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P R E S I D E N T ' S

M E S S A G E



As we look longingly forward to warmer temperatures, we know the ONA spring conference is rapidly coming. This will be a great, low-cost convention, with our "small town room rates," \$91 single/double, low registration fee, and an opportunity to mingle with old friends while perusing the dealers' tables.

I want to stress to clubs the importance of supporting delegates to attend the delegate meeting on Sunday April 29th. The strength of all local clubs comes from

their ability to attract and keep members. The surest way to do that is to attend this delegate meeting and gain new ideas toward that goal. You may find some easy, low-cost methods of promotion that your local club can use to improve your public image in the community.

Find out "what works" for the successful clubs in Ontario. What are they doing that makes new people want to show up for monthly meetings and become active participants? Find out what part the ONA can play in helping you to excel at numismatic education and promotion. See you there!

We appreciate the support that Todd Sandham and Cameron Bevers of Colonial Acres Coins are giving the ONA in underwriting the cost of printing and mailing this issue of the ONA Numismatist to cover the additional costs incurred between the 36 pages of this bulletin versus the normal cost of an 18-page bulletin.

Most sincerely,

Mike Hollingshead
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EDITORS' MESSAGE



For a long, long time now, I have been hoping that I could create a complete list of all the coin clubs in Ontario, listing where and when they meet, contact information, etc.

Although most coin clubs that issue bulletins have included me on their mailing list (for some unexplained reason a couple have dropped me lately, accidentally I am told), those that do not issue a bulletin have been remiss in notifying us of not only what they are doing at meetings but when and where they meet.

I even found out...the hard way...that one club changed meeting nights without sending information to anyone (I haven't been back to the club, since I still don't know exactly when they meet and haven't taken the time to find out who to contact). Another club has changed the location of their meetings and unless you were a current member, you were not notified. This club has a bulletin but no one got around to mailing it to me.

When I was interviewed for the position of Editor by members of the ONA Executive, including the then-President Ken Wilmot and Long Range Planning Committee Chairman Mike Hollingshead, I made certain proposals of what I felt the bulletin should include. For the most part, I have lived up to the proposed content, with one notable exception.

The clubs have been very cooperative in sending me their bulletins so that we could cull information and articles. Articles have been forthcoming from a few members. I am particularly proud of the greatly expanded "Club News" section (sometimes reaching 5 or 6 pages), the "Members in the News" write-ups, the original researched articles being run from time-to-time such as on the Royal Canadian Mint, upcoming coin show information, some coverage of the national and international scene and also the business end of the ONA (annual meeting info, ONA Convention details, membership information, awards etc.).

The one area I have fallen down on, which I intend to correct in the next issue, is as complete a listing of club meetings as I can possibly muster together. Those clubs that send me their bulletin are no problem. Those clubs that do not have a bulletin are! Since they obviously do not want to share information about themselves with others, I will have to depend on the ONA Area Directors to give me as complete a listing as possible.

After 14 issues under my editorship (a lot of them up to 36 pages long), I would like some input of what members want...or don't want...in their publication. Although I was given a 100% vote of confidence at the 1999 ONA Convention, here we are over a year-and-a-half and 6 issues later. I feel it is time to give members an opportunity to voice their opinions again.

Please fill out the Questionnaire at the back of this bulletin and return it to us. If you do not, you do so at your own peril since I will have to depend on my own thoughts of what I think should be included. The least I would expect from any member are some general comments.

Oh, yes, when you return the questionnaire, how about enclosing a short article about Ontario numismatics?

John Regitko
ONA Editor

EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

A frank and open discussion on the decisions made by the ONA Executive

ONA LIFE MEMBERSHIP



The Executive has an obligation to oversee the smooth running of the Association. They sometimes have to make some very tough decisions. Your Executive dealt with just such an issue at the last Executive meeting. It involved Life Memberships. Three issues were at stake: 1. Is the current life membership fee satisfactory?; 2. If not, what will it take to sustain a life member?; 3. Why have life memberships at all?

The constitution gives the executive the power to set membership fees, because the Executive understands best the monies necessary to run the Association.

The ONA has a separate account set up where it keeps the monies received for life memberships. The constitution allows the withdrawal of funds from the account each year equaling the annual membership fee (currently \$15.00) for each life member, but not to touch the principal for as long as a member is still alive.

When the interest earned on our investment was in the 15% to 20% range, the current life membership fee of \$150 carried the member. With current interest rates a third or a quarter that amount, you can see that the interest nowhere near covers the annual fee. A number of members that paid \$50 or \$100 so many, many years ago have become, through no fault of theirs, a financial burden on the association.

Why not simply discontinue life memberships? As the President, Mike Hollingshead, put it: "Life membership is an indication of the strength of an organization. Not to have life memberships might be construed as an indication that the association itself feels they might not be around long enough. It is also a prestigious title when someone...be it on letterhead or business card...indicates that they are a life member of an organization."

The quandary the Executive faced was to establish a figure that does not absolutely discourage current members from considering life membership, but still sufficiently high so that the interest would cover most (preferably all) of the annual fee. After much discussion, motions, amendments to motions, counter motions and compromises, your Executive established a new life membership fee of \$450.00, effective immediately.



The new life membership rate equals 30 years of membership at current annual dues. With the life expectancy reaching close to 90, many people will still see it for what it is: a bargain. We are willing to bet that regular and junior members, after paying their annual dues for 30 years, wished that they had taken advantage of the \$450 life membership rate.

We would be remiss if we did not point out that current life members are free to make a donation to the ONA to help cover the costs associated with our bulletin, the audio visual lending library and the general running of the ONA.

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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 Gary & Luanne Wolfe, Robert Mosser, Frank Lieshaut and Harold Meredith. Also accepted is the Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Club, the Kirkland Lake District Coin Club and The Numismatic Show. We also welcome members Bill Kamb and Michael Walsh to life 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 the deadline of the next ONA Numismatist, they will be accepted into ONA membership and their acceptance published in the next bulletin.

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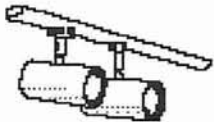
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S P O T L I G H T O N P E O P L E

A column in praise of active Ontario collectors and dealers

COLONIAL ACRES COINS: SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY BLOOMS TO FULL-TIME DEALER STATUS

Todd Sandham and Cameron Bevers founded Colonial Acres Coins in Waterloo, Ontario in 1991, in what was originally intended as a part-time summer employment opportunity. "We began dabbling with buying and selling coins during the summer of 1991," recalls Cameron. "When the Waterloo Coin Society had its first coin show in the Autumn of 1991, it seemed only logical for us to attend as dealers. Both Todd and myself were very serious collectors as kids. I started collecting coins in the early 1980s and Todd started in the mid-1980s." From 1991 until the end of 1995, Colonial Acres Coins remained very much a part-time business. Cameron finished studying Economics and History at the University of Waterloo in December 1995. "It was at that time that we decided to indulge ourselves in our entrepreneurial affairs on a full-time basis," Cameron said with a chuckle. "Todd, who was studying Engineering at Waterloo, still had another two years left of school." Todd graduated from University of Waterloo with a Civil Engineering Degree in 1998, and then joined Colonial Acres Coins on a full-time basis.

Colonial Acres Coins started a mail order department in 1993. Their advertising started out as a modest 35-word classified ad in the August 3, 1993 edition of Canadian Coin News. By December 1995, Colonial Acres Coins was running full-page colour ads in Canadian Coin News. During 1996, Colonial Acres Coins firmly established itself as one of Canada's largest mail order numismatic firms.

Colonial Acres Coins opened its first retail store at 300 Victoria Street North in Kitchener on November 1, 1996. This was in response to a thriving mail order business, whose space requirements had greatly outgrown the available space in their old office, and to provide a more convenient setting to conduct over-the-counter retail sales.

In October 1999, Colonial Acres Coins began constructing a website to facilitate their Numismatic trades on the Internet. "Planning for the site actually began back in 1996," said Cameron. "It did take us more time than we were expecting to make it all happen, but we definitely feel it was worth the wait!" By the Spring of 2000, Colonial Acres Coins was running a fully operational e-commerce website: www.colonialacres.com. They also began auctioning items on the internet in the Spring of 2000. They have concluded over 5000 auctions worldwide.

By the end of 1999, Colonial Acres Coins' first store was becoming far too small to meet the growing demands of retail customers and the substantial increase in mail order volumes. On March 1, 2000 Colonial Acres Coins opened a much larger store right next door to their previous location. "We had to make the move," Cameron explained. "We were literally tripping over each other!" The move into the new store substantially expanded the retail showroom area. "We now have about three times the retail space for walk-in customers than we had in our old location. We now feel that our store is better equipped for walk-in customers to browse. It also gives us more space to do appraisals, and to purchase coins and collections." The new store also features a large amount of office space, a vault, and a mail order room with a capacity to process approximately four times the number of orders per month than the old store.

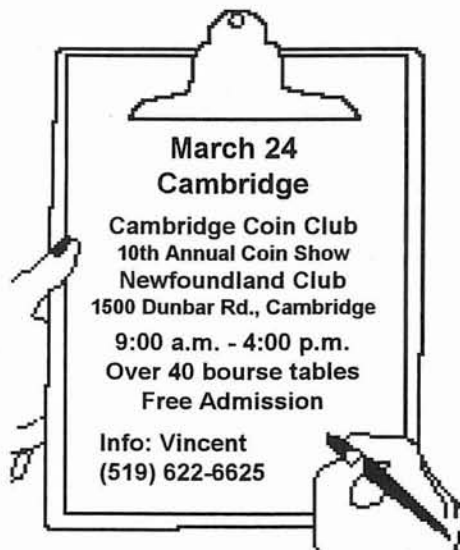
As for the next few years, both Cameron and Todd are looking forward to them with pronounced optimism. "Over the next two or three years, we will continue to market our numismatic products throughout Canada, the United States, and over the Internet. We will continue to offer correctly graded material at fair prices. We will ensure prompt courteous service to all customers."

Despite the consistent growth Colonial Acres Coins has witnessed over the past few years, both Cameron and Todd remain committed to their company's goal. "We are always more than happy to assist collectors by providing pertinent and timely information, whether they are novice or veteran collectors," Cameron said.

Colonial Acres Coins carries a wide selection of Canadian, American and Maritime coins and paper money as well as a full line of numismatic supplies. Apart from the two senior numismatists (Cameron and Todd), the firm employs three additional full-time employees, and eight part-time employees.

