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MEMBERSHIP REPORT



NEW APPLICATION

The following application for membership has been received. If there is no objection by the deadline of the next ONA Numismatist, he will be accepted into ONA membership and his acceptance published in the next bulletin.

#1694 Brian Thomson, Thunder Bay

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Enclosed with this bulletin is your membership renewal notice if you are a regular member, husband & wife member or junior member (club memberships were mailed out separately).

We would appreciate if you would fill in the form and return it, with your remittance, as soon as possible. Cheques should be made payable to the Ontario Numismatic Association.

*Bruce Raszmann
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MEMBERSHIP FEES

Regular Membership - \$15 per year
Husband & Wife (1 Journal) - \$17 year
Junior (up to age 18) - \$5 year
Club Membership - \$20 year
Life Membership - \$150
(Life Memberships are accepted only
after one year of regular membership)

Send Membership Applications (with cheque
payable to the ONA) to the ONA Treasurer.

P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E



GROW YER OWN!

Before you call the RCMP on me, let me finish. I tried it, but I never exhaled. Actually, when I talk about growing your own, I'm referring to your local coin club, not about some plant you may need for "medicinal" reasons.

In the spring of the year 2001, there is a golden opportunity for a local club to enter into a partnership with the ONA to bring numismatic education to your local area and surrounding population. We plan to host a combination bourse/"coin college," hopefully, in the southwest or the east of this province. We want to host an educational event similar to the CNA education days, but also provide access to dealers AND have display space, as we feel that displays properly done are a boost to education (displays poorly done are just an accumulation and a waste of space). This would of necessity be a two-day event.

Now maybe you feel that your club is big enough and couldn't be improved. If so, please let me know where you are so I can visit, I'm completely unaware of your existence!

There is a certain amount of snob appeal to knowing more than the average citizen about numismatics. I suggest that instead of looking down on all those folks out there that are religiously hoarding their monthly Royal Canadian Mint quarters or their Mint products or their Canadian decimals, that instead you welcome them into the folds and expose them to the varied collecting interests of your club members. You might even try to be a little friendly while you're doing this and express some interest in where they are at with their particular collection. Maybe if the truth were known, you got your start by pushing coins into Whitman boards!!

Well, who's coming aboard?? You can decide whether I've thrown down a gauntlet or an olive branch. We are getting serious about changing some things and we'd like to provide assistance to, and receive assistance from, anyone who wants to help.

Appointments:

Let me bring you up to speed on the new workers within the ONA that have taken up some of the job postings:

Recording Secretary - Len Trakalo
Book Lending Librarian - Tom Rogers

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the previous volunteers that held the above positions, Monina Regitko and Tom Masters. They asked to be replaced for personal reasons (health and travel/time constraints).

Mike Hollingshead
ONA President

EDITOR'S MESSAGE



Your Editor is trying very hard to provide complete annual show information to the members. Unfortunately, unless a club makes the Editor aware of the dates and other information either by sending them their club bulletin where it is listed or via e-mail or any other way, I cannot be expected to know. Even Phisic Anthony at Dr. Flea's Flea Market cannot help me!

Within a week of sending the September/October ONA Numismatist to Bruce Raszmann for printing and distributing, I received a few local coin club bulletins. Included with the bulletin was either a flyer or information was published in the bulletin about the club's upcoming annual show. The problem was that the annual shows were scheduled prior to the distribution date of the next bulletin (we won't name the clubs here. They surely know who they are.). I expect that members of the local clubs affected will criticize the ONA Numismatist and its Editor for not having included the listing.

The clubs that have an upcoming show that were not listed in the last issue should take a look at their own timing in making the numismatic press aware of their upcoming show. I suggest that in future the individual responsible for promoting the show should get it out a lot earlier. A month or two before the show simply is not enough!

Oh, the quandary of the Editor of what to include or not to include? In the September/October issue, we congratulated a number of people for their accomplishments at the CNA Convention in Kitchener-Waterloo. You will note that we did not necessarily name each and every recipient of every award or honor. Our congratulations are usually reserved for ONA members. Another benefit of belonging to the ONA!

And speaking of what to include or not to include, unused articles are piling up. Can the ONA afford another grandiose 36-page effort as we did a couple of times in 1999? I recently committed to the President to raise the necessary funds to produce another record-breaking 36-page ONA Numismatists for the March/April 2000 issue. I am committed to producing the issue at no additional cost to the ONA over and above the normal cost of the extra postage and printing. Since only the January/February issue is mailed to people that have not renewed their membership for the year 2000, only those that renew will receive it!

Since the day I was appointed Editor of the ONA Numismatist, I have wrestled with a few thoughts about the contents of the bulletin. I questioned the membership at the 1999 ONA Convention's General Membership Meeting what they wanted to see included in their bulletin. The consensus was to leave well enough alone. I don't know if that was a vote of confidence in the Editor's job, or no one wanted to speak out in case they were appointed to do something about the changes they proposed. Be as it may, I do have a quandary about the contents and I would welcome some input from the general membership.

