

# GLHSC REBORN!



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Gay & Lesbian History on Stamps Newsletter

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## Why now?

At WESTPEX 2018 I, Lisa Foster was asked to create a LGBT Philatelic Society. While conducting research I came across the website glhsoline.org and contacted the webmaster requesting information. I received a lot of historical background, support and guidance from Joe P. Joe sent out an email to former members and asked if there was a wider interest in the rebirth of the club—and there was....a lot!



*"That is great news!  
Anything to promote  
the hobby and  
demonstrate it's  
inclusiveness and  
diversity is great!"*

*-lan*



## Newsletter

I would like to have a Newsletter, Journal or other electronic publication at least Quarterly.

A name for the publication needs to be created. The prior organization's was the, "Lambda Philatelic Journal". Interested Parties have requested we choose a different name, which I agreed to for historical reasons and to honor those who blazed the trail before us.

We need to have a volunteer to be the Editor, volunteers to write columns such as new releases, volunteers to write articles on historical information about LGBT stamps and/or the individuals portrayed.



## Social Media

The GLHSC Facebook page has regular postings of stamps featuring LGBT people and historical events, thanks to postings by Joe and Judith. Check it out at [www.Facebook.com/GLHC](http://www.Facebook.com/GLHC) and “like” us while there.

160 followers!



Additional volunteers are needed on a 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.

## Speaking of Socials...

I would like to hold general meetings at the APS and ATA National Stamp Shows.

In addition, I would like to see social gatherings during StampShow, NTSS and at various WSP exhibitions. For example, a society lunch, dinner, field trip, etc.

Any Social Butterflies willing to plan events would be greatly appreciated.

## Board of Directors

There are many tasks that need to be completed to make the club viable, including identifying a purpose statement, clear objectives, revision of the prior GLHSC By-Laws, opening a bank account for the club treasury, and much more. As a result, a Board of Directors needs to be quickly assembled and elected.

According to the GLHSC By-Laws the Board of Directors shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor.

The first term will be for only one year in and re-elections will be held for a term length determined by the revised By-Laws. Anyone willing to be on the Board, please send me your name and position(s) of interest.

## Webmaster Needed

The Gay & Lesbian History on Stamps website ([glhsonline.org](http://glhsonline.org)) is available for the club to continue to use. Because of previous donations the domain is paid for through 12/31/18. The payment for the next two years will be due on 12/10/18.

Membership fees of \$10 per year will be sufficient to cover the cost.

The current webmaster Francis, has agreed to continue on as interim-webmaster to assist in the creation and establishment of the new organizational structure. He will be available during the transition to provide guidance, support and training as needed. But the offer is time limited.

Will YOU be the next Webmaster?

# Sally Ride



June 18, 2018 marked the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Space Shuttle Challenger’s launch in 1983. The crew included astronaut Sally Ride, America’s first woman in space and at age 32, the youngest American in space.

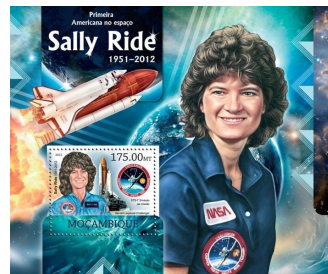
She was also the first lesbian to be made into a Lego Figure, included in the Challenger Space Shuttle, “Women of Nasa” set released November 1, 2017.

Sally co-authored six acclaimed science books geared towards kids and co-founded Sally Ride Science in 2001 with Tam O’Shaughnessy. The organizations mission is to encourage students to pursue STEM (Science, Technology, engineering and Math) education. It was re-launched at University of California, San Diego in 2015, where it continues to operate.

From an essay her sister Karen, aka Bear Ride wrote, “Most people did not know that Sally had a wonderfully loving relationship with Tam O’Shaughnessy for 27 years. Sally never hid her relationship with Tam. They were partners, business partners in Sally Ride Science, they wrote books together, and Sally’s very close friends, of course, knew of their love for each other. We consider Tam a member of our family.”