SHOW TIME UPCOMING

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



**March 24
Cambridge**

Cambridge Coin Club
10th Annual Coin Show
Newfoundland Club
1500 Dunbar Rd., Cambridge
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Over 40 bourse tables
Free Admission


Info: Vincent
(519) 622-6625



**April 7
Hamilton**

Hamilton Coin Club
Spring Coin Show
Royal Canadian Legion
1180 Barton St. E., Hamilton
(across from the Centre Mall)
9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Bourse - Exhibits
Free Parking

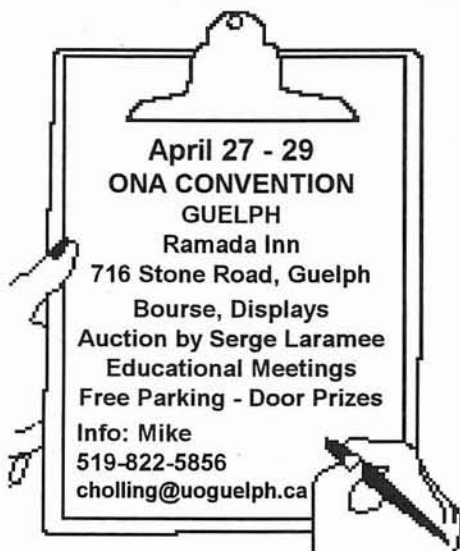
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**April 8
Chatham**

Kent Coin Club
Annual Coin Show
Wheel's Inn
615 Richmond St., Chatham
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Competitive Coin Exhibits
Free Admission & Parking
Hourly Draws

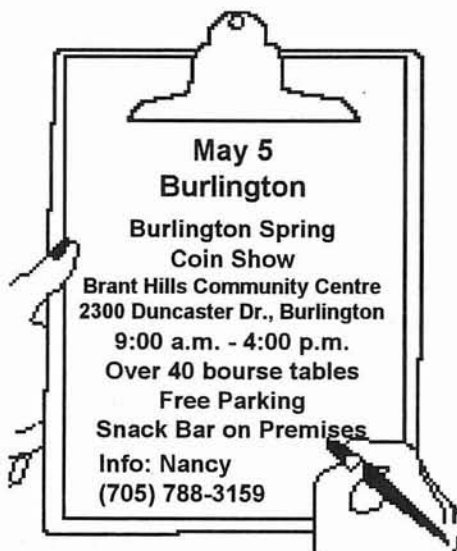
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**May 5
Burlington**

Burlington Spring
Coin Show
Brant Hills Community Centre
2300 Duncaster Dr., Burlington
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Over 40 bourse tables
Free Parking
Snack Bar on Premises

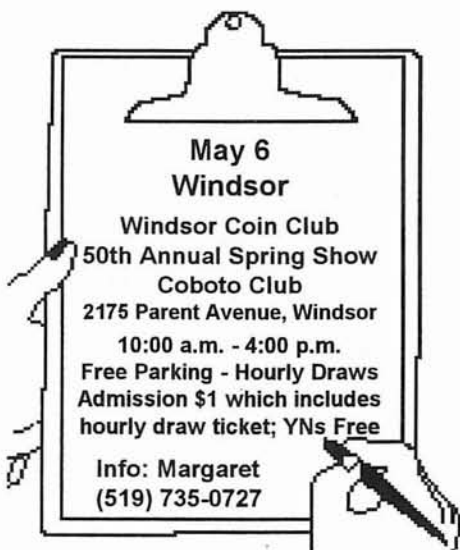
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**May 5
Peterborough**

Peterborough Coin Club
Annual Mall Show
Portage Place
Chemung Rd., Peterborough
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Coin Exhibits
Free Parking
Free Admission

Info: Colin
(705) 742-0114



**May 6
Windsor**

Windsor Coin Club
50th Annual Spring Show
Coboto Club
2175 Parent Avenue, Windsor
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Free Parking - Hourly Draws
Admission \$1 which includes
hourly draw ticket; YNs Free

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Upcoming Shows
Reserve the following dates:

Scarborough Coin Club
Coin Show May 19

Stratford Spring Coin Show
May 27

Brantford Numismatic Society
Annual Coin Show
June 10

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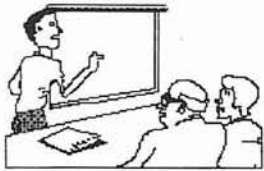
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LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS



Virtually every coin club in Ontario is appealing to their membership for volunteers to serve on their Executive. A number of bulletins refer to the fact that some of the members that have served on the Executive for a long, long time are ready to let others take over.

If a local coin club that you attend regularly has some vacancies in their executive line-up, it would be a perfect time to step forward and volunteer to fill the vacancies. Whether you are a newby or a veteran, every club wants to be in the ideal position of having both new and old blood serving on the executive.

Even if the positions are filled according to their letterhead, there is still room for volunteers. People are always needed to assist in various ways that do not show up on the masthead, for example, assisting with hospitality by making coffee and/or purchasing the supplies necessary for the coffee breaks, collating/stuffing the bulletin, auction runner, selling draw tickets...you get the idea.

The ONA Editor's involvement in the hobby over a 40-year period has come not so much from collecting, but from the fun & fellowship of being involved with the organizational side of the hobby. You don't think for a moment that anyone becomes an editor or treasurer or program director unless they really enjoy it? Having time to do the job properly and on time also helps, of course.

As the Brantford Numismatic Society's January bulletin stated: "New ideas and new energy help any organization to adapt with the times." That is why we hope to see some new names on club's mastheads.



And speaking of the Brantford Numismatic Society, their January meeting was a call for elections. Speaking of the above mini-editorial, it was mentioned in their bulletin that both the President and the Editor feel they have been doing their jobs for too long and it was time for new blood to take over. It is always a shame when we hear that people who have been doing a terrific job want to give someone else an opportunity to "have fun," but unfortunately it happens.

Their February meeting featured an auction-session so that members could dispose of duplicate material and re-invest in new acquisitions for their collections. As with previous meetings that featured a similar program, club members have always managed to pick up a few bargains since the reserves placed on lots is always reasonable.

The membership cost is still only \$5.00 for a single member or \$7.00 for a family, which includes a bulletin as a reminder of the upcoming meeting, detailing what took place at the previous meeting and more.

And don't forget their annual show scheduled for Sunday, June 10 at the Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey Street, Brantford. The only complaint we have ever heard about the show was the lack of air conditioning. The good news is that the Centre has been modernized with an ultra efficient air conditioning system.



INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

The Ingersoll Coin Club's January meeting included a special draw in which Tom Rogers won \$100. Their bulletin also reported that their Vice President, Chris Bennett, has moved to the U.S. and therefore had to resign from the club executive.

Their January bulletin contains an article on modern Newfoundland coins as well as a very interesting article on prison exnumia. The February bulletin included an article "Coins To Touch?" by Ralph Yates and "Grading Controversy" by David Ganz.

Since the Ingersoll bulletin is always interesting, the \$8.00 membership fee (discounted to \$7.00 if you renew before January 15 each year) or \$5.00 for juniors is a good deal whether you attend meetings or not.

One of their members, Jerry McVeigh, donated 1,000 sheets of paper because Tom Masters prints the club bulletin, "in-house" as they say in the printing industry.

After all these years of seeing Tom Masters' name on the masthead as President and Editor, it is unusual to see Tom Rogers listed as President. Fortunately for the Ingersoll Coin Club, Tom has agreed to continue as Editor.

LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



The London Numismatic Society's January meeting featured not only a brief discussion by Ted Leitch on the P.E.I. "Holey Dollar" but he had an actual piece on display. Leitch noted that the outer ring was valued at five shillings while the centre 'plug' was set at one shilling. This centre plug was "heavy" for the value set and soon disappeared from circulation. He also touched on the related values of other "holed" coins, particularly those of several West Indies Islands and the methods used for producing and circulating these historically interesting coins.

As well, a discussion on the numbers of coins and related items for sale on various web sites and e-mail facilities took place. Members expressed varying degrees of satisfaction with dealing through the internet. Tom Rogers reported that the 50th Anniversary L.N.S. medallions should be ready soon.

The featured speaker of the evening was Ross Blakey who, under the title, "A Review of Tudor Coins 1485-1603," presented a most interesting and informative introduction to the coinage of this historical period. There were 5 monarchs during this period, 3 kings and 2 queens, which, Blakey stated, were fascinating in terms of both history and design and perhaps the most exciting in the whole English numismatic series. A good summary of speakers' presentations is always published in the club's bulletins, and Blakey's presentation is no exception. ONA members should consider membership in the London Numismatic Society for the historical articles that are always published even though they may not be able to attend meetings.

The club's February meeting featured a "Member's Night," where numerous members bring items to speak on. Their February bulletin featured an article based on Ross Blakey's presentation from the January meeting, as well as an 11-page article entitled "The Life, Times and Coinage of William IV" by James A. Finch.



The Stratford Coin Club, as was reported in the last ONA Numismatist that was mailed in early January, held their "Christmas in January" meeting. It proved to be as popular as it would have been in December. Around 40 people enjoyed an appetizer (actually, it was punch but no word on what was in it), followed by KFC chicken, salads and desert. It's always nice when you hear that members chipped in: Sharon Walker provided the punch, Dorothy Mason brought the rolls and made the coffee, while an assortment of salads and deserts was brought

along by other members.

The gift exchange followed. A special draw for a \$20 gift certificate from Zehr's was won by Ryan Smith. The 50-50 draw was won by Dorothy Fletcher (\$13) and Cliff Parker (2 prizes of \$7 and \$6). Those present also walked off with snowmen off the Christmas tree as a souvenir, which were handmade by Dorothy Mason.

I don't know if we should tell you about the dice game which encouraged the participants to steal Christmas presents from each other.

The February meeting featured the first half of the video on the discovery of the Atocha. It has also been announced that the value of the membership draw has increased from a 1960 silver dollar to a silver Maple Leaf (the consolation prize remains at \$2.00). A junior membership draw for a 1967 silver dollar has also been introduced. The club has also decided to offer numismatic material such as binder pages, 2x2s and coin books to junior members instead of the foreign coins that have been used in the past. These various draws are designed to encourage to come out to meetings, since you have to be present to win them.

The club included a book of ONA Dream Vacation Draw tickets with their February bulletin (it must work because Stratford is always in the top 2 or 3 of number of tickets sold). Also included was a business card size card listing meeting dates for 2001 and a listing of the 32 lots that will be auctioned off in February.



The St. Thomas Numismatic Association's February meeting featured the McMillan father and son team displaying stamps on envelopes from 125 different countries. Each envelope contains in a clear plastic window the paper currency of the countries.

A 50-lot auction contained coins and tokens of Canada and Newfoundland as well as coinage from the U.S., Mexico, Australia, England, Ireland, France, Belgium, Germany, Russia, Italy and the Netherlands.

**NIAGARA FALLS
COIN CLUB**

The Niagara Falls Coin Club's February meeting had ONA President, Mike Hollingshead, set up a display and make a presentation on his favorite numismatic collecting interest: Canadian Tire Coupons. Your editor was there to hear that the club is in the process of installing a new President and an Editor. We look forward to receiving bulletins from them again so that we can mention them here regularly.

The club takes half of the proceeds of the door draw and has a member purchase draw prizes with it from one of the dealers set up at the meeting.

**TIP #1
OF THE
MONTH**

Most clubs purchase their draw prizes from a local coin dealer. Consider what the Niagara Falls Coin Club is doing. They support the dealers that set up at the meetings by making purchases from them. This way, dealers are assured of some additional business if they attend a meeting.



Or try this twist: Rather than seeing what dealers have available in the approximate prize range and working a deal with one of them, ask each dealer to put together a package for the amount of money available, then have one or two members pick the best deal. By having a bit of friendly rivalry between the dealers, members are bound to get some better prizes in the draw.



The Nickel Belt Coin Club, Sudbury, had their largest attendance in a long time at their January meeting.

