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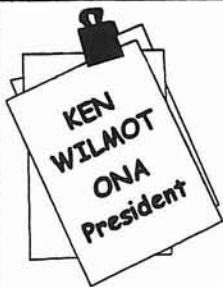
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after one year of regular membership)

Send Membership Applications (with cheque  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of Paul Johnson as ONA Head Judge. Paul made up his first display in 1967, won his first Best of Show in the 1960s, won Best of Shows at ONA

Convention in 1978, 1984 and 1985, and at CNA Conventions in 1975 and 1977. He brings a tremendous amount of experience relating to exhibiting and judging, having been involved with judging at the CNA level since the 1970s. Details appear elsewhere.

My condolences to the family of Al Bliman on his recent passing. Tributes appear in this issue.

The ONA faces an interesting time. I cannot recall an ONA election where so many new faces have let their name stand for the Executive. The proposed slate of officers is announced elsewhere in the Election Chairman's message. What stands out is that there are 9 new faces out of the 14 positions. New blood is vital for an association to progress. But just as important is the experience that remains. As Immediate Past President, I will remain on the new Executive along with Mike Hollingshead, Chris Boyer, Monina Regitko, Len Trakalo, Ray Desjardins and Ron Binder.

I would like to remind you that the 1999 ONA Convention is approaching quickly. Included in this bulletin is information on the registration, program, bourse, meetings, banquet, club delegates meeting, draws, tours, and other activities. I hope that everyone will consider attending the Convention, for a day or for its full duration. A registration form, hotel room reservation information and an exhibit application form is also enclosed for your convenience.

Membership renewals were mailed to you with the November/December ONA Numismatist. If you have not already returned yours, I hope that you will do so immediately. Other than the bigger, better bulletin, we will be announcing the availability of a number of additional numismatic programs on VCR tapes that will be made available directly to members for viewing in the privacy of their own home. We also mailed a booklet of Dream Vacation Draw tickets. Other than the main prize of a \$1,250 travel voucher or \$1,000.00 in cash, the prizes also include a \$100 gold coin and 5 worthwhile subsidiary prizes. Please act on them immediately. If you require more books, ask Treasurer Bruce to send you some, or simply mail him a cheque and he will fill in the tickets and deposit them in the drum at the Convention. Members have actively participated in the draw in the past by selling all tickets or purchasing them for themselves. Remember, the proceeds help pay for the bulletin, audio visual programming and other projects.

See you at the Convention!

*Ken Wilmot*  
ONA President

# EDITOR'S MESSAGE



A lot of Editors always scrounge around for material to publish. They basically publish anything and everything that is sent to them, including all publicity releases, items of little interest to members, stale and outdated news and blatant self-serving promotional releases.

I have been somewhat more fortunate in understanding and accepting the fact that I knew before I agreed to take on the editorship, that I would be writing most of the content myself. The exceptions would be messages from the President, Membership Chairman and other Committee Chairmen, as well as, hopefully, the odd short article. I had previously agreed to look after the numismatic publicity for the 1999 ONA Convention and for the ONA Awards Committee, so I knew that I had to make available major time for the ONA Numismatist. No wonder I felt it necessary to resign from my commitment as CNA Club Services Chairman.

So what has happened? Low and behold, I have received articles and ads from people that I least expected them from. Harry Eisenhauer, one of our members residing outside of Ontario, has sent me the first unsolicited complimentary classified ad, a photocopy of a unique bank note overprinted for use in Ontario (not even the National Currency Collection has one) and a commitment to send me illustrations of the rarest of rare paper money issued in Ontario for inclusion in the ONA Numismatist. Jerry Remick sent a package of articles which, along with the unpublished articles from him that were turned over to me by the previous Editor, will fill a number of pages. Tom Kostaluk, who has not done a lot of writing for the *ONA Numismatist* in the past, sent me a couple of articles that will eventually get published. So did Albert Kasman. Ditto for Barry Uman.

In anticipation of a drought of content, I drafted up a quantity of columns before my first issue (November/December 1998) went to press. By the time I was finished, I had to ask our President to decide what we should publish in that issue since I felt there was a lot of a timely nature that should not be put off. He authorized me to go to the next level of postage and we selected 24 pages. Even with this bulletin's 28 pages, it was necessary to hold back all kinds of material. Every Editor's dream!

So please be patient. All articles will get published, and I still have a number of ideas I have not been able to include: The Lighter Side, Where Are They Now?, Laurels & Wreaths, Speakers Circuit, New Issues of Ontario and a lot more. Since one of my major recommendations to the Executive was to allocate major space for news from Ontario clubs and collectors of interest to ONA members, you will see a lot of things included in the future that were culled from club bulletins...if I receive them.

What a dilemma! Too many ideas. Too much material on hand! When will I be able to publish it all? The Executive allowed me to go to the next level of postage for my first 2 bulletins, but that cannot continue... unless of course the advertisers keep supporting us like never before!

After the mailing of the last issue, I sat back and waited to see what sort of response I would get. Would members be upset by the fact that no educational articles appeared, or would they accept the fact that a lot of committee/executive/membership stuff had to be published? Would they accept the fact that so much advertising was included, or would they see that we more than made up the number of pages? Would they accept my writing style? Would they like my layout? Would they enjoy my new columns? Would they care?

I have heard from a number of members. All had positive things to say. A few offered very helpful suggestions. I particularly appreciated the time Ken Prophet took in making a few suggestions and Paul Petch's thoughts which will be published in the next ONA Numismatist.

In case you use the CNA membership application form published in the last issue of the ONA Numismatist to join the CNA, please note that they have increased their annual dues by 10%, effective January 1. This raises the Regular membership dues to \$33, Junior membership to \$16.50, Family membership to \$44 and Corporate membership to \$33. Please increase the amount of your cheque accordingly.

*John Regitko*  
ONA Editor

# EXECUTIVE DECISIONS



## 1998 WAS AN INTERESTING YEAR FOR ONA

Numerous things happened involving the ONA and its members during 1998. There is simply no way we can recap all of them. Here are some that come to mind:

The City of Ottawa Coin Club put on a terrific convention. Considering that a large number of the committee were new to the convention business, they did an excellent job. The exhibits were phenomenal. They can take a well-deserved bow. And they made a profit of \$1,376.20.

At the beginning of the year, we had 368 members. Even though dues increased, we will have just about the same number at the end of 1998. Those that joined for the "incentives" of free Charlton catalogues did not abandon us. With the 11 applications for 1999 we published in the last 2 issues, we should have a good year.

Life Membership did not carry itself. Some members of the Executive wondered if we should discontinue offering it or raising the life membership dues. No action was taken at this time.

Both the President and Treasurer had perfect attendance records at ONA Executive meetings. Three others only missed 1 meeting. If my car only had started!

When Chris Boyer invited the ONA Executive to hold a meeting at the Paisley Road Public School, a number of the young members of the Paisley Road Coin Club set up displays, for the Executive to enjoy...and judge. Congratulations were extended to Boyer for the interest he is taking in bringing along young collectors.

More nominations were received for the 1998 ONA Award of Merit than in the past decade.

The Royal Canadian Mint received an Honorary Membership in the ONA, the first honorary membership awarded in something like a decade. A nice gesture on the ONA's part to show support for what the RCM has done, both for the hobby generally and the ONA specifically.

More Dream Vacation draw tickets were sold than ever before, thanks mainly to the efforts of the host club, the City of Ottawa Coin Club. With the RCM donating the 2nd place prize of a \$100 gold coin, the ONA made over \$1,100 on the draw.

It was confirmed by the Executive in a policy motion that any remaining ONA Convention medals would never be sold below the original issue price. The Executive also confirmed that any remaining gold-plate medals originally offered only in registration kits would be destroyed.

The North York Coin Club was awarded the Year 2000 Convention. They are no strangers to Conventions. They have hosted both ONA and CNA conventions in the past. The club appointed Paul Petch, currently the NYCC President and 1st Vice President-elect of the ONA, as Convention Chairman.

A "Recruiter of the Year" Award was announced for 1999, as an incentive to members to sign up others.

With Don Atanasoff's move to pursue new opportunities, the ONA appointed a new Editor. The new Editor announced his intentions of putting the "Ontario" back into the ONA Numismatist by concentrating on happening and articles from within Ontario as much as possible.

In view of the fact that a number of new VCR tape programs were added, borrowing of programs from the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library was up considerably. A program was announced to encourage the borrowing of VCR tape programs by individual members, thereby assuring that VCR tape programs would actually be used rather than just sitting in the Audio Visual Lending Librarian's basement.

In its evolving growth and continuing maturing, the ONA President created the position of Liaison to the Royal Canadian Mint and appointed Ray Desjardins to fill it. Ray lives close to the Ottawa Mint and knows all the right people.

A long-time member of the Executive, Elmer Workman, asked to be relieved of his duties as ONA Area 6 Director and as Head Judge, due to the fact that he could not get around as he once did. Happens to everyone!

## EXECUTIVE DECISIONS - CONTINUED

Tom Kennedy resigned as ONA Convention Coordinator. Did he want to free time to work more closely with the CNA in a similar capacity? With the CNA elections coming up shortly, did he want to free time for when he announces his candidacy for the CNA Presidency? How about all of the above?

The Ottawa Convention Committee created a lengthy, detailed report which should become a guide for future Convention Committees. The hours each committee head put into the report must have been something!

What is considered good news by many that have been to the Hospitality Suite at previous ONA and CNA Conventions, Monina Regitko has consented to look after the Hospitality Suite at the 1999 ONA Convention (as well as at the 1999 CNA Convention being hosted by the Waterloo Coin Society).

Bill Jarema of Stratford collected the \$100 seller's prize for selling the winning Dream Vacation Draw ticket (\$1,250 travel voucher or \$1,000 cash) by selling the winning ticket to....himself. Joyce Armstrong of Owen Sound won second prize of a \$100 gold coin. The gold coin was donated by the Royal Canadian Mint, thanks to efforts by Tom Kennedy through the Mint's Pierre Morin. Thanks, Pierre, and keep supporting the hobby!

The RCM's support was exceptional in other areas as well. They allowed 18 collectors attending the ONA Convention to tour the Mint...right down on the production floor. ONA Treasurer Bruce Raszmann even assisted them in striking a silver 25 cent piece. Did he have to join a union to do that? Was he insured? Is that the same piece that I received from the Mint? Would anybody believe it if I placed it in an auction claiming it is the one that Bruce struck? Would anyone be so gullible as to offer huge sums for it?

The City of Ottawa Coin Club was credited for selling 118 books of Dream Vacation tickets. Stratford, who usually is in first place thanks to the efforts mainly of Ken Wilmot, was second with 94 books. To show you how well these two clubs did, the Waterloo Coin Society was a distant third with 54 books. Ken Wilmot and Ray Desjardins had a bet on which club would sell the most books. Wilmot and the Stratford Coin Club were the odd-on favourite, having placed first for numerous years. Ken made good on the bet by presenting Ray with the prize of a 1998 Loon \$1 coin (cut out of a proof-like set, the only way it was available) which Ray donated to the City of Ottawa Coin Club for their donation auction.

Frank Fesco of Ottawa received the ONA's highest award, the Award of Merit. Ray Desjardins was installed as a "Fellow" of the ONA.

Harry Eisenhower's name turned up probably more times in Ontario coin club bulletins than anyone else's for having donated material to clubs for donation auctions. In past years, this honor was easily won by Jim Charlton. Bill Cross of Charlton Press easily won the the distinction of the most donations of coin catalogues and other collectibles catalogues and reference books that were used in various membership incentives.

Paul Johnson organized 3 highly successful educational courses for the CNA and NESAs. One was at Humber College near Toronto, the other two at a hotel in Ottawa that was attended by a total of 80 employees of the Royal Canadian Mint. The reason the Humber College session made \$386.05 for the non-profit organizations was partly due to the fact that ONA member Paul Petch donated coffee (cost of \$66.13) and arranged for Tim Horton's to donate the donuts. This is the type of donation and dedication that usually does not get advertised.

Members of the ONA Executive reached milestones in the CNA: Bruce Raszmann received a certificate for 35 years of continuous membership in the CNA, Don Robb received one for 25 years.

ONA member clubs were also honored by the CNA. Since your Editor did not take on his current assignment until November, a complete list is not available. We do know that the Stratford Coin Club and the Waterloo Coin Society received a certificate for 35 years of membership. No doubt there were others.

ONA Junior member Braden Jennings received a First Place medal for his exhibit at the 1998 ONA Convention in Ottawa in the Young Numismatist category. He also agreed to serve on the 1999 CNA Convention Planning Committee as Chairman of the Young Numismatist Committee.

So much to report, so little space! Lots more happened, but two pages is enough!

# ELECTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



I am pleased to announce that the following nominations have been received prior to the close of nominations on December 16, 1998.

As per the Constitution of the ONA, they have been nominated in writing by a member in good standing or by an officer of a member club that is in good standing. The Election Committee has received confirmation that the nominee is willing to stand for office. It has been determined that the nominees have met all the requirements of eligibility.

- For the office of President: Mike Hollingshead
- For the office of First Vice-President: Paul Petch
- For the office of Second Vice-President: Chris Boyer
- For the office of Recording Secretary: Monina Regitko
- For the office of Treasurer: Bruce Raszmann
- For the office of Regional Directors:
  - Area 1 (Essex, Kent, Elgin, Lambton): Ron Binder  
(includes Windsor, Sarnia, St. Thomas and Kent (Chatham) coin clubs)
  - Area 2 (Huron, Perth, Oxford, Middlesex): Tom Rogers  
(includes Stratford, Ingersoll, Tillsonburg and Woodstock coin clubs)
  - Area 3 (Niagara): Richard McClean  
(includes Niagara Falls, St. Catharines and Welland coin clubs)
  - Area 4 (Brant, Hamilton-Wentworth, Haldimand/Norfolk): Len Trakalo  
(includes Brantford and Hamilton coin clubs)
  - Area 5 (Waterloo, Wellington, Halton, Dufferin): Braden Jennings  
(includes Waterloo, Cambridge, South Wellington and Taylor Evans coin clubs)
  - Area 6 (Bruce, Grey, Simcoe, Muskoka): No nomination  
(includes Orillia and Champlain coin clubs)
  - Area 7 (Metro Toronto, Peel and York): Albert Kasman  
(includes Toronto, North York, Scarborough, Mississauga, Thistletown and Oshawa coin clubs)
  - Area 8 (Victoria, Durham, Peterborough, Northumberland): No nomination  
(includes Peterborough and Kingston coin clubs)
  - Area 9 (All East of Hastings and Algonquin District): Ray Desjardins  
(includes Ottawa, Pembroke and Pt. Claire, P.Q. coin clubs)
  - Area 10 (All North of Muskoka, Haliburton, Hastings and Renfrew): William Waychison  
(includes Sudbury, Timmins, Nipissing (North Bay) and Lake Superior (Thunder Bay) coin clubs)

Since only one valid nomination was received for each elected position, I declare the above slate elected "by acclamation." Nominations will be called for from the floor at the Annual General Meeting for Directors for Areas 6 and 8, then voted on at the meeting. If no nominations are received from the floor, they will be filled by the elected officers at a regular Executive meeting.

The incoming Executive will be installed at the conclusion of the Annual General Membership meeting at the 1999 ONA Convention and will assume office, along with the Immediate Past President, at the conclusion of the Convention. All elected officers will hold office for two years from that time and until their successors have been duly elected and installed.

The Election Committee thanks the nominees and nominators for their participation.

*Mike Hollingshead*  
*Elections Chairman*

# EXECUTIVE MATTERS

## PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE ONA CONSTITUTION



*The following letter, dated December 22, was received by the ONA President, Ken Wilmot:*

In accordance with Article 10 "Amendments to the Constitution" concerning proposed changes to the ONA Constitution and By-Laws, I am hereby notifying the ONA Executive "in writing at least 120 days before the General Meeting" and will be arranging to "circulate to all members at least 30 days before the date of such meeting" my intentions to make the following motion at the General Membership Meeting in April:

"I move to delete from Article 6 - "Elected Officers," Section 1, the words "the Secretary, the Treasurer."

The effect of this motion, should at least 2/3 of the members present at the General Membership meeting, vote in its favor, is to remove these 2 positions from the election process in future. They would automatically, by virtue of their absence, fall under the Presidential appointments, same as the Membership Chairman, Editor, Advertising Manager, Librarian and Archivist.

Although no reason need be given for my motion, I would like to make you aware that my intention is to remove these positions from the "popularity" contest to assure that the President, with the support of the Executive, appoints the most experienced people to these positions.

*John Regitko  
ONA Life Member*

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# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

## WELCOME

The applications for membership which appeared in the last issue of the ONA Numismatist have been accepted. We welcome Ian Graham, James Bakes, Peter Tshu, Peter Clarkson and Gary McCormack!

## TRANSFER TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The following members have been transferred from regular membership to life membership:

#LM105 Hubert Grimminck, London, Ont. (from #1632)

#LM106 Paul Petch, Etobicoke, Ont. (from #1667)

## NEW APPLICATIONS

The following applications for membership have been received. If there are no objections by February 15, they will be accepted into ONA membership and their acceptance published in the next bulletin. Recruiters eligible for the ONA Recruiter of the Year Award are identified with an asterisk (no asterisk designates that they are not eligible for the award because of their position within the ONA Executive).

#1674 Gord Nichols, St. Catharines, Ont.

#1675 Nancy J. Meredith, Huntsville, Ont. (Recruiter: John Regitko)

#1676 Tom Rogers, London, Ont. (Recruiter: Ken Wilmot)

#1677 James Collins, Mississauga, Ont. (Recruiter: \*Peter Kostyk)

#1678 Peter DeGraaf, Sarnia, Ont. (Recruiter: John Regitko)

#1679 John Boutilier, Shakespeare, Ont. (Recruiter: John Regitko)

*Bruce Raszmann  
Membership Chairman*



## C O N D O L E N C E S

Our sincere condolences are extended to the family of Al Bliman, who can best be described as a mover and a shaker of the hobby. One thing stands out about Al: he did more than most people in promoting the hobby of numismatics in Toronto, as well as throughout Ontario and Canada. Your editor remembers Al over many years: directing the people traffic at Torex about 30 years ago, talking about the correspondence he received as Executive Secretary of CAND, the joy of taking an active hand in the operations of local coin clubs, his successful campaign for the Presidency of the CNA, receiving the Order of Canada (given to him by Pierre Elliott Trudeau). Probably no-one will ever realize...and appreciate...the total amount of time he spent in promoting the hobby. Following are a few of the tributes that we have received:

Just a few lines as a TRIBUTE to a man I felt privileged to call my friend, AL BLIMAN. This is merely, "my so long to a friend, until we meet again"!

The good times I shared with Al over the years, and those my wife Esther and I shared with him and Sharron, will always be precious memories that we would not have, had it not been for the Numismatic Hobby. Had it not been for our mutual collecting interests, we would never have met, with him living in the Toronto area, and I, first in New Brunswick and later in Alberta. Another attribute of the collecting fraternity, the good friends you make along the way.

Since his dear wife Sharron passed away, Al never, in my opinion, really recovered from that loss, and of course, his own health was precarious to say the least. From time-to-time, we'd drop one another a note, (not as often as we should have, of course), his daughter Leslie and I would exchange E-Mail messages periodically, mostly updates on Al's health, and Al and I would have a telephone chat whenever "the spirit moved us." My only regret, and we spoke of it often, that we did not live closer, enabling us to visit personally during these past few months, when friendly visits might have helped.

A few days before he died, we exchanged our annual Christmas/Hanukkah greetings, as we've done for many years past, not knowing that 1998 would be the last of these exchanges. Al was sometimes misunderstood, but I leave this message to those who called him FRIEND, and to those few who did not; believe me, he had a good heart, he was a good man and he was a true friend.

As I write these lines, I truly believe he is now a much happier man having been reunited with Sharron, in a better place than that he left, where the pain and loneliness of this life are no more. REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND!!

The Lord bless and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:4:24-26).

I do hope you are all happy with these lines as they come from my heart, and they did not come without, I'm not ashamed to admit, a few tears. PEACE!!!

Earl Salterio

*Numismatic Resume:* Al was active in promoting numismatics in all its forms for well over 30 years. His accomplishments include the following: Past-President of The Canadian Numismatic Association; Past-President of The Canadian Paper Money Society; 1988 recipient of the ONA Award of Merit; member of the Royal Canadian Mint Design Committee 6 times; recipient of the Royal Canadian Mint Silver Medal for Education; Honorary Life Member of The Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers (CAND); Chairman of the CNA's Coin Week Canada; Executive Secretary of the non-profit Donald B. Thomas Memorial Foundation (assisting young collectors in various ways); Show Organizer of Torex; Past President of the CNA; member of the executive of numerous local coin clubs (served on the Executive of the North York and Scarborough coin club at the time of his passing).

Al collected everything from coins to spoons to woods to paper money. His most recent passion: casino chips.

Al was devastated by the sudden loss of his beloved wife Sharron. He is survived by their daughter Leslie Kuretzky and a grandchild.

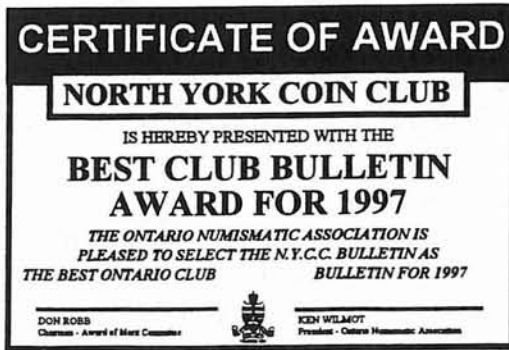
Rick Craig

Earl sent me a copy of his tribute and it touched me in a way I cannot say. Al was a very dear friend and I will miss him.

Ron Zelk

# EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

## BEST LOCAL COIN CLUB BULLETIN & EDITOR AWARDS



The ONA has awarded best Local Coin Club Bulletin Award and the Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Editor Award for a number of years. A call is made to all clubs to send their bulletins to the Editor for judging at year-end. The mailings can either be done monthly as the bulletins are published, or at yearend via the mailing of a complete set. It is the responsibility of the Editor to select the winners. The Editor has usually requested the assistance of other members of the Executive that take an active interest in clubs, for example the Club Services Chairman and the President.

The eligibility of a club having their bulletin judged is very simple: if a club operating in Ontario is a member of the ONA and sends their bulletins to the Editor, it is eligible for the award! If a club does not send in their bulletins, obviously it is not eligible.

For most of the time in the past, the bulletin award was presented to the club only. The editor had received minimal recognition. No award as such was presented to them. However, the ONA recognized recently that, although a club makes available the finances necessary to produce and distribute the bulletin and put its weight behind its production, it is the Editor that does the work in gathering up information about club happenings, writing most of the information themselves. It is only fair that the Editor receives the same recognition as the club. Therefore, the ONA Executive approved an award that was equal to the award received by the club, in recognition of the contributions made by the Editor. A framed certificate is presented to both the Editor and the club. Although it has been the case that up to now that one editor has published an award-winning bulletin for the whole year, it could come about that more than one editor could have been responsible for the production of the bulletins during the 1-year period. If a club's bulletin is co-edited by two or more people, each person will receive the award unless it can be determined that one of them is the main contributor and driving force behind the success of the bulletin.

The criteria for judging is based on common sense as to what a bulletin should accomplish. Simply put, it should make all members aware of the goings-on of the club, especially if they are unable to attend meetings. This should include, but not be limited to, the following content:

- explain what transpired at the previous meeting;
- make members aware of the plans for the next meeting as an enticement for them to want to attend;
- publish "worthwhile" editorials and President's messages;
- make members aware of numismatic activities taking place in their area, whether sponsored by their club or not;
- promote the collecting of diversified numismatic material;
- publish educational articles, preferably original material and preferably written by members of the club;
- publish news about members (i.e. collecting interests, get well wishes, condolences, new finds, wanted/for trade ads);
- keep members completely "in the picture" about their club (i.e. publish Minutes of meetings, financial reports, conclusions reached at Executive meetings affecting members);
- Although content is more important than appearance, members must want to pick it up and read it. Therefore, slight emphasis will be given to bulletins that are eye-appealing, such as through layout or clip art.

Since this is not a listing carved in stone, we would appreciate feedback as to what other topics members would like to see included in local coin club bulletins to make them more "interesting." Send your comments to the ONA Editor.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CLUBS:** As far as the Editor is concerned, only the following clubs are currently eligible for the bulletin awards: Brantford, Ingersoll, Scarborough, South Wellington, Stratford, Woodstock, Waterloo and Windsor. For any other club to become eligible, someone must send us a set of the 1998 bulletins by January 31. As last year's winners, the North York Coin Club and its Editor, Paul Petch, are not eligible this year.

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS



**Introduction** - In the last bulletin, we appealed to clubs to place the new Editor on their mailing list so that he could cull information for various columns (as well as saving a set for the judging the ONA Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Award). Bulletins are being received from a number of. Based on this fact, you will see an expanded "Local Coin Club News" section. We won't only publish serious stuff about programs and personalities, but also light-hearted items.



**Final Appeal** - The *ONA Numismatist* will be featuring a listing of Ontario coin clubs, showing when and where they meet, mailing address, contact, if they meet in July & August, etc. We cannot publish what we don't know, and we don't want to guess and get it wrong. So don't be surprised...and disappointed...if your club is not included unless you have sent us one of your recent club bulletins. If your club does not publish a bulletin, write. Bob Voaden did this recently and provided all the necessary information to have the St. Catharines Coin Club included in the listing.

If you have not sent me any of your past bulletins yet, this is your final reminder not only to get your club listed, but also to provide copies of your bulletins for the judging of the Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Award and the Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Editor Award. You cannot win if you don't enter!



**North York Coin Club** - The ONA's annual convention will be hosted by the North York Coin Club in April of the year 2000. As is the tradition, they will be issuing an official souvenir medal in commemoration of the event. A few months ago, the club announced a medal design competition open to all club members. The Medal Committee Chairman is Rick Craig. ONA members Roger Fox and Paul Johnson are members of the committee. They hoped to select a winning design by the end of December and make a decision at their January Executive meeting. Now that's good advance planning.

The medal, or the central design of the medal, usually forms the logo of the convention and establishes the major theme. Most host clubs do not plan that far in advance and invariably the regular ONA logo or the host club logo is used until virtually the last moment before the "theme" kicks in. Also, most of the time, the convention committee decides on the design for themselves without involving other members of the club (the Waterloo Coin Society also did so recently for the 1999 CNA Convention medal design). The winner of the design competition gets a sterling silver medal and the prestige of their initials on the medal. That's a \$40 prize and a priceless amount for the glory. Pretty good investment for a bit of time.

**CANADIAN COIN** Sometimes we overlook a speaker that is right under our noses. A recent speaker at the North York Coin Club was Paul Fiocca, Publisher of the Trajan Publishing (which includes Canadian Coin News, amongst a number of others. He is also the Editor of the CNA Journal. He gave an interesting behind-the-scenes look at Trajan, a brief history of CCN spanning the past 35 years, an account of how their diversified publications are produced, a general overview on daily trends, the functioning of their publications office, and more. Other clubs that are not too far from St. Catharines might want to consider him. If I have to tell any club program director how to get in touch with him, then maybe they are not "involved" enough!

Incidentally, Clark Cooper, Publishing's Advertising Account Manager, has left Trajan Publishing to join N.C. Cameron & Sons, purported to be the largest collectibles distributor in Canada. More details in the next issue.

**December Dinner Meetings** - A number of clubs that order in chicken or other meal for their December meeting, charge only a portion of the actual cost. At worst, members pay for the meal and the club picks up the tip and tax. At best, a club will charge a flat \$5.00 for members and absorb the balance (people would come out anyway, but this certainly makes it cheaper than preparing something at home). A nice gesture!

The Stratford Coin Club goes one better. They don't charge anything at all for their chicken dinner. That applies to members, spouses, guests...everybody! If any other club absorbs the total cost, we would like to hear about it so we can pass it on. It is one way to give something back to the membership once a year.

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



**South Wellington Coin Society** - In the last issue, we suggested that anyone interested in obtaining a SWCS medal should get their name in to Robert Smija. No sooner had we gone to press when we received their November bulletin advising that only 1 set remained of the 1997 club medals and that the 1998 issue was sold out. People who collect local coin club medals are out of luck in getting it at the original issue pricing. With a quantity of only 30 available, we can see the price going sky rocketing in the aftermarket.



**North York Coin Club** - Clubs that schedule "Member Participation Night" or "My Other Favourite Hobby Night" have reported good participation from the membership. The North York Coin Club had a slight twist to that type of a program, namely "Numismatic Connections to the Month of November." Amazing what people think of. ONA Member Harvey Farrow displayed three medals. In the spirit of Remembrance Day, November 11, one of them was a military medal awarded to his father. A book he brought along covered the Royal Winter Fair which runs in November and with which his mother was associated. He also brought along a book about Maple Leaf Gardens, recalling his first November visit to the facility.

ONA member George Fraser brought along two richly illustrated auction catalogues for sales which took place in November. He received them on the day of the sale which made it rather impossible to place a bid. ONA member Paul Johnson, displayed a new book containing the full history of the Kennedy Half Dollars. He recalled that Kennedy died in November, 1963. Another ONA member and NYCC President/Editor, Paul Petch, displayed a commemorative medal and an August 1965 issue of the National Geographic which included a record containing Churchill's speeches. He also gave a commentary on Winston Churchill who was born on November 30. Other club members also made presentations.

An ANA article, reproduced in the NYCC's November bulletin, wrote about Halloween. In the same issue, Paul Petch compiled interesting tidbits from the Internet about Dracula.

## TIP OF THE DAY



The above NYCC program might give other clubs an idea to schedule something to tie in to an event taking place around their meeting date. For example, Valentines Day is coming up and members might want to bring along numismatic objects that tie into that event. Then there are all the different religious holidays falling on virtually every month of the year. Members can be encouraged to set-up displays and say a few words about it as an add-on program. Every club has a few display cases on hand to accommodate displays. They don't even have to be notified in advance. Members can just show up with their display. No club will refuse them!



**Brantford Numismatic Society** - The BNS also recently held an "other hobby" night, which brought out handcarved wooden figures, sports memorabilia and paperweights as well as other collectibles. Another one of their recent meetings was billed as "You Are A Dealer" Night. Every member was encouraged to bring their extras and set-up a table. This is a good way for members to "clean house" of their duplicates or the things they no longer want, while at the same time giving another collector the opportunity to acquire them. It will also give them some spending money to purchase other things they want. The regular dealers should be happy that the people will have that extra spending money.

**Woodstock Coin Club** - Let me quote from a recent Woodstock Coin Club bulletin: "The September 3, 1998 Woodstock Coin Club meeting was conducted by Club Vice President Bob Pittman... "Club Secretary Bob Pittman read the minutes...." The bulletin was signed by Club Editor...you guessed it...Bob Pittman. Sounds like a lot of clubs, where the willing get to do a lot of the work. If one or two key people of your club don't show up at meetings or retire, what will happen? Do you have replacements waiting in the wings?

Incidentally, Bob, it was nice of you to correct the guest speakers name from the previous bulletin, which you say should have read "Mike Hollinghead" instead of "Mike Hollington." You'll have to try at least one more time, though, to get it right!



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# SHOW TIME

A column intended to entice ONA members to attend shows throughout Ontario

## NEW SPRING SHOW FOR STRATFORD ON MAY 30

Congratulations to ONA member Bob Dowsett of B.C. Coins who, along with his wife, Carole and Ian Ward, are starting up a coin show in Stratford in the Spring. It is billed as the "Stratford 1st Annual Spring Coin Show" and is scheduled for May 30. It will be held at the Stratford Knights of Columbus Community Centre, 151 Lorne Ave. East, Stratford.

Over 50 bourse tables are expected to contain coins, paper money, tokens, medals and other numismatic items, as well as the usual sprinkling of other collectibles. Free parking. Lunch counter on premises. Admission is \$2.00 (children under 12 admitted free if accompanied by an adult). Show hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Stratford Coin Club has sponsored a show each Fall. Their bourse has always sold out and there is always a waiting list for tables. The privately-run Spring show will enable additional dealers to display and offer their wares to area collectors.

Further information can be obtained from Bob Dowsett at (519) 271-8884 or Ian Ward at (519) 426-8875. Dowsett can also be reached by fax at (519) 275-2684. See ad on the show in this issue.

## COLLECTIBLES SHOWS

In the last ONA Numismatist, we stated that we would briefly list, from time to time space permitting, any collectibles shows that feature some coin dealers. We attended both the St. Catharines Toy & Collectables Show run by Wayne Gilroy and the Woodstock Toy & Collectables Show run by Ian Ward. We saw a number of ONA member dealers as well as some non-members that featured coins and paper money. I recall Andy Greco, Dan Hill, Bob & Carol Dowsett (B.C. Coins), John Boutilier (Then & Now Collectibles), Steve Van Bree, Harry Spice, Dave Waddilove and the Gold Corporation. With such high-profile member dealers on hand, we intend to make you aware of some basic details about collectibles shows.

And speaking of collectibles shows, check out the Spring Nostalgia-Rama '99 on March 7 at the Fair Grounds in Woodstock. I attended it before and if you want to see virtually nothing but genuine small antiques and nostalgia collectibles, this is a terrific show. Eighty-five dealers on 180 tables. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### JANUARY 16-17 - CAND SHOW IN HAMILTON



The first show hosted by the Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers in a number of years. ONA member Terry McHugh is organizing this major event. See previous page for full details. An ad also appears elsewhere in this issue.

### APRIL 10 - HAMILTON COIN CLUB SHOW



The Hamilton Coin Club's Semi-Annual Coin Show will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the upper level of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 58, 1180 Barton Street East, Hamilton, right across the street from the Centre Mall. \$1.00 admission includes draw ticket. Lunch counter.

### APRIL 16-18 - ONA CONVENTION IN GUELPH



The ONA's annual convention will be held at the College Inn in Guelph. Full details on our Convention will be published in the January/February issue of the ONA Numismatist. It will include full particulars on Program of Events, Registration, souvenir medal pricing and availability, bourse, etc.

### MAY 8 - BURLINGTON COIN SHOW

The Semi-Annual Burlington International Coin Show is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Brant Hills Community Centre, 2300 Duncaster Ave, Burlington. The Community Centre is accessible off Brant Street between Upper Middle Road and Highway 5. Free admission. For information, call (905) 608-0568.

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# THE NATIONAL SCENE

## REPORT OF THE ONA DELEGATE TO THE CNA CONVENTION



The 1998 CNA Convention was held at the Convention Inn Hotel in Edmonton, Alberta, from July 30 to August 2. The registration kit contained a bronze medal struck by the Royal Canadian Mint, a VCR video "*From Artwork to Coin*" produced by the Royal Canadian Mint, an auction catalogue, wooden nickels and many more goodies such as pens, coupons, etc. The media coverage of this event was excellent, with 3 local TV stations covering the Convention.

### Thursday, July 30

- 9 A.M. Bourse floor opened for registrants. There were 41 dealers & a large area for displays. The displays were of high quality and the best of show was won by Dorte Brace of Ancaster, Ontario.
- 10 A.M. Bus Tour. There was one bus with about 20 convention goers.
- 7 P.M. R.C.M. Reception. They gave out a pouch which contained a pin and a gold coin replica of the one ounce coin they gave away at the convention.

### Friday, July 31

- 12 p.m. The C.P.M.S. luncheon was attended by 30 members and guests. They were entertained by a delightful talk on "The Klondike and some interesting stories" by the guest speaker, Alex Mair. Alex has a local CBC radio show. The menu was Salmon. The Ruth McQuade Literary Award for best article was won by Robert Graham of Pembroke, Ont.
- 5 P.M. While in the lobby of the hotel, the sky opened up and a hail storm came down for about a half an hour. The skies then cleared.
- 7 P.M. A dinner boat cruise on the "*Edmonton Queen*" down the North Saskatchewan river was enjoyed by 54 convention-goers.

### Saturday, August 1

- 8 A.M. Club delegates breakfast had 21 representatives present. The Coin Week Canada note was for sale.
- 10 A.M. CNA Annual General Meeting. The Toronto Coin Club received their 40th Anniversary certificate and the O.N.A. received their 35th Anniversary certificate. There were others who received their certificates as well if they were present. More were sent by mail.
- 2 P.M. Auction. There were over 1800 lots.
- 2 P.M. Educational Forum. The three speakers were Brian Cornwell on "*Coin Grading and Counterfeit Detection*", Lub Wojtiw on "*Alberta Prosperity Certificates*" and James Kindrake on "*World Bi-Metallic Coinage*."
- 7 P.M. Banquet. There were about 95 members and guests at the annual event. Dinner and my 3 desserts were fabulous. The annual awards were won by the following:
  - Guy Potter Literary Award: Wayne L. Jacobs.
  - Louise Graham Club Award: Edmonton Numismatic Society.
  - The CNA Fellows were: Norm Williams of Vancouver, B.C. and Geoff Bell of Moncton, N.B., which was a total surprise to both of them.
  - Best of Show: Dorte Brace of Ancaster, Ont.
  - The J. D. Ferguson Award (highest CNA award): James Haxby.The banquet was rounded out by a most fascinating slide presentation by Ron Greene of Victoria, B.C. on "*The Klondike Gold Rush*."

### Sunday, August 2

- 8 A.M. CAWMC Breakfast and annual meeting. Eleven woods were issued at this convention.
- 12 Midnight. Took the red eye home and arrived in Toronto at 6:15 A.M.

*Ron Zerk*  
ONA Delegate to CNA Convention

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# ONA CONVENTION NEWS

## CONVENTION CHAIRMAN ISSUES INVITATION



I am pleased to invite all members and their families and guests to attend the 1999 ONA Convention scheduled for April 16 to 18 at the College Inn, Guelph, Ontario.

We have included a number of details about the Convention in this issue to persuade you to attend. Come alone. Come with the family. Come with friends, but come. Register for the convention or just walk in off the street. Come for the day or make a fun-filled week-end of it. Bring an exhibit, or come view the exhibits. Whatever you decide, I know that you will have a good time.

We have not forgotten the spouses. A tour is scheduled for Saturday morning and a special Spousal Registration Kit is also available. The Hospitality Suite is open both Saturday and Sunday, serving a variety of goodies completely complimentary.

Young Numismatists will also receive special consideration. Other than a special YN Registration Kit containing special numismatic collectibles, YN registrants will participate in a special draw and have double the chances of winning in the hourly draws. Special pricing is available to anyone of school age for the Banquet.

I also encourage everyone to attend the Banquet and the Tour (advance ticket purchase required), as well as the General Membership Meeting. Be sure that your club appoints someone (why not you?) to represent your club at the convention and at the Club Delegates Meeting.

Note that the gold-plated souvenir medal is only available in the Main Registration kit. A bronze and a silver version of the same souvenir medal is for sale on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are unable to attend, you can order them through the mail and they will be sent to you following the convention.

Happy collecting!

*Ken Wilmot*  
*ONA President*



## 1999 ONA CONVENTION

April 16, 17 & 18, 1999

College Inn, 716 Stone Rd., Guelph, Ontario

**Bourse - Exhibits - Banquet - Educational Meetings  
Club Delegates Meeting - Registrants Reception  
General Membership Meeting - And Lots More**

**Be sure to fill in the Registration form, Exhibit application form and Hotel Room Reservation form published in this issue of the ONA Numismatist.**

**For your convenience, official convention souvenir medals, banquet tickets and Dream Vacation Draw tickets can also be ordered on the same Registration form.**

**Note: Remember to return your Dream Vacation Draw tickets along with your Registration form. You do not have to be present to win.**

# ONACONVENTIONNEWS

## PROGRAM OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY - APRIL 16

- 6:00 p.m. Security commences.
- 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Dealer Set-up.
- 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Registration table open - pre-registrants may pick up their registration kits; new registrations will also be accepted; banquet tickets will also be available.
- 9:00 p.m. - Reception for registrants and holders of reception tickets only - each registrant receives an admission ticket good for 2 complimentary drinks with their registration kit (anyone not registered at the Convention must purchase an admission ticket which also entitles them to 2 complimentary drinks).

### SATURDAY - APRIL 17

- 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. CNA Executive meeting.
- 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Set-up only for dealers and exhibitors.
- 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration table open.
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Registrant preview of bourse - only those registered for the convention may proceed into the bourse room.
- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon CTCCC Meeting - the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club invites everyone to attend and participate in the educational program, auction of Canadian Tire money, door draws and more (you do not have to be a member to attend).
- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Tour of John McCrae House - tickets must be purchased in advance (includes transportation, admission, slide presentation, tour of museum, tea & scones).
- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite open - all registrants, daily admissions, bourse dealers and everyone's family and guests are invited for complimentary coffee & tea, donuts and more.
- 10:00 a.m. Official Opening - everyone gathered in the Convention lobby is entitled to a complimentary draw ticket for one of two \$50 cash vouchers, good in the bourse room with any dealer.
- 10:05 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Bourse floor open to public.
- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. CATC Meeting - the Canadian Association of Token Collectors invites everyone to attend and participate in the educational program, auction of a wide variety of Canadian tokens, door draws and more (you do not have to be a member to attend).
- 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. CAWMC Meeting - the Southern Ontario Chapter of the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors invites everyone to attend and participate in the fun & fellowship, auction, door draws and more, as well as receive a number of free woods that will be handed out (you do not have to be a member to attend).
- 6:00 p.m. Bourse and exhibit close.
- 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Pre-Banquet Reception and cash bar - open only to holders of banquet tickets .
- 7:00 p.m. ONA Banquet - tickets must be purchased in advance. Includes full-course dinner, draw prizes and program (a special "President's Reception," open only to banquet ticket holders, will follow the Banquet).

**PROGRAM OF EVENTS - continued**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 18**

- 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. ONA Club Delegates Meeting - all official Club Delegates, ONA Executives and guests are invited to attend (refer to the Registration form in this bulletin re notification of your intent to attend). The keynote speaker, Pierre Morin, will bring everyone up-to-date on the happenings at the Royal Canadian Mint. As well, the ONA "Best Local Coin Club Bulletin" and "Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Editor" awards will be announced (complimentary coffee will be served).
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Dealer set-up - dealers and their legitimate assistants may enter the bourse room.
- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Bourse floor open to the public.
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. ONA Annual General Meeting - all members of the ONA are invited to attend. Reports will be presented by the Treasurer and Membership Chairman. Exhibit award winners will be announced by the Exhibit Chairman. At the conclusion of the meeting, the gavel of Office of the President will be turned over to the incoming ONA President.
- 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite open.
- 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. ONA Executive meeting - the incoming Executive will hold their first meeting.
- 3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ONA Dream Vacation Draw - 7 draws will be held and the winners and sellers of tickets will be announced. Tickets are available from the ONA Treasurer, ONA Area Directors and local coin club representatives prior to the convention, as well as at the convention. You may also purchase them through the Registration form included with this bulletin. If you purchase your ticket through the Registration form, they will automatically be included in the draw, and the stubs will be in your Registration kit as proof of your purchase. You do not have to be present to win.
- 4:00 p.m. SHOW CLOSES (reopens April 14, 2000 in North York).
- 4:00 p.m. Bourse room closes. Exhibit tear-down begins.
- 5:00 p.m. Security ends

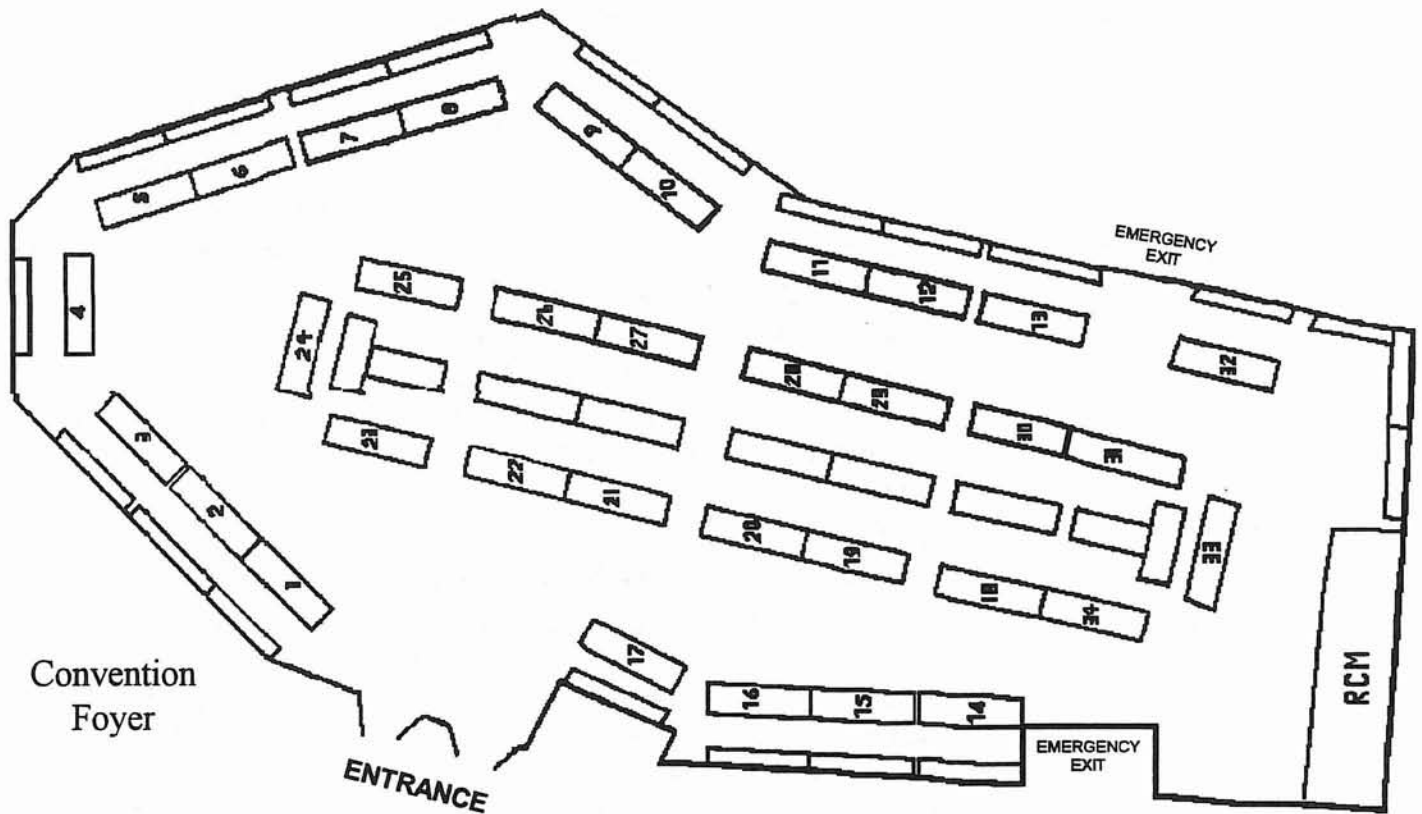
**ADDITIONAL CONVENTION NEWS WILL BE PUBLISHED  
IN THE MARCH/APRIL ISSUE OF THE ONA NUMISMATIST**

- Banquet Speaker details
- Club Delegates Meeting keynote speaker details
- Additional Convention Committee appointments
- Details on hourly door draws
- Details on Tour to McCrae House Museum and the University of Guelph's Art Gallery
- Hospitality Suite details

**SUPPORT YOUR ASSOCIATION! SUPPORT YOUR ANNUAL CONVENTION!  
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# ONACONVENTIONNEWS

## FLOOR PLAN AND BOURSE DEALER LISTING



## BOURSE DEALER LISTING

TABLE

NO.	BOURSE DEALERS
1 & 2	Ted's Collectables - Paris, Ont.
3	Rainbow Collectables - Niagara Falls, Ont.
4	Global Coin X-Change - Plantation, Fla.
5 & 6	Thorold Coins - Thorold, Ont.
7 & 8	Bayfield Collectibles - Barrie, Ont.
9 & 10	P. B. Numismatics - Toronto, Ont.
11 & 12	B. C. Coins - Stratford, Ont.
13	Proof Positive Coins - Baddeck, N.S.
14	Traders Gold Corporation - Hamilton, Ont.
15 & 16	Newcan Coins - Kenora, Ont.
17	Peter Kostyk Coins - Niagara Falls, Ont.
18	Arctic Coins - Ottawa, Ont.
19	Terry's Coins - Hamilton, Ont.

