

THE **A.I.D.S. ON STAMPS Project**

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News Letter

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THAILAND'S AIDS STAMP BOOKLET

Somewhat different from the type of booklet we are used to this Thailand AIDS stamp issue of 19 March 1990 is seen here as a strip of 5 stamps attached to the unfolded cardboard information backing. We show the booklet with the official date of issue cancel on its front, and the mint strip on the inside. The booklets are always flat, never folded. (Scott #1340). See "Cover Story" for the first day of issue illustration.

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TO INTERNET USERS

Although our website is developing day by day, we have encountered a few delays during this process. However, things are happening and it won't be too much longer before we will be accessible. Many little "surprises" somehow pop up during the process and we have to reconsider ways of doing certain things.

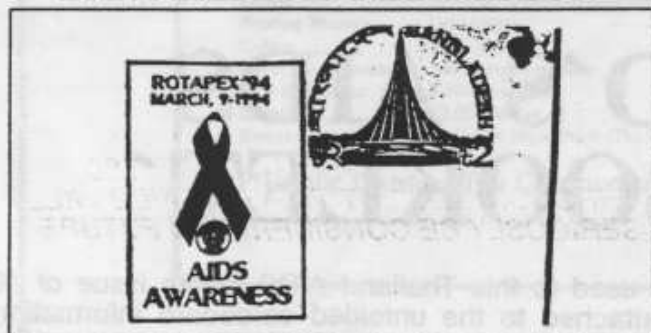
However, we had mentioned in our last issue we would be including a brochure to explain in more detail just what you can expect to find on the website, gallery by gallery. Unfortunately, delays have not made it possible to complete the brochure yet as some of the galleries are not quite ready yet.

Therefore, on **page 5 of this issue** we are presenting an overview of the website so that you will have some idea of what to expect when we do come fully on line. So, check it out and we will keep you posted as to our progress..

POINT TO PONDER

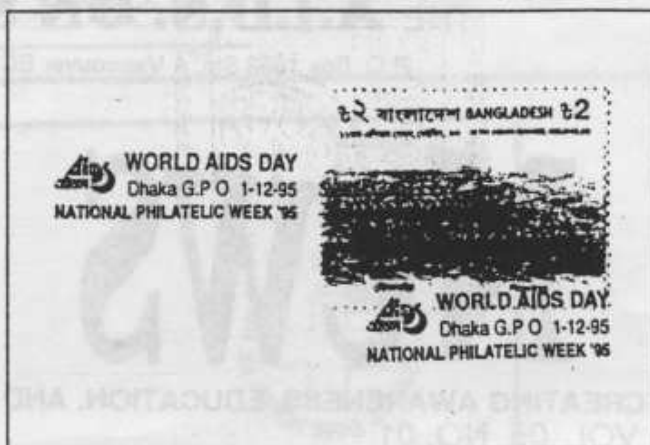
*Today is the tomorrow
we worried about yesterday.*

BANGLADESH RED RIBBON

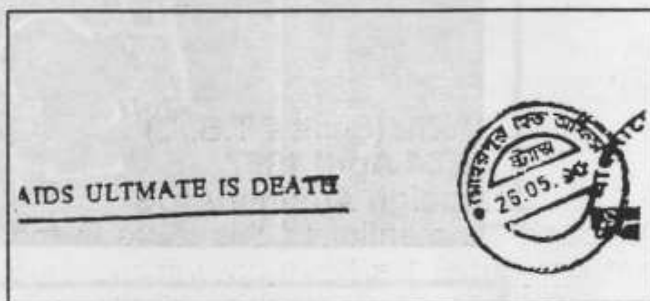


This **AIDS AWARENESS** red ribbon cancel was used at Rotapex '94, March 9 - 1994.