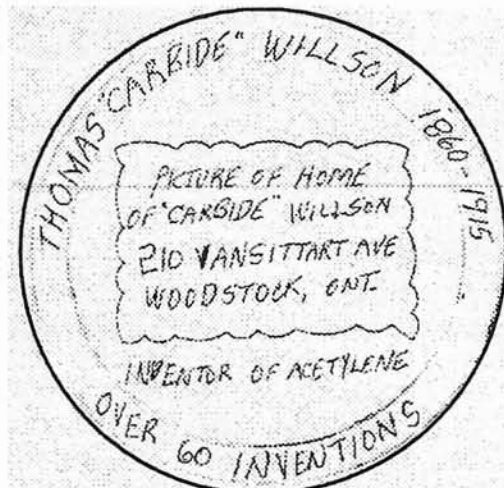
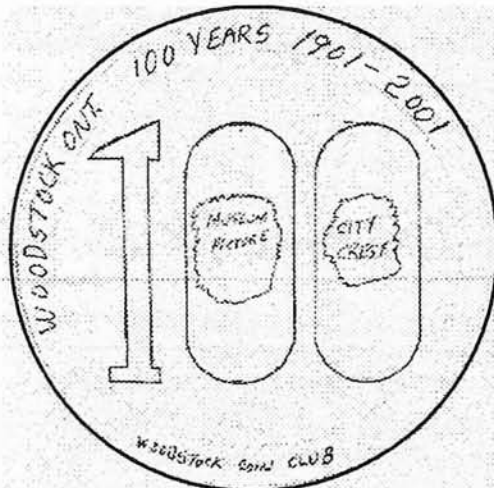
Their February meeting featured their annual donation auction. Members were asked to bring one or two items to donate to the club. Anyone that attended the meeting was able to acquire one of the new \$10 notes in crisp uncirculated condition at face value. They also had a 65-lot auction of Canadian and Newfoundland decimal coinage.

**WOODSTOCK
COIN CLUB**

The Woodstock Coin Club's February meeting featured a video of the Charter Bank Notes of West Indies. The club donated \$150 from the profits of the 11th annual coin show to Sunshine Foundation, with another \$150 going to the Salvation Army.

The club's new medal committee, consisting of Fred Freeman as Chairman, with Harry Spice and Ken Peers as members, proposed a draft design to the city of Woodstock to commemorate the city's 100th Anniversary. The obverse would show "Woodstock, Ont. 100 years 1901-2001 around the perimeter of the top half, a small Woodstock Coin Club at the bottom, while the central portion contained the number 100. The first zero would show the Woodstock Museum inside its holly, while the second zero would contain the city crest.

The reverse would feature the home of "carbide" Willson and provide information on the inventor of acetylene and about 60 other inventions, as copies below from the coin club's February bulletin.



LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS CONTINUED

We knew we should not have mentioned in the last bulletin the fact that we have received quite a number of uncanceled postage stamps. Well, every stamp used for the mailing of January bulletins by the numerous coin clubs that send us their bulletins was cancelled. I don't know if we should congratulate Canada Post's employees or express regrets over the fact that they and the automated canceling machinery are doing their job.

It is ironic that we should have noticed all the uncanceled postage stamps going through right after ONA Area Director Albert Kasman retired from Canada Post. Does it have anything to do with the fact that the huge Gateway Postal Sorting Facility is in his territory?

But we were back to normal for the February mailings. Managed to get a number of stamps. The trick is to put a lot of lower denominations on the envelope.



The Paisley Road Coin Club, whose membership consists of students of the Paisley Road School, featured a video on how paper money is printed at their January meeting.

The club had a special treat for their members at the February meeting which was dubbed "Make Your Own Coin Day!" Just in time for Valentine's Day, they could come and make their own valentine love token for someone they care about or wanted to have remember them, by using punches and hammers to strike letters into a coinage blank and making a message of their choice. Although in past year's February meeting there was a nominal charge of 25 cents per blank, this year they are made available to members free-of-charge, with the cost coming from the profits the club received from their share out of the profits of the show they were involved with last November (their share was \$300). As a further incentive, the members, consisting of juniors that attend the Paisley Road School, could get a second blank free if they brought their own hammer.

It was indeed unfortunate that we learned the cancellation of the bus trip to the CAND show in Hamilton in January. It has to do with liability insurance. We certainly hope that the problem will be resolved in time for the ONA Convention in April. Teacher/Librarian Chris Boyer did manage to get a car-full of YNs there anyway.

Their March meeting was going to discuss the upcoming ONA Convention in Guelph, explaining to the juniors on how to enter a coin exhibit, the convention medal, door prizes and what is in store for them when they visit the bourse floor.

MISSISSAUGA-ETOBICOKE COIN STAMP & COLLECTIBLES

The newly-formed club, made up of the two clubs formerly meeting in Mississauga and the old Thistletown-portion of Etobicoke, is off to a great start by all indications. Their bulletins, although only 2 or 3 pages long, not only contain the usual information about goings-on at meetings, but also include the answer to the previous month's quiz, illustrations that tie in to the program mentioned in the minutes and articles. The first two bulletins that we have seen of the club look great! Congratulations to Vince Chiappino, their editor!

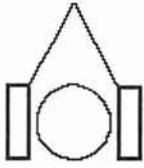
The club will be headed by Bob Porter, who was the former president of the Thistletown Coin & Stamp Club, while Len Kuenzig has agreed to take over as treasurer that was vacated with the recent passing of Harvey Farrow. Club member Norm Belsten is working on a new logo for the merged clubs.

The club is appointing a "Chairman of the Month" for their meetings. For example, for their January meeting, Del Murchison acted as Chairman. For the February meeting, Dan Buss took over as chairman and gave a presentation on "Collecting Birds on Stamps." For their March meeting, chairman Bob Wilson is to speak on "Symphysodon-Discus." You will have to wait until the next ONA Numismatist to find out what it is. Good thing your editor is attending the meeting or we would never know.

TIP #2 OF THE MONTH

Some clubs don't have anybody specifically responsible for planning a "total" program. If it is because no one is willing to undertake the workload for an extended period of time, ask for volunteers to take on one meeting at a time. They don't even have to speak, just plan the program. When they find out how much fun it is, someone is bound to want to take the job on permanently.

LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS CONTINUED



The City of Ottawa Coin Club has announced the appointment of John MacPhee as its new president. One of his first acts was to thank Barry McIntyre (who was the club's president up until last summer) and Frank Fesco (who took over the presidency after the CNA Convention) for their excellent leadership and past service to the club. David Bergeron is their club bulletin editor.

A recent bulletin contained the announcement that Barry McIntyre was stepping down as President because of the birth of his and wife Irene's third child, Catherine Marie McIntyre. The congratulatory message ended with the sentence: "Thanks for all the effort and hard work Barry!" Is that how you thank someone who has just had a baby? Is that what they really meant? Shouldn't they be thanking the wife?

At their January meeting, the president opened discussion on subjects or themes for future meetings. Many suggestions were provided from the floor and a list was made for future reference.

TIP #3 OF THE MONTH



Why not ask your club members what they wish to have a program about. After they provide a list, suggest additional programs to them that your program director was thinking about so that you have members' input as to what they may not be interested to hear about. If you know the membership is extremely interested in a topic, it is bound to bring out a few more people to a meeting. Also, make sure when a program is planned, that the person responsible for booking the program carries through on the theme with displays, door draws and auction material.

Their February bulletin had a few interesting articles, included an article by the club's Frank Fesco entitled "Discovery of a Dam irregularity." That's not a typo. The coin turned out to be a Dam of Mohammed Akbar from the Agra Mint. The article was especially interesting since somebody's computer could include in the article the text in Indian as it appears on the coin.

TIP #4 OF THE MONTH



Here is an idea that other clubs might want to copy. The Ottawa and District Coin Club is allowing club members to use the club's official mailing address, a post office box, for their personal mail.

The member has the security of not having coin-related envelopes addressed to his home. The club reduces the cost to the club treasury because they are charged a nominal fee of \$5.00 per year.



The Scarborough Coin Club's February meeting featured Dick Dunn speaking on grading of paper money. He passed around a 2-page handout to supplement his presentation. Members were also invited to grade 9 notes that he had brought to the meeting.

Thanks to coins donated by Mal MacDonald and John Mac Donald, juniors will receive a choice of 2 coins every time they attend a meeting.

Their 5th Annual Coin Show will be held on May 19 at the Cedarbrook Community Centre in Scarborough. It is open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission is free and draws are held hourly.



The Oshawa & District Coin Club's January meeting featured Dick Dunn presenting a slide program on Canadian 25 cent pieces. Ernie Ruch brought along the photographs of the club's Christmas Party. Their February meeting featured Bruce Boisvert speaking on safes and vaults to store coins and other valuables.

They held their Coin-A-Rama 2001 at the Pickering Town Centre on February 10, featuring a bourse and free draws.

A recent bulletin published an interesting article entitled "Facts About Currency That Money Can't Buy" which we intend to reprint.



The Waterloo Coin Society's January program took a look at ebay online auctions, including looking at it "live" at the meeting and going over the bidding process.

Their January bulletin reported the passing of one of their long-time members, Thomas "Tommy" Gitschner, who was in his 88th year.

THE COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS



Competitive exhibits, with a two-case limit per exhibitor, are being solicited for the 2001 ONA Convention. Standard size wooden cases can be made available to anyone that does not have their own. See the Registration form at the back of this bulletin for details.

Paul Johnson will again serve as Head Judge. Paul is a recipient of the ONA Award of Merit (1985), the youngest person to ever receive the award, and has earned three 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.

He has also won numerous awards from the CNA (including the J. Douglas Ferguson Award, the CNA's highest award) and the ANA (the ANA Outstanding Young Numismatist award and the John Jay Pittman Award for best Canadian exhibit at an ANA Convention).

CLUB DELEGATES MEETING TO FEATURE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION



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 ONA's Insurance Policy will be discussed.

The Registration Form included in this issue requests that anyone representing a club at the convention and at the Club Delegates Meeting should write the club's name on the form.

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/or Editor of the 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.

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.

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

APPEAL TO ATTEND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



All ONA members are urged to attend the ONA General Membership Meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 29 at 10:30 a.m. in Suite 201. The following items are scheduled to be discussed:

- The financial report covering calendar year 2000 by Bruce Raszmann, ONA Treasurer
- President's Report by Mike Hollingshead
- The official report by the Election Co-Chairman, Ken Wilmot and Bruce Raszmann; a call for nominations and voting for any positions which remain vacant
- Incoming President's Comments

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?

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 203, 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.

The Hospitality Suite (Suite 203) will be open to all convention-goers 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. Monina Regitko has been appointed Chairman to oversee the hospitality functions. If her past performance is any indication, convention-goers will have a lot of variety and fun & fellowship to look forward to.

2001 ONA CONVENTION COMMITTEE

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| • General Chairman: Mike Hollingshead | • Head Judge: Paul Johnson |
| • Exhibit Chairman: Chris Boyer | • Hospitality Suite Chairman: Monina Regitko |
| • Bourse Chairman: Ken Wilmot | • Banquet Chairman: Mike Hollingshead |
| • Program of Events Planning: Paul Petch | • Banquet M.C.: Paul Johnson |
| • Treasurer and Registration Chairman: Bruce Raszmann | • Banquet Speaker: Robert Aaron |
| • Property Chairman: Mike Hollingshead | • Awards Committee Chairman: Don Robb |
| • Medal Design Committee: Mike Hollingshead | • Club Delegates Meeting Chairman: John Regitko |
| • Youth Activities: Chris Boyer | • Club Delegates Meeting M.C.: Ken Wilmot |
| • Daily Admissions Chairman: Bob Zmija | • Dream Vacation Draw Chair: Bruce Raszmann |
| • Auctioneer: Serge Laramee | • Signage: Roger Fox |

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 |

ONACONVENTIONNEWS

ROBERT AARON TO DELIVER KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT BANQUET



Robert Aaron, whose coin column has appeared in the Toronto Star, Canada's largest daily newspaper, for over 32 years, will be the keynote speaker at the ONA Banquet. Aaron's presentation, entitled "Counterfeit Coins and Canadian Law," will cover the unusual outcome of various cases involving counterfeiting.