TABLE

NO.	BOURSE DEALERS
20	Charles Moore Auctions - Walnut Creek, Calif.
21 & 22	Bob Armstrong Coins - Owen Sound, Ont.
23	Ross King Coins - Chesley, Ont.
24	Lawson Gallery - Stittsville, Ont.
25	Michael Walsh Investment - Vancouver, B.C.
26 & 27	Coin & Currency Exchange - Mississauga, Ont.
28 & 29	Colonial Acres Coins - Kitchener, Ont.
30	North American Numismatics - Boucherville, P.Q.
31	Verrol Whitmore Coins - Burlington, Ont.
32	London Coin Centre - London, Ont.
33	Steve Van Bree - Strathroy, Ont.
34	Al Davies Coins - Napean, Ont.
RCM	Royal Canadian Mint - Ottawa, Ont.

The Convention Foyer will house Registration table, Daily Admission table, Show Information table, ONA Information table, Hourly Door Prize Draw table, Competitive Exhibits, Numismatic Organizations Information table and a sales table for official convention souvenir medals, banquet tickets and souvenir program booklets.

# ONA CONVENTION NEWS

## McCRAE HOUSE MUSEUM TO FORM CENTRAL THEME OF OFFICIAL SOUVENIR MEDAL



### THE SELECTION OF THE THEME

One of the most historical buildings in the Guelph area, the McCrae House Museum, has been selected to grace the center of the official souvenir medal of the 1999 ONA Convention. The decision was made unanimously by members of the Convention Planning Committee.

The McCrae House Museum is one of the destinations of choice by a large quantity of visitors to the Guelph area. With the recent sale of the John McCrae medals at the Torex Show in Toronto, the aggressive auction bidding, their subsequent donation to the Museum and the resultant publicity, it has placed John

McCrae and McCrae House in the forefront of numismatics.

One of the activities planned for the Convention is a tour of the McCrae House Museum (the cost of \$10 will cover transportation from the Convention Hotel's lobby to the Museum, admission, an audio visual slide presentation, tea & scones and return transportation).

The cooperation received from the people involved with the sketch used by Pressed Metal Products of Vancouver, B.C. to design the medal, made it easy for the Convention Committee to select an excellent view of the Museum (see illustration above). The horizontal view of the Museum made it easy to fit the usual convention information along the top and bottom to give the medal a very pleasing appearance.

### THE DESIGN

The key person charged with the responsibility of tracking down a design for the medal, Chris Boyer, Convention Medal Design Chairman, received excellent cooperation from local artist and historian Nan Hogg. It is only fair that such cooperation be acknowledged publicly.

The drawing of McCrae House used on the 1999 ONA Convention medal was first used on a poster for the L.A.C.A.C. conference held in Guelph in 1990. The artist, Nan Hogg, is delighted that it again will be used for a gathering of people who appreciate heritage generally and architectural heritage of the area specifically.

Nan Hogg was born in Hamilton, Ontario and moved to Guelph in 1976. She was immediately attracted to the architecture of the city, which was founded by John Galt in 1827. For the last 23 years, she has rendered Guelph's buildings as large oil paintings, as delicate watercolors and as charming ink sketches. She has earned a B.A. in History at McMaster University and an Honours Equivalency in Fine Arts at the University of Guelph. She also has an Ontario Teachers' Certificate. Nowadays, she does a bit of teaching in the local high schools, but mostly she hangs out in her studio, producing more images of Guelph buildings.

She has consented to the use of her drawing (illustrated above) for the central theme of the official convention medal.

### THE MEDAL

So as to assure a sell-out, only 60 gold-plated, 50 bronze and 35 sterling silver (.999 fine) medals will be struck. The gold-plated medals can only be obtained in the Main Registration Kit. The bronze and silver medals are available through the Registration Form included with this bulletin, or at the Convention, on a first come, first served basis. It is expected that all medals will be sold out by the end of the Convention.

The exact design of the medal will be unveiled in the March/April ONA Numismatist.

# ONA CONVENTION NEWS



## COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS SOLICITED

Space will be allocated at the 1999 ONA Convention to house competitive exhibits! That was the unanimous decision of the Planning Committee for the 1999 ONA Convention consisting of Ken Wilmot (General Chairman), Chris Boyer, Bruce Raszmann, Mike Hollingshead, Paul Petch and John Regitko.

Since exhibits are educational and entertaining and offer an additional major activity to convention-goers, there was never any question as to whether or not exhibits should be incorporated as a major part of the convention. After all, the 1998 ONA Convention proved that there is indeed a demand for exhibits by both exhibitors and the viewing public. The discussions revolved around the amount of space that could be made available in various locations of the convention area, categories, judging point system and the rules and regulations that should be implemented.

After lengthy discussions by the Committee following the appointment of Chris Boyer as Exhibit Chairman, the following rules and regulations were decided on:

- Exhibits will not be relegated to the back of the bourse room as is usually the case at conventions. Instead, they will be featured front and center: as soon as one enters the convention foyer, the convention-goer will be surrounded by exhibits. Exhibits will be nearby when they register at the convention or pay their daily admission. Exhibits will line the path between the daily admission table and the bourse room entrance. No one will be able to ignore the attraction of the exhibits!
- All exhibitors regardless of age are welcomed.
- Exhibits must be set-up between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 17.
- Following the close of the bourse on Saturday evening, the exhibits will be moved into the bourse room by members of the convention committee and security personnel where armed security is in place overnight. They will be relocated to their original location on Sunday morning.
- Exhibitors can remove their displays starting at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 18.
- Judges appointed by the ONA Head Judge will judge the exhibits.
- A non-category judging system will be used - all entries will be judged against each other.
- Winning exhibitors will be rewarded as follows:
  - The Best of Show exhibitor will receive a uniface sterling silver convention medal, suitably engraved, and \$100.
  - The 1st runner-up will receive a uniface gold-plate convention medal, suitably engraved, and \$50.
  - The 2nd runner-up will receive a uniface nickel-silver convention medal and \$25.
  - The 3rd runner-up will receive a uniface bronze convention medal and \$10.
- So as to allow the maximum number of people to exhibit, exhibits would be restricted to 1 standard-size case per person - no exceptions.
- Rather than exhibitors attempting to display a complete collection, exhibitors are encouraged to build an exhibit around a "theme."

The Rules & Regulations of exhibiting at ONA Conventions would be rewritten to reflect the 1-case limit. For example, "completeness" will not be a factor in judging. Also, the idea that one must own the rare pieces in a series to win will not be a factor, since no points are awarded for completeness and the points allocated for rarity are minimal. What is important is the amount of information about a numismatic object or a representative selection of material of a grouping, eye appeal and any original ideas incorporated in a one-case display. Points are based on the breakdown of the judging point system outlined on the following page.

# ONA CONVENTION NEWS-CONTINUED

## ONA CONVENTION EXHIBIT POINT SYSTEM

**INFORMATION:** Description should be clear and concise. Details supplied should be adequate for the viewer to gain an understanding and appreciation of the individual specimens correctly as collectors objects. Degree of satisfaction to a numismatist. Title should be prominent and concise. Introductory information should make clear the scope and objective of the exhibit:

*Research 10 points; Imparting information 20 points; Clear and concise to encourage reading 10 points*

**PRESENTATION:** Color, harmony, arrangement of parts should create a generally pleasing display. Relation of specimens, information, decoration, non-numismatic objects, gimmicks to each other, to achieve a pleasing total effect. Does it make you stop and examine it? Is it "different?"

*Eye appeal 10 points; Neatness 10 points; Originality 10 points*

**NUMISMATIC MATERIAL:** The judges are guided by the exhibitor's chosen title and introduction. Points awarded according to availability of specimens, market availability of condition and rarity of material

*Condition 10 points; Rarity 5 points*

**SPECIAL:** Awarded purely at the Judge's discretion, for example, for something of noteworthiness not covered above, or for special achievement by a junior exhibitor.

*Judge's discretion 15 points*

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## RULES & REGULATIONS FOR EXHIBITING AT THE 1999 ONA CONVENTION

1. Competition for exhibitors is open to anyone registered at the Convention.
2. Although security will be provided, including the use of locks on cases, the convention organizers, the ONA, hotel staff nor any of its members assume any liability. Although every effort is made to assure the visible presence of security staff and convention committee members, all exhibitors must assure that locks are secure and locked and otherwise assume responsibility for their exhibit.
3. The display material must be the property, or under the control, of the person displaying same.
4. The exhibitors are asked not to attend their exhibits while displays are being judged.
5. All matters relating to the displays shall be determined by the Display Chairman as per ONA guidelines.
6. The exhibitor is responsible for setting up and removing his/her display in the timeframe advertised beforehand.
7. The judges' decision is final.
8. Exhibit applications must be received no later than one week before the Convention in order for the committee to allocate exhibit space. Latecomers will also be accommodated, but subject to space and display case availability.
9. Display case sizes could change from Convention-to-Convention. Therefore, all exhibitors who do not provide their own cases are asked to note the exact clear inside measurements of display cases available for their use as detailed on the Exhibit Application form provided by the Convention Committee each year.
10. Further verbal comments may be asked from the judges following the announcement of the exhibit award winners. Judges' names are published in the numismatic press prior to the Convention, or can be obtained from any member of the Convention Committee or the ONA Executive at the Convention. Judges will be available for these discussions following the announcements of the awards.
11. In order to be judged, entries must be set-up between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Saturday.
12. Exhibits must be left in place until the closing time announced by the Convention Committee. Any deviation from this would present problems re security. However, it is recognized that circumstances could arise that make it imperative for an exhibit to be removed a little before the official closing time, in which case, such early tear-down and removal must be discussed with the Exhibit Chairman prior to the removal of the lock and the opening of the case. This is only fair and reasonable both from a security point of view as well as to the public.

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Note to Exhibitors: An application for exhibits is included in this issue of the ONA Numismatist.

# ONA CONVENTION NEWS

## CLUB DELEGATES INVITED TO MEETING



All coin clubs are encouraged to send at least one Delegate to the ONA Convention and the Club Delegates meeting on Sunday morning.

So says John Regitko, ONA Club Services Chairman, who suggests that the President should represent his club, although any other member of the Executive (or a regular member) can be appointed. If one of the people planning to attend the Convention anyway were asked to represent the club, no additional expense would be incurred.

Various ONA Committee Chairmen will present reports on the status of their area of involvement. For example, news will be reported on the status of new audio visual programs from the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library, and the ongoing benefits of the ONA's Insurance Policy will be discussed. A high-profile individual has been invited to address the group. Full details will be presented in the next issue.

Representatives of each club are asked to hand a written report to the Chairman, who will arrange to publish highlights from each report. Because it is planned to have a keynote speaker, verbal reports will be suspended at the meeting and given a much wider circulation via the ONA Numismatist.

Anyone representing a club at the convention and at the Club Delegates Meeting should write the club's name on the appropriate line of the Registration Form included in this issue. If plans pan out, we should again have a complimentary supply of books for clubs that appoint a club delegate in advance and make us aware, via the registration form, that they have been so appointed. We already have on hand a supply of "The Charlton Canadian Numismatic Library" CD containing the Canadian Coins and Government Paper Money catalogues. The ONA's "Best Local Coin Club Bulletin" and "Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Editor" awards will be announced by the ONA President (it would be nice if the President and Editor of the winning club are present for a photo opportunity).

Since the convention is held in a central location, each and every club should be represented.

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## CONVENTION COMMITTEE

General Chairman:	Ken Wilmot
Treasurer:	Bruce Raszmann
Exhibit Chairman:	Chris Boyer
Bourse Chairman:	Ken Wilmot
Registration Chairman:	Bruce Raszmann
Program of Events Chairman:	Paul Petch
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Publicity Chairman - Numismatic:	John Regitko
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Security Chairman:	John Domonkos
Banquet Chairman and M.C.:	Mike Hollingshead
Award of Merit Committee Chairman:	Don Robb
Dream Vacation Draw Chairman:	Bruce Raszmann
Club Delegates Meeting Chairman:	John Regitko

*Additional appointments will be announced in the next issue.*



## ONA AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED AT BANQUET

The ONA, to recognize numismatists who have made contributions towards the advancement of numismatics, either throughout Ontario or at the local level, presents two distinct awards annually. The Awards are in the form of a silver presentation medal, a suitably inscribed certificate and an engraved metallic name plate identifying the bearer as a recipient of the award. The name tag, featuring the ONA crest as well as the name of the award, recipient's name and year of award, has a pin backing so that it can be worn to all numismatic functions. Those nominated are judged a few months prior to the annual convention, and the winners are announced at the Banquet.

### AWARD OF MERIT

The Award of Merit, the highest award the ONA bestows, was introduced by the ONA in 1962. The purpose is to give recognition to the person living in Ontario who has made the greatest contribution towards the advancement of numismatics at all levels - local, provincial and national. If the recipient is not present at the Banquet, it will formally be presented at the earliest opportunity, either at a local coin club meeting or some other public function. A nominee also does not have to be a member of the ONA.

### FELLOW OF THE ONA

The ONA initiated the "Fellow" award in 1994 to recognize individuals for outstanding service to numismatics in their local area. This includes their work with the local coin club and promoting numismatics in their community. Work in the local club can include executive and committee responsibilities, participating in Club projects and shows and involvement in club meetings. Promotion of numismatics in the community can include involvement with museum and mall displays, articles in the area paper and television and radio interviews, speaking about numismatics at service clubs and other non-numismatic groups. Up to 3 numismatists can be recognized annually. Again, if the recipients are not present, the award will be presented at another appropriate occasion.

### THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

Winners are selected by a select group of past award winners who take their assignment very seriously. Currently, the ONA Awards Committee consists of the following:

Don Robb (Chairman) - In 1994 he was invited to join the ONA Awards Committee and in 1996 he became Chairman of the Committee. He received the ANA Award of Merit in 1990.

Paul Johnson (Past-Chairman) - Paul received the ONA Award of Merit in 1985, the youngest person to ever received the award. He served as the Chairman of the ONA Award of Merit Committee from 1992 to 1996.

Mike Hollingshead - In 1995, he was honored as the recipient of the ONA Award of Merit, the second youngest person to ever receive it. (Mike's late father had received the award in 1989, making the Hollingsheads the only father/son team to ever receive major awards from the ONA.)

John Regitko - He was also a recipient of the ONA Award of Merit (in 1983). As well as serving on the ONA Awards Committee, John also serves as ONA Editor and ONA Club Services Chairman. He was the first recipient of the "Fellow of the CNA" award ever presented (in 1991), as well as the CNA's highest award, the J. Douglas Ferguson Gold Medal.

Ken Wilmot (ONA President) - He received the ONA Award of Merit in 1981 for his outstanding contributions to the hobby in Ontario. Ken has served on the ONA Executive since 1973. By virtue of holding the ONA's highest elected office, he has been a member of the ONA Awards Committee for a total of 9 years since 1986.

### FINAL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Chairman of the ONA Awards Committee will be accepting nominations for both the "Award of Merit" and the "Fellow of the ONA" Awards until March 16. Criteria for the awards were published in the last issue. Note that to assure that the ONA Awards Committee is fully apprised of your nominee's contributions, a summary of numismatic achievements and contributions must be included with your nomination. Written submissions should be mailed to Don Robb, Chairman, ONA Awards Committee, P.O. Box 40033, Waterloo Square P.O., Waterloo, Ont. N2J 4V1, or e-mail the information to [donrobb@ionline.net](mailto:donrobb@ionline.net).

# EXECUTIVE DECISIONS



## PAUL JOHNSON APPOINTED ONA HEAD JUDGE

ONA Award of Merit winner Paul Johnson has been appointed Head Judge of the ONA by Ken Wilmot, ONA President. His numismatic biography shows his outstanding accomplishments and the recognition he received provincially and beyond.

### HIS CNA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Paul began his collecting in 1965, and joined the CNA until 1972. He received the CNA Young Numismatist Award the following year, at which time, he was also appointed CNA Junior Director. He was CNA Club Services Chairman from 1975 to 1979, Finance Chairman from 1979 to 1985, Chairman of the Education Committee from 1983 to 1996 and Chairman of the Library Committee from 1989 to 1996. He was elected Second Vice-President from 1981 to 1983 and has held the position of Ontario Director for three 2-year terms. In 1995, the CNA honored Paul with the J. Douglas Ferguson Gold Medal, the highest award of the CNA. Other accomplishments involving the CNA are two Best of Show awards and serving as Chairman of the Young Numismatists Committee in 1973 and 1974. He was exhibit judge at 7 CNA conventions and served as Coin Week Canada Chairman from 1979 to 1985. He has organized CNA annual educational forums from 1983 to 1996 and served as its moderator on 10 different occasions. Paul has attended 25 CNA Conventions since 1972.

He served as Chairman of the committee that developed the CNA/NESA Numismatic Correspondence Course, directing more than 30 people in its development. Now in its second printing, it has achieved unexpected success, having seen hundreds and hundreds of people registering. More recently, he chaired the organizing committee for the CNA/NESA Educational Seminars held at Humber College and in Ottawa for employees of the Royal Canadian Mint. He has coordinated two CNA book projects, "Exhibits and Judging in Numismatics" (1983) and "The Club Organizational Handbook" (1986).

### HIS ANA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

He is the recipient of the ANA Outstanding Young Numismatist award and the John Jay Pittman Award for best Canadian exhibit at an ANA Convention. In 1996, he was presented with a Charter Graduate Certificate from the ANA School of Numismatics Diploma Program at the ANA convention in Denver. He has attended 15 ANA Conventions.

As a result of his effort in developing the CNA/NESA Numismatic correspondence Course which the ANA embraced and promoted alongside its own American course, the ANA presented Paul with the ANA Presidential Award.

### HIS OTHER NUMISMATIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

He served in various capacities on the Peterborough Coin Club executive, was co-founder of the Canadian Young Numismatists Association in 1973, and has also served as Director of the Junior Numismatic Correspondence Club of America. He has spoken at many educational seminars and club meetings across the country and in the U.S. and is a frequent speaker at coin clubs throughout central and southwestern Ontario.

### HIS ONA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Paul is a recipient of the ONA Award of Merit (1985), the youngest person to ever receive the award, and has earned 3 ONA Best of Show medals for exhibits at ONA Conventions. He served as the Chairman of the ONA Award of Merit Committee from 1992 to 1996 and is still a member of the Committee that selects the annual recipients for both the Award of Merit and the "Fellow" awards. His involvement with ONA Conventions is also varied and numerous: Exhibit Chairman (1976), Education Chairman (1982), Program Chairman (1987, 1988, 1991 & 1994) and Education Chairman (1991 & 1994). Paul received a special Presidential Citation in 1998 for attending his 25th consecutive ONA Convention.

# 1999 ONA CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

QTY.	FUNCTION	PRICE	TOTAL
_____	<b>Main Registration</b> ..... <i>(Includes registration kit, gold-plate souvenir convention medal, admission to Registrants Reception with 2 complimentary drinks, unlimited complimentary visits to Hospitality Suite, admission to bourse, souvenir program booklet, Dream Vacation draw ticket, hourly draw ticket, "The Charlton Canadian Numismatic Library" CD containing the Canadian Coins and Government Paper Money catalogues, "The Charlton Standard Catalogue of First World War Canadian Corps Badges" and more.)</i>	\$35.00	_____
_____	<b>Spousal "Add-On" Registration (a family member must be Main Registered)</b> ..... <i>(Includes all of above with the exception of the gold-plate souvenir convention medal; also includes special items not found in the main registration kit such as "The Charlton Standard Catalogue of Canadian Country Store Collectables" and "The Charlton Standard Catalogue of Wade Decorative Ware.")</i>	20.00	_____
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_____	<b>Additional Reception tickets (Friday 9:00 p.m.)</b> ..... <i>(Although a ticket for the Reception is included with the Main and Spousal registration kits, anyone not registered must purchase a ticket. Includes admission, coffee, snacks and 2 complimentary drinks.)</i>	10.00	_____
_____	<b>Tour of McCrae House Museum and the University's Art Gallery</b> ..... <i>(Includes transportation, admission, tea and scones, special audio visual slide presentation by a curator from the Museum.)</i>	10.00	_____
_____	<b>Banquet (Saturday 6:30 p.m. cash bar; 7:00 p.m. dinner)</b> ..... <i>(Includes full-course dinner and draw prize ticket; all banquet ticket holders will be invited to a special "President's Reception" immediately following the conclusion of the Banquet.)</i>	30.00	_____
_____	<b>Dream Vacation Draw tickets (buy 5, get 1 free)</b> .....	2.00	_____
_____	<b>Official souvenir convention medals - bronze (only 50 struck)</b> .....	10.00	_____
_____	<b>Official souvenir convention medals - .999 Sterling silver (only 35 struck)</b> .. <i>(Note that gold-plate convention medals are not available for sale - they are only included with the Main Registrations.)</i>	35.00	_____
	<b>Shipping Charges:</b> If it is not your plan to attend the Convention in person and you wish us to mail your souvenir convention medals following the Convention, please add shipping/handling and registration for order ..... Alternatively, you may authorize us to turn over your order to someone you know is attending the convention and thereby save the shipping/registration charges: Please turn my order over to: _____	5.00	_____
	<b>TOTAL</b> (please make cheque payable to the 1999 ONA Convention) .....		\$ _____

If you have been appointed as a Delegate by a club, name club: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please complete this form and return it to the 1999 ONA Convention at the address shown on the reverse side.*

# EXHIBIT APPLICATION FORM

I am interested in entering a competitive exhibit at the 1999 ONA Convention at the College Inn, Guelph. I am aware and accept the following:

- Exhibits consist of single-case displays.
- I do not have to be present when exhibit winners are announced at the banquet.
- If I am not present at the banquet to accept my award, I will receive it on Sunday sometime prior to tear-down. I understand that the following awards will be made:
  - Best of Show exhibitor will receive an engraved uniface sterling silver convention medal and \$100
  - The 1st runner-up will receive an engraved uniface gold-plate convention medal and \$50
  - The 2nd runner-up will receive an engraved uniface nickel-silver convention medal and \$25
  - The 3rd runner-up will receive an engraved uniface bronze convention medal and \$10
- To enter a competitive display, I must be registered for the Convention.
- Set-up is on Saturday, April 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the hotel's Convention Lobby.
- I understand that my exhibit will be carefully moved, under security, into the bourse room on Saturday evening so as to assure its safety overnight.
- Tear-down starts on Sunday, April 19, at 4:00 p.m.

I will supply my own display case and lock

I will require a display case and lock (inside measurements are 28-1/2" x 16-1/4")

Name of Exhibitor (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**College Inn Toll-Free Room Reservation Number: 1-800-563-9240**

Rates are \$77.00 per night single or \$80 per night double, plus 7% GST and 5% PST.

Refer to Confirmation #852 to obtain these rates.

Please contact the College Inn directly to make room reservations.

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## MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION FORM NOW

If you mail in your Registration Form prior to the Convention, it will enable us to computer-generate your personalized name tag. Your kit and all tickets and medals ordered will be waiting for you upon your arrival.

**We look forward to seeing you at the Convention!**

*Please complete this form and return it, along with a cheque payable to the 1999 ONA Convention, to:*

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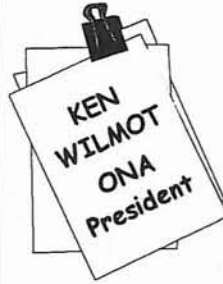
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## P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

It seems like I was elected as your President just a short time ago, rather than nearly 2 years ago. It is amazing how quickly two years can go by when you are having fun!

Much has been accomplished during the past 2 years. My personal favourites were the fantastic Conventions hosted by the Windsor and City of Ottawa Coin Clubs; the exhibits at last year's Convention; the content of the ONA Numismatist by the newly appointed Editor that has received excellent reviews from all quarters; the support we have received from advertisers that allowed us to drastically increase the size of the ONA Numismatist in this and the previous two issues; the profit our financial statement will show to assure our ongoing financial soundness; the solid plans being developed by the North York Coin Club for the Year 2000 Convention; the institution of a Recruiter of the Year Award as a reward to those that help us get new members; and the strengthening of our ties with the Royal Canadian Mint by appointing a special Liaison to handle matters on our behalf.

I will be welcoming delegates to the 1999 ONA Convention, including at the Banquet, Club Delegates meeting, General Membership meeting and one final Executive meeting. When I turn over the gavel of office to the incoming President at the conclusion of the Convention, I hope that you will extend the same support to the incoming executive as you have to me and the members of my Executive. As you know, there is a lot of new blood joining the Executive. They will bring with them their own ideas of how to increase the support to both clubs and individual members and to increase our presence to attract new members.

I would like to again remind you that the 1999 ONA Convention is approaching quickly. The January/February ONA Numismatist included 13 pages of Convention information, including a Registration Form. I hope that I will see you at the Convention, either as a registrant, a club delegate or just for a few hours. The Club Delegates meeting and the Banquet have lined up high-profile speakers from the Royal Canadian Mint and should be included in your agenda. Take a second look at the write-ups on these two functions as well as the information on the tour to McCrae House. If you have already sent in your Registration form and wish to participate in these events, just drop us a note or e-mail to tell us what additional tickets you want and they will be waiting for you upon your arrival at the Convention. Finally, don't forget to contact the College Inn if you require a room reservation and also let us know if you wish to reserve space for a one-case competitive display. It is also not too late to ask for additional Dream Vacation Draw tickets. See you at the Convention!

*Ken Wilmot  
ONA President*

# EDITOR'S MESSAGE

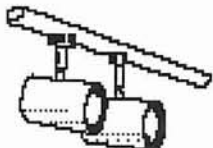


I had a full-page Editor's Message all ready to go, dealing mainly with the comments that we have received concerning my last two efforts of the ONA Numismatist. But when I saw how many pages I wanted to get in, I reduced it to just this brief introduction. I also eliminated some timeless content for now, so that I could concentrate on the ONA Convention, some CNA Convention teasers, an expanded Club News and some timely write-ups!

My efforts to obtain paid advertising, as you can tell by flipping through this and previous issues, proved quite successful. This allows us, with the approval of the President and the reluctance of the Treasurer that can only be overcome by handing him cheques from advertisers, to again go way over the 18 pages that I was committed to produce. As far as articles go, after the next (post-Convention) issue, we should be able to catch up on the articles we have on hand from Tom Kostaluk, Harry Eisenhower, Chris Boyer, Jerry Remick, Albert Kasman, Barry Uman and...you?

## SPOTLIGHT ON ELECTIONS

### WHY BOTHER WITH ELECTIONS?



*The following thought-provoking "message" from your Editor is intended to solicit feedback. All interesting responses will be published in a future issue of the ONA Numismatist. We are especially interested in hearing from long-time members of the executive of local coin clubs, as well as regular members who choose, time and again, not to let their name stand for an executive position.*

Most coin clubs held elections at their January meeting. I ask you: Why bother!

The majority of your current Executive would undoubtedly win length-of-service awards. They feel they are indispensable and the club cannot survive without them (and they may be right in a lot of instances!).

By far, the greatest majority of your members did not run for an Executive position. They do not wish to go up against the existing Executive member.

The only woman on your Executive will be asked to remain as Secretary...again.

There was only one nomination for most of the positions. None for the rest. And they will be the same people...again! And why not? Programs were interesting under the same executive in the past. Fun and fellowship was evident. Dealers did a reasonable amount of business. Their bulletin got out on time. In other words, they had all the right formula and ingredients for a successful operation. Why change things?

The Executive had run a very successful club for many years. The President has done a good job. Even though he and most other members of the executive let it be known that they would like to let others take over, no one came forward...again. So the Executive agreed to remain another year. And another. And another.

So what will happen one of these years? A number of the existing executive will force the issue by not running again. It was definitely time to move on! A few will spend 6 months out of the year in Florida and see that they can no longer serve the club year-round. Others will become too frail or ill to guarantee attending Executive meetings and regular monthly meetings. Someone might even pass away.

I realize that without the dedicated old-timers, half the clubs would have died long time ago. But the inevitable will happen when not enough new blood agrees to become involved and numerous members of the executive step down at the same time.

I am certainly not proposing the wholesale resignation of the existing members of the Executive. What I am proposing is that each year, at least one newer member be invited to join the Executive, even if more directors serve than the club's constitution calls for (they should only be so lucky!). Old blood may be an absolute necessity in assuring the success of a club, but the infusion of new blood will assure that it will continue as a successful club!

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



*All letters addressed to the ONA Editor are assumed to have automatic approval to be published in the ONA Numismatist. If you do not wish to have your name included if it is published, please state so in your letter. You must, however, provide us with your name, otherwise we will not respond to it in any way whatsoever. We reserve the right to edit letters, or remove irrelevant items, providing it does not change the point made.*

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Dear John:

Just received my January/February 1999 issue of the ONA Numismatist. What can I say; just a fabulous issue once again, and thank you for all your kind comments.

A wonderful tribute to our numismatic friend Al Bliman. He contributed greatly to the hobby over many years, and will be sadly missed by all those who knew him, and I have known and worked with him over the years since 1968.

*Harry M. Eisenhauer*

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*The following letter, from the ONA's 1997 Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Editor winner, was received a few months ago and offers a number of suggestions. In the meantime, ONA members have received another issue as well as the one you are reading now. Before I change the layout or offer my own comments, I would like to hear back from other members. Don't just agree with either my current layout or any of Paul's points if you have any other thoughts. Be frank what you think. This is your bulletin. Tell us what you want!*

To: ONA Editor

Congratulations on your excellent first issue of the "Ontario Numismatist." You have wisely established some standards, set some directions and, based on the advertising you have already attracted, turned it into a revenue generator for the ONA. The print quality is first rate and you are off to a good start in meeting your publishing deadlines. Onward and upward!

There is one area where I feel compelled to offer some constructive advice and that is on the subject of general layout. As I worked my way through the pages and got past pages one and two, I did not have the feeling I was reading a periodical or journal. Each page stands on its own too much. Many are ready to be taken from the publication and tacked up on a bulletin board. It seems disconnected and for me it fails to flow. It was not an easy read.

Now, getting on with the constructive advice, I have spent some considerable time thinking of readability while editing the North York Coin Club Bulletin. Here are some ideas in no particular order which I hope are useful to you and anyone else producing a publication:

- \* for a font we use Times New Roman 10 point, it is a serif font which is not too large and not too small at the 10 point size
- \* it is easier to read a column layout rather than across a full page... I have settled on a three column format
- \* the publication name, month and page number should appear on each page
- \* the layout should be in duplex so the even and odd number pages are a mirror image of each other
- \* don't center headings like it's an announcement--be creative
- \* do decide on the complete set of fonts you are going to use and use them in a consistent manner, even down to italics and bolding
- \* check out Macleans or Time magazines, you'll see where I get my ideas!

Oh, and a little bonus by using the above suggestions: you would have fit all the same material in about 4 fewer pages. It saves on mailing costs or makes space for more articles.

*Paul R. Petch  
President/Editor  
North York Coin Club*



## VOTING BY MEMBERS IN ELECTIONS AND AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Just prior to the call for general elections two years ago, the ONA Executive dealt with a few motions to reconfirm the voting with respect to a Husband & Wife membership and a Junior membership. The motions passed at that time are still in effect and, with the upcoming General membership meeting, we thought we would make all members aware of their right to vote in matters dealing with the ONA.

One of the motions dealt with whether a Husband & Wife membership should receive one or two votes. After all, it could be argued, since the second person only pays an additional \$2 which basically covers the cost of the second membership card, why would the two parties feel that they are entitled to two votes? On the other hand, by the same argument, the sheer fact that two membership cards are issued confirms that they are indeed 2 members. The only difference is that only one bulletin is mailed to them.

The Executive passed the motion that “a husband & wife membership is entitled to two votes.”

The second issue dealt with the voting rights of juniors. No political and legal jurisdiction in Canada gives young persons the right to cast a vote in elections. Robert’s Rules of Order, I believe, does not give juniors any say unless it is specifically spelled out in an organization’s Constitution & By-Laws.

The ONA Executive passed a motion that “the ONA respects full rights of Junior members in regard to all privileges in the ONA.” In other words, why treat any member as 2nd class and deny them the opportunity to participate fully, including in the running of the organization? Therefore, they also have a vote in ONA elections or at the annual general membership meeting.

We do not know of any other organization that has taken such an aggressive and progressive step to assure that indeed ALL members have the same rights and privileges as everyone else.

And while we are on the subject of voting, the Executive also passed a policy motion that, for the sake of uniformity of recording votes taken by the Executive, the Minutes would record only the fact that a motion was either carried, defeated, or deferred. Your Executive felt that once the case for or against a motion is made, they should be unified in their decision. In an attempt to add some humor (and to fill the remaining three lines to this page), we should point out that there is no record of how many voted for this motion, how many against, and how many abstained, only that the motion passed!



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Are we also speaking about your club or association?

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**TIMMINS COIN CLUB** In the November/December issue of the ONA Numismatist, I mentioned that the North York Coin Club scheduled a meeting and bulletin around the theme of Halloween. I note that a number of clubs have had the same idea. For example, the Timmins Coin Club scheduled a Valentine's Day meeting at their February 14 meeting. A show and tell included such ideas as items that come in red boxes, paper notes depicting cherubs, medals, etc.

And speaking of the Timmins Coin Club, I no sooner finished copying the write-up by Tom Masters about the costs of running a coin club published in the Ingersoll Coin Club Bulletin for the next issue, than the Timmins Coin Club's January bulletin crossed my desk. A few things stood out: a) the City of Timmins has decided to start charging for the club's meeting room (does that sound familiar to other clubs?), b) the club charges \$15 annual membership and do not feel they can charge any more (does that sound familiar to other clubs?), and c) because of finances, the club will be issuing their bulletins quarterly (does that sound familiar to other clubs?).



I have always felt that a good program not only consists of the main speaker, but also the things that can be tied in to the speaker or slide presentation. For example, a recent program at the North York Coin Club was Norm Belsten, President of CAWMC. Norm spoke on...what else...wooden tokens. As an add-on, NYCC member Marvin Kay followed up the main presentation with a short talk on Medical & Dental Woods he has collected. Other ideas could be to ask members to bring out displays of wooden nickels (and who doesn't have some in their collection?) or include a number of woods in the door draws.



**Waterloo Coin Society** - The WCS recently featured an interesting "Secondary Hobby" Night. Topics covered by members were Brownie Cameras, gold ball markers (over 150 different), glass paper weights, cast iron bottle openers, post cards, guns, monogrammed golf balls (82 dozen), scabble games (13 foreign languages), Disney figures (circa 1930's, \$1500+), wood working, post card collecting, stamp collecting and growing roses (300 bushes). But I think Mike Hollingshead's hobby of bird watching is the most unusual because...Mike is colorblind. Wouldn't that make it a lot more difficult to identify the critters? Is that a red beak of the yellow-tailed warbler family, or a yellow beak of the red-tailed warbler family? How would he know if he is right? Is that why he takes Denna along?

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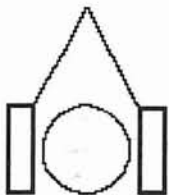
And while we are on WCS, their recent bulletin announced "the appointment by ONA President Ken Wilmot of John Regitko as editor of the ONA Numismatist. " They said that "he will bring fresh ideas and approaches to the newsletter." Is it working yet?



**Waterloo Coin Society's 1999 CNA Convention** - Most Ontario clubs don't promote the CNA much usually, because the ONA Convention is "local" while the CNA Convention can be a thousand miles away. Because there is room in my heart for love and affection for both the ONA and the CNA, I urge all coin club editors to go "all out" in promoting the upcoming CNA Convention. Our good friends at the Waterloo Coin Society are hosting it, with a number of active members of the ONA Executive, by virtue of their involvement with the host club, serving on the Planning Committee. Chris Boyer is General Chairman of the Convention (he serves the ONA as an Area Director and Incoming 2nd V.P.), Don Robb is Bourse Chairman (ONA's Chairman of the Award of Merit Committee), Mike Hollingshead is the Convention's Publicity Chairman (ONA's 1st Vice President and Incoming President), Bruce Raszmann fills the Treasurer's portfolio (also ONA's Treasurer) and John Regitko is the Souvenir Program Booklet Chairman (ONA's Editor and Club Services Chairman). John has also been given the go-ahead to provide all tickets, signs, registration kit boxes and labels, ribbons and more. It is because so many regular members and Executive members of the ONA are involved with the CNA Convention that I issue an appeal to all Ontario clubs to promote the CNA to the same degree that they would help us promote an ONA Convention.

Since the CNA Convention is scheduled for July 22-25, there is still plenty of time to make your club members aware of all the things planned for their enjoyment. For our part, the March/April 1999 issue of the *ONA Numismatist* will allocate major space to their Convention.

Question: With so many active ONA types involved in the running of the CNA Convention, will anyone notice a difference between an ONA Convention and the CNA Convention? Answer: Yes. It is understandable that, by its geography, any CNA Convention is bound to be bigger and longer. Although the ONA Conventions are well-known for their fun and fellowship, the CNA has its own unique character. Any ONA member that does not at least attend the CNA Convention for some of their activities will never know what they missed!



Received my first copy of the City of Ottawa Coin Club bulletin recently. I was impressed with the quality of their articles, edited by Sean Isaacs. It is refreshing to see a dealer take an active part in assisting in the work of running a club. Even the articles were contributed by dealers Graham Neale, Al Davies and Sean Isaacs. Sean runs a large organization in Ottawa dealing in numismatic and philatelic material and supplies, as well as a foreign exchange service. The 10 pages covered 1 page of club information, 1/3 page President's Message, 1 page auction results and the other 7-2/3 pages of educational articles. That's a nice ratio, and a nice educational investment for members! Will the ONA Editor ever be able to cut out the formal stuff and beat that ratio of articles to other contents?



**Waterloo Coin Society** - At a recent meeting, it was announced that junior member Matthew Fleck has completed the twelve chapters of the CNA/NESA Numismatic Correspondence Course with an 85% average. He received a framed certificate for his efforts.

Here's an idea: Why not have your club sponsor a junior or two for the course. It is cheap enough, at only \$35 for a CNA member, \$45 for non-member if they send in each completed chapter for marking. An alternative is to get them a cerlox bound copy at \$40, but that won't entitle them to a certificate of completion.

Chris Boyer gave me a great idea of how I can supplement my annual income by \$2,000. He stated in the WCS bulletin that an insurance policy exists with a "\$2,500 Counterfeit Money Indemnity." If the insured accepts currency and discovers that it is counterfeit, the insurance company will redeem it. The limit for claims is \$2,500 in any policy year. I figure I can buy \$2,500 worth of counterfeit bills for no more than \$500, leaving me with a nice \$2,000 just for making a phone call to the insurance company. I also hope that the \$2,000 is enough to post bail so I can visit Boyer and tell him what went wrong with the scheme.

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS CONTINUED



The London Numismatic Society is holding their annual banquet meeting on Tuesday, April 6 at the Harmony Grand Buffet, 304 Talbot Street (at York St.), London. The festivities start at 6:30 p.m.. Three members of the LNS who have attained 25 years membership in the club will be honored: Jeff Wenn, ONA member Ross Blakey and former ONA member Grant Monck, best known to us for his work on the CNA Young Numismatist Committee. If you can make it to the banquet, call Bill Clarke at (519) 455-2815 for reservations. Tickets are \$16.00 each.

Unfortunately, Grant will only be able to receive his certificate at the LNS Fall 1999 show because he is unable to leave his home in Vancouver, B.C., to attend.

I note from their last bulletin that they have just held meeting #577. We're curious which club has more. Does anyone know of other clubs that are over 500? To save you the trouble of figuring out how long it would take to hold 577 monthly meetings, the club held its first meeting on Friday, April 27, 1951.



In the January/February ONA Numismatist, we reported under the "1998 Was An Interesting Year" column that the City of Ottawa Coin Club was credited for selling 118 books of Dream Vacation tickets and that Stratford, who usually is in first place thanks to the efforts mainly of Ken Wilmot, was second with 94 books. Ken Wilmot and Ray Desjardins had a bet on which club would sell the most books and Wilmot presented Ray with the prize of a 1998 Loon \$1 coin (cut out of a proof-like set, the only way it was available) which Ray donated to the City of Ottawa Coin Club for their donation auction. We understand that they have another bet going, this time for a 1999 Toonie...if they are struck. If the Mint does decide to issue a \$2 coin dated 1999, they would no doubt have a very, very low mintage, in which case this might become a rather high-stakes bet. In view of the fact that Stratford has been top seller for a lot of years...other than in 1998...the smart money has to be on Stratford. But the reason we are rooting for Ottawa is that they know they have to try harder, and ultimately the ONA will gain from the additional profits the Dream Vacation Draw will generate if you have two or more clubs fighting for the honors. How else are they expected to pay for these thick ONA Numismatists when all the budget allows are 18 pages?

Does any other club want to get in on the above bet? Maybe the ONA should offer a prize for the club that has the highest percentage increase over the past year or two?

## TIP OF THE MONTH



The more I think about it, the more I am in favor of publishing an auction list in advance. I cannot attend a lot of meetings because of time, distance and the demands of husbandly and ONA editorial duties. Not that long ago, I made it a point to attend a WCS meeting because they had a medal in the auction that I wanted enough to travel an hour each way (it was an unauthorized Canadian National Exhibition medal, using the copyrighted CNE's 100th anniversary logo, produced in the year when I obtained the rights, on behalf of the Toronto Coin Club, to the "official" CNE medal).

Publishing an auction list in advance places a great burden on the auction coordinator in accumulating material a month in advance, cataloguing it, keeping track of who the owners are, bringing the material to the next meeting, dispersing funds. This is made even more difficult if the owner of material does not show up for a few months to collect his money, or receive unsold lots back. We know of 3 clubs who do it: Don Robb for the Waterloo Coin Society, Ken Wilmot for the Stratford Coin Club and Tom Masters for the Ingersoll Coin Club. If there are others, we don't receive their bulletins to know about it!

But the more reason you give people to attend, the more likely they are to show up. Tell them about the program, but also tell them what auction material, draw prizes, displays (tied in to the program if possible), the prizes in the "on time" attendance draw, etc. Nobody that intends to come to a meeting will stay away because of what they see will happen at the next meeting, but it might just light a spark under a few people to try to attend.

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS CONTINUED



I was going to ask which club plans programs ahead the most, to my knowledge, but the logo on the left is a give-away. The Waterloo Coin Society has sent me an ad to include in this bulletin outlining their programs until the end of the year (see page 48). Quite a mix of programs, including a curious title of "Back Door Specials" from the Mint." Somehow I don't think that it means that we can finally buy legitimately what used to get out of the back-door of the Royal Canadian Mint during the 60s! You might want to reserve June 8 to come to their meeting to find out what it's all about. I know I'll be there!

I hope that a number of other clubs start to plan well ahead, so that we can make everyone aware of the program at upcoming meetings and hopefully a few new faces will turn out at your club meetings as a result. The only problem is timing of the ONA Numismatist. With a bulletin going out only every 2 months, you will have to really plan ahead to get it in on time. You don't even have to pay for an ad like WCS. We promise to publish it for free.



The South Wellington Coin Society has decided to schedule 2 meetings per month. At different locations. In different towns yet. One of the newest clubs in Ontario therefore becomes the first club in Canada to boast two meetings each month in two locations. Club directors have decided to host a meeting in the Rockmosa Community Library in Rockwood on the first Wednesday of each month and another meeting with an entirely different program at the Colonel John McCrae Legion, 919 York Rd., Guelph on the third Tuesday of each month.

One newsletter will be sent to members prior to the Rockwood meeting outlining the programs at each location, a report of previous meetings and a 20 lot auction list for each location.

President of the newly invigorated club is Scott Douglas, Membership Secretary/Treasurer is Bob Zmija, Newsletter Coordinators are Bruno Kerkhof and Tony Zmija and Programming Committee is Chris Boyer and Mike Hollingshead. Membership fees remain at \$10 for regular members and \$12 for a family membership.

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# C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

*A column announcing major lifestyle milestones of ONA members*

## MAJOR MARRIAGE MILESTONES REACHED

Over 25 years ago, Lucille Colson attended a meeting of the North York Coin Club at the North York Community Hall. She "volunteered" as Recording Secretary, a position she kept when the building was torn down and the club moved, first to the lower level of the new North York City Hall Complex and then to the current location at the Edithvale Community Centre. Her minutes, which she reads with much gusto at meetings and the Editor publishes in their award-winning bulletin.