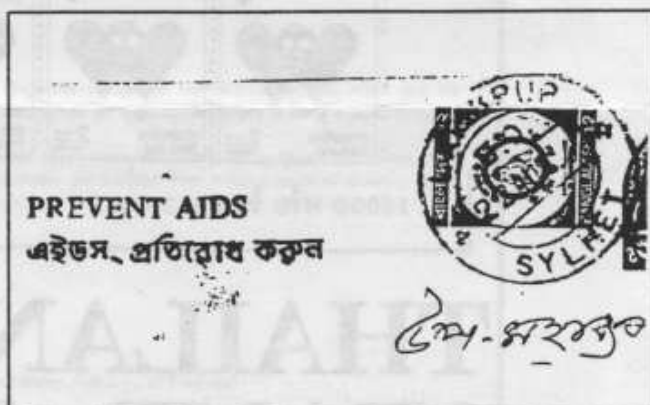
BANGLADESH CANCELS



In conjunction with National Philatelic Week 1995 in Bangladesh this **World AIDS Day** cancel has been used. This was taken from a photocopy supplied to us.



This **AIDS ULTIMATE IS DEATH** slogan comes on a piece cancelled 26.05.90. Again, this is taken from a photocopy



A third item, **PREVENT AIDS** is reported by this photocopy; cancel date 22 AUG XX unclear.

NOTE: If any readers have or obtain further information or have any spares, we would appreciate hearing from you.

ISSUES UPDATE A TO Z



SYRIA (Scott #1373)

23 October 1996

World AIDS Day 1996

This is the second AIDS stamp to be issued from SYRIA. The first was issued (Scott # 1233) on December 24, 1990 to commemorate World AIDS Day 1990.

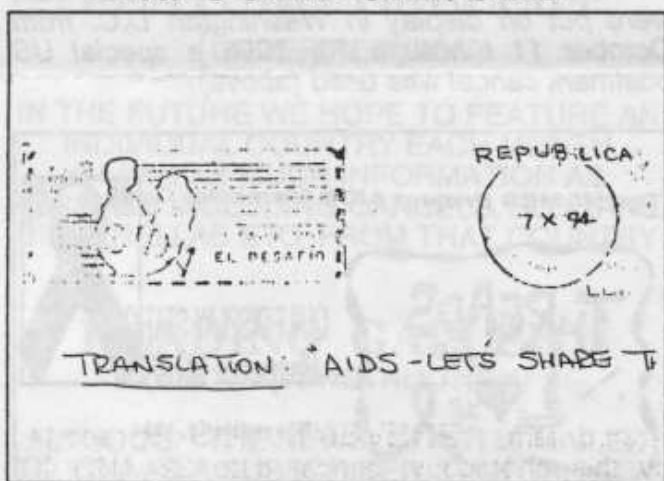
BRAZIL (Scott # T.B.A.)

04 April 1997

Campaign Against AIDS

Although we mentioned this issue in the last newsletter we have not yet received any copy or information about this particular issue. Once we do we will pass it along to you.

2nd CUBA CANCEL



This cancel (in red) translates: "AIDS - Let's Share The Challenge" is dated 7 X '94. Photocopy not very clear.

AIPEX 2000 UPDATE

As we mentioned previously, we have undertaken to expand our lobbying efforts to countries worldwide that have not yet acknowledged AIDS on their postage stamps. In a series of "phases" we contact and re-contact countries from our 'master list' with a goal of convincing or influencing new issues to be adopted before December 01, 2000 (World AIDS Day).

Following is a listing of the countries we have already heard from after our initial contact in October of 1996. We will continue to keep in touch with them over the next few years as we add other countries to our list. (This information is also available on our website in the form of a reference chart).

+ AUSTRALIA +

*CURRENT PROGRAM COMMITTED TO
END OF 1998 BUT TOPIC IS ON A LIST FOR
FUTURE CONSIDERATION*

+ GREAT BRITAIN +

*CURRENT PROGRAM FULL BUT
TOPIC HAS BEEN ADDED TO LIST FOR
FUTURE CONSIDERATION*

+ SPAIN +

*CURRENT PROGRAM FULL BUT TOPIC
WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE FUTURE*

