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May 26, 2007-- The Polish Parliament has declared the year of 2007 to be the year of Karol Szymanowski in connection with two important anniversaries relating to his life falling on that year: the 125th anniversary of his birth and the 70th anniversary of his death. On this occasion the Polish Post presents a new stamp with the artist's portrait thrown against the sketchy outlines of a piano keyboard, drawn in many colours to illustrate variety of the Szymanowski's composing output.

What the Polish Parliament doesn't declare is that Karol Szymanowski was homosexual, his lover was a Russian poet, dancer and Libretti (basically a lyricist for operas, oratorios, and cantatas) Boris Kochno; Kochno was also having an affair with Sergei Diaghilev and later had an affair with Cole Porter.

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- Mythology, historical events and ideas significant in the history of gay culture,
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News From the Editor

Finally this issue of LPJ has left Dallas! This is the third or fourth reincarnation of issue 100. [Physically, it's the third, mentally the fourth.] For the first time in many years, the December issue does not include an AIDS checklist. I did not have enough material to fill 20 pages. At the same time, I have an article that could have helped me fill 12 pages. However, I don't have the author of the article or any graphics. [If you are the one who sent an article on Gunsels, please accept my apologies and let me know.] Microsoft conveniently has an author field when files are saved. Unfortunately for me, the field states "preferred customer" instead of the owner's name.

If anyone would like a copy of the AIDS checklist, please let me know. I can email it to you or send a copy. The hard copy will be \$1 to cover the cost of printing and postage; email is free.

Finally, what would the journal be without a plea for articles. I have the aforementioned article that spans about 3 or 4 pages without graphics and a few smaller articles (most a column or less.) Any and all articles are greatly appreciated.

Hope everyone had a great holiday season! And, sorry for the delay.

From the President

'Tis the season! Or so they keep saying. Now I'm not really a bah-humbug kind of person, but all the exhortations to spend, spend, spend get very wearying after a while. Makes me want to find a cave to hide in! But, I did discover a way to give that made me feel good AND supports the hobby of philately at the same time.

I read of schoolteacher in Ohio that was asking for donations of stamps for her kids so they could learn history and geography in small groups using the stamps and their textbooks. Now, I am all in favor of giving stamps to kids (as we all should be to encourage and sustain the hobby), but to find a teacher using the stamps AND textbooks together as teaching tools sounds pretty darn good to me!

Face it, we live in the generation that reveres Nintendo and XBox. If we have any hope of nurturing a generation that enjoys learning and appreciates reading, we'll have to do something, even if it's little bit, such as sending stamps to teachers that ask for them. Look in *Linn's* classified ads for these teachers and send them some of your extras. Make a phone call to your local school and see if there are any teachers there who might want a guest lecturer on philately. Make a donation to the local library of your used books that are in good condition (and then, remember to patronize the library, too!).

Let's all make a New Year's resolution to do a little bit to further the hobby or our local community. Happy Holidays to everyone!

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Angela

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are now due.

How to Guide

Several members have sent letters or emails on how to mount stamps, how to buy stamps, etc. Here's an article from AskPhil.org, the non-commercial, all-reference site sponsored by the Collectors Club of Chicago. Be sure to check it out for more on stamp collecting. The following is reprinted with permission.

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After a recent trip to the bookstore, you bring home your very first stamp binder, a thick heavy book filled pictures of almost every United States stamp you can imagine. Now the only question is, "how do I put my stamps in my album?" Do you glue them? Lick them and stick them? Is there a way to paste them down so you can remove them later? And why are there four illustrations of the same stamp? Learn the answer to these questions and others with this *How to Guide*.

Difficulty: Average

Time Required: 15-20 Minutes

Here's How:

1. Make sure you have everything you need before you begin. What a disappointment it would be if you went to put your stamp in your album only to realize you didn't have a mount!
2. Use your tongs! Always carefully handle your stamps, especially mint stamps, to avoid tearing, creasing, or other damage to them.
3. Find the corresponding illustration to your stamp. Most stamp albums have illustrations which allow you to locate and identify the stamp you are attempting to place. BE CAREFUL because there may be more than one illustration of the same stamp! When in doubt, always check the text under the illustration to make sure you are placing your stamp in the right position.

4. If you are unsure...consult! If your stamp has more than one illustration, it may be a variety of the same stamp. Sometimes stamps have different perforations or watermarks, in which case you will need to use a perforation gauge or watermark detection fluid to find the proper place in your album. Consult your catalog if you are unsure which variety you have.

