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DOES DISPLAY PRIZES REQUIRE A CHANGE

An Editorial Comment by your
Editor

It is a sad commentary on our hobby when we see an otherwise successful show with a serious lack of displays by members. Is the hobby of collecting trophies now past or are collectors just too busy to take up this fascinating branch of the hobby?

Do we need something different to award stalwarts of the hobby who consistently bring us some of the best in numismatic achievement to visually attract the public and other collectors?

Let us turn our attention for a minute on the wall of your friendly dentist or doctor. Have you seen that large framed certificate attesting to the fact that he has been awarded a degree in his chosen profession. It is something he or she can be proud to let others see for it has cost him or her a lot in time and money to achieve that satisfaction. I wonder if something like it can bring out those displayers that seem to have faded from the numismatic scene.

For instance, a certificate, not quite as large as the degree on the wall of the professional could be suitably inscribed and awarded to everyone who enters a display in a provincial or national convention, whether they win or not. But, to the winner of first place, he or she would receive in addition to the certificate, a red seal; the second place winner would receive a silver seal and the third place winner, a bronze seal. On the average certificate there is enough space for seals that could last ten years. If continue to carry this theme on, the person who reaches, say, ten years would receive a gilt certificate.

Trophies are dust catchers, the housewives blight. Or they may be tucked away in some dark closet, or

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REWARD--Ed Gordon poses with but a few of his trophies he has won for coin and paper money displays. Ed also has received certificates of

recognition and appreciation for his administrative efforts in various coin clubs he has been associated with.

Coins are his passion

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By DENISE VAUTOUR

Numismatist--sounds like the opposite of a hypnotist, but it isn't. It's not someone who works with numbers, either.

A person who collects coins is given the title "numismatist", and Fort McMurray has a very active one now residing in town.

Ed Gordon, formerly of Toronto, Ont. began collecting coins in 1970.

"I was always a kind of pack-rat collector, never an organized one. By chance I happened to meet some people who were members of a local coin club."

"I became interested in coin collecting and eventually ended up as a member of every coin club in the Toronto area!"

Mr. Gordon later joined the Ontario Numismatic Association--a provincial body that keeps all coin clubs up-to-date with information and attempts to improve clubs as best the association can.

From there, he joined both the Canadian and American Numismatic Clubs, and is currently the district representative for the province of Alberta in connection with the American Numismatic Association.

COIN WEEK

The week of April 16 to 22 is Coin Week of Canada, and Mr. Gordon would like to attempt to generate interest in coin collecting among the residents of Fort McMurray.

"I am going to put on a coin and paper money display at the Fort McMurray Public Library during Coin Week of Canada. Although I will not be present at

the library for the entire week, there will be application forms on hand for anyone who would like to join the Canadian or American Numismatic Associations," Mr. Gordon said.

There will also be application forms for anyone who wishes to form a coin club in Fort McMurray.

"I would like to see adults get together to discuss coins, trade them and increase their knowledge of coin collecting, if they are interested."

"Hopefully the display will encourage youngsters who may have the "collecting bug" to get started on the right track," he said.

If anyone is doubting Mr. Gordon's ability, doubt no more.

Since he began showing his coins and paper money, Mr. Gordon has won 38 trophies. He also has the distinction of being presented with awards for public speaking, judging and grading as well as for appraising coins and paper money.

Presently, Ed Gordon is a member of the Canadian Numismatic Association, the American Numismatic Association, and the Franklin Mint Collectors Society--a company that mints and retails world proof coins for other countries, mints gold coins, makes jewelry and porcelain products. Closer to home, Mr. Gordon is also a member of the Edmonton Coin Club.

If anyone in Fort McMurray is interested in coin collecting and would like to help with the upcoming display in the public library, please drop a note to Ed at Box 5013, Fort McMurray.

O.N.A. Convention 1978

Competitive Displays

Categories :

1. Canadian Decimal
2. Canadian Paper Money
3. World Coins
4. World Paper Money
5. Medals & Tokens
6. Ancient & Medieval
7. Miscellaneous
8. Junior

Awards :

- Best of Show : Trophy
- 1st. in each category : Silver Medal
- 2nd. in each category : Bronze Medal
- 3rd. in each category : Ribbon

All matters relating to the displays shall be determined by the Display Chairman.