We have recently had a few announcements about the passing of some very prominent numismatists. Sheldon S. Carroll comes readily to mind. The most recent one is Jack Wilkinson, whose involvement with the hobby goes back many, many years. Unless I receive a barrage of mail to the contrary, I propose to handle the passing of ONA members and prominent non-members this way: I will make the appropriate announcement in the Condolences section of the Best Wishes/Congratulations/Condolences page in the ONA Numismatist, listing only a few of their major accomplishments. I will reserve the major write-ups for living, active members as I did with Bill McDonald in the September/October 1999 ONA Numismatist (see page 139). I just feel that people that promote the hobby should be recognized and congratulated while they are able to appreciate our thanks in person!

John Regitko
ONA Editor

LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS



There are still a number of clubs that do not send the ONA Editor their bulletins. Chances are that if your club has not been mentioned by now, then the ONA Editor is not receiving the bulletin, or the club is not issuing a bulletin and nobody is sending in information. Either way, we don't know anything about your club's goings-on.

How difficult is it to add the ONA Editor to your mailing list, or to send him some information about club programs, meeting dates/times/location, etc.? Suit yourself, but if you don't send it in, we cannot publish it!

We should point out that in the next issue, we will publish a listing of all Ontario club's meeting information. If we do not have it, your club will be listed with the notation "information not provided."



In the last issue, we mentioned that the WCS held their 436th meeting, while the North York Coin Club held their 446th meeting. The Nickel Belt Coin Club reports that their September meeting was their 521st. We will have to ask the ONA Area Directors to do an exercise on the age of clubs in their area to see who can claim to be the oldest and the ones with the most meetings, which is not necessarily the same depending on how often they held meetings (such as if they held meetings in July and August each year).

TILLSONBURG COIN CLUB

Following their Summer break, the September newsletter of the Tillsonburg Coin Club stated: "In June, we had a party night. Larry Street and Wayne MacFarlane won the attendance draw. Ted Bailey and Bill Baxter won the 50/50 draw. There were many winners in the Dutch auction. The pizzas, along with the strawberries and ice cream, were fantastic." Sounds like a great meeting before breaking for the summer. Everyone likes to win a prize. And they didn't forget to thank organizers: "Thanks to the particular efforts of Shirley Barker and Bill Baxter."



The recent 437th meeting of the Waterloo Coin Society, which had six young numismatists in attendance, covered the topic of Computers and Numismatics. Using his lap top computer hooked up to the Internet and to a large screen monitor, WCS member Robb McPherson spoke about the many uses of the personal computer in numismatics. He demonstrated two commercial programs, CoinElite and CoinManage, which help collectors to catalogue their collections. Programs like these feature a wide variety of descriptions, including the ability to scan the actual photograph of the coin. A simpler but no less effective method of cataloguing one's collection is the use of a spread sheet, as prepared by former WCS member Joe DeSousa, a copy of which is available gratis through Robb McPherson (commercially prepared programs sell in the \$40 to \$70 U.S. range). He is responsible, as their webmaster, for the set-up and maintenance of the club's home page. Robb has combined his vocation with his avocation of coin collecting, and operates "Robb's Computers and Coins". He can be reached by e-mail at robb4359@home.com.

The club took advantage of an opportunity recently to promote numismatics and the WCS. Club member Ed Hagen's wife works at Kitchener City Hall and arranged to have club members set up an exhibit in the display cases located on the second floor (each display case is 48" high x 41" wide x 18-1/2" deep). The city hall is a busy place anyway, but with the "Kristkindl" German Christmas Craft show there, the hobby should get super exposure between now and New Year's Eve.

In reviewing some of the names of people that chose to sign the guest book of the Waterloo Coin Society's CNA Convention website, I note a few interesting comments. A few of them "just surfed on in," a sure sign that a club website can pay dividends in people being able to find information to consider if they want to attend a show or not. Notes were left by people from P.E.I., Ottawa, Winnipeg, Sudbury and elsewhere that we know attended the CNA Convention. One entry aroused our interest. It was signed by Gord Boyer of Winnipeg, Manitoba and we wondered if there was any relation to Chris Boyer, Chairman of the CNA Convention and the WCS President. The note told all: "Greetings from the brother of your President."

LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



The Scarborough Coin Club recently had a successful display of books and coins at the Eglinton Square Shopping Centre. As part of Coin Month Canada promotion, club members were available to answer questions about the club and coin collecting. They held hourly draws which no doubt caught the attention of the public (who doesn't want to win something for nothing?). Bill Waychison, Chairman of Coin Month Canada sponsored by the CNA, sent the club 10 of the \$2.00 C.M.C. notes. According to David Bawcutt, SCC president, three of the notes were prizes in the hourly draw, two notes were in the club's monthly draw and five notes sold in a donation auction for the benefit of the club. Each member or organization that participated in the shopping centre display received a certificate.



