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



On behalf of the ONA executive and appointees, I would like to wish all our members a healthy and prosperous New Year. Here's hoping you find that "key piece" in 2001.

Plans are well underway for this Spring's ONA 2001 Convention in Guelph. We are emphasizing a "Back to Basics" theme with maximum value for your time and money spent at the convention.

For the first time in a long time we will have a Friday Nite bourse, with dealers open for business from 6:00pm until 9:00pm. This is meant to capture people who will be away for the weekend but want to take advantage of this show and the dealers.

We hope that the ONA 2001 Convention will be viewed as a collector-friendly show, so look forward to all your favourite collector groups meeting there, too, whether you are a "woodie" or Canadian Tire Coupon fan.

We appreciate the support that Chuck Moore of Charles Moore Numismatics Auctions is giving the ONA in underwriting the cost of printing and mailing this January/February ONA Numismatist to cover the additional costs incurred between the 34 pages of this bulletin versus the normal cost of an 18 page bulletin. Because of the financial support from generous people like Chuck we will, hopefully, be able to publish similar size bulletins in the future.

See you at the Shows!

*Mike Hollingshead  
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Regular Membership - \$15 per year  
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(Life Memberships are accepted only after one year of regular membership)

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



# A W A R D S C O M M I T T E E R E P O R T

## OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS FOR ONA MEMBERS AND MEMBER CLUBS TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR "AWARD OF MERIT" AND "FELLOW OF THE ONA"

Every year, your ONA Awards Committee selects numismatists to receive these prestigious awards. Every year, we ask for your help in identifying deserving candidates.

There are many numismatists who make outstanding contributions to the promotion and advancement of our great hobby. Our objective is to offer appropriate recognition to a select few of these people.

**AWARD OF MERIT:** This award was introduced in 1962 to recognize the person in Ontario who has made the greatest contribution toward the advancement of numismatics.

**FELLOW OF THE ONA:** This award recognizes ONA members for outstanding work in their local area. This includes work with the local coin club and promoting numismatics in their community.

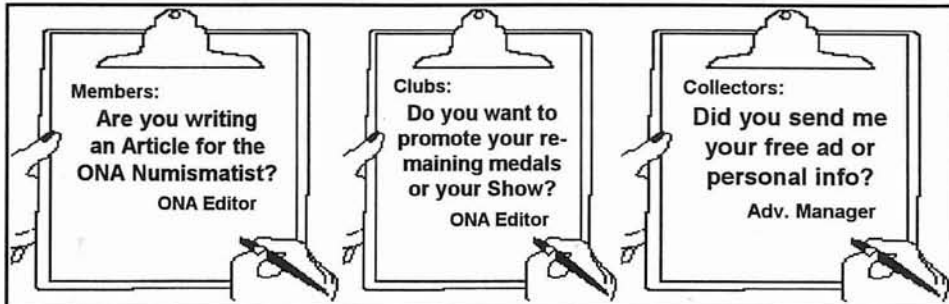
### OUR CHALLENGE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY

Your Awards Committee has the challenge of selecting the most deserving candidates.

You and your club have the opportunity to ensure that we meet this challenge. Please help us by making a nomination and including a brief resume of your candidate.

Our selections will be made before the end of February, so please send your nominations to me so that it arrives before February 21, either via e-mail (donrobb@ionline.net) or to the address below. I can also be contacted via telephone at (519) 888-9655. Thanks for your help.

Don Robb, Chairman  
ONA Awards Committee  
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# EDITOR'S MESSAGE



In the last issue, we made an offer to dealers (free listing of what they offer for sale) and coin clubs (free listing of any club medals, woods or other collectibles for sale). Included in the "Congratulations" page in this issue, we mention every one of the submissions we received....one only! Doesn't anybody want free publicity? Or are people skeptical that there is a catch?

We also hoped that more members make me aware of personal news that they find out about: weddings, engagements, condolences, births, illness, achievements, awards, congratulations of all types, etc. Would you like to take a guess how many people forwarded something to me for this issue? Would you believe only one (a birth). Anything you read in this issue was culled from local coin club bulletins or had to be pried loose from people.

Another year of ONA Numismatist is under my belt! When I undertook to be your Editor starting with the November/December 1998 issue, I indicated to the ONA Executive what I felt should be the content of the ONA Numismatist. I thought I would include with this issue a questionnaire about what you wanted to see added/changed/deleted from YOUR bulletin, but judging by lack of responses from the membership in the past, it was concluded it would only be a waste of space and cost. I will be happy to e-mail a copy to anyone that would like to participate in the survey. Contact me at [onaedit@idirect.ca](mailto:onaedit@idirect.ca) for a copy, or see me at the ONA Convention at the Ramada Inn (formerly College Inn) in Guelph in April 27 to 29.

And speaking of editing this bulletin, after I agreed to become the editor, a job opportunity prevented me from attending club shows over the week-ends. Thanks to the club bulletins, I could keep up-to-date on what is going on in the Ontario numismatic scene. Those days are now behind me, so if you have articles or other information to pass on to me, look for me at club shows starting in the Spring.

Because of the things that just had to get into this issue, we could not include another installment of my original research on another coin designer, but we did manage to get in a short article on the RCM, this time about the importance of packaging of collector coins. Other articles were written by Chris Boyer, Jerry Remick, Don Robb, Jack Sauchenko and Paul Petch.

We hope that you will be sending in your membership renewal immediately if you have not already done so.

If you enjoy the bulletin and your membership, why not introduce the ONA to your friends, relatives, neighbors, business associates and anybody else you meet? We have taken the liberty of including a couple of membership application forms at the back of this bulletin. If you need more, just photocopy the page.

As is indicated in the President's Message, we are pleased that Chuck Moore of Charles Moore Numismatic Auctions has agreed to underwrite the additional cost of printing and mailing out this bulletin over and above the cost of the maximum 18 pages that are budgetted for. I have had dealings with Chuck when I owned TICF and he had the rights to run the TICF Auctions. I have found him great to deal with, very public relations-minded, honest and trustworthy to the extent that all of our dealings were done on a handshake.

Will we be able to publish a 36-page bulletin again for the March/April issue? The May/June issue? And beyond? You bet, all at no additional cost to the ONA treasury and no increase in membership dues, thanks to the generosity of other donors that have come forward to cover the difference. Obviously, you will only receive them if you renew!

Your comments and suggestions...as well as criticisms...are always welcome. Keep in touch!

Happy Collecting!

*John Regitko*  
ONA Editor

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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

*(As is indicated in the "Club News" section, ONA-member Tom Masters was recently presented with a beautiful Royal Canadian Mint watch for his 25 years of service as President of the Ingersoll Coin Club and for his 80th birthday. The following letter was published in a recent bulletin of the Ingersoll Coin Club. Since Tom is well-known among the ONA membership, it is reprinted here)*

What a surprise!

It is not often that I'm surprised to a degree that I'm left speechless, but that is what happened at our meeting when President Tom Rogers presented me with a Royal Canadian Mint watch for my dedication and service to the Ingersoll Coin Club. It certainly was a surprise and very much appreciated.

Let me fill you in on a list of details...In 1975, when elected as the President of the Ingersoll Coin Club, we had about 20 members, and a little more than \$100.00 in our treasury. There were rumors that the Club would fold, and I didn't become President to an organization with the thought that we would fold soon.

Along with me and some new members of the Executive, we embarked on a membership drive, and early in the 80s we inducted a junior...Jeff Barker...as our 100th member. Steve Taylor soon to become President of the A.N.A. joined our team and asked "How can we operate the Club for a membership of only \$5.00?" My answer was "by mirrors" and our balance continued to climb.

We introduced a larger Newsletter and hand delivered a number to reduce the cost of postage. I became editor also in 1975 and begun to run the Newsletter here at home (still do...3 machines later). Expanded the Newsletter from 3 or 4 pages to eight, and printed our Auction List one month in advance so non-resident members could bid my mail...has been very successful too.

Our participation in the "Disabled Children" program grew also. Year 2001 is our 32st year and we have contributed just over \$30,000.00 to help some less fortunate children. I believe there is still a great deal of interest in this program and the Club as a whole. I base this thought on the turnout at our June meeting.

So many people today are in many organizations for what they can get out of it for themselves. My involvement in numismatics goes back many years, and I love to share some of the knowledge I have acquired with those in the hobby. I didn't take the position as President in 1975 thinking it would last 25 years, but it did, and I enjoyed every minute of those years.

No tribute was needed but I appreciate the one you have paid me, and I want to say "THANK YOU," "THANK YOU," "THANK YOU."

I'll still be working for the good of OUR Club and Numismatics as a whole as long as my health allows.

Tom Masters

## **ATTENTION: LOCAL COIN CLUB REPS!**

**IF YOUR CLUB IS PLANNING A COIN SHOW AND HAS CONFIRMED THE DATE AND LOCATION, CONTACT US FOR A FREE LISTING IN THE "UPCOMING SHOW" SECTION.**

# SHOW TIME UPCOMING

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



**January 27 & 28  
CAND SHOW  
Hamilton**

Ramada Inn  
150 King St. E., Hamilton  
Sat: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sun: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Bourse Dealers  
Friday Evening Auction by  
Jeffrey Hoare Auctioneers

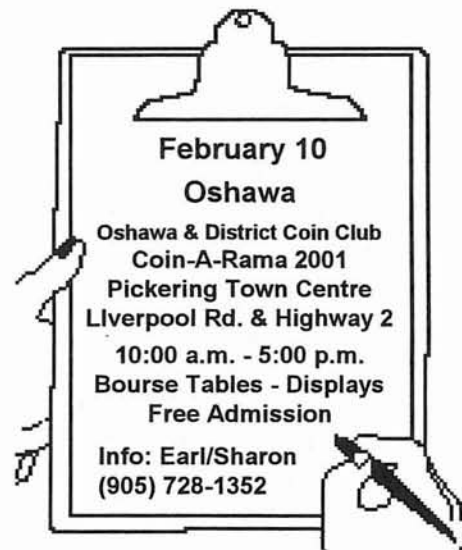
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**February 4  
S.W.O.N. COIN SHOW  
Paris**

Convention Centre  
Paris Fair Grounds  
139 Silver St., Paris  
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Over 50 tables - Draws  
Admission \$2

Info: Ted  
(519) 442-3474



**February 10  
Oshawa**

Oshawa & District Coin Club  
Coin-A-Rama 2001  
Pickering Town Centre  
Liverpool Rd. & Highway 2  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Bourse Tables - Displays  
Free Admission

Info: Earl/Sharon  
(905) 728-1352



**February 24/25  
TOREX  
Toronto**

Primrose Hotel  
111 Carlton St., Toronto  
Sat. 10 - 5; Sunday 10 - 3  
Huge Bourse - Meetings  
Friday Evening & Saturday  
Afternoon Auctions

Info: Brian  
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brian@torex.net



**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

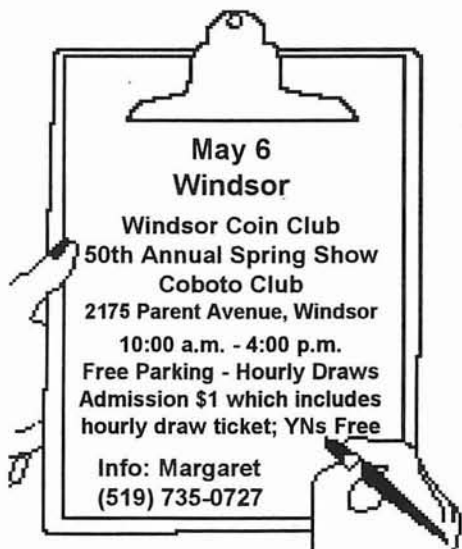
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**April 27 - 29  
ONA CONVENTION  
GUELPH**

Ramada Inn  
716 Stone Road, Guelph  
Bourse, Displays  
Auction by Serge Laramee  
Educational Meetings  
Free Parking - Door Prizes

Info: Mike  
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**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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**May 12 & 13  
NUMISMATIC SHOW  
Hamilton**

Ramada Plaza Hotel  
150 King St., Hamilton  
Sat. 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 3  
Large Bourse  
Draws  
Admission: Adults \$3;  
Seniors & YNs \$2

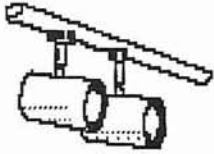
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**June 10  
Brantford**

Brantford Numismatic Society  
Annual Coin Show  
Woodman Centre  
2 Ave., Brantford  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Over 50 tables - Draws  
Free Admission

Info: Ed  
(519) 759-3688



# SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERSHIPS

## WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO ASSURE THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF YOUR LOCAL COIN CLUB AND THE ONA?

In reviewing local club bulletins for various columns for the ONA Numismatist, I notice a recurring appeal from the executive dealing with membership. Basically, clubs admit that attendance is down and appeal to their members to bring a friend to the meetings. They also ask why the local collectors that attend their annual coin show do not attend monthly meetings.

It has been a fact for a number of years now that attendance is down in virtually all clubs. Although annual coin shows tend to be quite successful in getting people out to enjoy our hobby, they do not attend monthly club meetings, some for the simple reason that nobody specifically asks them. If the late Louise Graham did not invite me to a meeting of the Toronto Coin Club so many years ago, I doubt that I would be involved with the organized hobby today. A one-on-one approach has always fared a lot better than the shotgun approach of placing ads in newspapers!

To assure the continued success of your local coin club, every member must take an active hand in getting people out to meetings. It is not just the responsibility of the elected and appointed members of the executive to attract new blood. It is the responsibility of each and every member to do so to assure that we have a place to meet so that we can continue to enjoy the hobby and the fun and fellowship it brings us.

With the same thought in mind, how can you help the ONA? With the kinds of bulletins we promise to publish, namely 36 pages every 2 months for most, if not all, of 2001, the membership fee of \$15 sure sounds good! If you believe that the ONA is contributing to your enjoyment of the hobby, why not share that enjoyment with others by signing up at least one new member? We have taken the liberty of enclosing an ONA Membership Application Form. Use it to sign someone up, or let it go to waste. The choice is yours!

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### NEW APPLICATIONS

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.

- #C116 Mississauga - Etobicoke Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Club, Rexdale
- #C117 Kirkland Lake District Coin Club, Kirkland Lake
- #C118 The Numismatic Show, Stoney Creek
- #1705 Gary Wolfe, Waterloo
- #1706 Luanne Wolfe, Waterloo
- #1707 Robert Mosser, Kitchener
- #1708 Frank Lieshaut, Toronto
- #1709 Harold Meredith, Huntsville
- #LM109 Bill Kamb (transferred from 1603 regular membership)
- #LM110 Michael Walsh, Vancouver (transferred from 1402 regular membership)



*Bruce Raszmann  
Membership Chairman*

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



To ONA member Barry McIntyre and his wife, Irene, on the birth of a 6 lb. 4 oz. girl at 6:17 a.m. on December 4. Catherine Marie McIntyre joins sister Julie, 6, and brother Kevin, 4. Obviously, Barry has been through this before, since his e-mail stated: "I will now try and get some sleep tonight, as when they get home tomorrow it will be the end of it!"



To Tom Masters, chairman of the Ingersoll Coin Club's Easter Seal Drive, who has now been involved with the club's campaign as its chairman for 26 years. Thanks to the club's members, who have supported this cause for 36 years, Tom has managed to raise over \$32,000. This year's pledge is \$1,200, with \$700 already raised towards the May deadline. Certainly a far cry from the \$20.00 that was raised the first year.

To Tom Masters again, for the award he recently received in promoting the London/Hamilton Road area as speaker and photographer. He has apparently been promoting the local area for a long, long time. Although we run into Tom regularly, it is surprising how little we sometimes know about our fellow numismatists. That's what the "People in the News" column is trying to rectify, if someone would only send us the information.

To ONA members Terry Monk, Ron Zelk, and Lakeshore Coin Club for receiving their 25 year membership certificates from the CNA.

To ONA member Paul Petch for receiving his 35 year membership certificate from the CNA. Also to the Bank of Canada's Graham Esler for receiving the same award.

To ONA members Harold Don Allen, Harvey Farrow, Gary Oblinsky and the North York Coin Club for receiving their 45 year membership certificates from the CNA. Also to the Royal Canadian Mint and the National Currency Collection of the Bank of Canada for receiving the same award.

To ONA members James Charlton, Jerome Remick, City of Ottawa Coin Club and the Toronto Coin Club for receiving their 50 year membership certificates from the CNA. Since the CNA just turned 50 years young, they joined the CNA right at the very beginning. These 2 individuals and 2 clubs join only 6 other individuals in the "50 year membership" category.

To Kenneth "Ken" Prophet who has always been there for us when we requested information, such as the above list of recipients from the CNA 2000 Convention held in Ottawa.

To Ross Kingdon and Tom Masters, the only two who took us up on offers we made. In the last bulletin we asked people to respond to various articles that were published in that issue. Here is the total list of people that responded: Appeal for Nominations for ONA Awards: Nil; Request for Nominations for Incoming Executive: Nil; Request for Nominations for ONA Award of Merit: Nil; Request for Nominations for "Fellow of the ONA" Award: Nil; Request to let the editor know of any personal happenings: One (Tom Masters); Solicitation for free advertising from Dealers: One (Ross Kingdon); Solicitation for free advertising from Clubs, book publishers, supplies distributors and collectors: Nil; Request to let us know if anyone has a copy of the movie "Trial of the Pyx" produced by Charltons: Nil. Why do we bother? Should we guess that you don't have any interest in YOUR association!

# O N T H E M O V E



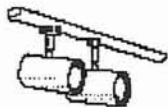
ONA member Wilf Becker, recipient of last year's "Fellow of the ONA" award for his long and outstanding contributions to the hobby of numismatics, now calls the Hillside Manor in Stratford his home. If anybody wants to drop him a note, he can be reached at Hillside Manor, R.R. #5, Stratford, ON N5A 6S6.



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

To Ken Koch, on the passing of his mother, in her 85th year.

# SPOTLIGHT ON COIN SHOWS



## THE 2000 COIN SHOW IN GUELPH

By Don Robb, Bourse Chairman

We tried some new approaches. We moved our show to Guelph and we involved three coin clubs: Paisley Road School Coin Club, South Wellington Coin Society and Waterloo Coin Society.

Did it work well? You bet it did! With the members of three coin clubs working together, we succeeded financially and enjoyed one of our most successful shows ever from a show activity perspective. While we do not have an actual attendance count, we do know that more Penny Draw tickets were sold than at any previous show.

The dealers, without exception, went home happy and they were talking about coming back in 2001. We had 19 dealers at 33 tables in a bright and spacious bourse room.

Leading up to the show were two Mall Promotion Days. The first at Stone Road Mall in Guelph, and the second at Conestoga Mall in Waterloo. At both locations, we were able to promote the show and our clubs and the hobby in general.

And then there was the 50 cent promotion idea carried out by Mike Hollingshead. What a great success that was! When was the last time that we had a promotion idea where success could be measured in terms of money lost? A great job, Mike! You succeeded in gaining a lot of newspaper and radio publicity. Also, you made a lot of people happy with your bargain offer of a shiny year 2000 fifty cent coin for only 49 cents. Yet another new approach for 2000 that worked.

All in all, our Year 2000 Coin Show was a resounding success. We will do it again in 2001. A big "Thank You" to the volunteers from the three coin clubs. In particular, it is appropriate to offer special thanks to Peter Becker, Chris Boyer, Scott Douglas, Mike Hollingshead, Gord Parker, Bruce Raszmann and Bob Zmija.

*(Editor's comments: It is interesting to note that everyone of the people mentioned in the above article is a member of the ONA. Certainly, the most active people in Ontario are members of the ONA...and they also have more fun!)*

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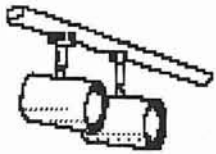
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# S P O T L I G H T O N P E O P L E

*A column in praise of active Ontario collectors and dealers*

## **DEALER CHUCK MOORE ACTIVE IN HOBBY**

Charles 'Chuck' Moore began collecting coins in the early 1950s when pocket change often contained the coinage of King George V, Edward VII and even Queen Victoria. Small size and even large size Canadian chartered bank notes could also be obtained from the banks for face value. Brass and bronze tokens dated 1820-1854 were usually available for only five to ten cents each from local hobby stores. In 1961, Chuck had the opportunity to purchase a small collection from a fellow collector who insisted that the entire collection must be purchased as a whole, not just the coins that Chuck wanted for his collection. Borrowing \$100.00 from his parents, Chuck purchased the collection and offered the duplicates for sale at a small coin show in Detroit, Michigan. By the end of the show he had a small profit, but best of all he had the coins for his collection for free! He continued his vest pocket dealing and refined his collecting interests throughout high school and six years at Michigan State University and relocated to Toronto, Ontario in 1969, working as a buyer for Sears. In the same year, Chuck began a part time coin business, Moore Numismatics, which quickly became a full time occupation and in 1974, he began working for Charlton Numismatics, then the largest coin company in Canada. In the Fall of 1976, Chuck left Charlton, incorporated Moore Numismatics and began conducting public auction sales and mail bid only sales. Since early 1977, Moore's has conducted over 110 sales of primarily Canadian and Newfoundland coins, banknotes, medals and tokens, with a particular emphasis on rarity and quality numismatic items. Public auction sales conducted by Moore's include the 1979, 1991, 1998, 1999 CNA sales, and multiple sales for the ONA, TICF, TCC and CAND.

In the Fall of 1999 and the Fall of 2000, Moore's was selected by The Bank of Canada to auction the most valuable Canadian collection ever sold in Canada, the Bank of Canada's surplus specimen and low serial numbered bank note inventory. The two public auction sales consisted of over 20,000 individual notes and realized in excess of \$1,700,000.00.

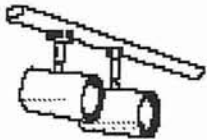
Moore's will also be conducting the June 2001 TOREX auction sales this summer in Toronto, Ontario and every other TOREX auction sale for the next three years, as well as other planned auction sales.

Chuck attends most major coin shows in Canada and usually over 30 coin shows and numismatic conventions each year and estimates that he must have attended well over 1,000 since his numismatic interests began. His enthusiasm has not waned over the decades, because as he says, "you never know when a collector or dealer will show you a coin, banknote, token or error that is quite unique, or the 'finest' known. It happens several times every year."

Although his interests have changed over the decades, Chuck continues to collect a variety of Canadian numismatic material, including Breton tokens, errors, Canadian bank notes and particularly uncut sheets from the chartered banks of Canada. One of his current interests is collecting numismatic literature, with a particular emphasis on literature with Canadian content. Chuck was the editor of the 1977 edition of the Charlton Catalogue of Canadian Coins, Tokens and Banknotes, and since 1982 has been the co-editor of the prices in the Haxby-Willey, Coins of Canada editions.

Believing that one should give back to the hobby, Chuck recently served as the Past Vice President of CAND, and is currently serving as President of the national dealer organization. For the past 17 years, Chuck has been elected to be an executive director of both the CNA and CPMS, serving in various capacities. He is a 25-year Life Member of both the CNA and ANA. He became a member of CPMS in 1968 and converted to Life Membership in 1977. He is also a member of the Professional Currency Dealers Association (PCDA) and over 20 other numismatic associations and societies, including the ONA. His firm is also an Authorized Dealer for PCGS, NGC and ICG, the three largest third party, independent grading firms in the world.

When we asked Chuck to comment on his philosophy, he stated: Since 1969, my philosophy has remained unchanged: 'Courteous, Professional Service,' which will remain my motto as we enter the 21st century."



# SPOTLIGHT ON NUMISMATIC PEN PALS

## LOCAL COIN SHOP HELPS YOUNG NUMISMATIST PEN PALS

by Chris Boyer

*The following article appeared in the December bulletin of the Paisley Road Coin Club, whose membership is restricted to the students attending Paisley Road School in Waterloo. The club has over 130 members.*

Two school coin clubs, one in Canada and the other south of the border, have begun exchanging 50 State quarters and Millennium 25 cent coins with the help of the Professional Numismatists Guild and Colonial Acres Coins in Kitchener.

The two clubs are beginning the swaps as part of their writing activities in their junior classrooms. Dave Radovich, Grade 6 teacher at Maple Grove School in Golden, Colorado, will have his students save up their 50 State quarters to include in letters sent up to Canada. Chris Boyer, teacher-librarian at Paisley Road School in Guelph, Ontario, will have his students send down 2000-dated Millennium 25 cent pieces along with the pen pal letters written by his grade 4/5 French immersion class, as part of their English language arts.

The two groups have been given a helping hand by the Professional Numismatic Guild, a U.S.-based organization of numismatic dealers, who sent fifty 50 State quarter boards to Paisley Road School. Colonial Acres Coins of Kitchener, Ontario, donated 30 Millennium 25-cent holders for the U.S. pen pals to house their Canadian coins as they are received in correspondence.

The two classes hope to fill the spaces in their respective holders over the course of the school year. In addition to receiving other little goodies along the way, the students will learn about each other's respective cultures. Guelph, Ontario, for instance, is known for its university and for the Sleeman Brewery. For its part, Golden, Colorado is known for Coors beer and Jolly Rancher candies.

The Professional Numismatists Guild advertised the 50 State quarter boards in the *A.N.A. Numismatist* as a promotion for young numismatists. The attractive boards house each of the 5 quarters for 1999 and 2000 for both the Philadelphia and Denver mints, and give historical information on each of the states and on the quarter dollar.

Todd Sandham of Colonial Acres Coins enthusiastically supported the project. A collector himself from about Grade 5, he and Cameron Bevers began collecting when they first met at Bridgeport Public School in Kitchener. Their collecting prowess grew over time, and their numismatic business, Colonial Acres Coins, began when they were students at the University of Waterloo. Their store front operation in Kitchener recently expanded to handle walk-in customers and their ever-expanding mail order business.

Sandham points out that a program like the Millennium 25 cent series from the Royal Canadian Mint has done much to attract young collectors to numismatics over the past two years. The same can be said for the 50 State quarter program in the U.S., set to run over a decade. With the support of numismatic organizations and dealers like the Professional Numismatists Guild and Colonial Acres Coins, attracting more young numismatists to the hobby is a reality.

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We want to know what you think about the contents of the ONA Numismatist. Please write, fax or e-mail your comments. To help you along, we have prepared a questionnaire that we would be pleased to send to you (mail or e-mail). Please contact the Editor and request it. This is YOUR bulletin. Have your say!

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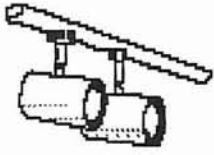
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# SPOTLIGHT ON CANADIAN COINS

## WHAT ARE YOUR OPINIONS AND REASONS BEHIND KEEP- ING OUR ONE CENT AND STRIKING A FIVE DOLLAR COIN?

By Jerry Remick

*This article, written by ONA member Jerry Remick, appeared in the November bulletin of the Ingersoll Coin Club. It is reprinted here to solicit input from ONA members. Interesting responses will be published in the next ONA Numismatist and will be forwarded to the Ingersoll Coin Club.*

Do you want the Royal Canadian Mint to continue or to cease striking the 1¢ coin? Do you want a \$5.00 currency coin, in addition to the \$5.00 bank note, or without the banknote or no \$5.00 coin at all? What are your opinions and reasons for having or not having these two coins?

### MY OPINIONS

My personal opinion is to keep producing the 1¢ coin and to issue a \$5.00 currency coin, in addition to the \$5.00 bank note. Some of my reasons are given below.

### THE ONE CENT COIN

The one cent coin must be kept in production as long as the United States continues to strike them.

The 1¢ coin aids in merchandising, as for example a sale price of \$9.99 instead of \$9.95.

The 1¢ coin keeps inflation somewhat in check and keeps from rounding off prices.

The 1¢ coin uses copper and zinc mined in Canada.

With from 500 to over 800 million 1¢ coins struck yearly, this production provides jobs for some people working at the Royal Canadian Mint.

It costs \$0.008 to make a 1¢ coin, so the Mint makes a profit of \$0.002 on each 1¢ coin they strike.

If the 1¢ coin is eliminated, some business might go to the United States for a supply of 1¢ coins for a special promotion.

The 1¢ coin is very useful for sales taxes (GST and PST).

### \$5.00 CURRENCY COIN

A base metal, currency circulating, \$5.00 coin could be a useful supplement to the \$5.00 bank note, as for example, the use of a \$5.00 coin in vending machines. The \$5.00 bank note must be retained. A \$5.00 coin would mean that the \$5.00 note would be used a bit less often and last longer. A coin lasts a good 20 years, but the life of a \$5.00 bank note is only a few years.

Australia issued its first currency circulating \$5.00 coin in 1988, at face value. The aluminium bronze coin is 38.74 mm and had a mintage of 3 million. Face value \$5.00 currency coins dated 1990, 1992, 1994 and 1996 had smaller mintages. Beginning with the 1997 \$5.00 coin, the sale price was \$9.95. Australia retained its \$5.00 bank note. The reverse side of each \$5 coin commemorates an event or a person. The Australian and Canadian dollars are about at par value.

From time-to-time, the reverse side of a \$5.00 base metal Canadian currency coin could be issued with one year commemorative design in similar fashion to a few past issues of the \$1.00 aureate bronze plated nickel dollar (the Loonie).

*(Editor's Comment: Although I am personally inclined to agree with most of Jerry's comments and conclusions, I wonder what the vending machine industry will say about having to invest another \$500 million or so to convert the mechanisms that they converted not that many years ago to accept the \$2.00 coin. The answer is probably that not so many machines will have to be converted, only those that sell product in the \$5.00 class. Please send your comments, both pro and con, for publication.)*

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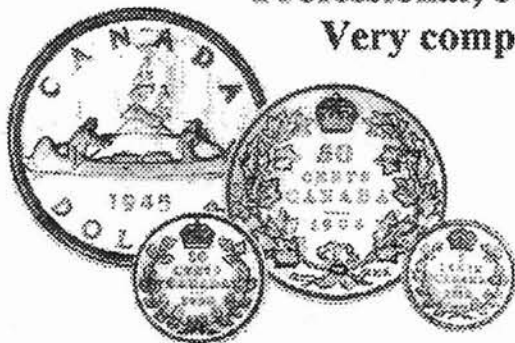
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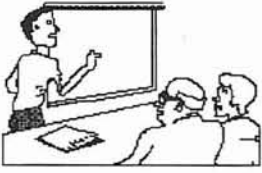
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# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS



Following the summer season, we wondered how many people showed up at the July or August meeting because they didn't pay close attention and found that the club did not meet during the summer. We now wonder who showed up at a club meeting on the normal meeting night only to find out that the club had moved up the meeting night because it was too close to the holidays. Members should know better, however it might be best to promote any changes to your club meetings, such as closing for the summer or changing the December meeting, through the pages of the ONA Numismatist for those people that are not members of your club who sometimes show up at your doorstep. You have to let us know by the end of May about your Summer plans, and by the end of October about your December plans to get it into the Nov./Dec. bulletin.



The November meeting of the Stratford Coin Club was held a week later than usual due to the Municipal Elections for which the meeting hall was required. The speaker was John Parker speaking on "Military Medals."