Is it legal in Canada to own counterfeit United States gold coin? Why was a Canadian once charged with possessing counterfeit U.S. trade dollars when in fact the coins were genuine? When does a coin cease to be money? Can a Canadian be convicted of selling counterfeits when there are no genuine originals of the item in question? What happened to the man from Windsor, Ontario, who tried to buy a plate to print his own banknotes from an agent of the United States Secret Service?

Counterfeiting is not an uncommon criminal offense. Everyday, someone, somewhere, tries to pass off as currency something which isn't. Some succeed, some are caught and convicted.

Every few years, a case occurs which raises an interesting legal point or an unusual fact situation, and these cases are recorded in the law books. Browsing through them can make fascinating reading. Aaron, who graduated with a B.A. and an LL.B from Osgoode Hall, will present some of these unusual cases and their unusual outcome.

Tickets, which must be pre-purchased, entitled one to admission to the pre-Banquet reception (cash bar) scheduled from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 28, followed by an all-you-can-eat buffet dinner and the post-Banquet president's reception. The pre-banquet reception and the buffet is to take place in the restaurant on the upper level of the Ramada Inn, site of the ONA Convention, while the post-banquet president's reception will take place in a location to be announced at the conclusion of the banquet.

Tickets are only \$35.00 per person and can be purchased through the registration form at the back of the bulletin or at the registration table on Friday and Saturday at the convention. Because of limited seating, there is no guarantee that tickets will still be available at the convention. Therefore, we suggest that they are ordered through pre-registration.

MAJOR 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.

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. A nominee does not have to be a member of the ONA.

Fellow of the ONA

The "Fellow of the ONA" award was introduced 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.

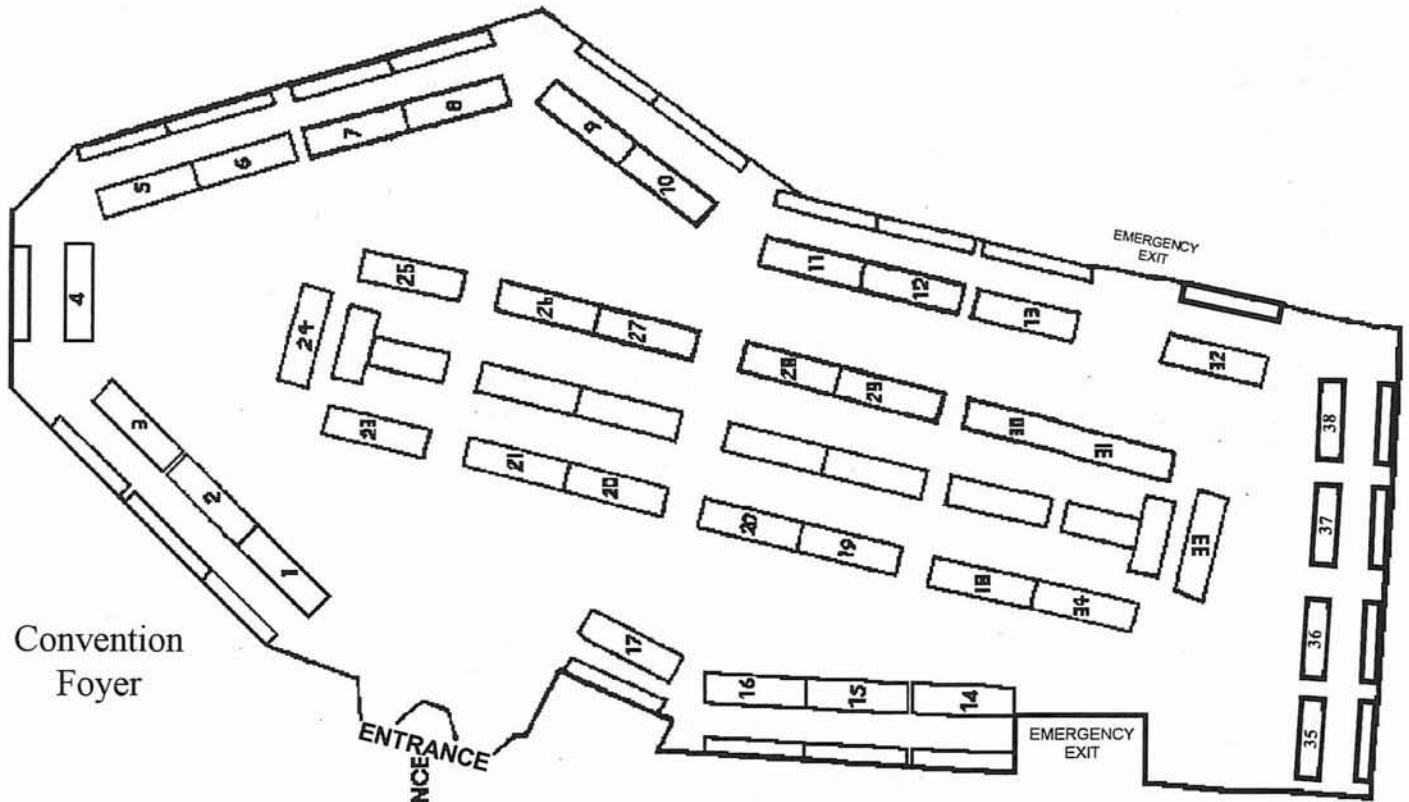
THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

Winners are selected by a select group of past award winners who take their assignment very seriously. Currently, the ONA Awards Committee consists of Don Robb (Chairman), Paul Johnson (Past-Chairman), John Regitko, Ken Wilmot and ONA President, Mike Hollingshead.

In addition to these awards, ONA Head Judge, Paul Johnson, will also announce the Best of Show award for the competitive exhibits.

ONA CONVENTION NEWS

FLOOR PLAN AND BOURSE DEALER LISTING



BOURSE DEALER LISTING

TABLE

| NO. | BOURSE DEALERS |
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| 1 | Verrol Whitmore - Burlington, Ont. |
| 2 | Charles Moore - Walnut Creek, California |
| 3 | Brian See - Hamilton, Ont. |
| 4 | Peter Kostyk - Niagara Falls, Ont. |
| 5 & 6 | B.C. Enterprises - Stratford, Ont. |
| 7 & 8 | Andy Grecco - Thorold, Ont. |
| 9 & 10 | Cameo Coins - Dover, Ont. |
| 11 & 12 | Ted's Collectables - Paris, Ont. |
| 13 | Traders Gold Corp. - Hamilton, Ont. |
| 14 | Versailles Coins - Montreal, P.Q. |
| 15 & 16 | North American Numismatics - Boucherville, P.Q. |
| 17 | Proof Positive Coins - Baddeck, N.S. |
| 18 | Terry's Coins - Hamilton, Ont. |
| 19 & 20 | Newcan Coins & Currency - Kenora, Ont. |

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| 21 & 22 | Bob Armstrong Coins - Owen Sound, Ont. |
| 23 | Ross King - Chesley, Ont. |
| 24 | Lawson Gallery - Stittsville, Ont. |
| 25 & 26 | B & W Coins - Brampton, Ont. |
| 27 | Global Coin X-Change - Plantation, Florida |
| 28 & 29 | Colonial Acres Coins - Kitchener, Ont. |
| 30 & 31 | Bayfield Collectables - Barrie, Ont. |
| 32 | Certified Coins of Canada - Port Credit, Ont. |
| 33 | South Western Ontario Coins - Strathroy, Ont. |
| 34 | Colonial Valley Coins - Trenton, N.J. |
| 35 & 36 | London Coin Centre - London, Ont. |
| 37 & 38 | Dave Hill - Angus, Ont. & Peter McDonald - Beaconsfield, P.Q. |

The Convention Foyer will house registration, daily admission, show information, ONA information, numismatic organizations information, competitive exhibits, a sales table for official convention souvenir medals, banquet tickets and souvenir program booklets.

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

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

*Note that all meeting room allocations are tentative at time of publication.
Refer to final Program of Events available in registration kits and at the daily admission table*

FRIDAY - APRIL 27

3:00 p.m. Security commences
 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Dealer Set-up
 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Registration table open for pick-up of registration kits, medals, banquet tickets
 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Bourse floor open to public
 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Reception for registrants and dealers (ticket required). Each registration kit includes an admission ticket. Anyone not registered at the convention must purchase an admission ticket. Each bourse dealer will also receive an admission ticket. Each admission ticket is good for 2 complimentary drinks (Suite 203).

SATURDAY - APRIL 28

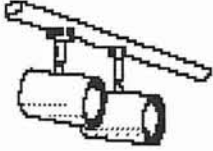
7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. CNA Executive meeting (Suite 101)
 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Bourse room unlock - set-up only for dealers and exhibitors
 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration table open
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club (CTCCC) meeting (Suite 103)
 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite open to all registrants, daily admissions, bourse dealers and their families for complimentary coffee & snacks (Suite 203)
 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bourse floor open to public
 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. Canadian Association of Token Collectors (CATC) meeting (Suite 101)
 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC) meeting (Suite 103)
 2:00 p.m. Auction conducted by North American Numismatics (Restaurant area)
 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Numismatic Network Canada Committee meeting - restricted to members of the NNC committee (Suite 101)
 5:00 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 Robert Aaron, columnist, Toronto Star. Includes full-course dinner, draw prizes, awards presentations and more (ticket required)

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. ONA Club Delegates Meeting (all official club delegates and their seconds, ONA Executives and guests are invited to attend) - Round table discussion; presentation of ONA best local coin club bulletin and editor awards; report by the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library Chairman; introduction of new audio visual programs by the Club Services Chairman. Ken Wilmot is M.C. (Suite 101)
 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Bourse unlock - 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 (Suite 101)
 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite open to all registrants, daily admissions, bourse dealers and their families for complimentary coffee & snacks (Suite 203)
 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. ONA Executive meeting - the incoming Executive will hold their first meeting. ONA members are encouraged to attend as observers (Suite 101)
 3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. ONA Dream Vacation Draws - you do not have to be present to win (Convention foyer)
 4:00 p.m. Bourse room closes. Exhibit tear-down begins
 4:00 p.m. SHOW CLOSES

SPOTLIGHT ON PEOPLE

A column in praise of active Ontario collectors



TORONTO STAR COIN COLUMNIST PROMOTES COIN COLLECTING THROUGHOUT ONTARIO

The Toronto Star's popular coin column has been written by columnist Robert Aaron for over 32 years. Since his first article appeared on October 5, 1968, Aaron has written over 1,300 columns containing well over one million words.

The Saturday Star carried Aaron's column all of those years, with each issue having a circulation of between 800,000 and over 1 million. This makes his readership the largest for any numismatic columnist in Canada and one of the largest on the continent, and certainly makes him one of the most prolific numismatic writers in Canada. Although other papers may contain a coin column, he is the only coin columnist in a Canadian daily newspaper.

"I see my role as the Star coins columnist to make numismatics interesting to a large general readership," Aaron says, "and to provide something of interest to the veteran collector as well." His columns over the years have often contained news items about coins not yet released by the Canadian mint or government. He has frequently commented on government and mint policy in the coinage field, in addition to reporting on the news as he sees it.

