Liberace, Whitman, Martina, etc. Magazines, newspapers and essays are also an important source for research. Our club has been blessed with generous donations given by members.

Please inform the GLHSC research team of any book, articles and philatelic material that will help us in our endeavors.

other books to keep in mind:

GAY MEN & WOMEN WHO ENRICHED THE WORLD by Thomas Cowan. Mulvery Books, 1988

THE GAY DESK CALENDAR '90 (and future issues) by Michael Willhoite. Alyson Publications, Inc., 1989

GAY/LESBIAN ALMANAC: A New Documentary by Johathan Ned Katz. Harper & Row

FEDERICO GARCIA LORCA

by Thomas Krolak * the empty closet 6/89



Scott No. 2208-09

Federico Garcia Lorca, perhaps the most famous poet and playwright of the 20th century Spanish literature. During an amazing short career (1917 to 1936), he completed 13 plays and nine books. Tragically, his life is recalled as much for how it ended as for its legacy.

His first collection of poems were published in 1922. Gypsies, farmers, and laborers were the inspiration for his plays and poems. In 1928 Garcia's bestselling Gypsy Ballads was published, insuring widespread fame. Some think his greatest work was Poet in New York, written while he was a student at Columbia University in 1929 and 1930. Letters he wrote at this time and later reveal his strong attachment to a married man.

Lorca was back in Spain in 1931 when its monarchy was overthrown and a republic established. He then formed a traveling theatrical group that brought plays to rural towns and villages. He was persuaded by this experience to view the theater as a means for social change.

Other works like Lament for the Death of a Bullfighter and Other Poems made him an international celebrity. He had many ideas for the future but could no longer escape the political situation, which worsened in July 1936 when right-wing Falangists, or Fascists, rebelled against Spain's republic, starting a civil war. That month Garcia returned to Granada. Before July was over the city had fallen to the rebels. A reign of terror began, during which anyone suspected of leftist views were spied on or shot.

But about a month after arriving in Granada he was arrested, suspected of being a Russian agent. His pro-Morrish views were interpreted as anti-Catholic, but there was also an undercurrent of homophobia. His brutal assassination in August 19, 1936, forever changed the meaning of his work.

Soon the reactionaries blamed the writer's death on their leftist enemies and claimed that Garcia was a Falangist. In 1939 the Falangist leader, Franco, gained power with the aid of Hitler and Mussolini. During most of Franco's 26-year dictatorship an official cover-up was made of the author's execution. His death was attributed to "war wounds."

Lorca's writings were banned until 1954 and only gradually made available. His work was censored at first, and his plays weren't performed until 1966. For years public mention of his name wasn't allowed in Spain.

References:

FEDERICO GARCIA LORCA: A Life by Ian Gibson
LORCA: The Gay Imagination by Paul Binding

**HELP STAMP OUT
AIDS WORLDWIDE**



LOST ANGELS PHILATELIC UNIT
CACHET NO. 1



This FDC is the first cachet produced by the LOST ANGELS MC PHILATELIC UNIT for the release of the United Nations AIDS awareness stamp.

The Lost Angels are selling these covers as a fund-raiser to benefit their club brothers who are living with AIDS. The covers, are printed in two colors (black and red) are available for \$1.50 payable to the Lost Angels and SASE:

L.A.M.C. PHILATELIC UNIT
C/O JOHN S. OLMSTED
632 5TH Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002-5202

John is a GLHSC member



a Romanian postal cancellation

FREDERICK THE GREAT

(1712-1786)

KING OF PRUSSIA



Single, gutter pair, tete-beche pair.

Young Frederick persuaded his lover, Hans von Katte, to help him flee the prince's ruthless father. They were captured and sentenced to death. The prince was ordered to be present at von Katte's execution.

Alb. A. Becker, Chemnitz, Sachsen, Thatsachen, Nr. 21, D. u. h. 1933



Backstamped NY, 22 April 1933.

FRIEDRICH VON STEUBEN

(1730-1794)

GENERAL



Surrender of Cornwallis



Von Steuben

Return in Three Days to
BRIDGEPORT STAMP SHOP
 17 POST OFFICE ARCADE
 BRIDGEPORT, - CONN.

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*Mr. Raymond J. Kwasnik,
 Samuel Johnson Academy,
 Stratford, Conn.*

Fancy cancel, backstamped Stratford, CT, 4 December 1930.

Two soldiers, William North and Ben Walker, were to von Steuben's liking. He legally adopted both men, and they lived together until the general's death, at which time they shared in his estate.