Lucille and her husband, Jim, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Good friends of Ontario numismatics, Stephen and Beulah Taylor, also celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently. They have attended a number of ONA Conventions and also show up at CNA Conventions. Steve's work with young collectors is well known, as is his involvement with the ANA. His reputation throughout Ontario...and the rest of Canada...is such that the Chairman of the CNA's Education Committee has invited him to participate in the Educational Seminar at the 1999 CNA Convention as one of the 3 speakers.



# B E S T W I S H E S

Best wishes are extended to John Curtis who has been in hospital for some time. Also, we wish ONA Area Director Ray Desjardin's mother-in-law well. Johnnie Johnson from Ottawa is convalescing. So is retired coin dealer Dick Lockwood who had his leg amputated recently. What we didn't mention before is that Joyce Armstrong had triple bypass surgery last year. We understand she is doing fine and that we will see her behind the bourse table at the ONA Convention.

# M A J O R M I L E S T O N E S



A number of members have reached personal milestones over the past while. The problem is that, having just recently taken over as Editor, I did not keep a running record of major personal events in members' lives.

I did receive a nice wooden commemorative nickel from ONA member Norm Belsten who turned 65 on August 28. A survey I conducted of people that didn't know his age concluded that he must be around 50. Maybe it's the

collecting of woods, rather than the high price, high pressure numismatics, that keeps one young?

Another milestone was reached on October 30, when ONA member Albert Kasman retired from Canada Post. We have not been able to establish if this will make the mails slower...or faster.



# C O N D O L E N C E S

Our sincere condolences are extended to the family of Walter Loudon of Mascouche Heights, P.Q. He passed away just a few days shy of his 100th birthday. Also to ONA members Albert Kasman and Ian Graham on the recent passing of their mothers. It has just been brought to our attention that coin dealer Wes Ham of Huntsville passed away 3 months ago.

# SHOW TIME

*A column intended to entice ONA members to attend shows throughout Ontario*



## **CAND'S FIRST WINTER SHOW IN HAMILTON A SUCCESS IN SPITE OF RECORD SNOWFALL**

The Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers (CAND) held their first Winter Snow...sorry, Winter Show...in Hamilton on January 16 & 17. Although a few major conventions have been held across the street at the Royal Connaught Hotel, your Editor cannot recall ever having set foot into the Ramada Inn before. The spacious bourse room was filled to capacity by dealers. A few things stood out at the show.

There was good support by CAND members (just because it was a CAND-sponsored event does not automatically mean that all CAND dealers would embrace it). Virtually all CAND members were present, with the exception of those known to spend January in Florida and a few from out-of-town who heard that we got a little bit more snow than in previous years. Since the dealers that had an empty table beside them were happy to spread out, every inch of table space was filled with numismatic material.

I don't know how the table location selection process worked, but it was obvious that the CAND Executive did not pull rank. CAND President Michael Walsh had his table in the middle of the back row. CAND Executive Secretary/Treasurer Joanne Simpson and her husband Rick (operating as R & S Coins) had their table in the midst of things half way down the room. Show Chairman Terry McHugh of Terry's Coins also had his table half-way down from the entrance. It sits well that they did not reserve prime locations for themselves. It also speaks well for the ONA that the three people mentioned above are not only members of the ONA but are also advertisers in the ONA Numismatist.

In pre-show publicity, the CAND Winter Show flyer, as well as information published in Canadian Coin News and the ONA Numismatist, highlighted a "Junior Table" that they claimed would contain merchandise at special prices. Well, I wish I was a junior! Good quality 20-pocket pages for 2x2's (with metal reinforced holes yet) were selling for 5 cents each, binders to hold the pages at 10 cents, Whitman blue books at 5 cents, a fantastic selection of foreign coins at 10 cents each or 12 for \$1. Coin holders, PL sets, a large variety of coins, foreign paper money and much more were offered at equally low pricing. On top of all that, young numismatists got into the show free. Terry McHugh said that the turnout to the table by junior collectors was phenomenal. Virtually all CAND dealers (and others) donated to the YN table. When ONA member Harry Eisenhauer read that CAND was planning a special Young Numismatists Table, he sent a quantity of material to Show Chairman Terry McHugh. Harry and ONA member Jim Charlton are, without doubt, the largest donors to coin clubs in Ontario. They do it quietly and normally do not get public recognition.

The Royal Canadian Mint had an excellent presence. ONA Member Ian Graham, who is the Mint's Sales Manager - Canada, answered a lot of questions about the Mint's latest offerings, including the new 25-cent coins. The hit at the Mint booth...and probably at the whole show...definitely were the uncirculated rolls of the January quarters that were being sold for face-value.

The Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club (CTCCC) and the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC) held meetings in a spacious meeting room adjoining the bourse room.

With the unpredictability of winter weather, why would CAND risk having their parade rained (snowed?) on? From a commercial point of view, taking this risk makes good business sense. The coin business is a 9-month business for those dealers that do not have a store location (which is the majority). By scheduling a major show in the middle of Winter, it opens up the numismatic business all year round. Hamilton was a good choice since it is well within an hour's drive of the huge Metro Toronto and Southern Ontario markets and within 30 minutes of Toronto International Airport. We predict that the CAND Winter Show will become a common fixture in the Ontario show circuit.

# SHOW TIME - UPCOMING

*A column intended to entice ONA members to attend each others shows*



The Cambridge Coin Show will be presenting their 8th annual show on Saturday, March 20 at the Cambridge Newfoundland Club, 1500 Dunbar Road, Cambridge-Galt. Open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the show will feature over 40 bourse tables of coins, tokens, paper money, trade dollars, CTC coupons and militaria, as well as sports cards, post cards and more. Contact Jim Pemberton (519) 621-1140 or Vincent Nevidon (519) 622-6625 for further information.

Proceeds are earmarked to a charitable organization. That is probably the reason the Cambridge Newfoundland Club is donating the hall for the show.



The Hamilton Coin Club has scheduled their semi-annual coin show for April 10 at the upper level of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 58, 1180 Barton St. East, Hamilton.

Open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., admission is only \$1.00 which includes a draw ticket. There is a lunch counter on the premises. If you want to take a break from the coin show, Hamilton's Center Mall is located right across the street.

Information can be obtained from Ken Lord, 60 Rice Street, Hamilton, Ont. L9C 7S3. He can also be reached at (905) 383-3742.



The Kent Coin Club is hosting their 31st annual Spring Coin Show on Sunday, April 11 at the Wheels Inn Resort and Conference Centre, 615 Richmond Street, Chatham.

Open to the public 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the show will feature 25 bourse tables. Free parking and free admission help make it even more attractive.

If you want additional information, contact Lou Wagenaar, 109 King Street West, Chatham, Ont. N7M 1E2, or call him during business hours at Lou's Coin & Stationery at (519) 352-4150.



Although we presented detailed information on the ONA's own annual convention in the last issue, we cannot ignore it in this column. It is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, April 16 to 18 at the College Inn, 716 Stone Rd., Guelph.

A Registrants/Dealer reception is planned for Friday evening starting at 9:00 p.m. (the Reception is open to all Registrants, Dealers and anyone else acquiring a ticket in advance). Bourse set-up will take place on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Exhibits will be set up Saturday morning. Meetings of CATC, CTCCC and CAWMC are also planned for Saturday, as is a tour to the McCrae House Museum and the ONA

Banquet. On Sunday, the ONA Club Delegates Meeting and the General Membership Meeting will take place.

For our members' convenience, we are repeating the Convention Registration Form in this issue. Be sure to consider coming to your convention. If you cannot attend in person, consider ordering the low-production official convention medals and Dream Vacation Draw tickets. We will even send you a Registration Kit if you are unable to pick it up yourself.



The Peterborough Coin Club is hosting their annual Coin Show on Saturday, May 1 at the Portage Place Mall, 1154 Chemong Rd, Peterborough.

Open to the public 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the show usually has plenty of room in the center of the mall. Free parking and free admission help make it even more attractive.

If you want additional information, contact Evelyn Robinson, 36 Stewart Place, Peterborough, Ont. K9L 3L9, or call her at (705) 745-5050.

# SHOW TIME - UPCOMING - CONTINUED



**May 2**  
**Windsor**  
**Coin Show**

The Windsor Coin Club's Spring Coin and Stamp Show will take place at the Caboto Club, 2175 Parent St., Windsor. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is only \$1.00 for adults. Anyone 12 years old or younger gets in free.

Most ONA members have not been back to Windsor since the 1998 ONA Convention. This might be a good time to revisit, with a side tour to the Casino (strictly to obtain some casino tokens for one's collection, of course).

For more information, contact Ron Binder, 2279 Hall Ave., Windsor, Ont. N8W 2L8

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**May 8**  
**Burlington**  
**Coin Show**

The Burlington International Spring Coin Show will be held at the Brant Hills community Centre, 2300 Doncaster Dr., Burlington. Parking is off Brant between Upper Middle Rd. and #5 Hwy.

Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Free admission. Contact Nancy Meredith at (705) 788-3159.

Here is a question for you. Who is Nancy Meredith? With a "705" area code? Running a coin show in Burlington? Answers in the next ONA Numismatist.

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**May 30**  
B.C. Coins &  
Ian Ward Promotions  
**Stratford**  
**Spring Show**

Our friends at B.C. Coins and Ian Ward Promotions have announced the Stratford 1st Annual Spring Coin Show for Sunday, May 30 at the Stratford Knights of Columbus Community Centre, 151 Lorne Ave. East, Stratford.

Open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., it will feature over 50 bourse tables. Admission is \$2 (children under 12 free if accompanied by an adult). Door draws. Free parking. For information on bourse tables or other show information, contact either Bob Dowsett at (519) 271-8884 or Ian Ward at (519) 426-8875.

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**June 5**  
**Scarborough**  
**Coin Show**

The Scarborough Coin Club is holding their 3rd Annual Coin Show on Saturday, June 5 at the Cedarbrook Community Centre, 91 Eastpark Blvd., Scarborough. Open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Free admission, free draws and free parking. Lunch and refreshments are provided by the Gallaway after school program.

Information can be obtained from the Scarborough Coin Club, P.O. Box 562, Pickering, Ont. L1V 2R7, or e-mail President David Bawcutt at [jbawcutt@sprint.ca](mailto:jbawcutt@sprint.ca) or Secretary Rick Craig at [rmcraig@total.net](mailto:rmcraig@total.net).

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**June 26-27**  
**Toronto**  
**Torex Show**

Torex is holding their next show on June 26 - 27 at the Primrose Hotel, 111 Carlton St., Toronto. The bourse is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Auctions are scheduled for both Friday evening and Saturday. Admission is \$5.00 daily. The CTCCC, CATC and CMNS meet there.

For bourse table space or other information, contact Torex owner/operator Ingrid K. Smith at (416) 260-9070 or e-mail [ingrid@torex.net](mailto:ingrid@torex.net). You can also obtain information on the internet at [www.torex.net](http://www.torex.net).

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**July 22-25**  
**CNA Conv.**  
**Kitchener**

The Waterloo Coin Society is hosting the 1999 CNA Convention on July 22 - 25 at the Four Points Sheraton, 105 King St. East, Kitchener.

Information on program of events, bourse, registration, medals, hotel room reservations, educational seminars, spousal and young numismatist activities, exhibits, CNA general membership meeting, CNA Banquet, CNA Club Delegates meeting, Royal Canadian Mint involvement and more will be presented in the next ONA Numismatist. If you can't wait, call one of the numbers or e-mail addresses listed in the ad on page 61.

# M E M B E R S H I P   R E P O R T

## W E L C O M E



The applications for membership which appeared in the last issue of the ONA Numismatist have been accepted. We welcome Gord Nichols, Nancy Meredith, Tom Rogers, James Collins, Peter DeGraaf and John Boutilier!

## T R A N S F E R   T O   L I F E   M E M B E R S H I P

The following members have been transferred from regular membership to life membership:

#LM107 Sean Isaacs, Ottawa, Ont. (from #1635)

## N E W   A P P L I C A T I O N S

The following applications for membership have been received. If there are no objections by April 15, they will be accepted into ONA membership and their acceptance published in the next bulletin. Recruiters eligible for the ONA Recruiter of the Year Award are identified with an asterisk (no asterisk designates that they are not eligible for the award because of their position within the ONA Executive).

- #1680 Frank Costello, North College Hill, Ohio
- #1681 Howard Kalef, North York, Ont. (Recruiter: John Regitko)
- #1682 John Regitko (Sr.), Toronto, Ont. (Recruiter: John Regitko)
- #1683 Magdalene Regitko, Toronto, Ont. (Recruiter: John Regitko)

*Bruce Raszmann  
Membership Chairman*



## PLAN TO ATTEND MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY at Royal Canadian Legion, 510 Dutton Drive, Waterloo

### Second Tuesday of each Month year-round

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.; Program begins at 8:00 p.m.

Educational programs - Bourse dealers - 40-lot auction - Draws - Fun & fellowship

#### *1999 Meeting Dates and Topics*

- March 9, 1999 - CNA Video on Canadian Paper Money
- April 13, 1999 - Numismatics and Philatelics
- May 11, 1999 - Annual Banquet at Tien Hoa, Waterloo (tickets required)
- June 8, 1999 - "Back Door Specials" from the Mint
- July 13, 1999 - CNA Collectibles and Related Items
- August 10, 1999 - Joint Meeting with KW Philatelic Society
- September 14, 1999 - Computers in Numismatics
- October 12, 1999 - Members' Night--New Acquisitions
- November 9, 1999 - Canadian Numismatics and World War
- December 14, 1999 - Annual Christmas Program & Gift Exchange

**May meeting is the Annual Banquet at Tien Hoa Buffet Restaurant - purchase tickets at meetings**

**Annual Coin Show November 20 at Royal Canadian Legion, 510 Dutton Drive, Waterloo**

**Host to the 1999 CNA Convention July 22 - 25 at the Four Points Sheraton in Kitchener**

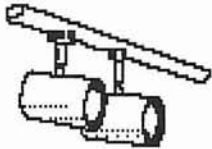
For Additional information: Waterloo Coin Society, Box 40044, Waterloo Square P.O.  
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# S P O T L I G H T   O N   P E O P L E



## A "MESSAGE" FROM TOM MASTERS

(PUBLISHED IN THE INGERSOLL COIN CLUB BULLETIN)

*The following "President's Message & Editorial" column appeared in a recent issue of the Ingersoll Coin Club bulletin. We thought we would share it with members of the ONA and ask for feedback. All interesting responses will be published in a future issue of the ONA Numismatist. We are especially interested in hearing from dealers, both part-time and full-time, that set up at local coin club meetings, annual coin shows run by coin clubs, commercially-owned coin shows, collectible shows and genuine antique shows.*

We have approached the end of 1998. Being unable to attend most of our area shows this past year, I have to rely on the reports of those who did attend. While most if not all shows, showed a financial profit, their attendance was down from former years. The profits for these shows come from the bourse dealers who purchase space to sell their wares. With attendance down, many have said that sales were down also. If this problem continues, we will soon find fewer dealers at each show.

So, where do we go from here? I have asked the following questions on several occasions: Are there too many coin shows in our area today? Are we selling too many bourse spaces for the number of collectors who come to these shows? Are area clubs supporting nearby shows? Should we not charge an admission fee and take a smaller profit? Are we giving enough door prizes? Or is the bottom line...profit...spelling a doom to some of these shows.

I have attended meetings where the decline in attendance was discussed and in most cases none of the above questions were brought forward. One of the points I overheard was that there are too many commercial shows, but when you take a close look at our club shows they are commercial too.

Back in the early 60s, in the Spring and Fall, one could attend a coin show almost every week-end. During the 70s, many of those shows disappeared. Clinton, Ingersoll, Kitchener, Simcoe, Sarnia, St. Thomas, to name a few in my immediate area. Along with the disappearance of the shows, some of the above clubs disappeared also. Let's hope we don't repeat ourselves again. Club members back then used to attend many other club meetings and shows. We have to try and revive this practice again, but as I hear some say...the cost of travel becomes a problem. Up until this summer, I attended as many meetings and shows as possible. You met people from all walks of life, and in many cases knew what they collected and what they needed. Today, we rarely find any vest pocket dealing and trading. Will the big bucks be the final nail in some of our clubs and shows? I congratulate those clubs who do host a very successful show each year. Is it just possible that those clubs who believe their shows are in danger could get together with the Executive of the successful shows to find out their secret.



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## ON THE MOVE

### CCN'S COOPER MOVES TO COLLECTIBLES DISTRIBUTOR

As we stated in the "Club News" column of the January/February ONA Numismatist, Clark Cooper has left Canadian Coin News at Trajan Publications, St. Catharines.

He has joined the Portfolio Plus Division of N.C. Cameron & Sons, who is reputed to be Canada's largest collectibles company. They distribute such popular items as Cherries Teddies, Precious Moments, Hummels and prints of Trisha Romance, James Lumber, Chantal Poulin, Christine Marshall, Mia Lane and Shirley Daville. They are known as a progressive company, routinely signing up new artists and distributing new collectibles. One of the products that they also distribute that will make him remember the time spent within numismatics: the limited edition prints by Brent Townsend, the designer of the \$2.00 coin.

After spending the past 3-1/2 years dealing with customers over the telephone, he longed to be out on the road again so as to meet his customers face-to-face. His new responsibilities will enable him to build up a more personal relationship with them. Although he did meet coin dealers in person at coin shows, he will now devote virtually 100% of his time on the road meeting and greeting customers on a one-on-one basis. The travelling will certainly be extensive. Cooper's territory covers a sizable chunk of Ontario, from Lake Ontario in the South to Parry Sound in the North, and from Toronto to Kingston in the East. Any coin dealer with a retail location within that area that also handles other collectibles such as figurines or limited edition prints can contact him at N.C. Cameron, 7550 Tranmere Dr., Mississauga, Ont. L5S 1S6, telephone (905) 673-9200.

"It has been an absolute pleasure dealing with the people in the numismatic industry and I'll miss them," he stated. "The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence, and I think I'll find that once I get entrenched in my new opportunities, I will miss the laid-back attitude of the people in the numismatic business versus the intensity of the art industry. I'll certainly miss the joking around with everybody! There is a camaraderie here, whereas in the other industry it is more dog-eat-dog."

Replacing Cooper is Ian Macallum. Although he does not have a background in numismatics, he brings with him 8 years of commercial sales experience. Your ONA Editor had the opportunity to interview him...on his first day on the job, when he was thrust behind Canada Coin News' information booth at the CAND Winter Show in Hamilton! Macallum admits that he has a lot to learn. The thing that initially impressed him is that the industry is a lot larger than he ever expected it to be and he looks forward to speaking with the many contacts that his predecessor has developed as well as others within the industry.

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## REVISED RULES FOR BEST LOCAL COIN CLUB BULLETIN AND EDITOR AWARDS

Back in the late 1970's, the Toronto Coin Club won the Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Award from the CNA (those were the days before computerized coin club bulletins and the editors had to do a lot of manual typing, cutting and pasting). The following year, the Toronto Coin Club again received the award from the CNA, as it did the year after that. No club had ever been honored three years in a row.

While the CNA was selecting the Toronto Coin Club bulletins over all other entries, the ANA also gave the nod to the Toronto Coin Club bulletin over all submissions from around the world...again, for three years in a row. No club had ever been so honored by the ANA either!

Ever since the first ONA Best Local Coin Club Bulletin award was presented, the ONA had a rule that no club could win the award more than once in a 3-year period. If a club won it in one year, it was not eligible for the next 2 years. I don't know what the original framers had in mind when they came up with that criteria, but I assume it was to spread the honor around rather than having the same club win it year after year.

At the January 10 meeting of the ONA Executive, I made the following motion:

"I move that in future, the standing policy of disqualifying for 2 subsequent years, the winner of the 'Best Local Coin Club Bulletin' Award and the 'Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Editor' Award, be removed from the criteria."

I felt that what we have done is to take the best bulletin and disqualify it so as to give 2nd best, and even third best in the following year, the opportunity to win. What this could amount to is that we are allowing even a mediocre bulletin the opportunity to win, rather than forcing it to improve. We should be doing just the opposite: we should encourage people to produce better bulletins by forcing them to compete with the ones that have previously been judged better than theirs, rather than disqualifying the best.

As ONA Club Services Chairman, I felt that we should treat all member clubs equally...each and every year, and not relegate some because they are acknowledged as having been better the previous year. Imagine if the ANA had a similar rule in place. The top bulletin award would not have been brought to Canada in record-setting numbers.

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No criteria has ever been published for the selection of the ONA's Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Award and Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Editor Award. Quite frankly, any written listing would limit the criteria, or things would be left out. By not having a rigid written criteria, it allowed the judges the flexibility of judging each club's bulletins on its own merit. For example, one club might have terrific layout and therefore eye-appeal, but a bit short on content (club meeting information, articles). Another club might have terrific articles written by club members and report club news, but their layout leaves something to be desired and therefore it does not encourage readers to read it from beginning to end.

As far as I am concerned, the loose criteria is this: a good bulletin should pass information on to members of what happened at the last meeting of the club that they were unable to attend, what is planned for the next meeting, should contain educational articles, make members aware of what is happening in numismatics generally, be light-hearted and be presented in a very eye-appealing manner. Above all, it must be a "fun" read so as to encourage members to read it from front to back.

Does your club bulletin contain all these things?

*John Regitko*  
*Club Services Chairman*

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## CANADA WELL REPRESENTED AT MICHIGAN STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION FALL SHOW

My wife and I visited Dearborn, Michigan over the U.S. Thanksgiving week-end to attend the Fall edition of the Michigan State Numismatic Association Show.

A number of Canadian dealers are always present. ONA Life Member Christina Smith had her usual table, as did member Michael Findlay. Member Peter DeGraaf, a member of the ONA Founding Executive in 1962, was also manning his usual table. Another member, Bill Popynick, had an array of Canadian coins on his table. In addition, numerous U.S. dealers had a good sprinkling of Canadian coins and paper money on their tables. Two other dealers that had an Ontario "presence" in the past (attended TICF and ONA and CNA Conventions over the years), David Harrison and Craig Whitmore, were also there.

The Canadian dealer travelling the greatest distance to attend was Michael Walsh of Vancouver, B.C. His Ontario presence during 1999 include conducting an auction at the CAND Show in Hamilton over the January 15-17 week-end and bourse space at Torex and at the ONA and CNA Conventions.

Raymond W. Dillard set up his elongated coin manufacturing machine. Elongated cent collecting has not caught on in Canada, but because of their more liberal counterfeit laws, is quite popular in the U.S. (surely any country that lets you burn its flag as a form of freedom of expression will certainly not concern itself with the defacing of a few coins). Dillard always creates a die commemorating the show. In return for the donation of elongated cents struck on Canadian 1 cent coins for the Young Numismatist registration kits at the 1999 ONA Convention, I promised that I would include his address for anyone that wishes to contact him for a price list (Raymond W. Dillard, Elongated Coins, P.O. Box 161, Fenton, Mi., U.S.A. 48430, or telephone (810) 629-3041). Because I left my Canadian change behind, Peter DeGraaf donated the Canadian coins for making the elongated cents.



For the first time in the 43-year history of the MSNA shows, the Royal Canadian Mint had a booth featuring a full selection of numismatic products and RCM watches. The booth was manned by RCM employee Brad Boyko who, although Canadian-born and living in Toronto, covers the vast U.S. market for numismatic collectible material. He was assisted by Jerry Morgan of Scotsman Numismatics, one of the major U.S. distributors. They handed out to visitors souvenir pins featuring a miniaturized design of the RCMP \$1 coin.

The biggest surprise at the show, featuring over 300 dealers, was the type of material on display. I have been attending the MSNA Fall Show for a number of years (always on the U.S. Thanksgiving week-end). The drastic ever-so-noticeable change was that the emphasis had drastically changed from bullion coinage to collectors coinage. A few years ago, about 90% of the material were stack after stack of precious metal bullion coins, private mint wafers, gold & silver bars, even gold jewellery. However, this time, well over 90% of the material consisted of collectors coins. U.S. coins, understandably, were in the majority, followed by U.S. paper money, Canadian coins, foreign silver coins, foreign paper money, ancient coins, emergency monies, U.S. colonial paper, primitive and ancient. One dealer had beautiful color paintings of the central design of old U.S. paper money, along with the actual note mounted in a frame about 3' wide x 2' high.

Charlton catalogues were displayed on a number of tables that featured numismatic catalogues and books. Jewellery, sports cards, watches and other items usually found at coin shows were virtually non-existent. I noticed a similar trend at Torex. Looks like "numismatics" has come back to numismatic shows.

Exhibits, always a major part of the MSNA show, were excellent. My personal favorite display was the only non-competitive entry, consisting of dozens of cases of gold and silver coins of...foil wrapped chocolates.

Two ONA members were missing: Chuck Moore, who I had seen there in the past and Paul Johnson. Paul didn't attend this time so that he could live up to his responsibilities as a Dad to both an adopted daughter as well as a puppy-turning-monster who insists on his daily walks.

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



## CNA AND NESA SCHEDULE NUMISMATIC COURSE AT ONTARIO'S HUMBER COLLEGE

The Canadian Numismatic Association (CNA) and the Numismatic Educational Services Association (NESA) are again hosting an educational course at Humber College, located just outside Toronto, on Saturday, May 15.

Close to 200 collectors have taken the course previously, both at Humber College and in Ottawa (for employees of the Royal Canadian Mint). They have had nothing but high praise for the course contents, with every instructor receiving high marks in the past-course questionnaire.

Registration is \$35.00 for CNA members, \$45.00 for non-CNA members and \$25.00 for Juniors (under the age of 18). The fee also includes a Certificate of Participation, handouts and free parking. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. for complimentary coffee and donuts. The course is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with a break for lunch (participants are responsible for their own lunch, available in the College's cafeteria). Since space is limited, we encourage all ONA members to act promptly if they wish to participate in the course.

Paul Johnson, Chairman of the CNA Education Committee, is again organizing the course. He can certainly be proud of his accomplishment of overseeing the planning of this course (he was also responsible in overseeing the planning of the CNA/NESA Correspondence Course, the creation of the "CNA Club Organizational Handbook" and the "CNA Exhibits and Judging in Numismatics Handbook." He has served the ONA as Chairman of the prestigious ONA Award of Merit Committee and currently serves as the ONA's Head Judge. Johnson has again brought 7 instructors together to make the presentations at Humber College:

Paul Petch's presentation on "Canadian Coins and Commemoratives" will cover the decimal coins of Canada, from pre-Confederation coins to the most recent strikings from the Royal Canadian Mint. Included will be an examination of how Canadian money has changed in design, appearance and metal content through the years.

John Regitko's presentation on "Coin Striking and Coin Errors" will center around the process of minting coins at the Royal Canadian Mint: how strips of metal are reduced to proper thickness, how blanks are cut out from the strips of metal, how each blank planchet is "treated" before winding up in the minting press, an explanation of the die placement in the minting press, and an explanation of the minting press (feeding of the blanks, striking and ejection). A series of slides will explain how error coins occur during each of these stages.

Chris Boyer's presentation on "Canadian Paper Money" will cover the Bank of Canada series of notes, including the issues of 1937, 1954, 1967, the multi-colored issued of 1969-1975, the issue of 1979, and the present day "Bird" series. The popular 25 cent fractional notes (known as "shinplasters"), Dominion of Canada notes and the chartered banknotes of Canadian banks prior to 1935 will also be discussed.

Rick Craig's presentation on "Canadian Tokens" will include pre-confederation tokens (prior to 1867), including bank tokens, semi-regal tokens and communion tokens, while post-Confederation tokens will cover merchant tokens, milk and bread tokens, hotel and advertising tokens, transportation tokens and more. The presentation will review the tokens issued to fill a need created by the War of 1812 and compare those to the tokens issued in Nova Scotia and Upper and Lower Canada. Why they were issued and their impact and pertinence to the economic system will also be covered.

Marvin Kay's presentation on "Collecting Strategies" will suggest over 50 new and different collecting topics to stimulate your interest in numismatics. In addition to collecting by date, denomination or by specific monarchs, he will discuss the advantages of collecting by specialized subjects, also known as topical collecting. Some of these topics include women on coins, unusual denominations, animals and methods of travel such as trains and automobiles. Another area of numismatics which has almost endless collecting possibilities is the field of medals: military, artistic medals (like those sculpted by Dora de Pedery-Hunt), those issued by numismatic associations such as the Canadian Numismatic Association and historical medals of all descriptions.

# THE NATIONAL SCENE - CONTINUED

Susan Maltby's presentation on "Coin and Paper Money Preservation" will discuss all aspects of coin, token and paper money conservation, including components of a good coin/bill holder, how to choose a good holder, materials and holders to avoid, environmental requirements for different kinds of collections (i.e. paper, metal, wood, "exotic" materials) and general tips on good care and handling. After all, collections can deteriorate over time if not housed safely and drastically affect its value. Her presentation will include hands-on demonstrations, including the Beilstein Test, a chemical test used to determine whether a plastic contains PVC or polyvinylidene chloride. Participants are urged to bring along problem coins or paper money as well as material used for housing more expensive material, for examination and recommendations.

Brian Cornwell's presentation on "Coin Grading and Counterfeit Detection" will reveal that grading coins and tokens is an art, not a science. This simply means that different graders can and do have differing opinions of a coin's grade. Furthermore, it is human nature for a coin seller to have a tendency to overgrade a coin, whereas a buyer of that coin has a built-in bias to undergrade. This course will help students with some of the confusing real-life issues. The presentation will focus on the three fundamentals of accurate and consistent grading: knowledge, technique and objectivity. Slides of the Victorian half dollar series are used for a detailed discussion of the fine points that distinguish one grade from another. The role of and proper use of third party grading companies will also be covered. His presentation concludes with a hands-on look at "coin problems," specifically those that are cleaned, altered or counterfeited. Many physical examples will be available for students to examine directly along with pointers on how best to identify and avoid them at a future date.

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## WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY TO HOST 1999 CNA CONVENTION ON JULY 22 TO 25

### INTRODUCTION

The Canadian Numismatic Association has awarded the 1999 CNA Convention to the Waterloo Coin Society (WCS), one of the most active coin clubs in Ontario...and Canada. The club has won a number of prestigious awards, and a number of their Executive have also been honored by the CNA and ONA (after 40 years of existence, they must be doing something right). Although we suggest that you wait until the next issue of the ONA Numismatist for detailed information on the Convention (such as a complete Program of Events, Bourse Dealer listing, Registration Form and information on activities such as the Banquet, tour and registration), you can obtain more information by writing to the Waterloo Coin Society, P.O. Box 40044, 75 King Street South, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada N2J 4V1. You can also visit their website at <http://www.angelfire.com/tx/wcshomepage/index.html> or e-mail any of the committee members listed below.

### THE CONVENTION SITE

The Convention will take place at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, located in the heart of Kitchener, adjacent to the Kitchener Farmers' Market and to downtown shops. Kitchener-Waterloo is located in the heart of Mennonite country, less than an hour west of the Toronto International Airport. A bus service leaves the Airport regularly and drops passengers off right at the door of the hotel. It is easily accessible by car since a number of highways connect it to the millions of people living within an hour's drive of the convention site. It is also the home of the world's second-largest Oktoberfest celebration after Munich, Germany.

The special 1999 CNA Convention rate is \$90 single occupancy or \$95 double occupancy (Canadian funds). Reservations can be made by calling the hotel's advance reservation desk at 1-800-744-1314, telephone (519) 744-4141, Fax (519) 744-1314, or by writing to the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 105 King Street East, Kitchener, Ont. N2G 2K8. You can also contact them through their website at <http://www.fourpoints.com>.

### THE COMMITTEE

Chris Boyer, currently WCS President, has been appointed General Chairman of the Convention ([coinman@sympatico.ca](mailto:coinman@sympatico.ca)). He has assembled a committee that combines experience and new thoughts.

Mike Hollingshead is Publicity Chairman ([cholling@uoguelph.ca](mailto:cholling@uoguelph.ca)); Don Robb is Bourse Chairman ([donrobb@ionline.net](mailto:donrobb@ionline.net)); Robb McPherson is Security Chairman ([robb4359@home.com](mailto:robb4359@home.com)); Braden Jennings is Youth Activities Chairman ([jennings@golden.net](mailto:jennings@golden.net)); John Regitko is Souvenir Program Booklet Chairman ([cna99ads@idirect.ca](mailto:cna99ads@idirect.ca)); Bruce Raszmann is Treasurer and Registration Chairman; Peter Becker is Tour Chairman and Hourly Draw Chairman; Jim McHugh is Registration Chairman.

### THE PARTICIPANTS

Numerous groups have scheduled meetings in conjunction with the Convention. The CNA itself will hold their Annual General Meeting and Awards, the CNA Club Delegates Meeting and the CNA Banquet.

Meetings are also scheduled by the Canadian Association of Token Collectors (CATC), Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC), Canadian Paper Money Society (CPMS), Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club (CTCCC) and Classical and Medieval Numismatic Society (CMNS). In addition, the following organizations will be holding closed-door Executive Committee meetings: J.D. Ferguson Historical and Research Foundation, Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers (CAND), Canadian Numismatic Research Society (CNRS), CPMS Executive and members of the Committee of Numismatic Network Canada (NNC). As well, both the ONA and CNA have scheduled Executive meetings (both groups invite observers to sit in on meetings to observe proceedings).

**THE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

In addition to the above meetings, the CNA has scheduled an interesting educational forum. The presentations will consist of Alan Herbert on "The Impact of Computers on Numismatics," Paul Petch on "The Evolution of Canadian Coinage" and Angus Sutherland on "Canadian Communion Tokens."

There will also be a special Youth Exhibit Seminar presented by former ANA President Stephen Taylor of Dover, Delaware.

Major space has been allocated for competitive and educational numismatic exhibits. The sold-out bourse will feature over 40 dealer tables.

**THE NON-NUMISMATIC ACTIVITIES**

A tour has been arranged on "The 50's Streamliner" to St. Jacobs and the Canadian Clay and Glass Museum. There will also be a spousal craft session as part of the Spousal Welcome Get-together.

One of the highlights of any CNA Convention is the Royal Canadian Mint Reception, and this year will be no different. A traditional Oktoberfest Night celebration will feature an "umpapa" band, traditional dancers, keg tapping ceremony and bratwurst and sauerkraut as only authentic European farmers can produce.

The Hospitality Suite, open to all convention registrants, dealers, daily admissions and their family, will feature complimentary coffee and a wide variety of snacks.

**THE REGISTRATION KITS**

Three registration kits will be available. The main registration kit, a spousal registration kit and a young numismatist registration kit. The contents will be detailed in the May/June ONA Numismatist, as will other information.



**1999 CNA CONVENTION**

**July 22 - 25, 1999**

**Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Kitchener, Ontario**

*Watch the May/June issue of the ONA Numismatist for information on Exhibits, Registrations, Program of Events, CNA Club Delegates Meeting, Hotel Room Reservations, Banquet details, Educational Meetings, Official Convention Medals, Bourse Dealer Listing, CNA General Membership Meeting, Spousal & YN Activities and more!*

**Your Host: Waterloo Coin Society**

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# EXECUTIVE DECISIONS



## ONA HEAD JUDGE ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES FOR 1999 ONA CONVENTION

The ONA Head Judge, Paul Johnson, has announced the appointment of the competitive exhibit judges for the 1999 ONA Convention. They are Marvin Kay, Don Robb and William McDonald. Their numismatic biographies show their outstanding accomplishments:

### **MARVIN KAY, M.D.**

A Past President of the Canadian Numismatic Association, Dr. Marvin Kay is an accomplished writer on numismatic subjects. He was a member of the core committee in the development of the highly successful CNA / NESAs Numismatic Correspondence Course and is a frequent speaker at coin club meetings. Marvin has won a number of prestigious awards for his numismatic research, writing and speaking, including those awarded by the Canadian Numismatic Association.

He was recipient of the 1996 ONA Award of Merit, the highest award of the ONA.

### **WILLIAM H. McDONALD**

William H. McDonald has served as the Founding Chairman of the Board of the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation since 1971. He served as CPMS Founding President from 1964 to 1969, the Editor of the CPMS Journal from 1970 to 1973, and was made their Honourary President in 1982. In 1990, he was instrumental in the formation of the Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society, and in 1992 became co-editor/publisher of the Society's annual journal, *The Picus*. He also serves them as their Executive Secretary and Treasurer, positions he has held since CMNS founding. From 1974 until 1978 he was First Vice President of the International Banknote Society. He also served as President of Numismatic Network Canada (NNC) in 1997-1998.

In 1972, he was Co-Chairman of the joint CPMS-CNA's Annual Convention in Toronto and in 1981, was appointed General Chairman of the International Paper Money Congress & Exhibition (Interpam '81), the world's first international paper money convention and exhibition (23 countries were represented).

Bill was recipient of the 1994 J. Douglas Ferguson gold medal, the highest award of the Canadian Numismatic Association. He was also the recipient of the 1993 ONA Award of Merit.

### **DON ROBB**

Don Robb joined the Waterloo Coin Society in 1970 and has served in most of the club's executive positions, including two terms as President. He was also their editor for many years, their annual coin shows' chairman since 1990 (the year the club hosted the ONA annual convention) and is the club's Auction Coordinator.

Don was elected President of CAWMC (for 1979-1980) and has been a member of the CAWMC Board of Governors since 1981. He was appointed Secretary-Treasurer and Membership Chairman of CTCCC in 1990, positions he still holds today. He served as a Governor of the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation from 1990 to 1996.

Don was the Ontario Director of the CNA from 1985 to 1987 and is Co-Chairman of the 1999 CNA Convention hosted by the Waterloo Coin Society. In 1994 he was invited to join the ONA Awards Committee and in 1996 became Chairman of the Committee. He was presented the ONA Award of Merit in 1990.

The above judges, under the supervision of Paul Johnson, ONA Head Judge, are responsible for selecting the Best of Show as well as 3 runners-up, from the competitive exhibits at the 1999 ONA Convention, based on a non-category system single-case exhibits. The Head Judge, Paul Johnson, whose extensive numismatic biography was published in the January/February ONA Numismatist, will announce the winners at the ONA Banquet.

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# ON A C O N V E N T I O N N E W S

## REGISTRATION KITS CONTAIN EXCELLENT VALUE



The Registration Form in the last ONA Numismatist mentioned the contents of the Main, Spousal and Young Numismatist registration kits. Because of the worthwhile contents, each kit represented excellent value for the price charged.

We are pleased to announce that, thanks to a donation from the Royal Canadian Mint, the following additional content will be included in the kits:

**MAIN REGISTRATION KIT:** the Royal Canadian Mint's CD; RCM "Time Traveler" medallion; RCM pin of the Ottawa Mint building; set of 2 post cards featuring the Ottawa and Winnipeg Mints.

**YOUNG NUMISMATIST KIT:** the Royal Canadian Mint's CD; RCM pin of the 1972 hockey coin; RCM pin of the Bethune coin; Time Traveler medallions; RCM pin of the Ottawa Mint building; set of 2 post cards featuring the Ottawa and Winnipeg Mints.

With only 60 main registration kits and 35 young numismatist registration kits available, it is expected that they will be sold out, especially when you take into account the fact that competitive exhibitors, who can win sizable cash prizes in addition to presentation medals and certificates, must be registered.

In view of the fact that a number of additional worthwhile items have been added to the registration kits, members that were not convinced to register for the Convention may wish to reconsider. We have, therefore, reprinted the Registration Form in this bulletin.

When the convention's planning committee first envisioned the contents of the registration kits and set the pricing, they could only hope that the kits would contain such outstanding value. Thanks to the above additions, registration kits are expected to be sold out by convention time.

The above donations are in addition to major donations made by Bill Cross, owner/manager of Charlton Press, that were previously announced. For example, donations for the main and the young numismatist registration kits from Charlton Press include "The Charlton Standard Catalogue of First World War Canadian Corps Badges" retailing at \$24.95 and the CD "The Charlton Canadian Numismatic Library - 1998," containing The Charlton Standard Catalogues of Canadian Coins and Canadian Government Paper Money" retailing at \$24.95 when first released. The Spousal Kit will contain copies of "The Charlton Standard Catalogue of Canadian Country Store Collectables" retailing at \$19.95 and "The Charlton Standard Catalogue of Wade: Decorative Ware" retailing at \$24.95.



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## TOUR OF McCRAE HOUSE MUSEUM TO INCLUDE VIEWING OF MEDALS, SLIDE PRESENTATION, TEA AND MUFFINS



In the last ONA Numismatist, we mentioned that one of the most historical buildings in the Guelph area, the McCrae House Museum, has been selected to grace the center of the official souvenir medal of the 1999 ONA Convention. Two major reasons for this decision is that the McCrae House Museum is one of the destinations of choice by a large quantity of visitors to the Guelph area and that the John McCrae medals auctioned off at last year's Torex would be on display.

Collectors who purchased tickets for the McCrae House tour will gather in the convention lobby of the College Inn at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 17. They will board a bus for the short drive to the Museum where they will be treated to a tour of John McCrae House Museum, a visit through the gardens, a slide presentation on John McCrae, his house and his medals. Tea, shortbread, date squares and lemon squares will also be provided. Souvenir medals of the McCrae House will also be on sale at the museum (it is also recommended that official convention souvenir medals, featuring the McCrae House museum, be acquired by convention-goers).

Because the museum has set a limit of 25 people maximum for the tour, it is recommended that you commit to the tour via the 1999 ONA Convention Registration Form included in the last ONA Numismatist so as to avoid disappointment. The cost is \$10.00 per person, which includes transportation to the museum, admission, viewing of the world-famous McCrae medals, an audio visual presentation, refreshments, return transportation and all applicable taxes. The group is expected to return to the convention at 12:30 p.m.

The drawing of McCrae House used on the 1999 ONA Convention medal was first used on a poster for the L.A.C.A.C. conference held in Guelph in 1990. The artist, Nan Hogg, has given us permission to use her drawing (illustrated above) for the central theme of the official convention medal.

## CONVENTION MEDAL TO FEATURE NAN HOGG'S DRAWING OF HISTORICAL McCRAE HOUSE AS CENTRAL THEME



As announced in the last ONA Numismatist, Guelph historian Nan Hogg's drawing of McCrae house has been selected for the central theme of the official 1999 ONA Convention medal.

A limited quantity only of the medal will be struck in bronze and sterling silver so as to assure a sell-out at the Convention so that the ONA is not involved in the after-market. Based on historical statistics, only 50 bronze and 35 sterling silver (.999 fine) medals will be struck for sale. They are available, on a first come, first served basis, through the Registration Form included with the last and also this bulletin or at the Convention, at \$10 for the bronze and \$35 for the sterling silver. It is expected that all medals will be sold out by the end of the Convention.

In addition to the above medals, a quantity of 60 gold-plated medals will also be struck. These can only be obtained as part of the Main Registration Kit available for \$35. In addition to the special gold-plate medal, the registration kit also contains a number of catalogues, numismatic CDs, admission to the Registrants Reception, admission to bourse, Dream Vacation draw ticket and more.

## ROYAL CANADIAN MINT'S IAN GRAHAM TO BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT CLUB DELEGATES MEETING



Ian Graham, Sales Manager - Canada for the Royal Canadian Mint, has consented to present the keynote address to the delegates and guests at the ONA Club Delegates meeting starting at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 18. In making the announcement, John Regitko, Chairman of the ONA Club Delegates meeting, stated that he is pleased that such a high-profile individual has agreed to address the group. Graham's presentation, entitled "Both Sides of the Coin: The Royal Canadian Mint and I," will focus on some personal thoughts on being a collector and working for the Mint. Fellow collectors may find this presentation interesting, in that it will be coming from someone who has been a collector for most of his life. During previous interviews, your Editor was told that at one time, the Mint had a policy of virtual discrimination against hiring coin collectors.

Graham has been employed at the Mint for 5 years and is responsible for such prestigious national accounts as Canada Post, Royal Bank, Hudson's Bay, Zellers/Club Z and The Shopping Channel. Between managing his prestigious accounts, developing new sales and marketing opportunities and attending trade/coin shows, he still finds time to spend with his wife, Sherry and their two children.

Graham has been a coin collector for over 25 years, collecting Atlantic Provinces historical medals, tokens and scrip, as well as Hudson's Bay material, Canadian financial home savings banks and college currency. He has been a member of the Fredericton Numismatic Society since 1976 and has served them as President. He has also served as Vice-President and President of the Atlantic Provinces Numismatic Association (APNA) and has been a life member since 1977. He also boasts membership in the CNA since 1979. He is a former Vice-Chairman of the Canadian Numismatic Association's Young Numismatists Committee, and received the CNA Young Numismatist of the Year Award in 1980. He is also a recipient of the APNA Award of Merit (1991) and has received numerous awards for his competitive exhibits. He recently joined the ONA.

Every coin club is asked to appoint a Delegate to the Convention, who should also attend the Club Delegates meeting. Although it is suggested that the President should represent his club, any other member of the Executive (or a regular member) can be appointed. If one of the people planning to attend anyway were asked to represent the club, no additional expense would be incurred.

Various ONA Chairmen will present brief reports on the status of their area of involvement. For example, news will be reported on the status of audio visual programs from the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library, recent developments from the Club Services Chairman and a report on the ongoing benefits of the ONA's Insurance Policy will be discussed.

Representatives of each club are asked to bring a written report on the club's activities to the Chairman, who will arrange to publish highlights from each report in the subsequent issue of the ONA Numismatist.

The Registration Form included in the last issue contains a line requesting that anyone representing a club at the convention and at the Club Delegates Meeting should write the club's name on the line. This will enable us to prepare a registration name tag with the appropriate ribbon identifying the registrant as a club delegate. As has been the case over the past few years, it is expected that we again will have a supply of give-aways for all official club delegates that make us aware, via the registration form, that they have been so appointed.

The ONA's "Best Local Coin Club Bulletin" and "Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Editor" awards will be announced at the meeting. It would be nice if the President and Editor of each club is present for a photo opportunity.

Since the convention is held in a central location, let us attempt to have each and every club represented. With an expected high attendance by members of both the outgoing and incoming ONA Executive and other convention goers, we hope to set a modern-day attendance record for the meeting.

## ROYAL CANADIAN MINT'S PIERRE MORIN TO DELIVER KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT ONA BANQUET



The Royal Canadian Mint has appointed Pierre Morin, the Mint's Communication Advisor for the past 4 years, to deliver the keynote address at the ONA Banquet on Saturday, April 17. His presentation will cover "The Millennium Coin Contest: the project, the public response and an insiders view of the project."