In his 25th anniversary column which appeared in The Saturday Star on September 25, 1993, Aaron noted that in the 500 or so years that coin collecting has been an organized hobby, the previous 25 year period had been the one which saw the most change in coin issuing and collecting. He referred to the end of the U.S. ban on gold ownership in 1974 and the breakup of the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia as events which, in his opinion, have had the most significant impact on world coin collecting in the last 25 years. With all the new issues coming out of the Royal Canadian Mint and other mints around the world, he would probably agree that the changes have certainly not stopped.

Bob Aaron has been a strong supporter of the Royal Canadian Mint, but has also not hesitated to criticize some of its policies when he thought it appropriate. He spoke out strongly in favor of the proposed one dollar (loon) coin and later in favor of retaining the Canadian cent on both the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) National News and the Journal on nationwide television. He has made numerous appearances on local and national radio and television to promote the numismatic hobby. Aaron has also criticized the Mint from time to time, over such issues as plans for a mini-cent coin (which were quickly aborted), the lack of a coin collector on the Mint board, and seizure of what were thought by some people to be acceptable mint errors.

Nevertheless, Aaron is still a strong supporter of the Mint and the way it operates. "We have one of the best Mint operations in the world," he says, "not just in terms of the physical plant and its administration, but in the political context as well. There is very little political interference in the Mint's operations here. I know many American collectors who look at our Mint, our designs, our themes, our coins, and Parliament's hands-off attitude, and wish they could adopt the whole set-up and move it to Washington."

"Overall, we really are fortunate here," he adds.

Aaron has been a frequent contributor to or columnist for *Canadian Coin News* since 1966. His articles and news items have also appeared over the years in the *CNA Journal*, *World Coin News*, *Numismatic News*, *Bank Note Reporter*, *Coin World*, and *World Coins*.

In 1974, before the Canadian Mint had its own promotional films, Aaron received permission from the Mint Master to prepare his own slide set based on a tour of the Ottawa and Hull plants, and this received wide circulation among Ontario coin clubs. The slides are historic now, showing as they do the Hull plant which no longer exists, and the Ottawa plant which has been completely rebuilt.

Following the death of long-time Toronto Star stamps columnist James Montagnes in 1993, Aaron took over that column. The coins and stamps column originally alternated with each other on a biweekly basis and now appear monthly on Mondays, alternating every other week. On May 20 this year, he started to write the *Title Page* column on Real Estate Law in the Saturday Toronto Star every week. This makes him the only columnist at Canada's largest daily paper with three regularly scheduled columns.

In 1972, with government permission, Aaron reprinted a limited edition of the 1935 to 1972 Royal Canadian Mint annual reports, and sold them to interested collectors and researchers. Most of the reprinted material was either impossible or very difficult to obtain, and Aaron donated the entire profits of almost \$1,000 to three Canadian numismatic organizations. On two extensive trips to Europe and the Middle East in the 1960s and 1970s, Aaron visited some 20 different Mints and showed slides of his trips to several coin clubs across southern Ontario.

After the death of prominent coin dealer and auctioneer Frank Rose, Aaron bought his entire numismatic library, shipped it to Toronto from Florida, and donated it to the University of Toronto library. In 1977, Aaron testified before the House of Commons Justice Committee on a bill to amend the Criminal Code in relation to counterfeits, similar to the American Hobby Protection Act. Aaron has served on the executive of a number of Toronto-area coin clubs, was a founding director of the Donald B. Thomas Memorial Foundation, drafted the by-laws of the Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers, and served a two-year term on the board of the Canadian Numismatic Association. He also served on two committees of the American Numismatic Association as Ontario Director, and was appointed by the ANA President as chair of their International Relations Committee.

Aaron collected about 2000 coin-bowl or coin-handle spoons, the largest of its type on the continent. He has traveled widely across the United States and Ontario to display his collection and speak about his spoons. (A coin spoon is a spoon manufactured with a real coin in the bowl or on the handle.) He has attended several coin launchings and first strike ceremonies, including the opening ceremonies of the Winnipeg Mint, the first striking there of the loon dollar, and the reopening of the Ottawa Mint following its reconstruction. In 1990, he visited the Paris Mint and Albertville, the site of the 1992 Winter Olympics.

In 1985, Aaron was a participating investor in the Mel Fisher discovery of the 1622 shipwreck of the *Nuestra Senora de Atocha* Spanish treasure ship. For a share costing \$1,000 U.S., he received a small share of the treasure in the form of 5 beautiful coins and, to quote Aaron: "...and fabulous excitement and memories to last a lifetime. Three trips to Key West, including a treasure party. We had a costume theme party at home when the coins arrived here and all our friends got into the treasure/pirate/conquistador theme."

HIS PROFESSION

Aaron graduated with a B.A. and an LL.B. from Osgoode Hall, where he also served as editor of the school newspaper *Obiter Dicta*. He was awarded the coveted School Key. He was called to the Bar in 1972, practicing commercial law in the Toronto business core. With his sister (now retired), he operated the family firm Aaron & Aaron, which was founded by their late father in 1930 - making it one of Ontario's oldest continuing law firms. He was elected Bencher (director) of the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1995, a position he still holds. He has authored and presented a number of papers at CLE Continuing Legal Education programs. He has testified in court as an expert on real estate law. He has also conceived and hosted a sellout CLE program, "*Surviving the New Practice of Real Estate*," in 1993.

His other titles include Past-chair, Real Estate Issues Committee; Trustee, Law Society Foundation; Vice-chair, the Lawyers' Fund for Client Compensation; Past Member, Professional Development and Competence Committee; and Vice-president, Multiple Dwelling Standards Association (one of the province's largest landlord groups).

He is a frequent speaker at county law associations in Ontario, including Brant County, Carleton County, Lincoln County, Renfrew County, Shades Mill, Thunder Bay, Victoria-Haliburton, and province-wide County and District Law Presidents' Association panel. He has also been a speaker on legal themes to thousands of real estate agents, landlords and investors.

In his legal capacity, Aaron has lectured extensively to lawyers and real estate agents. He is also Founder and president of the Ontario Real Estate Lawyers Association, and editor of their publication, *Brief News*. His areas of practice are real estate, corporate/commercial and wills/estates. He is also a Life member of the Non-Smokers' Rights Association.

He jokingly has this to say about writing 3 columns for the Toronto Star: "That's what my full time occupation is. The legal career is my hobby."

Aaron has been married for over 30 years and has two sons, 25 and 28. His wife Dorothy and his sons do not collect coins, but have a healthy tolerance for the thousands of coin books and periodicals that overflow every available shelf at home.

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



To ONA member Jim Charlton, the Dean of Canadian Numismatics and without doubt the most respected living Canadian numismatist, for receiving his 50-year membership in the American Numismatic Association. According to ONA member Terry Campbell, the ceremony took place on Saturday, January 6 at the Florida United Numismatists (FUN) Convention in Orlando, Florida.

He took time out following the presentation to stop by the Canadian Coin News table to autograph copies of the Charlton Catalogues. He had with him copies of the first and second edition of the Charlton Catalogues to show to people. We understand that he is planning to attend the ONA Convention. Knowing Jim, we are sure he would be pleased to autograph any copies of catalogues bearing his name when you run into him.

To Ken Prophet, Executive Secretary of the Canadian Numismatic Association and wife, Joyce, on their recent celebration of 50 years of marriage.

O N T H E M O V E



PAUL NADIN-DAVIS MOVES TO IRELAND

We hear that ONA member Paul Nadin-Davis, owner of Accu-Rate, one of Canada's leading foreign currency exchanges as well as owner of Arctic Coins of Ottawa, has moved to his place of birth in Ireland.

David Bergeron, formerly with the Bank of Canada's Currency Museum, will be looking after the interests of Accu-Rate and Arctic.

C O N D O L E N C E S



To the family of ONA life member Harvey Farrow who passed away suddenly. Following cremation, a memorial service was held with 9 representatives from the numismatic fraternity present. John Regitko, who has known Harvey for over 45 years and worked with him for about 40, presented the eulogy.

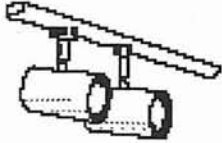
Harvey is a past-President of the North York Coin Club and had served as its Treasurer for over 25 years. He also volunteered his time and talents to local coin clubs, serving on the executive of the Oshawa, Scarborough, Thistleton and Toronto coin clubs as well as the defunct Richmond Hill and Markham Village clubs.

He has also served on various ONA Convention and CNA Convention Committees, including as Chairman, Treasurer and Registration Chairman. Harvey also served the ONA as an area director and First Vice-President. He ran unsuccessfully for the presidency of the ONA for the 1997-1999 term. Last Summer, he received a 45-year membership certificate from the CNA.

A P P E A L F O R

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

We would be pleased to publish personal milestones and congratulatory messages about ONA members and other well-known collectors, 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, also let us know.



SPOTLIGHT ON YOUNG NUMISMATISTS

CAND SHOW'S TREATMENT OF YNs TO BE CONGRATULATED

by John Regitko



The first major coin show in Ontario in 2001 was the CAND Winter Show at the Ramada Hotel in Hamilton. Although the sold out bourse contained numismatic material of both excellent quality as well as "junk boxes" filled with material that one could spend hours looking through, the highlight to me was the activities surrounding the special Young Numismatist Table. It is because of this portion of the show I would like to give appropriate credit to a few deserving people.

First of all, Chris Boyer, librarian/teacher of Paisley Road School in Guelph, arrived with a carload full of young students. It is his encouragement and support at both the Taylor Evan Public School and Paisley Road School that has brought a number of young collectors into to the hobby. (Because of his motivation, a number of these juniors made up exhibits for showing at ONA and CNA Conventions that were held in Guelph and Kitchener.)

When the young collectors arrived at the CAND Show, they would eventually wind up at the Young Collectors Table manned by Terry McHugh, Chairman of the Show. The appeal of the table was not only the variety of material but also the pricing. Whitman coin holders were going for 5 cents, with similar bargains on all other coin supplies. Coins and paper money were also snapped up by juniors at terrific pricing. CAND is indeed to be congratulated for supporting such a proposal rather than trying to sell the spot to another dealer.

The material that was offered at the table was donated by members of CAND. Although there were a number of dealers who unselfishly donated "worthwhile" material (for example, I recall the names of Michael Findlay, Chuck Moore and Terry McHugh coming up in a conversation, as well as a sizable donation from collector Harry Eisenhaur), the most credit must be given to CAND member-dealer Peter Lockwood of the Coin and Currency Exchange, Mississauga. According to the show chairman, he has donated to the YN Table since its inception 3 years ago to the tune of over \$1,000.00. The Royal Canadian Mint has also been a great supporter with their worthwhile donations.

Other coin show organizers might wish to pick up this idea and consider a similar table at their upcoming shows. I am sure that many dealers would be only too happy to donate material if they know it was going towards juniors.

CAND SUPPORTS YNs AT HAMILTON WINTER SHOW

By Chris Boyer

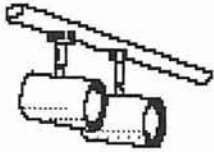
For the second year in a row, the Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers (CAND) has hosted a winter show. And for the second year CAND has shown its support to young numismatists (YNs) at its show, which proved not only a success for the dealers on hand, but for the numerous young numismatists who attended the show as well.

