

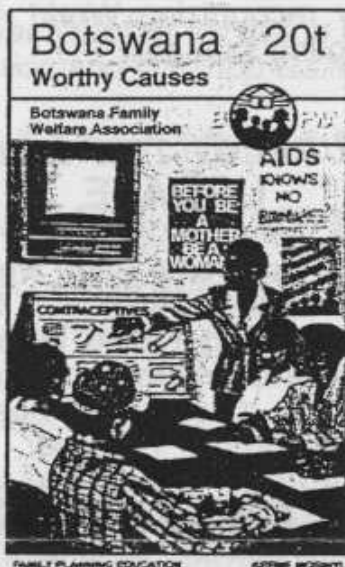
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NEWSLETTER

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Taking A Closer Look



BOTSWANA'S Worthy Causes Series

Makes distinct reference to AIDS on the 20t value of a set of six stamps issued October 23, 1996. "AIDS Knows No Boundaries" poster is prominently placed as part of the family planning education program of the Botswana Family Welfare Association.

THE **A.I.D.S. ON STAMPS Project** is an independent, non-profit, AIDS awareness initiative to "create awareness, education, and support, through a universal medium: - the postage stamp."

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TO OUR REGULAR READERS

Changes on the way for the new year at the AIDS ON STAMPS Project hold some exciting plans for all our readers. The big news is our preparation for a home page on the net. Don't panic, those without access to the net will still be able to subscribe to our newsletter as in the past through regular postal service. Please check out "SURFING THE NET: UPDATE" opposite for details.

POINT TO PONDER

Determination today leads to success tomorrow.

Please accept our apologies for the delay in getting this fourth issue of 1996 out so late! The first issue of 1997 quarterly will be out end of March and back on schedule for rest of year.

PROJECT '96 RESULTS

We'd like to thank everyone who participated in our first *annual* mail bid auction which closed November 30, 1996. A total of 34 of the 53 lots were awarded and we hope that the lucky bidders managed to acquire some materials you needed to enhance your collection. A very special thanks to those of you who donated some items for this event. also.

Hopefully next years' (November 1997) auction will be able to offer even more materials than this past year. We will keep you updated as things progress in this area.

CUBA CANCEL REPORTED



TRANSLATION: "WORLDWIDE DAY OF THE FIGHT AGAINST AIDS"
"SAFE SEX"

This World AIDS Day 1995 cancel from Cuba uses a smiling condom character to help get an AIDS awareness message across by recognizing World AIDS Day and promoting safe sex.

SURFING THE NET: UPDATE

Although our home page website has been "up" since December 01, 1996 some technical upgrading by our server and lots of preparation for uploading our materials has delayed full operation of the site temporarily. However, when we complete a major upload and upgrading we will be able to offer not just the permanent exhibit for all to see, but, also other exciting features and galleries for collector and non-collector alike. With the next issue (March) of the newsletter we will be including a brochure which explains in more detail just what you can expect to find on the website, gallery by gallery!

In view of these changes and expansion to the Internet we are making some changes to our subscription policy so as we can expand our coverage and accessibility. For the 1997 calendar year there will be 2 basic types of membership:

A) Newsletter Subscription only - four issues of the Newsletter is mailed to you. [1997 schedule is March, June, September, and December.]

and

B) FULL membership which gives you FULL Benefits including:

- i) 4 Issues of Newsletter mailed to you;
- ii) 10% Discount on most items in our Internet Giftshop Gallery ;
- iii) 20% Discount on renewal of your FULL membership;
- iv) 12 Free Listings in our Internet Buy/Sell/Trade Gallery;
- v) Personal Number for use in our mail bid auction and Giftshop Gallery.

AOS CANADA STAMP FACTS

Canada Post Quantity Issued 15,000,000
 Artist Signed & Framed FDC & Pane.....100
 AOS Signed FDC (Lobbyist)..... 100
 AOS Certificate of Recognition..... 35

Second AIDS Related Issue To Be Released In December 1997 By Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus



On December 13, 1991 the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus issued a single stamp (illustrated here) as part of its campaign against AIDS.

BRAZIL TO RELEASE AIDS RELATED STAMP ON APRIL 04, 1997

We have just been informed that a single stamp for the Campaign Against AIDS will be issued from Brazil on April 04, 1997. We do not have any further details at this time but as we obtain more we will keep you informed.

1997 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOW DUE

CHECK OUT OUR NEW OPTIONS:

<===== TYPE 'A' = (\$10.00CDN)

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION ONLY

OR

<===== TYPE 'B' = (\$12.00CDN)

FULL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

TARGET 2000 KICKS OFF PHASE II OF PROJECT

Now that our successful lobbying efforts for a Canadian AIDS stamp are behind us and we are enjoying some of the spin-offs from them we are frequently asked....what's next? Well, "what's next" has already been put into motion and we refer to it as PHASE II of the Project!

In the beginning of October we started Phase II by sending out the first of a series of "letters of proposal" to various Postal Administrations worldwide that have yet to acknowledge the subject of AIDS in their stamp programs. Over the next few months we will be batching to several countries so that eventually we will have contacted at least 60 more countries.