Here is a change of meeting plans that could not be promoted beforehand, except for some frantic last-minute phone calls: The January meeting of the Stratford Coin Club is being dubbed as "Christmas in January" because the Monday, December 11, meeting was cancelled in the last minute due to the severe snow storm. They called off Kentucky Fried Chicken, but since it was prepaid, they are serving it at the January meeting. Also, what do to with the gift exchange they promoted? Hold it in January also. So if any non-member planned on visiting the Stratford Coin Club in January, we hope they called ahead so that they ordered in the extra chicken!

When your editor spoke to Ken Wilmot about the above information, he mentioned that there was over 6 feet of snow piled up on the front lawn from the snow blower. In case you go to a friend's party and are asked: "What's long and hard?" you now know the answer. It's "Canadian Winter!"

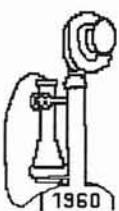


The November meeting of the North York Coin Club featured an extensive display of RCMP memorabilia by Chris Boyer, along with a presentation of "The Changing Uniform of the RCMP." The December meeting offered dinner choices of either Swiss Chalet quarter chicken festive dinner special or Swiss Chalet BBQ back ribs along with a gift exchange, to end the club's 40th year.

The NYCC, with a view of economizing, issued a combined November/December 2000 bulletin. When you normally meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month in November and move your December meeting up to the 2nd Thursday, it makes sense not to issue bulletins within a matter of weeks of each other.

A motion was also passed to donate \$50 to each of the J.D. Ferguson Memorial Foundation and the Numismatic Educational Services Association (NESA), both registered Canadian non-profit organizations supporting the numismatic hobby.

We note that coin dealer Brian See, who, we would guess, has not missed many NYCC meeting in years, was absent at a recent meeting fighting a flu bug. Wouldn't you know it, his name was drawn in the On Time Attendance Draw. He missed out on the \$10 pot. Maybe he will win a larger amount at the next meeting (the amount is progressive, adding \$2 at every meeting that the draw is not won).



Since previous meetings of the Brantford Coin Club had very successful auctions, their November meeting's program was a huge auction. All members were encouraged to bring worthwhile material, place a reasonable reserve bid on them, then "sit back and watch other club members fight over them," as the bulletin put it.

Their December gathering featured a Christmas dinner, subsidized by the profits from their annual coin show, as a way of thanking members that make their show so successful.

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



The South Wellington Coin Society's November meeting featured ONA member Chris Boyer as featured speaker. His presentation was accompanied by a fantastic display of RCMP memorabilia to tie in with his talk, including a uniform, coins, medals, stamp covers and much, much more.

As one of the three organizing clubs for the recent show held at the Col. John McCrea Legion in Guelph, the SWCS bulletin had nothing but praise for the way the show went off, calling it a huge success.

Their December meeting featured a gift exchange as well as the usual refreshments and a presentation by Scott Douglas on how e-Bay works as far as bidding on coins over the internet is concerned. We wonder if the 20-lot auction conducted by ONA President Mike Hollingshead went better with the eggnog?



The November meeting of the Nickel Belt Coin Club of Sudbury had their usual wide array of activities at the last meetings: programs, auctions, displays, access to the club library, socializing...all the things that make a good meeting and attract people time and time again.

Their December meeting featured a Trading/Exchange Session, starting at 1:00 p.m. since meetings are held on Sunday, with the business portion at 2:00 p.m. Members were encouraged to bring along a wife, hubby, or friends, as well as food for the pot luck break. As usual, they featured a larger auction - 65 lots - that included a quantity of Canadian decimal coins and paper money with some extremely low reserve bids.

Their bulletin, under the heading of "Knowledge is Power," stated the following that should be heeded by everyone: "The average dealer is very well informed. Most have access to information that would take the rest of us years to amass. They have gained this knowledge through research, self-education, and often hard experience. Collectors too, can shave a few years off their numismatic learning curve by investing in a few good books, and maybe even a little bit of education."



INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

The Ingersoll Coin Club's November meeting featured a video from the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library entitled "U.S. Errors & Varieties," as well as a display of coins and paper money by ONA-member Tom Rogers and a lively auction. The December meeting had a pot luck dinner, with members bringing something along for the meal, and a short auction "so the wives can bid against the husbands," as Editor Tom Masters stated in the bulletin, tongue in cheek.

The club recently presented a Royal Canadian Mint watch to ONA-member Tom Masters for his 25 years of service as President of the Ingersoll Coin Club and for his 80th birthday. Following the presentation, cake, ice cream and strawberries were served with the coffee. Tom even won one of the draws consisting of \$9.00.

Club member John Stephenson was also congratulated in celebrating his 80th birthday recently.

The Ingersoll Coin Club is going all-out again, under the chairmanship of Tom Masters, to raise at least \$1,200 for this year's donation to the local Easter Seal Campaign, of which \$600 has already been raised from members of the club.

It is also mentioned in their bulletin (see, we actually read the things) that ONA member Tom Kostaluk is looking for anything about Alexander Graham Bell, including the silver and wooden issues, a Pauline Johnson medal in gold or brass plating and a Bank of Brantford \$1 or \$2 note in green with bicycle on the back. If you can help, contact Tom at 52 Frobisher Cresc., London, ON N5V 1G9.

As with most clubs, Ingersoll has decided that their dues for 2001 will remain the same as last year. (Based on what we have read so far, it would appear not a single club is raising their dues. If you can afford not to again for another year, don't. But if you must because of finances, consider the benefits membership brings and don't be afraid if a couple of bucks increase makes the difference between survival and demise, especially if you put out a pretty darn good bulletin.)

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS CONTINUED



The November meeting of the Oshawa & District Coin Club featured Brian Boisvent, a local locksmith, speaking on "Vault Safes For Storing Your Valuables." He followed one of his co-workers from the same company who spoke at the previous meeting on "Securing our Home against Break-ins."

In the November bulletin, the President of the Oshawa & District Coin Club, Sharon MacLean, thanked the volunteers who helped make the club's coin show at the Pickering Towne Centre so successful.

For the December Pot Luck Meal meeting, members were asked to bring either a hot dish, cold dish or dessert, while the club provided cake, cheese tray, cold cuts and refreshments. The evening was rounded out with Bingo, lots of prizes and a gift exchange.

The club made a \$50 donation to the Woodville United Church in the name of one of their members, Elmer Workman, who recently passed away. Anyone who has been involved with coin collecting for a few years will remember the great annual conventions that he organized in Woodville and, later, in Cannington, including the all-you-can-eat banquets following the show and the length-of-your-arm draw tickets that were to be had for \$1.00 for a great array of prizes.



The November meeting of the Waterloo Coin Society featured ONA member Chris Boyer speaking and exhibiting RCMP uniform items and collectibles. His display included a type set of uniform patches and insignia, five actual uniforms, pins, buttons, licensed and non-licensed collectibles, Canadian coins and banknotes with RCMP motifs and other items. He donated obsolete RCMP shoulder flashes for the door draw.

The December meeting featured a video, sponsored by the Royal Canadian Mint, showing the process of manufacturing coins at the Philadelphia Mint. It also takes us through the process of making the Canadian Gold Maple leaves and the gold hologram coins. It is a very recent video since it shows coins dated 1999 and 2000 (watch for its addition to the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library).

The coin show hosted by the club (along with the South Wellington Coin Society and the Paisley School Coin Club of Guelph), which featured over 35 dealer tables, was also judged another huge success by club members.

The WCS has donated \$50 to the J. Douglas Ferguson Research Foundation in the name of Rick Beckberger, who recently passed away. Rick had been a member of the WCS since 1980.

The display of paper money organized by Chris Boyer at the Kitchener City Hall exposed the hobby to a lot of locals during the month of December. Thanks to the wife of Ed Hagen who works at Kitchener City Hall, space was made available free-of-charge. Information on the WCS was on hand, hopefully producing a few new visitors...and members...for the club.

Incidentally, the prize for being the first to publish the wrong year (2000 instead of 2001) is the December bulletin of the WCS...twice! Thanks, Robb, for making the rest of us realize we're not the only ones who do it every year!



The Scarborough Coin Club's November meeting featured a 25 lot auction as well as some donation items, ably auctioned by Dick Dunn. The December gathering was treated to a KFC buffet dinner, a gift exchange and a "guess the pennies in the jar" contest.

Darrell Thorne is in the process of designing a paper note for the club's 25th anniversary.

They are still offering the official club woods they have in stock at 50 cents each, or complete sets except for sold out issues at \$11.00. See past ONA Numismatists for details, or contact the club at P.O. Box 562, Pickering, ON L1V 2R7, e-mail [jbawcutt@sprint.ca](mailto:jbawcutt@sprint.ca), or show up after 7:00 p.m. at one of their meetings on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Cedarbrook Community Centre, 91 Eastpark Blvd., Scarborough.

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS CONTINUED



The November meeting of the London Numismatic Society featured the video "World War II Currency" from the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library. Also featured were displays and bourse tables. The December meeting saw James Finch presenting a paper entitled "The Life, Times and Coinage of William IV, 1830-1837."

Their December bulletin was dedicated to Norman Link following the anniversary of his 80th birthday and in recognition of his many years service to the London Numismatic Society.

As is usual, the club bulletins contain a variety of articles dealing with a wide field of subjects, including British and American numismatics.

A recent bulletin also pointed out that the club has donated \$250.00 to the Ferguson Foundation and that two new slide presentations had been donated to the CNA's audio visual lending library. Also in a recent bulletin, mention was made that Bill Clarke presented a program on two "muled" coins, that is, having an obverse and reverse that are not normally associated. He illustrated the mis-matched dies as well as the correct combinations of a silver penny of the Anglo-Saxon King Aethelstan, 924-939 and a groat of Henry VI, 1422-1461. And you thought that "muling" was just a recent phenomena, popularized by the RCM!

We congratulate the club on holding their 600th meeting this month (January 2001). We also congratulate them for their 45 years as a member of the CNA, a milestone acknowledged this past Summer at the CNA Convention in Ottawa, where they were presented with a special CNA Certificate of Membership.

The club is working towards a 50th anniversary medal as well as a special Anniversary Bulletin later this year. If the quality of content of their monthly bulletins is any indication, we can expect a very interesting, informative and educational Anniversary Bulletin!

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**TILLSONBURG COIN CLUB** The November meeting of the Tillsonburg Coin Club featured a video on World War II coins and currency. The club also voted to make a donation of \$400 to the local branch of the Salvation Army.

The December meeting, dubbed "Fun Night," featured progressive euchre as well as bingo for the younger ones. There also was a gift exchange and Christmas Pizza, Christmas cake and date squares.

In view of the fact that last year, a couple of clubs made the ONA Editor aware of their plans for their annual coin show too late for inclusion in the ONA Numismatist, it is refreshing to see that the Tillsonburg Coin Club has already confirmed the date of their 2001 show: Sunday, October 21. They are already planning to set up a display in the local malls prior to their show as a reminder to people that their show is coming up on the following Sunday. To help promote the show even more, they are also planning on directional signs (arrow signs and sandwich boards) displayed prominently around town on the morning of the show..and to start making available donuts, muffins and coffee earlier, say 7:00 a.m., for the dealers and committee members.



The Paisley Road Coin Club, meeting at the Paisley Road School in Waterloo, is to be congratulated for the hard work that contributed to the outstanding success of the recent show held at the John McCrea Legion hosted by them and 2 other local numismatic organizations. Because of a popular Stone Road Mall display and through distribution of several hundred show flyers, attendance was high for the show. The club's share of the profits from the show was about \$300, which will help them obtain prizes and permit trips to various coin shows, such as the upcoming CAND Show in Hamilton.

The December meeting of the club featured teacher/librarian Chris Boyer's presentation on RCMP collectibles, including Canadian coins, stamps and bank notes.

The school club currently has 113 members. Sixteen students from the club are corresponding and exchanging coins with the coin club kids" at St. Michael's School in Chattanooga, Tennessee, just outside of Denver. An article is published elsewhere.

**TIMMINS COIN CLUB** The November meeting of the Timmins Coin Club included a show and tell of some recent acquisitions and items of interest from members, as well as a display of "School Medals From Montreal."

Their December meeting featured a special display about "Sir William Edmond Logan and Medals Issued in His Honour." They also served cakes and refreshments.

The club recently participated in the "Welcome to Timmins Night" hosted by the Timmins Community Futures. The event is an annual feature held at the McIntyre Community Center Arena and showcases to new and current residents, the various clubs and services available throughout Timmins. Three members of the Timmins Coin Club manned the information table. Displays included various Millennium coin sets, a selection of Bank of Canada Notes and a display on Germaine Arnaktauyok and different examples of her 1999 \$2 coin celebrating the creation of the Territory of Nunavut.

They also set up an 8-table display at the Timmins Square Mall. The club's press releases, drawing attention to the display and the club, were published in both local papers and the TV community bulletin board. The event was also covered with an on site report on the Community TV the following week.

**WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB** Since the City of Woodstock is planning a celebration for their 100th anniversary in 2001, the Woodstock Coin Club has held meetings with various City committees regarding this event. One of the key principals of the anniversary plans has asked that the club submit a letter outlining the idea of having a medal struck to commemorate Woodstock's 100th Anniversary. John Tuffnail of the Woodstock Coin Club is appealing to any member of the club who can remember the happenings of 1901 or has received good knowledge of what happened back then to contact him.

The club has contributed \$100 for prize money to the Woodstock Agriculture Society, another way of keeping the club name visible in the local community.

The Woodstock Coin Club held their Christmas party at the Copa Cabana Steak House. Their pre-Christmas bulletin reminded all members to "Remember to be there with your Spouse." Although it is difficult to get spouses out to regular meetings, our experience has been that give them time to socialize and promise them a terrific meal and they actually look forward to coming along. But if you want to keep their interest, be sure to hide all the coins and stop talking about numismatics while in their presence!

According to a recent bulletin, their 11th Annual Coin Club Show was a success, including financially, producing a profit of \$400.00.

*If your club is not listed, then we guarantee that the ONA Editor is not receiving your club bulletins. If your club wants to be mentioned in the ONA Numismatist, all you have to do is assure that we are on your mailing list.*

*Any club that does not publish a bulletin should appoint someone to mail/phone/e-mail information to us. Deadlines are the end of February, April, June, August, October and December.*

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## **MINT MEDALLION RECALLED**

*As ONA members know, we do not usually publish information that is contained in Royal Canadian Mint press releases since, with a publishing schedule of every 2 months, every other numismatic publication can beat us to the punch in getting the information to you (we would rather dig behind the press release, such as the series we are running on in-depth information on the Mint and some coin designers, especially those residing in Ontario). However, we want to make this one exception because we think it is the funniest press release the RCM has issued this past year.*

Ottawa, Ontario May 17, 2000 — Responding to a recent striking error, the Royal Canadian Mint announced today that there could be more mistruck medallions in the Year 2000 Millennium Souvenir Sets.

The medallions meant to be struck with the Mint logo on one side and a map of Canada with stylized maple leaves on the other, were mistakenly stamped with the effigy of the Queen meant for the 25 cent coin. The Mint, upon noticing the error, withdrew over 25,000 souvenir sets before retail distribution. However, there may be some sets already on the market. The mistruck medallion is not legal tender.

If Canadians discover that they have a Year 2000 Millennium Souvenir Set that includes the faulty medallion, they may be assured that the Mint will replace or reimburse the set.

To date the Royal Canadian Mint has produced over 500,000 souvenir sets. Each set features 12 different designs plus the medallion. These errors in striking are extremely rare and the Mint goes to great length to ensure the quality of all its products.

*What the above release is saying is that the Mint is willing to reimburse your cost for a set if you return it to them. We understand that since the above press release was issued about 8 months ago, not a single person has returned one for a refund. As a service to ONA members, your editor is willing to **DOUBLE YOUR MONEY**. If you send any sets to us, we will double what the Royal Canadian Mint is offering you.*

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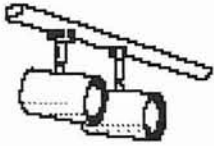
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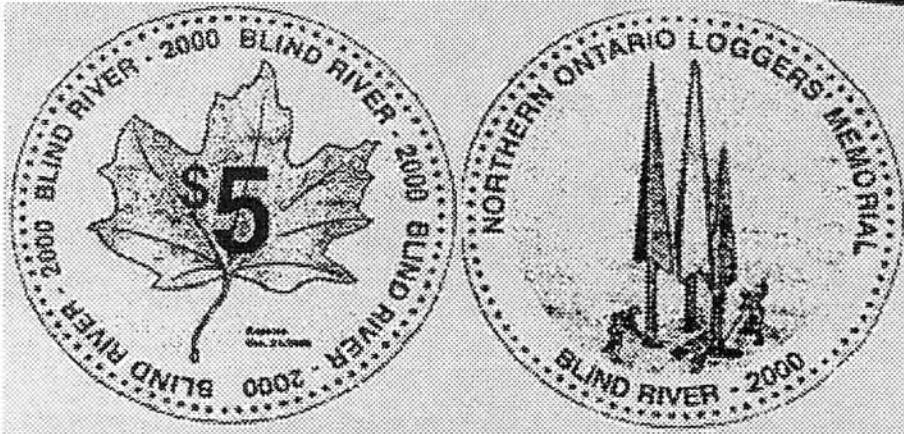
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# SPOTLIGHT ON ONTARIO TOKENS

The following information is gleaned from "The Canadian Token," quarterly publication of the Canadian Association of Token Collectors (CATC) written by Jack P. Sauchenko of Edmonton, Alberta, with information supplied by ONA member Jerome Remick.

## BLIND RIVER'S 2000 \$5.00 TOKEN

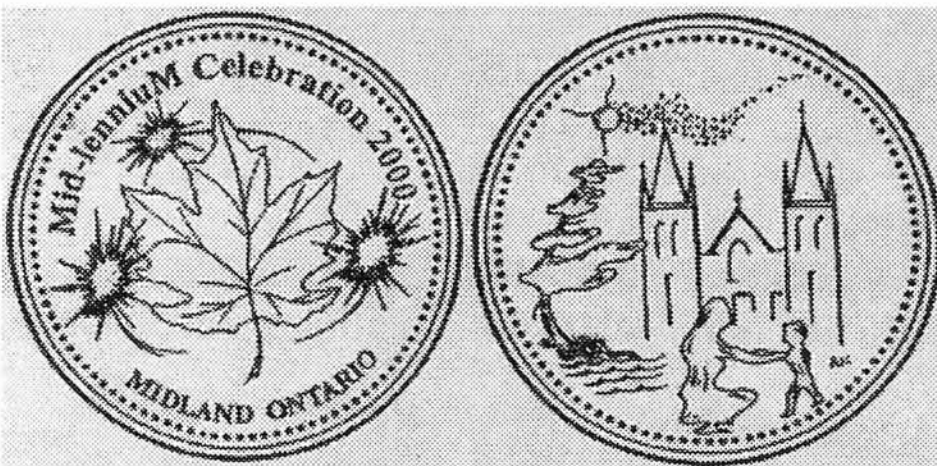


The Blind River and District Chamber of Commerce in co-operation with The Standard newspaper of Blind River issued a 2000 \$5.00 trade token.

The obverse side of the token shows a large \$5 on a maple leaf, while the reverse side of the token shows The Northern Ontario Loggers' Memorial Monument. The Standard newspaper designed the obverse side and used Laura Brown-Breetvelt's Monument.

Lawrence Medallie Art struck 4,978 tokens on 33 mm nickel bonded steel blanks, 100 were gold plated NBS and 100 were antiqued silver plated NBS. Pricing and availability can be obtained from ONA member Ray Desjardins, well-known and respected trade dollar collector. You can contact him for availability and pricing at Bonavita Ltd., P.O. Box 11447, Station "H", Nepean, Ont. K2H 7V1. He can also be reached at (613) 823-3844, fax (613) 825-3092 or e-mail: ray@eligi.ca .

## MIDLAND ISSUES 2000 MEDAL



The Mid-lennium Celebration Committee of Midland issued a medal to commemorate the "Mid-lennium," the term for millennium used by Midland residents.

Amber King, an 18 year old Midland high school student designed the medal by winning the design contest for the most appropriate medal design.

Amber King's design features Martyrs Shrine, a mother and child, a wind-blown tree and a

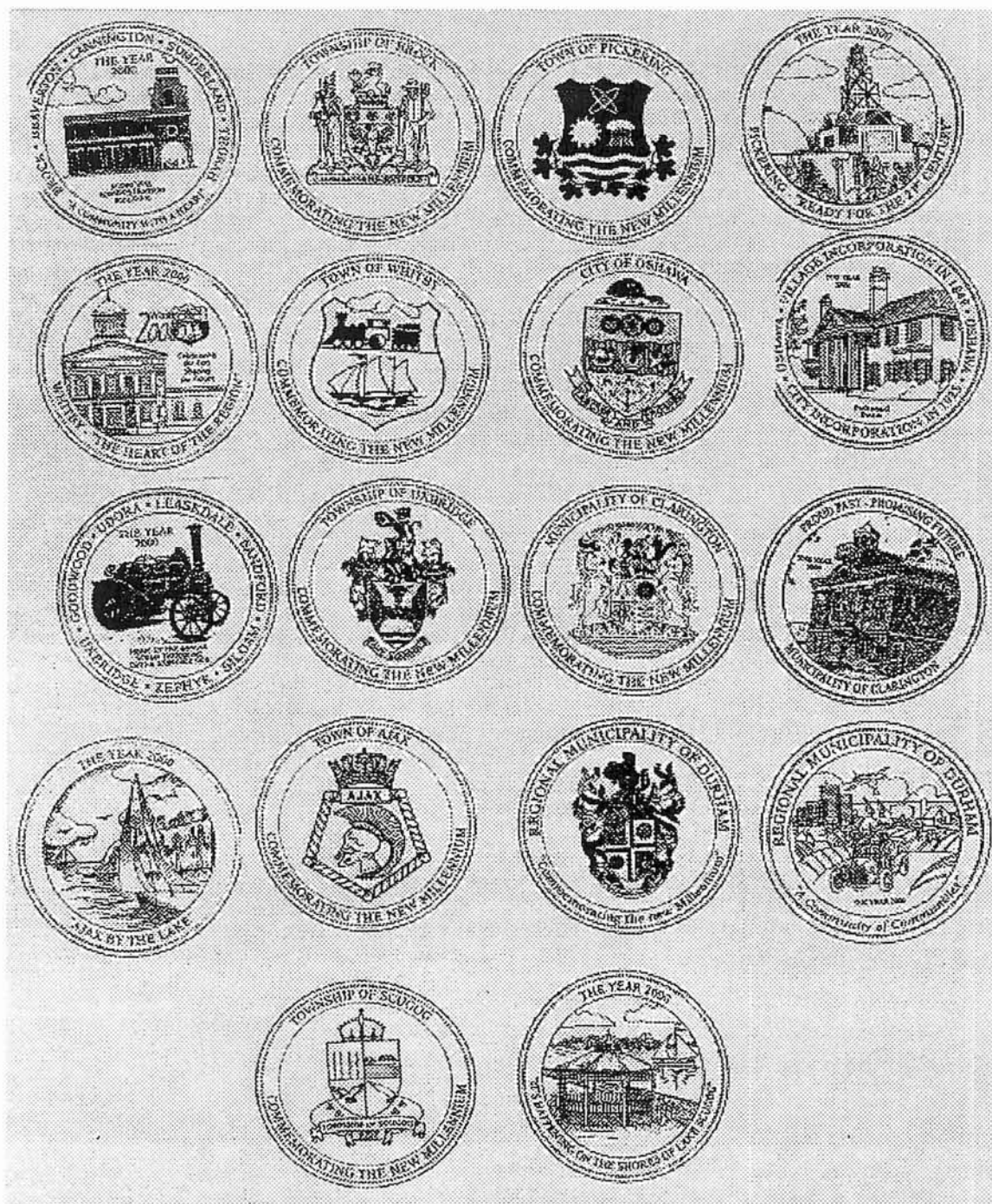
shooting star with a tail of dust.

The other side shows a maple leaf with three firecrackers exploding. Around the edge is the inscription "Mid-lennium Celebration 2000." The two capital "M"s represent the 2000.

Lawrence Medallie Art struck 10,000 medals on 33mm brassy colored aureate bonded steel blanks, of which 250 were plated in antiqued silver and 250 in antiqued copper. One hundred were also struck in .925 sterling silver.

Information on pricing and availability can be obtained from Ray Desjardins.

## DURHAM REGION ISSUES NINE 2000 MEDALS



The Regional Municipality of Durham has issued 9 medals, one for Durham and one for each of the eight municipalities that are part of the Durham region.

The obverse side of each of the medals shows a landmark unique to the municipality and the year 2000. The reverse side shows the crest of each of the municipality it represents. The name of the municipality appears on both sides of the medal.

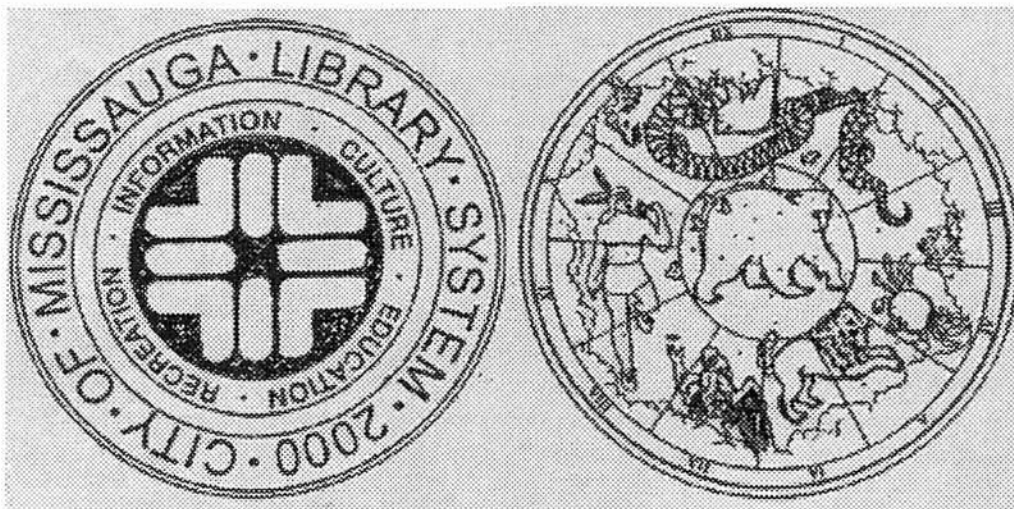
The obverse sides show the following: Durham, a city, rolling farm land and an antique car (17,000 struck); Uxbridge, an old tractor (4,500); Scugog, a scene on the shores of Lake

Scugog (7,500); Clarington, their Municipal Buildings (7,500); Town of Whitby, the Whitby Centennial Building (12,500); Oshawa, a view of the Parkwood House which is a National Historical site (12,500); Brock, their Municipal Administration Building which was constructed in 1995 (4,500); Pickering, their Civic Center built in 1989 (7,500); Ajax, a waterfront scene on Lake Ontario with two sailboats (7,500).

From the above mintage figures, 25 of each were silver plated. Fifty pure silver pieces were struck for Durham only. In addition, antiqued silver plated NBS and antiqued copper plated NBS were struck to fill prepaid orders.

Lawrence Medallion Art struck the medals on 33mm nickel bonded steel blanks. Information on availability and pricing can be obtained from Ray Desjardines.

## MISSISSAUGA LIBRARY ISSUES 2000 MEDAL



“The Friends of the Library” of Mississauga, Ontario has issued a 2000 medal to commemorate the City of Mississauga Library System.

One side of the medal features a picture of the ceiling motif on the City of Mississauga Council Chambers, which shows a semi-abstract drawing with a bear in the center.

The other side shows the Mississauga Library Atrium

floor motif in the center.

Lawrence Medallic Art struck 10,000 medals on 33mm nickel bonded steel blanks and 100 in pure silver.

Information on the medals may be obtained from Ray Desjardins.

### BRACEBRIDGE 2000 TOKEN HAS SECRET MINT MARKS

The Bracebridge Chamber of Commerce has struck 25 of each of four different metals of a token with a secret mint mark. The metals are nickel bonded steel, gold plated, antiqued silver plated and antiqued copper plated.

In addition to the 25 premium sets that were created with the above tokens, an additional 125 NBS tokens with secret mint marks were struck. The location of the secret mint mark will be revealed shortly.

Contact Ray Desjardins for pricing and availability.

### K-W OKTOBERFEST SECRET MINT MARKING ON 2000 MEDAL

A secret mint marking has been used on about 200 of the 2000 Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest municipal trade tokens. Although K-W Oktoberfest tokens have been issued annually since 1973, secret mint markings have only been made available since 1980.

Each holder of the token with a secret mint marking for the year 2000 could redeem the token for a K-W Oktoberfest souvenir. Three names are chosen at random to receive one of three valuable prizes, each worth about \$500. The token with the secret mint marking is returned to the owner.

The names of the winners nor the prizes are known at press time for the 2000 secret mint marked tokens. The three grand prizes for 1999 were 27 inch TV sets. Of the 200 1999 tokens made with a special mint marking, only 23 were redeemed for prizes.

The number of redemptions for 2000 are also not available at press time.

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The Standard has hit a new high in page count - 352 pages. These extra pages have allowed us to include all the new coinage for the Millennium celebration, from the mules of September/November 1999 to what "seems" like a very rare twenty-five cent coin with the 2000 reverse, an unauthorized mating of coin and medallion dies (an example just sold July 18th, 2000 at a Bonhams auction in Chelsea, London, the first offered at public auction, for £1,250.00, or \$2,800.00 Can.) to the year set variations of the Ottawa and Winnipeg Mints.

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"Canadian Colonial Tokens Come of Age" - For the second time in as many years, a Canadian Colonial token realized nearly \$10,000.00 (Can.) at auction. A R. W. Owen Ropery Token of Montreal was first auctioned in California, selling for nearly \$10,000.00 (Can.), and then again in Toronto when Jeffrey Hoare Auctions Inc. sold another example of this rare token for \$11,000.00 (Can.). Supporting the increased demand for information on this period of Canadian numismatic history, the Charlton Press is pleased to release the fourth edition of *The Charlton Standard Catalogue of Canadian Colonial Tokens*.

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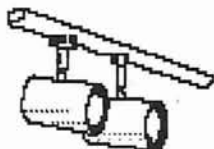
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# SPOTLIGHT ON CLUB BULLETINS

## PRODUCING A "BEST BULLETIN"

By Paul Petch, ONA Life Member #LM-106

How much numismatic reading do you do? Is it a large part of your pursuit of the hobby? And where do you look for material to read? Perhaps you turn to an official organization journal, one of the hobby newspapers, or, dare we say, your local coin club bulletin. One fact is certain. There are more people reading than writing, which is really unfortunate because most people underestimate the value of the knowledge they have to share. Even more unfortunate is the small number of people who carry out the duties of editor for their local coin club.