Using donations from the CAND member dealers, a young numismatist table was set up. Numerous numismatic items were offered to young numismatists only at "bargain basement" prices. Guide books, coin sets, mint products and various other numismatic items were offered at a fraction of their true market value in order to help young numismatists who have limited budgets. The table was a popular attraction that allowed many YNs to head home with treasures.

The Royal Canadian Mint showed its trademark generosity to the young numismatists as well. In addition to handing out complimentary January 2000 Millennium coins and RCM logo pins to the youngsters who visited their booth, the Mint generously donated a 2000 Silver Proof Set for the YN draws held during the show. Other items in the free young numismatist draw included circulated coin sets donated by dealers, a gold coin, a year's subscription to the *Canadian Coin News*, and a number of promotional signs used at the Bank of Canada Auction donated by Moore Numismatics.

Young numismatists attending the show were offered a goodie bag of numismatic items, including a collector's guide published by Trajan, 1999 Millennium coins and an envelope of assorted world coins donated by numismatist Harry Eisenhauer. Young collectors were also offered items at various dealer tables around the bourse floor, including Millennium coin boards, municipal trade tokens, and complimentary publications from *Canadian Coin News*. Dealers showed patience and even encouraged trading with the young numismatists at their tables.

Encouragement to young numismatists is one way to ensure that the hobby of numismatics thrives into the new millennium. Thanks to the efforts of CAND (in particular Rick Simpson and Terry McHugh), its member dealers and the Royal Canadian Mint, the future of numismatics in Southwestern Ontario is bright for young numismatists.



SPOTLIGHT ON COIN SHOWS

ONA SUCCESSFUL IN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AT TOREX



The February 2001 Torex Show was another successful event, according to all reports. Dealers reported brisk business, both with the public as well as amongst themselves. Collectors in decimal coins, paper money and tokens also reported satisfaction in their acquisitions of material. Some pieces of jewellery also found new homes.

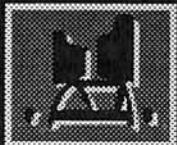
The auction, conducted by Michael Walsh, drew good bidding, both from the floor as well as through the mails, with a number of lots exceeding reserves as well as some passing under the gavel at bargain pricing.

Brian Smith, the new owner/operator of Torex, has learned well from his mother, former owner Ingrid Smith. From all appearances, everything was well under control. As usual, dealers were treated to complimentary coffee and tea when they arrived to lay out their wares in the bourse rooms that were all ready set up for them.

The Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club (CTCCC) had their usual well-attended meeting on Saturday morning in a meeting room donated by Torex. The Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society (CMNS) held their meeting in the afternoon.

Table space was also donated to the CMNS to promote their organization. The ONA was also granted an information table in the lobby of the convention area to promote not only their own association, but also other groups. For example, membership applications forms from the CNA and the upcoming "advanced" numismatic course at Humber College hosted by CNA/NESA were also laid out, as were information flyers of a number of local coin clubs and upcoming annual coin shows, both club-organized and commercially-run.

How successful was the ONA at Torex? Just take a look at the new membership applications published on page 38 of this issue!



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STRONG PRICES AT TOREX AUCTION



(One of the items that has been generally ignored in the ONA Numismatist are reports following commercial shows. Further, we have completely ignored results of auctions that have taken place in Ontario. We have decided to include the following write-up and ask members for their comments about inclusion of this sort of detail in the future, not only Canadian decimal but also other material.)

Strong prices were realized on many of the lots in the first Torex Auction of the new millennium. The sale was catalogued by Michael Walsh, the Canadian Coinoisseur and conducted in two sessions on February 23 and 24, at the Primrose Hotel in Toronto. Walsh reported that pre-auction mail bids were aggressive with many of the 948 lots in the sale being bid above catalogue before the first hammer fell. There were several price records established.

As has been the case for the past several major Canadian sales, some of the more competitive bidding was for the choicer red copper pieces. This time though, George VI pieces, both Newfoundland and Canadian, also entered the fray. Said Walsh after the sale, "I think more collectors are realizing that these pieces are now 50 and 60 years old and more, and they are still relative bargains at current Trends prices". And it wasn't just with the red copper that George VI prices were high. Most of the high-grade 5 cent, 10 cent and 25 cent pieces were also bid quite strongly. Walsh told us that "gem examples of these denominations seldom come up at auction, and when they do, they attract the attention their rarity deserves. That's why we saw in this auction many of them selling above Trends."

Some of the highlights of the sale were: (all prices including the 10% Buyer's Fee)

- Lot 17 - 1935 French Text \$25 Bank of Canada in VF sold for \$2475;
- Lot 49 - Bank of Montreal 1839 Side View Half Penny Token, Breton 524 in ICCS EF 45 sold for \$1,430;
- Lot 59 - unique 1972 set of Nova Scotia proofs and die trials for a proposed medal sold for \$1,815;
- Lot 144 - 1909C Sovereign in PCGS MS 63 sold for \$2,420;
- Lot 202 - 1861 New Brunswick Cent in ICCS MS 64 RD sold for \$1,650;
- Lot 233 - 1940 DD Newfoundland Cent in PCGS MS 64 RB sold for \$990;
- Lot 238 - 1942 Newfoundland Cent in ICCS MS 64 RD sold for \$660;
- Lot 257 - 1944C Newfoundland 5 Cent in PCGS MS 64 sold for \$880;
- Lot 268 - 1882H Newfoundland 10 Cent in ICG AU 58 sold for \$3,850;
- Lot 356 - 1913 Canadian Large Cent in ICCS MS 65 RD sold for \$1,430;
- Lot 382 - 1922 Canadian Cent in ICCS MS 63 RD sold for \$1,100;
- Lot 390 - 1925 Canadian Cent in PCGS MS 65 RB sold for \$2,090;
- Lot 398 - 1932 Canadian Cent in PCGS MS 65 RD sold for \$1,100;
- Lot 413 - 1939 Canadian Cent in ICCS MS 66 RD sold for \$286;
- Lot 428 - 1945 Canadian Cent in ICCS MS 64 RD sold for \$302.50;
- Lot 572 - 1953 SF Mule Canadian 5 Cent in ICCS AU 50 sold for \$1,485;
- Lot 586 - 1885 Canadian 10 Cent in NGC MS 65 sold for \$28,000;
- Lot 683 - 1943 Canadian 10 Cent in ICCS MS 65 sold for \$314.60;
- Lot 688 - 1947 Canadian 10 Cent in ICCS MS 65 sold for \$236.50;
- Lot 738 - 1909 Canadian 25 Cent in ICG & ICCS MS 64 sold for \$4,730;
- Lot 760 - 1931 Canadian 25 Cent in ICG MS 67 sold for \$14,300;
- Lot 795 - 1943 Canadian 25 Cent in PCGS & ICCS MS 66 sold for \$825;
- Lot 811 - 1951 HR Canadian 25 Cent in ANACS MS 68 sold for \$770;
- Lot 828 - 1892 Canadian 50 Cent in ICCS VF 20 sold for \$484;
- Lot 830 - 1906 Canadian 50 Cent in ICCS MS 63 sold for \$4,125;
- Lot 850 - 1921 Canadian 50 Cent in ICCS VG 8 sold for \$19,800;
- Lot 854 - 1932 Canadian 50 Cent in PCGS MS 63 sold for \$8,470;
- Lot 894 - 1935 Canadian Dollar in ICCS MS 64 PQ+ sold for \$335.50;
- Lot 911 - 1947 P7 Canadian Dollar in ICCS MS 63 sold for \$1,292.50;

Michael Walsh told us "there were several new buyers in the sale whose competitive bidding added an extra increment or two and carried the prices higher. My overall impression from this auction," said Walsh, "is of a strong and ready market for the choicest pieces and a continuing healthy one for key dates and other attractive items."

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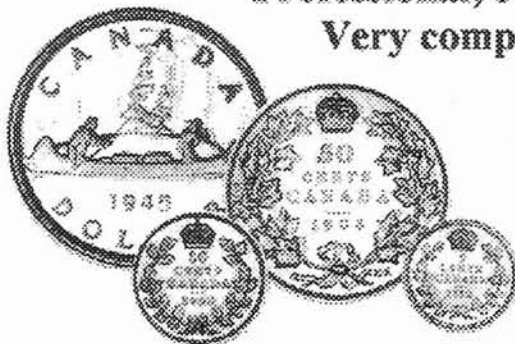
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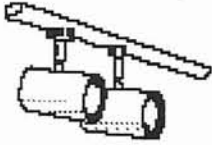
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SPOTLIGHT ON NUMISMATIC ETIQUETTE

WHAT TO DO WITH PERSONALIZED NUMISMATIC GIFTS?

by John Regitko

I have recently opened up a couple of boxes of odds and ends of numismatic material that I have accumulated over the years. My reason for going through them at this time is to sell off the many things that I have accumulated over 40 years of collecting.

A major quantity of the items in one of the containers consisted of personalized wooden tokens and personalized medals. You know, the kind that people give you when they celebrate an event. They can be either of a personal non-numismatic nature such as the celebration of Christmas/Hanukah, wedding, birthday, anniversary, or to celebrate a numismatic event such as an ONA or CNA Convention, a local coin club's anniversary meeting, or participation in a national organization's annual meeting. I have received many, many of these personal gifts from friends and fellow collectors over the years. They all commemorate some major event in their life.

Here is my predicament: A greeting card is appreciated when it is received but is discarded after a short while. Wooden tokens are also appreciated when received but obviously, they are not discarded by a collector. Since they have served their original purpose of passing on congratulations or good news, what now?

Is it proper etiquette for me to pass on these personal woods to newer collectors that will appreciate to have them in their collection? Should they be returned to the givers? Is it expected that if I pass them on that they should be given away? Or is it acceptable...and proper etiquette...to sell them?

Some of the people that come readily to mind that have given me wooden tokens are Wilf Becker, Norm Belsten, Ted Boxall, Gary Braunwarth, Judie Brown, Russ Brown, George Fraser, Dave Gillespie, Paul Johnson, Albert Kasman, Tom Kennedy, Ross Kingdon, Ken Koch, John Maclean, Ryan McCullough, Al Munro, Gary Oblinsky, Terry O'Brien, Bill Popynick, Bruce Raszman, Don Robb, Earl Salterio, Pat White, Ken Wilmot, Ron Zelk and my wife, Monina. And I am naming just the ONA members.

What about all the non-members that have handed me woods at CNA Conventions and at other functions? Or the wedding woods of the Deroos', Konieczko's or West's? What if a wood is personally signed by them?

Or what about those that are deceased, such as Larry Becker, Al Bliman, John Curtis, Jim Deluney, Basil Latham, Scoop Lewry, Walter Loudon and Howard Richardson, just to name some that come to mind. And how about if any of these were personally signed?

Then there are the spare woods given to me by ONA and CNA Convention Committees to promote their annual conventions that I didn't hand out, the Canadian Coin News or Canada Wide Woods promotional woods, or all the coin clubs that have given me woods, especially Waterloo, Stratford, North York, Scarborough, CAWMC and the Southern Ontario Chapter of CAWMC. Or the official woods that read "Ron Zelk for ONA Vice President" or "Harvey Farrow for ONA President?" The beautiful works of art that have been hand painted by Gary Littrell, Lou Vesh and Yvonne Vesh? What about the now-defunct club woods such as Richmond Hill and Markham Village? Where does one draw the line?