The North York Coin Club's President started a "Question of the Month" column in the NYCC bulletin when he was elected and became the club's Editor. He would ask a question in one issue, discuss/debate the answer at the following meeting, and then publish the answer in the subsequent bulletin. The answer invariably produced an educational column. It caused a lot of fun and fellowship in that the answers were not generally cut and dried and the "debate" over the "correct" answer usually turned out to be quite funny, with quite a number of members participating. Some people told me that the discussion on the "Question of the Month" was one of the highlights of the meeting. If we were to publish the question and the answer(s), something would be lost in the translation. If only we could clone Paul Petch's style and introduce it to every other club!

With respect to Coin Week Canada's "Buy the Book before the Coin," members were asked to bring their recent purchases to the October meeting. Del Murchison went much further. He brought along a list of about 500 books that he has purchased.

As previously reported here, the North York Coin Club recently started to publish an auction list of material to be auctioned off at the following meeting. The list, coordinated by club member Rick Craig, included some very interesting items. We won't compile a list here. You will have to attend their meetings or join the club.

The NYCC continues to support the J.D. Ferguson Foundation and the Numismatic Education Services Association (NESA) by recently making another donation of \$50 to each organization. If we could only convince them (and other clubs) to make donations to the ONA, we might get a 36-page bulletin each and every issue. Or is that expecting too much?

Of all the club bulletins that your Editor receives, the best information (layout, content, etc.) of the Royal Canadian Mint's Millenium coin program is, by far, the North York Coin Club. Their illustrations are topnotch, as is their layout. If I were to pick clubs to join even though I had absolutely no chance of attending any of their meetings, the NYCC would be one of about only three that I would join just to get their bulletin (\$10 to P.O. Box 58508, Corner Plaza P.O., 197 Sheppard Avenue East, North York, Ont. M2N 6R7).

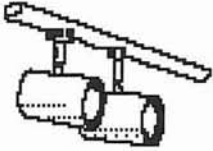
A lot of clubs have surveyed their membership to find out what sort of food they want for their December meeting. The best choice we recall ever seeing is from the NYCC, where they offered 3 choices of meat from Swiss Chalet along with a choice of french fries, baked potato or rice. That's 9 possible combinations.

CANADIAN COIN According to Bret Evans, Editor of Canadian Coin News, the most popular column...the one that readers first go to when they receive CCN, is the "AU" column. This column can best be described as the equivalent of the ONA Numismatist's "Members in the News," "Club News" and the Congratulations/Condolences columns. Although every ONA member that I polled reports reading the ONA Numismatist from cover to cover, the more "newsy" columns edged out ahead of the rest of the publication.

Now that we have revamped our files, did some catching up on personal matters and have divested ourselves from other commitments (other than my job), your Editor is committed to expand these columns, including this Club News column. And a lot more clubs will be included in these write-ups in the future if I am send the information!

SPOTLIGHT ON PEOPLE

A column in praise of active Ontario collectors

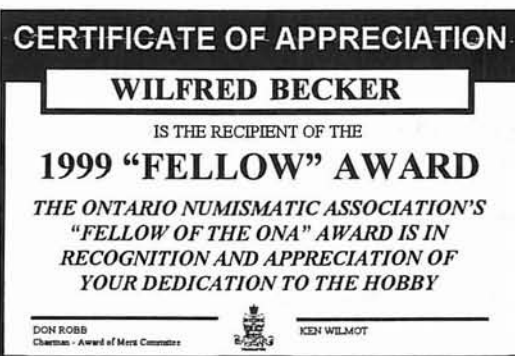


WILF BECKER RECIPIENT OF 1999 ONA "FELLOW" AWARD

In the May/June 1999 ONA Numismatist, we highlighted Graham Esler, recipient of the 1999 ONA Award of Merit. This column provides a bit of background on the recipient of the 1999 ONA "Fellow" Award that was accepted by him at the 1999 ONA Convention's banquet in Guelph. This article first appeared in the Stratford Beacon Herald and is reprinted here.

A small bronze-coloured medal with the Ontario Numismatic Association crest on the front is the latest and possibly one of the most valuable additions to Wilf Becker's expansive collection.

Mr. Becker, an avid collector of coins, medals, tokens, bank notes, Canadian tire coupons and catalogues, Perth County township pins and Stratford news clippings, has recently been named a "Fellow" of the Ontario Numismatic Association (ONA).



The award, which comes with an engraved medal and a framed certificate, is given annually to recognize individuals for outstanding service to numismatics (coin collecting and appreciation) in their local area. That includes work with the local coin club and promotion of numismatics in their community.

Mr. Becker is a charter member of the Stratford Coin Club, having joined in 1960, and has served as vice-president, president, ambassador-at-large, and director. He has also been involved with the ONA since the early '60s.

"It was a great honour to get this award," said Mr. Becker in an interview, pointing out that the fellowship is given to only a select few each year. Nominees are drawn from more than 30 coin clubs in Ontario.

