

ANCIENT HISTORY

- “Czech archaeologists have discovered what they are calling a “third gender grave” — a unique late Stone Age grave of a transsexual or gay man — dating from between 2500-2800 BC and the era of the so-called Corded Ware culture in the Czech Republic.”
- The skeleton’s remains belonged to a society that never made errors in their burials. The details of this burial were intentional.
- There is proof that transgender people have existed since at least the middle ages, recapped through the lives of Mary/Marinos, Emperor Elagabalus, and Mary of Egypt.
- “Modern analysis of a 1,000-year-old grave in Finland challenges long-held beliefs about gender roles in ancient societies, and may suggest non-binary people were not only accepted but respected members of their communities, researchers have said.”

RESOURCES

<https://archaeologynewsnetwork.blogspot.com/2011/04/grave-of-stone-age-transsexual.html>

https://www.getty.edu/art/exhibitions/outcasts/downloads/betancourt_transgender_lives.pdf

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/aug/09/1000-year-old-remains-in-finland-may-be-non-binary-viking-researchers-say>

<https://www.them.us/story/queer-history-beyond-stonewall>

AIDS History:

<https://www.hiv.gov/hiv-basics/overview/history/hiv-and-aids-timeline>



KNOW YOUR HISTORY

QUEER YOUTH ASSEMBLE

1920

The Society for Human Rights: the first gay rights org in America, created a newsletter called "Freedom and Friendship," the creator of this organization, Henry Gerber, was arrested and lost job/life savings due to his activism, but continued under a penname until his death

1950

Daughters of Bilitis: among first lesbian organizations in the US, created a meeting place for lesbians and provided public education forums and support for lesbians, along with fighting for the political rights of lesbians

1970

Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence: an order of queer nuns started by gay men donning the attire of nuns, it continues today by raising awareness of discrimination, education on safe sex and safer drug use, and raising money for AIDS action

1950

Mattachine Society: nationwide queer organization, at times had radical ideas such as the necessity of community for overcoming oppression and the importance of overturning anti-gay legislation, but the group succumbed to assimilationist tactics in an attempt to be accepted by heteronormative society, resulting in it dissolving in the late 60s

1960

Compton's Cafeteria Riot: riot sparked by police grabbing a drag queen who retaliated, which resulted in the diner banning trans women and subsequent picketing from the queer community outside. Despite lack of media coverage it is recognized as among the first uprisings against police brutality that specifically targeted drag queens, trans women, and sex workers

1970

Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries: organized by Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera, organized homeless trans youth, drag queens, sex workers, immigrants, low income people, and provided shelter, clothing, and support for these populations