A media relations and communications consultant for the past 14 years, Morin has worked in the private, non-profit and public sectors. He has provided media relations, event planning and strategic communications services for clients such as Rolls-Royce, McDonnell Douglas, Vickers, Reference Canada, Fitness and Amateur Sports, Smithklines, Le Droit newspaper and the United Way. He joined the Royal Canadian Mint in March of 1995 and is currently responsible for media relations as well as relations with the various numismatic associations, including the Ontario Numismatic Association.

Born and raised in Ottawa, Pierre completed studies in Social Sciences and Psychology at Ottawa University and Communications and Business Studies at Laval University (Quebec).

He is a collector of curios and bizarre objects and demonstrates an interest for coin collecting. His hobbies include reading, sailing, windsurfing and photography. He is also interested in cinema and has a fondness for mysteries. Married for more than 9 years, he is the proud father of a 4 year old daughter. Mr. Morin has worked as a volunteer for a number of non-profit organizations, including the Volunteer Bureau of Ottawa, le Richelieu and Community Day.

In addition to a full-course dinner and the above speaker, a number of other events will also be featured. Don Robb, Chairman of the ONA Awards Committee, will announce the recipients of the ONA Award of Merit and the "Fellow of the ONA" Awards. Paul Johnson, ONA Head Judge, will reveal the winning exhibits in the competitive displays, including best of show. Mike Hollingshead is Master of Ceremonies.

A number of draw prizes will be awarded, including donations from the Royal Canadian Mint, Charlton Press and Trajan Publications (publishers of Canadian Coin News).

The outgoing ONA President, Ken Wilmot, will turn the gavel of office over to the incoming President, Mike Hollingshead. Hollingshead will introduce his Executive that will lead the organization for the next 2 years.

### 1999 ONA CONVENTION COMMITTEE

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| • General Chairman: Ken Wilmot                        | • Souvenir Program Booklet: John Regitko        |
| • Exhibit Chairman: Chris Boyer                       | • Hourly Door Draws: Peter Becker               |
| • Bourse Chairman: Ken Wilmot                         | • Head Judge: Paul Johnson                      |
| • Program of Events Planning: Paul Petch              | • Hospitality Suite Chairman: Monina Regitko    |
| • Treasurer and Registration Chairman: Bruce Raszmann | • Banquet Chairman: Mike Hollingshead           |
| • Property Chairman: Mike Hollingshead                | • Awards Committee Chairman: Don Robb           |
| • Medal Design Committee: Chris Boyer                 | • Club Delegates Meeting Chairman: John Regitko |
| • Youth Activities: Braden Jennings                   | • Dream Vacation Draw Chair: Bruce Raszmann     |

### WATCH FOR THE FOLLOWING POST-CONVENTION NEWS IN THE NEXT ISSUE:

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| • Dream Vacation Draw winners & ticket sellers      | • Award of Merit recipient                 |
| • Top club sellers of Dream Vacation Draw books     | • "Fellow" of the ONA recipient(s)         |
| • Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Award winner        | • ONA Treasurer's Report                   |
| • Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Editor Award winner | • Highlights of the Club Delegates Meeting |
| • Numismatic resumes on the incoming ONA Executive  | • Final Report by the Election Chairman    |

# ON A C O N V E N T I O N N E W S

## APPEAL TO ATTEND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Once the ONA membership elects their Executive for a 2-year term, usually their only contact with the Executive flows in one direction - from the association to the member, via the ONA Numismatist. Although the flow can be reversed - for example, by writing, phoning or e-mailing a member of the Executive - very, very few members do so.

Most members of the Executive attend the annual convention. Members can meet them socially through the 2-day convention. In addition, on Sunday, April 18 at 10:30 a.m. in Suite 105, every member will have the opportunity to meet formally with their Executive at the Annual General Membership meeting. The following items are already scheduled to be discussed:

- The financial report covering calendar year 1998 by Bruce Raszmann, ONA Treasurer.
- Outgoing President's Report by Ken Wilmot.
- The official report by the Election Chairman, Mike Hollingshead; a call for nominations and voting for the positions of Directors for Areas 5 and 7.
- A motion by ONA Member John Regitko, concerning the proposed change to the Constitution as published in the January/February 1999 ONA Numismatist.
- Incoming President's Comments by Mike Hollingshead.

The Annual General Membership meeting represents the best opportunity to give your Executive feedback on your thoughts about how you rate them, what changes you would like to see made and which actions by the Executive you support.

Your elected officers undertook an obligation when they accepted to stand for office. What responsibility does a member have if not to attend the Annual General Membership meeting to express his/her views?

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## REGISTRANT/DEALER RECEPTION AND HOSPITALITY SUITE TO INCLUDE PLENTY OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP



The Friday evening Reception, slated for a 9:00 p.m. start in Suite 103, will feature light snacks and refreshments. All Main, Spousal and YN Registrants will receive an admission ticket to the Reception in their registration kits. All people not registered may purchase an admission ticket for \$10, which entitle them to 2 complimentary drinks and unlimited snacks. Additional tickets will be available at the Reception.

In their dedication to provide excellent "service" to all convention-goers, the convention committee has announced that absolutely everyone attending the convention is welcome to the Hospitality Suite (Suite 103), which will operate from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, and from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

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## DREAM VACATION DRAW TICKETS RETURN REQUESTED



All members received a book of tickets with their November/December ONA Numismatist (clubs received a supply as a separate mailing). We were hoping that you would sell the book of tickets (you get one ticket free for your trouble for each book you sell) or you could purchase the book yourself and get the extra ticket for free also.

Unless it is your intention to bring the stubs and payment to the convention, be sure to mail them back to Bruce Raszmann, ONA Treasurer, so that they are received before the start of the Convention. He will place your stubs into the draw drum at the Convention. You do not have to be present to win.

It would also be appreciated if any unsold tickets are returned so that they can be turned over to other sellers before the Convention, or sold at the Convention.

## PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Refer to the "Program of Events" published in the January/February issue of the ONA Numismatist for details.

### FRIDAY - APRIL 16

- 6:00 p.m. Security commences
- 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Dealer Set-up
- 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Registration table open for pick-up of registration kits, medals, banquet tickets
- 9:00 p.m. - Reception for registrants and dealers (ticket required)

### SATURDAY - APRIL 17

- 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. CNA Executive meeting
- 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Set-up only for dealers and exhibitors
- 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration table open
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Registrant preview of bourse for those registered for the convention
- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club (CTCCC) meeting
- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite open for convention attendees for complimentary coffee & donuts
- 10:00 a.m. Official Opening in the Convention lobby (complimentary draws for \$50 vouchers)
- 10:05 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Bourse floor open to public
- 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 noon Tour of John McCrae House Museum - including visit through gardens, presentation on history of John McCrae and his Medals, tea and shortbread (ticket required)
- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Canadian Association of Token Collectors (CATC) meeting
- 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Southern Ontario Chapter of CAWMC meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Bourse and exhibit close
- 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Pre-Banquet Reception and cash bar - open only to holders of banquet tickets
- 7:00 p.m. ONA Banquet - keynote speaker from Royal Canadian Mint. Includes full-course dinner, draw prizes, awards presentations and more (ticket required)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 18

- 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. ONA Club Delegates Meeting - keynote speaker Ian Graham of RCM. Presentation of ONA best local coin club bulletin and editor awards
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Dealer set-up - dealers and their legitimate assistants may enter the bourse room
- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Bourse floor open to the public
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. ONA Annual General Meeting - Treasurer & Membership Chairman reports; exhibit award winners announced; installation of incoming ONA Executive
- 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite open
- 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. ONA Executive meeting - the incoming Executive will hold their first meeting
- 3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. ONA Dream Vacation Draw - you do not have to be present to win
- 4:00 p.m. Bourse room closes. Exhibit tear-down begins
- 4:00 p.m. SHOW CLOSES (reopens April 14, 2000 at the Howard Johnson Skyline Hotel, Keele St. & Wilson Ave. [just north of Hwy. 401] in North York. Your host: North York Coin Club)

## HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS

at the College Inn, 716 Stone Rd., Guelph, Ontario

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Rates are \$77.00 per night single or \$80 per night double, plus 7% GST and 5% PST.

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# 1999 ONA CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

QTY.	FUNCTION	PRICE	TOTAL
_____	Main Registration ..... <i>(Includes gold-plate souvenir convention medal, admission to Registrants Reception with 2 complimentary drinks, unlimited visits to Hospitality Suite, admission to bourse, souvenir program booklet, Dream Vacation draw ticket, hourly draw ticket, "The Charlton Canadian Numismatic Library" CD containing the Canadian Coins and Government Paper Money catalogues, "The Charlton Standard Catalogue of First World War Canadian Corps Badges," the RCM CD, RCM "time traveler" medallion, RCM souvenir pin and more.)</i>	\$35.00	_____
_____	Spousal "Add-On" Registration (a family member must be Main Registered) ..... <i>(Includes all of above with the exception of the gold-plate souvenir convention medal, catalogues and RCM items; in addition, it will include "The Charlton Standard Catalogue of Canadian Country Store Collectables" and "The Charlton Standard Catalogue of Wade Decorative Ware.")</i>	20.00	_____
_____	Young Numismatist Registration ..... <i>(Includes everything in the main registration kit with the exception of the gold-plate souvenir convention medal, complimentary drink tickets and the Canadian Corps Badges catalogue; in addition, it will include 2 hourly draw tickets, special YN registrant's draw ticket, and RCM pins of the Bethune and Hockey coins. It will include "The Charlton Canadian Numismatic Library" CD containing the Canadian Coins and Government Paper Money catalogues.)</i>	10.00	_____
_____	Additional Reception tickets (Friday 9:00 p.m.) ..... <i>(Although a ticket for the Reception is included with the Main and Spousal registration kits, anyone not registered must purchase a ticket. Includes admission, coffee, snacks and 2 complimentary drinks.)</i>	10.00	_____
_____	Tour of McCrae House Museum ..... <i>(Includes transportation, admission, tour of McCrae House and gardens, tea with date squares and shortbread, special slide presentation.)</i>	10.00	_____
_____	Banquet (Saturday 6:30 p.m. cash bar; 7:00 p.m. dinner) ..... <i>(Includes full-course dinner draw prize ticket and Pierre Morin of the RCM as keynote speaker; all banquet ticket holders will be invited to a special "President's Reception" immediately following the conclusion of the Banquet.)</i>	30.00	_____
_____	Dream Vacation Draw tickets (buy 5, get 1 free) .....	2.00	_____
_____	Official souvenir convention medals - bronze (only 50 struck) .....	10.00	_____
_____	Official souvenir convention medals - .999 Sterling silver (only 35 struck) .. <i>(Note that gold-plate convention medals are not available for sale - they are only included with the Main Registrations.)</i>	35.00	_____
<b>TOTAL</b> (please make cheque payable to the 1999 ONA Convention) .....			<b>\$</b> _____

NAME OF MAIN OR YOUNG NUMISMATIST REGISTRANT: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPOUSAL REGISTRANT (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have been appointed as a Delegate by a club, name club: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please complete this form and return it to the 1999 ONA Convention, P.O. Box 40033, Waterloo Square P.O., 75 King St. S., Waterloo, Ont. N2J 4V1*

# EXHIBIT APPLICATION FORM

I am interested in entering a competitive exhibit at the 1999 ONA Convention at the College Inn, Guelph. I am aware and accept the following:

- Exhibits consist of single-case displays.
- I do not have to be present when exhibit winners are announced at the banquet.
- If I am not present at the banquet to accept my award, I will receive it on Sunday sometime prior to tear-down. I understand that the following awards will be made:
  - Best of Show exhibitor will receive an engraved uniface sterling silver convention medal and \$100
  - The 1st runner-up will receive an engraved uniface gold-plate convention medal and \$50
  - The 2nd runner-up will receive an engraved uniface nickel-silver convention medal and \$25
  - The 3rd runner-up will receive an engraved uniface bronze convention medal and \$10
- To enter a competitive display, I must be registered for the Convention.
- Set-up is on Saturday, April 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the hotel's Convention Lobby.
- I understand that my exhibit will be carefully moved, under security, into the bourse room on Saturday evening so as to assure its safety overnight.
- Tear-down starts on Sunday, April 18, at 4:00 p.m.

I will supply my own display case and lock

I will require a display case and lock (inside measurements are 28-1/2" x 16-1/4")

Name of Exhibitor (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS

**College Inn Toll-Free Room Reservation Number: 1-800-563-9240**

Rates are \$77.00 per night single or \$80 per night double, plus 7% GST and 5% PST.

Refer to Confirmation #852 to obtain these rates.

Please contact the College Inn directly to make room reservations.

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## MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION FORM NOW

If you mail in your Registration Form prior to the Convention, it will enable us to computer-generate your personalized name tag. Your kit and all tickets and medals ordered will be waiting for you upon your arrival.

**We look forward to seeing you at the Convention!**

*Please complete this form and return it, along with a cheque payable to the 1999 ONA Convention, to:*  
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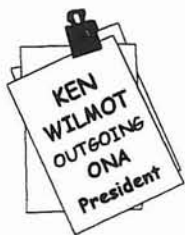
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## OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I received an e-mail from Editor John Regitko asking if I had a few words as outgoing ONA President. What John didn't know is that I had more than a few words.

The experience of acting as Convention Chairman for our recently completed show in Guelph made me think of all the co-operation I received leading up to and at the Convention. It was very satisfying to have had a part in such an important event as my last official duty as President.

I believe the Convention turned out so successful through the hard work of the Convention Committee. We had a core committee of Chris Boyer, Mike Hollingshead, Paul Petch, Bruce Raszmann and, last but not least, John Regitko. The Convention under their guidance ran smoothly and virtually problem free. Without their assistance this show could not have happened!

The support of many made the show enjoyable to all attending. Some of those working in the background were Monina Regitko, Denna Benn, Shirley Fletcher and Dorothy Mason who all made the Hospitality Suite truly Hospitable. Robert Zmija and Richard Johnson who put in long hours at the daily admissions table, Peter Becker who looked after the hourly draws, and Braden Jennings who was always ready to pitch in and help at the Convention. A very special thanks goes out to Ray Desjardines who acted as Liaison with the Royal Canadian Mint.

May I also thank all the Members that showed their support by attending!

Two years ago at the Convention in Windsor, the membership made a choice to have me act as President. I tried to do my best and certainly hope I have not disappointed you.

The ONA has witnessed several changes in its operation. Revised voting privileges, a new revitalized ONA Numismatist, many additional programs in the Audio Visual Lending Library, while maintaining both the membership rates and the insurance program at a reasonable level. I am pleased to leave the Presidency to Mike Hollingshead with a sound financial base.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank the whole Executive for their support over the past two years. Without it, I am sure I would not have been able to turn over the reigns of such a vital organization.

*Ken Wilmot*  
*Past President*

## INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Numismatists: GET READY TO RUMBLE!!

In our own numismatic way, of course. The path for the ONA will be to build on the successful programs initiated by Ken Wilmot. The path will also be to get out the napalm for those programs that have for many reasons, bombed!

What was a success? Let me give you three to start: 1) the rejuvenated "ONA Numismatist." 2) the liability insurance club program, and 3) the rejuvenated audio-visual lending library.

What bombed? Let me give you three to start: 1) the ONA book library (basically unused). 2) the ONA Awards Banquet (too formal and too pricey to attract crowds), and 3) convention registration (too pricey? or what's the point?)

Many programs that have been carried out the same way for too long are going to have to evolve into something useful. Unfortunately for some, you have a CEO that is short on "tradition" and long on spring cleaning. That is why we appoint an archivist, to grab up some of the things the President wants to throw away!

Look for more educational content to coin shows (the CNA/NESA's week-end courses have been highly successful!) and look for increased collaboration with commercial shows (it is hard to be a show organizer AND a collector, let's do either one or the other well).

In your next ONA Numismatist, I will announce some appointments to working positions within the ONA.

Get out and enjoy some shows!

*Michael Hollingshead*  
*ONA President*

# ON A EDITOR'S MESSAGE



When the November/December ONA Numismatist was mailed out, I felt a great relief. The strain of getting out a 28-page effort on reasonably short notice was finally behind me. My efforts to obtain advertising proved quite successful - the first time in at least 3 years that the ONA received any revenue from advertising.

I sat back with baited breath waiting to hear from somebody about the bulletin. Would members complain about the lack of educational articles, or would people understand that timely write-ups took up all the space? Would they complain about the 7-1/2 pages of advertising, or would they realize that the issue contained an additional 8 pages (26 pages plus the membership forms instead of the normal target of 18)? Would they accept my style or would they be critical of the layout and content? Would they find all kinds of mistakes? Would they wonder what happened to Mint press releases and book reviews that I won't usually include because they can be read in other places? So what happened? I received exactly 2 letters and 1 e-mail of praise, while the same e-mail made a number of suggestions...for change. Three out of 350 members! What does that mean? Were 347 members so disappointed they couldn't bear to comment? Or were they quite satisfied with the direction I am taking? Could it be that they just didn't care? Did they figure that other people would write with the same thoughts they had? Maybe they didn't even read it? At least I didn't receive all kinds of complaints!

Then the January/February issue was mailed out. The President...with the reluctance of the Treasurer that can only be overcome by handing him cheques from advertisers...had again agreed to exceed the committed 18 pages. Thirty-four pages this time! Between the ONA Convention, the publicity that the upcoming CNA Convention in Kitchener/Waterloo deserves, the CNA/NESA Educational Course near Toronto and a lot of other timely columns, it still did not allow us to include the quantity of articles we had hoped for. With around 10 pages of advertising and a lot of timely things, the pages got gobbled up pretty quickly. The March/April issue was again a whopping 36 pages, with a lot of advertising, ONA Convention news and other timely things.

After the mailing of the March/April issue, I drafted up a questionnaire asking the membership about the contents of my three efforts, what they thought about other ideas that I want to incorporate in future issues, and what other types of ideas they wanted to see included. The detailed 3-page questionnaire was going to be included in the upcoming issue, space permitting.

I thought I would bring up the point at the Annual ONA General Membership meeting, thinking that if no one responded to the questionnaire, at least I would have the opinion of some of the most active members of the ONA, those that took the time and trouble to be at the annual meeting of their organization. The answer to my question about what they wanted from their bulletin was a resounding: "Don't change a thing!" I mentioned to the group that after I received Paul Petch's e-mail making what I thought were some excellent suggestions, I consulted some students of graphic art and creative writing courses at York University and the President of a Computer software company specializing in graphics programs. They unanimously supported some of Petch's recommendations (i.e. 2 columns on a page rather than typing all the way across, suggestions dealing with the size and type styles in the headings, size of type of the body of articles, layout and content of the front page). Voices at the General Membership meeting rose again in unison, this time more loudly: "DON'T CHANGE A THING!"

Regardless of what the textbooks teach and what the graphic artists learn at school, I have been given a clear and unanimous mandate by those that took the time and effort to attend their annual meeting: DON'T CHANGE A THING! The voices were so strong and unanimous at the meeting that I will not be publishing the questionnaire because I dare not change a thing! Now all I have to do is try to publish some articles.

*John Regitko*  
*ONA Editor*



# TREASURER'S REPORT

The ONA Treasurer's Annual Report, as presented at the General Membership Meeting at the ONA Convention by Bruce Raszmann, is reproduced on the following 3 pages.

## ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

For the period January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998

### GENERAL ACCOUNT

Petty Cash @ January 1, 1998	\$ 37.79	
Bank Balance @ January 1, 1998 (General Fund)	2,995.84	
Bank Balance @ January 1, 1998 (Library)	<u>29.84</u>	
	\$ 3,063.47	\$ 3,063.47

### RECEIPTS

Memberships (Regular, Junior & Club)	\$ 4,753.00	
O.N.A. Convention Draw	1,533.94	
1998 Convention Net Profit	688.10	
Club Ticket Rebate	74.00	
Premium U.S.A. Money	52.49	
Donation Auction & Donations	160.00	
Penny Draw Tickets	23.40	
Return of Convention Advance (1998)	350.00	
Advertising - "Ontario Numismatist"	135.00	
Medals	75.45	
Convention Woods	<u>34.33</u>	
	\$ 7,879.71	\$ 7,879.71

### EXPENSES

O.N.A. Publication "Ontario Numismatist"	\$ 4,924.33	
Postage & Secretary	219.87	
Printing & Photocopying	550.77	
P.O. & Safety Deposit Box Rental	205.98	
C.N.A. & A.N.A. Dues	81.73	
Office Supplies & Expenses	280.11	
Telephone	215.18	
Honorariums	225.00	
Convention Woods	50.31	
C.N.A. Delegates	25.00	
Best Bulletin	50.00	
Award of Merit - Banquet Tickets & Frames	152.73	
Award Medals	52.12	
Numismatic Network	99.00	
Convention Co-ordinator - St. Catharines	101.00	
Mileage - President	38.00	
Club Services - Postage	<u>81.85</u>	
	\$ 7,352.98	\$ 7,352.98

Excess Receipts Over Expenses		\$ 526.73
Petty Cash @ December 31, 1998	16.21	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1998	<u>3,573.99</u>	
	3,590.20	\$ 3,590.20

### GENERAL ACCOUNT - BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank Pass Book Balance @ December 31, 1998	\$ 3,708.99
1 Outstanding Cheque	135.00
Statement Bank Balance @ December 31, 1998	\$ 3,573.99

**T R E A S U R E R ' S   R E P O R T - C O N T I N U E D**

For the period January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998

**CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT**

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1998		\$ 2,692.39
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 878.66	
Interest Cashable Savings Certificate	126.62	
Matured Cashable Savings Certificate	4,500.00	
Matured Guaranteed Investment Certificate	<u>5,000.00</u>	
	\$ 10,505.28	\$ 10,505.28
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Cashable Savings Certificates	\$ 7,000.00	
Guaranteed Investment Certificate	<u>3,000.00</u>	
	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Excess Receipts Over Expenses		\$ 505.28
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1998		\$ 3,197.67
<u><b>CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT ASSETS</b></u>		
Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 14,000.00	
Cashable Savings Certificates	7,000.00	

**INSURANCE ACCOUNT**

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1998		\$ 978.04
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
4 (1998) Club Premiums @ 35.00 each	\$ 140.00	
4 (1998) Club Premiums @ 45.00 each	180.00	
3 (1998) Additional Named @ \$10.00 each	30.00	
26 (1999) Club Premiums @ \$35.00 each	910.00	
Interest Cashable Savings Certificate	92.60	
Matured Cashable Saving Certificate	3,200.00	
Canadian Numismatic Association Premium	<u>901.80</u>	
	\$ 5,454.40	\$ 5,454.40
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Cashable Savings Certificate	\$ 4,000.00	
Insurance Premium	1,441.80	
Photocopies & Postage	<u>29.61</u>	
	\$ 5,471.41	\$ 5,471.41
Excess Receipts Over Expenses		\$ - 17.01
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1998		\$ 961.03
<u><b>INSURANCE ACCOUNT ASSETS</b></u>		
Cashable Savings Certificate	\$ 4,000.00	

**CASH ASSET SUMMARY @ DECEMBER 31, 1998**

Cash & Bank Balance - General Account	\$ 3,590.20	
Bank Balance - Contingency Account	3,197.67	
Guaranteed Investment Certificates - Contingency	14,000.00	
Cashable Savings Certificates - Contingency	7,000.00	
Bank Balance - Insurance Account	961.03	
Cashable Savings Certificate - Insurance Account	<u>4,000.00</u>	
	32,748.90	\$ 32,748.90
Cash Assets (1997)		\$ 30,433.90
Increase In Cash Assets		<u>\$ 2,315.00</u>

# T R E A S U R E R ' S   R E P O R T   C O N T I N U E D

For the period January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1998		\$ 1,057.17
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Life Memberships	\$ 740.00	
Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	502.25	
Matured Guaranteed Investment Certificates	<u>6,000.00</u>	
	\$ 7,242.25	\$ 7,242.25
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Cashable Savings Certificate	\$ 1,600.00	
Guaranteed Investment Certificate	5,000.00	
Membership Dues (1998) @ \$15.00 each	<u>1,140.00</u>	
	\$ 7,740.00	7,740.00
Excess Receipts Over Expenses		\$ - 497.75
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1998		\$ 559.42
<b><u>LIFE MEMBERSHIP ASSETS</u></b>		
Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 7,700.00	
Cashable Savings Certificate	1,600.00	

Note: the Bank Accounts are maintained at The Canada Trust, Belmont Branch, Kitchener, Ontario

*Bruce Raszmann*  
Treasurer

# M E M B E R S H I P   R E P O R T

## W E L C O M E

The applications for membership which appeared in the last issue of the ONA Numismatist have been accepted. We welcome Frank Costello, Howard Kalef and Mr. & Mrs. Regitko to membership.

## N E W   A P P L I C A T I O N S

The following applications for membership have been received. If there are no objections by June 15, they will be accepted into ONA membership and their acceptance published in the next bulletin. Recruiters eligible for the ONA Recruiter of the Year Award are identified with an asterisk (no asterisk designates that they are not eligible for the award because of their position within the ONA Executive).

- #1684 John G. Boshart, Kitchener, Ont. (Recruiter: Bruce Raszmann)
- #1685 Serge Pelletier, Kingston, Ont. (Recruiter: Ray Desjardins\*)
- #1686 Melvin Kyle, Wyoming, Ont. (Recruiter: Kenneth Wilmot)
- #1687 Peter Besler, Toronto, Ont. (Recruiter: Kenneth Wilmot)
- #1688 & 1689 Brian & Lyan See, Hamilton, Ont. (Recruiter: John Regitko)
- #1690 Jeff Rusk, Guelph, Ont. (Recruiter: Kenneth Wilmot)
- #1691 Rudy Sauro, Hamilton, Ont. (Recruiter: Terry McHugh\*)
- #1692 Brock Colley, Guelph, Ont.

*Bruce Raszmann*  
Membership Chairman



# ELECTION CHAIRMAN REPORT



I am pleased to announce that the following members were installed at the recent ONA Convention and will lead the Ontario Numismatic Association for the next two years. They were all nominated prior to the close of nominations on December 16, 1998 and confirmed their agreement to let their name stand. No nominations were received from the floor of the General Membership Meeting at the Convention for the positions for which no nominations were previously received.

There being no further nominations, I then declared nominations closed and declared all those nominated previously as being elected by acclamation (vacant positions will be filled by appointment by the Executive). It gives me great pleasure to announce your Executive for the 1999 - 2001 term:

- President: Mike Hollingshead
- First Vice-President: Paul Petch
- Second Vice-President: Chris Boyer
- Treasurer: Bruce Raszmann
- Recording Secretary: Monina Regitko
- Regional Directors:
  - Area 1 (Essex,, Kent, Lambton): Ron Binder  
(includes Windsor, Sarnia, Watford and Kent (Chatham) coin clubs)
  - Area 2 (Huron, Perth, Oxford, Elgin, Middlesex): Tom Rogers  
(includes London, St. Thomas, Stratford, Ingersoll, Tillsonburg and Woodstock coin clubs)
  - Area 3 (Niagara): Richard McClean  
(includes Niagara Falls, St. Catharines and Welland coin clubs)
  - Area 4 (Brant, Hamilton-Wentworth, Haldimand/Norfolk): Len Trakalo  
(includes Brantford and Hamilton coin clubs)
  - Area 5 (Waterloo, Wellington, Halton, Dufferin): Braden Jennings  
(includes Waterloo, Cambridge, South Wellington and Paisley Road coin clubs)
  - Area 6 (Bruce, Grey, Simcoe, Muskoka): No nomination  
(includes Orillia and Champlain coin clubs)
  - Area 7 (Metro Toronto, Peel and York): Albert Kasman  
(includes Toronto, North York, Scarborough, Mississauga, Thistletown and Oshawa coin clubs)
  - Area 8 (Victoria, Durham, Peterborough, Northumberland): No nomination  
(includes Peterborough and Kingston coin clubs)
  - Area 9 (All East of Hastings and Algonquin District): Ray Desjardins  
(includes Ottawa, Pembroke and Pt. Claire, P.Q. coin clubs)
  - Area 10 (All North of Muskoka, Haliburton, Hastings and Renfrew): William Waychison  
(includes Sudbury, Timmins, Nipissing (North Bay) and Lake Superior (Thunder Bay) coin clubs)

Since only one valid nomination was received for each elected position, all members of the incoming Executive were declared as elected "by acclamation" and no ballots were necessary to be mailed out to members.

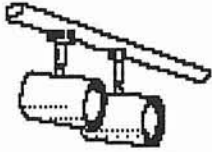
The incoming Executive was installed at the conclusion of the Annual General Membership meeting at the 1999 ONA Convention and have assumed office, along with the Immediate Past President, Ken Wilmot, at the conclusion of the Convention. All elected officers will hold office for two years from that time and until their successors have been duly elected and installed.

The Nominations/Election Committee appreciates the vote of confidence received at the General Membership Meeting in following the spirit of the ONA Constitution & Bylaws with respect to the election procedures. The Nominations/Election Committee also thanks the nominees and nominators for their participation.

*Mike Hollingshead*  
Elections Chairman

# SPOTLIGHT ON PEOPLE

*A column in praise of active Ontario collectors*



## MEET YOUR INCOMING ONA EXECUTIVE

*We thought you might like to know a bit of background on members of the Executive that will serve the Association for the next two years. Others will be included in future issues as space permits.*

### **Mike Hollingshead - President**

Mike started coin collecting at about age 14, when his father (ONA Past-President Roy Hollingshead) introduced him to the hobby. After getting his feet wet working part-time at a coin store and taking advantage of the rapidly rising silver and gold pricing, he settled on collecting love tokens and pocket pieces. When other people were saying "Buy the book before you buy the coin," his dad said to him "Join the club before you buy the book," a philosophy he followed by joining all area clubs. He also joined the ONA and was immediately made Secretary.

In 1986, he resurrected the Guelph Coin Club and was its main driving force for a number of years. He was the instigator to have the South Wellington Numismatic Society hold a bi-monthly meeting in Guelph, as well as continuing to meet in Rockwood. He has served the Waterloo Coin Society in various capacities, including as President and Program Director, and is currently their Auctioneer.

Probably Mike's most visible area of collecting has involved Canadian Tire "money." After collecting and researching Canadian Tire coupons, he and Don Robb decided that what was needed was a club for this growing area of numismatics. They announced their inaugural meeting of the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club at the Toronto International Coin Fair in the Fall of 1990 (TICF was owned and operated by ONA Editor, John Regitko). Due in large part to Mike's efforts, CTCCC is today the largest national specialty numismatic collector's group, and the second largest national coin club in Canada (after the CNA), having grown to 300 members strong.

In 1995, he was honored as the recipient of the ONA Award of Merit, the second youngest person to ever receive it - only Paul Johnson was younger. Mike's late father had received the award in 1989, making the Hollingsheads the only father/son team to ever receive major awards from the ONA.

### **Ken Wilmot - Immediate Past President**

Ken has served on the ONA Executive since 1973. As ONA First Vice-President, he was asked to take over the Presidency in 1986 when then-President, Roy Hollingshead, became ill. He was elected ONA President for 4 out of the past 6 two-year terms, namely 1987-1989, 1989-1991, 1995-1997 and 1997-1999. He was instrumental in getting the ONA Insurance Policy set up, which is beneficial to every ONA-member club.

During his terms as ONA President, he also found time to be President of the Stratford Coin Club 7 different times, as well as its Newsletter editor for over 20 consecutive years.

He has been Chairman of 6 annual ONA Conventions, namely 1975, 1985, 1992, 1993, 1995 and 1999. Ken received the ONA Award of Merit in 1981 for his outstanding contributions to the hobby in Ontario. He boasts to purchasing his first colour TV from profits out of the silver melt of 1968.

Ken is a strong advocate to better communication, both with dealers and collectors, and with members and non-members. One of the things he did to assist in that goal is to hook up to the Internet. He even admits to having mastered the art of e-mailing recently.

### **Paul Petch - First Vice-President**

Paul has been a coin collector since 1960 and has been a member of the North York Coin Club since 1962. He has served as their Secretary, Director, 1st Vice-President and is currently both the President and bulletin Editor. Their bulletin has won, under his editorship, both the CNA's and ONA's best bulletin awards for 1997. Since the ONA also places special emphasis on the Editor of award-winning bulletins, he was presented with the ONA's Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Editor award for 1997.

## S P O T L I G H T O N P E O P L E C O N T I N U E D

Paul is also a member of the Toronto Coin Club where he is in his second term as Treasurer.

He is a life member of the CNA, a 30-year member of the ANA and, since 1990, a member of the Numismatic Bibliomania Society. Holding a Life Membership in the ONA, he was recently elected by acclamation to serve as the ONA's 1st Vice President for the 1999-2001 term. He has also been appointed General Chairman of the ONA 2000 Annual Convention by the North York Coin Club, host to the Convention.

Serving on the CNA Education and Library Committee, he was a member of the Core Committee which developed the CNA/NESA Numismatic Correspondence Course. He authored two of its chapters on Canadian decimals and is a presenter on Canadian Coins and Commemoratives for the CNA Canadian Numismatic Course held at Humber College, Rexdale, Ont. He will also be one of the presenters at the CNA Education Forum at the 1999 CNA Convention on Saturday, July 24, at the Four Points Sheraton in Kitchener. He is seeking the Ontario South-West Area Directorship in the upcoming CNA Elections.

Professionally, Paul has worked at Humber College, located just outside Toronto in Rexdale, for over 30 years where he has managed the Computer Centre, actively served for 7 years on province-wide Human Resources committees and currently holds responsibilities in Information Technology Planning. Paul is married with four young adults ranging from 13 to 21 years of age and makes his home in Northwest Toronto.

### **Christopher Boyer - Second Vice-President**

Chris became interested in coin collecting in the early seventies, and started to become heavily involved in numismatics in the early 1990s. He joined the Waterloo Coin Society in 1992, became its Vice President in 1995 and President and Editor from 1997 to date. He joined the CNA in 1995 and has served as the Chairman of the CNA's Youth Committee from 1995 to April, 1999. He was appointed as an instructor for the CNA/NESA Educational Course held at both Humber College and for Royal Canadian Mint personnel in Ottawa, covering the subject of Canadian Paper Money.

Chris is the General Chairman of the 1999 CNA Convention which is being hosted by the Waterloo Coin Society. He formed the Taylor Evans Coin Society in 1995 and the Paisley Road Coin Club in 1997, both located at schools. A prolific exhibitor and writer, his articles have appeared in Canadian Coin News, CNA Journal, ONA Numismatist, Errorscope, TEC News, Talkin' Tokens and other numismatic publications.

He joined the ONA in 1995, earned a "Fellow of the ONA" award in 1996, and has served as an ONA Director for Area 5 from 1997 to April, 1999 when he was elected by acclamation to serve as its 2nd Vice President for the next two years. He served on the 1999 ONA Convention Committee as Exhibit Chairman, Local Publicity Chairman and Medal Design Coordinator.

### **Bruce Raszmann - Treasurer**

Bruce joined the Waterloo Coin Society in September of 1959, 6 months after it was founded. Bruce became the Treasurer the following January (he describes his 'appointment' as one of conscription rather than volunteering). He has capably held that vital position ever since, as well as Membership Chairman, during the club's relocations from the original location which became a library, to the Rink in the Park and to its current location. He boasts Life Membership #3 in the Waterloo Coin Society.

Bruce began working for the Mutual Life Company of Canada in 1954. He was appointed senior payroll clerk for agents and managers in 1992 and recently retired from the Company. Bruce is also a member of the Stratford Coin Club, the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club (CTCCC), the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC) and the "Third Tuesday" club for Mutual Life retirees.

He is also the founding treasurer of the Ontario Numismatic Association, and has held that position continuously since October, 1961. He was also a member of the ONA's founding convention committee in 1962 which was hosted by the Waterloo Coin Society.

*Other elected members of the ONA Executive will be featured in the July/Agustus issue of the ONA Numismatist. The appointed members of the Executive will also be featured in future issues.*

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS



Just a reminder that if your club does not publish a bulletin, someone should make the ONA Editor aware of where the club meets, the day of the month, doors opening time, meeting start time, whether they meet in the Summer, mailing address, possibly a contact name/phone number/e-mail address. This will enable us to list your club meetings in the summary that will be published in these pages shortly. We were going to publish a club meeting date/location/contact listing so that it will be in your hands in time for the Fall season, but it is so incomplete that I wonder about the quality of the Executive of some clubs. Because they have had ample opportunity to place us on their mailing list or give

us the information if they do not publish a bulletin, we can only assume that they don't want the free publicity. We will, therefore, be drafting up the pages listing those clubs that have provided the necessary information. Don't be left out. We will include this club meeting information soon...with or without some clubs!

In previous issues, we mentioned that the South Wellington



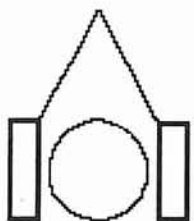
Coin Society (SWCS) has issued two different medals in the past two years, with extremely low mintages. The design was the work of one of the driving forces within the club (they actually have a few of them). Bob Zmija, a tool and die maker for most of his

life, takes art and designing very, very seriously. He not only designed the club's logo which also forms the obverse of the club's medals, but also the two reverses. Not content to just create beautiful artwork for the medals, he took his skills one step further - he made up a certificate that is presented to all purchasers of the silver medals attesting to the fact that only 35 of these limited edition medals exist.



What drew our attention to the certificate when we attended a SWCS meeting recently was the fact that it is printed in beautiful colour. The scroll work of the border (not exactly as shown since it was computer-generated for the purposes of the above illustration) is in shades of green. The club logo is in full colour: brown, red, grey, yellow, green and shades thereof. The obverse and reverse of the 1997 medal, looks like the silver medal that it represents (it is hard to tell if it was printed in just shades of black, but it looks like silver...a beautiful effect). Full marks for eye appeal. Full marks for layout.

The black-and-white reproduction of the certificate shown above hardly does it justice, but until we can find a wealthy benefactor to cover the cost of printing in colour, you will just have to use your imagination.



If you have been reading this column and paying attention, you will remember that Ken Wilmot (for the Stratford Coin Club) and Ray Desjardins (for the City of Ottawa Coin Club) had a friendly bet going about which club could sell the most books of Dream Vacation tickets. Stratford was the habitual winner, while Ottawa had the advantage of hosting the 1998 ONA Convention. Little did Ken realize at the time that when he lost, he would have to cut out the coin from a proof-like set, thanks to the Royal Canadian Mint not striking the object of the bet any other way.



A similar bet was made between the two for 1999. If you refer to the Dream Vacation Chairman's Report in this issue, you will note that Stratford is credited with 73 books, while Ottawa had a total of 98. Proof that it's not the location of the convention that makes the difference, but the effort of the members, Ken. Looks like your members...and every other club...will have to try harder next year to beat out Ottawa.

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



We recently went through a little situation between the Toronto School Board and the teachers' unions that affected those coin clubs that hold their meetings at a school or in a building that is under the control of a school board. One of the people that rose to the occasion and should be complimented is Rick Craig, a staunch member of the Toronto Coin Club. When it was obvious that the labor situation would not be resolved in time for the club's March meeting, he offered the boardroom of his office for the meeting on short notice.

With the simplicity of e-mail, a mass mailing could be sent to a lot of club members in less than 10% of the time it would take to pick up the telephone and call everyone, one at a time.

I know for fact that the club had every member's e-mail address in the Editor's computer, because they have been sending out their bulletins to me via e-mail for a few months now.



While we are on the subject of e-mailing club bulletins, the Brantford Coin Club is also sending me their bulletin via e-mail. Len Trakalo is using electronic mail for any member that has an e-mail on file with the club. The club offers a snail mail copy of the bulletin to anyone that wants it mailed.

This is certainly one way of keeping a club's costs down. No postage expense, no envelope cost and no printing bill. Since the bulletin is already in the computer so as to be able to generate an original hard copy, it can easily be sent out at no cost. At a cost of about \$10 per year for the cost of printing and distributing a club's monthly bulletin, I bet this is definitely the way a lot of clubs are going to go. Nothing is lost, because illustrations can be sent as easy as ordinary type. If the recipient wants a hard copy, it is no problem hitting the computer's "print" button.



The Executive of the Waterloo Coin Society sure has been busy at work adding the finishing touches to all the plans for the upcoming CNA Convention. Having attended their planning committee meetings, I know first-hand that a lot of time and talent has been expended to bring you a fantastic convention. Even though we have given the Convention major coverage in this issue, a lot of details have not been covered. Here are a few of my own predictions:

- The Royal Canadian Mint is hosting an Oktoberfest activity that will become the highlight of the Convention.
- Another much talked-about subject will certainly be who will win the contested positions in the CNA Elections before the winners are announced, and why people won or lost after the winners are announced.
- Another highlight of the Convention will be the presentation by Reverend McComb at the Banquet. I had the fortune of listening to the Reverend/Police Officer/School Principal (yes, 3 jobs at once) on two previous occasions and he had me in stitches one minute (ever notice how uncontrollable laughter hurts in the stomach?) and bringing tears to my eyes a minute later. His presentation touched even someone who normally laughs and cries only on the inside. I wanted to bet the President of the CNA, who approves the selection of the speaker at the CNA Banquet, that Reverend McComb would have him laughing and crying. If I lost, I would pay for his wife's banquet ticket. If I won, I expected him to buy Monina's. Since he felt I had the advantage of knowing what to expect, he passed. Does anyone else want to take me up on the bet?
- If plans pan out, the Bureau of Engraving and Printings display will be a big hit. As a matter of fact, about a million worth of big hit!
- A display of presentation medals and awards by CNA Past-President Earl Salterio entitled "A Tribute to Jack Veffler," although only a couple of cases, will bring back memories to those whose life Jack touched.
- I will be sitting in the audience at the CNA Club Delegates Breakfast Meeting, reminiscing about the time I spent as CNA Club Services Chairman before I resigned, acquiring about 25 new VCR programs for the CNA Audio Visual Lending Library. I found it necessary to resign when I took on the Editorship of the ONA Numismatist so as to free time to do justice to this bulletin and still be able to spend time on personal pursuits and family life. The pressure of getting so much material into print and keeping in touch with everyone so as to have my finger on the pulse of Ontario numismatics simply does not leave much free time!



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**C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S**

*This column is intended to announce a personal happening in the life of an active ONA member*

**PAUL JOHNSON'S DAUGHTER'S PHOTO IN NEWSPAPER**



A while ago, ONA life member Paul Johnson and his wife, Mary-Ellen, decided to adopt a baby. They looked towards the Orient. After a long, long wait, the call came in: come to China and pick up your daughter! After a long flight, check-in to a hotel and last-minute checks by bureaucrats to assure suitability of all the couples, they finally met the latest member of their family.

John Regitko still remembers vividly the day Paul and Mary-Ellen were married. He agreed to pick up a few people at the airport that were invited to the wedding: Stephen Taylor from Dover, Delaware, Stan Clute from Calgary, Alta. and Grant Monk from London, Ontario. It was the hottest day of the year. They were packed into John's car and the air conditioning broke down. With everybody in a tie and suit on their way to the wedding, they did more sweating than a bride on her wedding night, as the saying goes.

Most people at the time thought that Paul was a confirmed bachelor, but the bug hit him. He was the Young Numismatist no more! They bought a house. They adopted a dog. They adopted Laura.

This past summer, Paul and Mary-Ellen were at a picnic. As any proud father, he took out his camera and photographed Laura and two of her friends in a wagon. As any proud mother, she sent the photograph in to the Toronto Star, Canada's largest newspaper, where it was eventually published in the "Have your Say" section of the Sunday Star. At press time, no rumor has been heard about Paul issuing another wooden nickel to commemorate the event.



## ON THE MOVE

### SEAN ISAACS LEAVES OTTAWA DEALERSHIP

After an 11-year association with Arctic Coin (Ottawa) Inc., Sean Isaacs has moved on to pursue other opportunities. Sean is an active member of the City of Ottawa Coin Club (COCC), serving as Editor until recently. Although he wished to retire from the Editorship over a year ago due to time restraints, he agreed to continue for an additional year when no one stepped forward to fill his shoes. He also wrote numerous articles for the club's bulletin.

### RICHARD GIEDROYC LEAVES COIN WORLD



Richard Giedroyc has resigned his position as International Editor for *Coin World* of Sidney Ohio, to form a partnership with Joel Anderson of California. Anderson has been a coin dealer since 1970, specializing in world coins. They will be operating as *Giedroyc-Anderson Interesting World Coins*, a cross-continental business tied in through the Internet. They recently participated in their 8th internet auction through Numismatists Online, featuring modestly priced coins (under \$150). They have also published a fixed price list on high-quality ancient coins.

Richard has also undertaken to write a column and to answer letters for Numismatists Online, and is also writing for Krause Publications. He recently had a primer on ancient coin collecting published in *World Coins*, with a history of the Canadian Silver Dollar going to press shortly.

Anyone wishing to get in touch with Giedroyc can write to him at P.O. Box 4154, Sidney, Ohio, U.S.A. 45365 or via e-mail at [giedroyc@bright.net](mailto:giedroyc@bright.net). Check out their webpage for articles: [www.interestingcoins.com](http://www.interestingcoins.com).

## BEST WISHES



To coin dealer Ron Osaduke of Kitchener, who was hobbling around the ONA Convention with a cast around his whole leg. Black ice can be very dangerous. Men should not have to put out the garbage!

To Lyan See of Hamilton, who was walking around the ONA Convention in a neck brace. Her and her husband, coin dealer Brian See, were involved in a car accident on their way to a meeting of the Scarborough Coin Club.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ross and Doreen Irvin who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 8. Congratulations to Bob and Carole Dowsett whose daughter (who lives in Toronto) has announced her engagement to Justine Ground of Aurora, a town just north of Toronto. They are planning on getting married on October 23. Hey, isn't that the Torex week-end?

## CONDOLENCES

To the family of John Curtis, best known as a collector of Canadian wooden nickels. He authored numerous articles dealing with wooden nickels. He was a regular at meetings of the North York Coin Club and Southern Ontario Chapter of CAWMC until the passage of time confined him to a Seniors Home.

To the family of Dick Lockwood, a long-time coin dealer. Well respected for his fairness and charming personality, he ran the Arcade Coin Shop in downtown Toronto for a number of years before retiring.

To coin dealer Bill Merkley of London, on the passing of his father.

To Bret Evans, Editor of Canadian Coin News, on the passing of his father.

Belated condolences to coin dealer Andy Greco of St. Catharines, on the passing of his mother.



