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Educator Puts a Stamp on Black History

A joint Capital District and Capital Metro Area African-American History Month celebration was held recently at the Curseen-Morris P&DC. The event featured a presentation from Dr. Mary A. Love, an adjunct professor of Christian education, and an avid philatelist who collects stamps and creates artwork connected to black history.

Presenting her sizeable collection to an audience of district and area leadership and employees, Love expressed her appreciation for stamps. "I know you work with stamps all the time," said Love. "But to me, they are works of art, and they help us preserve our history."

The collector engaged the audience with questions about African-Americans featured on postage stamps and the accomplishments for which they were honored — even pointing out images of anonymous black employees featured on the 1973 Postal Service Employees stamp series.

When asked what started her passion for stamps, Love referred back to her youth. "I tried to collect stamps from letters as a child," said Love. "But it really started later in life when a friend took me to the National Postal Museum and a stamp show."



Dr. Mary A. Love displays images of African-American employees in the 1973 Postal Employees stamp series.