This article is intended to get you thinking about serving as a coin club bulletin editor, even if you don't see yourself as a particularly capable writer. I'm writing this as a collector who has put some considerable amount of energy and about 10 years of time into producing the North York Coin Club bulletin. I started with a fairly modest 2-pager in the early years and then organized myself in recent years to produce a more lavish, multi-paged publication. These efforts have been recognized with both C.N.A. and O.N.A. "best bulletin" annual awards, so it is fair that I should share my "secrets," even though the formula for a successful monthly bulletin appears in each issue I produce.

More than anything else, I think the challenge is to turn out something that is entertaining. In discussing my editor duties with others, I've always made this my first point. When I was telling a non-collector friend about editing a coin club bulletin, he asked the natural question, "How much can you write about coins with dots?" I brought him a few issues to read and he was surprised at all the interesting background and generally out-of-the-ordinary stories they contained.

The first person to read each of my issues is my wife. She couldn't care much less about numismatics than anyone else I know, but she is an alert and involved person who warns me when something is dry and fails to hold her interest. (I even had to put in that last sentence so this article would pass her scrutiny.)

Next comes appearance. I think that an editor has a responsibility to make whatever material is included look appealing to the eye and to make it easy to read. What is the sense of running a great article that is difficult and fatiguing to read because of its appearance? This is not to take away from the scholarly journals that have appeared over the years. I'm thinking of early issues of the *C.N.A. Bulletin*, the C.A.T.C.'s *The Canadian Token* and, of course, *The Transactions* of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society, to name a few. These typewritten, mimeographed publications have served and continue to serve the numismatic researcher... but let's not confuse their mission with the mission of a local club newsletter.

I submit that the local club needs something that fits between that scholarly style and the professionally edited, designed and produced commercial numismatic periodicals that are available by subscription.

I find I am continuously reading about numismatics and collecting from a variety of sources throughout a month. With each new piece that I read, I'm asking myself, "Is this appropriate for the next issue?" In this way, your own interests and the conversations you have with others are always flowing ideas for newsletter content your way. There's nothing worse than sitting down with a few pages to fill and no idea of what write about.

This brings us to the real meat of the monthly newsletter. Here, in point form, are the elements which are generally considered to be essential. Remember, it's not the length of the newsletter, it's making it complete.

- ◆ Give an account of what happened at the previous meeting. Make it as detailed as you can. I've heard it argued that if you make the account too detailed members will feel they can skip meetings because they can simply read about later. I say, let people know the fun they are missing so they'll be encouraged to turn out to the meetings. This is the place where details of the business of the club should be included so everyone is kept informed.
- ◆ Include plans for the next meeting. If it is member participation, give some guidelines, if there is a guest speaker, give as much background as you can. Include a listing of upcoming auction material if you can. Many times, a

guest speaker works from notes or provides a hand out. These, with a little bit of work, become an article in the bulletin following his presentation and a lasting record of a speaker's presentation.

- ♦ Don't be afraid to editorialize a bit, but don't use your position as editor to "push" your own point of view too much. The best editorials are the ones that invite follow-up and get people talking. A President's Message is an important feature where timely announcements, news from executive meetings and member news may be included.
- ♦ Always include a listing of coming numismatic events. These can be coin shows or meeting dates of neighbour coin clubs.
- ♦ Don't let the members forget that the best newsletter articles are the ones they write themselves. If anyone complains that their special interests are not being published, remind them that they can rectify that situation with the contribution of their own article. Try to keep the articles diversified and don't forget that back issues of all manner of numismatic periodicals as well as the Internet can be a source of material.
- ♦ A picture is still worth a thousand words. Try to locate appropriate illustrations for each article.
- ♦ The final and complete newsletter should flow and, when possible, it will benefit from the exploration of some particular theme. An article on love tokens appeared in February, collecting used chewing gum (with all areas of specialty and variety) fits for April Fools and the coins of Christmas belong in a December newsletter.
- ♦ Try to find a good printer with reasonable pricing or, better yet, a sponsor who will print your newsletter for free. I'm having the North York bulletin printed at a local community college at 4-cents a page for same day service. If I could only get myself a little more organized, I could get three day turnaround service at 2½-cents a page.

I cannot imagine editing North York's monthly bulletin without the aid of my computer, the MS Publisher program, my scanner and Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software. It is the OCR software that saves the job of re-typing copy into the computer. Actually, I am in awe of those early editors who, with nothing but a typewriter, have managed to turn out some lasting gems. The computer frees you of much of the work of layout, spell check and format and allows an editor to concentrate on content. Using MS Word, I do a mail merge and produce the mailing envelopes, including the return address as well!

- ♦ For a font we use Times New Roman 10 point, it is a serif font which is not too large and not too small at the 10 point size. A serif font helps to guide the eye along the line of type.
- ♦ It is easier to read a column layout rather than across a full page... I have settled on a three column format for most of the North York bulletin.
- ♦ The publication name, month and page number should appear on each page.
- ♦ The layout should be in duplex so the even and odd number pages are a mirror image of each other. Don't center headings like it's an announcement--be creative in your layout.
- ♦ Do decide on the complete set of fonts you are going to use and use them in a consistent manner, even down to italics and bolding. I like Arial in a 14 point size for titles.
- ♦ Check out Macleans or Time magazines, you'll see where I get my layout and graphics design ideas!
- ♦ A little bonus of using the above suggestions: you can fit your material in less space, leaving room for more articles and reducing mailing costs.

Now for a bit of fun for those of you who have stayed with me right to the end. I'm a big fan of the word game of venery. That's finding the appropriate word to describe a group. Most people know that it is proper to refer to a "pride of lions" or a "gaggle of geese"... but did you know that in flight it is a "skein of geese?" Well, using venery as we get back to our subject, what about the "erudition of editors" out there, busily doing their proof-reading as they churn out issue after issue for their local "minting of coin club members?"

Well, to them I offer my very best wishes and special thanks, wherever they may be in Ontario, as they toil to meet their deadlines and provide that special and important newsletter bond which is such an important part of the makeup of their local club. Their monthly newsletters are sometimes taken for granted by the fortunate coin clubs that have them, just as they are envied by the unfortunate clubs which do not.

# THE NATIONAL SCENE

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



Congratulations to the Canadian Numismatic Association on three counts:

Thanks to the work of ONA member Paul Johnson and many others, a huge educational project came to fruition: the creation of the CNA/NESA Correspondence Course. By the time you read this, over 1000 copies will have been ordered by collectors throughout Canada, the U.S.A. and other countries. In a recent conversation with Paul, he expressed surprise that it has taken off to that extent. More proof that if you devote a lot of time to do something, you get a lot of help and support from the right sources and you do it well, it has a good chance to succeed.

Based on the great success of previous CNA Educational Seminars, Paul Johnson proposed an advanced course. It also turned out to be a success. It, therefore, is no surprise that another advanced course is being planned by Paul Johnson. Full details will be published in the next ONA Numismatist.

We recently called up [www.chapters.ca](http://www.chapters.ca) on the web. Under the category "Books" we conducted a search under the keyword "Numismatics." Six titles came up. One of them was none other than the CNA/NESA Correspondence Course book. For the benefit of the public, it is wisely called the Canadian Numismatic Correspondence Course. It is priced at \$45.00, \$40.50 for Chapter 1 Club members. Both Paul Johnson and Saint Eligius Press, owned by numismatist Serge Pelletier, are given credit for Editor and Publisher, respectively.

Incidentally, since the name "Paul Johnson" is underlined, if you click on it, it links to other books written by Paul Johnson, you will find out that he is responsible for 227 other books. But don't get too excited and send our respected member congratulations. Obviously the name is popular in the publishing business. The other 226 books are not by our own Paul Johnson.



The Canadian Association of Token Collectors (CATC) has issued another couple of great publications. Forty-eight pages per issue, edited by ONA member Harry James, who is also their President, is chock-full of information on all types of tokens.

Because of the popularity of numismatic issues originating in Ontario, each issue contains what can only be described as major coverage of issues from Ontario. For example, the December 2000 issue contained a 4-page article on the tokens of the Thistle Rubber Tyre Co. of Sombra, Ontario, a 2-page article on the tokens of Mansion House of Grimsby, Ontario, a 1-page article on the tokens of both the Dominion Bakery and the McKenzie's Bakery of Lucknow, Ontario, as well as some previously unlisted tokens issued in Ontario. It also features articles dealing with tokens from Nova Scotia, and British Columbia. Wayne Jacobs, who is a recipient of the CNA's highest award for his articles that have appeared in the CNA Journal, has a very informative and interesting 12-page article on Breton token #712.

As usual, ONA Member Jerry Remick and Jack Sauchenko bring members up-to-date on trade dollars from all parts of Canada, including Ontario.

Because the token field is so wide, the CATC publication covers more of a variety than any other group's bulletin. Regardless of what you collect, there surely are a number of articles in each issue to your liking. Being the beginning of the year, you might want to consider joining now.

Membership is still only \$15.00 per year. Make cheque payable to CATC and send it to their Secretary-Treasurer, Gord Nichols, Box 228039, 600 Ontario Street, St. Catharines, ON L2N 7P8.

**YOUR LOGO HERE** *If your national association is not covered under "National News," we can guarantee you that the reason is that the ONA Editor is not receiving your bulletins. If you wish complimentary write-ups about your organization, be sure to include us on your bulletin mailing list.*



The 4th of the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club (CTCCC) quarterly bulletin is a very professionally printed 16 pages incorporating highlights of their meetings held in conjunction with Torex's Fall meeting in Toronto and their meeting held in conjunction with the CNA Convention in Ottawa. It also features a number of specialized articles, including broken signature varieties, new discoveries, a write-up on the new series, mail bid auction results and want ads, all dealing exclusively

with Canadian Tire Coupons. We never realized how much of an interesting variety there exists within Canadian Tire Coupons!

We always stated that involvement in the hobby should be for fun & fellowship. CTCCC held their first membership BBQ and Pool Party following their CNA Convention meeting in Ottawa, which included hamburgers, sweet corn, salads, green plates, cold cuts, smoked meat plates, cheeses, fruit plate, refreshments and deserts consisting of butter tarts, brownie and lemon squares and a cake celebrating CTCCC's 10th anniversary.



The organization currently has over 300 members and boasts that each and every position on their incoming executive has been filled, something that not even groups of a much larger membership can say.

Annual membership dues are only \$10.00 and includes four issues of "The Collector," official publication of the association and free want ads listings. Cheques, made payable to CTCCC, should be mailed to Ghislaine Memme, 1875, ave Raymond, Laval, P.Q. H7S 1R3.



The Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society (CMNS) has issued another one of their quarterly booklets. Edited by ONA member James Bakes of Toronto, the 52 pages fascinated the ONA Editor when he reviewed it for this write-up. The 14-page article by Marvin Tameanko, entitled "Furniture on Ancient Coins," was especially interesting in that you did not

have to collect ancient coins (or even appreciate them). Although others will have to judge the degree of critical acclaim it deserves, we give it the highest of marks for its popular acclaim ONA member Bruce Brace, who is also President of CMNS, writes a book review as well as a 2-page article entitled "Deceptions" about fakes and forgeries. His wife, Dorte, has her 17-page article "Imitative Coins and Latin Occupation of the Eastern Roman Empire in the 13th Century." We give her high marks for the educational value of the article even though, again, you might not collect ancient coins. A number of additional articles are written by non-ONA members.

When one considers the volume of informative, educational and interesting pages a member receives for their membership fee, every ONA member should consider joining.

*Membership is \$25 per year (\$15 for students) from P.O. Box 956, Station B, Willowdale, Ont. M2K 2T6. Further information can be obtained by calling (416) 490-8659 or via e-mail at [billmcd@idirect.com](mailto:billmcd@idirect.com) or visiting the society at [www.nunetcan.net](http://www.nunetcan.net).*



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## PACKAGING: AN IMPORTANT SALES TOOL

*by John Regitko*

Ever wondered why collector sets of coins put out by the Royal Canadian Mint are contained in packaging that is as excellent as the products themselves?

Denis Cudahy, former Vice President of manufacturing of the Royal Canadian Mint once told me: "I don't care if it's a 5¢ capsule, or an \$8 case for a P.L. set, if we are going to sell an item for \$40, the case should be worthy of a \$40 coin. If the gold coin is \$250, the case should be worthy of a \$250 coin. I don't want to find lint on the flap, poor printing, or a pad coming away. That to me is bad quality."

Quality is of paramount importance to Mint products. Even the packaging purchased from outside vendors must meet strict criteria and inspection, much the same as the collector coins do. Even the capsule into which a coin is placed has manufacturing drawings that are calibrated in thousands of an inch so that when the coin is in place, it will not rattle or rotate. If allowed to move around, the coin could rub against the capsule and leave small pieces of plastic inside. This might cause someone to think that the mirror finish has an error in it when it is really plastic dust. To avoid that, a little shoulder is put in on the inside that catches the coin so that it cannot rotate. No rotation means no scratches on the coin or on the capsule.

Collector set packaging takes place in an area that can best be described as part of a huge vault. Using a belt assembly line operation, one part of an empty collector coin holder goes on the belt at the beginning of the line. Each coin is manually inserted into the holder at different stations -- the 1¢, 5¢, 10¢ station, etc. Before each coin is placed into the holder, it is inspected on both sides for absolute perfection. Not even the most minute mark on a coin is tolerated. At the end of the loading belt, a unit with a rubber pad presses all of the coins into the holder so that they fit evenly. Then a second part of the holder is pressed together with the first to form a case. A card, with the Mint Master's printed signature guaranteeing the quality and authenticity of the product, is added and put into a box.

Every so often, a quality assurance inspector will open one and check that all materials are present and that all of the coins are in a north-south position. The package is then wrapped in plastic.

Depending on their ultimate destination, the packages are either placed into a master pack of 25 units and strapped for shipment to dealers, or loosely placed 25 to a box for individual shipment. More than 20 people may work on the packaging, depending on what is being processed. The Mint used to handle 130,000 mail orders a year, but when the Olympic program was in full swing, they were handling close to 300,000. Today, with all the new collector products being manufactured, I don't have a handle on it.

In part of the enormous main vault, bullion coins are packaged including the gold, platinum and silver Maple Leafs. Ten one-ounce coins are put into a tube which is placed on a balancing scale. To ensure the correct weight, a similarly full master tube is balanced on the other side. The weight must be identical or the tube being weighed will be rejected.

The tubes are then placed into boxes that have been constructed to prevent the coin tubes from rattling. Each box is color-coded to identify different sizes and metal types.

Plush cases were used for packaging the 1987 Olympic coins. Two different coins featuring sports events were enclosed in each package, except in the early issues where single-coin cases were used. The original single-coin case is different than the others as it does not have a cushion on the inside top cover to hold the coin in place.

Following the release of the first Olympic coin, the Mint received a number of complaints about damage to the coins and the cases. It seems that during transit, the coin often came out of the well and the capsule apart. The extra cushion corrected this problem by holding the encapsulated coin in place.

# THE ROYAL CANADIAN MINT - CONTINUED

As a matter of interest, one day, the count in the packaging room did not tally. One coin of the Olympic series was left over out of the 25,000 boxes that had been packaged that day. The job of unpacking them all would be a very time consuming venture. So for the sake of expediency, the decision was made to release the sets and sit back and wait for a complaint. Sure enough, a lady wrote in saying her two-coin Olympic set was short one.

Packaging was actually responsible for delaying one year's specimen sets. The Mint had planned to ship orders within three weeks of receipt, but a snag developed when the supplier couldn't meet the Mint's delivery schedule. This caused 35,000 orders to be delayed. Although the coins were ready, packaging was, well, how does the saying go...the best laid plans of mice and men often go on the fritz!

The period between receipt of order and shipping, according to Mint plans formulated years ago, is supposed to be about two weeks, the best that can be expected when you are dealing in high volumes.

## **Cambridge Coin Club**

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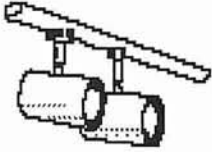
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# SPOTLIGHT ON PEOPLE

*A column in praise of active Ontario collectors*



## BRIAN CORNWELL HEADS POPULAR CANADIAN GRADING SERVICE



ONA-member Brian Cornwell certainly is a well-known numismatist. He has been a willing and frequent speaker at local coin club meetings and at annual banquets. Brian has remained extremely active in assisting the hobby in so many ways over the past 25 years, so much so that in 1997, the ONA saw fit to award him its highest award, the Award of Merit, reserved for individuals that have actively and over a period of time, assisted in making this hobby so popular by their unselfish giving of time and talent.

### HIS BACKGROUND

Brian has been a collector of rare coins since 1975, specializing in Canadian decimals. He has also been an avid collector of Canadian medals and pre- and post-Confederation tokens over the past 15 years. He and his wife, Heather, have two children and 3 grandchildren. He has a Bachelor Degree in Engineering Physics (University of Toronto 1962), a Masters Degree in Electrical Engineering (U of T 1963) and has been a registered Professional Engineer (Ontario) since 1964. He worked in the computer industry from 1960 to 1981 in various capacities of system engineering, technical management, sales and general management for such prestigious companies as IBM, Systems Dimensions Limited (SDL) and SHL Systemhouse. He is currently a life member of the CNA and a member of the ONA, ANA, CATC and CNRS.

Brian is also a member of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society (CNRS). He has served on their executive as Vice-President and President. He has also been a Governor of the J. Douglas Ferguson Memorial Research Foundation for 15 years.

### HIS WRITINGS

Brian participated in the development of the Charlton Coin Standard, Colonial Token book and Communion token book. He has also been involved with price updates for new revisions.

He authors a bi-weekly column on a wide range of topics for Canadian Coin News, something he has done continually since 1983. From 1983 through 1998, he was Trends Co-ordinator for CCN.

### HIS CNA-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Brian has been extremely active with the Canadian Numismatic Association for over 15 years. He has participated in the CNA Annual Convention's educational programs in 1986, 1990, 1991, 1998 and 2000. Further, he has lectured in all of the CNA/NESA one-day educational courses at Humber College, which included material that he had written for 3 of the chapters of the CNA/NESA's education correspondence course of which over 1,000 copies have now been distributed.

Brian has written articles for the CNA Journal, has acted as a display judge at CNA Conventions and chaired the CNA's Task Force 2000 Committee, for which he wrote and presented to the CNA Executive a major paper on the future of the CNA.

One of his major accomplishments has been the research and writing of a book on CNA Medals, published by Charlton Press in 1991.

For his active work for the hobby, he received the J.D. Ferguson Award, the CNA's highest award, in 1997.

### HIS CURRENT BUSINESS INTEREST

In 1986, he, along with ONA-members Bill Cross and Ingrid Smith, founded the International Coin Certification Service (ICCS). He has served as its President since 1986. As a service to the members of the ONA, we are pleased to publish the ICCS Service Request form in this issue which shows fees and other information.



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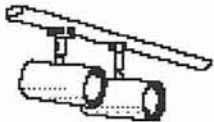
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## S P O T L I G H T O N P E O P L E

*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](http://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.

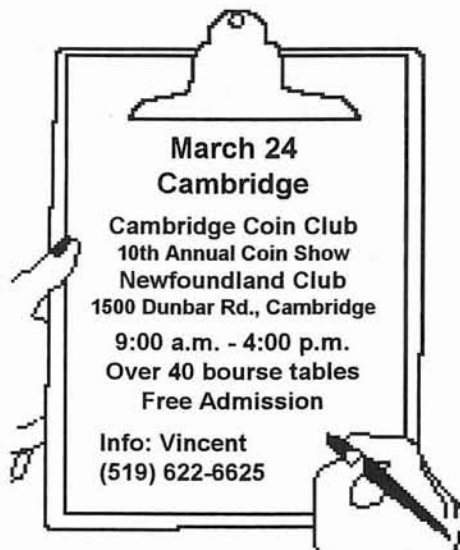
As for the next few years, both Cameron and Todd are looking forward to them with pronounced optimism. "Over the next two or three years, we will continue to market our numismatic products throughout Canada, the United States, and over the Internet. We will continue to offer correctly graded material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



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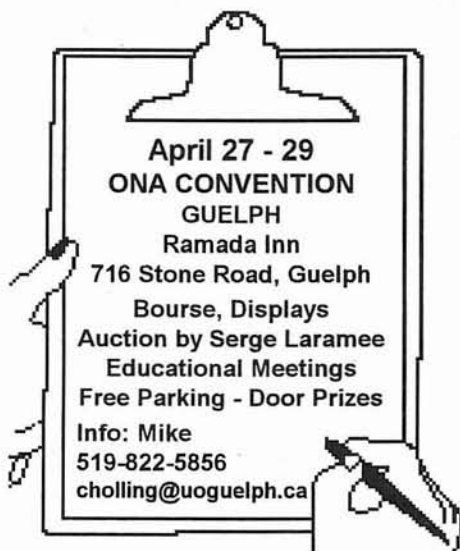
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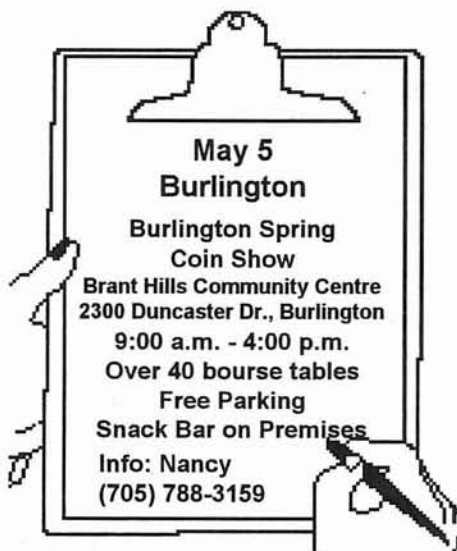
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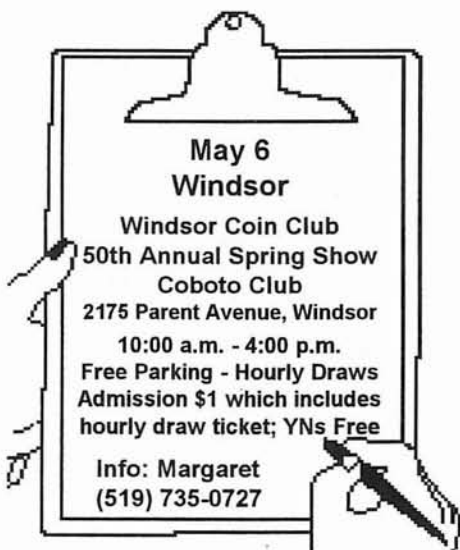
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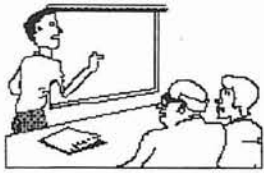
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# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS



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.

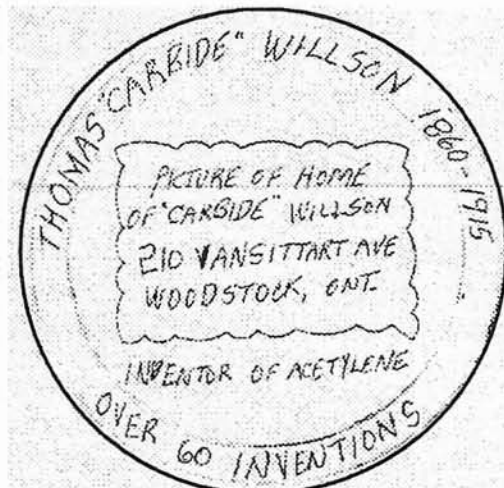
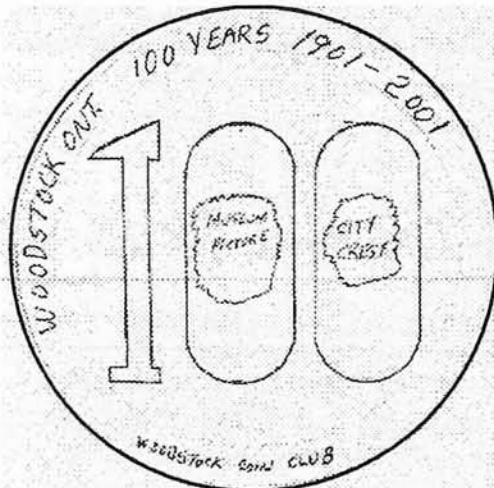
Their February meeting featured their annual donation auction. Members were asked to bring one or two items to donate to the club. Anyone that attended the meeting was able to acquire one of the new \$10 notes in crisp uncirculated condition at face value. They also had a 65-lot auction of Canadian and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

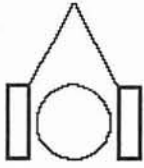
The club will be headed by Bob Porter, who was the former president of the Thistletown Coin & Stamp Club, while Len Kuenzig has agreed to take over as treasurer that was vacated with the recent passing of Harvey Farrow. Club member Norm Belsten is working on a new logo for the merged clubs.

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).

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## 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.

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## DREAM VACATION DRAW TICKETS RETURN REQUESTED



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

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

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

# 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.

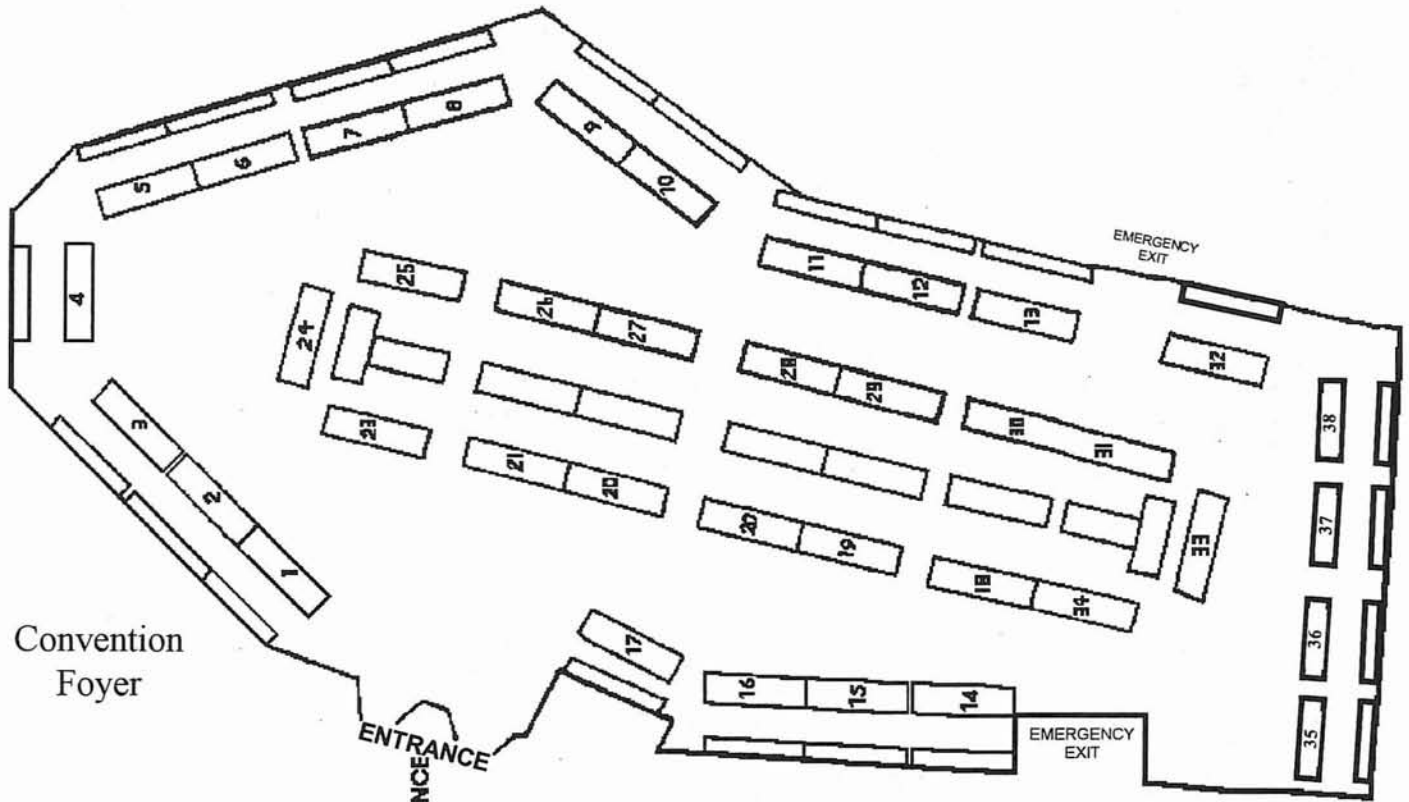
### THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

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
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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NO.	BOURSE DEALERS
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

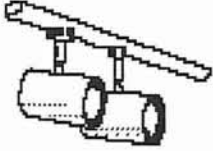
- 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. CNA Executive meeting (Suite 101)  
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Bourse room unlock - set-up only for dealers and exhibitors  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration table open  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club (CTCCC) meeting (Suite 103)  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 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.

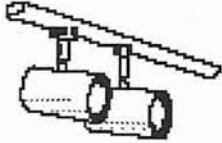
Harvey is a past-President of the North York Coin Club and had served as its Treasurer for over 25 years. He also volunteered his time and talents to local coin clubs, serving on the executive of the Oshawa, Scarborough, Thistletown and Toronto coin clubs as well as the defunct Richmond Hill and Markham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

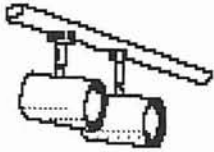
For the second year in a row, the Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers (CAND) has hosted a winter show. And for the second year CAND has shown its support to young numismatists (YNs) at its show, which proved not only a success for the dealers on hand, but for the numerous young numismatists who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

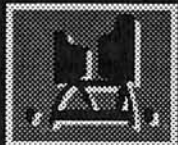
The auction, conducted by Michael Walsh, drew good bidding, both from the floor as well as through the mails, with a number of lots exceeding reserves as well as some passing under the gavel at bargain pricing.

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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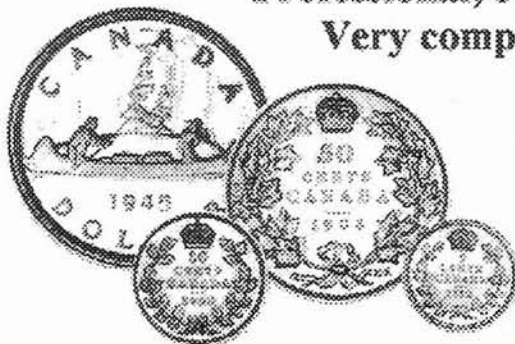
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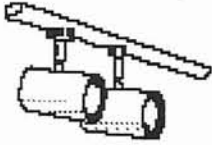
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## WHAT TO DO WITH PERSONALIZED NUMISMATIC GIFTS?

*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:



*Convention Information:*

**CNA Convention Quebec 2001,**

**P.O. Box 56036, Quebec, Qc. G1P 2W0**

**e-mail: 2001@snq.qc.ca      Web site: www.snq.qc.ca/2001**

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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.

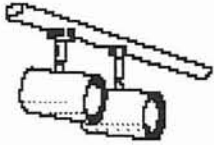
Students are urged to bring a 10x or higher magnifying glass for the "hands-on" demonstrations as numerous error coins will be examined. This is a "must see" presentation for every coin collector.