## SHOW TIME

*A column intended to entice ONA members to attend shows throughout Ontario*

### **ONE OF THE FEW FEMALE COIN DEALERS RUNS SUCCESSFUL COIN SHOWS IN BURLINGTON**

*In a hobby very much dominated by males, we thought members might like to know a bit of background on one of the few shows operated by a female coin dealer who did not start up or operate the business in conjunction with a male spouse (the other prominent female dealer/show operator is Ingrid Smith, operating Torex, who will be covered in a future ONA Numismatist).*

On May 8, your Editor took a drive to Burlington, Ontario to attend the Burlington International Spring Coin Show at the Brant Hills Community Centre. I had never attended the show before even though I had seen it promoted since 1991 when she first started it up, simply because one cannot attend every show and the timing just didn't pan out before. This time, I made it a point to attend to interview her about the changes that have come about in her life recently.

When I arrived, even though there must have been at least 100 cars in the parking lot, there was still plenty of free parking space available. I was surprised that there was no admission charge, one of the few coin shows that does not try to offset some of the costs of operating and promoting a show in this fashion. The only thing offered at the entrance were draw tickets at a very reasonable 50 cents each or 3 for a dollar. With the prizes offered, I doubt that any profit can be made, especially since you do not have to be present for the draw to claim your prize and there will be shipping costs involved. I also noticed a snack bar right near the entrance. All very nice bonuses to put visitors in the right frame of mind!

The large room was filled with over 50 of the large 8' tables full of numismatic merchandise. As I had stated previously about the Michigan State Show and also saw at Torex and other recent coin shows, the material was mainly numismatic-related. Although a few sports cards and a bit of jewellery was present, the majority of material by far was coins, tokens, RCM collector material, foreign coinage of all description and quite a heavy sprinkling of paper money, both chartered banks and more recent varieties (signatures, serial numbers, replacement notes). The emphasis was definitely on numismatics!

It was also nice to see so many collectors from out of town, including Jim Charlton. Young collectors were also very much in evidence. Present was a large sprinkling of dealers that are seen around the Ontario coin show circuit, as well as a few unfamiliar faces. One of the unknown (to me) people was Keith Hinton of Keith G. Hinton Coins & Collectables of Port Stanley, Ont., who had a multi-colour Canadian wooden token, hand-painted by Gary Littrell of Amarillo, Texas, in his junk box. Although marked at a reasonable \$2.00, he would not take anything for it, pointing out that it came from his collection and he wanted to give it to me, seeing how I expressed an interest in it. The dealer, never having met me before, had no idea who I was and certainly had no idea that his little good deed would be publicly acknowledged to 350 ONA members.

So who is Nancy Meredith with a "705" telephone exchange operating a coin show in Burlington? She started collecting coins when she was 9 years old, thanks to her father's interest in the hobby. I first got to know Nancy when she attended my Toronto International Coin Show (TICF) in the 1980s. She was known then as Nancy Kanerva, a coin dealer and show operator that she is still today.

With her recent marriage to Harold Meredith came a name change...and a change in address. She now resides in Huntsville, a 3-hour drive north of Burlington. She intends to continue to operate the show in Burlington since she is obviously having fun at it - and do a lot of fishing in between. I asked her, facetiously, when she is going to start the Huntsville International Coin Show. She told me that she was thinking about it, although it would have to be the Huntsville International Summer Coin Show (Huntsville's population increases from something like 18,000 to around 50,000 during the Summer).

If you wish information on her next Burlington International Coin Show on October 16, wait till we promote it in the ONA Numismatist, or call Nancy at (705) 788-3159 for more information.

# SHOW TIME - UPCOMING

*A column intended to entice ONA members to attend each others shows*



Our friends at B.C. Coins and Ian Ward Promotions have announced the Stratford 1st Annual Spring Coin Show for Sunday, May 30 at the Stratford Knights of Columbus Community Centre, 151 Lorne Ave. East, Stratford.

Open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., it will feature over 50 bourse tables. Admission is \$2 (children under 12 free if accompanied by an adult). Door draws. Free parking. For information on bourse tables or other show information, contact either Bob Dowsett at (519) 271-8884 or Ian Ward at (519) 426-8875. Also see ad in this issue.



The Scarborough Coin Club is holding their 3rd Annual Coin Show on Saturday, June 5 at the Cedarbrook Community Centre, 91 Eastpark Blvd., Scarborough. Open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Free admission, free draws and free parking. Lunch and refreshments are provided by the Gallaway after school program.

Information can be obtained from the Scarborough Coin Club, P.O. Box 562, Pickering, Ont. L1V 2R7, or e-mail President David Bawcutt at [jbawcutt@sprint.ca](mailto:jbawcutt@sprint.ca) or Secretary Rick Craig at [rmcraig@total.net](mailto:rmcraig@total.net).



The Brantford Numismatic Society is holding their 39th Anniversary Coin Show on Sunday, June 13 at the Woodman community Centre, 491 Grey St., Brantford. Open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Free admission, free parking. Hourly draw tickets available. They have a great lunch counter and a lunch room that takes you away from the hustle and bustle of the bourse room if you want some peace and quiet.

Information from the Brantford Numismatic Society, P.O. Box 28015, North Park Plaza, Brantford, Ont. N3R 7K5, or call Ed at (519) 759-3688 evenings.



Torex is holding their next show on June 26 - 27 at the Primrose Hotel, 111 Carlton St., Toronto. The bourse is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Auctions are scheduled for both Friday evening and Saturday. Admission is \$5.00 daily. The CTCCC, CATC and CMNS meet there.

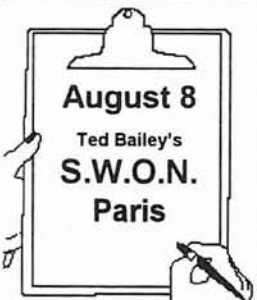
For bourse table space or other information, contact Torex owner/operator Ingrid K. Smith at (416) 260-9070 or e-mail [ingrid@torex.net](mailto:ingrid@torex.net). You can also obtain information on the internet at [www.torex.net](http://www.torex.net).



The Waterloo Coin Society is hosting the 1999 CNA Convention on July 22 - 25 at the Four Points Sheraton, 105 King St. East, Kitchener.

Be sure to attend the CNA general membership meeting, Banquet, CNA Club Delegates meeting, RCM Oktoberfest Festivities, Educational Seminars, Youth Seminar, Spousal Activities, CPMS Luncheon and meetings of CATC, CTCCC and CAWMC.

See the extensive write-ups in this issue that this major Ontario show deserves, including the program of events, registration form, hotel room reservation information and more.



ONA member dealer Ted Bailey is holding his South Western Ontario Numismatics Coin and Collectable Show on August 8 at the Convention Centre, Paris Fair Grounds, 139 Silver Street, Paris. Public hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.. Over 50 bourse tables are expected. In addition to the usual coins, tokens and paper money, the show flyer mentions that sports cards, jewellery, militaria, post cards and artifacts will also be available from a number of bourse tables.

Bourse inquires and other information can be obtained from Bailey at (519) 442-3474. Also see half-page ad in this issue.



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**Paper money trade notes for sale.** Owen Sound 1987 \$3 note unc. \$3.95; Manitoulin 1985 to 1993 notes unc. \$3.95 each; Antarctic paper dollar 1996 unc. \$2.95; St. Jean \$2 specimen note \$5.95; Fremont, P.Q. \$2 note 1995 \$3.95. Write Robert St. Cyr, 481 John Street, Thunder Bay, Ont. P7B 1X9.

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**Scarborough Coin Club woods for sale:** From 1980 5th anniversary to 1998 23rd anniversary with the exception of the 6th, 20th, 21st and 22nd anniversary which are sold out; includes 3 special woods issued in 1984, 1985 and 1986, plus 2 coin show woods of 1997 and 1998; total one of each at \$11.00 postage included; minimum order of 6 woods your choice at \$4.00 postage included, with each additional wood at 50 cents. Make cheque payable to the Scarborough Coin Club and send to P.O. Box 562, Pickering, Ont. L1V 2R7. Anyone attending club meetings can also pick them up at the meeting.

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**Bank of Toronto Notes wanted for my personal collection.** 1887 \$5 (no overprint); 1890 \$5 (no overprint, London overprint, New York overprint), also Brantford and Sudbury overprints. 1887 \$10 (no overprint); 1892 \$10 (no overprint and Cartwright overprint); 1906 \$10 (Point St. Charles overprint). Harry M. Eisenhauer, ONA LM19, P.O. Box 3826, Station "B", Saint John, N.B. E2M 5C2.

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**Your Editor is wondering:** Why do more people not take advantage of free classified ads? Surely everyone has something they want to sell. Surely everybody wants to add that elusive item to their collection. Why not do it for free? Next deadline is end of June. Write, fax, phone or e-mail the Editor!

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### DISPLAY ADVERTISING RATES IN THE ONA NUMISMATIST FOR MEMBERS

Although above Classified Ads (up to 100 words) are complimentary, one ad per member per issue, the following prices apply for display ads: Commercial ads at \$60 full page, \$40 half page.

Coin clubs, non-profit numismatic associations, coin show ads and ads featuring books and publications at \$50 full page for one insertion, \$30 half page for one insertion, \$75 half page for three consecutive insertions or quarter page at \$45 for three consecutive insertions.

# WHO SHOULD RUN A COLLECTOR ORGANIZATION?

A dedicated and active group of collectors have decided to seek office in the upcoming CNA Elections. They want to represent you, the members, and maintain a balanced collectors' view in all CNA business. After all, over 95% of CNA members are collectors themselves! Next month, you will receive a ballot if you are a member of the CNA. We encourage you to vote for the following:

## **For President: Serge Pelletier**

*"I will use the experience I gained as President of another numismatic group - when membership increased from 70 to 200 - to drastically increase the membership of the CNA!"*

Serge has been interested in numismatics since he was 7 years old. He has been honored by the Numismatic Literary Guild for his writings, as well as by Numismatics International and the CNA. He has contributed articles to the CNA Journal, Canadian Coin News, Insight, Coin World, CoinAge and Les Monnaies, just to name a few. He was also editor of the Le Numismate, the award-winning publication of the ANFC. He has served on the Executive of the Societe Numismatique de Quebec and other groups, and was involved in the planning of the 1989 and 1997 CNA Conventions. He also served as President of the ANFC. Major Pelletier is a Logistics Officer in the Canadian Army, being awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration, the United States Meritorious Service Medal and the United States Joint Service Commendation Medal.

## **For 2nd Vice President: Ray Desjardins**

*"My greatest assets are enthusiasm, ability and energy. I will combine the sales, marketing and administrative skills that I have perfected in my 35-year career with the federal government and apply them to help move the CNA forward into the 21st Century!"*

Ray's interests in numismatics dates back to the early 1950s, serving on the Executive of local coin clubs in various positions. Ray 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. 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. He was also involved with the Public Service, including as a specialist in tourism marketing.

## **For S.W. Ontario Director: Paul Petch**

*"My involvement with both Information Technology and Human Resources will allow me to promote CNA innovation while maintaining the human touch!"*

Paul R. Petch, a coin collector since 1960, has held many positions at the local coin club level, including President and award-winning Editor (from both the ONA and CNA). He is a life member of the ONA and CNA and a 30-year member of the ANA. Serving on the CNA Education and Library Committee, he was a member of the Core Committee which developed the CNA/NESA Numismatic Correspondence Course, authored two chapters on Canadian decimals and is a presenter on the subject for the CNA Canadian Numismatic Course and at the Education Forum at the 1999 CNA Convention. He was elected to serve as the ONA's 1st Vice President for the 1999-2001 term and appointed General Chairman of the ONA 2000 Annual Convention. Paul is responsible for Information Technology Planning at Humber College, Rexdale, where he also served for 7 years on province-wide Human Resources committees.

## **VOTE FOR CHANGE! VOTE FOR PROGRESS!**

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## 1999 ONA CONVENTION COMMITTEE

The Committee responsible for both the planning prior to the opening of the Convention as well as those responsible for the execution at the Convention received praise for the way things went. Although most members of the planning committee were previously named, a number of additional committee members came forward and volunteered for various duties. We are pleased to acknowledge everyone that had a hand in bringing the 1999 ONA Convention to fruition. So as to recognize those people that were involved in more than one area, we have broken it down by specific titles.

General Chairman:	Ken Wilmot
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Registration Chairman:	Bruce Raszmann
Exhibit Chairman:	Chris Boyer
Publicity Chairman - Local:	Chris Boyer
Publicity Chairman - Numismatic:	John Regitko
Property Chairman - Bourse:	Mike Hollingshead
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Program of Events Chairman:	Paul Petch
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Hospitality Suite Chairman:	Monina Regitko
Hospitality Suite Assistants:	Denna Benn, Shirley Fletcher, Dorothy Mason
Tour Organizing Committee Chairman:	Chris Boyer
Banquet Chairman & M.C.:	Mike Hollingshead
Banquet Keynote Speaker:	Pierre Morin, Royal Canadian Mint, Ottawa
Head Judge:	Paul Johnson
Competitive Exhibit Judges:	Marvin Kay, Don Robb, William McDonald
Dream Vacation Draw Chairman:	Bruce Raszmann
Hourly Draw Chairman:	Peter Becker
ONA Awards Committee Chairman:	Don Robb
ONA Awards Committee Members:	Mike Hollingshead, Paul Johnson, John Regitko & Ken Wilmot
Club Delegates Meeting Chairman:	John Regitko
Club Delegates Meeting Keynote Speaker:	Ian Graham, Royal Canadian Mint, Ottawa
Convention Medal Design Coordinator:	Chris Boyer
Daily Admission Committee Chairman:	Robert Zmija
Daily Admission Committee Members:	Bruce Raszmann, Richard Johnson, Peter Becker
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With special thanks:

The excellent and ever-so-professional and helpful staff of the College Inn, the curators and staff of the McCrae House Museum, Canadian Coin News, Club Delegates, CATC, CTCCC, CAWMC, CNA, the dealers and visitors who participated in the Convention

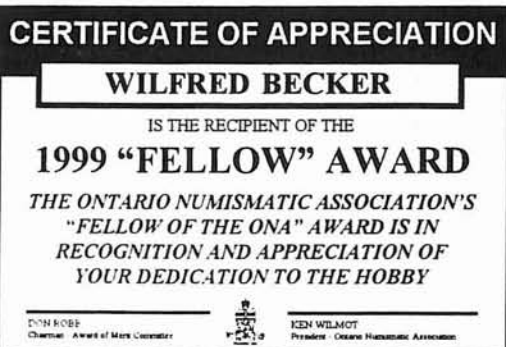
## BANQUET HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED SPEAKER, DRAWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS OF AWARDS & EXHIBIT WINNERS

The Banquet featured numerous highlights that were enjoyed by the more than 40 members and guests that attended the Saturday evening festivities:

- The all-you-can-eat buffet of roast beef, roast pork and chicken was followed by a dessert table that included a wide variety of delicious dessert eloquently laid out by the College Inn's catering staff.
- Mike Hollingshead did an outstanding job as Master of Ceremonies, keeping things moving and adding comic relief in-between the serious portions of the gathering.
- Pierre Morin, the Mint's Communication Advisor responsible for media relations (including the ONA), delivered the keynote address covering "The Millennium Coin Contest: the Project, the Public Response and an Insiders View of the Project." He gave some background that took place behind-the-scenes during the planning and execution of this major undertaking that is drawing a lot of attention towards the coin collecting hobby in the minds of Canadians.



- Mike Hollingshead gave a moving speech praising the Royal Canadian Mint for their programs that are making people take a second look at their coinage, putting a variety of coins away that they obtained for face value in change and, hopefully, turn more than a few of them not just into coin collectors but numismatists.
- Don Robb, Chairman of the ONA Awards Committee, announced



the recipient of the ONA Award of Merit (Graham Esler) and the "Fellow of the ONA" Award (Wilfred Becker). He presented winners with suitably engraved sterling silver medals and framed 8-1/2" x 11" certificates (as illustrated).



- Paul Johnson, ONA Head Judge, revealed the winning exhibits in the competitive displays that were chosen by him and the three judges (Marvin Kay, William McDonald and Don Robb) earlier in the day. The exhibit winners were:

- Best of Show: Bill Kamb, Powell, Ont. "Tokens of Newfoundland" (engraved sterling silver medal and \$100)
- 1st Runner-up: Chris Boyer, Waterloo, Ont. "Look-alikes: Coins and Stamps" (engraved gold-plate medal and \$50)
- 2nd Runner-up: Tom Kostaluk, London, Ont. "City of Brantford Sesquicentennial" (engraved nickel-silver medal and \$25 cash)
- Honorable Mention: Jessica Wardell, Guelph, Ont. "Horses on Coins" (engraved nickel-silver medal)
- Honorable Mention: Lou Vesh, West Guilford, Ont. "Birds of My Garden" (engraved nickel-silver medal)

- A number of draw prizes were offered, including donations from the Royal Canadian Mint, Charlton Press, William McDonald and Marlcourt Books, J. Douglas Ferguson Memorial Research Foundation and Trajan Publications (publishers of Canadian Coin News).
- Ken Wilmot took the podium, thanked everyone for attending and presented the M.C., Mike Hollingshead, with a uniface medal in appreciation for organizing the banquet and acting as its Master of Ceremonies.
- Ken Wilmot's invitation for everyone to attend the "ONA President's Reception" immediately following the close of the banquet received a round of applause.



# DREAM VACATION DRAW CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

*We are pleased to publish the winners' names in the ONA Dream Vacation Draw that was conducted by Bruce Raszmann, Draw Chairman, at the conclusion of the ONA Convention*

## DRAW WINNERS

**FIRST PRIZE** (a dream vacation travel ticket for \$1,250, good through any travel agent in Ontario, for anywhere you want to go, or \$1,000 in cash): Clive Cresswell (Holland Landing, Ont.)

**SECOND PRIZE** (Canadian \$100 gold coin): Ray Desjardins (Nepean, Ont.)

**FIVE CONSOLATION PRIZES** (1999 sterling silver Proof 25 Cent coin): Doreen Linton (Pointe Claire, P.Q.), Stella Shewchuk (Woodbridge, Ont.), Tom Rogers (London, Ont.), Delvin Rusaw (Norwood, Ont.) and Francis Bzdel (Val Caron, Ont.)

**SELLER OF FIRST PRIZE TICKET** (\$100 cash): Bruce Raszmann (Waterloo, Ont.)

The ONA would like to thank all those who sold tickets or purchased them. Your support enables us to carry out our many programs.



## TICKET SALES BY CLUBS

For every book sold, the seller could specify the name of an ONA member club which would receive \$2. A total of 418 books were so designated. Following is a breakdown of the recipient clubs, in alphabetic order, along with the number of books credited to each one:

Brantford Numismatic Society	4	Scarborough Coin Club	7
Cambridge Coin Club	6	South Wellington Coin Society	3
City of Ottawa Coin Club	98	St. Catharines Coin Club	6
Champlain Coin Club	2	St. Thomas Numismatic Association	5
Hamilton Coin Club	5	Stratford Coin club	73
Ingersoll Coin Club	16	Tillsonburg Coin Club	5
Kent Coin Club	2	Timmings Coin Club	3
Lakeshore Coin Club	3	Waterloo Coin Society	59
Lake Superior Coin Club	7	Watford Coin Club	5
London Numismatic Society	7	Windsor Coin Club	11
Niagara Falls Coin Club	1	Woodstock Coin Club	6
Nickel Belt Coin Club	10	<i>Non-ONA Member Clubs:</i>	
North York Coin Club	15	Bancroft Coin Club	1
Ontario Numismatic Association	47	Canadian Assn. of Token Collectors	1
Oshawa & District Coin Club	4	Classical & Medieval Numis. Assn.	<u>1</u>
Peterborough Numismatic Society	5	<b>Total Book Sales</b>	<b>418</b>

One hundred percent of the profits of the Dream Vacation Draw will benefit the ONA and its membership. The funds will be used for ongoing programs that cannot be covered fully by membership dues. This includes the ONA Numismatist, new audio visual programs and other projects.

Bruce Raszmann  
Draw Chairman

## CLUB DELEGATES MEETING FEATURES SPEAKER, ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CLUB EDITORIAL AWARDS



After a number of years of not scheduling a speaker at the Club Delegates meeting, the ONA Executive decided that rather than presenting club reports and reports by members of the Executive, that a prominent speaker would be a nice change. Ian Graham, Sales Manager - Canada for the Royal Canadian Mint, gave an interesting presentation entitled "Both Sides of the Coin: The Royal Canadian Mint and I." It focused on some personal thoughts on being a collector and working for the Mint. He was introduced by John Regitko, ONA Club Services Chairman, and was thanked by Ken Wilmot, ONA President.

Attendance consisted of a number of official delegates from local coin clubs, representatives from national specialty groups that are members of the ONA, a quantity of both outgoing and incoming members of the ONA Executive and a number of members that wished to observe the proceedings.

The Club Services Chairman, John Regitko, reported that additional VCR programs will be announced shortly. Instead of including the information in separate releases to the club mailing list, future announcements involving club services will be announced through the pages of the ONA Numismatist. Highlights of written reports from local coin club representatives on the club's activities will also be published in the next issue of the ONA Numismatist.



ONA President, Ken Wilmot, announced the winners of the Best Club Bulletin and Best Club Bulletin Editor to the Club Delegates at the Meeting. They were the Waterloo Coin Society and Chris Boyer, its Editor.

In previous ONA Numismatists, appeals were made to local coin clubs to send their 1998 club bulletins to the ONA Club Services Chairman, either monthly as the bulletins are published, or at once at year-end. The judging committee, consisting of Ken Wilmot, President and John Regitko, ONA Editor and Club Services Chairman, unanimously selected the winners from among a number of worthwhile entries. A

framed certificate was presented to both the Editor and the club.

The eligibility of a club having their bulletin judged was very simple: if a club operating in Ontario is a member of the ONA and sends their bulletins to the Editor, it is eligible for the award! If a club does not send in their bulletins, obviously it cannot be eligible. The only exception is the rule that the winners in the previous two years were not eligible, which eliminated the London Coin Club and the North York Coin Club, winners for 1996 and 1997, respectively (this rule has been eliminated for future years).

The criteria for judging was based on common sense as to what a bulletin should accomplish. Simply put, it should make all members aware of the goings-on of the club. This should include, but not be limited to, explaining what transpired at the previous meeting, make members aware of the plans for the next meeting as an enticement for them to want to attend, publish "worthwhile" editorials and President's messages, make members aware of numismatic activities in their area, promote the collecting of diversified numismatic material, publish educational articles (preferably original material and preferably written by members of the club), publish news about members, publish a financial report at least annually, make members aware of decisions reached at Executive meetings affecting the membership, should have eye appeal to make members want to read it from beginning to end, and any other content the judges see fit to include in this criteria.

Details of other business that was carried out at the Club Delegates Meetings will be published under "Minutes of the ONA Club Delegates Meeting" in the next issue.



**BILL KAMB WINS BEST OF SHOW IN COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS**



In the non-category judging system used to judge competitive exhibits that pitted every exhibit against each other, the following winners were selected by Paul Johnson (ONA Head Judge), Marvin Kay, William McDonald and Don Robb:

Bill Kamb won Best of Show for his display of "Tokens of Newfoundland," for which he received a uniface sterling silver convention medal, suitably engraved, and \$100.

Chris Boyer received the first runner-up nod for his display of "Look-alikes." He received a uniface gold-plate convention medal, suitably engraved, and \$50.

Second runner-up was Tom Kostaluk for his display of "City of Brantford Sesquicentennial Tokens," receiving a uniface nickel-silver convention medal and \$25.

In addition to the above winners, young numismatist Jessica Wardell received Honorable Mention for her display of "Horses on Coins." Lou Vesh, well-known for the series of woods he manufactures, including cutting and sanding of his own blanks, hot-stamping them in various colors of foil and spending countless hours hand-painting the limited-edition woods, also received Honorable Mention for his series of wooden nickels entitled "Birds of My Garden" which the ONA Editor called "the most colorful wooden nickels ever manufactured, even beating out the ones produced by father-and-son team of Glen and Gary Littrell."

One fact that stands out about the exhibits is that a number of young collectors took the time to make up an exhibit, including Kara Lee Blok on "Old Coins," Michelle Camelford on "A Sampling of Caribbean Cash from Barbados and some of her Neighbors," Matthew Fleck on "My Birthyear 1987," Braden Jennings on "Plattsburgh, NY" and Dylan Cunningham on "The Bluenose."

Rather than exhibitors attempting to display a complete collection, exhibitors built an exhibit around a "theme" in single-case displays. Because of the limited amount of exhibit space available, this enabled every exhibitor to be accommodated at the Convention. The judging point system reflected the 1-case limit. For example, "completeness" was not a factor in judging. Also, the idea that one must own the rare pieces in a series to win was not a factor, since no points were awarded for completeness and the points allocated for rarity were minimal. What was considered of paramount importance was the amount of information about a numismatic object or a representative selection of material of a grouping, eye appeal and any original ideas incorporated in a one-case display.



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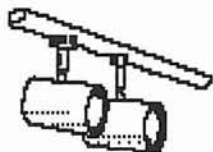
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# SPOTLIGHT ON PEOPLE

*A column in praise of active Ontario collectors*



## **GRAHAM ESLER RECIPIENT OF HIGHEST ONA AWARD**

*We thought members might like to know a bit of background on the recipient of the 1999 ONA Award of Merit. He accepted the award at the 1999 ONA Convention's banquet in Guelph.*

Graham Esler was born and educated in London, Ontario, graduating from the University of Western Ontario. He taught Latin for 24 years at the secondary school level.

Graham is a Past President of both the Canadian Paper Money Society (CPMS) and the Canadian Numismatic Research Society (CNRS) and has contributed articles to those publications. He is also a Past President of the London Numismatic Society and served for many years on their executive in various capacities dating back to the late 1950s. He served as General Chairman for the 1978 CNA Convention in London. His involvement with the organization of local coin club shows in London also dates back many years. He was instrumental in many educational programs at the local meetings of the London Numismatic Society.

He has published several numismatic articles including "The Otterville Hoard," "A Pioneer Ottawa Numismatist" and (with William. N. Clarke) "The History of the Bank of London in Canada." His paper "The So-Called English Issues of the Bank of Montreal" appeared in "Canada's Money," the proceeding of the American Numismatic Society's Coinage of the Americas Conference in 1992. He also contributed an article titled "Banknotes of London" to the London Numismatic Society's 35th anniversary publication in 1986.

Graham has been Ontario Director of the CNA and was Banquet Speaker at the 1986 CNA Convention. He was also Banquet Speaker for the ONA in 1998 as well as Head Judge. Over the past 30 years, he has spoken to many local coin clubs. He is a Life Member of the CNA, the CPMS and the London Numismatic Society. He is on the Board of Governors of the Classical and Medieval Numismatic Society (CMNS). A governor of the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation, Graham is Chairman of its Grants and Awards Committee. He has served on this committee for more than 15 years.

In addition, Graham has served as a display judge at the local, provincial, national and international level during the past number of years. He has also exhibited at various coin shows and conventions in past years. He has been awarded the prestigious J. Douglas Ferguson gold medal for distinguished service to Canadian Numismatics and the Royal Canadian Mint medal for contributions to numismatic education.

In February, 1981, Graham was appointed Assistant Curator of the National Currency Collection and in December, 1983, was named the Chief Curator and Head of Museum, Bank of Canada. He has been appointed General Chairman for the CNA Convention in 2000 in Ottawa.



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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A good mix of ONA members attended the Annual ONA General Membership Meeting on Sunday morning - club delegates, outgoing ONA Executive, incoming ONA Executive and regular members.

The following items were brought up for discussion and/or voting:

- The financial report covering calendar year 1998 was distributed by Bruce Raszmann, ONA Treasurer (the report is published on pages 74 through 76).
- The Outgoing President's Report was presented by Ken Wilmot (see his Outgoing President's Message on page 72).
- The final report by the Chairman of the Election Committee, Mike Hollingshead and final call for nominations for the positions of Directors for Areas 5 and 7 that had not been previously filled (see his final report on page 77).
- A motion by ONA Member John Regitko, concerning the proposed change to the Constitution as published in the January/February 1999 ONA Numismatist on moving the Treasurer and Recording Secretary from the slate of elected officers to the appointed positions.
- Incoming President's Comments by Mike Hollingshead (see his Incoming President's Message on page 72).

The Annual General Membership meeting represents the best opportunity to give feedback officially to your Executive on your thoughts - what changes you would like to see made and which actions by the Executive you support. The official Minutes of the General Membership Meeting will be published in the next bulletin.

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## HOSPITALITY SUITE RECEIVES HIGH PRAISE



One of the most traveled areas at the convention...other than the bourse room...was Suite 103. It housed the Hospitality Suite that was open to all registrants, dealers, daily admissions and everyone's spouse, family and friends.

If one were to use only one word to sum up the "hospitality" in the Hospitality Suite it would have to be: Fantastic! If one were to use only one word to sum up the snacks and other items that were served in the Hospitality Suite...all at no charge to all convention-goers...it would have to be: Fantastic!

Room 103 was first used for the Friday Registrants/Dealer Reception. The room opened to a waiting group of dealers and registrants at 9:00 p.m. What greeted them was coffee, tea, milk, hot chocolate, orange juice (the real, non-reconstituted kind), name-brand soft drinks of all descriptions, potato chips, Cheesies, rolls and a good variety of cold cuts. In addition, fresh mango salad, Thai noodles, pickled hot mango, pickled hot lime and rice cakes, home-cooked by Monina Regitko, were also served.

When the Hospitality Suite opened its doors on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m., a similar array of "goodies" greeted everyone. Sandwiches filled with coldcuts, egg salad and tuna salad were available over lunch time, as well as cold noodles, chocolate chip pound cake, assorted muffins, banana bread, carrot loaf and other goodies baked by Monina.

Similar offerings were made on Sunday, including the addition of various baked goods, which again saw a quantity of dealers leave their bourse tables to take advantage of the generosity of the Convention organizers.

What made all this so fantastic is that there was no charge to convention-goers for anything served, since the 1999 ONA Convention Planning Committee had budgeted a sizable amount in the financial forecast. It was difficult to estimate the number of people that took advantage of the hospitality, since there was a steady stream coming and going, including a lot of repeaters. Needless to say, the Hospitality Suite hostesses were exhausted by the 3:00 p.m. shut-down.

The fact that by the time closing of the Hospitality Suite came around and every scrap of food had been consumed, was a compliment to those involved with the preparation and serving of the variety of offerings. The Hospitality Suite Chairman, Monina Regitko, and the hostesses (Denna Benn, Shirley Fletcher and Dorothy Mason) are to be congratulated for manning a location where so many people could throw their feet up and relax and enjoy the hospitality!

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# **ELECT TOM KENNEDY FOR CNA PRESIDENT!**

Tom Kennedy, currently 1st Vice-President of the CNA, has let his name stand for the highest elected office in Canadian numismatics. Because of his extensive background in the hobby, his experience will go a long way in assuring the growth and continued importance of the national numismatic association.

Tom has served on the CNA Executive since 1989: S.W. Ontario Director (1989-95), Club Services Chairman (1989-93), 2nd Vice President (1995-97), 1st Vice President (1997-99), Membership and Editorial Committee (1995 to date). His hard work and devotion was recognized by the CNA when it named him a "Fellow of the CNA" in 1996. He is a Life Member of the CNA.

He has also served on the Board of the Numismatic Educational Services Association (NESA) since 1989. His involvement with CNA Conventions (including as Chairman) has given him good background in looking after the needs of the collector.

He has served on the ONA Executive for 16 years, including 8 years as Convention Coordinator where he has worked closely with dealers in assuring that their needs are met.

## **IF YOU WANT TO SUPPORT A HARD WORKING COLLECTOR WHO CARES ABOUT THE AFFAIRS OF THE CNA AND ITS MEMBERS, VOTE FOR A PRESIDENT WHO:**

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- has been dedicated to Numismatics since 1975
- has been involved with the CNA since 1982
- has been a member of the Executive since 1980
- has the support of both English and French members
- will bring "smooth" changes
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**IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE CNA...  
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# NATIONAL NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION LISTINGS



*A free listing of national associations' services provided, membership fees and addresses, published periodically. To have your association included and to enable us to pick up items of interest to ONA members, please arrange to have your Association bulletin sent to the Editor, ONA Numismatist, 4936 Yonge St., Suite 235, North York, ON M2N 6S3. We will arrange to cull the necessary information for this and other columns (i.e. annual show listing).*

**Free write-up for numismatic associations.** The following free listings will be published from time-to-time (usually near the beginning and end of a calendar year to tie in with annual memberships). Every national numismatic group will receive free listings as well as free publicity in the ONA Numismatist if they place the ONA Editor on their mailing list, a small price to pay for the benefits of having us promote their organization. So far, the CNA, CTCCC, CPMS and CMNS have included him on their mailing list.



**CNA** - The Canadian Numismatic Association is our national umbrella organization. Unlike all other national groups that specialize in a specific area of the hobby, the CNA encompasses all numismatic collectible interests. Their publication, "The Journal," is published 9 times a year and usually runs 48 pages per issue. All articles and columns are in English, but the columns written by the President and Editor and a few of the articles are also published in French, as you might expect from a truly national organization. The limited amount of French amongst the more than 400 pages annually should not be a deterrent for any ONA member that does not speak French.

Each issue contains articles on a wide variety of numismatic subjects as well as the usual Executive reports, advertisements, annual convention news, details about new collectors issues from the Royal Canadian Mint, a national "Coming Events" column and much more. The CNA holds an annual convention each year (the 1999 Convention is being hosted by the Waterloo Coin Society in Kitchener on July 22 to 25). Members also have access to the CNA's huge book lending library. Clubs can borrow slide sets and VCR tape programs.

Regular membership is \$33, Juniors (under 18 years of age) \$16.50, Family (one Journal) \$44. They offer Life Memberships after 1 year of regular membership at \$495, as well as Corporate memberships for clubs, societies, libraries and other non-profit organizations at \$33 per year. Contact ONA Life Member Ken Prophet, their Executive Secretary, at P.O. Box 226, Barrie, Ont. L4M 4T2 for a sample Journal and a membership application at no obligation. He can also be reached at (705) 737-0845 (leave your name and address if not answered live), fax at (705) 737-0293, or e-mail at [cdn.numismatic@on.aibn.com](mailto:cdn.numismatic@on.aibn.com).



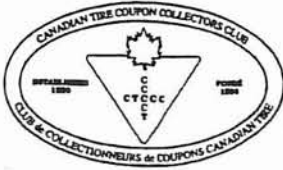
**CAWMC** - The Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors meets at various times of the year in conjunction with other major groups such as ONA and CNA Conventions. Their monthly bulletin, "Timber Talk," lists new wooden issues, articles about wooden nickels, members news and a free "Wood of the Month." The woods alone make membership worthwhile! Membership is \$10 per year, Youths 16 & under only \$5. Send membership dues to Al Munro, Box 2643, Station "M", Calgary, Alberta T2P 3C1. Contact ONA member

Ross Kingdon, Editor, 69 Dorchester Dr., Bramalea, Ontario L6T 3E5, for a complimentary sample bulletin.

A small group of wooden money collectors, billing themselves as the Southern Ontario Chapter of CAWMC, meet the third Tuesday of the month at a member's home in the Toronto vicinity. Meetings are very informal. There is no admission fee. There is no membership fee. The only thing that they ask is that you belong to the national CAWMC. If you throw a buck and a wooden nickel into the pot at a meeting, you will get a draw ticket for the woods. The dollar pays for the coffee and donuts. If you contact ONA member Norm Belsten at (416) 247-7676 or e-mail at [nbelsten@aol.com](mailto:nbelsten@aol.com), he will tell you where the next meeting will be held. Don't be shy about calling!



# ASSOCIATION LISTINGS - CONTINUED



**CTCCC** - The Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club is the newest specialty national group to come along. Right from the start they were considered a runaway success. Everyone has a few pieces of Canadian Tire "money" shoved in a drawer and has seen Mr. McTire disappear in favor of new designs, but unless and until you are a member of CTCCC, you will never know of the huge varieties that exist. Other than the sheer fun of collecting, some are definitely worth keeping. Just like the paper money collectors, Canadian Tire Coupon collectors have to contend with overall design changes, signatures, asterisk replacement notes, misprints, serial number variations, overprints, cash bonus coupons, single-store promotional coupons and more. New discoveries, free ads, mail bid auctions and auction results are regular features of the newsletter.

The ONA's President, Mike Hollingshead, is their Immediate Past President, Secretary-Treasurer and Membership Chairman. ONA member Roger Fox is their President. The ONA's Chairman of the Awards Committee, Don Robb, is their Vice-President. The annual membership fee of \$10 should be sent to Mike Hollingshead, P.O. Box 1000, Arkell, Ont. N0B 1C0, or e-mail [cholling@uoguelph.ca](mailto:cholling@uoguelph.ca) for an application form and a sample copy of their bulletin.



**CATC** - The Canadian Association of Token Collectors covers a wide and varied field of numismatic collectibles. Other than the CNA, most other groups are quite specific, specializing usually in only one major area of collecting such as paper money, ancient coinage, wooden tokens or Canadian Tire coupons. CATC has the widest amount of numismatic collectibles on their plate. They cover transportation token & tickets, advertising tokens and coupons of all descriptions, milk tokens, gasoline & grocery store coupons, parking tokens, casino tokens, gambling casino tokens, Canadian Tire coupons...we could probably fill the rest of this page with a breakdown of all the categories.

They hold meetings at ONA and CNA conventions. Their President is ONA member Harry James. Their Secretary/Treasurer, ONA member Gord Nichols, will accept your membership at \$15 annually, or contact him for a sample copy of their excellent bulletin at Box 28039, 600 Ontario Street, St. Catharines, ON. L2N 7P8.



**CPMS** - The Canadian Paper Money Society publishes the thickest quarterly bulletins of all organizations. Their quarterly newsletters run around 52 pages, while their annual journal is in the neighborhood of 50 to 60 pages. And it's only \$25.00 a year. As a member of CPMS, you also have access to the huge book lending library of the Canadian Numismatic Association (that's not a misprint, they made a deal with the CNA to allow access of all CPMS members to the CNA library).

Dick Dunn, a member of the ONA, will be pleased to send you a sample newsletter (or just send him your membership fee). He can be reached at Box 562, Pickering, ON. L1V 2R7, at by e-mail at [cpms@idirect.com](mailto:cpms@idirect.com).



**CMNS** - The Classical and Medieval Numismatic Society issues their 18-page "The Anvil" four times a year, and an annual journal, "The Picus," that is just under 200 pages, bound. The annual membership fee of \$25.00 for regular membership, \$15.00 for students, represents excellent value.



ONA members are active on their Executive: Bruce Brace is their President and Publications Chairman, while William H. McDonald is Executive Secretary & Treasurer as well as the Publisher of the annual "The Picus." Payment for new membership applicants or requests for a sample bulletin should be sent to William McDonald, P.O. Box 956, Stn. B, Willowdale M2K 2T6

**General Information** - It can safely be assumed that if bulletins are to be sent to a U.S. address, membership payment should be made in U.S. funds. Check with the respective organization for shipment to other countries. We do not know of any association listed that does not willingly send out sample copies.



# ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

## MOST CLUBS ACCEPT MURDERERS, ROBBERS INTO MEMBERSHIP

The membership application form of a number of clubs, including the ONA's, includes the statement "I have never been expelled from a club."

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# CANADIAN TIRE COUPON COLLECTORS CLUB



ATTEND OUR MEETING AT THE CNA CONVENTION

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- Free Admission to Meeting
- Auction of Canadian Tire Coupons
- Free identification and evaluation
- Buy - Sell - Trade
- You do not have to be a member to attend
- Membership information without obligation

For further information contact Mike Hollingshead, Box 1000, Arkell, Ontario N0B 1C0

Telephone: (519) 823-2646 E-mail: [cholling@uoguelph.ca](mailto:cholling@uoguelph.ca)



# CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS



ATTEND OUR MEETING AT THE CNA CONVENTION

**Sunday, July 25, 8:00 a.m. start**

**Tickets must be purchased in advance for this Breakfast meeting - \$15.00 each**

- Free wooden tokens
- Auction of wooden tokens
- Buy - Sell - Trade
- Free identification and evaluations
- You do not have to be a member to attend
- Admission by pre-purchased Breakfast ticket only

For further information contact Norm Belsten, 37 Neames Cres., Downsview, Ontario M3L 1K8

Telephone: (416) 247-7676 e-mail: [nbelsten@aol.com](mailto:nbelsten@aol.com)

## 1999 CNA CONVENTION SELECTS MEDAL DESIGN



### INTRODUCTION

The 1999 CNA Convention committee has been hard at work over the past 6 months to select a design for the souvenir medal, which will also form the logo for the convention. The Convention Committee, members of the Waterloo Coin Society and young collectors from the Paisley Road Coin Club made submissions for the design. At a meeting of the Convention Committee, a vote was taken of all the designs submitted. The design selected was a scene featuring a Mennonite couple and their son in a buggy being pulled by a horse.

Chris Boyer proposed the winning design from a photograph published in the book "My Old Order Mennonite Heritage" by Mary Ann Horst. The b&w photograph, "Sunday Morning," was taken by photographer David L. Hunsberger a few decades ago (he was a well-known photographer in the Kitchener-Waterloo area and did most of the photography for her books).

### THE DESIGN

The Committee unanimously selected the photograph from Horst's book. The Royal Canadian Mint endorsed it. The final design, including the wording and its location around the medal, was submitted to Tim Henderson, Chairman of the CNA Awards and Medals Committee, and the CNA Executive for final approval. This was obtained once the word "wagon" was changed to "buggy" and the initials were removed.

### THE ARTIST'S BACKGROUND

Mary Ann Horst grew up in the Alma and Floradale areas and came to Kitchener as a young girl to work at the Kitchener-Waterloo Hospital. She joined a church of the more progressive Mennonite Conference of Eastern Canada when she was 17. She was 23 when she decided to return to school and entered Grade 10 at Rockway Mennonite High School where she spent three years. She has been a member of the First Mennonite Church in Kitchener for over 40 years. The women in her church no longer wear prayer caps or cape dresses (still required in the Old Order) and two of the associate pastors are women.

After a few years working at her sister's rest home, she and her late sister, Susannah, decided to open a craft shop in their house. The business was so successful that they moved three years later to a shop at 678 King St. W. where they stayed for 21 years until the late 1980s. There was great interest in Pennsylvania Dutch crafts, she found. Many are made in Waterloo County, others are imported from Pennsylvania where they made a tour before opening their own shop.

They also rented a stall at the Kitchener Farmers Market for 36 years. The market was a happy highlight of her week, though she admits she wasn't always too enthusiastic about getting out of bed at 4:30 on a Saturday morning.

She lived with her sister, Sarah, in a century-old house in Kitchener. Their house was built on land bought by her great-great-grandfather, Abraham Weber, when he traveled here by Conestoga wagon from Pennsylvania to begin homesteading. Mary Ann has been writing since she was nine years old. For 20 years she wrote for Mennonite church publications.

A 1998 appointment calendar book published in Charlottetown, P.E.I., entitled "Portraits," celebrates the achievements of Canadian women. The introduction states that the calendar, in its 5th year, "gathered 24 women who personify activism. From coast-to-coast, they labor on behalf of their communities - and succeed in touching the lives of many." Featured among the 24 women is a photograph of Mary Ann Horst with her sister, Sarah.

Horst has become a successful writer by following the creed of choosing a subject she knows well: all five of her published books are linked to her Mennonite background.

## THE ARTIST'S BOOKS

As a result of questions about people at the Kitchener Farmers' Market and her shop, Horst ventured into the publishing business. Her first book, *"My Old Order Mennonite Heritage,"* was published in 1970. She not only describes life in an Old Order family, but also the changes which have split the church into about 20 different sects in Ontario. She left the Old Order faith more than 20 years ago - a story she tells with warmth and nostalgia in the book. The 43-page book was warmly received and became a best-seller. It was used by the National Film Board of Canada as a resource for a film on Waterloo County Mennonites. The book includes a Kitchener Record photographer's back view of her father and aunt watching a wagon driven by Mennonites go down King Street in Waterloo. Her father, like many Old Order Mennonites today, shunned having his photograph taken since the Bible refers to "no graven images" and he thought it could lead to the sin of pride. Her mother, who lived 20 years after he died, was less strict and there are many pictures of her by her grandchildren. The book has now gone through a total of 12 printings and has sold over 50,000 copies. Color was added in the reprints. The 1992 printing of the book added a chapter entitled "Moving on: Twenty-two Years later." In this chapter, she acknowledges many changes that have occurred in the Old Order Mennonites community since her book was first published. Over 75% of her readers are tourists visiting Waterloo Region. Other fans include local residents and members of the Mennonite community.

She points out that one of the most significant changes occurred in 1989, when phones were allowed in the homes of all church members except the clergy, but they are still not allowed answering machines. Farming methods have also seen dramatic changes, as former labor-intensive techniques such as hand-milking, horse-drawn binding, and loading are now less frequently witnessed. Today, more modern techniques like milking machines and tractors are gaining wider acceptance in the community. Some rules have been reversed. When Horst was a young girl, smoking was permitted. Today, in face of the evidence that it harms the body, Old Order Mennonites who smoke are forbidden to take communion. Most still don't drive cars.

Her second book, *"Pennsylvania Dutch Fun, Folklore and Cooking,"* features Old Order Mennonite cooking. Its red-covered book with its appealing photographs of round-faced children and barn-raising is more than just a collection of recipes. The author has seasoned the pages with the gentle humor of the plain folk, drawing on her own memories of childhood as a pig-tailed Old Order Mennonite girl.

Her third book is entitled *"Our Wonderful Kitchener Farmers' Market"* and features black and white photographs of the people and stalls of this well-known local attraction.

Her fourth book, *"Amsey and Sarah of Waterloo County,"* is a coloring book and is out of print.

Her fifth book, *"Reminiscings of Mennonite Life in Waterloo County,"* is about the humor among the Old Order Mennonites. "They really are fun-loving people, but you have to know them to understand their humor," Mary Ann says. "For example, they have marvelous nicknames such as Big John or Short John."

She is currently working on a humorous booklet, "Pigtails and Pinafores," in which she shares some of the pranks and escapades she and her eight siblings were involved in growing up in an Old Order Mennonite home.

Ms. Horst has consented to make her books available to member of the ONA. Pricing is \$5.98 for *"My Old Order Mennonite Heritage,"* \$5.98 for *"Pennsylvania Dutch Fun, Folklore and Cooking"* and \$7.98 for *"Reminiscings of Mennonite Life in Waterloo County."* The book *"Our Wonderful Kitchener Farmers' Market,"* originally issued at \$13.95, is available for only \$2.99 while supplies last. Add \$2.00 for the first book and \$1.00 for each additional book for postage. Make cheques payable to Mary Ann Horst. Her address is Mary Ann Horst, 330 Park St., Kitchener, Ont. N2G 1N1.