Because Sally Ride was a deeply private person, they did not publicly acknowledge their relationship until after her death from Pancreatic cancer in 2012, in her obituary with the inclusion of “In addition to Tam O’Shaughnessy, her partner of 27 years.”

She started collecting stamps at an early age of nine. Her main collecting interests, not surprisingly, were Space Exploration and Olympics. She herself was depicted on stamps including from Mali (1983), Guyana (1985 & 1989), Congo (2011 & 2018), Mozambique (2012), and Bulgaria (2013).



On May 23, 2018 the U.S. Postal Service issued a commemorative forever stamp honoring Sally Ride. The stamp was issued in La Jolla, California where she lived and worked. The unveiling was at the University of California, San Diego where she was a Physics professor. Tennis legend and lesbian Billie Jean King was present to help dedicate the stamp.

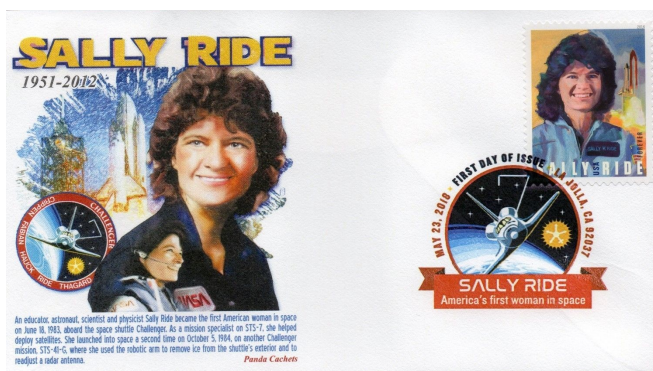


Photo APS, 2018



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## American Philatelic Society Affiliation

The GLHSC previously was APS Affiliate No. 205. The society has agreed to reinstate the affiliation without having to reapply, thereby waiving the two year waiting period. We still need have twenty-five dues paying members, ten of which belong to the APS.

There are no dues to be an affiliate. The American Philatelic Research Library is available for use by affiliate clubs. The APS helps to promote the club by handing out flyers/membership forms at the summer show and each new member of the APS is sent a list of affiliates upon joining.

## American Topical Association



The previous GLHSC was ATA Study Unit No. 458. The ATA Study Units Coordinator has been contacted to inquire as to what steps need to be taken to reinstate the study unit status.

Study units are eligible for a free meeting room during the National Topical Stamp Show (NTSS), free publicity in ATA listings, literature and press releases.

In return we agree to file an annual report with the ATA, listing its officers and including a list of the unit's membership.

## GLHSC Membership

Membership forms are included. Please fill them out and send them to Lisa Foster electronically to [fosteld@gmail.com](mailto:fosteld@gmail.com) or by mail to 1020 E Hemlock St, Kent WA 98030-6241.

The form request information regarding membership to other societies/clubs and interest in volunteering in one or more of the many volunteer opportunities the club has including board positions, committee chairs and members.

Membership fees at this time are \$10 a year to assist with maintenance fees including the website, photocopies of brochures, advertising, and other administrative expenses. The first year's payment will need to be by check or money order, payable to the club until a treasury is established.

*"The collecting of stamps brings untold millions of people of all nations into greater understandings of their world neighbors."*

*-Francis Cardinal Spellman, July 27, 1972*

## Magnus Hirschfeld; The “Einstein of Sex”



In July 2018 the German Federal Post Office issued a postage stamp in honor of Magnus Hirschfeld. A German physician who was actively involved in the scientific study of sexuality – in particular, homosexuality.

Initially Hirschfeld supported the concept that homosexuals constituted the “third sex”, but that theory evolved into a “born this way” fluid spectrum of sexuality

Considered a co-founder of the field of Sexology, he is best known for his subsequent theory of “sexual intermediaries”, which held that there were many types of naturally occurring sexual variations found across the human population, such as hermaphroditism, homosexuality, and transvestism. He is also credited with coining the term transvestite and published an important study on cross-dressing, *The Transvestites* (1910).