The fellowship, presented at the ONA Convention in Guelph April 17, is a fitting tribute to a man who has been involved in coin collecting for nearly three decades.

Mr. Becker's passion for pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters started more than 30 years ago when he worked as a maintenance man at an Ontario Street laundromat, and would pick out the silver coins as he was making change for the machines.

"It's been a hobby ever since," said Mr. Becker, who admits that coin collecting is becoming too expensive a hobby to pursue as faithfully as he once did.

But as a life member of the Stratford Coin club, he's rarely missed a regular meeting or executive meeting and is usually the first to arrive at the local coin show.

(The article in the Stratford Beacon Harold included a picture of Wilf Becker proudly holding his recently acquired certificate. One thing is very, very noticeable in the photograph: the certificate refers to the 1998 "Fellow" Award. Was the paper a year late in publicizing the honour of one of their citizens?

Unfortunately, the answer is a bit more embarrassing for your Editor. As a member of the ONA Awards Committee, I have been making up both the ONA Award of Merit and the ONA "Fellow" certificates. I had just finished creating the "Best Local Coin Club Bulletin" and "Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Editor" awards. Both of these awards carry the date prior to the year in which it is presented. Therefore, these awards presented at the 1999 ONA Convention were dated 1998. I then proceeded to create the ONA "Fellow" Award and...you guessed it...I carried the same logic of the prior year forward. When it was discovered at the Convention, it was too late to drive back home to correct it. The certificate containing the error was presented to Wilf Becker, with a promise to replace it with the correct certificate. The Beacon Herald took their photograph before the corrected copy was given to Wilf. The above illustration is the corrected copy.

Now you know the rest of the story!)



ON THE MOVE

RICHARD GIEDROYC ON MOVE...AGAIN

There is a saying that you can't keep a good man down. Our old friend who, when he was International Editor of Coin World, gave the ONA many free plugs, has settled down with a company offering fine art, decorative art, personal adornments and collectibles through the internet.

His Bachelor's Degree and a Masters Degree in Marketing has served him well for well over three decades, having been involved in the marketing and merchandising of antiques, contemporary fine art, numismatics and other collectibles. For well over one decade, he served with distinction as the international editor of "Coin World," a world famous hobby publication and as a cataloger for auction companies. Among his many honors, he is a fellow of the prestigious Royal Numismatic Society in London as well as the American Numismatic Society of New York.

He can be reached at the following address: Richard Giedroyc, Vice President, JMR Cultural Treasures LLC, 9663 Santa Monica Blvd., Private Mail Box 841, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. You can read more about him and the company on the website of JMR Cultural Treasures at <http://www.distinctweb.com/culturaltreasures/>.

Richard pointed out in an e-mail that they accept consignments from ONA members of unusual items not available anywhere else, with an emphasis on artists or merchandise from emerging countries or artists with great potential but whom are relatively unknown.

CONDOLENCES



To the family of John Wilkinson (1904-1999), on his passing on November 3, at the marvelous age of 95. He was a President of the Toronto Coin Club, the Canadian Numismatic Association and the Ancient Coin Society of Canada. He also served as a volunteer Research Associate at the Royal Ontario Museum, Honorary Chairman of the Classical and Medieval Numismatic Society and a Governor of the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation. As Bruce Brace stated, "all of us will recall the twinkle in his eye and its attendant gentle smile which will linger long in the minds of those who will remember him with great affection."

To the family of Monina Regitko, on the passing of her Mother on November 7, at the ripe age of 93.

CONGRATULATIONS



To Chris and Martina Boyer on the birth of their second daughter, Kirsten, on Sunday, November 21 at 10:18 a.m. She weighted in at 8 lbs. 9 oz. and, according to the proud dad, "she has her mom's good looks."

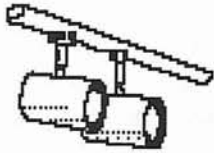
Since Chris came on the numismatic scene, he has been one of the hardest workers in Ontario. His latest claim to fame was as General Chairman of the 1999 CNA Convention. We just hope that the additional responsibilities involved will not keep him from continuing his hard work for the Waterloo Coin Society, Paisley Road School Coin Club, CNA and ONA!

APPEAL FOR INFORMATION

We would be pleased to publish personal milestones and congratulatory messages about ONA members, but we need your help. If you wish us to report something happening in your life, let us know. If you know something is happening in another collector's life, let the Editor know.

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MEET YOUR ONA EXECUTIVE

In a previous ONA Numismatist, we presented the background on the President, Immediate Past-President, 1st V.P., 2nd V.P. and Treasurer. We are pleased to continue with a few of the Area Directors whose biography we have on hand. The balance will be included in future issues.