If you are planning of attending the CNA Convention, you can contact Chris Boyer to let him know which books you want and he will turn them over to you at the convention, without anyone incurring postage cost. You can pay for the books at that time. Boyer can be reached at P.O. Box 40044, Waterloo Square P.O., 75 King St. South, Waterloo, Ont. N2J 4V1, e-mail at [coinman@sympatico.ca](mailto:coinman@sympatico.ca).

## PROGRAM OF EVENTS

*The following program of events schedule is being published for the benefit of ONA members that may wish to attend the CNA Convention. Note that this listing is subject to change by the CNA Convention Committee. Function rooms (shown in brackets at the end of each function description) are also subject to change. A registration application form is also published elsewhere.*

### WEDNESDAY - JULY 21

- 12:00 noon - 8:00 p.m. Registration Table open for registration kit pick-up and new registrants (Tower Lobby)
- 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. CNA Executive Meeting (Red Maple)
- 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Bourse room open to all registered dealers and legitimate assistants for set-up (Ballroom)
- 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Display room open for setting up of exhibits (Viking A&B)
- 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite open to all Registrants, Dealers, etc. (Odin Suite)
- 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. CNA Past Presidents Dinner - admittance restricted to Past Presidents and their spouse or guest (Schatzl's Gallery)

### THURSDAY - JULY 22

- 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Bourse set-up - admittance restricted to bourse dealers and assistants (Ballroom)
- 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Display Area open for setting up of exhibits (Viking A&B)
- 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. CNA Judges Breakfast - admittance restricted to judges that have been invited to judge competitive exhibits (Red Maple)
- 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Spouses Welcome - admittance restricted to spouses of registrants (Odin Suite)
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Registrants Preview only - admittance restricted in bourse room to those that are registered for the 1999 CNA Convention (Ballroom)
- 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration Table open for registration kit pick-up and new registrants (Tower Lobby)
- 10:00 a.m. - 10:05 a.m. Official Opening (Tower Lobby)
- 10:05 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bourse Room open to everyone that is registered or purchases a daily admission ticket (Ballroom)
- 10:05 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Display Area open to everyone for viewing of exhibits (Viking A & B)
- 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon CPMS Executive meeting (Red Maple)
- 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite open to all registrants, bourse personnel, daily admissions and convention committee (Odin Suite)
- 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Auction Session #1 (Kitchener 3 & 4)
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Ferguson Foundation Meeting - admittance restricted to members of the Ferguson Foundation committee (Red Maple)
- 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Youth Display Seminar (Viking C)
- 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Royal Canadian Mint Oktoberfest Festivities (Trillium Suite and Poolside)

### FRIDAY - JULY 23

- 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. CAND Breakfast - restricted to members of the Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers (Schatzi's Gallery)
- 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration Table open for registration kit pick-up and new registrations (Tower Lobby)
- 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bourse Room open to everyone that is registered or purchases a daily admission ticket (Ballroom)
- 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Display Area open to everyone for viewing of exhibits (Viking A & B)
- 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite open to all Registrants, Dealers, etc. (Odin Suite)
- 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. CPMS Luncheon & General Meeting - attendance restricted to luncheon to ticket holders (Viking C)
- 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Auction Session #2 (Kitchener 3 & 4)
- 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. CMNS Meeting - both members and non-members are invited to attend the meeting of the Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society (Red Maple)

# CNA CONVENTION NEWS CONTINUED

## SATURDAY - JULY 24

- 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. CNRS Breakfast Meeting - admittance restricted to members of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society that have purchased tickets in advance (Red Maple)
- 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. CNA Club Delegates Breakfast Meeting - admittance restricted to those who have purchased tickets in advance (Schatzi's Gallery)
- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration Table open for registration kit pick-up and new registrants (Tower Lobby)
- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bourse Room open to everyone that is registered or purchases a daily admission ticket (Ballroom)
- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Display Area open to everyone for viewing of exhibits (Viking A & B)
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. CNA General Membership Meeting & Awards Presentations - all CNA members are encouraged to attend their annual meeting (Kitchener 3 & 4)
- 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite open to all Registrants, Dealers, etc. (Odin Suite)
- 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Youth Session - all young numismatists are invited to attend this educational seminar (Viking C)
- 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. CATC Meeting - all members and non-members are invited to attend the meeting of the Canadian Association of Token Collectors featuring educational program, door draws, auction of token material and more (Kitchener 1)
- 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. NNC Meeting - restricted to the steering committee and representatives of member organizations of Numismatic Network Canada (Kitchener 2)
- 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Auction Session #3 (Kitchener 3 & 4)
- 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. CNA Educational Forum - everyone is invited to attend this educational forum featuring (can I get names from Paul J.) (Kitchener 1)
- 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. CTCCC Meeting - all members and non-members are invited to attend the meeting of the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club featuring educational program, door draws, auction of token material and more (Kitchener 2)
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:0 p.m. Display tear-down (Viking A & B)
- 5:00 p.m. Bourse closes to the public (Ballroom)
- 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Bourse tear-down (Ballroom)
- 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. CNA Banquet - restricted to those who have purchased tickets in advance (Viking Suite)

## SUNDAY - JULY 25

- 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. CAWMC Breakfast - every member and non-member is invited to attend the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors. however admittance is restricted to those who have purchased tickets in advance (Viking A)
- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon CNA Incoming Executive Meeting - winners in the CNA elections will have been announced at the Annual General Membership Meeting on Saturday. This is their first Executive meeting.
- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Hospitality Suite open to all registrants, bourse personnel, daily admissions and convention committee (Odin Suite)

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# CNA CONVENTION NEWS



## 1999 CNA Convention Registration Form

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Please complete and copy this registration form and return with cheque or money order payable to:  
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If you need additional information: Bruce Raszmann, Treasurer/Pre-Registration Chairman: (519) 745-3104  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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_____	Main Registration Package @ \$30 ..... <i>(includes copper convention medal, convention ribbon, souvenir program, 3 days admission to bourse and exhibits, Royal Canadian Mint Oktoberfest Night, Hospitality Suite, souvenir program booklet, CD containing the Canadian coins and paper money catalogues and more)</i>	\$ _____
_____	Spousal Registration Package @ \$15 ..... <i>(includes ribbon, 3 days admission to bourse and exhibits, RCM Oktoberfest Night, Spousal Craft session, Hospitality Suite, souvenir program booklet, collectibles catalogues and more)</i>	_____
_____	Young Numismatist Package @ \$15 ..... <i>(includes copper convention medal, convention ribbon, souvenir program, 3 days admission to bourse and exhibits, Y.N. Forum Session, Hospitality Suite, CD containing the Canadian coins and paper money catalogues, special donations from the Royal Canadian Mint and more)</i>	_____
_____	Silver Convention Medal @ \$40 .....	_____
_____	Copper Convention Medal @ \$17 .....	_____
_____	Royal Canadian Mint Reception (Thurs. July 22) no charge .....	_____
_____	Tour @ \$18 (Thursday, July 22) ..... <i>(includes taxi from hotel to rail station, train trip to farmer's market and factory outlet, train trip to St. Jacobs shopping (optional lunch at own cost), train to Canadian Clay and Glass Museum and admission, return taxi trip to hotel)</i>	_____
_____	C.A.N.D. Breakfast (Friday, July 23) no charge* ..... <i>(*restricted to CAND members, spouses and/or assistants)</i>	_____
_____	C.P.M.S. Luncheon @ \$25 (Friday, July 23) .....	_____
_____	C.N.A. Delegates Breakfast @ \$15 (Sat. July 24) .....	_____
_____	C.N.R.S. Breakfast @ \$15 (Sat. July 24) * ..... <i>(*C.N.R.S. members only)</i>	_____
_____	C.N.A. Banquet and Post-Banquet Reception @ \$38 (Saturday, July 24) .....	_____
_____	C.A.W.M.C. Breakfast @ \$15 (Sunday, July 25) .....	_____
	<b>TOTAL</b> (make cheque or money order payable to the 1999 CNA Convention) .....	\$ _____

Prices include all charges, taxes, gratuities, transportation and admission where applicable. The Tour, if sufficiently pre-booked, will proceed although revisions may be made due to bad weather or other circumstances.

If you order convention medals and wish them sent by mail after the close of the convention, please add \$7.00 to above total.



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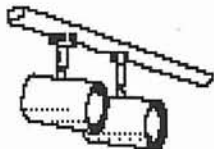
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In a major career move, ONA Numismatist Editor, John Regitko, has accepted a major challenge with Dr. Flea's Flea Market. He will be responsible for assuring complete satisfaction of existing vendors and signing up new vendors, while attracting customers to the wide variety of products being sold at attractive pricing.

Customer satisfaction has been John's forte within numismatics since he became involved with the hobby. As owner/manager of the Toronto International Coin Fair (TICF), his priorities involved both dealer and customer satisfaction to a degree that he turned TICF into Canada's largest coin show. He also applied this dedication to ONA and CNA annual conventions.

"One of the things that impressed me about Dr. Flea's Flea Market is the fact that Dr. Flea (a.k.a. Allen Koffman, who holds a doctorate in economics) puts vendor/customer satisfaction ahead of personal gain," John said. "He has turned down potential vendors because they wanted to sell items that one or two vendors were already selling.



"Having visited the indoor and outdoor market over the years and making a number of purchases at extremely attractive pricing," John continued, "I have always been impressed with the friendly vendors and the cordial atmosphere that make customers come back time and again."

John's concern is that the collectible hobbies are not well represented. Only 1 dealer is presently selling coins and stamps, with no representation in the fields of sports cards, collector plates, antiques, photography, post cards, movie memorabilia, posters, collectible/hobby books and prints. ONA member-dealer who may be interested in setting up a booth on Saturdays and Sundays may contact John at (416) 745-FLEA (745-3532) during normal business hours, Wednesday through Sunday, or by e-mail at [drflea1@aol.ca](mailto:drflea1@aol.ca). He can also be reached through his numismatic address, telephone number, fax or e-mail addresses.



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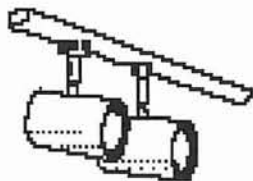
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## MEET YOUR ONA EXECUTIVE



*In the last 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, chosen at random, whose biography we have on hand. The balance of the Area Directors will be included in the next issue. We will also feature write-ups on the Presidential appointments in a future issue.*

**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.

He is the Area 5 Director for the ONA, committed to serving a 2-year term which started this past April representing the area encompassing some of the most active coin clubs in Ontario. Braden is an active member of the Waterloo Coin Society and also serves on the 1999 CNA Convention Planning Committee as Chairman of the Young Numismatist Committee. As such, he was responsible for proposing the contents of the YN kits, planning the programs directed towards the younger collectors, while at the same time having a vote on all matters involving the planning and execution of the Convention.

**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.

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 has let his name stand for the 2nd Vice Presidency 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.

# M E M B E R S H I P   R E P O R T

## W E L C O M E



The applications for membership which appeared in the last issue of the ONA Numismatist have been accepted.

We welcome John G. Boshart, Serge Pelletier, Melvin Kyle, Peter Besler, Brian & Lyan See, Jeff Rusk, Rudy Sauro and Brock Colley to membership.

## N E W   A P P L I C A T I O N S

The following applications for membership have been received. If there are no objections by August 15, they will be accepted into ONA membership and their acceptance published in the next bulletin. Recruiters eligible for the ONA Recruiter of the Year Award are identified with an asterisk (no asterisk designates that they are not eligible for the award because of their position within the ONA Executive).

#1693 Berne Hoskins, Port Dover, Ont. (Recruiter: Ken Wilmot)

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## ON THE MOVE

### RICHARD GIEDROYC ON THE MOVE....AGAIN

In the last ONA Numismatist, we reported that Richard Giedroyc had resigned his position as International Editor for *Coin World* of Sidney Ohio, to form a partnership with Joel Anderson of California that would be operating as *Giedroyc-Anderson Interesting World Coins*, a cross-continental business tied in through the Internet.

We now hear that Giedroyc and Anderson have decided to go their separate directions. Joel's decision is to remain self-employed in the mail order coin business, while Richard will catalogue and assist in conducting live auctions for Stack's in New York. The two friends have simply decided that they would not be able to meet the goals in a joint venture that they desired and have decided to end their business relationship.

Richard can still be reached at [Giedroyc@Bright.Net](mailto:Giedroyc@Bright.Net) by e-mail or at 2103 N. Broadway, Sidney, OH 45365 USA. Although his house is for sale, the family is still there while he commutes back and forth to New York.

We understand that he will continue to write a column and answer letters for Numismatists Online, as well as writing articles for Krause Publications and *World Coins*. He recently had a primer on ancient coin collecting published in *World Coins*.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Quite often, when a numismatist passes away, the spouse tends to move on to other interests. Your Editor and his wife have kept in touch with Audrey Miller over the years, enjoying her "Christmas Tree Hanging" get-togethers. Audrey was married to the late Eric Miller who, as a Toronto coin dealer (operating the Coin-Militaria Mart at the Sheppard Centre in North York) and coin show operator, took a very active hand in keeping the Central Coin Club going at the St. Lawrence Hall for many years. Audrey is engaged to a gentleman she met at a Seniors Social Group. They plan to tie the knot in August.



## CONGRATULATIONS

The Ferguson Foundation has announced the donation of an additional \$10,000 to the John S. Wilkinson Classical & Medieval Numismatic Fund which was set-up in 1994 by John S. and Alice Wilkinson of Woodbridge, Ontario. The creation of the Fund was originally made possible by a donation of \$ 10,000 to the Foundation.

Dr. Wilkinson, who is the Honorary Chairman of the Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society has been involved for over 70 years in numismatics with a specific and strong interest in ancient coinage, especially Greek. He is a past president of the Canadian Numismatic Association and has served numismatics well in other important roles over the years.

Congratulations to William McDonald, Chairman of the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation, and the rest of the Committee, for announcing a donation of an additional \$10,000 to the Coins in the Royal Ontario Museum by Alison Harle Easson. This additional donation to the fund by the Wilkinsons will place the fund in a prominent position amongst the special bequests and memorial funds within the Foundation.

The objectives of the John S. Wilkinson Classical & Medieval Numismatic Fund continue to be to furnish financing for publishing projects, research, acquisition of audio-visual and similar equipment, to sponsor symposiums, conferences and generally to give financial support to all educational projects within the field of ancient and medieval numismatics and history. The most recent project funded by the Foundation was the book published by the Royal Ontario Museum, *Roman Republican*.



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## ONA 2000 CONVENTION MEDAL DESIGN UNVEILED



The design and theme of the ONA's 38th Annual Convention medal was unveiled at the North York Coin Club's (NYCC) February meeting. The convention is being hosted by NYCC and will be held at the Triumph Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel in North York from April 14-16, 2000. A Medal Committee, consisting of chairman Rick Craig and members Paul Johnson and Roger Fox, was responsible for considering all design ideas submitted by NYCC members and preparing a final design. The design is important as it will define the theme of the convention and establish an advertising image through the convention medal and stationery.

The design itself consists of an ellipse to the left containing a Janiform image. This two-headed image combines the obverse of a coin of Augustus Caesar on the left and a contemporary Canadian obverse showing Elizabeth II on the right. The continuous inscription within the ellipse from left to right reads IMP. CAESAR AD 1 - 2000 AD ELIZABETH II. To the right of the ellipse is a sun, which may be rising or setting, over a landscape and the year 2000. Above the sun and landscape is the convention location and date TORONTO APRIL 14 - 16 while below appears the major theme NUMISMATICS IN THE MILLENNIUM. A broad rim surrounds the entire design. Inscribed on this rim is O.N.A. 38th ANNUAL CONVENTION above and HOST: NORTH YORK COIN CLUB below. Between these two inscriptions appear the initials of Paul Petch, the concept designer, on the left and those of the concept artist, Roger Fox, on the right.

The evolution of this design is an interesting story which is rich in individual collecting interests and symbolism," stated Paul Petch, Convention Chairman. "It almost took on a life of its own as Club members built upon each other's ideas, always with the objective of creating something worthy, not only of being added to the ONA medal series, but also of being a fresh, new and unique design within that series."

Paul Petch had several unfocused thoughts for a design, the millennium idea being just one of them. NYCC member Dick Dunn suggested the theme "A Step Into the Future" and Rick Craig, with his interest in ancient coins, believed we could do no better than using the likeness of Augustus Caesar, Emperor in the year 1. Using the inspiration of ancient Roman coins which show the two-faced god Janus, god of beginnings, Paul was able to combine these suggestions. "This design allows us to present all the ideas at one time. Ancient numismatics from 2000 years ago with August Caesar to modern-day collecting with Elizabeth II. The head of Caesar is our look into the past, the head of Elizabeth II is a step into the future, or more simply stated: looking back, looking ahead. This single image captures the leap of 2000 years."

The ellipse shape with the sun, landscape and 2000 date are the creation of Roger Fox. The sun may be rising or setting, so represents both the end of one millennium "day" and the beginning of another. This is the third medal design Roger has worked on for the NYCC. His first was the 1986 CNA medal and his second was the 1994 ONA medal.

The sun device is in homage to both Mr. Joseph Hooper of Port Hope, Ontario, and Pritchard & Andrews of Ottawa, the creators of Hooper's numismatic cards. One of them, using the sun design, was catalogued by P. N. Breton as 778. Joseph Hooper was an early, prominent President of the ANA from 1898 to 1901 and creator of the ANA's lamp of learning symbol, designed in 1892.



Norm Belsten prepared 100 woods bearing the approved design. Coloured a rich blue, the traditional ONA crest appears on the obverse of the wood. These woods were distributed at the ONA's 1999 Convention Banquet in Guelph and to promote advanced bourse table sales.

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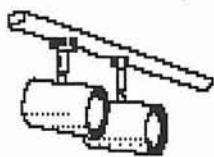
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# SPOTLIGHT ON PEOPLE

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## A "MESSAGE" FROM TOM MASTERS

*The following "President's Message & Editorial" column appeared in a recent issue of the Ingersoll Coin Club bulletin. We thought we would share it with members of the ONA and ask for feedback. All interesting responses will be published in a future issue of the ONA Numismatist. We are especially interested in hearing from members of the Executive of other clubs who have had to deal with increases in rent and other overhead, while listening to the feedback from their members. We also wish to hear from members of local coin clubs how they feel about how their membership dues are being spent, both pro and con. We will consider publishing anonymous responses providing we know who sent them.*

I was asked recently why membership dues (not only at the Ingersoll Coin Club, but others as well) continue to rise. Let me outline some of our expenses.

Back in 1975, when I became President, our membership was \$4.00. We had free rent, postage was less than 10 cents, ONA, CNA and CPMS memberships were half what they are today, and various other programs were either free or at very nominal fees. Our newsletter cost was less than \$5.00 plus postage.

Today, the rent is \$25 per meeting, and we haven't negotiated the new rental contract yet. Postage has increased to 46 cents (plus GST) and if it wasn't for several of our members who deliver some of these newsletters, our dues would be higher still. CNA membership is \$33, CPMS membership is \$25 and ONA membership and insurance is \$50. The newsletter is \$27, only because of free paper and printing.

When you add all that up, it comes to: rent \$25 x 10 months = \$250, newsletter \$27 x 10 months = \$270; CNA/ONA/CPMS memberships = \$108; total \$628.00. Divide that by 10 and each meeting costs \$62.80, and that doesn't take into account any incidental costs such as prizes for draws, film, cost of acquiring slide/tape programs, etc.

We don't have a coin show so we don't have a revenue from that. Besides our membership fee, our only other revenue is from our 50-50 draw and the 5% we charge for lots sold from our auctions. Our treasurer keeps telling me that if it wasn't for those who make personal donations, those who pay some of our memberships to the ONA, CNA or CPMS, plus newsletter delivery, we would have to charge considerable more for our membership. Clubs who have discontinued their newsletter have suffered with loss of membership, with members not knowing what, where, and when the next meetings will take place. Also, it costs just as much to mail out a bulletin of one sheet as five.

I hope that everyone now knows the dilemma that our treasurer faces when he tries to keep our books out of the red!

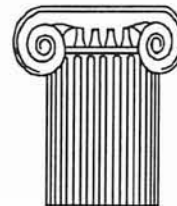


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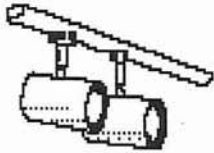
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# SPOTLIGHT ON THE MONEY ARTISTS

*by Chris Boyer, ONA Member #1543*

## INTRODUCTION

What do Neil Buchanan, Steven Boggs and Joan Steiner all have in common? You won't find their initials on any official coinage, or their name credited for creating government paper money designs. Each, however, is an accomplished artist who has used the medium of money in their expression. This article will examine each of these "money artists" briefly and how they have used numismatics in their creations.

### Neil Buchanan



This artist from Great Britain is perhaps most famous for his U.K. television series *Art Attack*. Geared toward school-age artists, Buchanan's TV series presents a number of art ideas in each segment which often use ordinary household objects, so they are practical for the target audience. Neil Buchanan has suggested the students use pence pieces, for example, to use as eyes in a face, or as wheels in the drawing of a car. His step-by-step explanation of the projects make it easy for the children (and their parents!) to reproduce the artwork later on their own.

Neil Buchanan's trademark creations are his giant "art attacks," which involve large scale creations in parks, on walls, in parking lots, or other venues. His largest numismatic creation began with the arrival of an armored car bearing a quarter million pounds (sterling) of bank notes. Buchanan then empties the brief case of currency on the white studio floor, and goes to work. Part of the filming involves glimpses of various parts of the work, so as to leave the audience trying to predict the outcome. In this case, Neil fans out a stack of notes here, lays them end-to-end there, and crumples notes and groups them together in another location, all seen from a "bird's eye" view.

Slowly, it becomes apparent that the artist is creating a face. As the overhead camera zooms back even further, the effigy of Queen Elizabeth II (who graces the notes being used) is evident, some 12 feet in width. Buchanan then concludes the clip in his customary fashion by standing in the middle of the *Art Attack*, extended his arms and proudly displaying his creation.

Neil Buchanan's *Art Attack* can be viewed in Ontario on TVOntario's *Crawlspace*, a children's broadcast, each weekday after school.

### Steven Boggs



American artist J.S.G. Boggs has also used numismatics, in particular paper money, as a medium of expression. Boggs began his career as a money artist when he drew a \$1 Federal Reserve Note on a napkin in a restaurant. The waitress accepted the note in payment for a coffee, provided Boggs change, and thus was his first "transaction." Since that time, Steven Boggs has used his money art to purchase everything from ordinary household items to a plot of land, and even his motorcycle.

Carefully hand-drawn using pens, Boggs' creations are strikingly close to actual Federal Reserve Notes, with a few minor changes. For instance, a smirk on the face of Grant on the \$50, or a minor change in wording will be the only readily discernible differences on his creations, other than the fact that the note is one-sided. Despite these alterations, the U.S. Secret Service has repeatedly insisted that Boggs was counterfeiting. However, Boggs maintains that he has never tried to "pass" the artwork as genuine, but has conducted a "transaction."

A typical exchange that Boggs will attempt is to enter a store, select some merchandise, and arrive at the till explaining that he would like to exchange his artwork for a receipt, the items in question, and the change. Many store clerks are skeptical, pointing out that the notes are not money. Boggs counters that while the notes have no value (in terms of legal tender), they do have worth.

## THE MONEY ARTISTS - CONTINUED

On occasion, his transactions are turned down. Fortunate is the clerk who accepts his artwork, however. Art collectors are prepared to pay many times the so-called "face value" of Boggs' creations, especially if they can be photographed with the items obtained in the transaction.

Boggs does not limit his reproductions to United States paper money, having included world paper money as well. He has also used a powerful artistic tool recently, the computer, to recreate modern U.S. currency reflecting his own spin on design, portraiture, and symbolism.

A video on Boggs entitled "The Money Man," produced by the BBC, is available to members of the ONA through the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library.

### Joan Steiner



Self-taught U.S. artist Joan Steiner has recently authored a book entitled *Look Alikes* (1998, Little, Brown & Company) with photographs by Thomas Lindley. Her three-dimensional artwork has appeared in the *New York Times* and other publications. In *Look Alikes*, Steiner has used ordinary objects to create various miniature scenes, from a circus midway, to a harbor, to a city street and more.

In most scenes, Joan Steiner has hidden over 100 household objects (over 1000 in total in the book) to make up the scenery, including at least one numismatic item. For example, a steam train (made from a coffee percolator) charges through a night scene, passing a water tower whose tank made from a \$1 Federal Reserve note.

At first glance, the scenes are convincingly real. As each page is examined more closely and at length, the reader is drawn into trying to identify all of the scene's components. The lure of this children's book is in trying to identify as many components as possible--without referring to the list at the back of the book! The book is also for adults, especially numismatists, who can attempt to identify the numismatic items on each page, which include coins (used in a sidewalk, for example) and bank notes (used as ceiling tiles, for instance). Steiner's book is priced at \$17.95 in Canada (\$12.95 in the U.S.) and she will hopefully author other similar books in the near future.

In this article, we have glimpsed at three artists--two Americans and one British--who have used numismatics in art. While their work has not made them famously recognized as coin or paper money designers (at least, not yet as in the case of Boggs!), their creativity in the use of numismatics is certainly of interest to numismatists.



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# THE NATIONAL SCENE

*A look at what is happening beyond Ontario's border*

## COIN MONTH CANADA '99 \$2 NOTE DESIGN



ONA member William Waychison has announced the release of this year's Coin Month Canada '99 Souvenir \$2 note. The note celebrates the 130th anniversary of the first book about Canadian numismatics published in Canada. The book entitled *"Coins, Tokens and Medals of the Dominion of Canada"* was authored by Alfred Sandham (1838 - 1910) and was published in Montreal, Québec. This is the third year that Coin Month Canada has issued a limited-edition souvenir two dollar note in conjunction with the promotion of both the hobby of numismatic and the celebration of October as Coin Month.

The underprint image employed for the face of the note is a very imaginative and artistic portrayal of an early 20th century numismatic work desk. The candle illuminated desk displays several old bronze coins and period numismatic publications. These include Sandham's book as well as the artistically covered *"The Canadian Coin Cabinet"* by Joseph LeRoux (1892) and *"Popular Illustrated Guide to Canadian Coins, Medals, etc"* by P. Napoleon Breton (1912). To the left can be found older handwritten correspondence, sealing wax and a brass encased clock in the form of a bank building. The right hand side shows a framed portrait of Alfred Sandham. This will be the first time his portrait will have been seen by most Canadian numismatists.

*"Claude Bernard has very cleverly and artistically recreated an image from the past with his design of this note. Undoubtedly, his design should contribute to another successful issue,"* indicated Bill Waychison, Chairman, Coin Month Canada 1999. *"The theme is also especially significant this year as we prepare to see a multitude of commemorative coins issued for the Millennium that will contribute to an increase in interest in numismatics."*



The face of the multicolored note prominently displays "2 Dollars" in the upper left. To the lower left appear the words *"Buy the book before the coin - Achetez le livre avant la pièce,"* the theme chosen for Coin Month '99. A banner at the top and bottom of the face of the note repeats the words *"Coin Month Canada - October '99"* and *"Mois de la Monnaie Canada - Octobre '99,"* respectively. The signatures of Bill Waychison and Claude Bernard, Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively for Coin Month Canada '99, appear above the lower banner and complete the design of the face of the note. On a white panel on the right side of the face is a seal of authenticity (similar to the Optically Variable Device "OVD" found on Canadian currency), embossed with the letters CNA ACN, as well as a watermark of the Coin Month Canada '99 logo.

The back of the note (not illustrated) retains the format of the two previous souvenir \$2 issues and is presented in a vertical sense. The underprint design portrays a close up view of three period medals and an aged sepia photograph of the Chateau Ramezay, all located on a lace mat on a wooden desk. Overprinted on this image are the names of numerous Canadian numismatic clubs and societies that are members of the Canadian Numismatic Association. Above the image appears the internet address for the Coin Month Canada '99 site [www.mlink.net/~graphx/cmc-mm](http://www.mlink.net/~graphx/cmc-mm) while below is the serial number (99001, etc.) and the imprint of the printer: GraphX of Quebec City.

The notes measure 2 1/2" x 5 1/2" (65mm x 145mm) and are printed on parchment paper using a "photoprint" technique. The 1999 notes will be limited to an edition of no more than 450 notes. The 1998 edition notes saw an issue of 200 variety (or error) notes and only 210 regular (or corrected) notes. No surplus notes remain from the 1997 or 1998 editions.

# THE NATIONAL SCENE—CONTINUED

The three medals shown on the reverse include the obverse of an 1860 medal displaying the bust of the then Prince of Wales (later Edward VII). This white metal piece is illustrated in Sandham's publication as medal number 20 (LeRoux #935) and was issued to commemorate the prince's visit to Canada in 1860.

The other two medals have a more direct relationship to Alfred Sandham. The bronze medal (LeRoux #1881) was issued in 1873 in celebration of the inauguration of the new building constructed for the Montreal Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA). The reverse of the medal which is shown, includes the name of Alfred Sandham as Secretary of the Montreal YMCA along with the names of other officers and committee members for the years 1871-72. Sandham was the full-time secretary of the Montreal branch from 1864 through to 1874.

The third medal displays the peacock-toned obverse of a medal (LeRoux #1540) prepared for Sandham in 1875 as part of an intended series of medals celebrating events in the history of Montreal. Presumably, Sandham did not find the dies sufficiently attractive and Robert McLachlan, a contemporary Montreal collector, reports in his publication in 1886 that *"before the first impression was struck, he (Sandham) destroyed the dies and threw them away. They were found by a young collector, and after having been slightly touched up, some four or five impressions were struck off in white metal and one in copper."*

The photograph of the Chateau Ramezay is included on the reverse as a footnote to fact that Sandham was also one of the founders of the Antiquarian and Numismatic Society of Montreal and dedicated his 1869 coin publication to this organization. This organization held their meetings within the Chateau Ramezay and was later responsible for saving the historical structure.

The notes may be purchased for \$4.50 (\$3.00 US funds) postage paid. Send orders, along with cheque, to Coin Month Canada, P.O. Box 466, Timmins, Ontario, Canada, P4N 7E3. Delivery of postal orders will commence the end of May 1999.

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## ROYAL CANADIAN MINT TO HOST OKTOBERFEST FESTIVITIES AT 1999 CNA CONVENTION

It has been mentioned on numerous occasions by those intending to attend the 1999 CNA Convention that they are looking forward to some sort of "Oktoberfest Night" activities. After all, Kitchener-Waterloo is world famous for hosting the world's second-largest Oktoberfest celebration each year. Oktoberfest is an important part of the local culture, as is the Pennsylvania German heritage of the area, which is reflected on the convention medal. The Royal Canadian Mint requested that they and the 1999 CNA Convention Committee jointly plan an "Oktoberfest Night" for the Thursday, July 22nd evening of the CNA Convention.

The evening, not unlike Mint Receptions in previous years, would contain both entertainment, food and beverages. The entertainment would consist of the following 3 main activities, capably handled by professionals, namely, the Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest Convention Committee:

1. Keg Tapping Ceremony--including decorations, greeters, buttons and tent cards, Master of Ceremonies, numerous assistants as well as the Oktoberfest mascot Onkel Hans, Miss Kitchener-Waterloo, and other dignitaries. The purpose of the keg tapping ceremony is to "kick off" the event.
2. Music--A Bavarian-style duo will perform for a duration of minimum two hours to set the mood. The duo will have a flexible repertoire to meet a full range of musical tastes and styles.
3. Dance Group--a local ethnic dance group, from one of the four area German clubs, will perform a variety of Bavarian dances.

Food and beverage for the occasion will be handled by the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, who collaborate with the KW Oktoberfest Convention Committee to offer topnotch catering. At these functions, a typical Bavarian offering is made available, including such Bavarian delicacies as Bratwurst, Wiener Schnitzel, sauerkraut, pigtails and cut apple strudel.

The Royal Canadian Mint stands to gain much from an Oktoberfest Night. The CNA delegates get what they came for--a traditional Oktoberfest celebration, which is synonymous with Kitchener-Waterloo. And the Mint receives the credit for sponsoring this popular event which will offer something unique, which was not done at any previous CNA Convention. It is your Editor's guess that the RCM Oktoberfest Night will prove to be the most popular attraction and best attended event of the entire 1999 CNA Convention!



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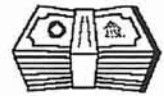
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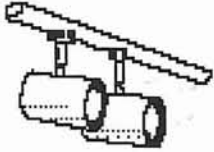
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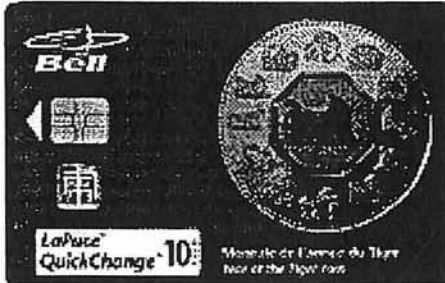


# SPOTLIGHT ON TELEPHONE CARDS

by Albert Kasman, ONA Life Member #LM061 and ONA Director - Area 7

*"The evolution of money has continuously changed over the years and has now leaped forward into the digital world of technology. The need for coinage has increased but the cost of producing, handling, counting and storage has increased substantially. Phone companies all over the world have converted their payphones to accept digital cash on a micro-chip embedded on a plastic card. Recently recognized by the American Numismatic Association as a new category of collectible." - Darnell Inc. at [www.cashcardcentral.com](http://www.cashcardcentral.com)*

## TELEPHONE CARDS A POPULAR NUMISMATIC COLLECTIBLE



There are two types of phone cards that are generally available. One type is the "remote" type where you have to dial an 800 number, pin number and the 10-digit number you want to call. These cards all have the problem of having an expiry date.

The second type is the cash card or quick change card where the value is kept in the gold chip on the card. They do not have an expiry date. These cards are scanned by the yellow reader in the newer payphones equipped with a scanner. They can be used to make local calls (25¢) or long

distance calls. There is a saving of \$2.00 every time you use the card for long distance.

If you are collecting mint condition (unused) cards, you can keep them the way you bought them and always retain their full value if they are of the second type (without expiry date). The first (remote) type will lose its full value (other than its collector's value) when it reached its expiry date.

Usually, promotional cards of the non-quick change variety have an expiry date and also have the lower mintage. The lowest mintage that I know of is 250 for the bird series issued to members of the Bell Collectors Club that have a standing order for new releases as they are issued. This particular card was mailed free to all subscribers.



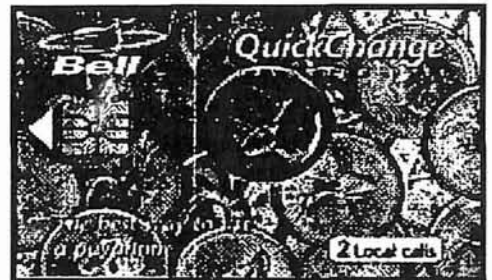
All Royal Canadian Mint phone cards previously issued have had an expiry date. The most recent series, limited to only 900, do not have an expiry date. Two different cards of \$5.00 denominations are available. One contains an illustration of the Norman Bethune coin, the second contains images of two coins. Both cards contain writing in English and Chinese.



If you collect used cards (where it has been used for making telephone calls), the best part of collecting them is the fact that you use up its full value but you still have a nice collectible. In other words, you have actually obtained it for free, since you received full value in phone calls for

the purchase price. With what other numismatic collectible or other hobby can you do that?

Telephone cards usually come in values of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100. The \$5 and \$10 cards are the most common, with the \$50 and \$100 the scarcest. Promotional cards also exist in 50 cent and \$1 denominations. Promo cards are also issued for 5, 10 or more minutes of long distance calls, good anywhere in North America. They usually carry an expiry date.





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Welcome back from summer to the fall which signals the start of a lot of numismatic activities, from local club meetings to local shows and larger regional shows.

I must admit that other than assisting with the Waterloo Coin Society's hosting of the C.N.A. 1999, I spent a rather coin-free summer. The hosting of a major show like the CNA was a good team-building exercise which brought a number of members of the WCS closer together. What a treat it would be to see every member of a club fully participate and take advantage of that team spirit. WCS gained some new members for their effort, held the spotlight in Waterloo Region thanks to the Royal Canadian Mint (with their Millennium Coinage), Calgary's Lionel "Goldie" Conn (with his fabulous gold exhibit) and the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing (with their \$2 1/2 BILLION!!! in currency).

While all of us can appreciate the grandstand show, there were also some most interesting and thought provoking displays that were possibly a "teaser" to some of the deeper thinkers in the crowd. Surely some of the general public appreciated the competitive displays.

I noticed a general lack of information among the throngs that attended. There was a great interest in the general public around the millennium coins and the other glitz. What those people need is regular attendance at local, educational yet fun coin meetings to inspire greater depth to their numismatic activity. Your job is to get them there and provide the environment! How can the ONA assist you?

*Mike Hollingshead*  
ONA President

## R E C R U I T E R A W A R D U P D A T E

### THREE MEMBERS ELIGIBLE FOR RECRUITMENT AWARD



A review of the 19 new members signed up since the beginning of the year shows that only 3 people were accepted into membership without any "recruiter," while 13 were recruited by members of the ONA Executive that are not eligible to win the ONA Recruiter of the Year Award. Seven of these 13 members were recruited by John Regitko (ONA Editor and Club Services Chairman), 5 by Ken Wilmot (ONA President at the time of recruitment) and 1 by Bruce Raszmann (ONA Treasurer and Membership Chairman).

Only 3 members that are eligible for the "ONA Recruiter of the Year" Award have signed up one new member each: Peter Kostyk, Ray Desjardins and Terry McHugh.

When rules were drafted up by John Regitko last year and proposed to the Executive, no one gave any thought to a 3-way tie. The rules as published in the November/December 1998 issue of the ONA Numismatist calls for the "winner" (singular) receiving a suitably engraved silver medal. It will be interesting to see how the ONA Executive reacts to the thought that one silver medal alone costs more than the income from the 3 new members that have been recruited by existing members.

Why not ask other collectors you see at local club meetings if they are currently members of the ONA? If approached one-on-one, we think that a lot of people will take the plunge for \$15.00. With each eligible member currently at only 1 point each, it would not take much to have a different winner receive the silver medal, the special certificate and the honour and glory that comes along with it! Since anyone in a preferential position (such as the ONA President, Treasurer, Membership Chairman, Club Services Chairman, Publicity Chairman, ONA Website Coordinator or Editor) is not eligible to participate in the contest, every regular member has an opportunity to receive the suitably engraved sterling silver medal, the framed certificate and a write-up in the ONA Numismatist. We will even throw in an official ONA Press Release to the numismatic press prominently featuring the winner's accomplishment!

## EDITOR'S MESSAGE



I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few people that have helped me behind-the-scenes, without getting any previous recognition:

**Norm Belsten:** He has saved me countless hours of time. Initially, I scanned a number of logos into my computer, imported them into a "paint" program, cleaned up the little dots that form a digital picture, then imported them into my document in MS Publisher. Depending on how many dots had to be added or deleted to make it look like the original, this can take anywhere from 10 minutes to over half an hour per image. What Norm has provided me are perfect scanned images of wooden tokens issued by ONA members, saving me countless

hours. Evidence of his help is shown on page 141 of this bulletin. He supplied the scanned images of all ONA and APNA woods featured on this page, as well as the scans of all CNA Convention woods for the next issue.

**Monina Regitko:** She has proof-read every word on every page...and caught a bunch of my mistakes! The only one we haven't agreed on is what to do about the spelling of "collectible" or "collectable" when used by show promoters as part of their show's name. Or can it be spelled either way?

**Ken Wilmot:** He has taken the time to meet me (half-way) in either Waterloo or Guelph to go over my thoughts for the following issue of the ONA Numismatist. After all, as President, will he not receive the criticism when I screw up? (I hope so!). He authorized me to go to 26 pages for my first effort (the November/December 1998 issue) and to an unprecedented 34 pages for the January/February issue. Since then, he has also approved a 36-pager.

**Mike Hollingshead:** I felt that since the ONA Numismatist is the best long range project that we have, one that can get us new members...or keep old ones...that he had a right to make suggestions as Chairman of the ONA Long Range Planning Committee. Since he became ONA President, he has allowed me to continue to publish humongous issues, including this one.

**Bruce Raszmann:** My obligation as Editor is to deliver, in a timely manner, one camera-ready copy of the ONA Numismatist. Bruce delivers it to the printer, picks up the sets, stuffs them into envelopes, affixes postage and address labels and takes them to the post office. A lot of work!

**Barry McIntyre:** He has been a big help in some technical areas. As a certified Microsoft technician, he has given me guidance involving MS Paint, MS Publisher, the MS back-up program and other programs, as well as telling me how to manipulate images in a "paint" program.

**Glen Trenchard and Lawrence Medallie Art:** This prominent manufacturer of trade dollars has committed to supply me with clean, clear line drawings of all Ontario Trade Dollars that they strike to accompany Jerry Remick's articles that will start appearing with the next issue.

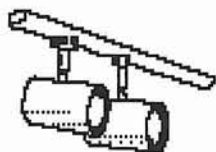
**Others:** I would be remiss if I did not thank club editors who provide me with material from their bulletins, authors who wrote articles for me, including those not published yet from Tom Kostaluk, Barry Uman and a whole slew from Jerry Remick. The only reason they have not been included so far is that with the move of my files, some articles were temporarily misplaced (they will all be published when they are located). Finally, members who advised me of changes in their personal life that they would like to share with others.

A lot of people belonging to local coin clubs are not members of the ONA. If you are an Editor of a local coin club bulletin and wish to pass something on to your members, you may quote freely from the ONA Numismatist.

The usual rules of giving credit where credit is due apply. If you intend to copy an article written by someone other than the Editor, President or another member of the ONA Executive, it is only fair to contact the author for permission. If you do not know how to contact the author, contact the ONA Editor who will make the approach on your behalf.

*John Regitko*  
ONA Editor

# S P O T L I G H T O N P E O P L E



## A "MESSAGE" FROM MICHAEL HOLLINGSHEAD

*The following "Message" appeared in a recent issue of the South Wellington Coin Society bulletin. We thought we would share it with members of the ONA.*

### Why Club Attendance is Important

You finish dinner and sit down to look over the newspaper before heading off to your local coin club meeting. You begin to get drowsy and figure, what the heck, maybe I'll just stay home tonight and watch some tube.

Meanwhile, in another part of town, executive members of the coin club are organizing audio visual equipment, refreshments, raffle items, tickets and prizes. Perhaps an out-of-town guest speaker for the evening is being wined and dined in appreciation of his/her coming into town to present an educational talk at your club. The club editor has been busy preparing new items for your newsletter and gone out early to pick up supplies and stamps for the next edition. The treasurer has been working since getting home from the day job to reconcile the club books and fill out some new membership cards for those new members that joined last meeting. The club secretary has sent off some correspondence regarding the club medals and sent out some more publicity releases about the upcoming show and some articles to the local paper to help encourage new members. The club librarian has been sorting through the club's collection of books to find some interesting books to present to the club meeting in hope that some member will ask to borrow them for the month.

At the meeting, the executive feels a little sheepish. Turnout is down and they are embarrassed that the guest speaker is facing a small crowd. Not to be put out, the guest speaker delivers a dynamite presentation that really piques the interest of those in attendance. The three or four dealers that have set up vie for the collectors interest at the meeting, offering "real bargoons!" All in attendance have a great time and at coffee inquire among themselves as to whether YOU might have been too ill to attend tonight and make a mental note to call tomorrow.

Please don't blame the executive for feeling down and wanting to throw in the towel. It is expected of all members to participate in meetings, even just by showing up!

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# M E M B E R S H I P R E P O R T

## W E L C O M E

The application for membership which appeared in the last issue of the ONA Numismatist have been accepted. We welcome Berne Hoskins or Port Dover, Ont.

## T R A N S F E R T O L I F E M E M B E R S H I P

The following members have been transferred from regular membership to life membership:

#LM108 Barry McIntyre, Orleans, Ont. (from #1646)

## N E W A P P L I C A T I O N S

There are no new applications for membership.

*Bruce Raszmann  
Membership Chairman*

### HAVE YOU SEND YOUR FREE CLASSIFIED AD TO THE ONA NUMISMATIST EDITOR?

Free classified ads of up to 100 words in each and every issue. Each issue reaches close to 350 members representing a huge pool of disposable income. For larger ads, our low cost for display advertising can be reasonably cost effective. Give it a try!

# C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S



Congratulations are extended to the following ONA members who were successful in the recent CNA elections: Tom Kennedy as President, Ray Desjardins as 2nd Vice-President, Paul Petch as South & West Ontario Director. They were elected by the CNA membership to serve on their Executive over the next two years

As well, the following ONA members were elected by acclamation to also serve on the CNA Executive: Yvon Chicoine as 1st Vice President, Serge Laramée as Quebec Director (PO code J&G), Barry Uman as Montreal Director, Barry McIntyre as North & East Ontario Director, Michael Walsh as B.C./Yukon Director and Charles Moore as Western U.S.A. Director.

Congratulations are also extended to others who were successful in being elected to the CNA Executive but are not currently members of the ONA.

At the CNA General Membership Meeting at their recent Convention, ONA member Jim Charlton was unanimously elected Honourary President of the CNA. Only 3 other persons have previously been so honored, all now deceased: L.J.P. Brunet, J. Douglas Ferguson and Sheldon S. Carroll.

To ONA members Thomas Masters and Chris Boyer, both of whom were accepted as members of "Fellow of the CNA."



Congratulations to the following ONA Members who were recognized for their outstanding accomplishments at the recent CNA Convention:

Chris Boyer, on his second-place finish in the Canadian Coin and Medals category in the competitive displays with his display on Canadian Test Tokens. Serge Pelletier received third.

Tom Kostaluk received a third in the Canadian Paper Money and Script category. He also received third in the Non-Canadian Paper Money category.

Matthew Fleck received a third in the Junior exhibitor category.

Congratulations are also extended to ONA members Yvon Marquis, Ian Graham, Paul Johnson, James Charlton and Brian Cornwell who were invited by Tim Henderson, CNA Head Judge, to assist in the judging at the CNA Convention.



