

## Lanarkshire Philatelic Society

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*Mrs Lynn Robinson*

The Lanarkshire Philatelic Society gave a warm welcome to Mrs Lynn Robinson of the Caledonian Philatelic Society at their meeting on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> November.

She began by informing members that, as a child, she had loved watching Westerns on TV and Film and this had fired her interest in the USA. Through the years she has built up an amazing collection of stamps, miniature sheets, meter marks, postcards - all illustrating the history, geography and social history of the USA.

Members were treated to a wonderful display starting from the time of the migrants from Siberia; the Zuni farmers in New Mexico - and the Pueblo Indians. Later, the explorers began arriving - Christopher Columbus; Sir Walter Raleigh 7 John Cabot - to mention a few. Later, Religious Groups, searching for a "quiet" place, including the British "Pilgrim Fathers", began building their own communities.

The display continued with much postal material illustrating the American Revolution - many stamps marking each Battle fought - and miniature sheets showed the important soldiers and personages involved - as well as that of the Signing of

the Declaration of Independence on the 4<sup>th</sup> July, 1776. Further stamps showed the continuing battles and of the difficulties in acquiring the necessary agreement of the clauses of the Constitution - which was eventually signed on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 1787.

Members viewed miniature sheets showing each President through the years - and more showing the Gold Rush of California in 1848. This led to the need to develop transport to carry news - Stagecoaches of Wells Fargo - 1852; Pony Express of Buffalo Bill - 1860; the coming of the Rail Road; all printed on stamps etc.

A Postcard and Cover told of Davy Crockett ("King of the Wild Frontier!")

Lynn ended her display with material illustrating other well known persons; - Geronimo, "Wild" Bill Hickok, Jesse James, Bat Masterton and Wyatt Earp. There were meter marks from the outlying States of the USA - Hawaii and Alaska.

Maureen Mathieson led members in giving warm thanks to Lynn for giving such a wonderfully educational and exciting display.

Our next meeting in the Caledonian Bowling Club, Motherwell Road, Hamilton, is on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2016, at 7:30pm when members look forward to welcoming Mrs. Jean Osborne with her display of "Papua New Guinea".

Anyone with an interest in stamps, postal history, postcards etc is very welcome to attend.