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](mailto: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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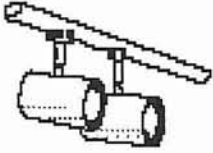
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# SPOTLIGHT ON NUMISMATIC BOOKS

## 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](mailto:chpress@charltonpress.com), or by accessing their website at [www.charltonpress.com](http://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](http://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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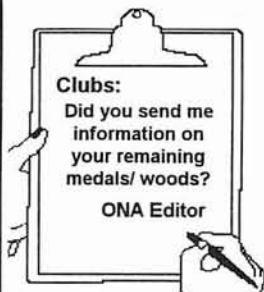
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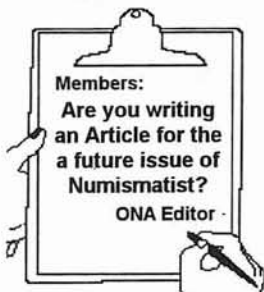
## A FEW REMINDERS



**Clubs:**

Did you send me information on your remaining medals/ woods?

ONA Editor



**Members:**

Are you writing an Article for the a future issue of Numismatist?

ONA Editor



**Collectors:**

Did you send me your free classified ad?

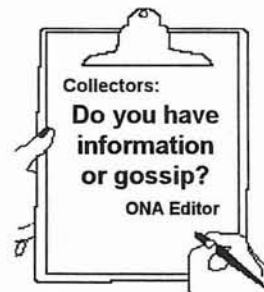
Adv. Manager



**Dealers:**

Did you send us a brief write-up about your business?

Adv. Manager



**Collectors:**

Do you have information or gossip?

ONA Editor



# 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
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"):

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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).

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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.  
 ANS IBNS TAMS RCM Mailing List Bi-Metallic Others \_\_\_\_\_

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:

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List additional comments or suggestions on separate sheet.

# 2001 ONA CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

QTY.	FUNCTION	PRICE	TOTAL
_____	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	_____
_____	Official souvenir convention medals - copper (only 50 struck) .....	12.00	_____
_____	Official souvenir convention medals - .999 Sterling silver (only 30 struck) .. <i>(Note that the commercial bronze with reeded edge convention medals are not available for sale - they are only included with the main registration kit.)</i>	35.00	_____
<b>TOTAL</b> (please make cheque payable to the 2001 ONA Convention) .....			\$ <u>          </u>

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

## 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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# EXHIBIT APPLICATION FORM

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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## HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS

Please contact the Ramada Inn directly to make room reservations.

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

- 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.



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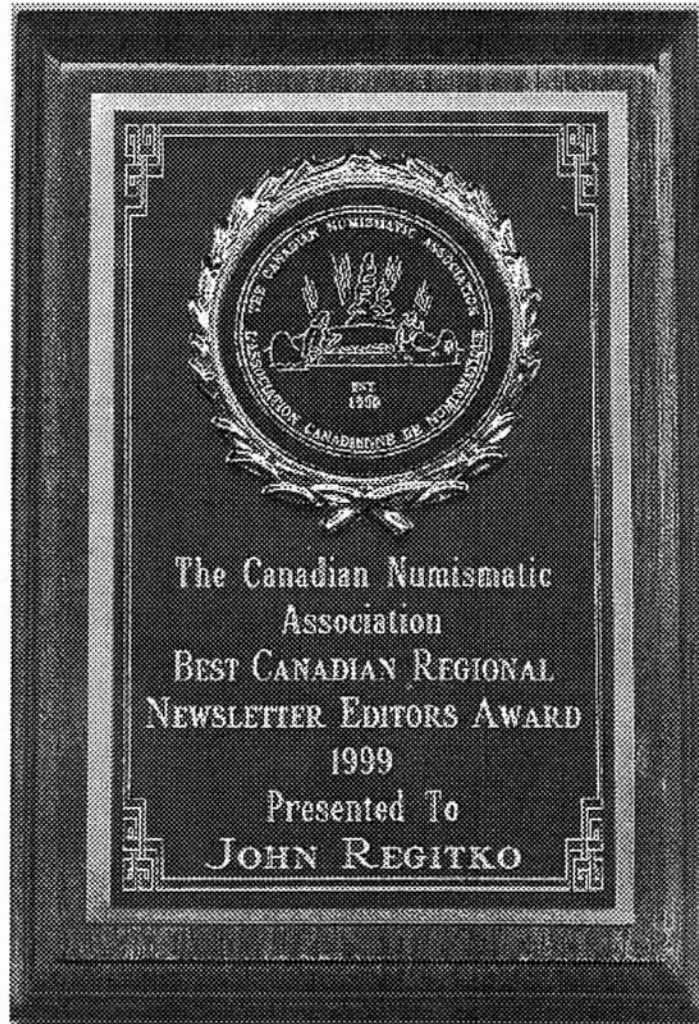
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At the Banquet at the ONA 2001 Convention, Tom Kennedy, CNA President, presented the ONA with the Best Regional Coin Club Bulletin Award for the calendar year 1999 (rather than being awarded at the 2000 CNA Convention as would normally be the case, it was awarded at our ONA Convention. John Regitko, ONA Editor, accepted the above plaque.

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

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



Dear ONA Members:

If you missed the recent ONA annual convention in Guelph, you are officially "Off the Island."

The dealers I spoke to on Sunday were most pleased with the weekend (although most were lukewarm on the Friday bourse hours - we learned some things!). Several dealers reported mid-five-figures sales, WOW!

The opening reception was WELL attended and was an excellent mixer for the registrants and dealers. A BIG thank you to Monina Regitko and her assistants in the Hospitality Suite for the entire weekend's efforts. They were appreciated by all.

Congratulations to all award winners, John will be tooting some horns later in this bulletin, so rather than belabor that, let me blow one for John: he was awarded the BEST REGIONAL COIN CLUB BULLETIN EDITOR AWARD by the Canadian Numismatic Association's President, Tom Kennedy and their Club Services Chairman, Barry McIntyre. Well done, John! And thank you to the CNA for noticing!

Thank you to all ONA members for supporting my bid to reign yet another two-year term as President of the ONA. I have always said that two years is not enough time to make meaningful changes and long term goal implementation in an organization, so I was most pleased to have the support of the ONA general membership once more. Look forward to more changes and better service!

The annual banquet was a most delightful evening. It enabled the ONA to realize one more goal: to bring Robert Aaron back into the Ontario numismatic club scene! Robert delighted the regulars and non-numismatists with his talk on what is a "real" counterfeit and what is a "legal" counterfeit. Ontario needs to hear more of this authors talks!

Thanks to Barry McIntyre (our new Area 9 director). Barry went beyond becoming the "Official ONA Convention Photographer" by becoming a Producer/Director of the newest ONA movie! Barry kindly video taped the Banquet and will be editing the Robert Aaron speech into a club video for educational use at local coin club meetings! The entire tape can serve as an archive of the evening's events and people may wish to see what went on. Its availability will be announced through the pages of the ONA Numismatist when ready.

We appreciate the support that Brian Cornwell and International Coin Certification Service (ICCS) 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.

That's it for now. See you at the shows!

*Mike Hollingshead*  
ONA President

# EDITOR'S MESSAGE



Some editors have the problem of finding sufficient material to fill the bulletin each issue. I certainly don't have a problem in that department.

Very, very few editors have a problem of deciding what to publish if too much material is on hand. That is the fortunate problem I find myself in. As far as this issue is concerned, you will find a lot of pages being taken up with convention-related items. Since the annual convention is the place where a lot of things happen that involves or affects every ONA member, it is only appropriate that full coverage appear in these pages for the many people who did not or could not attend, as well as serving as a recap for members that were at the convention but could not take in everything that went on.

We have not published information on club meetings as we indicated in the last issue. Although, I have gleaned information from the local coin club bulletins that are sent to me, with the ONA Convention and a lot of other things happening (like writing a number of columns for Canadian Coin News), I don't feel that club meeting listings would be complete for this issue. Therefore, I have decided to leave it for another issue so that I can get the incoming ONA Area Directors to fill in the missing blanks, especially about clubs that do not issue a bulletin and generally do not provide me with any information about them.

My personal congratulations to all the winners at the ONA Convention: Roger, Bob, Paul, Tom, but especially Bill Kamb who...well, you will have to keep on reading to find out!

We have not included any new numismatic items issued at the Convention other than the official medal. The numerous wooden tokens will be illustrated in the next issue. As well, Barry McIntyre, who filmed some of the awards presentations, will be sending us some photos for the next issue.

The survey included in the last issue went over much better than I every thought. A pretty good cross-section of members responded, which gives me a pretty good idea what changes to make in the ONA Numismatist.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the CNA for awarding the ONA the Best Regional Coin Club Bulletin Award, and to the ONA Executive (initially those under the presidency of Ken Wilmot who originally appointed me, later under the presidency of Mike Hollingshead) for having enough confidence in me to turn over the Editorship to me. Although it is a lot of work, it is also a lot of fun which makes it all worthwhile!

The support given to us by Chuck Moore for the January/February issue and by Todd Sandham and Cameron Bevers for the March/April issue is really appreciated. It allows me to publish up to 36 pages an issue that the ONA could otherwise not afford. Brian Cornwell whomanages International Coin Certification Service (ICCS), join the small rank of sustaining donors (for this issue) who have accepted my offer to be part of an award-winning publication. When you contact any of them, I hope that you will take the time to let them know that their support is appreciated by the ONA membership. Fortunately for the membership, we have already lined up additional sustaining donors for both the July/August and September/October issues. We expect to have a sponsor for the November/December issue before too long. That's a lot of work. I recently received the following memo (I think it was from our President, but I'm not sure):



following memo (I think it was from our President, but I'm not sure):

*"Due to the increased workload in turning out 36-page bulletins, the ONA Management has decided that it can no longer afford for you to take time out of your busy schedule and go to the restroom. Instead, to increase employee efficiency the company will shoulder the expense of remodeling your office to accommodate restroom privileges. Thank you for your cooperation" - THE MANAGEMENT*

Happy collecting!

John Regitko  
ONA Editor

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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

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*At the Banquet of the ONA Convention, Paul Johnson advised us that Steve Taylor of Dover, Delaware was in hospital, initially for a gall bladder operation, then for other tests. Paul passed around a get-well card for everyone to sign. We know Steve has a very soft spot in his heart for the ONA, having attended at least 12 conventions since his first one in 1978 when he was our Banquet Speaker. Your editor took the liberty of telephoning him to deliver well-wishes from all his friends in Ontario and beyond (the doctor's initial diagnosis may not have been too optimistic, but with Steve's attitude we expect the best). The following letter is in response to that telephone call.*

Dear John:

First, thanks for the telephone call. It was great that you called and very much appreciated. Here's a short blurb for your newsletter:

First, let me thank all my friends and fellow numismatists from the ONA for the beautiful card sent from your convention. It was so nice to see so many familiar signatures on it. Some unbelievable things have happened to me since I entered this battle for my health. I have had so many telephone calls, e-mails and cards from all across Canada and a multitude of our United States with people pulling and praying for me.

Someone said that I sounded pretty good on the telephone. I indicated that with everything that has come in here, I would find it extremely difficult not to have a positive attitude about this whole thing. The best wishes of everyone have been overwhelming and deeply appreciated.

Thank you one and all. God Bless, keep the faith and keep smiling.

Love  
Steve

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Dear ONA Editor:

Please pass on my compliments to the wonderful hospitality suite which was available during the recent ONA Convention in Guelph. It was comforting to find this oasis of tranquility after the hustle and bustle of the bourse.

Please pass along my personal thanks to Monina for being such a perfect hostess.  
See you next year!

Marvin Kay

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Dear John:

Re pricing on \$10.00 error notes (March/April 2001 ONA Numismatist, page 63), in numismatics there is a little quote, but very accurate rule, called 'The Rule of Ten.' It states that prices for unusual items take approximately ten years to reach an equilibrium and a true market value. The prices for the \$10.00 errors may be too high or too low, but it will take a decade or so before the true market value is known.

Chuck Moore  
Charles Moore Auctions, Inc.

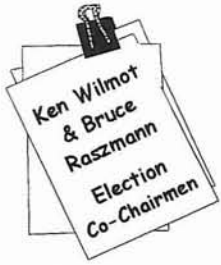
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Dear John:

Just to let you know that your bulletin is excellent. Just keep up the good work.

Roland Albert  
Nickel Belt Coin Club (Sudbury)

# ELECTION CO-CHAIRMEN REPORT



The following members were nominated prior to the close of nominations and confirmed their agreement to let their name stand. Since only one valid nomination was received for each elected position, no ballots were necessary to be mailed out to members.

No nominations were received from the floor at the General Membership Meeting for the positions for which no nominations were previously received. Nominations were declared closed. It was then declared that all those nominated previously are elected by acclamation.

Vacant positions will be filled by appointment by the Executive.

It gives us great pleasure to announce your Executive for the 2001 - 2003 term:

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

The incoming Executive was installed at the conclusion of the Annual General Membership meeting at the 2001 ONA Convention and have assumed office, along with the Immediate Past President, Ken Wilmot, at the conclusion of the Convention. All elected officers will hold office for two years from that time and until their successors have been duly elected and installed.

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

*Ken Wilmot & Bruce Raszmann  
Elections Co-Chairmen*

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

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

## ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

For the period January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000

### GENERAL ACCOUNT

Petty Cash @ January 1, 2000	\$ 11.59	
Bank Balance @ January 1, 2000	<u>1,450.95</u>	
	\$ 1,462.54	\$ 1,462.54

### RECEIPTS

Memberships (Regular, Junior & Club)	\$ 3,758.00	
O.N.A. Convention Draw	1,281.93	
Club Ticket Rebate	78.00	
Premium U.S.A. Money	15.78	
Advertising - "Ontario Numismatist"	50.00	
1999 ONA Convention	3,726.02	
Donations Towards Ontario Numismatist	914.12	
Donations	30.00	
2000 ONA Convention	1,264.86	
Return of 2000 ONA Convention Advance	350.00	
Interest & Bank Charge Reversal	5.75	
Transferred from Contingency Account	<u>2,250.00</u>	
	\$ 13,724.46	\$ 13,724.46

### EXPENSES

O.N.A. Publication "Ontario Numismatist"	\$ 5,735.87	
Postage	64.56	
Office Supplies & Expenses	285.93	
P.O. Box Rental & G.S.T.	77.04	
Safety Deposit Box Rental & G.S.T.	131.08	
C.N.A. Dues	33.00	
Telephone	83.09	
Photocopying	38.15	
Honorariums	225.00	
Best Bulletin	50.00	
ONA 2002 Convention Advance	500.00	
Convention Lamps	257.18	
Award Frames	68.96	
Merit & Fellow Awards	70.00	
Bookbinding	322.87	
Audio Visual	36.50	
Transferred to Contingency Account	<u>5,500.00</u>	
	\$ 13,479.23	\$ 13,479.23

Excess Receipts Over Expenses		\$ 245.23
Petty Cash @ December 31, 2000	32.23	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 2000	<u>1,675.54</u>	
	\$ 1,707.77	\$ 1,707.77

**TREASURER'S REPORT - CONTINUED**

For the period January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000

**CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT**

Bank Balance @ January 1, 2000		\$ 4,148.67
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 828.50	
Interest Cashable Savings Certificates	208.80	
Matured Guaranteed Investment Certificate	2,000.00	
Matured Cashable Savings Certificates	3,000.00	
Transferred from General Account	<u>5,500.00</u>	
	\$ 11,537.30	\$ 11,537.30
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Guaranteed Investment Certificate	\$ 5,000.00	
Cashable Savings Certificates	\$ 8,000.00	
Transferred to General Account	<u>2,250.00</u>	
	\$ 15,250.00	\$ 15,250.00
Excess Receipts Over Expenses		\$ - 3,712.70
Bank Balance @ December 31, 2000		\$ 435.97

**CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT ASSETS**

Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 21,000.00
Cashable Savings Certificate	<u>8,000.00</u>

**INSURANCE ACCOUNT**

Bank Balance @ January 1, 2000		\$ 844.40
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
2 (2000) Club Premiums @ 35.00 each	\$ 70.00	
3 (2000) Club Premiums @ 45.00 each	135.00	
22 (2001) Club Premiums @ \$35.00 each	770.00	
Interest Cashable Savings Certificate	157.15	
Matured Cashable Saving Certificates	<u>4,700.00</u>	
	\$ 5,832.15	\$ 5,832.15
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Cashable Savings Certificate	\$ 5,000.00	
Insurance Premium	648.00	
Photocopies, Postage & Telephone	<u>24.44</u>	
	\$ 5,672.44	\$ 5,672.44
Excess Receipts Over Expenses		\$ 159.71
Bank Balance @ December 31, 2000		\$ 1,004.11

**INSURANCE ACCOUNT ASSETS**

Cashable Savings Certificate	\$ 5,000.00
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**CASH ASSET SUMMARY @ DECEMBER 31, 2000**

Cash & Bank Balance - General Account	\$ 1,707.77	
Bank Balance - Contingency Account	435.97	
Guaranteed Investment Certificates - Contingency	21,000.00	
Cashable Savings Certificates - Contingency	8,000.00	
Bank Balance - Insurance Account	1,004.11	
Cashable Savings Certificate - Insurance Account	<u>5,000.00</u>	
	37,147.85	\$ 37,147.85
Cash Assets (1999)		<u>\$ 32,155.61</u>
Increase In Cash Assets		\$ 4,992.24

# TREASURER'S REPORT-CONTINUED

For the period January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 2000			\$ 162.87
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Life Memberships	\$ 153.81		
Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	<u>475.70</u>		
	\$ 629.51	\$ 629.51	
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Membership Dues (2000) @ \$7.50	570.00	\$ 570.00	
Excess Receipts Over Expenses			\$ 59.51
Bank Balance @ December 31, 2000			\$ 222.38

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP ASSETS

Guaranteed Investment Certificates \$ 9,300.00

Note: The Bank Accounts are maintained at The T.D. Canada Trust, Belmont Branch, Kitchener, Ontario

*Bruce Raszmann*  
Treasurer

# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

## WELCOME



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

We welcome Serge Pelletier, Jeff Fournier, Gordon Nichols, Karl Flick, Nigel Alty, Scott Schinkel, Gene Maynard, Robin Wood, Prakash Mody, Jim Djambazis, Chad Hunter, Wayne Geroux, Richard Grove and Murray Church.

## NEW APPLICATIONS

The following applications for membership have been received. If there are no objections by (date), they will be accepted into ONA membership and their acceptance published in the next bulletin.

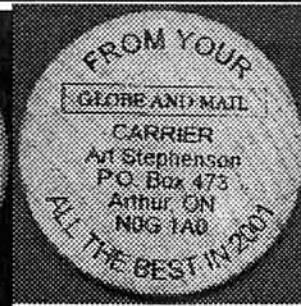
- #1724 Geoffrey Bell (Shediac, N.B.)
- #1725 David Reid (Zionsville, Indiana)
- #1726 John McArthur (Hepworth, Ont.)
- #1727 Art Stephenson (Arthur, Ont.)

*Bruce Raszmann*  
Membership Chairman



## NEW MEMBER NEWS

Art Stephenson recently moved from Alberta to Ontario and issued 2 woods. He attended a recent meeting of the South Wellington Coin Society as well as the ONA 2001 Convention. He has applied for membership in both.



# Michael Walsh

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Over 2 years ago, when it was obvious that no host club would be stepping forward to agree to host the convention, the ONA Executive had to make a few decisions. It was agreed that President Mike Hollingshead would approach the College Inn (now Ramada Inn & Convention Centre following a change in ownership) to check out availability of convention space on a week-end that would be acceptable to us, costs, pricing of bedrooms, etc. The executive, in view of the acceptability of the site for ONA Conventions, agreed to commit to that location. As well, Mike was elected as General Chairman.

Mike appointed a number of experienced organizers and called a founding Convention committee meeting to get the ball rolling. A bank account was set up. The convention medal design was proposed and approved.. Negotiations with the hotel for room rates, meals and other requirements swung into high gear. The auction house was selected. Bourse floor plans were updated and readied over a year in advance. Invitation for bourse space was gotten ready for the prior year's convention. Numismatic organizations were approached to find out if they wish to hold meetings in conjunction with the convention. A program of events was finalized. Speakers and masters of ceremonies were considered. The ONA President confirmed the judges for the competitive exhibits. Pricing for the registration kits, banquet meal and medals were established. Medals were ordered. Publicity was generated. Registration kit envelopes, banquet tickets, reception tickets and invitations to the hospitality suite were designed and printed. Registration forms were created. Signs were made up or updated. The list goes on and on and on. Dream Vacation draw ticket books had to be printed and distributed.

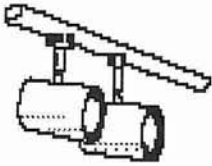
Then there are the front-line workers that have to organize activities before and at the convention. This includes the purchasing by the person responsibility for the Hospitality Suite of items required, both for the Friday evening reception as well as for Saturday and Sunday. The registration desk and daily admission table must be manned at all times.

To the following goes the credit for another good ONA Convention:

- General Chairman: Mike Hollingshead
- Treasurer & Pre-Registration: Bruce Raszmann
- Registration & Daily Admission Chairman: Bruce Raszmann
- Daily Admission Table Assistance: Robert Zmija, Richard Johnson, Gord Parker, Mike Hillingshead
- Exhibits Chairman: Chris Boyer
- Head Judge: Paul Johnson
- Exhibits Judges: William McDonald & Don Robb
- Bourse Chairman: Ken Wilmot
- Club Delegate Meeting Chairman: John Regitko
- Club Delegate Meeting M.C.: Ken Wilmot
- Banquet Master of Ceremonies: Paul Johnson
- Banquet Keynote Speaker: Robert Aaron
- Reception/Post-Banquet Reception Bartender: Ron Zelk
- Convention Medal Chairman: Mike Hollingshead
- Publicity Chairman - Numismatic Press: John Regitko
- Publicity Chairman - Non-Numismatic: Mike Hollingshead
- Hospitality Suite Chairman: Monina Regitko
- Hospitality Suite Assistants: Denna Benn, Carolyne Desjardins, Dorothy Mason
- Program of Events Planning: Paul Johnson
- Dream Vacation Draw Chairman: Bruce Raszmann
- ONA Awards Committee Chairman: Don Robb
- ONA Awards Committee Members: Mike Hollingshead, Ken Wilmot, Paul Johnson, John Regitko
- Signage: Roger Fox
- Auctioneer: Serge Laramée
- Property Chairman: Gary Oblinsky and Mike Hollingshead
- Bourse Room Set-up Assistance: Gary Oblinsky, Mike Hollingshead, Ken Wilmot, Steve van Bree

# SPOTLIGHT ON PEOPLE

*A column in praise of active ONA members*



## WILLIAM KAMB WINS BIG AT CONVENTION

*In view of Bill Kamb's successes at the ONA Convention (Best of Show in the competitive exhibits, grand prize winner in the Dream Vacation Draw consisting of a choice of a \$1,250 travel voucher or \$1,000 in cash), we asked him to send us his biography. Normally, the ONA Editor would re-write it from "first person" (I, me) as submitted, to "third person" (he, him). Because Bill's submission reads so well without any changes, we thought we would present his original version without change.*

*by William Kamb, ONA Life Member*

I was born and raised in Massachusetts and graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1972. I accepted a job in Cleveland, Ohio, where I met my wife, Mary Lou, and we were married in June of 1975. We have three children, two boys and a girl. Our oldest son, Will, is in his second year of law school at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio where we presently live. Bob graduated from Ohio University in November and just accepted a job. Our daughter Jennifer, is a junior at Ohio University, and is majoring in English.

Seven years ago, I joined a local coin club, the Central Ohio International Numismatic Society (COINS), and have missed only one meeting since. I've been president for the past five years and was just re-elected to another two-year term. As a new president, I presided over the merging of our club with the older Columbus Numismatic Society (CNS), which was a benefit to both clubs. In the past few years, we've almost doubled in size to over 100 members and at an average meeting over 40 attend. We're looking forward to our third annual coin show of 80 tables in September, and are already sold out and have a waiting list. Next April, we'll be the host club for the Central States Numismatic Societies' Convention here in Columbus and are looking forward to the challenge of putting on a 500 dealer show.

A year ago, I was appointed by Governor Taft to the Ohio State Quarter Design Selection Committee. The State quarter program started in 1999 and is modeled after the Canadian program of 1992. The U.S. Mint is issuing five quarters a year for ten years honoring a particular place or event from each State in the order in which they were admitted to the Union. We met several times last spring and reviewed over 5000 submissions, eventually settling on four designs, which we submitted to the Mint last June. We finally received the revised designs back from the Mint in April, reviewed them, and made our final recommendation to the Governor who approved it and forwarded it to the Mint.

I started collecting coins as a boy of nine when my father gave my younger brother and I a can of pennies to split up. I never lost interest in collecting, but during my college years, they were put on the back burner. Soon after graduating, I completed my Lincoln cents and Indian Head cents and started collecting U.S. large cents. I soon realized that I couldn't afford what I liked, so I decided to collect coins from Newfoundland. I grew up a mile down the road from my grandparents in Littleton, Mass., and have many fond memories of spending time with them. My grandfather was from Burin on the south coast of Newfoundland and my grandmother came from New Melbourne in Trinity Bay, on the north coast. As a boy, my grandparents took me back to Newfoundland for the summer. I was fascinated by the history and the people and wanted to learn more about my heritage. A relative from Bonavista, Notre Dame Bay, gave me a few "Newfie" coins as a keepsake on one of my visits and these eventually became the start of my collection.

I started collecting Newfoundland coins almost 20 years ago, and have found them to be challenging but affordable. I started collecting decimals in extremely fine or almost uncirculated condition and soon had most of the inexpensive George VI pieces, some George V and Edwardian pieces, and a few "Vickies." After a few years, I completed the large and small cents and George VI silver set and decided to upgrade them to choice uncirculated condition.

In 1990, I attended my first Canadian show in Niagara Falls. I added a Victorian twenty-cent piece to my collection and upgraded two other coins. The next year, I attended the CNA in Toronto where I attended my first Canadian auction. I was amazed that many scarce coins went to the book or to the first bidder.

In 1993, I attended my first ONA convention, which was in Guelph. I arrived early on Friday afternoon and was surprised to find that I was a day early. After an hour or so, people started arriving to set up the bourse room. I helped out and was invited to the reception that night. Arriving early was one of the best mistakes I've ever made as I met a few people and have attended almost every ONA Convention since and became a life member last year.

Slowly, I kept adding to my collection and by 1995 I only needed three more coins for a complete date set of decimals: 1873H and 1881 five-cent and 1880 twenty-cent pieces. I was fortunate as a mail bidder in the 1998 CAND Auction, and picked up the latter two pieces in ICCS EF40 condition. Normally, the 1873H five-cent piece in EF condition would be beyond my means, but due to a fortunate set of circumstances, I was able to complete my collection at the CNA Auction last summer. I had accomplished my goal set 18 years before by completing a set of Newfoundland coins in EF or better condition.

Two years ago I exhibited at the ONA for the first time, where I received Best of Show. I have met more people since then than I did in all the years before. It took me quite a few years to realize that the social aspects of numismatics are more important than plugging holes in a collection.

If you're looking for an affordable challenge, try collecting Newfoundland coins. Depending on how patient you are and what your budget is, you can spend a lifetime searching for choice pieces and collect friends along the way.

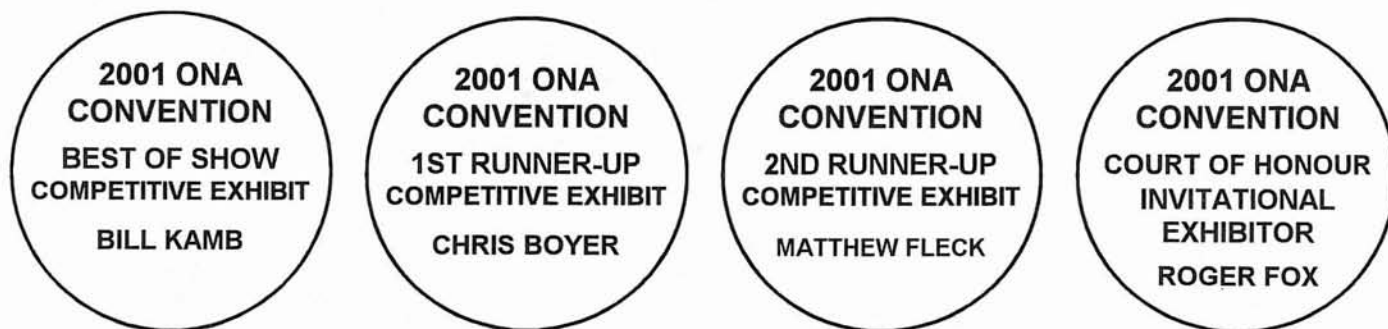
I look forward to attending shows now for the camaraderie as much as the chance of improving my collection.

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

### **BILL KAMB WINS BEST OF SHOW; WILLIAM MATTHEW GETS BEST JUNIOR EXHIBIT AT ONA 2001 CONVENTION**

The ONA-appointed judges, consisting of Paul Johnson (ONA Head Judge), Bill McDonald and Don Robb, selected the following exhibits. Paul Johnson made the announcement and presentations at the ONA Banquet.

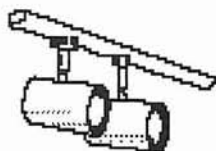


- Bill Kamb was awarded Best of Show for his exhibit on Newfoundland 50 cent coinage.
- Chris Boyer was declared as 1st runner-up for a display of RCMP numismatic collectibles.
- Matthew Fleck received the nod from the judges as 2nd runner-up overall and best junior exhibit for his display "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" featuring million dollar notes.
- Roger Fox's invitational non-competitive two-case entry consisted of Canadian Tire Coupons.

Although the exhibits were not plentiful, they were top-notch in quality. It is also nice to see a junior collector make up an exhibit and win an award!

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## ROGER FOX RECIPIENT OF HIGHEST ONA AWARD

*We are pleased to present a bit of background on the recipient of the 2001 ONA Award of Merit. He accepted the award at the 2001 ONA Convention's banquet in Guelph. He received a framed certificate (as illustrated), a uniface silver ONA presentation medal suitably engraved on the*

*reverse and an Award of Merit name plate badge.*

# AWARD OF MERIT

## ROGER FOX

IS HEREBY PRESENTED WITH THE

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DON ROBB  
Chairman - ONA Awards Committee

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MIKE HOLLINGSHEAD  
President - Ontario Numismatic Association

### HIS BEGINNINGS

Roger Fox started collecting at age 6. He expanded his collections through a paper route. He even started a high school coin club. Numismatics and collecting have certainly been a life-long interest for him.

### HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH COIN CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Over the years, he has served on many club executives, including as a Junior Director, Editor and President of the North York Coin club. Currently he is a Director and Social Convenor of the NYCC. He is currently in his 4th year as

President of the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors club (CTCCC). He has written many articles, mainly about Canadian Tire Coupons and his favorite organization, CTCCC. These articles have appeared in Canadian Coin News, CATC and CNA. He has also written articles in the CTCCC's own publication for the past 10 years.

### HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH CONVENTIONS

Roger has been a frequent exhibitor, including at the ONA 2001 Convention in Guelph. He has been a member of numerous ONA and CNA Convention committees, including the two most recent ONA Conventions - 2000 (North York) and 2001 (Guelph). He has designed the 1986 CNA, 1987 ONA and 1994 ONA Convention medals, as well as co-designing the 1969 CNA and 2000 ONA Convention medals.



*The central design of the 1986 CNA medal designed by Roger Fox features the old Community Hall, the meeting place of the NYCC for many years.*



*The 1994 ONA medal depicts David Gibson House, a North York landmark that was included in the Convention planning for a tour by registrants.*



*The 2000 ONA medal features Augustus Caesar and Q.E. II and includes the initials of Paul Petch, the concept designer and Roger Fox, artist.*

As Don Robb, Chairman of the ONA Awards Committee, stated at the presentation: "He has brought enthusiasm and skill to our hobby. Truly he is a most deserving candidate."

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

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## **THREE ONA MEMBERS INDUCTED AS ONA "FELLOWS"**

*At the recent ONA Convention, Don Robb, Chairman of the ONA Awards Committee presented prestigious "Fellow of the ONA" Awards to 3 individuals. They receive a framed Certificate, a uniface ONA medal suitably engraved on the reverse and a lapel name plate, also suitably engraved.*

**FELLOW  
OF THE ONA  
2001  
ROBERT PORTER**

Bob Porter has been a collector for 50 years (his unusual start in numismatics was as a result of being a mine sweeper during W.W.II and keeping currency that he obtained during his service in France, Belgium, Holland, Portugal and other countries).

He served as President of the Etobicoke Coin & Stamp Club for about 10 years. During this period, he was also the club's Treasurer, Secretary and Program Chairman. Because of the amount of work he was willing and able to do, he is credited in single-handed keeping the club running. When the Mississauga Coin Club and the Etobicoke Coin & Stamp Club combined at the end of last year to form the Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin Stamp Collectibles Club, he again handled the chores of President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Bob is also a Past-President of Richmond Hill Coin Club. He has been the auctioneer of the North York Coin Club for quite a few years, a chore he still does now. When the North York Coin club held their annual shows, he was appointed Judge for the competitive exhibits. He has also been a member of various award committees and display committees starting with the 1972 ONA Convention and carrying on for over 2 decades.

His involvement with the Ontario Numismatic Association has also been exemplary. He has been an ONA Judge or ONA Head Judge for their annual conventions for almost 25 years - from 1972 to 1995. Further, he has served on several ONA as well as CNA Conventions when they were held in the Toronto-area.

**FELLOW  
OF THE ONA  
2001  
TOM MASTERS**

Tom Master's received the ONA Award of Merit in 1978. Since then he has contributed much to the success of numismatics, so much so that the Awards Selection Committee felt he is deserving of another ONA award.

His President/Editorial Messages in the Ingersoll Coin Club bulletins have been well-received by all members. Always interesting and thought-provoking, a number of them have been reprinted in the ONA Numismatist. He is probably best known to ONA members as the President and Editor of the Ingersoll Coin Club over a 25-year period. He has been instrumental in raising thousands of dollars for local charities at club meetings.

As the presenter stated, "It is not merely an Award - it is a tribute to a man who has been a collector/numismatist for most of his life."

**FELLOW  
OF THE ONA  
2001  
PAUL JOHNSON**

Paul Johnson received the ONA highest award, the ONA Award of Merit, in 1985. Again, the ONA Awards Committee felt that, in view of the hard work that Paul has accomplished since he received the ONA Award of Merit, that he certainly qualified for consideration for another award.

Although his biography has been well-documented in previous ONA Numismatists, we will point out some of the major awards that he received previously. He received an ONA Presidential Citation in 1998 for having attended 25 consecutive ONA Convention. He received the American Numismatic Association Award for "Outstanding Young Numismatist." He is also a recipient of the "J.D. Ferguson Award," the CNA's highest award.

Because Paul Johnson is on the Awards Selection Committee, only other potential recipients were discussed. It was behind-the-scenes that the vote was taken by all other Committee members to present the award to Paul. We can vouch that it came as a complete surprise to him at the Banquet!

*Members of the ONA Awards Committee are Don Robb (Chairman), Paul Johnson (Immediate Past-Chairman), Mike Hollingshead (ONA President) and John Regitko.*



# D R E A M V A C A T I O N D R A W C H A I R M A N ' S R E P O R T

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

## D R A W W I N N E R S

FIRST PRIZE (a dream vacation travel ticket for \$1,250, good through any travel agent in Ontario, anywhere you want to go, or \$1,000 cash): Bill Kamb (Powell, Ohio)

SECOND PRIZE (Canadian Olympic \$100 gold coin): Wendy Black (Moorefield, Ont.)

THREE CONSOLATION PRIZES (2001 O' Canada Sets): Terry Cooke (Toronto, Ont.), Michael Walsh (Vancouver, B.C.) and Ronald Cheek (Kanata, Ont.)

TWO CONSOLATION PRIZES (Tiny Treasures Sets): John Regitko (North York, Ont.) and Shirley Barker (Delhi, Ont.)

SELLER OF FIRST PRIZE TICKET (\$100 cash): Bill Kamb (Powell, Ohio)

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



## T I C K E T S A L E S B Y C L U B S

For every book sold, the seller could specify the name of a club which would receive \$2. A total of 370 books were so designated. Following is a breakdown of the recipient clubs, in alphabetic order, along with the number of books credited to each one:

Brantford Numismatic Society	4	Paisley Road Coin Club	1
Cambridge Coin Club	9	Peterborough Numismatic Society	3
CAWMC (Southern Ontario Chapter)	1	Scarborough Coin Club	5
Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club	2	South Wellington Coin Society	11
City of Ottawa Coin Club	14	St. Catharines Coin Club	2
Champlain Coin Club	2	St. Thomas Numismatic Association	3
Hamilton Coin Club	3	Stratford Coin club	63
Ingersoll Coin Club	42	The Numismatic Show	1
Kent Coin Club	2	Tillsonburg Coin Club	8
Kirkland Lake & District Coin Club	4	Waterloo Coin Society	77
Lake Superior Coin Club	8	Watford Coin Club	3
London Numismatic Society	1	Windsor Coin Club	48
Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin, Stamp Club	2	Woodstock Coin Club	9
Nickel Belt Coin Club	4	<i>Non-ONA Member Clubs:</i>	
North York Coin Club	5	Bancroft Coin Club	1
Ontario Numismatic Association	27	Canadian Ass'n of Token Collectors	<u>1</u>
Oshawa & District Coin Club	4	Total Book Sales	370

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

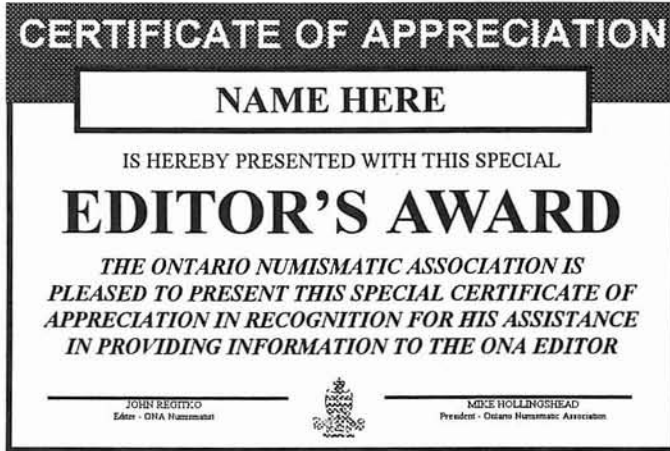
The Ontario Numismatic Association would like to thank all those who sold tickets or purchased them.

*Bruce Raszmann  
Draw Chairman*

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## THREE MEMBERS HONORED WITH SPECIAL EDITORIAL CITATIONS AT ONA CONVENTION



*At the recent ONA Convention, John Regitko, Editor of the ONA Numismatist, presented special Certificates of Appreciation to 3 people who have given him assistance, behind the scenes, when requested to do so. We are pleased to publish the background on these individuals and the reasons they were so honored. Each person received a special certificate, suitably framed, accompanied by a covering letter signed by John Regitko, Editor and Mike Hollingshead, ONA President. We are pleased to include excerpts from each letter that explains each person's contribution in assuring that the ONA Numismatist's content is of exceptional quality, issue after issue.*

**KEN PROPHET** - The first Editorial Citation was presented to Ken Prophet at the CNA Executive meeting held at the ONA Convention. The covering letter reads: "It gives us great pleasure to recognize your contributions to the Ontario Numismatic Association via the enclosed special Certificate of Appreciation. Whenever you were called upon to provide information to assist the ONA Editor with background for details for articles for publication in The Numismatist, official publication of the Ontario Numismatic Association, you were always willing to make time to research the information. This involved searching through your library of CNA Journals, coming up with lists of recipients' names, recalling information and providing this information to the ONA Editor in a very timely, prompt and efficient manner. For your service to the ONA above and beyond the call of duty, we are pleased to present you with a special Certificate of Appreciation."

**NORM BELSTEN** - The second Editorial Citation was presented to Norm Belsten at the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors held on Saturday afternoon of the ONA Convention. The covering letter reads: "It gives us great pleasure to recognize your contributions to the Ontario Numismatic Association via the enclosed special Certificate of Appreciation. Whenever you were called upon to provide information to assist the ONA Editor with background for details for articles for publication in The Numismatist, official publication of the Ontario Numismatic Association, you were always willing to make time to research the information. This involved searching through your extensive computer library, providing us with clipart, and in the process saving the ONA Editor countless hours of time and effort as well as assisting us in making the ONA Numismatist more attractive and eye-appealing with the illustrations you provided. You always provided this to the ONA Editor in a very timely, prompt and efficient manner. For your service to the ONA, we are pleased to present you with a special Certificate of Appreciation."

**PAUL PETCH** - The third Editorial Citation was presented to Paul Petch at the Banquet held on Saturday evening of the Convention. The covering letter reads: "It gives us great pleasure to recognize your contributions to the Ontario Numismatic Association via the enclosed special Certificate of Appreciation. Whenever you were called upon to provide information to assist the ONA Editor with background for details for articles for publication in The Numismatist, official publication of the Ontario Numismatic Association, you were always willing to make time to research the information. This involved searching through back-issues of North York Coin Club bulletins in your computer, providing us with articles and clip art, and in the process saving the ONA Editor countless hours of time and effort as well as assisting us in making the ONA Numismatist more attractive and eye-appealing with the illustrations you provided. You always provided this to the ONA Editor in a very timely, prompt and efficient manner."

# CLUB DELEGATES MEETING SUMMARY

by John Regitko, ONA Club Services Chairman



The club delegates meeting held at 2001 ONA Convention was attended by 14 dedicated numismatic representatives from across Ontario as well as a number of members of the ONA Executive. The meeting was ably handled by Ken Wilmot, Master of Ceremonies.

It was announced that the Best Club Bulletin Award for the calendar year 2000 was a tie between the London Numismatic Society and the North York Coin Club. Each club was presented a Certificate of Award by John Regitko, Chairman - ONA Club Services. Paul Petch accepted the award for the North York Coin Club, while Tom Rogers, ONA Area Director for the London Area, accepted it for later presentation to the London Numismatic Society.



Bill Clarke and Ted Leitch, editorial committee for the London Numismatic Society and Paul Petch, Editor of the NYCC bulletin, also received certificates as Best Club Bulletin Editors for the calendar year 2000.



Tom Rogers, ONA Area Representative for the London area, stated that belonging to the London Numismatic Society and attending their meetings teaches him how to research since a number of their members always give well-researched presentations at meetings and advise everyone where the information came from. He also stated that Bill Club, co-editor of the London club and a frequent speaker at their meetings, has been a member of the London Numismatic Society for 50 years.

Each club that pre-registered its delegate was given a Charlton Press CD containing both The Charlton Guide to Canadian Decimal Coins and The Charlton Guide to Canadian Chartered Bank Notes, donated by Bill Cross, owner/manager of Charlton Press. Unfortunately, only 8 clubs were pre-registered. They were Ingersoll, Ottawa, St. Catharines, Scarborough, South Wellington, Stratford, Watford and the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club. Although a number of additional delegates showed up at the meeting, John Regitko expressed his disappointment that so few clubs took the time to appoint a delegate and advise the committee in advance via the Convention registration form.

At the instigation of Ken Wilmot, a "round table" discussion took place. Entitled "What do you want from the ONA?," a number of topics were covered. As far as attendance of the Club Delegates Meeting and the time of the meeting were concerned, a strong message was received from the club representatives present that the attendance could without doubt be increased if the meeting was scheduled for Saturday rather than Sunday, since Sunday is usually reserved by collectors for travelling back to the homes or attending Church in the morning. Wilmot advised that this would be discussed at the ONA Executive Meeting that would be held later in the day and the outcome of the decision forwarded to the Ingersoll Coin Club committee that would be hosting the ONA 2002 Convention.

Ray Desjardins brought up the idea that as a program next year, short speeches of good ideas that have worked at local coin club meetings could be covered in presentations he dubbed "best practices." John Regitko pointed out that he had been including in the "Club News" section some of the ideas under the "Tip of the Month" banner and, in addition to considering it as a program for next year's meeting, he would summarize them all in an article later in the year.

Dorothy Mason, representing the Stratford Coin Club, talked about the special draws they have to encourage juniors to keep coming back. Tom Rogers, ONA area director, expanded on that by indicating that the Woodstock Coin Club asks all juniors at a meeting to pick a coin from the coin box and then give a report at the following meeting about the coin. Dorothy also stated that Stratford has a non-numismatic draw at each meeting such as for a box of chocolate or a plant. It was also pointed out that every club must have a program committee to keep people coming back. She also pointed out that the Stratford Coin Club makes a donation to a registered non-profit organization and then draws for tax receipts worth \$50 (this is perfectly legal since the \$50 is sent in in the winner's name).

Gary Oblinsky, representing the St. Catharines Coin Club, pointed out that when a club is flush with funds, they should consider giving a complimentary membership in the ONA to every new member that signs up with the local coin club like St. Catharines did at one time.

Mike Hollingshead, ONA President, suggested that clubs should not get hung up on the number of people that were at this meeting. It was better to have 14 eager people rather than a much larger number of dis-interested people. It was also wondered if eBay is affecting membership (only 8 clubs were pre-registered, namely Ingersoll, Ottawa, St. Catharines, Scarborough, South Wellington, Stratford, Watford and CTCCC).

Payment of an honorarium to attend the meeting was promptly defeated, and it was pointed out that the representative usually volunteers since he/she is attending the convention anyway and that the club that they are representing usually gives them an honorarium (\$25.00 seems to be a standard amount). As far as a "poor" club is concerned, Barry McIntyre pointed out that he has seen numerous people on the bourse floor just prior to the start of the Club Delegates Meeting that could be at this meeting for the little bit of time it takes, without incurring any additional costs to anyone.

Ken Koch, ONA Audio Visual Lending Librarian, pointed out that officially, only 6 clubs borrowed programs from the Audio Visual Lending Library. However, Tom Rogers has taken numerous programs to clubs in his area for showing and John Regitko has also loaned programs to clubs. Such borrowing is never recorded by the Librarian and therefore the official number is low.

Roger Fox, representing the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club, indicated that he has received the full 6-hour taping by TVOntario that he intends to edit down to a 30-45 minute program.

Draws were held for everyone in the room for prizes donated by the Canadian Numismatic Association, the J. Douglas Ferguson Memorial Foundation, Trajan Publications and Charlton Press. The Canadian Numismatic Association donated a set of 50th Anniversary memorabilia they issued last year, consisting of the book detailing the Association's 50 years, a souvenir 50th anniversary gold-plate medal, a special commemorative lapel pin and a 50th anniversary souvenir note. The Ferguson Foundation's donation consisted of 9 books published by them that retail for over \$200, while Trajan Publications' donation consisted of a complimentary 6-month subscription to any of their publication.

Ken Wilmot brought everyone up-to-date on the ONA insurance policy that affects all member clubs. He made club reps aware that during the past year, there has been an unavoidable change of carrier, at a cost of about double what it cost before. Following a brief discussion on the exact cost of the policy and how it would impact on each of the 29 clubs that are part of the insurance program at this time, it was felt that the proposed increase for next year would be acceptable (for those clubs that cannot afford the insurance premiums, the ONA has a "hardship clause" that would enable the club to take advantage of the coverage nevertheless).

The ONA Editor, John Regitko, indicated that he has received considerable feedback from members on what they would like to see in their bulletin, and the "Club News" section is very much in demand. However, he stated that he is unable to publish anything about the clubs that do not issue a bulletin and he would like a member of the executive of those clubs...or any member at all...to drop him a note (e-mail or snail-mail) so that he is able to include every club in the write-ups.

John Regitko, Chairman - Club Services, took the podium to announce the availability of 5 new VCR tape programs (write-ups on these appear elsewhere in this bulletin). He pointed out that clubs can borrow 4 of the 5 immediately through the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library, as can individuals who don't have ready access to screening of programs at a local club meeting (a write-up on these will appear in the next bulletin). The reason for the delay of the 5th program, it was pointed out, is as a result of one of the 2 VCR tape machines breaking down during the duplication just prior to the Convention. John indicated that a further 5 VCR tape programs on numismatics would be duplicated shortly. These 10 new programs would be announced all at once. Because individual members can also borrow programs from the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library, the initial announcement would be made through the pages of the ONA Numismatist. This would then be followed up with a booklet listing all the available tapes.

Barry McIntyre stated that the Bank of Canada had updated the tape "Not Your Average Bank" and he agreed to get a copy to the ONA Club Services Chairman for duplication and forwarding to the ONA Audio Visual Lending Librarian.

It was pointed out that the video on Emmanuel Hahn went over very well wherever it was shown. John stated that he had the idea of rating the videos in a future ONA Numismatist, and that this would be at or near the top.

Gord Parker, representing the South Wellington Numismatic Society, asked for an exchange of bulletins between clubs. He stated that most editors could not or would not afford to join over 30 other clubs, but it would be affordable if postage and a small increase in the press run were the only costs involved. Len Trakalo, representing the Brantford Coin Club, suggested that this could also be accomplished by e-mailing the bulletins to other clubs (*Editor's comment: see the Editor's Message in the next bulletin for comments on the implementation of this plan.*)

The ONA's Book Lending Librarian, Tom Rogers, then took the floor to advise us that the library is ready and waiting in his basement for requests from members. He stated that to make member clubs and individual members aware of what is available, a listing should be published in the ONA Numismatist, probably over 2 issues.

Other ideas concerning the ONA Book Library were also discussed: creating the library listing on a CD; donating the library to the CNA which would allow our members to borrow all books in the CNA Library similar to the arrangement that is in place between the CNA and CPMS; some sort of a mobile truck lending library, etc. It was agreed that a listing would be prepared and published in upcoming issues of the ONA Numismatist.

Tom Rogers invited everyone to attend the ONA 2002 Convention being hosted by the Ingersoll Coin Club on April 12 to 14. Scheduled to be held in London to assure plenty of space for bourse, exhibits and meeting space, 40 bourse tables have already been sold one year in advance of the show, with room for an additional 16 tables. There is space allocated for competitive and on-competitive exhibits.

Club representatives were given an opportunity to tell everyone present of their upcoming annual shows and dinner meetings.

## OFFICIAL ONA 2001 CONVENTION MEDAL FEATURES UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH'S MASSEY LIBRARY BUILDING



The central theme for the official convention medal for the recent ONA Convention was proposed by Mike Hollingshead, Convention Chairman and ONA President, at a meeting of the Convention Committee. The line drawing was created by Guelph artist Marlene Jofriet. The design, showing the Massey Library Building located at the University of Guelph, was inspired by a photograph of the building from the University of Guelph Library Archives.

The commercial bronze medal with reeded edge, of which 50 were struck, was included with each registration kit, while the salable official convention medals consisted of copper (of which only 50 were struck)

and .999 sterling silver (of which only 30 were struck). The original selling prices were \$12 for the copper medal and \$35 for the silver.

As is usually normal for ONA medals, they generally sell out by the close of the Convention. They make an inexpensive keepsake collectible souvenir of the Convention, as does the souvenir program booklet. Because of the low quantities of medals issued, they generally retain their value and can turn out to be a nice investment when it comes time to dispose of one's collection of ONA medals when it is time to turn them over to others who will appreciate having them in their own collection.



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# SHOW TIME - UPCOMING

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**May 27  
STRATFORD**  
Spring Coin Show  
Army, Navy & Air Force  
Veterans Hall (formerly K of C)  
151 Lorne Ave. East  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Free Parking; Lunch Counter  
Admission \$2; YNs free  
Door Prize Draws  
Info: Bob  
(519) 271-8884

**June 2  
TORONTO  
CNA/NESA COURSE**  
Pre-Registration Required  
Humber College  
Toronto (Etobicoke)  
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Contact CNA, P.O. Box  
226, Barrie, ON L4M 4T2  
cdn.numismatic@on.aiba.com  
Info: Ken Prophet  
(705) 737-0845

**June 10  
BRANTFORD**  
Brantford Numismatic Society  
Annual Coin Show  
Woodman Centre  
491 Grey Ave., Brantford  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Over 50 tables - Draws  
Free Admission & Parking  
Info: Ed  
(519) 759-3688

**JUNE 16 & 17  
TORONTO  
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111 Carlton St., Toronto  
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Huge Bourse - Meetings  
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**AUGUST 12  
PARIS**  
S.W.O.N. South Western  
Ontario Numismatics  
The Convention Centre  
Paris Fair Grounds  
139 Silver St., Paris  
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Over 50 Bourse Tables  
\$2.00 Admission Includes  
Draw for Gold Coin  
Info: Ted  
(519) 442-3474

**SEPT. 8  
HAMILTON**  
Hamilton Coin Club Fall Show  
New Location: George &  
Mary's Banquet Centre  
252 Parkdale (at Melvin)  
Hamilton  
9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
20 Dealers - Free Parking  
Only \$1.00 Admission  
Info: Ken  
(905) 383-3742

**SEPT. 9  
WOODSTOCK**  
Woodstock Coin Club  
12th Annual Coin Show  
Southgate Centre Hall  
191 Old Wellington St. S.  
Woodstock  
For additional details contact  
Woodstock Coin Club  
P.O. Box 20145  
Woodstock, ON N4S 5K5

**SEPT. 16  
LONDON**  
London Numismatic Society  
9th Annual Coin Show  
The Ramada Inn  
817 Exeter Road  
(off Hwy.401), London  
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Large Bourse - Displays  
Admission Only \$1  
Info:  
(519) 472-9679

**SEPT. 29 & 30  
HAMILTON**  
The Numismatic Show  
Ramada Plaza Hotel  
150 King St., Hamilton  
Sat. 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 3  
Friday Eve. & Sat Auctions  
Large Bourse - Draws  
Admission: Adults \$3;  
Seniors & YNs \$2  
Info: Terry  
(905) 318-6458

# SHOW TIME - UPCOMING

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



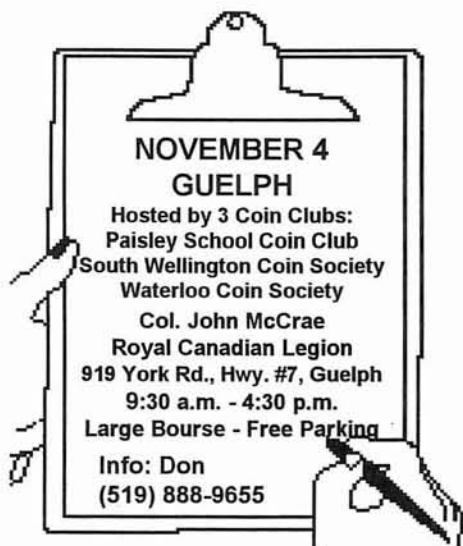
**OCTOBER 13  
BURLINGTON**  
Burlington International  
Coin Show  
Brant Hills Community Centre  
2300 Duncaster Ave.  
Burlington  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Large Bourse - Free Parking  
Free Admission - Snack Bar  
Info: Nancy  
(705) 788-3159



**OCTOBER 21  
Stratford**  
Stratford Coin Club  
Annual Show  
Note New Location:  
The Victorian Inn  
10 Romeo St. N., Stratford  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Large Bourse - Free Parking  
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**NOVEMBER 4  
GUELPH**  
Hosted by 3 Coin Clubs:  
Paisley School Coin Club  
South Wellington Coin Society  
Waterloo Coin Society  
Col. John McCrae  
Royal Canadian Legion  
919 York Rd., Hwy. #7, Guelph  
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Large Bourse - Free Parking  
Info: Don  
(519) 888-9655



**NOVEMBER 11  
TILLSONBURG**  
Tillsonburg Coin Club's  
Annual Coin Show  
Tillsonburg Community  
Centre, Tillsonburg  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
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additional details and  
contact information



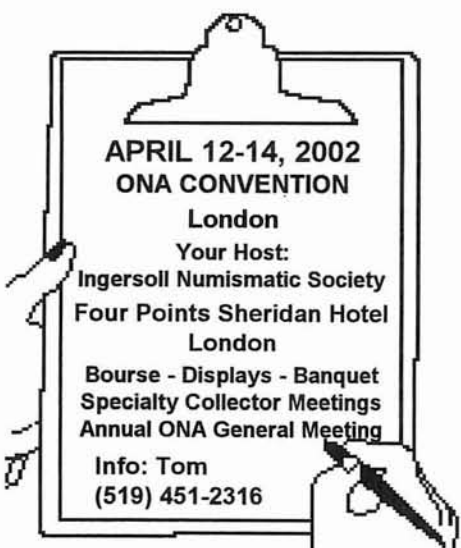
**NOV. 16, 17 & 18  
OAKVILLE**  
T.I.C.F.  
Ramada Inn & Conv. Centre  
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Oakville  
Fri. 5-9 Sat. 10-5 Sun 10-4  
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**NOVEMBER 24  
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Niagara Falls  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
40 Bourse Tables  
Info: Barbara  
(905) 356-5006



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Draws  
Admission: Adults \$3;  
Seniors & YNs \$2  
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London**  
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Bourse - Displays - Banquet  
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Annual ONA General Meeting  
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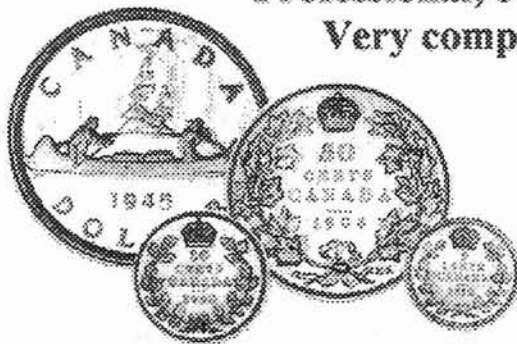
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## C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S



To ONA member George Fraser and wife, Doris, on their recent celebration of 60 years of marriage.

To George Fraser again for reaching his 90th birthday. His daughter, Karen, is asking to have relatives and friends recall an incident for a scrapbook for which they remember George. Your Editor simply had to remember the time a strip-o-gram was delivered to George at a TICF Reception when he was retiring as TICF's Bourse Chairman when the ONA Editor was its owner/manager. That's what happens when you let collectors run coin shows for the fun & fellowship.

To Paul Johnson who attended his 28th ONA Convention last Month. Can anyone beat that?

To the Johnson family - Paul, Mary-Ellen, Laura - for their win of the grand prize at the ONA Banquet. One of their tickets was drawn for a free week-end stay at the Ramada Hotel & Convention Centre, site of the ONA 2001 Convention. The prize was donated by the hotel (other donors were the J. Douglas Ferguson Memorial Foundation, Trajan Publications, Charlton Press and Coiners Press).

## B E S T W I S H E S

To Steve Taylor of Dover, Delaware, on a speedy recovery, initially from his gall bladder operation. After spending some time at the Kent County Hospital to perform additional tests, he is now back at home.

## O N T H E M O V E

### RICHARD GIEDROYC JOINS U.S. NUMISMATIC AUCTION HOUSE



The former International Editor for Coin World, the world's largest numismatic publication who has attended numerous ONA Conventions over the years and also served as its guest speaker at both ONA Club Delegates Meetings and ONA Banquets, has joined the numismatic auction powerhouse Heritage Numismatic Auctions in Dallas, Texas. If any ONA members wish to say "hello" to him, he can be reached at 1-800-US-COINS.

And what is he doing in his spare time? "I am working on a book on world numismatic history," he responded to my recent e-mail wondering what he was up to.

## 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*

### CHARLTON RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FROM ANA



*Jim Charlton (left) receives the ANA Presidential Award from ANA Governor Gary Lewis at Florida's Ridge Coin Club Show.*

Congratulations to ONA member Jim Charlton, who was presented with an ANA Presidential Award when he attended the Ridge Coin Club Show in Sebring, Florida in February. The presentation was made on behalf of ANA President, Robert Campbell, by ANA Governor Gary Lewis. This comes on the heels of Charlton receiving an ANA gold medal for 50 years of membership in the ANA at the FUN Convention in Orlando, Florida, as reported in the last bulletin.

Thanks to ONA member Terry Campbell for bringing to our attention the fact that the April issue of *The Numismatist* mentions the presentation. The publication recognizes one of Charlton's contributions: "He is well-known in the Canadian numismatic community for authoring *Standard Catalogue of Canadian Coins, Tokens and Paper Money*.

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS



Over the past number of months, so many, many club bulletins, month after month, mentioned the ONA Convention. When you have an organization that has a number of very, very active volunteers that get around to most clubs in Ontario time and time again without any compensation other than the fun & fellowship that they experience, you are bound to get exposure, both at club meetings and in the bulletins. So, to all the people that promote the ONA and the ONA Convention, we say "thank you" and wish you continued fun & fellowship within this wonderful hobby!

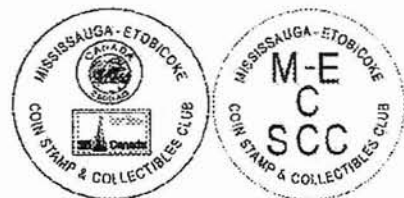
Over the past number of months, virtually every club published their year-end financial results. You probably hadn't noticed, but your editor chose never to publish financial information that is included in local coin club bulletins. In my opinion, that is strictly between the Executive of a club and their members. You will have to join the other clubs if you wish to know of their financial wealth. For your information, most clubs are financially sound, with plenty of money to weather any storm that might arise. Some clubs have thousands of dollars but need quite a bit to operate their club, while others don't have much but, fortunately, don't need that much to keep operating, thanks to local community halls and other publicly-owned meeting places.



And speaking of a club that has a very small membership and is not financially well off at all...no, don't let the logo on the left fool you, they are doing very, very well any way you judge them - financially, membership, attendance at meetings, quality of bulletin or quality of programs. When the North York Coin Club found out recently that the newly-formed Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin Stamp & Collectibles Club was very tight in funds (some of their money was tied up in probate re the Harvey Farrow estate), they donated \$100 from their share of the profits when they hosted the ONA Convention last year. NYCC's recording secretary, Lucille Colson, who is not even a member of Mississauga-Etobicoke, threw in another \$50 "in memory of Harvey Farrow." Now that's great cooperation. Our congratulations to both NYCC and Lucille.