Congratulations to Geoffrey Bell who has been appointed Chairman of the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation. Geoff is a standard fixture in Ontario numismatics, attending ONA and CNA Conventions in Ontario as well as Torex. A Past President of the CNA, he has received the J. Douglas Ferguson gold medal, the highest award of the CNA, as well as the Royal Canadian Mint medal for education in numismatics. He has been a Governor of the Ferguson Foundation for many years and had a successful business career in education, having been a school principal for 33 years. He also served six years on Moncton City Council and currently serves as the CNA's Librarian. He takes over the Chairmanship from ONA member William H. McDonald who served as Chairman since its founding in 1971.

# C O N D O L E N C E S

Belated condolences to Tom Kostaluk of London, on the passing of his mother.

# W A N T E D F O R T H I S C O L U M N

The above page is intended to make other members know about what is happening in your personal life: births, graduations, engagements, weddings, extended illness, deaths, or anything else of interest to others. This column depends on your support. If you know of any personal happenings, either in your family or another collector, please drop us a line.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE ADVERTISING MANAGER



My first effort as Editor and Advertising Manager, for the November/December 1998 ONA Numismatist, resulted in a 28-page bulletin. This was followed by a 34-page and two 36-page issues. This was a far cry from previous bulletins.

Mainly because of the space consumed for ads in each of the 4 issues, the President agreed to commit sizable funds to cover the additional pages that would push the printing bill to new heights and the postage to the 95¢ level. When too many ads are solicited, it is counter-productive when we have to exceed 18 pages an issue (anything over 9 sheets printed front & back places us into a higher postage category).

It is simply not realistic to ask dealers and show promoters to cover the full additional costs involved, especially if we acknowledge that the ads are "courtesy" ads and are not necessarily intended to directly make a profit for the advertiser. It is actually costing the ONA money! The obvious solution is to stop including so many ads so that we can stay at the 18-page limit.

Advertising coin shows, local club meetings or club dinner meetings in the ONA Numismatist should be...and has been...a service that we provide and should not have to be paid for! To raise advertising rates to cover the cost is not a solution either. The solution is to continue to solicit a "reasonable" amount of ads for each issue, without going overboard, so as to be able to stay at 18 pages...unless there is a backlog of articles and other write-ups or a benefactor comes along to cover the additional costs.

## ADVERTISING RATES IN THE ONA NUMISMATIST FOR MEMBERS

Prices include all charges, including any applicable taxes. Non-members please contact us.

### COMMERCIAL RATES:

- Full Page – \$60.00 per insertion
- Half Page – \$40.00 per insertion

### COIN CLUBS, NON-PROFIT NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATIONS AND COIN SHOWS

- Full Page - \$50 per insertion
- Half Page - \$30 for single insertion; \$75 for three consecutive insertions
- Quarter Page - \$45 for three consecutive insertions (no single-insertion rate available)

We will accept typed, legibly printed or camera-ready material. If other than camera-ready ads are submitted, we will set it up and send you a proof for final approval at no extra charge.

The ONA, its elected and appointed executive, nor any member assumes any responsibility for accuracy of content of an ad, including grading, rarity, potential future value or any other claims made by the advertiser.

Ads will be inserted in the first available issue following receipt, unless the sender asks for it to be held for a specific upcoming issue. Make cheques payable to the ONA.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

As a benefit of membership in the ONA, free classified ads of up to 100 words will be published in each issue of the ONA Numismatist. The ad must not contain a commercial name and must offer numismatically related merchandise. The only exceptions are coin shows (both commercial and club shows), book publishers and wooden nickel manufacturers.

All display and classified ads should be sent to the ONA Editor, 4936 Yonge Street, North York, Ont. M2N 6S3, for processing, along with payment for display ads. Make cheques payable to the ONA)

# SHOW TIME - UPCOMING

*If you wish to have your commercial or club's upcoming show listed, please provide us with the necessary information as soon as possible. There is no charge for the listing.*



The London Numismatic Society's 7th Annual Coin Show will be held at the Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Rd., London. For anyone coming from out-of-town, it is near the corner of Exeter and Hwy. 401.

Contact (519) 472-9679 for details on availability and price of bourse space or other show information.



The Oshawa & District Coin Club has scheduled their Fall Show for October 9 at a new location, namely the 5 Points Mall at Taunton Rd. & Ritson Rd. in Oshawa. This is the first time since the mid-1980s that they have had a show within the Oshawa city limits, having held their previous shows in Pickering. Thirty-two dealers are expected. Open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Contact Earl or Sharon MacLean at (905) 728-1352.

Just a reminder that the club's October meeting moves from their normal second Sunday to October 3 so that they can hold the show.



The Semi-annual Burlington International Coin Show is scheduled for Saturday, October 16, at the Brant Hills Community Centre, 2300 Duncaster Ave., Burlington. Direct access is off Brant Street between Upper Middle Rd. and Hwy. 5. It is open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Free parking tickets for Royal Canadian Mint prizes; free admission; lunch room right on premises.

For further information, contact Nancy Meredith at (705) 788-3159.



Torex is scheduled for October 23 and 24 at the Primrose Hotel, 111 Carlton Street, Toronto. Open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5.00 daily. The CTCCC, CATC and CMNS meet there.

The famous Torex auctions, run by Jeffrey Hoare Auctions, are held on Friday evening and on Saturday. Auction times and times for the meetings can be obtained from Ingrid K. Smith at (416) 260-9070, e-mail [ingrid@torex.net](mailto:ingrid@torex.net) or from [www.torex.net](http://www.torex.net).



The Stratford Coin Club has scheduled their Annual Coin Show for Sunday, October 31, 1999 at the Kiwanis Community Centre, Lakeshore Drive, Stratford. It is promoted as Ontario's longest running coin show, in its 36th consecutive year.

For bourse information, write to the club at P.O. Box 21031, Stratford, ON N5A 7V4.

They always have a great variety of prizes in their Penny Draw and the chilly in the kitchen is always a sell-out.



The Waterloo Coin Society is holding their annual coin show on November 20 at the RCAF Assn., Wing 404, 510 Dutton Drive, Waterloo.

For additional information, write to them at Box 40044, Waterloo Square P.O., 75 King Street South, Waterloo, ON N2J 4V1, or e-mail their President, Chris Boyer, at [coinman@sympatico.ca](mailto:coinman@sympatico.ca). You can also obtain further information from the club's website [www.angelfire.com/tx/wcshomepage](http://www.angelfire.com/tx/wcshomepage).

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS



All except a few clubs publish a monthly bulletin. Most bulletins consist of 1 or 2 pages, just enough to list information about their last meeting, the program for the next meeting and a few short reminders. They may or may not list information about future meetings, member news, executive decisions, treasurer's report or details about shows hosted by other clubs in their area. Most, unfortunately, do not include educational articles.

Let's assume that 50 bulletins are printed and mailed out. The cost of printing for a 1-page bulletin (at 8¢ per page + taxes) is \$4.60. Postage is 46¢ + GST. Envelopes are another 5¢ each. That works out to just over \$32.00 for 50 members, or 64 cents per member. Do similar arithmetic for a 4-page bulletin and you will find the cost is less than 25¢ per page to produce and mail.

In other words, the increase per extra page is very minimal, since the cost of mailing and envelopes remains the same for up to at least 10 pages (5 sheets printed front and back).

## TIP OF THE MONTH



Consider printing additional pages at minimal additional cost from time-to-time. This will enable additional information about proceedings at the last meeting to be published (minutes, treasurer's report, draw prize winners, announcements). More details about the upcoming meeting can be included, such as backgrounder on the program, auction list, prize list of draws and on-time attendance draws. Coming events of other clubs can be included, and if you promote other clubs in your area, they might be more apt to do it for you in return. Information on upcoming annual shows (such as nearby local club shows, ONA and CNA Conventions) is worthwhile. News about members (well-wishes, congratulations, births, engagements, weddings, condolences), backgrounder on members of the Executive and original articles researched by members are always of interest to other members. All for just pennies extra!



In the March/April 1999 issue of the ONA Numismatist, I stated that I thought it was a good idea for clubs to publish an auction list in advance, since this might give members an additional incentive to attend a club meeting. We know that Waterloo, Stratford and Ingersoll do it. Don Robb, Ken Wilmot and Tom Masters have their work cut out to gather up the material at one club meeting, put the listing together, make sure it gets published in the bulletin and do all the work at the meeting that is involved in the collection and distribution of the funds. Now the North York Coin Club is joining the group of clubs that are going to publish an auction list in advance.

One of the club's Directors, Rick Craig, has agreed to receive auction material. They are trying for 10 to 20 lots per month. To show what sort of work is in store for Rick, here is the published description: "The items are to be submitted in an envelope showing your name, phone number and your estimated value. Rick will ensure consistent descriptions of quality and peg fair prices. He will assemble the material and forward the list to the Editor for inclusion in the next month's bulletin."



We note that the London Numismatic Society has seen fit to make Howard Whitfield an Honorary Director. It has been a long time coming.

He has been around a long, long time, contributing to the success of numismatics. Back in 1976, the ONA honored him with its highest award, the ONA Award of Merit. Its purpose is to give recognition to the person living in Ontario who has made the greatest contribution towards the advancement of numismatics at all levels - local, provincial and national.



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The Mississauga Coin Club has been holding their meetings in the board room of a Remax real estate office in Mississauga, thanks to the generosity of the local agent (the Vice President of the club is a Remax real estate agent). With the move of Remax to another location, the Mississauga Coin Club has followed them to their new location. Effective immediately, the meeting location is the Remax office at 4310 Sherwoodtowne Blvd., 2nd floor, Mississauga, which is near Hwy. 403 and Hwy. 10.

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



We mentioned in the March ONA Numismatist that the Waterloo Coin Society promotes their programs well in advance. The issue included an ad that publicized their programs until the end of the year. One of the programs had the curious title of "Back Door Specials" from the Mint." I suggested that you might want to reserve June 8 to come to their meeting to find out what it's all about and included the comment that "I know I'll be there!" Well, I was their and heard the speaker name names and showing slides of those unusual errors as well as exhibiting some actual pieces. Bill English, one of the early promoters of the error hobby in Canada, drove down from Midland to hear it. Chris Boyer, one of the newer individuals collecting Canadian error coins was there. The speaker who had lived through the days when things indeed came out of the back-door of the Mint and was privy to some of the behind-the-scenes goings-on at the Mint was none other than...our very own ONA Editor. The Editor of the WCS bulletin described some of the pieces that could not have escaped into circulation via the normal channels as "they had some help getting out of the mint!" A very diplomatic way of putting it!

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Looks like the July meeting of the London Numismatic Society had a really full meeting. "Member's Night" brought out the following presentations: Jeff Wenn on the life and career of Sir Winston Churchill (soldier, statesman, Prime Minister), mentioning that the Churchill Commemorative Crown was struck in 1965; Len Buth on a Masonic Penny of the Kilwinning Lodge (showing a set of By-Laws dated 1870); Mackie Smith on an update on his recent paper on the Panama Canal (particularly the widening of the Calabra cut which allows two ships to pass in opposite directions); Bill Clarke on the gold guinea of Great Britain introduced by Charles II in 1663 (following the history of the guinea through to the last "Military" issue of George III in 1813); Tom Rogers on the mint marks on the 1998 Canadian coins. On display were a number of items tying into the various presentations, including Masonic pennies, Great Britain guineas, and miscellaneous English, U.S. and Canadian tokens, including some U.S. Civil War cents.

What impressed me about the bulletin is that if you did not have the opportunity to attend the meeting and participate in the educational program and the fun and fellowship, you can read some of the papers in the bulletin. For example, "The Churchill Commemorative Crown" by Jeff Wenn and "Gold Guineas" by William Clarke occupy a total of 7 pages. Having just recently seen a few copies of their bulletin, I am impressed with their in-depth articles and recommend joining even though you cannot attend their meetings. Write to 543 Kininvie Drive, London, ON N6G 1P1 for sample copies. Or pick up a copy when you attend their Show on September 19.

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The Scarborough Coin Club's September meeting had a number of members bring an item that they purchased over the Summer. We have known of a number of clubs that have held similar programs and they have always had plenty of participation from the members. From the comments expressed by the audience, they do like to know what their fellow members collect, they enjoy hearing about it and they like to view the material. I have written in the past that some clubs do not attract either dealers nor displays and consequently, someone walking in on a meeting would be hard pressed to figure out what sort of a meeting it is. Member participation programs assure a number of displays.

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The Waterloo Coin Society has also scheduled the same program for their October meeting. I have come across a bunch of unusual numismatic items at Dr. Flea's Flea Market that I will display at their meeting. Waterloo has had great success in the past when they scheduled this type of a program or a "My Second Most Favourite Hobby" night, with participation from a lot of members. Other clubs should try it since it worked for a number of clubs in the past.

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# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS CONTINUED

Here's a scoop: The Publicity Chairman for the Numismatic Press for the 1999 ONA Convention didn't run the illustration on the right because...wait for this...the picture of the man looked too much like him. The feet are large, the tummy is a perfect fit, the glasses, the overall height-to-width ratio. The only difference: he must be wearing a wig in the picture, maybe like he had for real about 30 or more years ago.

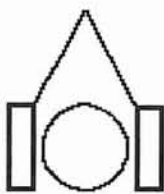
I can just see everyone flipping through their back copies of the ONA Numismatist to find the 1999 ONA Convention Committee listing to see who the Publicity Chairman is. Save yourself the trouble. The Editor is talking about...himself!



The Waterloo Coin Society has just concluded their 436th meeting. With the club not meeting during the summer months, they have been in existence for well over 40 years. At the recent CNA Convention, the club was presented a certificate recognizing 40 years of continuous membership in the CNA.



The North York Coin Club recently had Vince Chiappino and Del Murchison make a presentation on the fun of finding numismatic material and other valuables via metal detectors. I attended a meeting of the Waterloo Coin Society within the past year and listened to a similar presentation, where ONA 2nd Vice President, Chris Boyer, showed slides and told us about the history of the hobby, while ONA Area 4 Director, Len Trakalo, showed various metal detectors and explained the differences between models. I also recall Brantford and Stratford also having similar programs, as well as Toronto and Mississauga. What always impresses people at these meetings is what is found at the beach: early Canadian tokens, current coinage of all denominations and years, foreign coins, rings and other jewellery...and a lot of metallic junk!



The City of Ottawa Coin Club is gearing up to host the Year 2000 CNA Convention. If initial reports are any indication, a few really big "happenings" should take place. It would be a shame if ONA members did not get reasonably priced (under the circumstances) hotel space because they did not believe the publicity that pricing for hotel rooms in Ottawa will be jacked up to the maximum that the market will bear. With all the activities planned for Ottawa throughout the Year 2000, take our word for the following: Any ONA member that intends to go to the CNA next July should book a room at the Novotel Ottawa almost immediately at \$120.00 plus taxes, single or double occupancy. This rate is available for three days before and three days after the Convention. The Convention Bourse and other major activities will take place from Thursday, August 3 to Saturday, August 5, 2000 inclusive. If the room is booked after June of 2000, the rate will be \$189.00 per night...if rooms are still available. Why take a chance and miss out on what promises to be a fantastic convention just because you did not plan your accommodations early enough. If you don't believe us, wait a while and find out the hard way. What the heck, you can always cancel later if your plans to attend don't materialize. Be sure to ask the Hotel to confirm until what date there is no penalty for cancellation.



Which local coin club in Ontario used to publish a lot more pages each month, but have cut back in the last while? Which local coin club has sacrificed all educational articles so that they could cut back on their bulletin? Which local coin club has trouble finding the right Editor to put out the bulletin? Which club has lost members because of their desire to economize?

Am I speaking of the same club or different clubs? I won't name you here. You know who you are!

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS CONTINUED



Thanks to Chris Boyer, the Paisley Road School Coin Club has been in the news ever since he first set foot on the premises. We wondered why we didn't hear anything about the club over the past few months. Then it hit us: The school, and therefore the coin club, has been closed over the past couple of months. Also, Chris was the General Chairman of the CNA Convention that tied up more than a few hours of his spare time. We look forward to hearing about his success in recruiting students and having them join the school coin club but also local area clubs.



The executive of the Stratford Coin Club held their annual barbecue meeting at the home of Dorothy and Howard Mason. Dorothy is the club's Secretary. We always said that the fun and fellowship extends beyond club meetings, with members seeing each other at member's homes. Reminds me of the time that a number of members wound up at the Barrie Raceway for buffet dinner and watching the trots. Your Editor bet the minimum to show (that's third place) on the favourite and wound up winning every race. Walked away with winnings of \$2.40, minus the cost of the buffet for himself and his wife.

Incidentally, the Mason's hospitality also reminds me of the old days when the Consors used to invite all members of the North York Coin Club to their backyard. Maybe if the Masons moved to a house with a larger backyard, the rest of the membership will also be invited next year.

The other thing I am reminded of is to scan a new image of the logo for the Stratford Coin Club, since the current image in the computer came out a bit skewed. Did anyone notice?

The club's coin show draw tickets were mailed to all members with the September bulletin. If you are not a member and you want to win a great 2-piece Samsonite Luggage set, a Millennium coin set, a silver maple leaf or a proof-like set, send five bucks and they will send you back a book of six tickets. Their address is P.O. Box 21031, Stratford, On. N5A 7V4.

## **WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB**

The Woodstock Coin Club has changed meeting dates and location, effective with the September meeting. They are no longer meeting at the Children's Aid Society office. Their meetings are now being held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 904 Dundas St., Woodstock (behind St. Rita's Church).

The Woodstock Coin Club holds their elections at the first meeting following the summer break. Actually, this makes more sense than doing it for a calendar year. Congratulations to Bob Pittman who was elected President. He was Vice President, Secretary and Editor before. In future, Jim Watson will be Secretary and Glen Forster will look after the club newsletter.



The Oshawa & District Coin Club has moved their annual coin show to the 5 Points Mall at Taunton Rd. & Ritson Rd. in Oshawa. It will be held on October 9.

Their regular October meeting will take place on October 3 instead of the normal second Sunday in October because of the annual show.

Incidentally, they have had great success in attendance holding afternoon meetings (from 12:30 to about 4:00 p.m.) rather than the more traditional evening meetings. As I stated in a previous bulletin, this is the club with a woman as president, a junior director whose father is not on the executive and a male secretary. Isn't that different? Isn't that refreshing to see?



Having reviewed a lot of bulletins for the proceeding write-ups, I note that every club that makes reference to voting in the CNA Elections does not publish the way their club's vote went.

That's as it should be. It's nobody's business but the members!

If your club still does not send the ONA Editor a copy of the bulletin, don't look for your name in print. If your club doesn't publish a bulletin, have someone drop us a line about the club's goings-on.

# EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

*A regular column highlighting the inner workings of the ONA Executive*



## DISPOSITION OF REMAINING CONVENTION MEDALS

No one can predict how many official ONA Convention medals should be struck each year. If you don't strike enough, ONA members and other convention-goers will be disappointed. If you strike too many, what do you do with the left-overs after the Convention? Do you dump them at a good price and stay out of the after-market? Or do you forever flog them until they are finally sold? At the original issue price? Higher? Lower, just to get rid of them?

On a few occasions in past years, local convention committees have convinced the ONA Executive to strike what turned out to be, in hindsight, rather optimistic quantities. Each successive convention thinks that their medal will do better than previous ones. However, history has proven that any more than 50 or 60 gold-plate medals for the main registration kits would be too many. Likewise, 100 bronze will simply not sell out. Since the total quantity struck affects the cost, this must also be considered. All in all, it is the duty of the ONA Executive to guide local convention committees, based on their collective long-term experience, as to the quantities to be issued in each of the metals!

The ONA Executive approved a Policy Motion a while ago to leave all remaining bronze and silver convention medals with the local coin club until the subsequent ONA Executive meeting, at which time, half the remaining medals will be turned over to the ONA. In the meantime, the host club will attempt to sell them to members of the host club who did not acquire them at the convention or may not have had the opportunity to attend.



**Gold-plated medals** were first struck in 1988 to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the ONA. Your Editor had obtained the rights to host that year's ONA Convention on behalf of the Toronto International Coin Fair, the first time a privately-owned company had ever hosted an ONA Convention. It was agreed to strike gold-plated medals for the registration kits. A quantity of 60 was agreed upon, which sold out promptly no doubt because of the very worthwhile contents of the registration kit.

Gold-plated medals have always been advertised as being available **ONLY** in the main registration kits. When all registration kits are not sold, what should happen to the remaining gold-plated medals? Should they be sold? At what price? Since no price had been set before the convention (they were included in the registration kits), should they be sold at the same price as the bronze medal? Higher? Or should they be destroyed? Can a true numismatist agree to physically destroy a perfectly good numismatic object?

The overriding factor is very simple: To maintain integrity, any medals that are not consumed as advertised should not be made available by any other means! After all, some people register for the convention so that they can be assured of receiving a gold-plated medal for their collection. As difficult as the decision was, the ONA Executive passed a motion to live up to the advertised position of making gold-plated medals only available with the main registration kits, and to destroy any that are left over. The ONA President is charged with the responsibility of permanently disposing of them. The only exceptions are the 2 pieces that are earmarked for the archives of the ONA and the host club.

**Bronze and Silver medals** are another matter. Gold-plated medals were continued each year for the main registration kits. In view of the fact that 60 bronze medals previously consumed in registration kits out of the total of 100 struck were now expected to be sold, a number of conventions had bronze medals remaining.

If any bronze and silver medals remain after a convention, an ad will be published, offering them for sale on a first come, first served basis, but never lower than the original issue price. If orders are received for more medals than the ONA has, the host club's remaining inventory will be drawn upon to fill orders.

When all is said and done, the ONA has been very fortunate in that very few medals remain in their inventory today. The current remaining inventory will be listed and illustrated in the next issue.



## C L A S S I F I E D   A D S

*A free buy/sell/trade listing service for members. Ads must use member's name and address and cannot include a business name (with the exception of the promotion of books, shows & conventions and material owned by coin clubs). Material advertised must be numismatically-related. 100 words maximum per ad per issue. Count does not include name, address, postal code or punctuation. Number counts as one if numeric.*

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**Paper money trade notes for sale.** Owen Sound 1987 \$3 note unc. \$3.95; Manitoulin 1985 to 1993 notes unc. \$3.95 each; Antarctic paper dollar 1996 unc. \$2.95; St. Jean \$2 specimen note \$5.95; Fremont, P.Q. \$2 note 1995 \$3.95. Write Robert St. Cyr, 481 John Street, Thunder Bay, Ont. P7B 1X9.

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**Scarborough Coin Club woods for sale:** From 1980 5th anniversary to 1998 23rd anniversary with the exception of the 6th, 20th, 21st and 22nd anniversary which are sold out; includes 3 special woods issued in 1984, 1985 and 1986, plus 2 coin show woods of 1997 and 1998; total one of each at \$11.00 postage included; or order any 6 woods your choice of above at \$4.00 postage included, with each additional wood at 50 cents. Make cheque payable to the Scarborough Coin Club and send to P.O. Box 562, Pickering, Ont. L1V 2R7. Anyone attending club meetings can also pick them up at the meeting.

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**Bank of Toronto Notes wanted for my personal collection.** 1887 \$5 (no overprint); 1890 \$5 (no overprint, London overprint, New York overprint), also Brantford and Sudbury overprints. 1887 \$10 (no overprint); 1892 \$10 (no overprint and Cartwright overprint); 1906 \$10 (Point St. Charles overprint). Harry M. Eisenhauer, ONA LM19, P.O. Box 3826, Station "B", Saint John, N.B. E2M 5C2.

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**Books for Sale:** "Money Talk - Slang and Unofficial Terms and Exp Expressions used for Money in North America" by Jerry Remick -- \$10; "Sudbury Numismatics", by Jeff Fournier - \$10; "Nova Scotia Municipal and Commemorative Medals" by Jeff Fournier, Terry Cochrane, Greg Spinelli and Randy Larsen - \$10; "Ontario Municipal and Commemorative Medals" by Jeff Fournier - \$10; "A Checklist of Countries Currently Issuing Their Own Paper Money" by Jerry Remick - \$4. Please add \$3 shipping per order. Send to Canadian Novelty Coins, P.O. Box 2111, Stn. "A", Sudbury, Ont., P3A 4R8.

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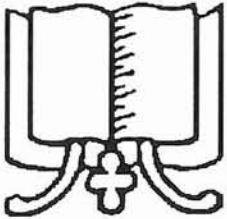
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# THE NATIONAL SCENE

*A look at what is happening beyond Ontario's border*



## **J. DOUGLAS FERGUSON HISTORICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION ISSUES CANADIAN TAX RECEIPTS**

For over 50 years, J. Douglas Ferguson was known as the dean of Canadian numismatists. His interests were broad, encompassing the full range of coins, tokens, bank notes, merchant scrip and historical medals that make up the field of numismatics. He roamed the world making friends and disseminating his profound knowledge of the subject. When the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation was formed in 1971, it took the name of Canada's numismatic ambassador to the world.

William H. McDonald was instrumental in founding the Foundation as an educational charitable organization that funds research and the publication of books and other materials on Canadian numismatic subjects. He was elected its Founding Chairman in 1971. The Foundation to date has made numerous and diverse grants and awards to assist in the publication of a number of major numismatic books which might not otherwise have been published because of the costs involved. They include detailed histories of numismatics involving Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Alberta, Yukon and P.E.I., as well as books on Olympic Medals, Canadian Welcome Home Medals and a book entitled "Aspect of the Numismatics of North America." To the end of 1998, the Foundation has made grants, awards or given other financial support totaling over \$185,000.

The affairs of the Foundation are managed by a Board of Governors composed of experienced, reputable individuals from many walks of life with broad geographic coverage. Currently, the following ONA members serve on the Foundation's Board: The current Board of Governors of the Foundation reads like a "Who's Who" of numismatics: William H. McDonald - Founding Chairman (Willowdale, Ont.), Geoffrey G. Bell - Chairman (Moncton, N.B.), Edward B. Banning (Toronto, Ont.), Paul Berry (Ottawa, Ont.), Bruce R. Brace (Ancaster, Ont.), Dorte Brace (Ancaster, Ont.), James E. Charlton (Lake Placid, Fl./Grimsby, Ont.), Freeman Clowery (Sherbrooke, P.Q.), R. Brian Cornwell (Toronto, Ont.), Jean P. Donato (Montreal, P.Q.), J. Graham Esler (Ottawa, Ont.), Robert J. Graham (Pembroke, Ont.), Ronald A. Greene (Victoria, B.C.), Paul R. Johnson (Markham, Ont.), Donald E. Leitch (London, Ont.), Yvon Marquis (Bic, P.Q.), Peter Moogk (Vancouver, B.C.), Earl Salterio (Calgary, Alta.) and John S. Wilkinson (Woodbridge, Ont.).

The Foundation's promotional brochure states: "The J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation, established in 1971, is a non-profit educational organization. It fills the need in Canada for financing research and study, and for providing funds for publishing and related activities in the numismatic field. The Foundation's prime objective is to give financial support to a broad range of activities aimed at preserving our heritage as it relates to early historical currency, banks and other issuers of money, and coins, tokens and paper money issued throughout Canada since the 18th Century."

Their Chairman until recently is ONA member Bill McDonald, who has been very active in numismatics for many years, who is our "Spotlight" this issue (see following page). If individuals make a donation, they will be issued a tax receipt that they can claim against their Canadian income tax.

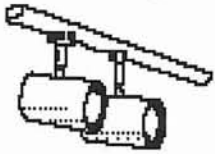
If your club makes a donation to this registered non-profit organization on behalf of someone that has passed away from amongst your membership, their Secretary will send a card to the spouse advising them that a donation has been made in the deceased person's memory, including a tax receipt.

The Secretary of the Foundation is Gwen McDonald, wife of the Chairman. I know from personal experience that the spouse is the power behind the throne. At least that is what my wife tells me, and I'm inclined to agree with her having seen Gwen in operation over the years.

Any ONA member wishing to make a donation to this worthwhile cause, should send it to The J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation, P.O. Box 956, Station "B", Willowdale, Ont. M2K 2T6.

# S P O T L I G H T   O N   P E O P L E

*A column in praise of active Ontario collectors*



## **WILLIAM H. McDONALD CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF J. DOUGLAS FERGUSON HISTORICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION 1971 TO JULY 1999**

ONA member William H. McDonald, better known as Bill to his many friends, was instrumental in founding the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation in 1971 (see preceding page). He was promptly elected its Chairman of the Board, a position he held until July of this year when he announced his retirement. Born in Ontario (Ottawa), he is married to Gwen who is also involved with numismatics in various ways.

In addition to the Foundation, Bill is also closely identified with the Canadian Paper Money Society. He served as CPMS Founding President from 1964 to 1969, the Editor of the CPMS Journal from 1970 to 1973, and was made their Honourary President in 1982. In 1972, he was Co-Chairman of the joint Canadian Paper Money Society-Canadian Numismatic Association Annual Convention in Toronto. In 1981, he served as General Chairman of the International Paper Money Congress & Exhibition (Interpam '81), the world's first international paper money convention and exhibition (23 countries were represented and 200 cases of paper money were exhibited). In 1977, he exhibited at First Canadian Place, Toronto, a total of 547 banknotes in 70 cases illustrating the paper money history of 448 banks in 58 countries. Several thousand people viewed the exhibit over a 30-day period. He also authored numerous articles and lectures on the history of Canadian and International banks and banknotes, exhibiting, care and preservation of paper artifacts, etc.

In 1990, he was instrumental in the formation of the Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society, and in 1992 became co-editor/publisher of the Society's annual journal, *The Picus*. He also serves them as their Executive Secretary and Treasurer, positions he has held since CMNS founding.

From 1974 until 1978, he served as the First Vice President of the International Banknote Society. He also served as President of Numismatic Network Canada (NNC) in 1997-1998. From 1989 to 1999, he ran the book business, Marlcourt Books, specializing in new and used books on numismatics, banking and financial history, worldwide.

He currently holds memberships in the ONA, CNA, CNRS, CPMS (Life Member) CTCCC, Chedoke Numismatic Society, Toronto Coin Club and North York Coin Club, as well as the following international organizations: ANA, ANS, International Banknote Society (Life Member), Royal Numismatic Society, Latin American Paper Money Society (Life Member), Numismatic Bibliomania Society and Numismatic Literary Guild.

Over the years, he has developed a major banknote collection and library of books about banks and banking on a Canadian and international basis, specializing in private and commercial banks. He is also interested in and collects ancient coins primarily those issued during the period from 100 BC to 100 AD, throughout the ancient world.

Bill was the recipient of numerous medals and awards for writing, exhibiting and other numismatic activity including, in 1974, the J. Douglas Ferguson gold medal, the highest award of the Canadian Numismatic Association. He was also the recipient of the 1993 ONA Award of Merit, the ONA's highest award.

He was employed with the Department of Finance of the Government of Canada in Ottawa from 1949-1955, the Bank of Nova Scotia at its Head Office in Toronto from 1955-1966, and in the financial and venture capital business since then. Served in the Royal Canadian Navy in WW II and has since traveled widely, to over 35 countries throughout the World.

With the retirement of McDonald, the Board announced the appointment of Geoffrey G. Bell of Moncton, N.B. as the new chairman. Geoff, a Past President of both the CNA and CPMS, is the recipient of the J. Douglas Ferguson gold medal and the Royal Canadian Mint medal for education in numismatics.

# CLUB SERVICES REPORT



## ANA'S "MONEY - HISTORY IN YOUR HANDS" VIDEO IS MUSIC TO PEARLMAN'S EARS

*The column "Money' is music to Pearlman's ears" first appeared in the Chicago Sun-Times. It is reprinted as a backgrounder on the video that is available from the ONA.*

Longtime Chicago broadcaster Donn Pearlman was happy to land mellifluous actor James Earl Jones as host and narrator of a television documentary about money. But what delighted Pearlman even more was getting Jones to utter the word "moolah."

"Money: History in Your Hands," a half-hour special on how famous people, places and events have been portrayed on money for nearly 3,000 years, debuts Jan. 3 on WTTW-Channel 11. It was written by Pearlman and produced by the non-profit American Numismatic Association and Professional Numismatists Guild.

"When I wrote the script, I wanted Mr. Jones to say 'moolah' because it's a word that just would sound wonderful with his voice," Pearlman said. "So the first few seconds of the program show a montage of different kinds of coins and paper money, while you hear him read a list of slang terms for money. The final word is 'moolah.' It's thrilling."

The show will be offered to public television stations nationwide. Pearlman, a Chicago native and international authority on rare coins, retired in 1996 after more than 25 years as a news anchor and reporter at WBBM-AM (780). He is senior vice president of Minkus & Dunne Communications, a public relations company.

*Money provides a unique and fascinating insight into art, culture, religion and politics. Join James Earl Jones as he guides you through a numismatic history lesson illustrating the coins and lives of Jesus and Julius Caesar, Alexander the Great & Abraham Lincoln, Hercules and Daniel Boone. The 31-minute video "Money: History in your Hands" is brought to you by the American Numismatic Association and the Professional Numismatists Guild and is available for loan to any ONA member or ONA member-club free of charge (the only cost is postage in both directions). The video can be ordered from the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library, Kenneth G. Koch, A/V Chairman, 219 Southwood Dr., Kitchener, Ont., N2E 2B2.*

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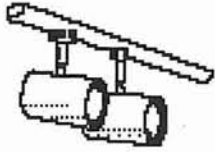


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The official seal may be used for any other purpose only with the specific approval of the ONA Executive Committee. Any use contrary to ONA policy constitutes copyright infringement.





# SPOTLIGHT ON WOODEN TOKENS

## THE ONA CONVENTION WOODS

The recent ONA Convention saw a number of new wooden nickels issued by ONA members. If you are interested in any of them, ask the issuers when you see them if they have any left.

The following 9 woods were issued by members of the ONA for the recent 1999 ONA Convention in Guelph. They were manufactured by Canada Wide Woods of Gadshill, Ont. The first design is the common obverse.



The following 6 woods were also issued by members of the ONA for the recent 1999 ONA Convention. They were manufactured by Norm Belsten of Downsview, Ont., on 38mm blanks. The first design is the common obverse.



Canada Wide Woods also released a wood with the obverse and reverse design combination shown at right.

## THE ONTARIO WOODS OF THE SPRING 1999 APNA CONVENTION

The recent Atlantic Provinces Numismatic Association Convention also saw 3 new issues from ONA members that traveled to the Maritimes to attend the Atlantic Provinces Wooden Nickel Association (APWNA) meeting held in conjunction with the APNA Convention. Since they were issued by ONA members residing in Ontario, we are also featuring them in the ONA Numismatist. The first illustration is the common obverse.

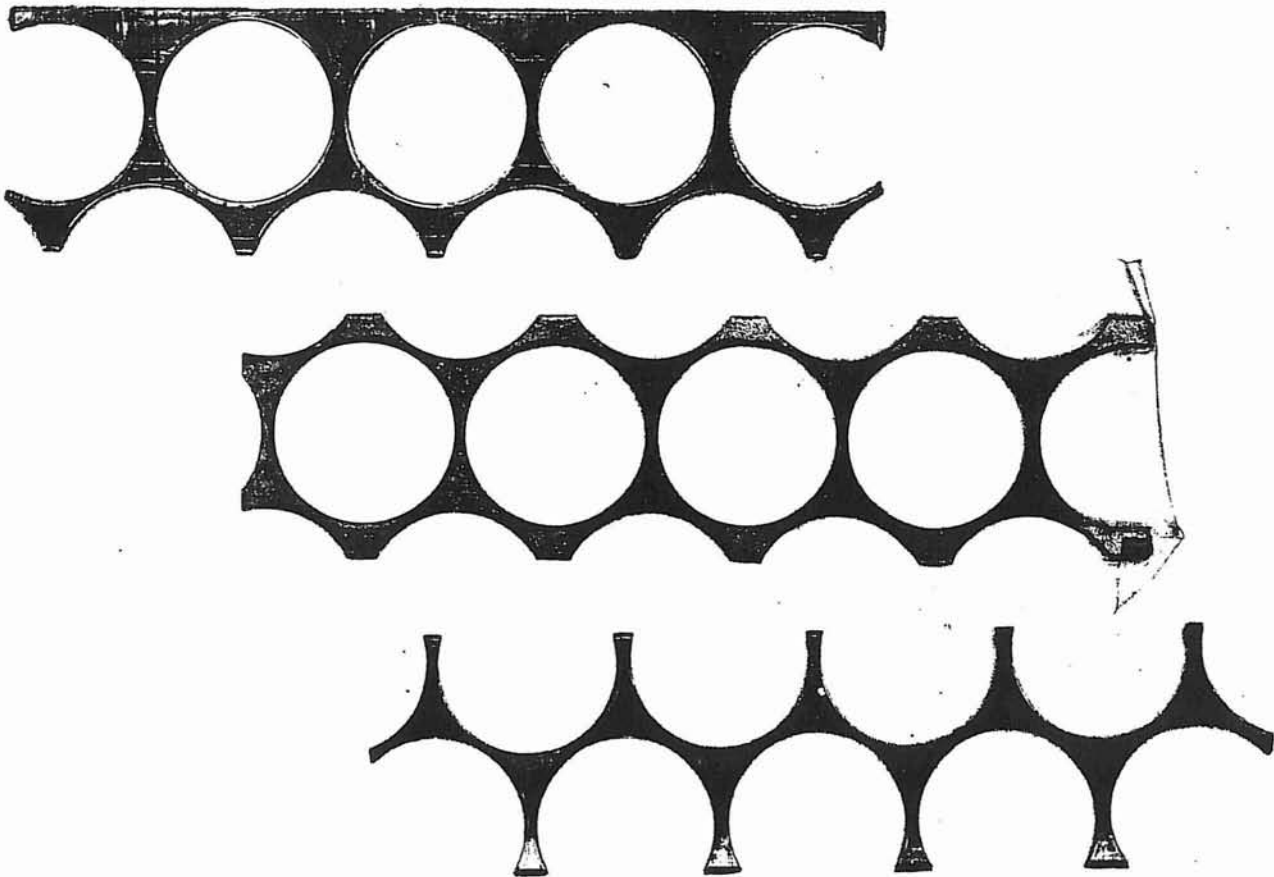


*Featuring news about the Royal Canadian Mint*

## HOBBY HAS CHRIS BOYER TO THANK FOR MAJOR NEW COLLECTIBLE FROM THE RCM



The people that registered at the recent CNA Convention in Kitchener found something in the main and young numismatist registration kits that, we are positive, they never expected to find. It was, to the uninitiated, a small, funny-looking piece of nickel about 4-1/2" x 1-1/4" in size, with round cut-outs. Depending on which registration kit you received, the piece could either have a flat edge, a virtually complete round portion, or 2 rows of half-circles, as illustrated below actual size.



The Mint calls it "scissel." Collectors call it "scrap" that is left over once the blanks are punched out. It is usually remelted. The only way that such pieces fell into collector's hands was through the back door. Now, some collectors have a piece of that formerly elusive "scrap" in their collection that came out the front door.

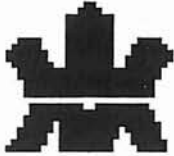
And we have our very own member, Chris Boyer, to thank for it. As General Chairman of the 1999 CNA Convention and as the committee's liaison to the RCM, he wanted something different in the registration kits. He recommended that the Mint should take the unheard of step of releasing "scrap" for inclusion in the main and young numismatist kits. It might have been scrap to the Mint, but as an error collector, Chris knew it was a very rare collectible.

The other person that we have to thank for following through with Chris' proposal is Pierre Morin. As the hobby's contact at the RCM, he could have vetoed the idea. He even arranged to encase each of the 400 pieces in plastic to minimize anyone getting injured by the sharp points.

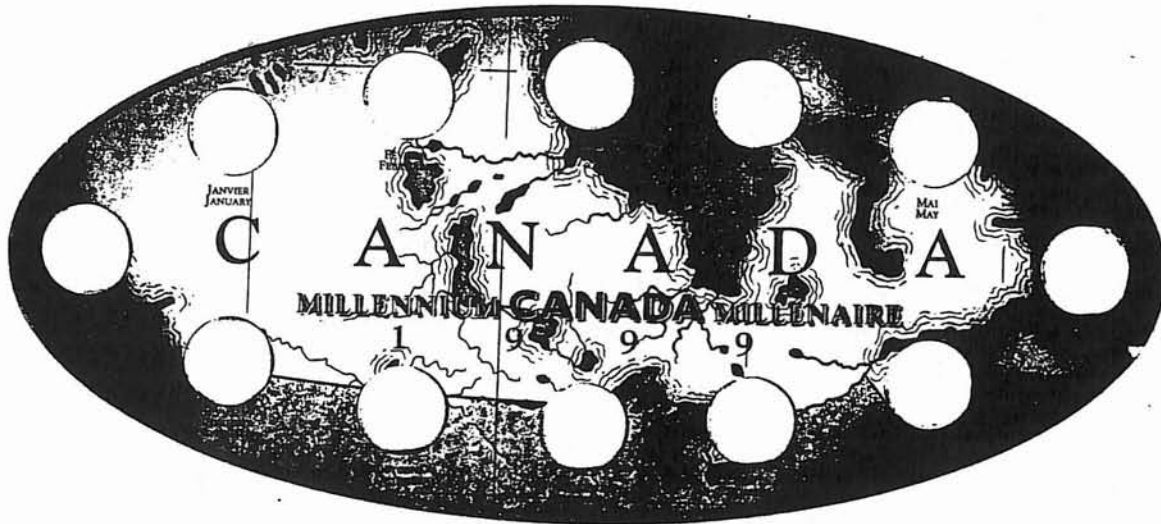
With the Mint issuing a test token, releasing blank planchets of a commemorative medal and now scissel, we wonder what is next? Will people start collecting varieties of scissel such as the above 3 pieces, just like they have begun collecting mint marks or different packaging that is issued for CNA Conventions?

# THE ROYAL CANADIAN MINT

*Featuring news from or about the Royal Canadian Mint*



## NO TRUTH TO RUMOR LOOK-ALIKE MILLENNIUM COIN HOLDER SUBJECT OF RCM LAWSUIT



The above illustrated map display board for the 1999 Millennium quarter series was distributed at the Registration/Daily Admission Table at the 1999 CNA Convention in Kitchener. It would appear no one thought much about it, other than to pick one up for free and take it with them. At first glance, it looks like the holders the Royal Canadian Mint is issuing with their \$24.95 uncirculated sets of twelve 25-cent pieces. However, it was apparently manufactured by a Montreal coin dealer.

When one compares it to the genuine product, however, you will note that the RCM commemorative medallion or any RCM logo is missing, the location of the Quarters are slightly different, the months of issue are included and the geographic names in the background are missing on the "counterfeit" ones.

Is the Royal Canadian Mint talking to their lawyers about a lawsuit against the Montreal supplier? We fully expected to get a "no comment" when we contacted an RCM representative because it is bound to be before the courts before too long. However, a telephone call to Pierre Morin, Communications Advisor, revealed that they are fully aware of the apparent attempt to duplicate their holders, but don't wait for a lawsuit.

"Imitation is one of the highest forms of flattery," stated Morin. He feels that the map is not only different, but is public domain since it is a map that was drawn up over 100 years ago.

Although it would not have been a big deal, we haven't had a scandal in this hobby for a long time now. The last one that came up a couple of years ago has not yet been reported in the numismatic press. And it definitely is before the courts. It is definitely BIG! Will you read about it through the pages of the ONA Numismatist first?

## OUNCE OF GOLD WON BY EIGHT-YEAR OLD COLLECTOR

At the request of Chris Boyer, General Chairman of the 1999 CNA Convention, the Royal Canadian Mint donated an ounce of gold for a contest. If anyone guessed the combination numbers on the safe that was placed in the bourse room, they would receive the prize valued at around \$400.00. People were asked to fill in ballot for a draw in case no one opened the safe.

Since no one was able to crack the safe's combination (8-19-63-95), a draw was held for the gold at the closing banquet. The winner was eight-year old Callum Butterworth of Waterloo. Congratulations, future ONA member!



## ONTARIO GRAPHIC STUDENT SELECTED FOR JUDGING OF 1999 CENTSATION 25¢ PROGRAM

*"Melissa Agostino's interest in visual arts dates back to her childhood. She has developed her artistic interest through art classes, competitions and extra-curricular activities, such as illustration and layout for the school newspaper. She has won several awards including Drafting, Junior Visual Arts, Senior Visual Arts, and Communications Technology. Currently in her third year of studies in visual arts at York University in Toronto, Ms. Agostino is studying design and printmaking. She has participated in three group exhibitions and held her first solo exhibition of print-related work in January of 1998."*

So reads her biography in the official RCM press release. What I noticed about the write-up was that it was somewhat dated (she has graduated from York University since it was posted) and the brief write-up hardly does her justice. They picked the things that she had accomplished mostly in high school, ignoring her many accomplishments since then. From a public relations point-of-view, it sounded impressive for the limited amount of space they gave each judge.

The Mint did not publish great detail about the background of the selection process and did not delve deeply into the background of coin designers...and certainly not into judges. This article is not intended to repeat the information that was published in the numismatic press or on the RCM's web site about the selection process, the submission criteria or the judging process. Rather, it highlights the only judge that was selected from Ontario, while also revealing facts that the Mint did not put into any press releases.

For example, no press release that was issued by the Royal Canadian Mint went into the reasons why she was the one chosen from all the residents in Ontario in the Centsation judging contest. Imagine her getting picked as the only one out of the millions and millions of Ontario residents. You get a pretty good idea that she must have been well-known, well-respected and very good at her art (no pun intended). Your Editor had the opportunity to conduct an extensive interview with her for this write-up. I made the decision to give her a major write-up once I found out about her extensive background and because this is probably the only numismatic publication that would take so much space to highlight a new numismatic personality from Ontario. Melissa's claim to numismatic fame came towards the end of September, 1998, when she was selected as a student juror for the Royal Canadian Mint's "Create a Centsation" Coin Design Competition. She was 1 of only 12 Art and Design students chosen from across Canada - the only one from Ontario - to assist the Royal Canadian Mint in selecting coin designs to mark the turn of the millennium.

### HER EARLY BACKGROUND

Melissa Agostino was born in Toronto on June 17, 1976. Her interest in visual arts began early in her life, as she began creating drawings and paintings in Kindergarten and continued throughout elementary school. Also during these years, Melissa traveled extensively with her family to various parts of the world including the U.S.A., Italy, Mexico, and Jamaica, allowing her to appreciate different cultures from around the world.