WALT WHITMAN

(1819-1892)

POET



With the publication of Leaves of Grass, Whitman emerged from the "closet". The poems were branded as scandalous by some but highly praised by others.



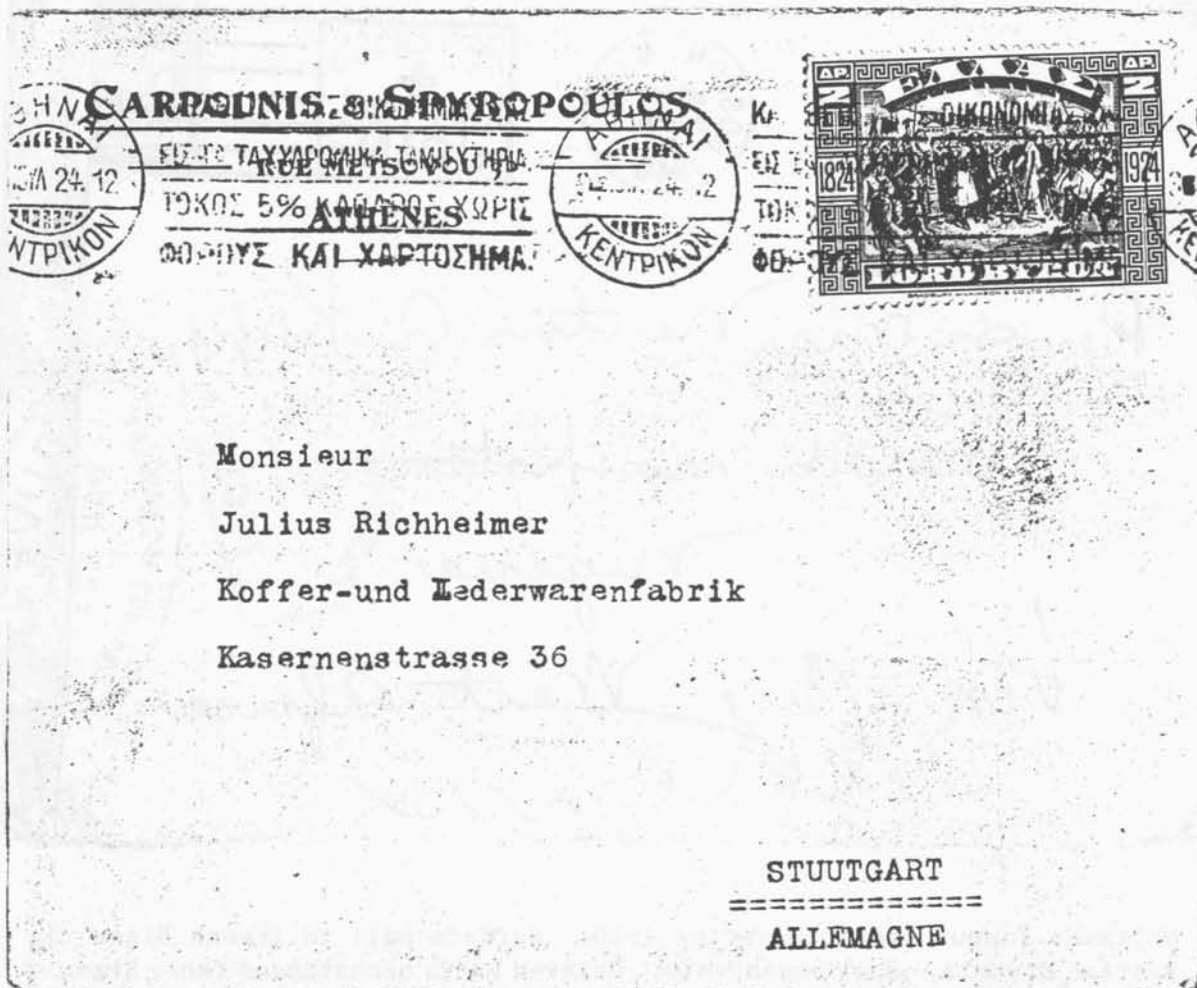
Whitman: Famous American series 1940. Surface mail to French Niger via British Nigeria. Dual censorship. Delayed mail, backstamped Kano, Nigeria 25 Dec. 40, Cotonou, Dahomey 5 Jan. 42, Dosso, Niger 8 Jan. 42 and Maradi, Niger 15 Jan. 42. Over 1 year & 2 Mo. in transit.

LORD BYRON
(1788-1824)
POET



Infatuated with John Eddleston, Byron penned:

I...love him more than any human being...During the whole of my residence at Cambridge we met every day ...without passing one tiresome moment...



Centenary of the death of Lord Byron.