**MISSISSAUGA-ETOBICOKE  
COIN STAMP & COLLECTIBLES**

And speaking of the Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin Stamp & Collectibles Club, the members should be voting very soon on a new logo. Both the former Mississauga Coin Club and the Thistleton Coin & Stamp Club's logos became history when the two clubs agreed to merge. Norm Belsten designed 2 possible logos, illustrated at right, that will be voted on shortly.



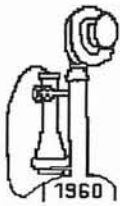
In the last ONA Numismatist, we told you that the program for the March meeting would be a presentation by Chairman of the Month, Bob Wilson, speaking on "Symphysodon" and we kept you waiting for 2 months to find out what it was all about. Well, symphysodon, commonly known as discus fish, are beautiful freshwater fish originating from the tributaries of the Amazon River. Breeding fish may seem a strange topic to discuss at a collectibles club, but other than being a great hobby, Bob admits to the fact that the sale of discus fish has financed many a purchase of rare and expensive coins for his collection. In his case, therefore, discus fish may be considered a form of "odd and curious" money that he used, indirectly, to purchase a beautiful set of 10 cent pieces he had on display that were purchased from the profits of his hobby. Nothing fishy about that!

The April meeting had John Regitko speak about "Backdoor Errors from the Royal Canadian Mint." He explained how they could be identified as non-production items, how they were made, how he came across them and a lot more. He augmented his presentation with a series of slides and a display of some spectacular errors. He handed out a genuine RCM blank planchet to everyone in attendance. Prizes were donated by John as well as Paul Petch, Bob Porter and Bob Wilson. John also donated a book and 4 woods which were auctioned off and netted the club \$19.00.



Their April bulletin included a cartoon (right) published in the April 5 issue of the Mississauga News, to show the state of the Canadian dollar.

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



The Brantford Numismatic Society's April meeting featured an Auction Madness Night. Members were asked to bring in coins they no longer wanted so that others could bid on them.

Their April bulletin included a business card sized reminder of upcoming club meetings on one side and details on their upcoming show on the other side. Here is the way the bulletin reads with regard to their recent election (note that they use first names only in their bulletin): "Our elections are over and after a hard battle, Bill won and is no longer our President! (Just kidding!) Ed has agreed to serve a President and give Bill a well-won rest." All other positions remain the same, with Dave serving as Secretary and Treasurer and Len staying on as Editor.

The editor of the Brantford bulletin is the ONA's very own Len Trakalo, Area Director, who suggests this in the BNS's April bulletin: "With all the changes in coinage coming out lately (no pun intended), it would seem to be a good idea to place all your modern change into a jar and let it accumulate for a few years. There are many reported variations such as "W" and "P" marked coins being found as well as plating errors and if you can wait until all details on any low mintages are known, you may have put away a very scarce coin. If I am wrong and you do not have anything of importance, you will at least have a small nest egg to buy that special item you want. A few dollars are hardly missed, but can build up into a great deal of money over time."



To commemorate the London Numismatic Society's 50th anniversary, they have created a new logo. Say goodbye to the old logo on the right. They have maintained the general appearance and simply replaced the "LNS" in the center with "50 YEARS." They have struck a medal incorporating this logo, with the other side featuring the



club's first meeting place, the YMCA in London. Congratulations, LNS!

Their April banquet meeting was held at the Harmony Grand Buffet in London. The occasion, their 50th anniversary meeting, featured a review of the affairs of the club over the past year as well as some of the successes they have had over the first 50 years. Their President, Ross Blakey, paid tribute to the founding members who had laid the groundwork in establishing the London club as an organization for the study of numismatics. Blakey also took the opportunity to thank Bill Clarke, editor of the LNS Bulletin and all those who contributed articles to the 139 pages that were published during the calendar year 2000. He also noted the high quality of writing and research that had gone into the number of papers printed. The kudos were rather timely, since unbeknownst to them at the time, the ONA had selected them (and the NYCC bulletin) as the best local coin club bulletins in Ontario.

The Lloyd T. Smith Literary Award was presented to James A. Finch for his excellent paper entitled "The Coinage Denominations of Scotland Prior to 1604." Certificates of Recognition were also presented to Jeff Wenn for his continuous study of "World War II Philippine Emergency and Guerrilla Currency" and to Bill Clarke for his paper on "The Siege of Gibraltar and the Early Token Issues."

The guest of honour was 50-year member Bill Clarke, who was also the speaker for the evening, giving a history of the early years of the club starting with the first notice of meeting sent out by former ONA Executive member Byron Swayze to "interested collectors" in April 1951. Clarke mentioned his close association with a number of collectors and fellow club members that have been active since the 1960s: Graham Esler, Ted Leitch, Mackie Smith, Jeff Wenn and a number of others. In reviewing the club's bulletin that details the goings-on at the banquet, we couldn't help but note that time and again the friendship and fun & fellowship that has been enjoyed by club members of the years is still very much evident.

The LNS's April bulletin contains a very interesting 5-page article entitled "Anglo-Saxon and Norman Mint Towns of East Anglia" by William Clarke, a 3-page article by Joe Cribb entitled "Designs on the Modern Money of the Central Asian Republics," as well as a 6-page article "A Numismatic Trip to London" by Ross Blakey in which he detailed his recent visits to Spink's, the British Museum's Coin Room and coin dealers.

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED

## **TILLSONBURG COIN CLUB**

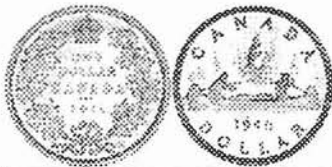
The Tillsonburg Coin Club's March meeting featured a slide presentation brought to the meeting by ONA Area Director Tom Rogers. It covered the Canadian 25 cent circulating coins from 1870 to present.

The April meeting featured a video from the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library. ONA Area Director Tom Rogers again brought it to the meeting, as he has done for a number of other clubs, including clubs not even in his area of responsibility. Prizes for the Dutch auction were donated by club member John Mabee.

At a previous meeting, the Tillsonburg Coin Club presented a 2000 Proof-Like set to all members that had a perfect attendance record during the year. They had seven members with perfect attendance, and 3 members who missed only one meeting. We wonder how many other clubs, even those in larger centers with a much larger membership can boast such a feat?

### **TIP #1 OF THE MONTH**

Your club might wish to implement such a contest also. Every club that I know of asks their members and guests to "sign in" when they arrive. This could be used to confirm attendance at year-end (if you forget to sign in, too bad!).



## **INGERSOLL COIN CLUB**

The Ingersoll Coin Club has already filled a number of positions on the ONA 2002 Convention Committee being hosted by the club. Glen Springer has agreed to handle pre-registration. Stella Hodge and Joan Flood will look after the Hospitality Suite, while security will be handled by Hubert Grimminck, Jim Nelson and Ken Peers. The treasurer is Aulis Koslonen. Tom Rogers, Bourse Chairman, reports that most of the tables are already committed and that any other dealer wishing to participate in next year's convention should get in touch with him pretty soon before the balance are sold.

The club's February meeting featured the year 2000 Treasurer's Report by Hubert Grimminck, an auction and a lengthy discussion on the ONA 2002 Convention that the club is hosting. Covered were medal designs, where the medals could be struck, pricing for hotel accommodation, exhibits, auction time, security issues, etc.

Their March program was a slide presentation by the London Numismatic Society, entitled "Canadian Charter Bank Notes in the West Indies." These charter banks included the Bank of Nova Scotia, Merchants Bank of Halifax, Union Bank of Halifax, Royal Bank of Canada and the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and covered the years from 1861 to 1939. ONA member Tom Rogers won \$4 in one of the draws.

The March bulletin contains a listing of 31 lots that will be auctioned off at the next meeting. It is mentioned that because the auction material is published prior to the meeting, a few mail bids are received. At only 5% commission on sold lots only, it certainly is a good way of disposing of unwanted/duplicate material. The bulletin also contains articles entitled "Meddling with Medals" and "Queen Anne and Her Coins"

The club's April program was the video "The Life of Emmanuel Hahn," one of the best videos available from the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library. Hahn is best known as designer of the voyageur dollar and the caribou quarter as well as a whole series of Canadian "wildlife" postage stamps.

The April bulletin included a 31-lot auction listing, an article on the Brasher Doubloon by Vernon Brown and two articles by ONA member Jerry Remick. One of Jerry's articles deals with his thoughts about commemorating the golden jubilee of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II on the new \$20 banknote in 2002. The other article, dealing with cast medals and tokens, will be reproduced in the next ONA Numismatist.



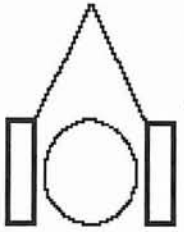
The Nickel Belt Coin Club's March meeting featured a Selling, Trading and Exchange Session where members were encouraged to come out and see what bargains could be had as well as getting rid of a few unwanted items by setting up a table at no charge.

The club also featured a donation auction, raising over \$120. They will be giving an honorarium to the Knox Presbyterian Church where they meet, as the church does not charge the club for their meeting space.

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



Normally, we don't get updates from the Hamilton Coin Club since they don't issue a bulletin and don't bother telling anyone about their meetings, but Nancy Meredith (of Burlington International Coin Show fame) advised us that their Fall Show scheduled for September 8 show will be at a new location and not at the Legion on Barton where their shows have been held for many years. The new location is George and Mary's Banquet Centre, 252 Parkdale (at Melvin) in Hamilton. It has space for over 20 bourse dealers in a large well-lit facility. There is free parking off Melvin. Admission is only \$1.00 and there will be draws for some darn good RCM prizes.



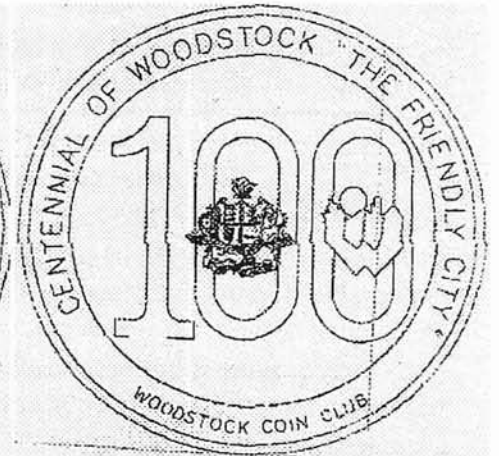
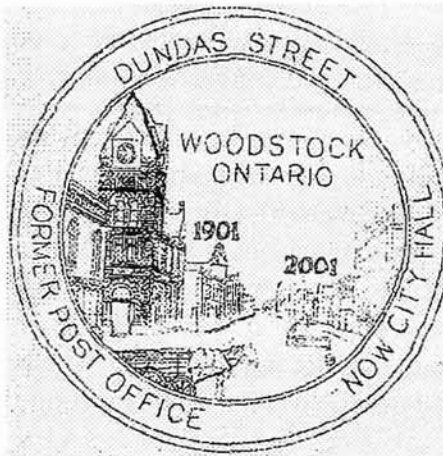
The City of Ottawa Coin Club's March meeting featured a slide presentation by Pierre Morel on early British coins from the Saxon period 50 BC to the Channel Islands 7550 BC and up to the current issues including the Winston Churchill commemorative issue. Also at the same meeting was a CNA slide presentation on Canadian banknotes, which included Province of Canada notes, Shinplasters and a lot more. Further, Barry McIntyre gave a brief report on the operation of eBay auctions. Sounds like it was a very busy meeting. ONA member Ray Desjardins won the 50/50 draw.

In the club's April bulletin, editor David Bergeron included numerous articles: "So You want to Clean Your Coins" by Dr. F.S. Epps, "The Magdalen Island Penny Token" reprinted from the CNA Journal, "Sun Tavern - Canadian Blacksmith Token" by the late J.D. Ferguson, "The James T. Brown Token" by Ronald Greene and "Numismatics in the Maritimes" by the first president of the Ottawa club, the late Major Sheldon S. Carroll and an article on 25 cent fractional currency by Jim Charlton.



The Woodstock Coin Club's April meeting featured a VCR tape presentation on the workings on the Bank of Canada. Tom Rogers received approval to proceed in booking the Southgate Centre Hall in Woodstock for their 12th Annual Coin Show on September 9. The club also agreed to continue to donate \$100 for prize money for coin displays at the Woodstock Fair in August.

Fred Freeman brought members up-to-date on the medal design that is being proposed for the Woodstock 100th Anniversary medal as well as the custom folder to portray and properly display the medal. The medal shows a split view of Dundas Street on the reverse, with a 1901 view on the left and a 2001 view on the right. The obverse shows a large "100," with Woodstock's crest and logo in centre of each zero. The reason for the issuing of the medal appears around the outer ring, as does "Woodstock Coin Club." Freeman indicated that the packages should be ready for delivery in early June.



The Scarborough Coin Club's April meeting featured Rick Craig speaking on St. Eligius, who is known as Patron Saint of Numismatists. He supplemented his presentation with a display of items relating to St. Eligius. A summary of his speech is reprinted in the club's May bulletin. Mal Mac Donald donated 2 proof sets and 27 trade dollars that will be used at upcoming meetings as draw prizes, with some going into the junior bag.

It is reported in the club's bulletin that Terry Cooke, one of their members, found a 1991 25 cent coin in his change. So keep on looking, because you never know what you will find!

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



It is never too early to make notes in a calendar, so make a note that the Stratford Coin Club's annual show on October 21 is at a new location. The Victorian Inn at 10 Romeo St. North right in Stratford is well-known to most of us old-timers. The first time I set foot in the premises was for an ONA Convention hosted by the Stratford Coin Club. And I have been back there for other occasions since. I recall being the speaker at one of the ONA functions (banquet or club delegates meeting, I forget which) and asking the audience that if the door leading goodness-knows-where says "Do Not Open Under Any Circumstances!" why they bothered putting it there in the first place. Couldn't they just brick up that section like they did the rest of the wall? I wonder if anyone will find it funny now? I wonder if the sign is still there?

The March meeting of the Stratford Coin Club had the first half of the video "Atocha - Quest for Treasure" by the National Geographic Society. Various people, including a number of ONA members, won draw prizes: Tom Masters won the special Valentine draw of a box of chocolates; Ryan Smith won the junior draw for the 1967 PL silver dollar. Bob Dowsett won a toonie in the attendance draw. Tom Masters, Frank Smith, Ken Wilmot, John Ferguson, Richard Johnson and Don Toman won prizes in the regular draw. The meeting concluded with a 31-lot auction, including a 1925 five cent piece and a lot described as "20 pieces of coins, tokens and junk." You know what they say: one man's junk is....

The club's April meeting featured the second half of the video on the Atocha.



The latest bulletin of the Paisley Road Coin Club, dubbed its "Final Edition," announced that Chris Boyer would no longer be running the club. Its final meeting was held just before the March Break, on Thursday, March 8. Chris stated in the bulletin: "It has been fun running Canada's largest school coin club every year here since 1997. We have done a lot of fun and interesting things, and even learned a few things along the way. I hope that many of you will continue collecting, as numismatics is still "the King of Hobbies. I look forward to sharing your collecting enthusiasm with me."

We hope that a number of the young numismatists will continue to attend local coin club meetings as they have in the past, and also visit annual coin shows and conventions when they occur in the area.

## NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB

Although the Niagara Falls Coin Club may have had a visibility problem in the past, we expect that you will see write-ups about the club's goings-on regularly in the future. They are reorganizing, with Gord Nicols currently the acting President and moving over to the editorship as soon as a replacement President is elected. When ONA President, Mike Hollingshead, was the speaker at a recent meeting, ONA Editor John Regitko and ONA member Gordon Parker also attended. Three dealers were set up. We noticed a number of other ONA members present, including ONA life member Andy Greco, who volunteered to be the runner in the auction. The best thing about the evening was the fun & fellowship experienced at the Nicols household prior to the meeting when they invited Mike, John and Gordon for a delicious lasagna dinner.

The club meets at the Stamford Lions Hall, 3846 Portage Rd. N. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.



The Oshawa & District Coin Club has been consistently drawing over 30 members and guests to a meeting. If my memory is not failing (I turned a very young 60 last month and therefore don't think that is the case), that seems to give them the record for attendance. Other club meetings that I have been attending lately don't go over the 25-30 mark. Let's have a little contest: if your club gets over 30 members per meeting, contact the ONA Editor and we will make special mention in the next bulletin even you don't tell us what your secret is.

A recent bulletin mentions the fact that their Mall Show was a great success, with the dealers reporting brisk business and the people that manned the club table speaking to a great number of mall-goers.

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED

## WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB

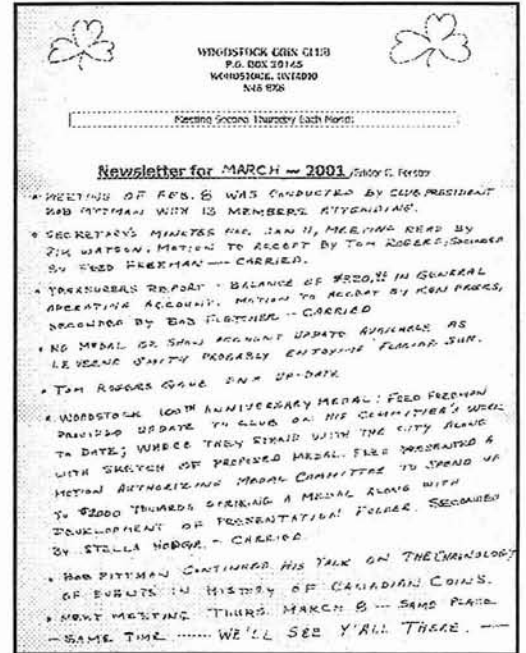
Let's give some credit to those clubs who consistently send out a bulletin!

Most clubs issue a minimum of 10 bulletins each year. A few issue one every 2 months. There are also a number of clubs who choose not to issue a bulletin. Since we don't receive any information from them, we don't know if it is lack of a volunteer or lack of funds or what?

I think clubs not issuing a bulletin are making a big mistake. Reminders are bound to get people out to meetings. If a club exists, obviously one or more people are interested in keeping it going, since someone has to make arrangements for a meeting place, program, draw prizes and draw ticket acquisition, hopefully coffee & cookies, handling of cash and some bookkeeping, etc. Surely someone can be found to put out a bulletin, no matter how brief. Look at the bulletin to the right. We congratulate the Woodstock Coin Club in getting a bulletin out even though it is handwritten (neatly printed) and one page. It covers information of what transpired at the last meeting, what is going to happen at the next meeting, and other short tidbits of information...all on one page.

If a club were to tell me they cannot afford to print and mail a bulletin, my response would be that they cannot afford NOT to! Bulletins have proven their worth. They will bring out more members. More members mean additional income from door draws. Additional income from door draws mean more money for publishing a bulletin. It's a nice cycle if you get it started. And, as Woodstock has proven, you do not need a computer. You do not need to be on the Internet. You do not need a fancy multi-page work of art.

So, I salute the Woodstock Coin Club and other smaller clubs like it!



The latest issue of Timber Talk, official publication of CAWMC, contains articles on why woods are issued and provides a breakdown of the reasons people have issued them, a write-up on the upcoming CNA Convention in Quebec City where CAWMC will hold a meeting, a write-up by ONA member Jerry Remick about the "2000 Supplement of Canadian Woods" by Norm Belsten, a reminder by Timber Talk editor Ross Kingdon about how to dispose of duplicate woods through free ads and an illustrated review of the various buffalo designs appearing on wooden nickels. As is always the case with membership in CAWMC, another free wood of the month was included with the bulletin.



The Southern Ontario Chapter of CAWMC holds monthly meetings at members' homes who volunteer their premises. Meetings are a mix of social gatherings, with donuts, soft drinks and coffee, and discussions about new wooden tokens issues, new discoveries of varieties, stories about old woods and some swapping/selling. Everyone attending is asked to bring a wood from their collection for the door draw. Information about upcoming meetings can be obtained from Norm Belsten, President of the Southern Ontario Chapter, at (905) 868-9187. You know,

meeting in someone's home adds to the fun & fellowship. No one should feel they intrude because it is held in someone's home.

The Southern Ontario Chapter of CAWMC also hosted the Wooden Money Meeting at the ONA Convention. Numerous new issues appeared, most of whom are ONA members. We will publish illustrations in the next issue.



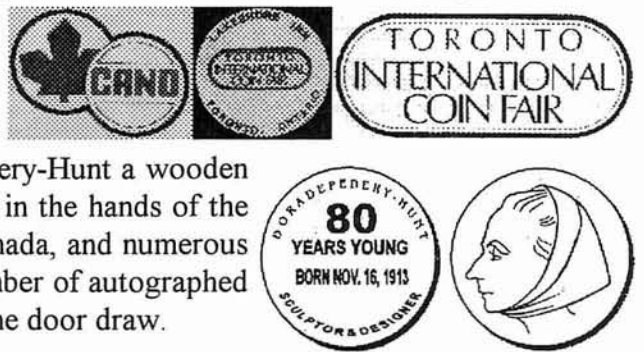
LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



The South Wellington Coin Society has changed their logo. Basically, they took their old logo and worked their name around the outside between 2 rings. Robert Zmija, who has designed all of the club's medals, is the artist.



The March meeting of the club featured John Regitko reminiscing about the coin designers he has come to know over the past 41 years he has been involved in the hobby. These included Donald D. Paterson, Brent Townsend, Dora de Pedery-Hunt, David Craig, Stewart Sherwood, Raymond Taylor, Dwayne Hardy and Yaroslav Huta (no one at the meeting seemed to know who coin designers Dwayne Hardy or Yaroslav Huta were). He showed original artwork such as paintings and posters, the originals of losing designs submitted by these award-winning coin designers that were returned to them by the Royal Canadian Mint, autographed flyers, wooden tokens with which they were involved, one-of-a-kind wooden nickels hand painted by the artist as fund raisers for the CNA, and more. He revealed things about them that were not known. For example, Donald D. Paterson, who designed the 1975 (Calgary) and 1980 (Polar Bear) Canadian silver dollars, also designed the CAND logo for the Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers and the TICF logo used by John Regitko when he owned/operated the Toronto International Coin Fair. Or the fact that John gave to Dora de Pedery-Hunt a wooden commemorative token for her 80th birthday that wound up in the hands of the Mayor of Toronto, the President of the Arts Council of Canada, and numerous well-known people involved with the arts in Ontario. A number of autographed illustrations of coins and wooden nickels were donated for the door draw.



The ONA Editor's wife, Monina, attended the meeting with John. Robert Zmija, SWCS President, presented her with one of the few remaining low-mintage club medals for attending. Why? We pamper juniors when they attend, holding special draws for them and letting them take a handful of coins out of the junior box. We make it a point to introduce them and the person that brought them to make them feel welcome. We tend to also welcome guests that are strangers to us. But what about spouses? Don't we wonder (complain?) why more spouses don't come out to meetings? Thanks, Bob and SWCS, for making her feel really special.



The members and guests attending the April meeting listened to Mike Hollingshead discuss Candian Tire Coupons and a lot of other things, while the May meeting had Martin Hoffman speak on the "German Inflationary Currency - the Two Inflationary Periods." A nice selection of emergency and inflation money was on display. Even though it was valued in the millions and billions of German Marks, the speaker pointed out that these notes were virtually worthless because of acute inflation. A wheelbarrow load might buy a loaf of bread. It was pointed that it was Martin Hoffman first attempt at public speaking. He did a marvelous job.

In a recent bulletin, their Editor mentioned, in a tongue-in-cheek, in an "exclusive to the editor of the South Wellington Coin Society" news flash, that they have found out from an unidentified source that there would be a new \$5 coin introduced in the near future. A sample was shown at the club meeting (illustrated at right). Let it be revealed here that Dr. Marvin Kay of North York was the one that originally brought the design to the attention of the ONA Editor a few years ago who then made hundreds of copies and had Marvin sign them all on the back. I handed them out at the 1996 ONA Banquet and at a North York Coin Club meeting that Marvin attended. Since the copy exposed at the SWCS was unsigned and very, very few exist unsigned, could it be a modern copy? Would that then qualify as a counterfeit? Will the RCMP have to be notified? Will they come and seize it? Will I then be able to write another article for Canadian Coin News and get on the front page again like I did an issue ago when I wrote about the seizure of the double-struck flip-struck diving goose dollar?



# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED

## ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

At a recent meeting of the St. Thomas Numismatic Association, ONA Area Director Tom Rogers, presented a slide set on Canadian 25 cents. They also featured a 50-lot auction containing a good mix of Canadian and foreign material that produced good buys for bidders, and funds to reinvest in new material for their collection for the consignors - a win/win situation.

Another new design was also "exposed" in the bulletin. Because of the success of the GST, each dollar is now worth \$1.07. Their editor states that he was able to get a draft of the new coin from a secret source and wonders if this could be the new Mulloonie.



## TIMMINS COIN CLUB

The March meeting of the Timmins Coin Club sounds like a very special event, courtesy of their member Bill Boychuk. He set up a display of Canadian and international coins, tokens and paper money with an emphasis on numismatic items and collectibles pertaining to Timmins and area. Also on display were archival photos, cancelled cheques and stock certificates from the Timmins area as well as numerous local dairy and bread tokens, etc. Highlights included cancelled cheques and local mining share certificates payable to and endorsed by various famous persons including Einstein and Schumacher (a million dollar cheque!).

Their April saw a show and tell and exchange of information on British coinage, followed by a slide presentation entitled "Private Banks and Bankers of SW Ontario" from the library of the Canadian Numismatic Association.

The April bulletin points out that thanks to the renewal by most members, the club has been able to prepay their rental for the whole of 2001 at the Archie Dillon Sportsplex in Timmins. The bulletin also includes information on new issues from the RCM, a backgrounder on the CNA 2001 medal and why you should attend the Convention in Quebec City and a very interesting 6-page article by Bill Waychison, their club editor about Sir William Edmond Logan, founder of the Geological Survey of Canada, and the medals issued in his honour.



A recent Oshawa & District Coin Club bulletin contained an illustrated article, "The Colonial Coinage and Tokens of Newfoundland" by Ron White. The article covered varieties of the well-known Rutherford tokens, the 1860 token advertising "Fisheries rights for Newfoundland," the Victorian, Edward VII and George VI coinage and the 1949 Canadian silver dollar commemorating Newfoundland's entry into Confederation. Attendance at the club's meetings consistently runs around the 25 to 30-mark.



The March meeting of the North York Coin Club was all about "Trains." Club member Roger Fox displayed 2 Canadian Tire coupons bearing trains, while Marvin Kay brought along 2 medical-related medals dealing with trains. Franco Farronato listed the Canadian coins with trains and John Regitko noted that 2 CNA medals featured trains and that a railway spike was given out as a souvenir at a CNA Convention in Moncton. Bob Wilson displayed pictures of steam engines dating back to the 1860s and presented facts about each.

Chris Fox gave an informed account of the trains and TTC cars that are on view at a Transportation Museum that he is involved with.

The April meeting featured Dr. Marvin Kay speaking on "Medical Numismatics." He showed slides of some of the material in his collection and also brought along a display. After no one winning the on-time attendance draw for 10 consecutive meetings, the \$20 prize was finally won by George Fraser.

## TIP OF THE MONTH

I note that a few clubs do not list any contact information at all in their bulletin. It would be nice if the President's name and address or telephone number were included, or the Editor's as a minimum. In all fairness to the people that do the work, space should always be made available in bulletins to list the Executive's names and titles and some contact information.

And that's all folks. So many bulletins to go through. So little time. So much fun!

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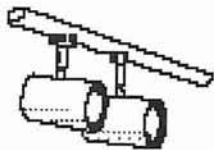
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# SPOTLIGHT ON TRADE DOLLARS

## NEW ISSUES OF TRADE DOLLARS FROM ONTARIO

By Jack Sauchenko

We acknowledge the contribution from Jack Sauchenko of Edmonton, Alberta, with information from Jerry Remick and other collectors. The illustrations and write-ups were first published in "The Canadian Token," official publication of the Canadian Association of Token Collectors (CATC).

### DOFASCO ISSUES 1999 MEDALS



Dofasco Inc. of Hamilton, Ontario presented each of the employees a boxed set of two nickel bonded steel medals as part of their 1999 Christmas party gift package to celebrate the new millennium. The two medals have a common side showing three workers in hard hat in front of the Dofasco buildings and "DOFASCO" printed at the bottom.

The other side of one medal shows portraits of C.W. Sherman and F.A. Sherman, founders of Dofasco. The other medal shows a maple leaf with "Dofasco" written over on it.

Lawrence Medalllic Art struck 13,000 of each medal on 33 mm nickel bonded steel blanks. Each pair of medals is boxed. We understand that these medals are not available to the general public yet.



### KITCHENER-WATERLOO 2000 SPECIAL MINT MARK TOKEN



The Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest has issued 200 nickel bonded steel \$2 tokens with special mint mark for prizes to whoever returned the token by December 1, 2000.

The mint mark is 4 fingers showing on the 2000 banner held by Onkel. The normal token only shows 3 fingers on the 2000 banner. The token can be redeemed for one of the souvenirs sold at K-W Headquarters in Kitchener. The holder of the token was given a ticket for a draw of one of three 25" TV.

### LONDON 2000 MILLENNIUM MEDAL

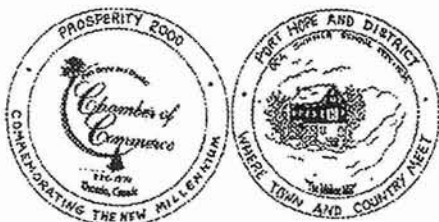


Advance London Inc., a non-profit organization, dedicated to advancing economic activity in London issued a 2000, 28.6 mm brass medal. The issuer will use the proceeds to make London a premiere destination to live, work and visit. A quantity of 5,000, with a 28.6 mm diameter, were struck in brass.

The obverse side features the Pump House at Springbank Park and the reverse side shows four maple leaves.

The medal is available postpaid at \$3.50 plus GST as well as 8% PST for Ontario residents from ONA member Ray Desjardins, P.O. Box 11447, Station H, Nepean, ON K2H 7V1, telephone (613) 823-3844.

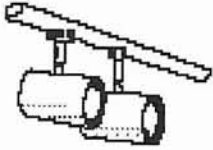
### PORT HOPE ISSUES A 2000 MEDAL



The Port Hope District Chamber of Commerce has issued a 2000 medal to commemorate the New Millennium. Ten thousand pieces of the medal were struck on 31.5 mm antiqued nickel blanks by First Choice Specialties Ltd. of Peterborough, Ont. The medal was being sold locally at \$2.00 each.

The obverse shows the Port Hope and District Chamber of Commerce logo. The reverse side shows the Molson Mill, with trees and a few clouds.

The medal is available postpaid at \$3.50 each plus taxes from Ray Desjardins at the above address.