By the same token, a few people have given me personalize medals, such as Ted Boxall, Rick Craig and Jerry Remick?

I'm wondering what can/should/must I do if/when I do decide to allow them to join another collection, someone that has not been around as long as I have and would dearly love to get their hands on them.

I would like some input from our membership of what they feel is acceptable. I would especially like to hear from the people named above who have given me wooden commemorative tokens over the years.

I am sure that I am not the only one that has had to deal with this dilemma. Interesting responses will be published in the next ONA Numismatist.

CNA CONVENTION NEWS

CNA CONVENTION SCHEDULED FOR QUEBEC CITY

by Jerry Remick



The 2001 edition of the popular annual CNA Conventions, scheduled for Quebec City for July 26 to 29, have unveiled the logo for the Convention. It shows the St. Louis Gate (La Porte St. Louis), one of three gates that allow passage through the stone wall surrounding Quebec City, and a horse and buggy that tourists can rent to see part of the city.

It will be pictured on the 2001 CNA Convention medal and various wooden tokens. It was designed by Bic, Quebec artist Diane Levesque.

The Convention will be held at the Centre des Congres de Quebec, which faces the side of the Quebec Provincial Parliament Building, situated in the heart of Upper Town Quebec City. The convention site is within walking distance of all major sights, restaurants, bars, discotheques, cafes and excursion boats.

The Centre des Congres de Quebec is situated right next to the Hilton Hotel, the official hotel for the convention. Rooms at the Hilton are available at the special CNA Convention rate of \$172 plus 15% tax. There is good public parking at the multi-story building at D'Youville Square at reasonable prices and very close to the Centre des Congres de Quebec.

The bourse will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Many meetings and other activities have been planned.

ALTERNATE INEXPENSIVE SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE

Nearly 3,000 single and double rooms are available in four modern residence buildings at Laval University, Quebec City for visitors to the 2001 CNA Convention to be held in Upper Town Quebec City July 26 to 29. The room rates during the summer of 2000 were \$28.76 for a single room and \$40.21 for a double room, including all taxes. At press time, rates for the summer of 2001 have not been confirmed but are expected to remain at or close to last year's rates.

These inexpensive rooms will allow collectors of limited means the opportunity of attending the 2001 CNA Convention. Rooms include a wash basin, sheets, towel, soap, a telephone with free local phone calls and blankets for the bed. Parking is free if you ask for a parking sticker.

Several restaurants and cafeterias on Laval University Campus offer inexpensive meals. There is even a bar. Buses stop every 5 minutes within a few hundred feet of the 4 residence buildings. It is only a 15-minute bus ride from Laval University to the Centre des Congres de Quebec where the CNA Convention is being held. Bus tickets can be purchased for \$1.50 at Laval University or \$2.25 cash can be tendered on the bus.

If you come by train, get off at Ste. Foy station. It's a 4 km taxi ride to Laval University. Quebec City is best seen on foot and you do not need a car. There are many restaurants with outdoor tables on Grande Allee Street, just 1 block from the convention site and throughout Quebec City.

If you fly in by plane, the Jean Lasage Airport is 10 km from Laval University. There are airport buses and taxis. If you come by bus, the Ste. Foy bus station is about 2 km from the University.

Three very large shopping centers, situated side by side with hundreds of stores, are located within a short walking distance just west of Laval University.

For additional information, contact the Laval University's residences for summer visitors at (418) 656-2921.

AN INVITATION TO CNA CONVENTION IN QUEBEC CITY

by Yvon Marquis, Co-Chairman, CNA Convention - Quebec 2001



As most of your members are aware, the 2001 CNA Annual Convention will be held in Quebec City from July 26-29. The important numismatic event will be hosted by la Societe Numismatique de Quebec (SNQ).

Site of the Convention

The Convention will be held at the Quebec City Congress Center, located within walking distance of most tourist attractions of the Old City. Activities involving meals will be held at the Hilton Hotel, connected to the Congress Center.

Where to Stay

We suggest the registrants reserve their room at the Hilton Hotel. We have been given a very special rate of \$172 per night (single or double occupancy). Please make your reservation at 1-418-647-2411 or 1-800-447-2411. It is important to mention that you are with the Canadian Numismatic Association Convention.

Of course there are other hotels in the suburbs at lower cost. A list of these is included on the Convention's web site, but considering the cost of transportation and parking and added to the inconvenience of not staying on site, we recommend that you stay at the Hilton Quebec.

Recognized as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, Quebec City was founded in 1608 by Samuel de Champlain, who built the first permanent settlement in North America. Although the city has grown along the years, it kept its original attraction and many buildings and its infrastructure stands as witness to its history. The historic walls render Quebec the only remaining fortified city in North America.

Most people who have had the opportunity to attend a CNA Convention try to return every year. It is an occasion to meet with fellow collectors from all across the country. There are many dealers you will meet with whom you can establish an ongoing business relationship. You can view numismatic exhibits and attend educational seminars dealing with various numismatic topics. A number of specialized clubs meet at the Convention. A major numismatic auction will take place. Receptions, including one hosted by the Royal Canadian Mint, are also scheduled. There are social events and city tours.

Although more information will be published in the next issue, if you want more information in the meantime,



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT US:



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THE NATIONAL SCENE

A look at what is happening beyond Ontario's border

CNA TO HOLD "ADVANCED" COURSE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2001



The Canadian Numismatic Association and Numismatic Educational Services Association are presenting an "Advanced" Canadian Numismatic course on Saturday, June 2, 2001 at Humber College located in northwest Toronto.

This course is a follow-up to the "Introductory" course offered in the past. The material presented will be more in depth and will provide additional technical data and information to those in attendance. There will be three areas of focus: *Coin Grading and Counterfeit Detection; Identifying Genuine and Fake Mint Errors; and Coin and Paper Money Conservation.*

The course will include a classroom workshop setting, three different qualified instructors, material relating to Canadian numismatics and plenty of fun and fellowship.

The session on "*Coin Grading and Counterfeit Detection*" will be led by **Brian Cornwell**, one of Canada's leading experts on the subject and President of the International Coin Certification Service. The material will focus on the practical aspects of grading Canadian decimal coinage as well as detecting coins that have been altered or counterfeited. Students will spend approximately 75% of the allocated class time in a "hands on" or problem solving mode both on an individual and team basis. The remaining 25% will consist of key presentations that emphasize selected grading tips and methods used by experienced graders. The presentation will focus on the three fundamentals of accurate and consistent grading: knowledge, technique and objectivity. A detailed discussion of the fine points that distinguish one grade from another is also included, as well as a hands-on look at "coin problems", specifically those that are cleaned, altered or counterfeited. This is your opportunity to learn about grading coins from one of Canada's foremost authorities on the subject.

The second session will deal with "*Identifying Genuine and Fake Mint Errors*" by **John Regitko**, a Past President of the Canadian Numismatic Association and collector of error coins for more than 30 years. This presentation will explain how error coins occur during each stage of production where known fraudulent errors have been created. Participants will be shown how to tell a genuine clipped coin from a fraudulently damaged one through the use of close-up slides. Slides and actual coins will also be shown of other known questionable errors. A variety of details will be released by the instructor about investigations from the past. From a monetary point of view, it is very important to know the difference between genuine and fraudulently produced errors.

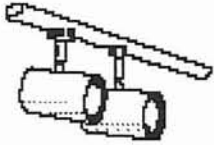
Students are urged to bring a 10x or higher magnifying glass for the "hands-on" demonstrations as numerous error coins will be examined. This is a "must see" presentation for every coin collector.

The final session discusses "*Coin and Paper Money Conservation*" by **Susan Maltby**, one of Canada's leading experts on the subject. She is a regular columnist for "Coin World" and has presented dozens of courses on numismatic conservation. This advanced course offers the collector an opportunity to learn, in a practical "hands-on" manner, more about the proper care and conservation of numismatic collections. Topics discussed will include: agents of deterioration, environmental requirements for numismatic collections, environmental monitoring techniques, establishing a controlled environment, storage, holders and cleaning, care and handling of numismatic material. Susan will also address the topic of what materials and holders to avoid, environmental requirements for various kinds of material and tips for good care and handling of coins. You will find out what you can do to ensure minimal reduction in value of valuable numismatic material. Participants are urged to bring along problem pieces for examination and discussion. This is a special opportunity to learn about numismatic conservation from Canada's foremost expert on this subject.

The three well-qualified instructors will supplement their presentations with slides, videos, overheads, demonstrations, handouts and displays of actual numismatic material.

Each participant will receive a personalized "Certificate of Participation" at the end of the course. Paul Johnson, Chairman of the C.N.A. Education Committee, will act as the Moderator. There will be ample opportunity to ask questions, participate in demonstrations and interface with the instructors one-on-one. We encourage you to register early for this course as seating is limited.

If you wish to register for this course, please contact Ken Prophet, Executive Secretary of the Canadian Numismatic Association at P.O. Box 226, Barrie, ON L4M 4T2, telephone (705) 737-0845, fax (705) 737-0293 or E-mail: cdn.numismatic@on.aibn.com.



SPOTLIGHT ON
NEW TEN DOLLAR NOTES

CAUTION URGED RE PRICING ON NEW \$10 ERROR NOTES

by John Regitko



A few error notes of the new \$10 bills have been reported in Canadian Coin News. A number of collectors have contacted me concerning the high prices that are being bandied about and suggested that I caution everyone not to be too hasty in jumping at a chance to purchase one....at virtually any price.

It has also been brought to my attention that one of these error notes, which has no black printing, was listed on a popular internet auction site. The bidding was up to \$710 U.S. (or about \$1,067 Cdn.) at

closing. Even at that price it did not meet the reserve that the seller had placed on it. The seller contacted the highest bidder and offered to sell the note for \$3,000. It was declined. The seller then countered with another offer of \$1,500. It again was declined.

It must be remembered that Canada's paper money is printed 40 per sheet. If one is found without black printing, another 39 notes with the identical error are hiding in bundles just waiting to be found. Another of these error notes was seen at the recent Torex.

Although 40 notes makes them scarce, pricing is established not by ads in numismatic publications, but rather by supply and demand. I don't know if 40 people are willing to pay that kind of money!

Reminds me of the time I read in the Toronto Star that someone found an off-center coin. Just because they had never seen one before, they wanted \$10,000 for it.

As they say: Buyer beware!



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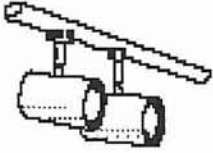
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SPOTLIGHT ON NUMISMATIC BOOKS

PRE-PUBLICATION SPECIAL ON CANADIAN HISTORICAL MEDAL SERIES OFFERED BY THE CHARLTON PRESS

by John Regitko

The Charlton Press

Over the next seven months, The Charlton Press will release the first of a two-part series on Canadian Historical Medals. When finished, parts 1 and 2 will have over 2,000 pages on Canadian Historical Medals. Due to the magnitude of the work involved, Charlton Press has divided the release of the six-volume set into two allotments of three volumes each. Part 1 will be released on three publication dates beginning May 2001 with the Canadian Exhibition, Fair and Carnival Medals. July 2001 will see Canadian Association, Commercial and Society Medals released, and Canadian Scholastic Medals will follow in September 2001. The 3 books of part 2 will be released in 2002.

Volume One: Exhibition, Fair and Carnival Medals

Over 350 pages covering all the technical details known concerning the Foreign, Dominion and Provincial Exhibitions held in or relating to Canada, since the first known medal. The Exhibition medals are in order of province. The 12 chapters will list medals that have been seen, researched and recorded, either from past works, auctions, archives or collections.