During high school at Michael Power/St. Joseph's in Etobicoke, Melissa further developed her artistic interest through art classes, competitions, and extra-curricular activities, such as illustration and layout for the school newspaper. Melissa was also the recipient of several awards including Drafting, Junior Visual Arts, Senior Visual Arts, and Communication Technology. She also participated in various school sports teams, including Basketball, Volleyball, and Field Hockey, where she was nominated Most Improved Player as well as Most Valuable Player.

It was also during her time at high school that Melissa had the opportunity to participate in a student exchange program, where she lived in Germany for three months. Other travel opportunities came when Melissa journeyed with her class to New York City and London, England on art excursions.

## HER COIN DESIGNS

In 1997, students enrolled in visual arts at York University were asked to design three coins as a school project. She selected "Accomplished Canadian Women Scientists" as her topic. We are pleased to publish her designs and the write-ups that accompanied her submission.

### HARRIET BROOKS (1876-1933) - Canada's First Woman Nuclear Scientist



Harriet Brooks was one of the leading women experimental physicists of her day and one of the first Canadian researchers in the field of radioactivity. She worked with Ernest Rutherford and Marie Curie (both internationally well-known for their contributions to nuclear physics), and her research was vitally important to the early study of radioactivity. Rutherford acknowledged her significant contributions and commented that, next to Curie, she was the best woman scientist in the field. However, Harriet Brooks's life and work have so far been ignored. By placing Brooks on the flip-side of the Canadian Dollar Coin, the opportunity exists for the Canadian general population to realize the contributions of women to the advancement of Nuclear Physics, nationally as well as internationally.

### ALICE WILSON (1881-1964) - Canada's First Woman Geologist



Alice Wilson was an extremely talented and inspiring woman in the field of geology. Wilson, whose professional life was a long struggle, a struggle against ill health (she suffered from anemia), a struggle for higher education, and finally a struggle for a deserving position within the Geological Survey of Canada. After abandoning the traditional route of study for young women, that of the study of the Classics, Wilson studied at the University of Toronto and became an underpaid technical worker at the Geological Survey. There, she showed a strong interest in field work of the relatively unexplored (up to that point) Ottawa-St. Lawrence Valley, where there existed a large number of fossils from the Ordovician era. The work in the Ottawa Valley, became Wilson's life work and passion. After decades of being refused to earn her

Ph.D. in geology, Wilson finally entered the University of Chicago at age 45. Receiving her Ph.D. in geology three years later, Wilson returned to the Survey and to her work in the Ottawa Valley. In 1938, Alice Wilson became the first woman fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

### HELEN SAWYER-HOGG (1905-1993)



Helen Sawyer-Hogg was probably the most inspirational women in recent scientific history. Sawyer-Hogg was a brilliant astronomer, an expert on variable stars in globular clusters, as well as a gifted educator at the University of Toronto, as well as an enthusiastic role model for other female astronomers. In addition to being dedicated to her scientific work and to her students, Sawyer-Hogg also found time to write a weekly column on astronomy, "With the Stars," in the Toronto Star for 30 years as well as publish books such as "The Stars Belong to Everyone" and countless scholarly papers. Throughout her life, Helen Sawyer-Hogg had won many national and international awards for her contributions to the field of astronomy including Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1946, the first woman in Physical

Sciences. In her honour asteroid 2917, discovered in 1980, was renamed Asteroid Sawyer-Hogg. In addition, the University of Toronto dedicated their principal telescope housed in their Southern Observatory in Chile to Sawyer-Hogg.

## HER SCHOLARSHIPS

After graduating from high school, Melissa enrolled in Visual Arts at York University in Toronto on a Benjamin Moore Entrance Scholarship and a Fine Arts Talent Award. After graduating from the program, Melissa received a Specialized Honours Bachelor, in which she focused her studies in Visual Communication Design and Printmaking. She also received a Jack Bush Scholarship for Design and Printmaking Achievement, a York University Continuing Student Scholarship for Academic Achievement, a Benjamin Moore Community Entrance Scholarship and a Kondor Fine Arts Scholarship for excellence in Printmaking.

## HER AWARDS

During her four years at York University, Melissa has been on the Dean of Fine Arts Honour Roll and has been the recipient of numerous awards: the Jack Bush Award for Design and Printmaking Achievement, the Rosanna DeBenedictis Memorial Award for Design and Multimedia achievement (both awarded for two consecutive years), and the Carl Dair Memorial Award for accomplishments in Design, Printmaking, and Painting. In the Poieses Art Competition held annually at York University, Melissa was awarded First Prize in the Design Category for two consecutive years, as well as First and Second Prize in the Interdisciplinary Category. She has also participated in four design group exhibitions, as well as in three printmaking group exhibitions. In addition, Melissa has also had two solo exhibitions in printmaking.

## HER VOLUNTEER WORK

Melissa volunteered her time at the Art Gallery of York University, where she updated and maintained their web site, and was a Network Advisor for first-year computer students at York. She also served on several York University student-faculty committees representing all undergraduate Visual Arts students. At CHRY, York University Radio Station, she produced her own radio segment focusing on local alternative publications. During her last two years of studies at York (1997-1999), Melissa was also a Printmaking Studio Monitor, responsible for supervising the studio after hours for safety and security, and assisting students.

Outside of the University, Melissa has volunteered her time at the Design Exchange in Toronto, and is also a Student Member of both the Association of Registered Graphic Designers of Ontario and the Advertising & Design Club of Canada.

## HER EXHIBITIONS

She participated in a number of exhibitions while at York University. The IDA Gallery featured her work in a number of group exhibitions. Her solo exhibitions include "Inspace" at the Arthur Haberman Gallery and "Convergence" at the Samuel J. Zacks Gallery. She also participated in a York University Graduate Design exhibition at the Design Exchange.

## HER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

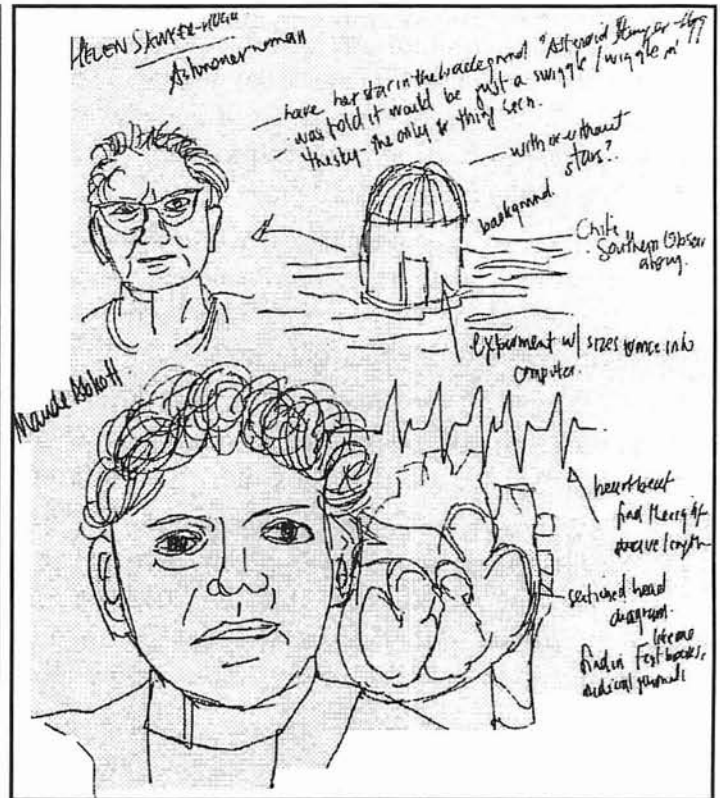
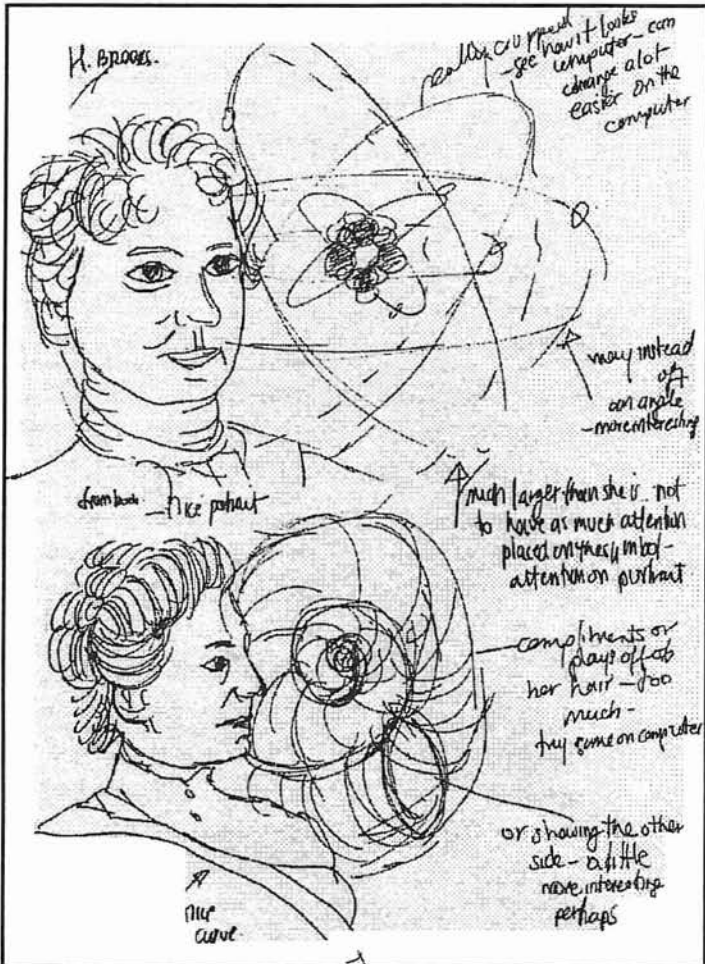
Melissa graduated recently from York University as a Bachelor of Fine Arts, Specialized Honours - Concentrating in Visual Communication Design including multimedia, web site architecture and print-oriented communications, and Printmaking.

In her final year at York, she was employed by Apple Canada Inc. as the York University Campus Marketing Representative, in which she organized on-campus promotional activities and product demonstrations of current and emerging Apple technology. In the Department of Visual Arts at York University, she created advertisements that appeared in a number of Canadian contemporary art magazines. At KidsNRG, she created web sites for clients such as Air Canada and the CRB Foundation. She created and implemented a corporate identity and all standard print-oriented applications for York Public Buyers Co-operative. Her experience in printmaking includes intaglio, screenprinting, lithography, and relief printing processes, including use of the process camera and photo-based techniques. She has recently been hired full-time by Concrete Design Communications in Toronto, where she is employed as a Graphic Designer.



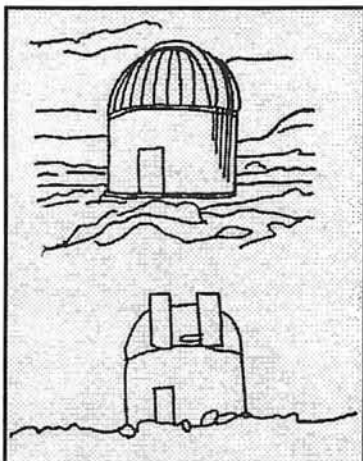
HER NUMISMATIC ARTWORK

Prior to creating her finished artwork of the 3 coins for her 1997 school project, Melissa created some drafts which she decided to keep in her scrap book. We are pleased to reproduce them below.



Above sketch shows Helen Sawyer-Hogg (astronomer). Melissa's original sketch is 11" wide x 17" high. Note the very rough sketch of the observatory which she redrew in greater detail (see below, left).

Above sketch shows Harriet Brooks (Nuclear Scientist) on top and Alice Wilson (Geologist) on bottom. Melissa's original sketch is 11" wide x 17" high.



Detailed designs of the Observatory for the Sawyer-Hogg coin. The top drawing was used on the coin. Melissa's original sketch is 3-1/2" wide x 5" high.



Melissa's design of the common obverse of her 3 coins. Note addition of the maple leaf.

# THE ROYAL CANADIAN MINT - CONTINUED

## THE CONTEST:

One of the most impressive marketing plans to ever come out of the Mint was the program to have Canadians residents participate in the designing of the twelve 25-cent pieces that would be issued in 1999, as well as a further 12 pieces for the year 2000. A phenomenal 51,000 entries were submitted from across Canada for judging by a panel of art students selected by the Royal Canadian Mint. Participants came from every corner of the country and varied in age from 1 to 94. The student judges, I was told, were dazzled by the impressive response from Canadians and were equally wowed by the quality of the designs. Many entries included elaborate descriptions of pride and love for our land, our people, and our stories. It must have been a fantastic challenge to make a selection!

No cash award would be paid for the designs selected. Because so many great moments in history have been commemorated on coins, no doubt people were inspired to leave their own mark in history. Winners of the "Create a Centsation!" contest will see their designs as well as their initials struck onto the Millennium Coins. They would also be invited to participate in the public launch ceremonies.

The 12 designs for 1999 would look back in Canada's history and commemorate the past 1000 years, while the 12 designs that will be selected for the year 2000 series will celebrate the future, for example exploration, science, communications, culture, how will we work, play, think and live over the next millennium.

The 1999 series coin contest began on April 27, 1998 and closed at midnight on August 31, 1998. The 2000 series coin contest began on April 27, 1998 and closed at midnight on June 30, 1999. If you did not submit a design yet, you are too late! Although the original press release indicated that winners would be announced when the coin with their winning design is issued into circulation, all 1999 designs and winning designers are known because the RCM has issued the 1999 series of 12 coins in a mounted collector's edition.

The Royal Canadian Mint was very detailed in letting the public know what was required. For example, submissions made via the Internet must contain the image in a square of 500 pixels by 500 pixels in a GIF file, preferably of 256 gray levels or greyscale. Individuals could enter as many designs as one cared to submit, and all designs could be sent in one envelope. Entries were to be designed in 20 cm diameter circles on a white sheet of paper, in black ink or black pencil, with a brief explanation of the design (unlike submissions by commercial artists in other years, the names of the designers were visible on the back of each entry where the explanations of the design were pasted). For at least the 1999 series, the word "CANADA" and the month and year of the coin ("JANUARY 1999 FANVIER") will appear on the side with the new designs ("25 cents" would appear on the obverse). The winner's initials would be included on all 24 Millennium coins.

Research indicated that the majority of Canadians believe the turn of the millennium is a significant event in our history and that it should be marked in a special way. As well, Canadians favour events and activities that are participatory and inclusive. The Royal Canadian Mint is in a unique position to provide a lasting legacy of this important time of passage, and to include Canadians of all ages and of all regions in its plans. The Mint's coin design contest was an opportunity for all Canadians to participate in what will truly be a world celebration.

Isn't the Royal Canadian Mint celebrating the new millennium in the wrong year? Toronto's Humber College has sponsored an interesting Web site called "Talk 2000." Here's an excerpt that describes what the fuss is all about:



"A National of People"  
designed by Maria  
Sarkany of Burlington

"Our calendar started with the year one (1) and therefore every decade and century must start with a one, i.e. 1981, 1991, 2001. This little quirk in our calendar seems to have stemmed from the math of Dionysius Exiguus, the sixth century abbot of a Roman monastery. To settle the longstanding discussions on the proper day for Easter, he worked for months in Roman numerals to calculate a new basis for the church's calendar. He arbitrarily named Anno Domini, the birth "Year of Our Lord," as 1 A.D. rather than A.D. 0. Remember, there was no zero in Roman numerals." Despite this clear case of millennial math, millions will relish the magical moment on New Year's 1999.



"Our Northern Heritage"  
came from an idea sub-  
mitted by Emmanuoi  
Kats of Toronto

## THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

In September 1998, a panel of 12 post-secondary art and design students from across the country faced the challenge of selecting the winners for the 1999 series. Although your Editor is committed to publish news about Ontario, we thought we would provide just a bit of background on the balance of the selection panel.

**Daniel Thomas Fisher** - became interested in art observing the work of his father, a self-taught artist. Mr. Fisher began painting three years ago and is currently pursuing his bachelor of Fine Arts in Indian Fine Arts at the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College at the University of Regina. He would eventually like to train at the Emily Carr Art School in British Columbia.

**David Floren** - earned an English degree from the University of Victoria. He is currently studying studio-art at the University of British Columbia. From 1992 to 1994, Mr. Floren taught English in Oita-Shi, Japan, where he also studied Shodô (Japanese Calligraphy). Since his return, he has participated in several exhibitions. His area of study include photography, intaglio press and printed media.

**Caroline Gilbert** - has earned a college degree in Social Studies and also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Public Communications. She is currently enrolled in the Graphic Design Program at l'Université Laval, Quebec. In the past, Ms. Gilbert has held a variety of positions in the arts sector, from multimedia designer and director, graphic designer, computer graphics designer to production coordinator of a magazine.

**Colette Glazebrook** - is a third-year student in the Design Program at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, majoring in Digital Communication. She obtained a diploma in Business Administration from the Halifax Business Academy in 1988. Ms. Glazebrook has held a variety of technical positions as a Visual Communications Specialist, Copywriter/Freelance Designer and Information Systems Operator.

**Jan Noestheden** - is a fourth-year student in the Bachelor of Fine Arts Program at the University of Regina. He has displayed his work in two solo exhibitions and has also participated in five selected group exhibitions.

**Richard Haines** - holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Sir Wilfred Grenfell College School of Fine Arts, specializing in photography and painting. He has worked at the school in both the Sculptural and Theatre Departments, as well as in the Audio Visual Department at the University of Prince Edward Island.

**Tanja Harrison** - studied Fine Arts and majored in Jewellery and Metals at the Alberta College of Art and Design in Calgary. In 1996, she was elected Vice-President Internal of the Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association. Ms. Harrison was also named to the President's Honour Roll and was awarded the Charles S. Noble Student Leadership Award in 1997. Her metal work focuses on the design and creation of both original and small production art-jewellery in precious and non-precious metals.

**Terrence Howell** - is currently enrolled in the Visual Arts Program at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, where he is focusing on photography, sculpture and painting including printmaking. The school has bestowed on him the Poole Scholarship in printmaking, the Franklyn Book Prize for overall achievement in fourth-year studies and was a finalist in a commission competition for the new Forest Centre in Corner Brook, Newfoundland. Mr. Howell is also a musician and frequently incorporates music into sculptural pieces to create interactive works.

**Masquel Lasserre** - is pursuing his studies in Fine Arts at Mount Allison University. At the age of 14, he completed his first publication in association with the American Forestry Service (95 illustrations in a botanical field guide). His other interests include outdoor education, rock climbing, rugby, writing, and music.

**Corinne McNab** - is a student at the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College at the University of Regina and will graduate in the fall of 1999 with a Bachelor of Administration. She combined her minor in Indian Art with her Administration degree to allow her, in the future, to open and administer her own Indian Arts and Crafts Shop in Regina - a place for aboriginal people to display their art.

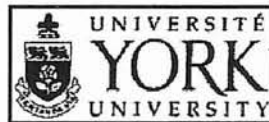
**Dominique Rey** - is a third-year student in the Bachelor of Fine Arts Program at the University of Manitoba. She has received a variety of bursaries and scholarships including the Lynn Sissons Memorial Scholarship and Award for best water colour. In 1997 and 1998, Ms. Rey exhibited her work in four shows, one of which was a solo effort. Her main interests are painting, photography, sculpture, drawing and commercial drafting.

## THE SELECTION OF JUDGES

The Royal Canadian Mint approached the Canada Council for the Arts to secure a list of recommended post-secondary art schools from across Canada. From the recommended list, the Mint contacted the Deans of the school and asked them to determine their own method of selecting a deserving student who would be honoured with the task of judging the 1999 coin designs. In Ontario, the leader in the art programs is definitely York University.

Why were art students selected? Why not just the same commercial artists and other designers that have made successful submissions to the Royal Canadian Mint over the years? The Mint spokespeople say: "We're celebrating a new millennium. We thought a panel of Canadian youth would be most appropriate given the theme of the contest. We felt art and design students would make perfect candidates because they are trained to see how an idea can be developed visually."

One of the questions I asked Melissa is this: How did Melissa Agostino get chosen by York University? It can best be answered by publishing a release dated March 26, 1998, from no less than the Chair of the Department of Design, York University:



"For the past ten years, the Design Area at York University routinely assigns problems which deal with coin and/or stamp design. At a recent Design Area meeting, with all faculty present, we reviewed the names of current students who best demonstrated a capacity and understanding to the problems and processes involved in the design of commemorative coins. It was unanimous decision of the faculty that Melissa is the best qualified to address the issues involved. In addition, we thought that Melissa's abilities to articulate positions, communicate concepts clearly, and participate in a team decision were other valuable attributes which would represent the design program at York University and the challenges of the competition extremely well."

Professor Don Newgren  
Chair, Department of Design, York University

Other judges were not quite as fortunate as Melissa. They had to write essays and be in competition with other students at their Universities.

Eventually, 13 judges were selected. However, in the final judging only 12 participated because one of them could not make it for personal reasons.

Melissa was asked to contact Louise De Jourdan, Director of the Millennium Project, who was charged with the responsibility to get the judged selected. The judges also met the Honourable Alfonso Gagliano, Minister of Public Works and Government Services and Minister responsible for the Royal Canadian Mint, as well as Mrs. Danielle Wetherup (President, RCM), Marie Lugli (Director of Communications for the Millennium Project), Sheldon Beveridge (Master Engraver, RCM), Pierre Morin (Communications Advisor, RCM) and Vanessa Germain (Groupe BCP Promotion Inc.).

They got to tour the Mint. The special tour on the production floor with the full security that it entails. They even got to operate the press to strike one of the Hockey coins, but they did not get to keep it. I guess it would throw the count out at day's end. A photo opportunity had them all posing with the largest pile of gold bars they could find at the Mint. They also toured the National Gallery.

## THE WINNING DESIGNS



I noticed a certain trend in the designs that were selected. I saw a lot of early Canada dealing with Eskimos and Indians, a lot of common themes such as "Edges in Stone," "Our Northern Heritage," "A Tribute to First Nations," and "The Nation of People." This is too coincidental. Surely they didn't look at

51,000 submissions and this group of 12 people came up with such a small quantity of designs that just happened to have a common theme about it for the most part! I had the feeling that they were told what to look for.

I asked Melissa what guidelines were given to the judging and she said that the criteria was that "they must meet the Royal Canadian Mint's contest objectives of reflecting an important event, discovery or achievement that has captured the essence of Canada's past 1000 years. The designs may describe Canada's culture and history, its stories of exploration and adventure, or its discoveries in science and technology." Well, that sure didn't tie their hands as to designs.

Was the decision of the judges final? The Mint issued a statement on this point: "The Mint will review their recommendations and call on experts on the themes of the coin designs to comment on the accuracy of the renderings. Mint engravers will adjust the designs as required. The Minister of Public Works and Government Services will then forward an official submission to the Government of Canada recommending that the designs be approved." We know that the Cabinet must approve coin designs. If the employees of the Mint do not have the authority to choose designs, it is understandable that 12 outsiders cannot be given that authority either.

What about the unfathomable chore of having the student judges reviewing all 51,000 entries? They had some help. Mint staff grouped the designs into popular themes based on visual and written concepts. The designs were then examined. Those that they were pretty sure would be rejected were placed into boxes by subject matter, for example, "Titanic," "Avro Arrow," "Transportation," "National Resources," "Transcontinental Railroad," "National Identity," "Kids," "Native Art," "Inventions," "Sports," "Nature" or drawings that you could not make out. They made all the boxes available to the judges in case they found something that hit them the right way. In order to facilitate the role of the judges, it was the Mint's intention to have them examine a selection of 500 designs. I hear that it was actually closer to 1,200 designs that the judges had to go through because there were so many potentially good designs submitted. I saw photographs of the walls of submissions. It was overwhelming. They had 4 days to whittle it down to about 50...not the final 12 designs.

The judges placed a "stick it" note on a design that they liked. If other judges liked the same one, they would place a check mark on the note. When they were done, they deliberated for a while until they reached a consensus of what they felt were the best ones. They were then mounted on smaller boards in the order they were picked by the judges. Five designs were unanimously selected. Originally, the Mint wanted the judges to pick 36 designs, but the judges went over...to around 50.

The final selection was left to employees of the Mint because they had to consider other factors: copyright problems (if the design contained a copyright image), historical accuracy (proof that an event actually took place the way it was being portrayed) or technical considerations (such as considerations for the flow of metal - opposing forces during striking of the blanks would result in premature die replacement due to uneven pressure, or die cracks that would also make the working die unusable after a low number of strikings).

When professional artists make submissions to the RCM, the artist's name is not revealed to the judges. During the Centsation judging, if a student judge wanted to read about the submitter's explanation of their submission, they would see the designer's name. Even the ones that were not that well drawn made it past the cut because some of them were so interesting in the explanation. I don't believe that too many commercial designers made submissions for the Millennium Coin Program. Imagine getting beat out by a bunch of amateurs! Since the idea itself was more important than the quality of the drawing, that was very likely.

The favourite among the judges? The September coin "Canada Through a Child's Eye," featuring 3 children. The drawing had a lot of checkmarks on it! The August design, "The Pioneer Spirit," hit the judges the right way, because it has a woman on top of the hay wagon that highlighted the fact that women were very much part of the opening of the Canadian Frontier.

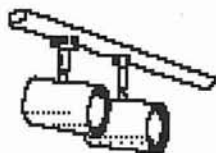
The judges must have thought it was a lot of fun, because they offered their services for the judging of the Year 2000 coin designs. The Mint said no thanks! How much did the Mint pay the judges for the week other than transportation to Ottawa, hotel accommodation at the Chateau Laurier, dinner in the Parliament Building and all their other meals? The same amount the designers received. Zero! Zilch! But I bet it will look good on the resume of the 12 art students. Melissa, because of the ONA Numismatist (thanks to her hailing from Ontario), will also have this bulletin in her scrapbook as part of her "accomplishments!"



# S P O T L I G H T O N S I L V E R

## SILVER AND COINAGE

by *The Silver Institute, Washington, D.C.*



*Demand for silver is built on three main pillars: industrial and decorative uses, photography and jewellery & silverware. Together, these three categories represent more than 95 percent of annual silver consumption. Silver has a number of unique properties including its strength, malleability and ductility, its electrical and thermal conductivity, its sensitivity to and high reflectance of light and the ability to endure extreme temperature ranges. Silver's unique properties restrict its substitution in most applications.*

Silver, being a rare and noble metal, was a more desirable medium of exchange than beads, feathers, shells, and the like. Its use as a medium of exchange is known throughout all recorded history. Coins, in the sense of having an authenticating stamp on them, began to appear in the eastern Mediterranean during 550 B.C. By 269 B.C., Rome adopted silver as part of its standard coinage. Silver became the trading medium for merchants throughout the civilized world (gold being reserved for governments and the wealthy). Today, silver coins continue to be the medium of exchange wherever paper is not acceptable, for example, in parts of Africa and the Middle East. One example of a trade coin is the Empress Maria Theresa Taler, first minted in Austria in 1741. It was standardized in 1780 as 28 grams and 833/1000 silver (the remainder copper). Over 370 million of these 1780 dated coins have been minted and a large proportion remain in circulation today.

Until the late 19th century, most nations were on a silver standard with silver coins forming the main circulating currency - silver being in greater supply and of less value than gold, thus being more practical for everyday payments. As gold became more plentiful, however, silver was slowly replaced although it is still used in some circulating coins as well as in bullion coins for investors.

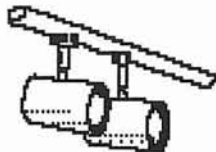
In the U.S. and Canada, silver is used only in bullion, commemorative and proof coins. Mexico is the only country currently using silver in its circulating coinage. During the past decade, the United States, Canada and Mexico began issuing pure silver bullion coins with nominal face values sold at a small premium over their bullion value (not their face value).

In 1982, Mexico began minting a 999-fine (99.9% pure) silver Libertad ranging in weight from 1/20 oz. to 5 ounces; over 16 million coins have been sold. The U.S. Mint issues a 999-fine Silver Eagle (a one ounce bullion coin with a face value of \$1) bullion coin; over 76 million have been sold since 1986. The Royal Canadian Mint issues a 5 dollar .9999-fine silver bullion coin, the silver Maple Leaf; over 9.8 million have been sold since 1986. Australia has issued a 5-dollar, 1 ounce .999 fine silver bullion coin, the Kookaburra; over 6 million have been sold since 1990.

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# S P O T L I G H T O N G O L D

by *Reuters International*



BEIJING - Chinese artists in the southern boomtown of Shenzhen have combined their love of all that glitters with pious devotion to craft the world's largest gold-plated Buddha icon, state media reported.

The 3.8-metre (12.5-ft) statue of Kuan Yin, the Buddhist goddess of mercy, required more than 100 kg (220 lb) of gold and took a team of artists more than two years to complete, the official Xinhua news agency said. It was confirmed as the largest Buddhist statue of its kind by the Shanghai office of the Guinness Book of World Records, Xinhua added.

In addition to the gold, the glittering Buddha boasts 120 carats of diamonds, 100 kg of jadeite and thousands of precious stones. It is on display in the southern island province of Hainan.

# THE NATIONAL SCENE

*A look at what is happening beyond Ontario's border*



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I don't think anyone will ever realize how much time and effort Paul Johnson has put into the planning, creation and execution of the course. He brought it from concept to fruition, from draft to completion. Paul Johnson, ONA Life Member #82 and the ONA's Head Judge, had help from other ONA members: Paul Petch, Yvon Marquis and Brian Cornwell. Member Serge Pelletier did the design and layout. These members of the committee as well as a number of non-members are to be congratulated for the fantastic job they did, and to the CNA for having the vision to allow them to undertake such a huge venture.

From the hard work and small beginnings came a press-run which was expected to last a lifetime. I recall Paul's committee and the CNA Executive debating how few books they should print up. The conclusion they reached was to agree to a rather optimistic quantity of 500. After just over 2 years, a second press run of 500 copies was not only necessary, but is virtually sold out.

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# THE NATIONAL SCENE

*A look at what happened at the CNA's Annual Convention*



## ATTENDEES UNDECIDED ON WHAT WAS CNA CONVENTION HIGHLIGHT

Although your Editor's work schedule made it impossible to attend all the functions, a survey at the Post-Banquet Reception on Saturday evening, when everything had already taken place with the exception of the CAWMC Breakfast meeting and the Incoming CNA Executive meeting, made one thing perfectly clear: registrants could not make up their mind which event they enjoyed the most. Instead, they placed a number of events on their list of favorites. What that translates to is the fact that people enjoyed a number of activities, a compliment to the Convention Committee's planning.

**THE ROYAL CANADIAN MINT OKTOBERFEST FESTIVITIES** - Although the RCM-sponsored Reception at CNA Conventions is usually well-planned and well-attended, the RCM seems to have outdone itself this year! No one could have anticipated the event would be such a huge hit. The Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest Committee was there in full Bavarian dress. Men in Lederhosen, ladies in typical Bavarian dress. The dance group entertained us with traditional Bavarian dances, accompanied by German umpapa music. And speaking of umpapa music, the band entertained throughout the evening.

If you missed the food, you don't know what you missed. The wiener schnitzel was excellent. The pork hocks were a big hit. When have you heard people rave about the sauerkraut? It was everything you would expect in the heart of Oktoberfest country! The people who came back for seconds...or thirds...had to wait for the catering staff to bring out more food. Fortunately, they could eat desert while waiting.

**BOURSE** - It is not that often that the dealers are praised at a convention. However, a number of collectors had nothing but good things to say about the tremendous variety of material that was present on the bourse floor. Dealers did brisk business because of the variety of material.

**NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS** - The best that has been seen in Ontario since 1981! The Bureau of Engraving and Printing's Billion Dollar Exhibit was a phenomenal success. The gold exhibit, by Lionel Conn of Calgary, Alta., also drew positive comments. The reminiscence of the late Jack Veffer, by Earl Salterio of Calgary, Alta., touched a number of people who knew Jack. The Bank of Canada did their usual good job of bringing an exhibit along.

**COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS** - As Tim Henderson, CNA Head Judge said at the banquet, this was the first year in a decade that he could recall having exhibits in both the Junior as well as Juvenile competitive categories. Chris Boyer is to be congratulated for cultivating the students from area schools.

**EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS** - Between all the educational programs organized by Paul Johnson, Chairman of the CNA Education Committee as well as Chris Boyer and Stephen Taylor, people had a lot to choose from.

**SPOUSAL ACTIVITIES** - A tour of the Waterloo Farmer's Market, the Canadian Clay and Glass Museum and a Fifties Streamliner train ride to the tourist village of St. Jacob's for shopping, was well-received.

The spousal craft session, consisting of Amish quilting and Amish walnut shell decorating, ably run by Mrs. Aloma Blaylock of North Ogden, Utah, was also enjoyed by participants.

**BANQUET** - A lot always goes on at the CNA Banquet: a full-course meal, the numerous awards presentations, the fun and fellowship

**REGISTRATION KITS** - The big hit of the registration kits had to be the scissile (see separate article) from the Royal Canadian Mint. A few new books were included in the spousal registration kits. The YN's received a few goodies from the Royal Canadian Mint.

**MEETINGS** - In addition to the CNA's own meetings, every specialty group that matters held a meeting in conjunction with the convention. Most were very well attended.

# THE NATIONAL SCENE

*A look at what is happening beyond Ontario's border*



## WHICH SPECIALTY GROUPS HAVE BEST BULLETIN?

As part of my responsibility to ONA members, I thought I would review each national organization's bulletin and advise readers which organization I thought would be worth joining if they were not already a member. Included in my review of each organization would be the quality of their bulletins and their membership fee. Taken into account were CATC, CAWMC, CPMS, CTCCC and CMNS (although the latter is more of an international organization with Canadian headquarters and a lot of Canadians in key Executive positions, including their editors and president).

After rather thorough research, including the reading of a lot of bulletins, and discussions with numerous collectors, I have come to the following conclusion, which I would like to share with you without prejudice, as they say.

Membership in the Canadian Association of Token Collectors includes a rather thick monthly bulletin. In it you will find out all the new issues of every description of tokens imaginable, as well as articles on older issues. Transportation tokens, parking tokens, arcade tokens....the list is virtually endless.



Membership in the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors includes a much thinner bulletin, dealing mainly with new issues. Their unique feature is that each monthly bulletin includes a wooden nickel donated by a member or issuing organization. They are the only organization that does give away to members the product they promote (I wish they all would do that, but some might go broke in the process).



Membership in the Canadian Paper Money Society includes their quarterly bulletins of around 52 pages and their annual journal of 50 to 60 pages. Their in-depth research is interesting to even the fringe collector of paper money. They cover early private bank issues and all the variations of modern notes, such as serial number variations, errors, signatures, etc.



Membership in the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club includes in-depth studies of new issues, new discoveries, serial numbers, printing varieties, other collectibles issued by CTC such as trucks and T-shirts.



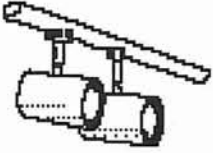
Membership in the CMNS Association gives you more to read than any of the other organizations. If CAWMC is considered a light-hearted read and CPMS is considered a medium read, CMNS must be considered a heavy read. Their articles deal heavily in the history of the ancient world and as such is highly educational. If CAWMC has the down-to-earth stories and CTCCC has the best modern research, CMNS has the most scholarly articles...and writers. A very heavy read, but the amount of material you get means that there is something for everyone. The booklets, the quarterly works of art make it an outstanding value for even those that do not collect ancient coins but are interested in learning more about the ancient rulers (after all, isn't that where the root of the word "numismatics" came from?).



Membership in the Canadian Numismatic Association, our national all-encompassing numismatic association, is in a category on its own. It is the truly national organization that encompasses all Canadian numismatic interests and for that reason alone should be supported by everyone. After all, a stronger national organization means a stronger voice...with the Royal Canadian Mint, with the non-numismatic hobby, with government agencies.



Conclusion: They all merit consideration! You do not have to collect each specialty group's material to want to join. Rather, their bulletins make a very interesting read. Consider joining for both education and entertainment even though you do not actively collect the specialty group's material.



# SPOTLIGHT ON DIGITAL CASH

## THE FUTURE: ELECTRONIC MONEY

*By Brad Puffer - Copied from NOVA Online: [www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/moolah/digitalcash](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/moolah/digitalcash)*

**“Digital cash in the form of bits and bytes will most likely become an important new currency of the future.”**

In the last few years, scores of companies have been formed, sporting appropriately cyber-sounding names, all aiming to be a part of the future of money. Some use the internet to facilitate secure transactions through credit card sales. Others, through complex algorithms, convert your bank dollars to digital code - complete with your digital signature - which can be sent to online vendors. Still others are setting up independent systems of electronic money which use their own network of vendors and users.

### **What is digital money, and where is it taking us?**

Digital cash acts much like real cash, except that it's not on paper. Money in your bank account is converted to a digital code, stored on a microchip, a pocket card, or on the hard drive of your computer, and can be used for anonymous transactions by any vendor who accepts it. Your special bank account code can be used over the internet to purchase a new CD, or can be presented in card form at the local supermarket for food. Everybody involved in the transaction, from the bank to the user to the vendor, all agree to recognize its worth, and thus create this new form of exchange.

The internet may be the natural environment in which digital cash will flourish. In fact, if the internet is to continue to grow, many experts argue that it must become commercial. But fears that credit card numbers and other personal information could be snatched away by a clever hacker make many users apprehensive about buying goods over the internet.

To bring consumers to the internet, many corporations have rushed into developing new technologies to create secure and efficient transactions over the World Wide Web. Many of the new technologies depend on systems, like credit card purchases, that are already familiar to users. By pre-registering your credit card numbers in a secure computer, users can send a special code over the internet to authorize use of your number. The card number itself never travels over the internet and you even receive an e-mail confirming your purchase. Another system uses a complex encryption method so that if someone did manage to steal your number, the number would be completely useless to them. These forms of electronic transactions are the first, and most familiar step, for commercializing the web and beginning the process of electronic monetary exchange.

But the use of digital cash, though convenient, may bring with it complex problems. Because digital money is anonymous, criminals could use untraceable digital money to evade taxes or launder money. Money could flow instantly between countries without being traced. Computer hackers could break into digital cash systems and instantly download the wealth of thousands of customers.

The potential problems go beyond those posed by anonymity. If your hard drive crashes, would you lose not only a hard drive and valuable information, but all of your digital cash as well? Could digital cash wreak havoc on traditional bank and government-controlled monetary systems? Would large private companies take power away from traditional banks by controlling and regulating large holdings of digital cash? And will digital cash be available to those who cannot afford personal computers?

Along with potential problems, digital cash brings with it clear advantages over traditional money. For the user, electronic money is precise, simple and convenient. For banks, it could mean the elimination of thousands of paper transactions and, in turn, the reduction in user fees. For corporations, it could mean the ability to circumvent banks entirely to create direct company to company transfers. Most experts believe that the use of the internet for electronic transactions and the use of digital cash will rapidly increase over the next 10 to 20 years, but it won't replace the real cash you can crinkle in your hand any time soon.

# STATISTICALLY SPEAKING



## TWELVE PAST CNA PRESIDENTS HAIL FROM ONTARIO; EIGHT RECEIVED ONA'S HIGHEST HONOUR

In a bit of statistical trivia, a review of the 23 Past Presidents of the CNA reveals the following:

The CNA was established in 1950. There are 23 CNA Past Presidents. Each one has stood for election once, for a two-year term, although there is nothing in the CNA's Constitution and By-Laws that would prevent someone from running for either a consecutive term or another term down the road.

Out of the 23 Past Presidents, 12 lived in Ontario (Sheldon S. Carroll, Vincent Greene, John Wilkinson, E. Victor Snell, Louise Graham, Alex Munro, James E. Charlton, Jack Veffer, John Regitko, Stan Clute, Al Bliman and Marvin Kay). Stan Clute, who lived in Ontario for most of his life, chose the peace and quiet of Alberta to earn his livelihood.

Out of the 12 that are from Ontario, 8 won the ONA's highest award, the ONA Award of Merit (Sheldon S. Carroll, John Wilkinson, Victor Snell, Louise Graham, James E. Charlton, John Regitko, Al Bliman and Marvin Kay).

Out of all the CNA Past Presidents, Ontario holds the record for the longest unbroken string of having their residents elected President, namely from 1973 to 1983 (Louise Graham, Alex Munro, James Charlton, Jack Veffer and John Regitko).

It is interesting to note that we seem to have played musical chairs since 1981 when your ONA Editor was elected CNA President, in that every second President has been from Ontario (we include Stan Clute who, although emigrated to Western Canada, was born and raised in Ontario. Again counting Clute, 8 out of the last 11 CNA Past Presidents have been from Ontario.

More proof that Ontario is a high-profile, active numismatic community, churning out successful candidates for the top position in Canadian numismatics.

## ELEVEN CNA J. DOUGLAS FERGUSON AWARD RECIPIENTS ARE CURRENT ONA MEMBERS

A review of the 28 past recipients of the CNA's highest award, the J. Douglas Ferguson Award, reveals that only 9 have not been members of the ONA. While 6 former ONA members are deceased, 12 are still members of the ONA in 1999 (one has dropped out for health reasons).

Out of the 6 that have passed away, 5 have been awarded the ONA's highest honor, the ONA Award of Merit (Sheldon S. Carroll, E. Victor Snell, Robert C. Wiley, Louise Graham and Ruth McQuade). The only one that has not received the highest awards of both organizations is the late Jack Veffer.

Out of the 12 that are still members of the ONA, 9 have also received the ONA Award of Merit (James Charlton, William H. McDonald, Bruce R. Brace, Brian Cornwell, Ross W. Irwin, Robert J. Graham, Ted Leitch, John Regitko and Paul Johnson).

And while we are on the subject of the Ferguson Award, the respected registered non-profit Foundation has 12 residents of Ontario currently sitting on its 19-member board (William H. McDonald, Edward B. Banning, Paul Berry, Bruce R. Brace, Dorte Brace, James E. Charlton, R. Brian Cornwell, J. Graham Esler, Robert J. Graham, Paul R. Johnson, Donald E. Leitch and John S. Wilkinson).

Of the 12 Ontario members of the Board, only 5 are currently members of the ONA (Bill McDonald, Bruce Brace, Jim Charlton, Brian Cornwell and Paul Johnson). With the ONA "Recruiter of the Year" award up for grabs, we wonder which members will sign up the rest before year-end?

# S O U T H O F T H E B O R D E R

*A column is intended to make ONA members familiar with the goings-on in the U.S.*



## ANA OFFERS GOOD VALUE TO MEMBERS

*The American Numismatic Association, the largest numismatic organization of its kind in the world, specializes in numismatics of the U.S.A. as well as featuring educational articles from Canada and around the world in its publication. Founded in 1891, the Association received a Federal Charter by the United States Congress in 1912 and had it renewed in perpetuity in 1962. The ANA maintains the distinction of being one of the very few organizations in the United States to operate under a Federal charter. The purpose of the organization, as stated in its Charter, is to advance and promote the study of coins, paper money, tokens, medals and related numismatic items as a means of recording world history, art, economic development and social changes, and to promote greater popular interest in the field of numismatics. It is supported entirely by the sale of its publications and services, gifts and membership dues from its 28,000 members. We are pleased to present a summary on the benefits that membership in the ANA brings. It is chartered by the U.S. congress as a non-profit, educational organization.*

The ANA was formed to advance the knowledge of numismatics along educational, historical and scientific lines, as well as enhance interest in the hobby. To further this purpose, the organization offers numerous services and programs, including a monthly journal, *The Numismatist*.

**The Numismatist:** The official publication of the ANA, *The Numismatist*, is a monthly journal containing more than 140 pages of feature articles and columns. Advertising is accepted from members only, all of whom must abide by a strict code of ethics. All members, except Associates, receive this publication.

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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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after one year of regular membership)

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



## 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!

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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!

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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!

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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](mailto: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).

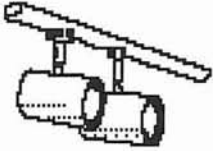
A lot of clubs have surveyed their membership to find out what sort of food they want for their December meeting. The best choice we recall ever seeing is from the NYCC, where they offered 3 choices of meat from Swiss Chalet along with a choice of french fries, baked potato or rice. That's 9 possible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

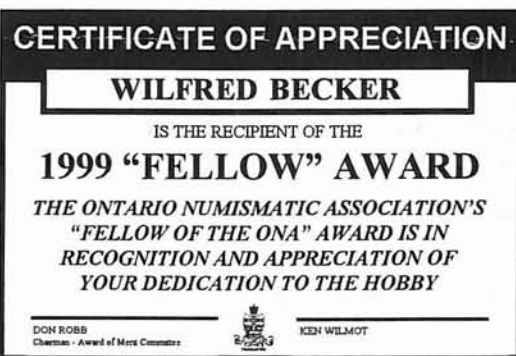


## WILF BECKER RECIPIENT OF 1999 ONA "FELLOW" AWARD

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."

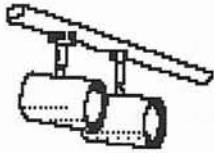
Since Chris came on the numismatic scene, he has been one of the hardest workers in Ontario. His latest claim to fame was as General Chairman of the 1999 CNA Convention. We just hope that the additional responsibilities involved will not keep him from continuing his hard work for the Waterloo Coin Society,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

# SPOTLIGHT ON PEOPLE

*A column in praise of active Ontario collectors*



## 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.

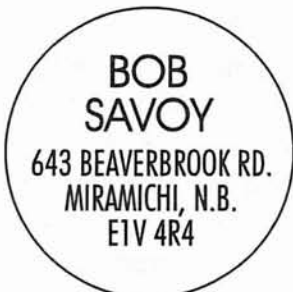
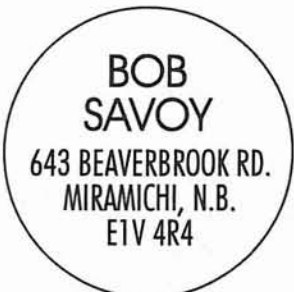
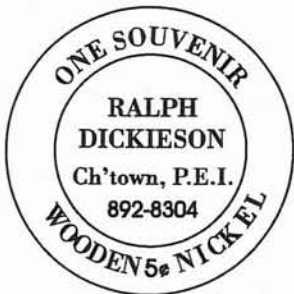


The above 8 woods contain the common obverse as illustrated to the left

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**

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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*

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## **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.