# SPOTLIGHT ON MEDALS AND TOKENS

## CAST MEDALS AND TOKENS

By Jerry Remick (ONA member #1239)

*(The following article, written by the number one promoter of Canadian civic and personal medals, appeared in the April bulletin of the Ingersoll Coin Club)*

In small quantities, cast medals and tokens are an attractive and less expensive alternate to die struck pieces. The molds for cast medals or tokens are about half as expensive as dies for die struck pieces.



KenPeers, member of the Ingersoll Coin Club and fourth generation owner of Valley Acres Farm, Woodstock, Ontario, sent me a copy of a 38mm cast copper medal he had made to commemorate the family's farm. One side shows the family's house, built by his great grandfather in 1840, with walls three bricks thick, the brick being made on the family farm. Ken's barn is on the other side. The names of Ken, his wife and his 2 children are below the house.

Dereham Forge Stamp Works of Tillsonburg made the drawings for the molds from polaroid photos and made 50 cast antiqued copper medals.

The resulting medal is quite attractive, with what is seen in the photos being in red copper in relief against a dark antiqued background.

The two molds for this medal cost \$250 total for the pair. A pair of dies for a die struck medal would have cost more than twice as much. Ken had the 50 copper medals made at a cost of \$3.60 each for a total of \$180.00, which is below the cost of a similar small quantity of die struck medals from most mints. Ken has no medals left to give away or sell.

Dereham Forge Stamp Works offers cast medals in copper, silver plate and gold plate with an antiqued or bright metal finish. The company will do artwork for a fee from photos or a sketch.

There are a number of small companies throughout Canada and a few large ones which make cast medals or tokens. Some companies that manufacture struck pieces also make cast medals or tokens.

In summary, a small quantity of cast medals or tokens can be made more cheaply than a similar quantity of die struck pieces. Cast medals give clubs, individuals, small municipalities, businesses, etc. an opportunity of having a small issue of attractive medals or tokens to give away and/or sell.

## LOOKING AHEAD



### A PEEK OF WHAT'S IN THE JULY/AUGUST ISSUE

- ◆ Background on the newly-elected members of the ONA Executive
- ◆ New issues from Ontario, including the wooden tokens of the ONA 2001 Convention
- ◆ Transcript of first half of Robert Aaron's ONA Banquet speech
- ◆ Members' responses to what to do with personalized numismatic gifts
- ◆ Update on the ONA web pages of Numismatic Network Canada
- ◆ Results of Future ONA Numismatist Content Questionnaire
- ◆ Less "business," more articles on Ontario numismatics



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Another two months gone. Another 36 pages of The Numismatist. Another generous supporter!

We are pleased that Michael Walsh, the Canadian Coinoisseur, of Michael Walsh Investment Quality Coins Inc., has agreed to underwrite the additional cost of printing and mailing out this bulletin over and above the cost of the maximum 18 pages that are budgeted for. I have had numerous conversations with him and we have exchanged e-mail correspondence and

have found him a terrific individual to deal with.

Michael Walsh joins Chuck Moore of Charles Moore Numismatic Auctions, Todd Sandham & Cameron Bevers of Colonial Acres Coins and Brian Cornwell of International Coin Certification Service (ICCS), in supporting the ONA in a way that benefits each and every member. It is these people who you should thank for the 36 pages an issue that you have been receiving, something you did not bargain for when you renewed your membership for 2001 or signed up as a Life Member.

*John Regitko*  
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## FROM THE CLUB SERVICES CHAIRMAN

## WHAT MAKES AN AWARD- WINNING CLUB BULLETIN

Sometimes it is extremely hard to put down on paper all those things that make up an award-winning bulletin. Having been responsible for selecting the best local coin club bulletins for the past 3 years, I thought I would list some of the things that were considered:

- General appearance and readability (when you first pick it up, do you want you to keep reading it?)
- Headings and logos (does it catch your eye?)
- Organization (does it look so disorganized that you want to put it to one side to look at some other time?)
- Numismatic research & scholarly information (are the articles the same old rehash?)
- Presentation of club news (does the bulletin include information on the last meeting, what will happen at the next meeting and newsy stuff such as names of draw winners, congratulations, news about members, etc.?)
- Illustrations (are they of sufficient quality so they have eye appeal, and do they tie in to the articles?)
- Originality & creativity (is the layout and content run-of-the-mill or is there something a bit different about it?)
- Diversity of articles (does the bulletin always publish articles on the same subjects issue after issue that just means that it must have a lot of the other things listed here to make the bulletin better than others?)
- Generally, it should be a "good read" (does it include a good mix of interesting, informative and even humorous things that would have people looking forward to the next issue?)
- Judges' discretion (is there something about the bulletin that is difficult to categorize, but deserves to be considered?)

If any ONA member can add to the list for the future or wishes to comment, I would appreciate hearing from them.

*John Regitko*  
Club Services Chairman

Mark the following information in your calendar!  
**ONA 2002 CONVENTION**  
April 12 - 14, 2002 - London, Ontario  
Your Host: Ingersoll Coin Club Chairman: Tom Masters

# ON A NUMISMATIST FUTURE CONTENT QUESTIONNAIRE



In the March/April issue, we included a questionnaire in which we asked members to list the things they liked or disliked about the contents of this bulletin, as well as listing other things they may want to include. We are happy to report that we received numerous responses, including from dealer members. Your support of the current content, with a few exceptions, was virtually unanimous, as were the comments of what else you might wish to have included.

Most respondents wanted virtually everything left as is ("Why mess with a good product!"), others rated virtually everything "very desirable or "desirable," with a few notable exceptions. Based on what our read is, here is what will happen:

We will eliminate virtually all information about U.S. and other foreign issues ("as its name implies, the ONA should stick to Ontario numismatics"). Since you read Royal Canadian Mint press releases elsewhere (Canadian Coin News, the CNA Journal, the general press, even your local coin club bulletins), we will continue our policy of not publishing Royal Canadian Mint press releases, only behind-the-scenes things ("no duplication from other sources"). You also wished information about the CNA kept to a minimum because it is, likewise, available from other sources.

We will continue to publish as much as possible about Local Coin Club News ("provides ideas for other clubs to use"), Show Time Listing ("the dates, location and contact information is useful for both dealers and collectors"), Club Services updates ("clubs and individual members want to know what is available from the Audio Visual Lending Library and background on new programs").

Not to forget the business end of the Association, based on your comments, we will include more of what discussions take place at ONA Executive meetings. ONA Convention News, both pre- and post-Convention, are a necessary evil that will be continued. Also, "messages" from the President, Editor and other Committees averaged a "desirable" rating (along with a number of "neutral") since it keeps the membership in the picture of what their representatives are up to.

"Spotlight on People" was "desirable" only if it involved Ontario personalities in the news. For the most part, it was felt that non-Ontario people in the news should be left to other publications unless it affected the ONA and its members. Likewise, any congratulations or condolences should be reserved for ONA members, with only brief mention of others for major accomplishments.

A clear message was given about the articles you wish to see included. You weighed extremely heavily on publishing both new and old issues from Ontario, but leave mention of national and international issues to other publications ("let's get to know Ontario numismatics and numismatists, including our dealers, publishers, suppliers, etc.").

Since it was felt that by now anybody that is interested in specialty collectibles is already a member of those organizations, mention of these organizations will be made if it involves an ONA member or affects Ontario. You do not want to see book reviews, or write-ups about people that are deceased. You did express an interest what some former prominent Ontario people are up to (watch for information on, for example, the founding Executive of the ONA, or former RCM employees such as Kirsten Peterson, Murray Church, Denis Cudahy and others).

A few people wanted auction results on Ontario numismatic items...but only Ontario items. We'll see what we can do. A number also wanted to include a new column on "Yesteryear" that would publish what happened, say, 10 or 25 years ago. Since your Editor expects to obtain a set of ONA Numismatists shortly and already has a virtual complete library of CNA Journals to cull information from about Ontario, no doubt we will publish a bit of "old news" from time to time.

With some modesty, we publish excerpts of a few of the general comments expressed that summarize how others feel:

*"I have only one complaint: When I receive the ONA Numismatist, I am gone for the afternoon. I may have other things to do, but they have to wait until I get finished with the ONA Numismatist. I often wonder where you find time to cover so many subjects and articles. I really enjoy reading it and I can't think of anything you have to omit. It's great as it is. Keep up the good work" - George Fraser*

*"It must be quite a monumental task editing the enlarged newsy ONA Numismatist and I am sure all of the members are well pleased with each issue" - Jim Charlton*

Then there is the one unidentified respondent that found virtually nothing acceptable, according to the check marks. The unsigned comments indicated that he/she preferred NOT to see President and Editor Messages, bios and "other non-interesting stuff," local coin club news, "collectors reports on crap as trade tokens." Unfortunately, you cannot please everyone all the time!

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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

Dear John:

Congratulations again on such an interesting, unique and ONA-member and ONA-club oriented May/June 2001 issue of the Ontario Numismatist. You have covered the nuts and bolts or basics in this issue so well with so many articles on what is happening to ONA members, what they are doing and awards they received. Equally important, you devote much space to ONA club activities.

All this serves to bring ONA members and clubs closer together as they know more about each other through the Ontario Numismatist, which you write in such an interesting and eye appealing manner.

Congratulations on your 1999 award for the Best Canadian Regional Newsletter Editors' Award. YOU DESERVED IT. I read every page of each issue of the Ontario Numismatist and then re-read most of it. I feel so close to the ONA members, member clubs and ONA itself through your informative and interesting write-ups in the Ontario Numismatist.

Jerry Remick

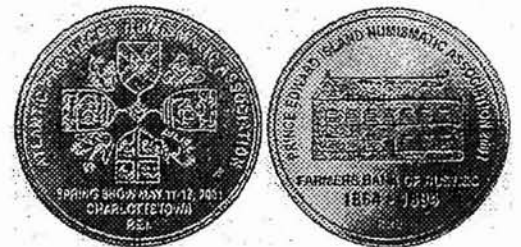
*(Editor's Comments: Thanks for those kind words, Jerry. The response to the recent survey has shown that the majority of members that returned the questionnaire enjoy the background information about members, and club news rated extremely high. Personally, I felt that the May/June issue was NOT one of my better issues, even though I spent more time on it, writing most of the information myself. The Convention, including all the articles related to the winners, took most of the space. This issue has a few more articles in it and I have so many more on hand. I just hope that I have picked the ones that are of interest to the greatest majority of members.)*

Dear John:

With reference to the article published in the last issue about the availability of cast medals, note that Dereham Forge Stamp Works no longer makes cast medals. However, cast medals in pewter (silver colour) from 1/2" to 6" in diameter are a specialty of St. Peter's Bay Craft and Giftware Co., P.O. Box 20020, 161 St. Peter's Road, Charlottetown, P.E.I. C1A 9E3. The owner, Ed McKenna can also be contacted by telephone at (902) 961-3223, fax (902) 961-3088 or e-mail [stpetersbaypei@canada.com](mailto:stpetersbaypei@canada.com).

It is cheaper to make 50 or 100 or so cast medals than the same quantity of die struck medals. The Atlantic Provinces Numismatic Association had this Company make 130 of the 44 mm cast pewter medals for their May 2001 Coin Show.

I know other companies must make cast medals but I do not know their addresses. At least the above gives small clubs the chance at having an issue of medals. A pair of moulds and final artwork is only \$250, whereas one die can run from \$200 to \$400 or more.



Jerry Remick

*(Editor's Comment: Jerry had sent us the article a couple of months ago that appeared in the last issue which mentioned Dereham Forge Stamp Works. We are pleased to give member-clubs a new address to contact for low-priced medals. Although we would have preferred to also include a manufacturer located in Ontario, the only Ontario-based company who we know of (whose principals, Ray Desjardins and Serge Pelletier, are both members of the ONA) is Eligi Consultants, P.O. Box 11447, Station "H", Nepean, ON K2H 7V1, telephone (613) 823-3844, fax (613) 825-3092 or e-mail [info@eligi.com](mailto:info@eligi.com). They can also come up with inexpensive alternatives, such as plastic tokens, at a good price.)*

Hi, John!

Enclosed is the questionnaire. I know it is tough to get input from members in any organization on how you are doing and what they want from the organization.

The personalized numismatic gifts you have collected over the years would remain part of my collection until I did not collect coins anymore. After that time, I am sure other people would like them as part of their collection. Since they were a gift to you, you could donate them to an organization. For example, wooden nickels could go to CAWMC. Their executive would decide what to do with the material.

The pricing on new \$10 error notes is up to each person. You must remember that the higher the price above face value is also how much it could drop in the future. The notes will have a premium but how much will not be determined for a few years. An example of this is the 1991 proof set which is now approximately half price of its previous highest price. Being a continuous collector you do get a bonus sometimes with obtaining a coin or note at face value and seeing its value grow.

The ONA Life Membership changed from \$150 to \$450. I think raising the price to \$450 or 30 years at the current rate of \$15 will eliminate life memberships. You could leave the price of \$150 but change when you can apply for life membership, for example, in 10 years. A person in an organization for ten years has given time and money to the Association and desires a break.

David Bawcutt, ONA member #R1325

*(Editor's comment: Thanks for covering all basis with the one letter. Quite frankly, I was very surprised at how many members returned the questionnaire. I took it as proof that there is a real interest by the membership in the ONA Numismatist. Although only one letter was critical of my total effort, a lot of people indicated what they liked and, most important, what they did not want in their ONA Numismatist. Your own conclusions are very similar, for example any category involving foreign numismatics is definitely out. What did surprise me is that the majority did not want to see humor, so it's a good thing I have not run that series of articles as I was planning. For more responses on keeping/selling/donating my free woods and medals, see the next issue. The Life Membership issue was discussed at great length by your Executive before a vote was taken, but as with any proposal from a member, your letter will be tabled at the next Executive meeting for review. However, I don't expect that we can afford to make a change, since we are currently subsidizing existing life members. I should point out that a number of life members have made significant donations to the ONA within the past year, including Roland Albert, Carl Anderson, Bob Armstrong, Dan Bailey, Bob Dowsett, Harry Eisenhower, Steven Forten, Noreen Howcroft, James Lawson, Tom Masters, Paul Petch, Bob Voaden and Ken Wilmot.*

Dear John:

I didn't send in the critique on the Numismatist you sent out because I like everything about it. I finally thought of something intelligent to comment on though. I remember reading Chuck Moore's autobiography an issue or two ago and was flattered when you asked me for mine. I enjoy reading about fellow numismatists and hope that you continue to publish them.

Bill Kamb, ONA member #LM109

*(Editor's comment: I made a decision, which the ONA Executive supported originally and the responses in the questionnaire confirmed, that I would not be publishing full-blown obituaries on any members or prominent non-members. Instead, I would honour movers and shakers active in the Ontario numismatic scene while they are still alive and can read about our appreciation of them. Chuck Moore and you are two perfect examples.*



## M E M B E R S H I P   R E P O R T

The applications for membership which appeared in the last issue of the ONA Numismatist have been accepted. We welcome Geoffrey Bell, David Reid, John McArthur and Art Stephenson!

Bruce Raszmann  
Membership Chairman

# SHOW TIME - UPCOMING

*A column intended to entice ONA members to attend each other's coin shows*

**AUGUST 12  
PARIS**

S.W.O.N. South Western  
Ontario Numismatics  
The Convention Centre  
Paris Fair Grounds  
139 Silver St., Paris  
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Over 50 Bourse Tables  
\$2.00 Admission Includes  
Draw for Gold Coin  
Info: Ted  
(519) 442-3474

**SEPT. 8  
HAMILTON**

Hamilton Coin Club Fall Show  
New Location: George &  
Mary's Banquet Centre  
252 Parkdale (at Melvin)  
Hamilton  
9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
20 Dealers - Free Parking  
Only \$1.00 Admission  
Info: Ken  
(905) 383-3742

**SEPT. 9  
WOODSTOCK**

Woodstock Coin Club  
12th Annual Coin Show  
Southgate Centre Hall  
191 Old Wellington St. S.  
Woodstock  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Free parking - Door Prizes  
Only \$1 admission  
Info:  
(519) 451-2316

**SEPT. 16  
LONDON**

London Numismatic Society  
9th Annual Coin Show  
The Ramada Inn  
817 Exeter Road  
(off Hwy.401), London  
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Large Bourse - Displays  
Admission Only \$1  
Info:  
(519) 472-9679

**SEPT. 29 & 30  
HAMILTON**

The Numismatic Show  
Ramada Plaza Hotel  
150 King St., Hamilton  
Sat. 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 3  
Friday Eve. & Sat Auctions  
Large Bourse - Draws  
Admission: Adults \$3;  
Seniors & YNs \$2  
Info: Terry  
(905) 318-6458

**OCTOBER 6  
OSHAWA**

Durham - Coin 2001  
Pickering Town Centre  
Pickering  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Bourse - Free Parking  
Free Admission  
Free Draws  
Info: Earl or Sharon  
(905) 728-1352  
papman@direct.com

**OCTOBER 13  
BURLINGTON**

Burlington International  
Coin Show  
Brant Hills Community Centre  
2300 Duncaster Ave.  
Burlington  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Large Bourse - Free Parking  
Free Admission - Snack Bar  
Info: Nancy  
(705) 788-3159

**OCTOBER 21  
Stratford**

Stratford Coin Club  
Annual Show  
Note New Location:  
The Victorian Inn  
10 Romeo St. N., Stratford  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Large Bourse - Free Parking  
Restaurant on Premises  
Info: Dorothy  
(519) 565-5354

**OCTOBER 27 & 28  
TORONTO**

Torex  
Primrose Hotel  
111 Carlton St., Toronto  
Sat. 10-5; Sunday 10-3  
Huge Bourse - Meetings  
Friday Evening & Saturday  
Afternoon Auctions  
Info: Brian  
(416) 861-9523  
brian@torex.net

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## NOVEMBER 4 GUELPH

Hosted by 3 Coin Clubs:  
Paisley School Coin Club  
South Wellington Coin Society  
Waterloo Coin Society  
Col. John McCrae  
Royal Canadian Legion  
919 York Rd., Hwy. #7, Guelph  
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Large Bourse - Free Parking

Info: Don  
(519) 888-9655

## NOVEMBER 11 TILLSONBURG

Tillsonburg Coin Club's  
Annual Coin Show  
Tillsonburg Community  
Centre, Tillsonburg  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Watch this space for  
additional details and  
contact information

## NOVEMBER 11 WINDSOR

Windsor Coin Club's 50th  
Annual Fall Coin Show

Caboto Club  
2175 Parent Avenue  
Windsor

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Free Parking - Door Prizes  
Admission only \$1.00

Info: Margaret  
(519) 735-0727

## NOV. 16, 17 & 18 OAKVILLE

### T.I.C.F.

Ramada Inn & Conv. Centre  
360 Oakville Place Dr.,  
Oakville

Fri. 5-9 Sat. 10-5 Sun 10-4  
40+ Bourse Tables - Draws  
Admission: Adults \$3;  
Sat. Charles Moore Auction

Info: Trajan Publ.  
(905) 646-7744

## NOVEMBER 24 N.I.C.F. COIN-A-RAMA NIAGARA FALLS

Your Host:  
Niagara International Coin Fest  
Our Lady of Peace Hall  
6944 Stanley Avenue  
Niagara Falls

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
40 Bourse Tables

Info: Barbara  
(905) 356-5006

## January 25-27, 2002 C.A.N.D. SHOW

### Hamilton

Ramada Plaza Hotel  
150 King St., Hamilton  
Sat. 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 3

Large Bourse  
Draws

Admission: Adults \$3;  
Seniors & YNs \$2

Info: Terry  
(905) 318-1638

## APRIL 12-14, 2002 ONA CONVENTION

### London

Your Host:  
Ingersoll Numismatic Society  
Four Points Sheridan Hotel  
London

Bourse - Displays - Banquet  
Specialty Collector Meetings  
Annual ONA General Meeting

Info: Tom  
(519) 451-2316

## ATTN: SHOW ORGANIZERS

If your upcoming show  
is not listed, please  
send us all the relevant  
details for inclusion in  
future issues of the  
ONA Numismatist.

E-mail: [onaedit@idirect.ca](mailto:onaedit@idirect.ca)

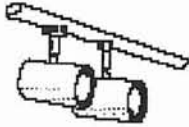
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## COIN CLUB PROGRAM DIRECTORS

If you are scheduling an  
annual dinner meeting  
and wish to promote it to  
other collectors, please  
send us details (i.e. cost,  
date, start time, location,  
program) so we can list it.

E-mail: [onaedit@idirect.ca](mailto:onaedit@idirect.ca)

Info to: John  
(416) 225-1479



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

*A column in praise of active Ontario numismatists*

## PROFESSIONAL AUCTIONEER VERY ACTIVE IN ONTARIO

Michael Walsh first became fascinated with coins in 1955 when his grandfather gave him a cigar box full of old tokens, large cents and fish scales (silver five cent pieces). The local librarians saw much of him over the ensuing months as he researched and organized his new hobby. Pocket change in the mid-fifties still contained a surprising amount of Victorian silver, as well as a good supply of Edward VII and George V pieces, so it was natural for Michael to collect these. "I had both a morning and an afternoon paper route, and I delivered the Star Weekly on Saturdays. Not only did these provide me with the necessary funding for my growing collection, but because I encouraged my customers to pay me with older coins, it also became a good source."

Michael spent his school lunch hours in the banks, searching through the rolls. "All the tellers in Moncton knew me, and would put the odd things aside for me. My greatest find was a 1921 fifty cent piece in a roll at the Royal Bank on Main Street (it would be a \$25,000 coin today) and that find still drives me to this day. I'm always searching for the elusive, knowing that I won't find it if I don't look. I know that there are still some 1969 large date ten cent pieces out there."

His interest in numismatics continued throughout his career as a Naval Officer, and after retiring in 1981, Michael began quietly dealing with private clients - buying, selling and building collections. He delights in filling want lists and continues the upgrading of the complete Canadian and Maritime date and variety collection in high condition census, which the knowledgeable consider the finest ever assembled.

As his vest pocket business grew, Michael incorporated it as "Investment Quality Coins, Inc.," later renamed to "The Canadian Coinoisseur, Inc." Corporate structure notwithstanding, he still runs a hands-on, private client operation, mostly now from his website and from his tables at the major coin shows. He specializes in certified, condition-rare Canadian coins, and working from an office (by appointment only), rather than from a storefront gives him the flexibility to travel in search of coins and to attend the shows.

In the last few years he has been conducting two or three public auctions per year, and was appointed Official Auctioneer for the 1999 and the 2000 Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers Shows as well as for the 2000 Canadian Numismatic Association Convention. He has been appointed Official Auctioneer for Torex for February and October 2001, October 2002, February and October 2003 and June 2004.

He is a Past President of the Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers, a Life Member and the Area Director for British Columbia and Yukon of the Canadian Numismatic Association, a Life Member of the Canadian Paper Money Society, the American Numismatic Association, the Ontario Numismatic Association, and the Vancouver Numismatic Society where he is Treasurer. He is a Member of the Florida United Numismatists and is an executive of the North Shore Numismatic Society.



*For a change of pace, Michael and his wife, Memory, and their poodle, Chianti, cruise the waterways of Europe on their steel cruising yacht, Lady Jane, currently based in St-Jean-de-Losne, in the Burgundy region of France. While Memory does research for her wine columns and articles, Michael searches for Canadian coins to repatriate and Chianti leads a dog's life.*

## Show Schedule

Michael Walsh is not only an active auctioneer, but he attends coin shows throughout North America to meet his customers and potential bidders for his successful auctions. At press time, he has confirmed that he will be set-up at the following shows:

- July 27-29, 2001 - CNA - Quebec, P.Q.
- August 8-12, 2001 - ANA - Atlanta, Georgia
- September 9-10, 2001 - North Shore Numismatic Society - North Vancouver, B.C.
- September 28-30, 2001 - The Numismatic Show (TNS) - Hamilton, Ont.
- October 26-28, 2001 - Torex - Toronto, Ont. (Show Auctioneer)
- November 10-11, 2001 - Edmonton Numismatic Society - Edmonton, AB
- November 16-18, 2001 - TICF - St. Catharines, Ont.

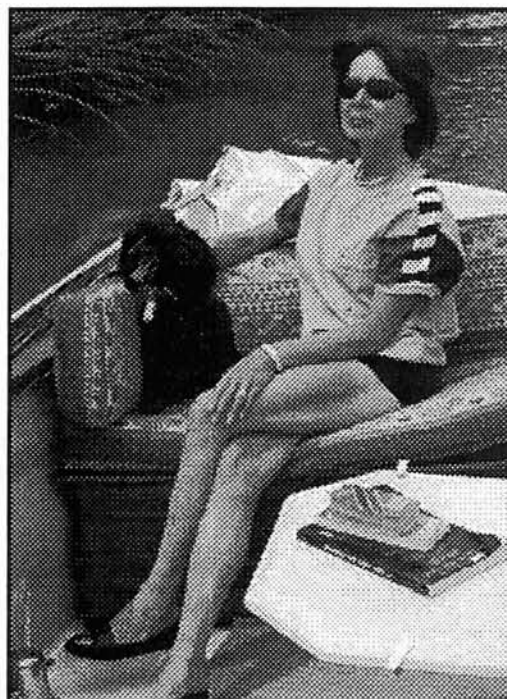
## Grading Philosophy

Most of the coins Michael Walsh Investment Quality Coins, Inc. sell have been independently graded and certified by one or more of ICCS, ICG, NGC and PCGS, the four most recognized standards for Canadian coins. Census data they use in coin descriptions are extracted from the most recent issue of the ICCS Population Report and the PCGS World Population Report. For many coins, in addition to the grade, commentary on the eye appeal of the coin is added. This is very important with the Canadian grading standards used by ICCS, since eye appeal will significantly affect the values of the coins.

## Auction Consignment

Selling your coins at auction can be one of the best ways to get top value for them. Walsh makes it easy and inexpensive to list and sell single major pieces, a small group of spares or a major collection. The consignor's fee is as low as anyone else, there are no cataloguing fees, they determine the catalogue value and agree on a reasonable reserve price. There is no cost if a piece does not sell, with settlement 7 days after the sale's return limit date. They aggressively advertise and market their auctions, and were the first auction company to run an auction concurrently on the internet and live.

Their next auction is being held on October 26 & 27, 2001, at Torex in Toronto. Consignment deadline is August 31, 2001, with the catalogue available in late September, 2001.



Chianti leads a dog's life, cruising around Europe while Memory, wife of Michael Walsh, acts as babysitter. Nice job if you can get it!

# Michael Walsh the Canadian Coinoisneur

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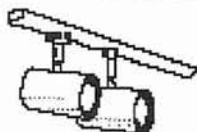
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# SPOTLIGHT ON PEOPLE

A column in praise of active Ontario collectors



## TOM MASTERS RECEIVES EDITORIAL CITATION

The first-ever special Editorial Citation under the editorship of John Regitko was recently presented to Tom Masters, long-time President and Editor of the Ingersoll Coin Club, for 25 years of outstanding writing of the President and Editorial Messages in the Ingersoll Coin Club's Bulletin.

### EDITORIAL CITATION

#### TOM MASTERS

IS HEREBY PRESENTED WITH A SPECIAL

#### 2000 EDITORIAL AWARD

THE ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION IS PLEASED TO PRESENT SPECIAL EDITORIAL RECOGNITION FOR 25 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING WRITING OF PRESIDENT AND EDITORIAL MESSAGES FOR THE INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

JOHN REGITKO  
Editor - ONA Numismatist



MIKE HOLLINGSHEAD  
President - Ontario Numismatic Association

The presentation took place at the June 18, 2001 meeting of the Ingersoll Coin Club and was attended by John Regitko, ONA Editor, and Tom Rogers, ONA Area Director covering the Ingersoll area.

The covering letter, signed by John Regitko, ONA Editor, and Mike Hollingshead, ONA President, presented to Masters with the special Editorial Citation (which is reproduced at left) reads:

"Dear Tom:

"It gives us great pleasure to recognize one of your many contributions to numismatics via the enclosed Editorial Citation.

"For over 25 years, your President/Editor's Message has appeared in the Ingersoll Coin Club bulletin. These messages have been original, entertaining and quite often thought-provoking. They have caused members of the Ingersoll Coin Club to examine their own involvement with the club and hobby. As a result of your willingness to share your knowledge, club members were exposed to your wisdom and have become more knowledgeable.

"A number of your messages have been reprinted in The Numismatist, official publication of the Ontario Numismatic Association.

"In recognition for the time and effort you took to write the President/Editor's Messages over a 25-year period, we are pleased to present you with the enclosed special Editorial Award."

*Editor's Comments: My wife and I drove from our home in North York to Ingersoll on a beautiful Monday afternoon for the above presentation. My wife had agreed for us to attend the meeting even though it was our wedding anniversary. (I know what some of you are thinking: "That will teach her to marry a coin collector!") We arrived early so that we could have a nice quite dinner celebration. We scoured downtown Ingersoll and wound up at a quaint little place called The Clog & Thistle. I like my steaks. Monina likes seafood and fancy appetizers. The menu looked inviting, as did the decor and ambiance.*

*While we waited for our food to arrive, I read the back of the menu. It gave the history of the building in which we were eating, mentioning that James Smith and his cousin, Donald, came over from Scotland and bought the building. Since James eventually had 9 children, he found it necessary to add a second story with 5 bedrooms as well as a kitchen and dining room at the south side. A grandson, Austin Smith, was the last of the Smith's to occupy the house until he died in 1981.*

*The house was eventually sold. The current owners, John and Catherine Van Dyke, bought it in 1989 and opened the restaurant. An atrium was added in 1990, and an addition at the rear of the house. The main floor now houses a bar, a larger dining area and some smaller dining rooms.*

*Routine so far!*

*Then it mentioned that the Donald Smith they spoke of earlier, later became Lord Strathcona, a name I recalled from somewhere in my past history lessons. Then it hit me. We were sitting at the very place that was occupied by the guy who drove the Last Spike!*

*Somehow, that bit of history made the meal more enjoyable.*

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



To ONA member George Fraser who turned 90 years young on May 24. To find out why the wood that the ONA Editor presented to him as a birthday gift (illustrated at left) is dated two days later, turn to page 134 for the answer. George has been married to Doris for over 60 years, for which a wooden nickel was also issued (illustrated at right).



To ONA member Lucille Colson and her husband, Jim, who recently celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary. See a further write-up on Lucille on pages 126 and 127.

To ONA member Tom Masters, on receiving the Norah Lanning Community Service Award. It was presented to him by last year's recipient at a public ceremony. Tom is a very active volunteer in the Hamilton Road area. Recipients that were beneficiaries of his devotion included the Seniors Centre, the New Area Seniors' Association and the Lions Club. A write-up appeared in a recent issue of East Side Story, the local community newspaper published by the Hamilton Road Community Association.

To ONA member Ray Desjardins who was elected President of Branch 593 of the Royal Canadian Legion. With a membership of 634, Ray beat out 2 opponents, including a former President of the Chapter. Ray has been a member of the Branch since 1958 and has served as Poppy Chairman, Chairman of the Poppy Trust Fund Committee and chaired a Finance Management Committee (whose report has resulted in changing the financial future of the Branch).