In 1899 he started the *Yearbook of Intermediate Sexual Types*, the first journal in the world to deal with sexual variants; it was regularly published until 1923.

As one of the founders (1913) of the *Medical Society for Sexual Science and Eugenics*, Hirschfeld published his study *Homosexuality in Men and Women* (1914), which was based on the expansive statistical surveys on homosexuality that he had conducted.

In 1919, he opened/founded the first sexology institute in the world, the *Institute for Sexual Science*, in Berlin. As a teaching and research institute, it provided birth control information and medical treatments, including sex change operations for men and women who wanted to change their gender. The Institute provided counseling and support groups for gays, transvestites and transsexuals based on a therapeutic protocol Hirschfeld developed for doctors to help gay patients accept their sexuality instead of reject it. In the evenings, sex education classes were offered and the Institute’s library was open to the public. Nazi demonstrators ransacked the Institute on May 6, 1933 and destroyed the Institute’s vast collection of books, documents, and sexual artifacts.

Hirschfeld was one of the first great pioneers of the gay liberation movement, and a prominent advocate of sexual minorities. He participated in the production of the first film to call for the decriminalization and acceptance of homosexuality, “*Anders als die Andern* (Different from the Others)” (1919). It depicts the plight of a gay man subjected to blackmail. The controversial film ignited much debate and was banned by German officials within a year.

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In 1897 He helped found the world's first gay rights organization, the Scientific Humanitarian Committee in Germany, which he chaired until 1929, to defend the rights of homosexuals and develop a scientific framework for sexual equality. Their main goal was to fight for the abolishment of Paragraph 175 of the German Imperial Penal Code, which punished sexual contact between men. Hirschfeld argued from a scientific point of view that male homosexuality was as normal as heterosexuality and should not be criminalized and repressed.

Guided by his motto "Through Science Toward Justice", Hirschfeld founded the World League for Sexual Reform (WLSR) in 1928, which had its roots in an early conference that he had organized in 1921, the First International Conference for Sexual Reform on a Scientific Basis. The WSLR called for reform of sex legislations, the right to contraception and sex education, and legal and social equality of the sexes.

Hirschfeld was also an early champion of women's rights, campaigning in the early 1900s for the decriminalization of abortion and the right of female teachers and civil servants to marry and have children. Hirschfeld's mission was a complete overhaul of Victorian era sexual and gender mores in Germany.

Being a Jew, a gay man, and a sexual liberation activist made Hirschfeld the target of right-wing supporters and he suffered serious injuries from an attack in 1920. Later, with the Nazis' growing power, he was regularly assaulted, his lectures were disrupted, and upon completion of his international speaking tour in 1932, he was unable to return to Germany, instead went to Switzerland and then in 1934 to France, where he died the next year.

In 1982, the Magnus Hirschfeld Society and Magnus Hirschfeld Federal Foundations were established in Berlin to honor and continue the German sexual reformer's work. As May 14 2018 marked the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hirschfeld's birth, Germany declared 2018-2019 "Hirschfeld Anniversary Year."



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From GLHSC FB posted 03/12/16



## GLHSC Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

APS Member: Y/N

ATA member: Y/N

I do **NOT** want my name released to APS or ATA as a member of GLHSC

Annual Membership Dues: \$10

Amount Enclosed: \$10 fee + donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to GLHSC and mail to:

Lisa Foster  
1020 E. Hemlock St.  
Kent WA 98030

Volunteer Opportunities: Check those which you are interested

**Board Positions:**

\_\_\_\_ President  
\_\_\_\_ Vice President  
\_\_\_\_ Treasurer  
\_\_\_\_ Newsletter Editor  
\_\_\_\_ Secretary

**Committees:**

\_\_\_\_ Social Media  
\_\_\_\_ Social Events Coordinator  
\_\_\_\_ Columnist  
\_\_\_\_ Webmaster  
\_\_\_\_ Advertising