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Our long term goal (by World AIDS Day, December 01, 2000) is to have been influential in convincing another 60 countries to recognize AIDS. This would double the number of countries who have done so by that time. We realize the next four years will go by quickly. However we will keep our readers updated on the progress of this Phase II of the Project.

QUARTERLY QUOTE

"The shortest distance between two people is a smile."

.....Victor Borge

A STAMP IS BORN[©]

Editor's note: Following is the final of a four part mini-series which relays the personal story of the efforts of an individual lobbying successfully for an AIDS awareness stamp. From day one over four years ago, through the ins and outs and the ups and downs, to the day of the dream come true, we will share this journey. **Reproduction of this series, in whole or in part by any means is strictly forbidden without previous written authorization from the AIDS ON STAMPS Project[©]**

Episode Four: BRINGING IT HOME

After all is said and done there is always room for reflection. Yet, not actually knowing too many people personally who had gone through a similiar experience it was sometimes a peculiar situation to find oneself in! However, the passion and determination to see the project through to success was ever present and attributed to the end result.

Because of the local media exposure and coverage also tied in with the XIth International Conference on AIDS taking place within a couple of months of the release date of the actual stamp, added publicity was obvious.

If I had it to do over again I certainly would. However, in retrospect, some things I would do differently and yet other things I would not change for the world! Much was learned along the way and I'm sure others learned much also, from becoming involved in some way with the whole project.

One of the greatest rewards, apart from actually seeing a dream materialize, was making contact with so many interesting and wonderful people and keeping in touch with them today! Contacts with people from all over the world have been glued together because of this one single postage stamp!

The project even became a catalyst for some interesting "spinoff" effects too. At the actual AIDS Conference, the 'Tile Project' was a direct response to a presentation of the AIDS On Stamps Project and included participants from as many represented countries as possible to design a ceramic tile depicting AIDS to be spread out at the foot of the steps at the Vancouver Art Gallery during the Conference.

Perhaps one of the most unique and fulfilling projects as a spin off of the AIDS On Stamps Project was that of one conducted by a local arts instructor with her grade 8 class. She had them come up with their own individual design for an AIDS stamp. Some of the interpretations at this level were most intriguing and revealing indeed. We have retained these designs and have included some of them in our AIDS Awareness Week exhibit in the past.

And, perhaps one of the more unique things about the entire project is that it is truly a "local", Vancouver effort as, (which we have pointed out before), all three key players in the bringing about of the actual stamp reside in Vancouver: Gus Tsetsekas, the designer; Joe Average, the artist; and, Blair Henshaw, the lobbyist.

Perhaps one of the most inspiring compliments I have received since I started this project back in 1992 (and which I also consider a compliment to the world of philately), came from the Minister Responsible for Canada Post during the time period of my lobbying and presently the Federal Minister for Health, David C. Dingwall, when he wrote to me:
".....The concept of a Canadian AIDS awareness stamp has been realized largely through your efforts and commitment. For this reason, I believe that you would be in an excellent position to promote and encourage the use of philately as a national educational vehicle for other diseases.

Based on your experience with this project, your advice on how to undertake such a project and make it a success would be very beneficial to national organizations and associations."

The Canadian AIDS stamp has now been brought home and made part of history forever!