+ SWEDEN +

*SWEDEN DOES NOT ISSUE STAMPS WITH
MESSAGES OR CAMPAIGNS OF ANY KIND*

+ ZIMBABWE +

*CURRENT PROGRAM COMMITTED
THROUGH 1999 BUT TOPIC OF AIDS WILL
SERIOUSLY BE CONSIDERED IN FUTURE*

**WATCH FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN
FUTURE ISSUES OF THIS NEWSLETTER**

PEOPLES CHOICE



DANMARK 375
AIDS-FONDET+50

POST DENMARK, STAMPS & PHILATELY JOURNAL 3/97 reports that "in third place, with 2,319 votes, was the charity stamp for the AIDS Foundation." (Scott # B81) This was based on a total of 28,678 votes placed overall in the annual opinion poll of Danish stamp issues for 1996.



THE UNITED STATES AIDS Awareness stamp issue of 1993 (Scott #2806) also claimed an award back in 1994. It won the 24th International Asiago Prize of Philatelic Art. This award was given to what a jury found to be the best stamp of the year from around the world.

CANADIAN STAMP NEWS readers were given the opportunity to play jury to Canadian issues of 1996 which include the Canadian AIDS Awareness stamp. Although the results of this poll are not yet in we are awaiting the results and will make sure our readers know how we fared in our next issue.

QUARTERLY QUOTE

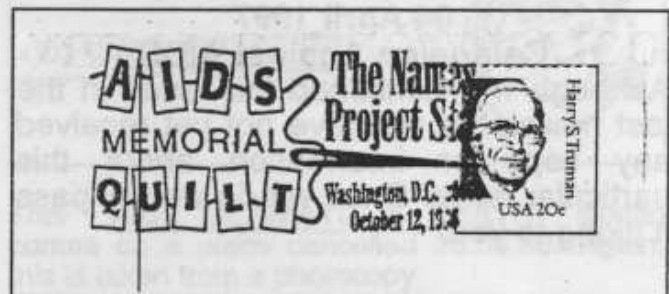
Give a hungry man a fish and he'll be fed. Teach a hungry man how to fish and he'll feed a family.

ORIGIN OF AIDS QUILT

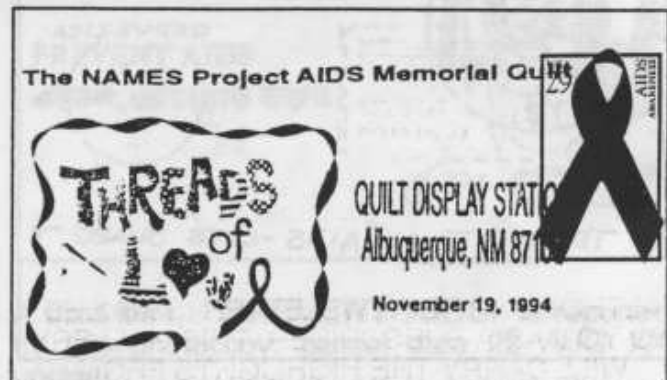
Although we may not have had the experience of viewing the AIDS Memorial Quilt or panels from it, I'm sure we are all familiar with it. But do we know just how it came about.

I've personally been involved in the actual making of a panel and also had the opportunity to view the Quilt when it was here on display at the XIth International Conference in 1996. Believe me, it is a very emotional and draining experience; especially when you actually knew so many of the people whose panels you see.

Each panel is a specific size (3 feet by 6 feet) which is by no coincidence, for that is the standard size of a grave. When the gentleman who made the first panel as a tribute to remember his friend decided in this way, he had no idea just how large a project this would turn into. Today panels are made and dedicated all over the world through The NAMES PROJECT which is the organization responsible for maintaining the Quilt Displays.



When the panels from the American Quilt were put on display in Washington D.C. from October 11 through 13, 1996 a special US postmark cancel was used (above).



A special cancel was also used when the Quilt was on public display in November of 1994 at Albuquerque, NM.

SURFING THE NET: UPDATE #2

Our website is being set up as a set of 9 miniature "galleries". Each gallery houses a different aspect of the entire AIDS ON STAMPS Project. As we stated earlier, some of these galleries are still "under construction" as they say in computer lingo. However, we present here a brief overview of each of the galleries and what you will eventually be able to find in each.