As far as Ontario is concerned, the chapter will cover the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, the Canadian National Exhibition, the Central Canada Exhibition and the Western Fair, along with other provincial fairs and various souvenir medals.

I have had the opportunity to view some of the artwork of a number of pages of this catalogue, and I must say it is a work of art that every numismatist, whether they collect these types of medals or not, should have in their library.

Volume Two: Association, Commercial and Society Medals

Within this 300-plus page catalogue, associations and societies are listed alphabetically and then in chronological order. Included are the medals of the agricultural associations, the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, the French-Canadian Society of Artists (Societe de Artisans Canadian Francais), the Independent Order of Oddfellows, as well as those of such organizations as the Canine Kennel Clubs, horticultural societies, camera clubs and the St. Jean Baptiste and Temperance Societies of Canada.

The commercial medals, which are within their own section, are listed alphabetically. Banking institutions are covered along with the medals of such renown companies as the Henry Birks & Sons Ltd. Also included is a section on transportation medals and souvenirs.

Volume Three: Canadian Scholastic Medals

This 400-plus volume covers scholastic medals bestowed by a wide range of learning institutions within Canada. The chapters in this book are broken down geographically from east to west, and within each town or city the medals are further broken down by type, i.e. universities, secondary schools, elementary schools and Sunday schools.

Gold, silver and bronze medals of the universities, colleges and secondary schools are listed with all the known technical details along with an illustration of each medal.

Technical Details

Each volume will be 8-1/2" x 11" case bound to library specifications. The cover will have the title gold stamped, each volume with a different colour leatherette. The paper will be archival quality acid free paper. This collector's limited edition will be limited to 250 copies, individually numbered and signed by the author.

Pre-publication pricing of collector's set of matching numbers:

The regular cover price for the three volume set described above is \$48.50. A pre-publication offer of \$375 for the set is available for a limited time. With a shipping & handling charge of \$5 per book and 7% GST, the total pre-publication price is \$417.30.

Pre-publication orders (accompanied by a cheque made payable to The Charlton Press) should be sent to The Charlton Press, 2040 Yonge St., Suite 208, Toronto, ON M4S 1Z9. If payment is made via credit card, orders can also be placed by calling 1-800-442-6042, fax (1-800-442-1542, E-mail chpress@charltonpress.com, or by accessing their website at www.charltonpress.com.

THE NATIONAL SCENE

A look at what is happening beyond Ontario's border

CTCCC IS A VERY ACTIVE ORGANIZATION



One of the most active...and visible...numismatic organizations in Canada has got to be the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club, which recently celebrated its 10th Anniversary. It was founded at one of the ONA Editor's coin shows, the Toronto International Coin Fair, and hasn't looked back since. It has well over 300 paid-up members. Headed by Roger Fox, the organization not only publishes a great bulletin, but conducts a number of meetings during the course of the year. Membership is only \$10 a year. The latest bulletin we have been able to review, the January 2001 issue, contained 22 pages of a variety of content, all dealing with Canadian Tire "money." It includes up-to-date price information on scarcer issues, new discoveries, mail bid auction listings, want ads, updates on "broken signature" varieties and detailed articles such as about the "cross the 't' varieties." We congratulate their editor, Jerome Fourre, on another outstanding publication.

They meet at Torex 3 times a year in downtown Toronto, at Nuphilex in Montreal and at ONA and CNA Conventions wherever they are held. Additional gatherings, including at post-Convention get-togethers at members' homes, are also well-attended, especially those summer gatherings consisting of both BBQs and fun & fellowship. Member Hubert Grimminck has consented to hold a Canadian Tire Swap and Meet gathering at his residence in July, and if past meetings are any indication, the fun & fellowship will be outstanding along with the trading, displays, food and refreshments.

If you want information on when future meetings take place, we suggest you go to www.nunetcan.net/ctccc or contact the ONA President, Mike Hollingshead, who is one of the founders and a big honcho in CTCCC. His contact information is listed on the masthead of the front page of this ONA Numismatist.

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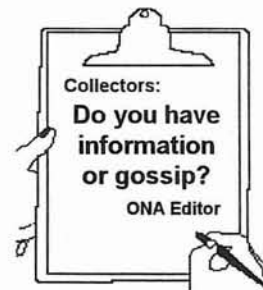
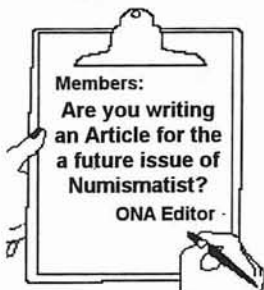
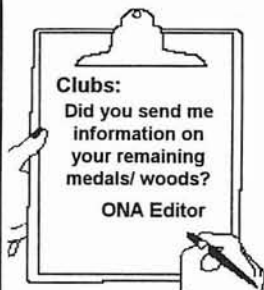
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ONA NUMISMATIST PREFERRED CONTENT QUESTIONNAIRE

TO DETERMINE THE DIRECTION THE EDITOR SHOULD BE TAKING
CONCERNING THE CONTENT OF FUTURE ISSUES OF THE ONA NUMISMATIST

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE ONA EDITOR

The information requested in this survey is intended to provide the editor with guidelines on content in future issues of the ONA Numismatist.

We ask you to please fill in this questionnaire and return it to the ONA Editor, 4936 Yonge St., Suite 235, North York, ON M2N 6S3. Remember, this is for your benefit, not ours. Thank you for your assistance and participation.

What is your reaction to the regular columns that have appeared so far (please check 1 per line):

| | Very Desirable | Desirable | Neutral | Not Desirable |
|--|-------------------|-----------|---------|------------------|
| President's Message | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Editor's Message | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Letters to the Editor | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Committee Reports (Awards, Club Services, etc.) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Executive Meeting Decisions | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Meet your Executive (detailed backgrounder) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Club Services Updates (new programs, etc.) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Speakers Circuit Listing | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Display Advertisements - Commercial | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Display Advertisements - Annual Shows | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Complimentary Classified Ads | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Local Coin Club News | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| ONA Convention News - Pre-Convention | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| ONA Convention News - Post Convention | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Show Time Listing (clubs, Torex, CAND) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Best Wishes/Condolences/Congratulations .. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| News about the CNA | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| News about Canadian national associations (CPMS, CATC, CTCCC, CAWMC, CMNS, etc.) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| News from the Bank of Canada | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| News about the Royal Canadian Mint | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| South of the Border (info on U.S. numismatics) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| The International Scene | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| The Lighter Side (Humor) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Spotlight on People (Members in the News or backgrounder on well-known Ontario numismatists) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| New Ontario Issues (trade dollars, wooden ... nickels, Canadian Tire Ontario issues) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

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What is your reaction if the following columns appear as space permits?

| | Very Desirable | Desirable | Neutral | Not Desirable |
|---|-------------------|-----------|---------|------------------|
| Book Reviews | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| International News (associations, books, etc.) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Numismatics on the Internet | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| New Member Profiles/Collecting Interests | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Where Are They Now (numismatists once prominent in Ontario numismatics) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| People Remembered (reminiscing about those from Ontario that have passed on (i.e. Hans Zoell, Robert Wiley, Jack Veffer, Ricky Morse) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Contests | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Kudos and Criticisms | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Basic Information (i.e. Starting Out info) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Auction results on Ontario numismatic items | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| News about or from Foreign Mints | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Old Ontario Issues (early Ontario tokens, Milk/Bread tokens, Municipal issues) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

| Do you want <u>more</u> personal information included: | Yes | No | Don't care |
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| Get well/condolences/Best Wishes | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Personal numismatic accomplishments of members | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Numismatic accomplishments by national figures | _____ | _____ | _____ |

List as many other columns/ideas as you would like to see included (i.e. "10 Years Ago"):

List any items you would prefer not to see in the ONA Numismatist. Reasons could be that you have no interest in the topic and don't care to know about it, you read about them elsewhere (CCN, Coin World, CNA Journal), or for any other reason (for example, you might list "RCM press releases" or "book reviews" here because you can read about them elsewhere).

So that we can better judge what information to report (or NOT report) because you can read it elsewhere, which other organizations are you a member of (circle all organizations that you are a member of in the year 2001):

- CNA CPMS CMNS CTCCC CATC APNA APWMA CAND CAWMC ANA N.I.
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List the type of material you wish written up (not necessarily the things you collect, but rather the things you would like more information on). Be as specific (i.e., "new issues of Ontario trade dollars" or "Ontario club medals") or as general (i.e. "error coins" or "primitive Money") as you wish:

List additional comments or suggestions on separate sheet.

2001 ONA CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

| QTY. | FUNCTION | PRICE | TOTAL |
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| _____ | Main Registration <i>(Includes registrant's souvenir convention medal in commercial bronze medal with reeded edge, admission to Registrants Reception with 2 complimentary drinks, unlimited visits to Hospitality Suite, admission to bourse, program of events pamphlet, Dream Vacation draw ticket.)</i> | \$25.00 | _____ |
| _____ | 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)</i> | 15.00 | _____ |
| _____ | Young Numismatist Registration <i>(Includes everything in the main registration kit with the exception of the souvenir convention medal and complimentary drink tickets.)</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 | _____ |
| _____ | Banquet (Saturday 6:30 p.m. cash bar; 7:00 p.m. dinner) <i>(Includes full-course dinner and draw prize ticket; keynote speaker Robert Aaron; all banquet ticket holders will be invited to a special "President's Reception" immediately following the conclusion of the Banquet.)</i> | 35.00 | _____ |
| _____ | Dream Vacation Draw tickets (buy 5, get 1 free) | 2.00 | _____ |
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| TOTAL (please make cheque payable to the 2001 ONA Convention) | | | \$ |

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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 2001 ONA Convention, to:
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 P.O. Box 40033, Waterloo Square P.O., 75 King St. S., Waterloo, Ont. N2J 4V1

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I am interested in entering a competitive exhibit at the ONA 2001 Convention at the Ramada Inn in Guelph. I am aware of and accept the following:

- Exhibits consist of one- or two-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
 - The 1st runner-up will receive an engraved uniface gold-plate convention medal
 - The 2nd runner-up will receive an engraved uniface nickel-silver convention medal
- To enter a competitive display, I must be registered for the Convention.
- Set-up is on Saturday, April 28, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- I understand that tear-down starts on Sunday, April 29, at 4:00 p.m.
 - I will supply my own display case(s) and lock
 - I will require display cases and locks (inside measurements are 28-1/2" x 16-1/4")

I am attaching my deposit for \$15.00. I understand that this cheque (made payable to ONA 2000 Convention) will not be cashed and will be returned to me upon set-up of my exhibit (however, it will be forfeited if I do not show up at the Convention and set up my exhibit).

Name of Exhibitor (print): _____ Telephone #: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Signature: _____

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Please contact the Ramada Inn directly to make room reservations.

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- Rates are \$91.00 per night single or double occupancy, plus 7% GST and 5% PST.
- When calling the hotel, refer to "Ontario Numismatic Association Convention" to obtain these special rates.

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An information table will be located in the lobby of the Convention hotel. It is intended to promote membership in your organization, upcoming annual shows, regular coin club meetings, annual dinner meetings. If you bring flyers or brochures with you, you may place them on the information table free of charge so that you can make convention-goers aware of your event or club meetings.