The judges will submit their results to the Display Chairman at the close of judging. The judges will select the prize winning displays, & the judges decisions are final.

Display material must be the property of the person displaying same. Cases are to be apx. 18"x30"x3" deep; no vertical cases, or advertising material allowed. The name of the exhibitor shall not appear on the display, nor shall any material be placed outside the cases.

Any material known to be a legitimate copy or replica must be labelled as such; No material known to be forged, spurious, or counterfeit may be displayed, except as a non-competitive display for educational purposes only, & must be labelled as such.

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Exhibitors are responsible for setting up & removing their own displays, & all displays shall be shown at the owners risk, & neither the O.N.A., St.Catharines Coin Club, nor Prudhommes shall be liable in the event of loss or damage to any exhibit.

No exhibitor may enter more than one display in any category.

Exhibits, in order to be judged must be placed on display between the opening on Friday 2nd. & 1.00 p.m. on Saturday 3rd. June.

Exhibits should be left in position until 2.00 p.m. on Sun. 4th. June, however, exhibitors who have long distances to travel, or other valid reason, will be permitted to remove the exhibit prior to that time if agreed with the Display Chairman.

Display awards will be presented at the banquet on Sat. 3rd. June.

We regret that NO CASES will be available for loan to exhibitors.

Due to the limited space available, exhibitors are requested to pre-register with the Display Chairman, stating category & number of cases to be displayed.

Display Hints

The judges use a standard set of marking rules to award points ; basically these are ;

1. Research & information (30 points)
2. Eye appeal (10 points)
3. Neatness, & originality (10 points each)
4. Condition, & rarity (10 points each)
5. Completeness within theme (10 points)
6. At judges discretion (10 points)

Therefore aim at a well balanced neat display which imparts knowledge & stimulates interest in the numismatic aspect of our hobby.

V.G.Potter,
Display Chairman

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS

THE CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB reports a lively meeting with 33 members and 4 guests attending the February meeting. Dick Nash talked on the subject of grading. The next regular meeting will be on March 21st, due to Easter.

THE ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB reports a change in dates for their October coin show. The date will be OCTOBER 28, 1978.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION had a lively meeting on March 16 when 48 members and guests attended. The head table has now been moved to the back of the hall thus enabling last comers to come inside rather than wait in the hall. We had three dealers and a good auction of about 74 pieces. The results of our last show was announced by President Ken Prophet to be the best yet. All tables for the September show have been booked.

THE ORILLIA CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB is now a member of the Canadian Numismatic Association. The talk around the club is on the forthcoming show based on COINS, STAMPS & ANTIQUES, which is to be held in the Orillia Square Mall on Saturday, May 6th, 1978.

THE STRATFORD COIN CLUB reports several members in arrears of their dues and a note in the bulletin asks members to renew. Bowler Sam Smith is in the top league with a score of 298,296 and 322 recently. In the last issue there is a coin quiz which was interesting. Future meetings will include basics on coin care and a numismatic quiz.

BOB PORTER, editor of the Thistleton Coin & Stamp Club reports winning both the attendance draw AND the door prize. The editor points out that since the club is now Fourteen years old, it is time for a birthday party and a party it will be on March 14th. On the agenda will be a bingo game, a speaker on Postal History and related Collecting, plus a birthday cake and the party trimmings. A donation auction of old collectables will be the feature at the march meeting.

The ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB held their 190th meeting on March 19, with 55 members and guests in attendance. The Annual Coin Show and Banquet will be held on October 28, 1978 at Westminster United Church. George Oblinsky reported there is a difference in the astericks of the British Bank Note Co and the American Bank Note Co. Past President Gary Oblinsky gave us an interesting talk on how he started to collect coins. Gary's other interest is photography and he showed slides of the last few meetings he has been taking pictures. Two interesting items on the auctions was a roll of 1977 half dollars and sets of 1977 coins.

The Brantford Numismatic Society's Newsletter reminds members that the guest speaker at the April meeting will be a member of the Brantford Police Department on the subject of Counterfeiting.