5. Mount your stamp. For used stamps, it is often customary to use stamp hinges. Hinges are small gummed pieces of glassine that are lightly moistened and adhered to both the back of the stamp and the album page. (See illustration) For mint stamps, it is better to use hingeless mounts. These are pockets or tubes with adhesive on the back. The stamp is placed inside the mount and the back of the mount is moistened, instead of the stamp. This keeps the gum of your stamp in tip-top shape.

6. Store your album in a cool dry place. Humidity and moisture are the worst culprits of stamp damage. Stamp gum can become tacky and stick to your album pages or mounts, making them nearly impossible to remove! It is a good idea to stay away from attics and basements, when looking for a place to put your albums.

7. Enjoy your collection! Stamp collecting can be a rewarding, as well as, educational experience that brings you joy for many years to come.

Tips:

1. If your stamp isn't pictured in your album, there may be a good reason. Often high value stamps or rare stamps are not pictured in beginning albums, because these stamps are so hard to come by. In worldwide stamp albums, you will often find your stamp without an illustration. Most worldwide albums depict only a small selection of stamps from each issuing country to help you identify which country your stamp came from and the approximate year of issue. It is virtually impossible to illustrate every stamp issued from the over 190 stamp producing countries of the world.
2. When using a mount remember: less is best! Don't apply too much moisture to the mount. The stamp mount could become soggy and unusable - or worse - your stamp make become soiled! If you are using a

hingeless mount, you never want to seal the mount completely. Stamps are made from paper, and if kept air-tight, may become brittle or decompose.

3. Don't get discouraged! If you can't seem to identify the stamp you are looking for or are having difficulty using your mount, don't give up. There are hundreds of stamp professionals who would be more than happy to help you with your questions.

What You Need:

- * Postage stamps.
 - * A album designed specifically for stamps.
 - * Catalog to identify your stamps.
 - * Stamp tongs to handle your stamps.
 - * Stamp hinges or mounts.
 - * Magnifying glass to read any small markings on your stamps.
 - * Perforation gauge to measure stamp perforations.
 - * Watermark detection fluid to test for watermarks.
- (Optional)

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

by Francis Ferguson

Elected in 1860 on a platform of moderation, Lincoln was to become the first Republican President of the United States. Campaigning during this time period, other than in major rail-connected cities, was mostly done by grassroots efforts controlled by state and county level committees. Lincoln swept the Electoral College with 180 votes, almost totally on the strength of the Northern States. While these results propelled Lincoln to the win the Presidency, it also further sharpened the division between the pro/con slavery states. Issues that would inevitably led directly to civil war.

The sixteenth president of the United States took office when the common mode of transportation in the rapidly developing country was a horse & carriage, with trains for long distances. The popula-



Left: Scott no. 1116
(1 of a set of 4 stamps issued for the Lincoln Sesquicentennial)
Right: Scott no 1143
(1 of a set of 6 stamps - American Credo)

tion was a little over thirty-one million, mostly clustered around the large urban coastal areas. Communications was by telegram and the ever present letter. A lot was to change for the developing nation in a very short number of years.

The truly odd and thought provoking case of Elmer Ellsworth began in Springfield in 1860 and continued into Lincoln's early Presidency. The friendship seems to have been unrequited in all regards, while having many of the subtle clues that seem to be found in Lincoln's other close male friendships. The difference here is that there is no evidence to support any contact of a physical nature. The adoration of Lincoln bestowed on this strikingly handsome man was more fatherly than anything else. Ellsworth was murdered on May 24, 1861. Ellsworth's violent and unexpected death sent Lincoln into a tail-spin in the early days of the Civil War; one from which Lincoln only slowly recovered.

Another person of interest to Lincoln appears to have been the Bucktail soldier named David V. Derickson. This friendship/relationship has more documented history to draw on that causes questions to be asked. This "5 foot 9 inch man with intense eyes, a strong nose and thick black hair" caught Lincoln's attention and apparent fancy around the time of the death of Ellsworth. One entry dated November 16, 1862, in a detailed diary of Virginia Woodbury Fox, the wife of Assistant Secretary of the Navy Gustavus V. Fox, says "Tish says, 'there is a Bucktail soldier here devoted to the President, drives with him, and when Mrs. L. is not home, sleeps with him.' What stuff!" The interpretation of that statement in this era may be different than when it was written in 1862 – or is it?