Len Trakalo - Director - Area 4

Counties of Brant, Hamilton/Wentworth, Haldimand/Norfolk - includes Brantford and Hamilton coin clubs

Len was born and raised in Brantford, Ontario and except for post-secondary education in London, has lived there ever since. Married to Marg, he has three wonderful step-children. He is a supply elementary teacher for the Brant County area, teaching everything from French to Special Education. Len is involved in many hobbies: camping, scuba diving, metal detecting, researching local history and spending hours on the computer. His main numismatic interest is Canadian tokens, actively collecting and researching Ontario merchant, dairy and bakery tokens. He is also interested in Breton style tokens and communion tokens, as well as coins from the Orient, British Commonwealth, Caribbean, South American and Canada.

Len is a life member of the ONA and the Atlantic Provinces Numismatic Association and is a member of the Brantford, Cambridge, Ingersoll, South Wellington, Stratford and Waterloo Coin Clubs. He is also a member of the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club and the Canadian Association of Token Collectors. He is currently the editor of the Brantford Numismatic Society.

Braden Jennings - Director - Area 5

Counties of Waterloo, Wellington, Halton, Dufferin - includes Waterloo, Cambridge, South Wellington and Paisley Road (Guelph) coin clubs.

The current leader in Youths in Numismatics in Ontario, if such an award were created, would be Braden Jennings of Waterloo. He is the only recipient of the Royal Canadian Mint Youth Award ever presented. He is also the Youth Director of the Waterloo Coin Society. Braden was an exhibitor at the 1998 ONA Convention in Ottawa, as well as at the 1998 CNA Convention in Edmonton where he received a First Place medal for his exhibit in the Young Numismatist category.

The near future looks quite busy for him. In addition to his schooling and the homework that it entails, as Area 5 Director he is committed to serving this 2-year term representing the ONA at Waterloo, Cambridge and South Wellington clubs, as well as the most active junior club in all of Canada, namely the Paisley Road (Guelph) Coin Club.

Braden is an active member of the Waterloo Coin Society and also served on the 1999 CNA Convention Planning Committee as Chairman of the Young Numismatist Committee.

Ray Desjardins - Director - Area 9

Counties East of Hastings and Algonquin District - includes Ottawa, Pembroke and Pt. Claire, P.Q. coin clubs

Ray's interests in numismatics dates back to the early 1950s, serving on the Executive of local coin clubs in various positions. He has been a member of the CNA since 1966 and served on its Executive as an Area Director in 1995-96. He has served the ONA as an Area Director since 1994 and is currently ONA Liaison to the Royal Canadian Mint. He was a major player with the 1998 ONA Convention held in Ottawa.

He is an executive member of his Legion Branch, his church and the Church Extension Investment Fund (which manages assets of over \$50 million). Ray's responsibilities in the Foreign Service took him to numerous countries and broadened his outlook. In a 35-year career with the federal government, he was involved with the Public Service, including as a specialist in tourism marketing. He was recently elected as 2nd Vice President of the CNA. Because of his broad background, he wishes to combine the sales, marketing and administrative skills that he has learned and put them to good use working for the CNA.

T H E N A T I O N A L S C E N E

The following article appeared in the September 1999 North York Coin Club Bulletin. It is reprinted here as both a tribute to the 1999 CNA Convention Committee and an incentive to attend next year's Convention

A PERSONAL REFLECTION ON MY TIME AT THE 1999 CNA CONVENTION

by Marvin Kay



The Past Presidents' dinner took place on Wednesday evening. Five past presidents were in attendance... Earl Salterio with his wife Esther, John Regitko with his wife Monina, Jim Charlton with Mary, Geoffrey Bell, plus Sondra and myself. Also in attendance at this dinner were the outgoing president Yvon Marquis and his wife Diane, as well as the Executive Secretary Ken Prophet and his wife Joyce. Before the dinner began, I read out the names of the Honourary Presidents and the other past presidents who were deceased.

During the dinner, this informal committee discussed such diverse topics as the feud between the chartered banks and the Royal Canadian Mint over the glut of dollar coins in bank vaults, to the ever-increasing costs of attending CNA conventions. On the latter subject, the committee tossed around many suggestions, including holding the Convention every two years or even holding the conventions off season, perhaps early spring or late fall.

I returned to Kitchener on Saturday morning. The registration desk was a beehive of activity. I had pre-registered and my registration box was waiting for me. There were lots of goodies in the box. The convention medal was a beautiful proof-like strike in bronze. The obverse showed the usual CNA voyageur logo. Featured on the reverse was a horse-drawn buggy in which were seated an Old Order Mennonite man and woman. Also, I found several coin books generously donated by Charlton Press.

Just beyond the registration desk was the Canadian Coin News display presided over by Paul Fiocca. There I made my first purchase of the day. I bought Paul's last copy of "Canadian Welcome Home Medals 1899-45." The bourse floor was filled with about 35 dealers. I made my way to the display of the Royal Canadian Mint. In addition to their usual mint products, they had supplies of the 1999 25-cent coins and the Nunavut \$2.00 coins. They were selling these at face value. I loaded up with a roll of each of the 25-cent coins from February to July, inclusive. My next purchase was from Ian Marshall. He had filled my want list of basic notes that showed doctors or medical scenes. Strolling around the bourse floor, I had a chance to chat with friends whom I had not seen for a very long time.