EXHIBIT GALLERY (COMPLETED)

HERE YOU ARE ABLE TO VIEW THE ENTIRE AWARD WINNING EXHIBIT ENTITLED:
"AIDS: From Diagnosis To Death"

MAKE SURE YOU SIGN OUR GUESTBOOK.

COLLECTOR S GALLERY (COMPLETED)

HERE YOU HAVE ACCESS TO OUR COMPLETE CHECKLIST OF ALL THE AIDS STAMPS OF THE WORLD ISSUES SO FAR WITH A GRAPHIC IMAGE OF EVERY STAMP

FEATURE GALLERY (UNDER REVISION)

IN THE FUTURE WE HOPE TO FEATURE AN INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY EACH MONTH GIVING AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE INCLUDING CANCELS, SLOGANS, CINDERELLAS ETC. FROM THAT COUNTRY

READING GALLERY (UNDER CONSTRUCTION)

ALTHOUGH THE NEWSLETTER IS MAILED TO YOU AS A SUBSCRIBER, THIS GALLERY WILL CARRY THE HIGHLIGHTS FROM CURRENT AND BACK ISSUES AS REFERENCE

GIFTSHOP GALLERY (UNDER CONSTRUCTION)

THIS GALLERY WILL EVENTUALLY OFFER ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE COLLECTOR AND SHOPPER ALIKE. SOME ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONGOING WHILE OTHER ITEMS (STAMPS, COVERS ETC.) WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR LIMITED TIME OR AS SUPPLIES LAST.
YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ORDER DIRECTLY OVER THE INTERNET.

POSTCARD GALLERY (UNDER CONSTRUCTION)

THIS GALLERY WILL EVENTUALLY HOUSE CANADIAN POSTCARDS RELATED TO HIV/AIDS WE HAVE ASSEMBLED OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS.

AIPEX '2000 GALLERY (COMPLETED)

YOU CAN KEEP ABREAST OF OUR LOBBYING EFFORTS AS WE CONTINUE ON A GLOBAL SCALE TO PERSUADE OTHER COUNTRIES TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIV/AIDS ON THEIR POSTAGE STAMPS. THIS SITE WILL BE UPDATED ON A REGULAR BASIS.

UPDATE GALLERY (UNDER CONSTRUCTION)

CHECK THIS SITE OFTEN TO LEARN OF UPCOMING EVENTS WE LEARN OF OF PLAN DOWN THE ROAD.

GALLERY CURATOR (COMPLETED)

LEARN A BIT ABOUT THE PERSON BEHIND THE ENTIRE AIDS ON STAMPS PROJECT AND HOW THE SUCCESS AND DETERMINATION CONTINUE TO ENHANCE THE PROJECT.

YOU may currently preview the site at:
www.siwash.bc.ca/aos

Cover Story



ภาพที่ ๒๕๑๑ RED CROSS 1990



408. Red Cross 1990 Commemorative Postage Stamp

- Date of Issue** : 29 March, 1990
Purpose : To Commemorate Red Cross Fair 1990
Denomination : 2.00 Baht
Quantity : 2,000,000 pieces
Size : 21 x 26 mm. (Vertical)
Design : Features the logo of World Health Organization used in campaigning against AIDS and the motto "AIDS, A worldwide effort will stop it"; so as to persuade people to have a joint campaign against AIDS.

AIDS derives from a kind of virus which when enters into the body will deteriorate one's immunity in such a way that one will easily get infected from various types of diseases which might have strong effect to the body and may lead to death prior to the normal life cycle.

- Designer** : Mr Somsak Sothonbun
Printer : CARTOR S.A., France
Printing Process : Lithography
Colour : Multi-colour
Sheet Composition : 100 stamps per sheet
First Day Cover : 5,00 Baht
Quantity : 12,000 covers
Designer : Mr Udorn Niyomthum (The Communications Authority of Thailand)

Philatelic Division, The Communications Authority of Thailand, Bangkok 10002

Thailand's First Day Cover includes a "fact card" inside each cover giving information pertaining to the stamp issue.