An Editorial Comment (cont'd)

in some corner where the light may be bad and no one can read the small metal plates. But a certificate on the wall, suitably framed can attest to your numismatic achievement, something that you can be proud of and something that just might put exhibiting back in favor with the numismatists. Something to think about. What do you think?

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CONVENTION COMMITTEE: Following is the CONVENTION COMMITTEE of the St. Catharines Coin Club who are hosting the 16th ANNUAL CONVENTION of the ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION. This CONVENTION is being held at PRUDHOMMES GARDEN CENTRE, VINELAND, Ontario, June 2, 3, 4th, 1978.

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Bourse Co-Chairman	William Aaroe
Registration	W. Steinhoff, H. Siemans, D. Ralph, D. Andrews.

Due to unforeseen circumstances Mr. Frank Rose will not be conducting the auction. The auction will be conducted by Mr. Charles Moore.

R. N. Voaden,
Publicity Director,
Ontario Numismatic Association

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DAFFY DEFINITIONS: This month we present for your enjoyment, the definition of a secretary.

She runs into buildings - recognizes locomotives two out of three times - is not issued ammunition - can stay afloat with life jacket - talks to walls.

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THE HUMOROUS SIDE: Quiz Master: "How many successful jumps must a paratrooper make before he graduates?"
Contestant: "All of them!"

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THE SIGN OF THE ZODIAC - Aries - the Ram - lucky day Thursday - unlucky Monday.
March 20 = April 20 Most successful in June & July

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DID YOU KNOW - - - - that the smallest church in the world is said to be the Union Church in Wiscasset, Maine, which measures 7 feet by 4½ feet

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Association News:

MEMBERSHIP

The applications published in the February issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted.

DELAY IN NEWSLETTER: We have found it necessary to change printers and for this reason we have been late in meeting our dead-line. However, we have found a good printer and your April newsletter should be out in time.

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VICTOR SNELL - a most prominent name in numismatics was the 1969 AWARD OF MERIT winner in the convention held at St. Catharines. Mr. Victor Snell is a member of the St. Catharines Coin Club, Past President of the Canadian Numismatic Association (1967-69) plus many more numismatic achievements that space does not permit listing them

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THE 1969 CONVENTION will be remembered for the successful Exhibit Symposium which was well attended. The Canadian Numismatic Variety Collectors Association was invited as guest to hold their third convention. This convention also marked the eighth consecutive years a commemorative medal was struck for the O.N.A.

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WINE & CHEESE PARTY: Party-goers are reminded that this important function will be held on Friday evening at 5:00p.m. This social gathering enables us to meet members from other clubs and to renew acquaintances. (But, please no pineapple).

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NEW MEMBERS: It is the responsibility of all members, if our Association is to achieve its goals, of introducing new members into our Association. Now is a good time with the Convention drawing close. Speak out for numismatics at your club - introduce the Ontario Numismatic Association and its many benefits - to members at your club - urge them to join - NOW.

DISPLAYS: For some unfathomable reason, the gentle art of displaying seem to have lost some of its zip in past few months. Are people just too busy to get involved? This item should be on the program chairman's agenda at every meeting to encourage new members to take up exhibiting. Can we all join together and make the 1978 Convention a successful one in having lots of exhibits? We can do it.

AUDIO VISUAL by Charles Laister

Visual aids sometimes are superior when showing members numismatic information. It is easier to remember - the member sees it possibly for the first time - and program chairmen can make the delivery interesting by having a quiz at the end. Send your requests NOW to Charles Laister, Highway 3, Tillsonburg, Ontario.

1978 AWARD OF MERIT

NOMINATION

We would like to submit the following Numismatist for the most coveted "Award of Merit, of the Ontario Numismatic Association."

SIGNATURE..... ADDRESS.....
NAME.....
SIGNATURE..... ADDRESS.....
NAME.....

The following are some of the reasons for our Nomination - (List achievements, Special services, writing, Research, Advancement of Numismatics.)

