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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Cosmonaut Space Cards
Date:	1960s
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0679
Extent:	0.05 Cubic feet (1 folder)
Language:	Russian , English .
Summary:	<p>This collection consists of blank, unsend postcards featuring images of Soviet cosmonauts Valentina Vladimirovna Tereshkova, Valeri Fyodovich Bykovsky, Andriyan Grigoryevich Nikolayev and Pavel Romanovich Popovich.</p> <p>All text on the cards is in Russian, some text on the envelopes holding the cards is in English.</p>
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Administrative Information

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Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Valentina Vladimirovna Tereshkova is a former cosmonaut and spokesperson for the Soviet Union who became the first woman to fly in space when she launched aboard Vostok 6 on June 16, 1963. On November 3, 1963, Tereshkova married fellow cosmonaut Andriyan Grigoryevich Nikolayev, who flew on Vostok 3 and

Soyuz 9. Cosmonaut Pavel Romanovich Popovich flew on Vostok 4 and Soyuz 14 before later becoming Deputy Chief for Scientific Testing and Research at the Yuri Gagarin Russian State Science Research Cosmonauts Training Center, and cosmonaut Valeri Fyodovich Bykovsky flew on Vostok 5, Soyuz 22, and Soyuz 31.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of blank, unsent postcards featuring images of Soviet cosmonauts. Printing on the cards is in Russian and each postcard is contained in a window envelope that reads "25c" and "Space Cards" in English. Cosmonauts featured are Valentina Vladimirovna Tereshkova, Valeri Fyodovich Bykovsky, Andriyan Grigoryevich Nikolayev and Pavel Romanovich Popovich.

Arrangement

Collection is in original order.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Astronautics
Astronauts

Types of Materials:

Postcards

Names:

Nikolaeva-Tereshkova, Valentina Vladimirovna, 1937-
Popovich, Pavel, 1930-2009

Container Listing

NASM-9A01688: [Popovich, Pavel Romanovich](#); [Astronauts](#), [Cosmonauts](#)
Notes: Informal bust portrait of Soviet cosmonaut Pavel Romanovich Popovich, in uniform, wearing hat; circa 1962.

NASM-9A01689: [Bykovsky, Valeri Fyodovich](#); [Astronauts](#), [Cosmonauts](#)
Notes: Formal bust portrait of Soviet cosmonaut Valeri Fyodovich Bykovsky, in uniform, wearing hat; circa 1963.

NASM-9A01690: [Bykovsky, Valeri Fyodovich](#); [Astronauts](#), [Cosmonauts](#)
Notes: Formal bust portrait of Soviet cosmonaut Valeri Fyodovich Bykovsky, in uniform, hatless, superimposed upon composite illustration showing rocket in flight labeled "Vostok 5" with Kremlin clock tower at right background; circa 1962-1963.

NASM-9A01691: [Russia](#), [Space Program](#)
Notes: Illustration by unknown artist of a group of six Soviet spacecraft (rockets) traveling upwards to cross the face of the Moon; Russian poem at bottom roughly translated reads, "I believe, friends, the caravans of rockets [will carry] us forward from star to star. Our tracks will remain on the dusty paths of distant planets." Circa 1962-1963.

NASM-9A01692: [Nikolayev, Andriyan Grigoryevich](#); [Astronauts](#), [Cosmonauts](#)
[Image\(s\)](#): [Nikolayev, Andriyan Grigor'yevich](#); [Astronauts](#), [Cosmonauts](#)
Notes: Informal bust portrait of Soviet cosmonaut Andriyan Grigoryevich Nikolayev, in uniform, hatless; circa 1962.

NASM-9A01693: [Tereshkova, Valentina Vladimirovna](#); [Astronauts](#), [Cosmonauts](#)
Notes: Formal bust portrait of Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova, the first woman in space; circa 1963. Russian text at bottom translates to "Citizen of the Soviet Socialist Union, the world's first woman pilot-cosmonaut of the USSR, Hero of the Soviet Union, Valentina Vladimirovna Tereshkova."