Lincoln's presidency began on March 4, 1861 – only to be rocked immediately by the first shots of civil war on April 12, 1861 at Fort Sumter, officially starting the American Civil War. Countless words have been written about the Civil War, explaining all the nuances in great detail. Lincoln's Presidency espoused the fundamental and basic belief of human rights. This belief is central to the cause of the Civil War. Lincoln could not under any circumstances escape this.

Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation defined basic human rights and denounced slavery in any form. A total of over three million slaves became free as the North slowly crushed the South, and regained control at the cost of great personal and national loss. Lincoln was determined to do the right thing, and did – regardless of the consequences.

Other legislation he signed that had tremendous impact on the Nation included the Homestead Act of 1862, The Morrill Land-Grant Colleges act of 1862, the Pacific Railways Acts of 1862 & 1864 and the National Banking Acts of 1863, 1864, & 1865. All of these monumental pieces of legislation would shape and mold the landscape of the growing and developing country, despite the turmoil of the ongoing Civil War.

The dark four years of the Civil War came to end on April 9, 1865 as General Lee surrendered at Appomattox Court House in Virginia. Little did Lincoln know that only five days later, while attending a play at Ford's Theater; John Wilkes Booth, in a act of revenge for Lincoln promoting the rights of blacks to vote, would assassinate him. On April 15, 1865 at 7:22 am, after laying in a coma for nine hours, Lincoln was officially pronounced dead at the now young age of 56 years old - thus ending the Presidency of Abraham Lincoln that was bracketed by the tragic effects of the Civil War. One has wonder what else this man could have accomplished had he lived to finish out his second term in office. That intriguing question will remain unanswered.

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 hamp-ton@cfl.rr.com.

Gay & Lesbian Update

BREAKING NEWS

Potter's Dumbledore is Gay. On October 19, 2007, at Carnegie Hall in New York City, J.K.Rowling, author of the popular Harry Potter series of books, made the startling announcement that Albus Dumbledore is gay. The beloved Dumbledore, master wizard and Headmaster of Hogwarts, was outed in response to an audience member who asked whether Dumbledore had ever fallen in love.

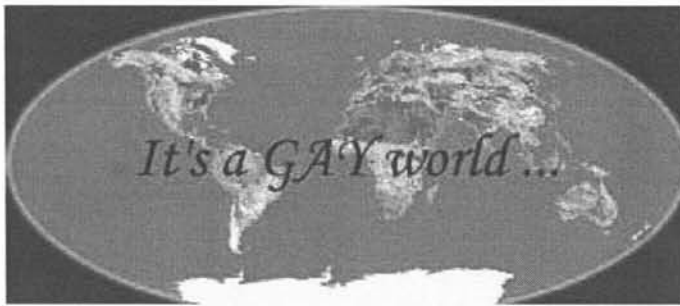
Rowling responded, "My truthful answer to you... I always thought Dumbledore was gay." She went on to say that Dumbledore had fallen in love with rival wizard Gelbert Grindelwald whom he later defeated in a battle between the forces of good and evil. He was "horribly, terribly let down," she added.

Her announcement was met with gasps and thunderous applause. Members of the Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps Club will be further delighted to learn that Albus Dumbledore appears on a souvenir stamp sheet issued on June 14, 2007 in Australia. The \$15.95 (Aus) is available online from the Australia Post Stamp Shop until June 13, 2008.

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The Netherlands have released an official postal stamp featuring internationally known adult film star Jeff Stryker. We would like to thank Jan Heller for submitting the Jeff Stryker image to the government of the Netherlands for their considerations to use as a world wide government approved postage stamp. [The Netherlands, along with many other countries, have issued personalized stamps. Several subjects that one would think would not pass the censors did make it through.





Belgium issued their Europa stamp on April 30, 2007. The Europa theme for 2007 was scouting. Lord Robert Baden-Powell was featured. Scott no. 2232.

Guyana issued a sheet of 3 stamps and a souvenir sheet for the scouting centennial on March 21, 2007. Baden-Powell is on one stamp (Scott no. 3975a) and the souvenir sheet (Scott no. 3976)

Hong Kong issued a set of 4 stamps and a souvenir sheet on March 1, 2007. Baden-Powell can be found on Scott no. 1255.

Monaco issued a pair of stamps for the scouting centennial on May 4, 2007. Baden-Powell can be found on Scott no. 2466b.

Montserrat issued a sheet of 6 stamps and a souvenir sheet on March 9, 2007, for the scouting centennial. Baden-Powell is on the souvenir sheet, Scott no. 1172.

AIDS Update

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HIV/AIDS: Prevention is better than cure

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