There was excellent attendance at the CNA annual general meeting. In addition to the usual run-of-the-mill business, I made a motion to install James Charlton as the new Honourary President of the Canadian Numismatic Association. Several people seconded my motion and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Charlton rose to thunderous applause to acknowledge the honour placed upon him.

There were three lectures in the Educational Forum held during Saturday afternoon. Among the speakers were Paul Petch talking about *The Evolution of Canadian Coinage*. The second talk was by Angus Sutherland. His topic was *Canadian Communion Tokens*. I attended the third lecture featuring Alan Herbert of Mesa, Arizona, a respected numismatic writer. Mr. Herbert's talk had the title *The Use of the Internet with Numismatics*.

The banquet on Saturday night gave me another opportunity to chat with some more friends that I have not seen in a long while. The banquet speaker was Rev. McCombe who gave what can best be described as a motivational presentation. Among the awards presented after dinner was the prestigious J. Douglas Ferguson Award. This year, it went to Kenneth A. Palmer who was not able to attend because of illness.

At the conclusion of the banquet, Chris Boyer of the Waterloo Coin Society presented the ceremonial ribbon-cutting scissors to Graham Esler, Chairman of the Year 2000 CNA convention. It will take place in Ottawa from August 2nd to 5th, 2000.

(Marvin does not mention it in his report, but another important contribution he made at the CNA Convention was the awarding of the Todd Gee Award at the annual CNA General Membership Meeting. This award, given in recognition of youthful numismatic writing talent, was presented by Todd Gees' mother to Daniel Duchamps, in what was a most touching aspect of the meeting.)

THE NATIONAL SCENE

The following 27 new wooden nickels were issued at the 1999 CNA Convention in Kitchener-Waterloo this past July. Our thanks to Norm Belsten for scanning the images and providing them to the ONA Editor on diskette.

THE 1999 CNA CONVENTION WOODEN NICKEL ISSUES

The national convention that took place in Kitchener-Waterloo in July saw a number of new wooden nickels issued. The following 8 woods were manufactured by Canada Wide Woods on large blanks.



← Common obverse on all 7 woods

Remick and the Blaylocks each issued their woods in 2 colours →



The following 2 woods were manufactured by Lou Vesh on small blanks.



The following 2 woods were manufactured on large blanks.



THE NATIONAL SCENE-CONTINUED

The following 8 woods were manufactured by Norm Belsten on small blanks.

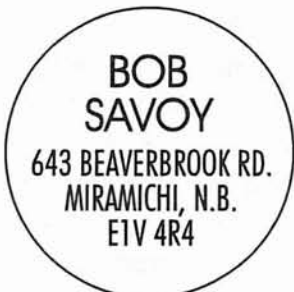
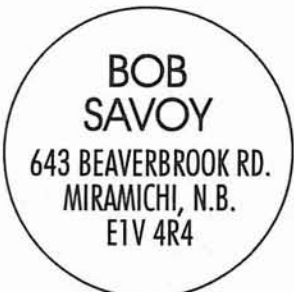
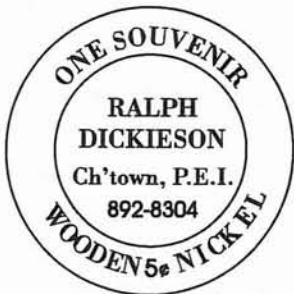


The above 8 woods contain the common obverse as illustrated to the left

The wood to the right was issued by ONA member Roger Fox, President of CTCCC



The following 4 woods were manufactured for out-of-Province friends on small blanks.



THE ROYAL CANADIAN MINT

Featuring news about the Royal Canadian Mint

RCM DISTRIBUTES COLORFUL "MINT EXPRESS" BROCHURE



The RCM released a brochure recently listing all collector products currently available. We are pleased to recap both the history and specifications of the 1999 coinage as published in the brochure. ONA members are reminded that these products are available from ONA member-dealers, usually below the RCM pricing, and are, for the most part, available immediately from the dealer's place of business, at a coin show or at a local coin club meeting.

1000 A.D. - THE VIKINGS - OCEAN STORM REVEALS NEW CONTINENT

The Vikings and the Vinland Voyages - 1999 Canadian \$5 and Norwegian 20 Krone Two-Coin Set; 81% copper, 9% nickel and 10% zinc,; Proof (Canadian coin) and Brilliant (Norwegian coin); packaging includes oval-shaped case with inlaid image of Viking ship; 26,000 coins each worldwide at \$39.95.

Norway, 1000 A.D.: During a routine crossing of the North Atlantic between Greenland and northern Europe, an immense storm forced Bjarni Herjolfsson's ship south where he spotted land.