AIDS ON STAMPS©		JAN-1997	CHECKLIST
SCOTT #	COUNTRY	ISSUE DATE	DESCRIPTION
1025	ALGERIA	01DEC94	Fight AIDS Worldwide
438-37	ANDORRA (FR.)	07MAY94	'Europa' Discovery series: AIDS virus
228-29	ANDORRA (SP.)	06MAY94	'Europa' Discovery series: AIDS virus
899-901	ANGOLA	25MAY94	Fight Against AIDS
1786-87	ARGENTINA	12DEC92	Smiling condom/Protective home
847-48	BAHAMAS	01DEC95	Research and Education
81125	BELGIUM	06NOV95	Fight Against AIDS: Semi-postal stamp
761-83 OP	BHUTAN	01DEC88	World AIDS Day
890	BOLIVIA	13OCT93	90th Anniversary PanAm Health Organ.
T.B.A.	BOLIVIA	XXOCT95	100th Anniversary Louis Pasteur
T.B.A.	BOTSWANA	13OCT96	Health Matters Series: AIDS
2242	BRAZIL	06APR90	Fight AIDS Worldwide
T.B.A.	BRAZIL	04APR97	Campaign Against AIDS
420-22	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	01DEC90	Fight Against AIDS
889	BURKINA FASO	07APR89	World Fight Against AIDS
310	BURMA (Myanmar)	01DEC92	World AIDS Day
859-80	CAMEROUN	15JAN91	Fight Against AIDS
884-85	CAMEROUN	00XX93	Fight Against AIDS
1603	CANADA	08MAY96	One World, One Hope Xlth Inter. Conf.
592-93	CAPE VERDE	20FEB91	Fight Against AIDS
982-84	CNTRL AFRIC. REP.	24JAN91	Fight Against AIDS
816-18	CONGO PEOP. REP.	01DEC88	Nat. Committee Fight Against AIDS
886	CYPRUS	26JUN95	Health Matters series: AIDS
T.B.A.	DENMARK	10OCT96	Fight Against AIDS: Semi-Postal
1234-37 OP	ETHIOPIA	01DEC88	World AIDS Day (overprint on Simien fox)
1307-09	ETHIOPIA	31JAN91	World AIDS Day
2419	FRANCE	30APR94	'Europa' Discovery series: AIDS virus
2419T*	FRANCE	01DEC94	World AIDS Day with red ribbon "tab"
T.B.A.	GABON	XXMAY96	National Program to fight AIDS & other STDs.
1733	GREECE	22MAY92	World AIDS Day
261	GREENLAND	09SEP93	AIDS Awareness
C845	GUATEMALA	01DEC92	Worldwide Fight Against AIDS: World AIDS Day
895	GUINEA BISSAU	08NOV90	AIDS/40th Anniversary UN
1984a-e OP	GUYANA	01DEC88	Be compassionate towards AIDS victims/overprint
1985a-e OP	GUYANA	01DEC88	Get information on AIDS, it may save your life/overprint
1988-88 OP	GUYANA	01DEC88	Get the facts... Say no to... Protect your partner...
1782	ITALY	13JAN89	Campaign against AIDS
2401	JAPAN	05AUG94	Together For The Future: 10th Inter. Conf. on AIDS
1459-80	JORDAN	01DEC93	World AIDS Day
1461	JORDAN	01DEC93	World AIDS Day
559-82	KENYA	31OCT91	Fight Against AIDS: 4 slogans
R56-80	MACEDONIA	01DEC94	Campaign Against AIDS
T.B.A.	MACEDONIA	01DEC95	AIDS & Red Cross: 01 - 07 December 1995
1059	MADAGASCAR	29JUL92	Fight Against AIDS
1307-08	MALDIVE ISLANDS	01DEC88	International Fight Against AIDS
700-01	MALI	30JUN94	World Fight Against AIDS
1609	MEXICO	07APR89	World Day Fight Against AIDS
1927	MONACO	17OCT94	Red Cross/Fight Against AIDS
730	MOROCCO	16DEC91	Fight Against AIDS/Transmission
521	NEPAL	01DEC93	World AIDS Day: Time To Act
794-95	NIGER	28FEB89	World Fight Against AIDS
2508-09	PARAGUAY	04MAY95	Paraguay Fight Against AIDS: Education is Main Prev.
1084	PERU	01DEC93	Prevention Of AIDS
2340	PHILIPPINES	12DEC94	AIDS Awareness: Lets DOH It. Red Ribbon
6183	RUSSIA	25NOV93	Stop AIDS/Prevention of AIDS
1162-65	SAN MARINO	19SEP88	Education: International AIDS Congress
870-73	SENEGAL	01DEC89	Fight AIDS Worldwide
988-89	SRI LANKA	30NOV90	World AIDS Day
949	SWITZERLAND	15OCT94	Stop AIDS Stop SIDA
1233	SYRIA	24DEC90	World AIDS Day
T.B.A.	SYRIA	21OCT96	World AIDS Day
1340	THAILAND	29MAR90	WHO/Worldwide Fight Against AIDS
313	TURK. REP. N. CYPRUS	13DEC91	Worldwide Campaign Against AIDS
T.B.A.	TURK. REP. N. CYPRUS	XXDEC97	World AIDS Day???
622-25	UGANDA	28OCT88	World AIDS Day
184-85	UN-GENEVA	16MAR90	Fight AIDS Worldwide
573-74	UN-NEW YORK	16MAR90	Fight AIDS Worldwide
99-100	UN-VIENNA	16MAR90	Fight AIDS Worldwide
2806	UNITED STATES	01DEC93	AIDS Awareness/ Red Ribbon
2806a	UNITED STATES	01DEC93	AIDS Awareness Red Ribbon BOOKLET
1361-62	URUGUAY	08MAR91	Prevention of AIDS
1408-09	URUGUAY	02DEC91	World AIDS Day
1518	URUGUAY	01DEC93	AIDS Awareness/ World AIDS Day: Red Ribbon
547-50	VANUATU	29NOV91	Fight Against AIDS: Educational Messages(4)
1911	YUGOSLAVIA	24SEP88	Prevent Cancer/Stop AIDS
1249-51	ZAIRE	01DEC89	World Fight Against AIDS
1252	ZAIRE	01DEC89	World Fight Against AIDS
1252 OP	ZAIRE	08JUN92	2nd AIDS Conf. at Addis-Abeba/June 08-15 Cvrpt

The enclosed Year Of The Ox postcard with our compliments!

Cover Story



ARTHUR ASHE
1943-1993

The R.C. Graebner Chapter #17 of the AFDCS made available this combination Canadian AIDS stamp/cancel tied in with Arthur Ashe