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(Please use separate sheet if necessary)

- RULES: Nomination:
1. Resident of Ontario
 2. Summary to be included
 3. Closing date, April 30th, 1978

MARK ENVELOPE: "AWARD OF MERIT" and mail to Award of Merit Chairman, W.E.P. Lambert, P.O. Box 311, St. Catharines, Ontario L3R 6T7

IMPORTANT: Make sure two signatures are on your nomination form as two are required. Members not wishing to mutilate their copies of the NUMISMATIST, may take the necessary information down on plain paper and mail it to Pat Lambert, but make sure YOU HAVE TWO SIGNATURES.

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ACCOMMODATION: We are informed that accommodation at the Prudhommes Garden Centre is limited and you are advised to get your reservations in NOW. DO NOT SEND RESERVATIONS TO THE CLUB. All reservations are to be sent to the convention site with a \$15.00 deposit. Those pre-registering will get convention rates. For further details, send to Mr. McMurray, Prudhommes Garden Centre, Vineland Station, Ontario Hurry. Do it NOW.

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LOOK WHAT WE HAVE FOR YOU - - - - -

A TRIP FOR TWO TO THE GRAND BAHAMA HOTEL

A first prize in the draw to be held at the O.N.A. Convention - June 2,3, and 4th, 1978

The winner will be able to choose a departure date between June 15, 1978 and December 15, 1978. Trip to be arranged with

ADVENTURE TOURS - through HALCYON DAYS TRAVEL, Oshawa & Brantford.

2nd and 3rd prizes will be Canadian Mint Presentation sets.

THE DRAW WILL BE HELD AT PRUDHOMMES GARDEN CENTRE, Saturday, June 3rd, 1978 at 8:00p.m.



PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

The following are the "ANNUAL COIN SHOWS" proposed for the next few months, that we received notices for, or taken from CLUB BULLETINS. We advise you to check this list as you debate the date of your Club's show, to ensure that your date does not conflict with another show.

- April 16 to 22 - Canada Coin Week sponsored by the Canadian Numismatic Association. Let money Speak Out is the theme of the Canada-wide educational event.
- April 23 Kent Coin Club's Annual Show at the Wheels Motor Inn, Richmond St., and Keil Drive. Info: Lou Wagenaer, 27 Peter St., Chatham, Ontario N7M 5B2
- April 27,28,29,30 Spring TOREX '78 at the Westbury Hotel, 475 Yonge St., Toronto, Ontario. Information from Oeter Findlay, Box 28, King City, Ontario
- May 6 Atlantic Provinces Numismatic Association and Canadian Paper Money Association joint convention at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel, Frederickton, N.B. Contact Harry Eisenhauer, Box 84 Oromocto, N.B. E2V 2G4 for information.
- May 6 Orillia Champlain Coin Club's Annual Show at the Orillia Square Mall, West St., North and Highway 11. For info contact, Bill Gage, RR#1 Shanty Bay, Ontario L0L 2L0.
- May 7 Welland Coin Club's Annual Show at the Princess Elizabeth School Auditorium, corner Lincoln & Scholfield St., in Welland. Andre Guillemette is the one to contact at 208 East Main St., Welland, Ontario.
- May 13 Peterborough Numismatic Association's Annual coin show at the Holiday Inn, Contact Norm Wells, Box 943, Peterborough Ontario K9J 7A5
- May 27 NEWMARKET Numismatic Society's Annual Show at the Upper Canada Mall. Write: Box 142, Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 4W3 for information.
- May 27 and 28 City of Ottawa Coin Club's Tulip Time Coin Show at the RA Centre, Riverside Drive. For info, write Box 6094, Station "J" Ottawa, Ontario K2A IT2.
- June 2,3,and 4 Ontario Numismatic Association's ;6th Annual convention hosted by the St. Catharines Coin Club at Prudhommes Garden Centre. Write Box 33, Waterloo, Ont for information

PERSONALITIES IN THE NEWS

For this month we are going to designate clubs that have made a concerted effort to improve their meetings, to further the cause of numismatics in their area and to continue this theme by improving their newsletters. A great improvement in the content of each newsletter we receive reflects the enthusiasm of the club from which it came. We urge members to continue creating exhibits that make others see what a coin club really is.