This sighting prompted Leif Eriksson to launch an expedition to confirm Herjolfsson's sighting and he has since reported that an abundance of agricultural land does exist within three days sailing towards the south. Although he did not conduct a complete land survey, Eriksson believes the grassy pastures of "Vinland" would be ideal for a new Viking settlement. Another expedition is due to return to Vinland to begin colonizing the region.

THE PACIFIC - REMEMBERING CANADA'S PEACEFUL SIDE

Perez - 1999 Proof Set of 92.5% sterling silver (except one cent and common loon dollar) in proof (frosted relief/brilliant background) at \$79.95. 1999 Proof Silver Dollar only in 92.5% sterling silver at \$29.95. 1999 Brilliant Uncirculated Dollar (brilliant relief/brilliant background) in 92.5% sterling silver at \$19.95. 1999 Brilliant Uncirculated Dollar and Collector Pin Set (includes sterling silver collector pin featuring the Santiago) at \$29.95. 1999 Brilliant Uncirculated Dollar and Journal Gift Set (includes personal soft-cover parchment-like pages size 4-1/2" x 6-1/2") at \$24.95.

Queen Charlotte Islands, British Columbia, 1774: The Portuguese expedition headed by Juan Perez reports that the Pacific coast north of California is inhabited, confirmed by a convoy of native men who paddled out to meet the Santiago that had been anchored off-shore for two days. However, a rising storm interrupted the encounter, forcing Perez back out to sea. Observers say Perez was heavily disappointed at missing the opportunity to go ashore and visit the Haida village. It is unlikely he will return to the region.

DHC-6 (TWIN OTTER) - BRAVEST OF THE BRAVE - FROZEN TUNDRA, DESERT HEAT IS NO MATCH FOR BUSH PLANE

The De Havilland Canada DHC-6 (Twin Otter) features a Twin Otter floatplane landing on water - a typical maneuver for this popular bush plane. The cameo is of test pilot George A. Neal. 92.5% sterling silver with a 24-karat gold-covered cameo, proof (frosted relief/brilliant background), face value of \$20. Each coin is encapsulated and presented in a streamlined aerodynamic aluminum case, handsomely embossed with a propeller design, 50,000 mintage, at \$57.95.

Bush pilots trust this aircraft explicitly. She may look tiny, but she has guts. This aircraft will take off and land just about anywhere...deserts, mountains, the tundra. Indeed, the Twin Otter's incredible STOL (short take-off and landing) capabilities have opened up some of the world's most isolated regions.

George A. Neal, a veteran of the skies, is one pilot that knows the Twin Otter better than most. Of the 15,000 hours he has logged during his flying career, over 1,500 were at her controls. Neal was a pilot with the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) during World War II and has completed countless military and civil experimental flights. While he has flown over 130 different types of aircraft, Neal displays an obvious fondness for the world's best known bush plane. Perhaps it is because they have so much in common, both having made a significant contribution to Canadian aviation.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN MINT - CONTINUED

DHC-8 (DASH 8) - A DASH OF VERSATILITY, A TONE OF MUSCLE

The De Havilland Canada DHC-8 (Dash 8) coin illustrates the sleek airframe that allows it to climb fast and steep to achieve flying altitude. The cameo is of test pilot Robert H. (Bob) Fowler, 92.5% sterling silver with a 24-karat gold-covered cameo, proof (frosted relief/brilliant background), face value of \$20, each coin is encapsulated and presented in a streamlined aerodynamic aluminum case, handsomely embossed with a propeller design, 50,000 mintage, at \$57.95.

As pilots go, Robert H. Fowler is as versatile as they get. His career has reached beyond experimental flight to include the ergonomic design of flight controls and propulsion systems. No surprise then, that he would become the test pilot for de Havilland's incredibly versatile DHC-8 Dash 8. One of the most effective turbo-prop commuter aircraft ever built, the Dash 8 has been used for a myriad of applications including passenger and cargo transport, navigation training, calibration duties, and medivac configurations.

Pilots from around the world agree that the Dash 8 is a strong performer - an elegant aircraft that adapts to different applications with amazing ease.

HARNESSING THE WISDOM OF OUR ELDERS

International Year of Older Persons - 1999 Proof Silver Dollar, proof (frosted relief/brilliant background), deluxe display case; 25,000 mintage at \$49.95.

Ottawa, Canada: Experts have identified a new and boundless natural resource in Canada - the wisdom and energy of its seniors. Improvements in health care and the overall standard of living in recent decades have transformed this traditionally sedentary segment of the population into a vibrant resource capable of making a significant contribution to the nation's communities.

This discovery is not unique to Canada. Countries around the world have also recognized the sociological benefits to be realized by supporting and fostering the new dynamics of an aging population - an opportunity so compelling that the United Nations declared 1999 as the International Year of Older Persons.

NANUVUT - "OUR LAND" FOR 5,000 YEARS - ANCIENT TRADITIONS DANCE IN CANADA'S YOUNGEST TERRITORY

Nunavut - 1999 Millennium Proof \$2 Coin in 92.5% sterling silver with 24-karat gold-plated inner core, proof (frosted relief/brilliant background), 40,000 mintage, at \$24.95. Also available is the gold edition (10,000 mintage) at \$299.95, the Uncirculated set at \$13.95 and the Specimen Set at \$26.95.

Iqaluit, Nunavut: After snacking on maktak (whale skin) and learning the definition of "Nunavut" in Inuktitut (it means "Our Land"), a group of tourists were treated to an ancient tradition that some claim is as old as the land itself.

The drum dance is a group event. There are no passive observers. Even those who are seated participate in celebration where a single drum becomes the voice of the people, amplifying individual heartbeats to unite a community.

BIZARRE BEGINNINGS - A PEACH BASKET, A BALL, AND A CANADIAN

Canadian Sports Firsts - Basketball is Born - 1999 50-Cent Sterling Silver Coins, 92.5% sterling silver, proof (frosted relief/brilliant background) at \$19.95

Springfield, Massachusetts, USA: The YMCA Training School was exceptionally clean that day - not a box to be found anywhere. Nothing to toss balls into as a stay-in-shape winter exercise. However, the janitor did find some peach baskets which Canadian James Naismith promptly mounted to the gymnasium balconies.

No rackets nor bats, just skill and aim to sink the ball into the basket. Technique, not force.

In December 1891, 18 students grabbed a soccer ball and sampled Naismith's game according to his 13 rules. It was the indoor exercise that drew a crowd. Within a year, two of Naismith's former students were teaching the game at the YMCA in Montreal and St. Stephen, New Brunswick.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN MINT - CONTINUED

90 YEARS LATER: WHO WILL WIN THE GREY CUP?

Canadian Sports Firsts - Football - 1999 50-Cent Sterling Silver Coins. 92.5% sterling silver, proof (frosted relief/brilliant background), at \$19.95.

Who would have guessed that a move to promote sports in Canada would emerge as an icon in Canadian and North American football? It was June 1, 1909, when the Governor General of Canada, Lord Earl Grey, donated the Grey Cup for the amateur Rugby Football Championship of Canada.

The trophy was originally produced by Birks Jewellers at a cost of \$48.00. The first Grey Cup game was played on December 4, 1909. On June 19, 1963, Lord Earl Grey was inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame for his contribution to Canadian sports.

THE COMPLETE CANADIAN SPORTS FIRSTS SERIES

Subscription of the complete 12-coin set (1998-2000) at \$239.40 (plus \$12.00 shipping and handling).

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NATURE - KING OF THE HUNT

Cougar, Lynx, Cymric and Tonkinese complete four-coin set includes an illustrated booklet full of exciting facts about the cats in this series. Each coin is encapsulated and presented in an attractive presentation box with a protective sleeve, at \$19.95 each, or \$59.95 for the set of 4.

The powerful legs of the cougar enable it to cover 9 m (30 ft.) in a single leap and jump 5.5 m (18 ft.) up the side of a cliff, making it a formidable force capable of tackling animals significantly larger than itself. No doubt, the cougar reigns as king of the hunt in Canada - a country that possesses a wealth of feline treasures including the lynx, cymric, and tonkinese.

A PLAY IN 12 ACTS - AN EXCITING STORY THAT SPANS THE AGES ACROSS A CONTINENT

1999 Millennium Sterling Silver Proof 25-Cent Coins, 92.5% sterling silver, proof (frosted relief/brilliant background), at \$14.95 each

Ottawa, Canada: There is standing room only as critics and audiences applaud this unprecedented, innovative play. Each act lasts a month as it relates a chapter in the story of Canada - the people and achievements that shaped this nation. The curtain barely closes on one segment before another cast of captivating characters and animated props enters the spotlight to delight the audience.

From ancient petroglyphs that recall Canada's first European visitors hundreds of years ago, to the bush planes that opened the farthest reaches of Canada's north, the play has something for everyone. With Canadians as the playwrights, this is a hit show!

RESCUE A CENTURY FROM THE ARCHIVES. SAVE IT TO ENJOY - FOREVER

1999 "Oh! Canada!" Uncirculated Gift Set, includes illustrated booklet with interesting facts about Canada and the wildlife that inspired its coins, at \$21.95

1999 Tiny Treasures Uncirculated Gift Set, ideal for young children, includes a certificate to record information about Canada's youngest collectors. Mail-in card offers a FREE birthday surprise from the Royal Canadian Mint, at \$21.95.

DECKED OUT FOR THE HOLIDAYS

1999 Millennium Gift Set, promises to be THE gift for the 1999 holiday season. With a festive sleeve wrapped around every box, this exciting collection is all dressed up and ready to go! \$24.95.

CANADA CAPTURED IN A SECOND

Watches with Swiss quartz movement whose dial feature Canadian coin designs. Watch this space in the next issue for a detailed description of the variety of other items available from the Royal Canadian Mint.