To ONA member Tom Masters, long-time President and Editor of the Ingersoll Coin Club, on receiving an ONA Editorial Citation for 25 years of outstanding writing of the President and Editorial Messages in the Ingersoll Coin Club bulletin. The presentation took place at a recent meeting of the Ingersoll Coin Club, Tom's home club. See write-up on page 116.

To ONA member Tom Kostaluk on the recent wedding of his daughter.

To the following ONA members who will serve on the CNA Executive over the next 2 years: Geoff Bell (as CNA President), Charles Moore (1st Vice President), Barry McIntyre (2nd Vice President), Barry Uman (Area Director for Montreal and Suburbs), Serge Laramée (Area Director for Balance of the Province of Quebec), Paul Petch (Area Director for Southern Ontario), Michael Walsh (Area Director for B.C. and Yukon) and David Reid (Area Director for central U.S.A.). We have always said that ONA members are an active bunch, and this listing confirms it again.



# B E S T W I S H E S

To ONA member Mike Findlay, who was seen hopping around on crutches with a leg in a cast after a fall down some uncooperative stairs.



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

To ONA member Tom Kennedy, on the recent passing of his mother.

To the family of former ONA member Andy Wynn, who passed away recently at age 88. Prior to his retirement in 1982, he ran a successful coin and stamp shop in Ottawa, Wynn's Coin and Stamp Studio. Andy became a member of the ONA in 1959 and was a life-long supporter of the City of Ottawa Coin Club, including numerous donations of numismatic material. A well-respected dealer, he was eulogized at his funeral by Ray Desjardins, ONA 2nd Vice President.

To the family of Wilfred Becker who passed away on Sunday May 20. He joined the Stratford Coin Club the year it was formed in 1960 and was on their executive every year he was a member. He was elected as a Fellow of the Ontario Numismatic Association in 1999 for his service to Numismatics.

To the family of ONA life member Stephen Taylor, who passed away recently. See page 124 for a touching write-up about "friendship" by Paul Johnson.

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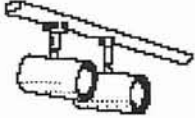
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## S P O T L I G H T O N P E O P L E

*A column in praise of active Ontario collectors*

### **TOM ROGERS - A VERY ACTIVE AREA DIRECTOR**

"The most quoted name in club bulletins in Ontario." So says John Regitko, author of the "Club News" column in the ONA Numismatist which requires him to review all 30-plus bulletins received each month from clubs around Ontario.

He is speaking about Tom Rogers, a relative newcomer to the ONA Executive, having been elected (by acclamation) at the ONA Convention's General Membership meeting just a few months ago as Area #2 Director which covers Huron, Oxford, Elgin and Middlesex counties. This means that he has the responsibility for spreading the ONA's message to coin clubs in London, St. Thomas, Ingersoll, Tillsonburg, Watford and Woodstock and reporting on the same clubs' goings-on to the ONA Executive.

Tom started collecting in the early Sixties, but got real serious around 1988 when he moved to Niagara Falls. There, he was introduced to the late George Oblinsky (father of ONA Librarian, Gary Oblinsky) who owned and operated a coin store in downtown Niagara Falls. George taught Tom how to best organize a collection, about the fine differences in the quality of coins and how to grade coins.

Over the past 13 years, he has been a member of a number of clubs in Ontario. He stated that he joined these clubs to learn more about the hobby of numismatics and to meet people at their club meetings, something that he thoroughly enjoys. This background certainly helped him learn how to plan and execute successful meetings, how to conduct research and produce a club bulletin. "I stay in this hobby because I enjoy what I do and I help clubs to keep rolling along," he told us at the recent ONA Convention.

After Tom Masters decided 2 years ago that over 25 years as President and Editor of the Ingersoll Coin Club was enough, Tom Rogers, having served as its Vice-President for 6 or 8 years, took over as its President.

He is currently a Director of the London Numismatic Society, a position he has held for the past 8 years. He has served as Bourse Chairman for the Woodstock Coin Club's annual shows for the past 2 years.

He will also have his hands full at the ONA 2002 Convention in London, hosted by the Ingersoll Coin Club. As Bourse Chairman, he is nearly sold out of bourse tables one year in advance. He has also been giving updates to the ONA Executive which proves that the Convention Chairman, Tom Masters, and the rest of the committee are doing very well in formulating plans for another successful convention.

"Tom Rogers is one of the best promoters of the ONA, taking every opportunity to do so," states John Regitko who has seen him in operation at least at 6 different coin clubs. "For example, when he is called upon to speak at coin club meetings, he takes full advantage to promote the ONA and its Audio Visual Lending Library even though a club is outside his jurisdiction."

"ONA Rep. Tom Rogers reported on ONA activities and insurance rates and showed a video on the making of paper money" states the June 2001 bulletin of the Watford Coin Club. "We have enjoyed the videos and slides that our ONA Area Representative, Tom Rogers, brings to the meeting to make us better informed of our hobby" comments the June 2001 bulletin of the St. Thomas Numismatic Association. The June Woodstock Coin Club bulletin states: "program presented by Tom Rogers with excellent video on *The Life Of Emmanuel Hahn*." The bulletin of the London Numismatic Society also mentions his contributions at the June meeting, as does the Ingersoll Coin Club's June bulletin were, as its President, he chaired the meeting (we picked June only because it is the most recent set of bulletins crossing the ONA Editor's desk. We could have picked any other month and obtained the same results). So how does he do it, devoting all those evenings each month to his hobby? "I have a very understanding wife who even attends some shows and conventions with me."

We didn't even bother to find out for this article what Tom collects. Having seen his enthusiasm at numerous coin club meetings and talking to anybody that crosses his path, it is obvious that his enjoyment is more the intangible "fun and fellowship" mixed with "education" than it is the tangible collecting.

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS



Most clubs close down for the Summer. The only one that I will be attending, unless I missed something, is the Waterloo Coin Society meetings in July and August.

Those of us whose children have flown the roost and don't have to plan vacation around them and the wife, will have an opportunity to pull out weeds in the garden, cut the grass, trim hedges, paint the garage, fix the eavestroughs, prop up the corners of the patio stones, build a new trellis to hold the ever-growing climbing rose bush, build another long row of planters, fix the footing on the fence posts that have rotted through, clean out the garage, clean up the wreckroom (sic)...hey, wait a minute, that describes my plans!



The South Wellington Coin Society's June bulletin, edited by ONA member Gordon Parker, contained an article on Die errors by Patrick Glassford, information about new issues from the Royal Canadian Mint, another article from the British Royal Mint entitled "The Changing Face of the Monarchy," a 2-page article on Canada's first coinage, another article about Maundy Money, a 26 lot auction listing, minutes of the previous meeting and upcoming meeting news.



INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

The Ingersoll Coin Club took their \$84 rebate (that's 42 tickets at \$2 each) from the 2001 ONA Convention draw ticket sales and donated it to the Disabled Children Fund so ably run by ONA member Tom Masters. Only 3 other clubs sold more tickets.

After an extended illness that had doctors stymied, it was nice to see ONA member Tom Kostaluk attend a recent Ingersoll Coin Club meeting.



The Scarborough Coin Club recently had ONA member Paul Johnson as their speaker. He spoke on the collecting of medals with trains. He brought a display along of part of his 1000 piece collection.

They still have some woods for this year and previous years left that they are selling for 50 cents each. At that price you can get a set of remaining woods for \$11.00 postpaid. Better still, order it in advance from P.O. Box 562, Pickering, ON L1V 2R7 and then go to one of their meetings on the 1st Wednesday of the month starting in September again at the Cedarbrook Community Centre, 91 Eastpark Blvd., Scarborough and pick it up in person while at the same time enjoying their club meeting.



The June meeting of the Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin Stamp & Collectibles Club featured ONA 1st Vice-President, Paul Petch, as Chairman of the meeting as well as its speaker. He brought along a quantity of National Geographic Magazines to show how interesting they are, including Volume 1, Number 1.

Over the first half of the year, this club has certainly lived up to its name, featuring programs involving, coins, stamps and other hobby interests such as Symphysodon (the raising of fish) and now the collecting of National Geographic magazines.



The Windsor Coin Club, with a current paid-up membership of 50, boasts turnouts of around 40 at meetings. They also have 2 annual shows, the first Sunday in May and the second Sunday in November. Details on the upcoming November 11 show can be found on page 113.

ONA Area Director Tom Clarke tells us that the club has been planning and organizing for its 50th Anniversary Dinner to be held at the Caboto Club, Windsor, on October 15. Award will be presented to many Past Presidents in recognition of their contribution to the club. Norm Young, a member since the founding of the club (by Bob Willey in the Fall of 1951) and still active today will be honored along with others who have contributed to the success of the club. All guests will receive mementos of the occasion, including a souvenir program containing the club's history. John Jaciw, designer of the February 2000 Millennium quarter, will also be in attendance. Anyone that wants to attend the dinner should contact Margaret at (519) 735-0727 or e-mail her at [mclarke@wincom.net](mailto:mclarke@wincom.net) for details on the meal, pricing and starting time.

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



The Oshawa & District Coin Club has announced that they will be holding their show this year on October 6 at the Pickering Town Centre. The show will be called Durham Coin - 2001. Being held in a mall, there is plenty of free parking and free admission. They will be conducting free public draws, a free membership draw and a free dealer draw.

Their June bulletin featured a write-up on the man behind the design of the New Canadian 10-cent piece honoring International Year of the Volunteer (to be reprinted in the next issue).



The London Numismatic Society's June meeting featured Ted Leitch's illustrated talk entitled "The Eight Real in the New World." Over the last several years, Ted has assembled an interesting collection of these coins along with their cut and counter-stamped variations.

Their July meeting featured Mackie Smith presenting a paper entitled "Panama - A Changing Canal." For many years, Mackie has had an interest in the construction and operation of the Panama canal along with an interest in the coinage of Panama. Jeff Wenn displayed a number of current Russian coins and banknotes brought back by his parents from a recent holiday abroad.



At the same meeting, a slide presentation, produced by members of the London Numismatic Society, entitled "The Eight Real and its Monetary Effect in the New World," was also shown. Details of this presentation, written by club member Ted Leitch, will be published in the next ONA Numismatist. He also had various denominations of real coins from about a dozen countries on display.

Plans are well in hand for publication of the L.N.S. 50th Anniversary Bulletin. The July bulletin mentions that they already have seven papers by five members on hand ready for printing, with three other papers nearing completion. Deadline for submission is September 15, 2001.



The Waterloo Coin Society's speaker at the May meeting was Robb McPherson, covering "The 25 Cent State Quarter Program from the U.S.A." He showed an assortment of items to house the quarters. He also brought everyone up-to-date on the mintage figures.

In cooperation with Colonial Acres Coins of Kitchener, he then made available at special dealer cost any of the quarters already issued as well as the holders for them. Needless to say, numerous collectors took advantage of Colonial Acres



Coins' generosity. The meeting ended with draws and a 40-lot auction.

The speaker at their June meeting was Martin Hoffman speaking on the inflationary currency from war-torn Europe. He displayed numerous notes from his extensive collection that showed both the inflation over a short period of time, as well as the rather crudeness of the printing (why spend a lot of effort if you know by tomorrow they will be worth only half?). He described how businesses (i.e. Daimler-Benz) and cities (i.e. Stuttgart) made their own money and not just the government and the banks. He pointed out that since so many were printed, it is possible to acquire a nice collection at reasonably little cost. Martin donated a few notes for the donation auction.

Following the 40 lots in the auction at the June meeting and another 40 lots at the July meeting, the auction coordinator, ONA member Don Robb, is looking for more material for future auctions.

The speaker at their July meeting (one of the few Ontario clubs that is meeting over the Summer) was Don Robb speaking on "Collecting Canada's Centennial Items." Don has been collecting anything relating to Canada's Centennial since 1974 and had some of the many numismatic items on display. A few of the items were unique or just a few known.

Incidentally, the Waterloo Coin Society leads this year's contest for the most bulletins received without cancellation of the postage. Happens regularly now that Albert Kasman is retired. Hey, Canada Post, hope you don't get new equipment!



When I arrived early at the recent Brantford Numismatic Society's annual show, the first person I met was Ed Anstett, a long-time hardworking member of the Brantford executive. During dealer set-up, when the whole parking lot was completely empty, Ed suggested to the bourse dealers that they unload right by both the main door and the side door which leads directly into the bourse room. After the dealers had unloaded, he directed them to an empty school parking lot directly adjacent to the Woodman Centre that obviously is not used on Saturdays.

Normally, dealers and the show committee get the best parking spots, leaving their customers to fend for themselves in finding a spot, either the furthest from the entrance or off-property. I asked Ed at the conclusion of the show how dealers felt about being asked to park next door. He told me that by far the majority of dealers were extremely cooperative, but there were two whose names we won't publish here even though they are ONA members...they know who they are!

We compliment Ed Anstett and the Brantford Numismatic Society for doing their darndest in catering to the dealers' customers, keeping in mind that visitors cannot become customers until they park their car and enter the coin show premises.



Suggestion to all show organizers: appoint one or two people to traffic control duty during dealer set up. If there is no legal off-site parking nearby, make sure they park their vehicles at the furthest point to the entrance. If you are a dealer, don't wait to be asked (told?) where to park. Park so that it's easier for your customers to do business with you.



I will not suggest that the bourse fee should be upped by \$5 or \$10 if there is good nearby parking, and if the dealer does park in the assigned dealer parking area, that they receive a reimbursement, because we feel that dealers are reasonable people who understand, agree and accept the logic of leaving the best spots for their customers or potential customers

Because of the above show, there was no June meeting of the Brantford Coin Club since it would be awfully close to the show. As their bulletin says: "Most of us have spent much of the day at the show, either buying or selling or helping out in some way and need the next Sunday to relax and do the things we missed doing the previous Sunday. Also, since that Sunday is Father's Day, we avoid holding a meeting when many of us would prefer to be somewhere else." It was indeed a good show and all the helpers deserved the rest.



The North York Coin Club held a coin fair at their June meeting where members were asked to bring along some material and, if they wished, comment on their display. Displays were set up by Albert Kasman (phone cards), Bob Porter (a table full of Canadian coins and paper money), Norm Belsten (NYCC wooden tokens), Vince Chiappino (bi-metallic coins), Dick Dunn (Scottish banknotes), Marvin Kay (personal memorabilia), Russ Brown (woods), Norman Gordon (NYCC medals), Del Murchison (conjurer coin tricks) and John Regitko (Toronto Transportation Commission ticket printing errors).

It was refreshing to see that the 3 highest-grossing items in the auction at the meeting were numismatic books.



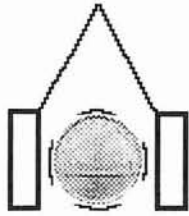
WATFORD COIN CLUB

Received a nice note from the Watford Coin Club (formerly Strathroy Coin Club) advising us that they meet on the third Sunday of the month in the meeting room of Ambassador Place in Watford. Their president is Fred Whitbourn. Their treasurer is Dalt Richardson, who also conducts the auction.

At a recent meeting, a video on Canadian Paper money was shown by Tom Rogers, ONA Area Director. Their auction included coins, tokens, paper money, books and medallions.

Draw tickets were handed out free and almost everyone of the 16 people present walked away with a prize.

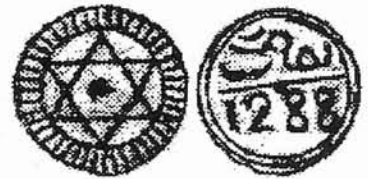
# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



The June meeting of the City of Ottawa Coin Club was "Show and Tell Night," where members could show off their latest acquisitions and new discoveries. David Bergeron displayed one of his new additions, an Edward VI (1547-1553) gold half-sovereign. The young boyish features in the portrait would indicate that the King was quite young. In fact, he was crowned at the age of nine after his father, the infamous Henry VIII, died. The boy king was plagued with illnesses and by the 16th birthday he died of consumption. The coinage of Edward VI, it was pointed out in their bulletin, remains among the most actively sought after English coins because of their scarcity and historic intrigue.

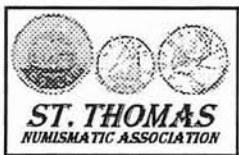


Their club's June bulletin, edited by David Bergeron, included articles on the 1967 "Diving Goose" dollar, "An Unusual French Medal" by the late Jack Veffer, "Numismatists and Income Tax" by Gabriel A. Grams (all 3 articles reprinted from 1979 CNA Journals), as well as a listing of "Saskatchewan Steamboat Tariffs of 1880" which certainly drives home what inflation is all about and "Falus Can Fool Us" by Frank Fesco, dealing with the similarities of design between a supposedly 1288-dated coin bearing Solomon's seal and equally crude pieces from Morocco struck in the 19th century.



A recent bulletin of the Nickel Belt Coin Club mentioned a dilemma that comes up every once in a while for most clubs. The club's meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month. The May meeting fell on a long holiday week-end. What to do? Hold it a week earlier? What, on Mother's day? Sometimes it's best to stay where you are so as to eliminate the confusion that any change from normal meetings will bring. The obvious exception has to be towards the end of December.

The bulletin also mentions that the new \$10 note can be collected by the year in which it was printed. The phrase on the bottom centre on the back reads "Printed in 2000," therefore, establishing a date series. The new issue is dated in two places: "2001" is printed in the lower right corner on the face and "2001 Bank of Canada" is printed on the lower right corner on the back. An illustrated brochure, entitled "Your Guide to Security Features for the new \$10 Note" is available free of charge from Currency Education, Bank of Canada, 234 Wellington Street, Ottawa, ON K1A 0G9, or phone toll free (888) 513-8212.



The St. Thomas Numismatic Association's June meeting featured a 56-lot auction of a great mix of numismatic material. It included coins of Newfoundland, Britain, Belgium, Australia, Portugal, Denmark, Italy, France Austria, Holland, Mexico, Spain, U.S. and Canada. It also included a number of U.S. and Canadian tokens. Six prizes were offered in the door draws.



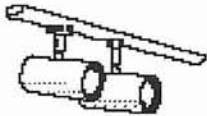
The Stratford Coin Club's June meeting was a Strawberry Social. Strawberry punch was served at the beginning of the meeting, with strawberry shortcake and whipped cream during the break along with coffee and soft drinks. The strawberries were handpicked by Dorothy Mason, the club's Secretary, at a pick-your-own-strawberries farm nearby so there wasn't a bad one amongst the cases. Seconds...and even thirds...were available.

The guest speaker at the social meeting was Scott McKowen, a Stratford resident, who designed this year's National Ballet Silver Dollar. He showed numerous posters that he had designed for dance companies in New York, Chicago, Ottawa, Stratford and elsewhere. A number of people took the opportunity to have him autograph the coin packaging. He promised your Editor an interview shortly, including two other designs that were not accepted by the judges.



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

*A column in praise of collectors who have made a difference in Ontario*



## **STEPHEN R. TAYLOR - A MOST MEMORABLE FRIEND**

*by Paul Johnson, ONA member #LM082*

*We have always maintained that collecting is not what keeps most of us collectors in the hobby. Rather, it is the friendships that develop. The following column is not so much about writing an obituary as it is a tribute to friendships that develop among collectors.*

I have been an avid coin collector since I was a teenager in the mid 1960s. It was an interest that I have carried to this day. I became involved with coin clubs and exhibiting some of my numismatic material at shows. Numismatic friends and myself would travel throughout Ontario and beyond to various shows.

During the fall of 1975, I attended the Empire State Numismatic Association 25th annual convention in Syracuse, New York. This is where I met a most memorable friend and made a friendship that I will always remember.

The convention had the usual large bourse room filled with dealers and a separate room for exhibits. This room was bustling with the activity of collectors preparing their displays. As I was putting the coins in place, a middle aged fellow approached with the cheery words "Hi, My name is Steve Taylor from Dover, Delaware, capital of the 1st State." Steve was also exhibiting and we struck up a conversation. This was the beginning of a friendship that lasted until recently when Steve passed away from cancer in early July at age 74.

Steve was a "people" person who really enjoyed talking to other collectors about numismatics. He was very keen about helping young numismatists become more interested in coin collecting. One of his favorite lines was "exhibiting is half the fun of collecting." Steve was an excellent speaker and a personality who became a strong, effective leader of the American Numismatic Association in the late 1980s. He attended hundreds of coin shows to promote numismatic exhibiting and meet with people in the hobby. As ANA President, he listened to collectors and implemented many new programs during his term. His easy going demure had a calming influence on people and never spoke unkindly about anyone.

I convinced him to attend a convention in Canada...the 1976 CNA Convention in Ottawa. That was to be his first of seventeen Canadian Numismatic Association conventions as well as a dozen ONA Conventions. He held a special place in his heart for Canada and truly enjoyed the warm hospitality and ambience of Canadian shows. Steve had no interest in the social structure...he accepted everyone equally and made each individual he spoke to feel like a special person. He first attended an ONA Convention in 1978 in St. Catharines at which he had been invited as the Banquet Speaker. Steve spoke at other ONA Conventions as well: Banquet Speaker in 1986 (Brantford) and 1991 (Oshawa); Educational Forum speaker in 1979 (Hamilton) and 1988 (Toronto); Club Delegates Meeting speaker in 1982 (Toronto).

His secondary interest was travelling and he really enjoyed seeing the sites of Canada while attending conventions. His wife, Beulah, accompanied him on most trips. Whether it was the Tyrell Dinosaur Museum in Drumheller, Alberta, the swaying Capilano Canyon Suspension Bridge in Vancouver, a quaint restaurant for dinner in Isle d'Orleans, Quebec or watching the changing of the Guard at the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa, Steve enjoyed it all.

One of my most memorable moments was at the 1995 CNA Convention in Calgary when I was introducing the new CNA/NESA Numismatic Correspondence Course at a Press Conference. Both Steve and then ANA President Anthony Swiatek took the opportunity to present me with an ANA Presidential Award for my work on the Correspondence Course.

Steve was a prolific exhibitor and received hundreds of awards as well as Best of Show at the 1978 ANA Convention in Houston, Texas. He garnered many awards with his exhibits at CNA and ONA conventions. Steve received the ANA Glenn Smedley Memorial Award in 1991, the Medal of Merit in 1997 and the Presidential Award in 2000. He was also named a "Numismatic Ambassador" by Krause Publications in 1979.

He was a founder of the Kent Coin Club of Dover, Delaware, where he resided, and served three terms as President of the club. He also served as President of the Milford (Delaware) Stamp and Coin Club, Currency Club of Chester County (Pennsylvania), Maryland State Numismatic Association and Garden State Numismatic Association. He served as well on the boards of the Society of Paper Money Collectors, Virginia Numismatic Association and Great Eastern Numismatic Association. In Canada, he was a long-time member of the Canadian Numismatic Association, the Ontario Numismatic Association (of which he was a life member) and other organizations.

Throughout the years, we communicated regularly by correspondence, telephone calls and more recently by e-mail. His influence was compelling... a man that stood for what he believed in and someone who provided people with guidance and encouragement through his many years of experience as a bank Vice-President and eight years on the board of the American Numismatic Association.

Co-incidentally, the very last coin show I saw Steve at was the same Empire State Numismatic Association convention in Syracuse, New York... their 50th Anniversary Show in November, 2000... exactly 25 years since I met him originally. He was as vibrant as ever... meeting and chatting with collector friends and talking about his favourite subject... numismatics.

Earlier this year while having gall bladder surgery in hospital, it was discovered through tests that Steve had bone marrow cancer. He battled valiantly to beat it, but to no avail. My wife, Mary-Ellen, and I spent three days visiting Steve and Beulah at their home in mid-June just two weeks prior to his death. He was very ill, but kept a positive attitude and told me that he would beat this disease. It was a wonderful visit as we reminisced about numismatic memories of the past 25 years and, in particular, his love for Canada. The last words that he said to me at the end of our visit was one of his trademark sayings. He simply said "Keep Smiling!" He made numerous friends in this country and, more so, in Ontario that shall not forget Steve.

Steve Taylor is survived by his wife Beulah; one son, Stephen R. Jr.; one daughter, Barbara Harvath; and four grandchildren.

He was a remarkable individual who gave so much to the hobby and had a positive impact on numismatics. He will be missed by many family and friends. I know that my life is better for having known him. He had a simple greeting to friends depending on the day of the week, which spoke volumes about his personality: "Happy Friday...it's great to see you again!"

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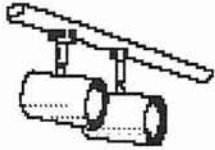
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# SPOTLIGHT ON ANNIVERSARY MEDALS

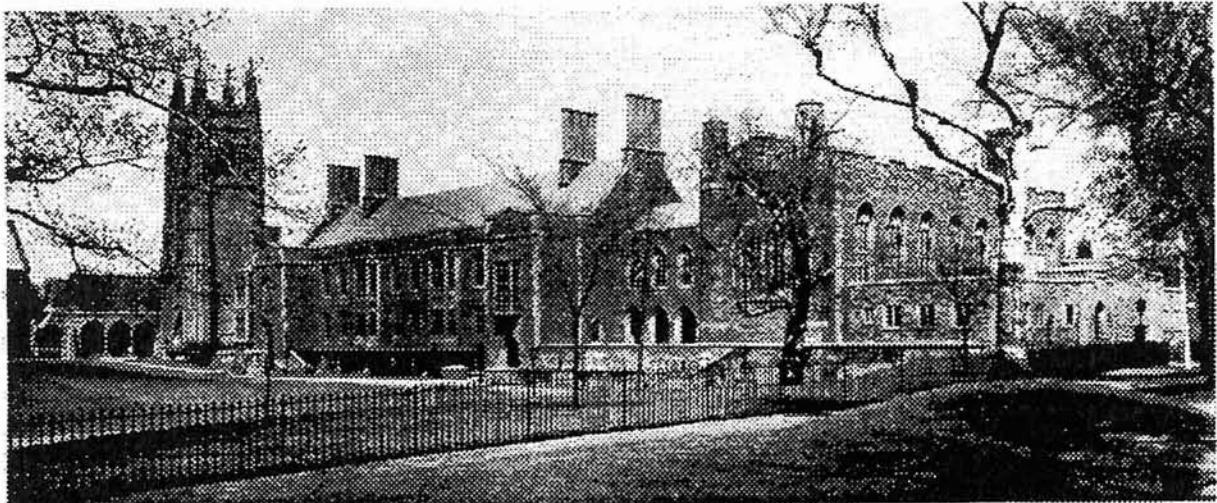
## 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF GRADUATION MEDAL

*by Lucille Colson, ONA member #1390*



Every year, a special ceremony is held at the Spring Reunion at the University of Toronto. It recognizes graduates who celebrate their 55th, 60th, 65th, 70th and 75th anniversaries of graduation. The Honorable Henry N.R. Jackman, Chancellor, University of Toronto invites the graduates to attend the Chancellor's Circle Medal Presentation in the Great Hall of Hart House.

For me, this year was a really special occasion as I was unable to attend my 1946 Occupational Therapy (OT) graduation ceremony. On June 1, 2001, I was not only honored to receive my 55th Anniversary Medal from the Chancellor, Mr. Jackman, but was graciously congratulated by Robert J. Bergeneau, President of the University of Toronto and by Edward S. "Ted" Rogers, president and CEO of Rogers Communications and Honorary President of the University of Toronto 2001 Spring Reunion. These three gentlemen had to have been well over six feet in height. This made most of the OTs, who had shrunk at least three inches in height over the ensuing years, feel and look like midgets. The OTs outnumbered the graduates in the other faculties and we were delighted to have a 1931 graduate present. Maybe this says something about the longevity of OTs.



*Hart House, University of Toronto, scene of the 55th Anniversary of graduation ceremony of ONA member Lucille Colson*

Hart House was presented, fully equipped, to the University of Toronto by the Trustees of the Massey Foundation in 1919. The Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, Chairman of the Trustee of the Massey Foundation initially conceived of the idea of a non-residential, for the use of men only, to provide for all activities of the undergraduates' life outside the actual lecture room. It was named for his son, Hart. Every male undergraduate of the university is required to be a member of Hart House towards the upkeep of which he pays an annual fee. An essential part of Hart House is the Chapel. Many graduates have returned there to be married, including my son and one of my brothers.

From Autumn 1914 to November 1918, within its walls, thousands of members trained for service overseas. On the Anniversary of the Armistice (November 11, 1919), Hart House was formally opened by his Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, at that time the Governor-General of Canada. During W.W.II the House was again used by large numbers of the armed services, both those taking courses at the University and those in the city returning on leave. The late Henry Sproatt and Ernest Rolph were the architects. My father was made an Honorary Life Member in 1949, only the 12th person to be so honored.

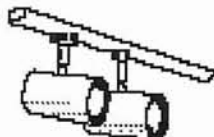
Thousands of Varsity men have passed through the beamed oaken doors of Hart House into the cool corridors and humming committee-rooms of the headquarters of the University's extra-curricular life. Day after day, they come by the thousands for concerts, painting, singing, the casual book, the theatre, crafts, worship and every variety of sport: swimming, basketball, boxing, wrestling, squash. Fellowship draws them, too; friendly disputation and debate, the conversation of wise and earnest men. Thronging the common rooms and corridors and in groups at evening around the Warden's fire, they debate the thousand issues of the campus and of the world. For Hart House, magnificent showplace that it is, is more than a building; it is a centre of life; and in the truest sense, itself life.



*The caption underneath the photo of Lucille "Workman" Colson in the 1946 Yearbook of the University of Toronto reads: "Graduated from Oakwood Collegiate Institute with the coveted Girls' Optima Cup. On O.T. basketball team I, II. Yearbook representative. Member of University Skating Club. Active interest in figure skating & ballet."*

## 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*



### CLUB MEETINGS LIVENED UP BY READING OF MINUTES BY LONG-TIME RECORDING SECRETARY

*by John Regitko, ONA member #LM083*



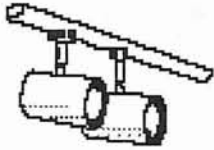
*Lucille at the 55th Anniversary Ceremony*

Every club has at least one. The North York Coin Club has a number of them. Those long-term, hard-working members of the Executive who show up at meeting after meeting to make sure that everything is running smoothly: records kept, coffee perking, draw prizes laid out, draw tickets on hand, exhibits set up, auction material received.

The North York Coin Club has been blessed with the same Recording Secretary for 30 years (including 3 years as Secretary-Treasurer). If you heard her at meetings reading her Minutes, you would understand when I say that the club probably has the most detailed and interesting Minutes that I have heard in my 41 years in the hobby (which is, incidentally, the same amount of time the North York Coin Club has been in existence).

Lucille has been involved with numerous ONA and CNA Convention Committees, in fact, every one that was hosted by the North York Coin Club. She received an Honorary Life Membership in the NYCC after completing 25 years of membership.

She had mentioned to me that she would shortly be attending a reunion ceremony at the University of Toronto honoring her graduation from the University in Occupational Therapy exactly 55 years ago. I asked her to provide me with a write-up on the special presentation medal that she would be receiving from the Chancellor of the University. I just knew she would follow through and send me the article. Because over the many years that she has been involved with the hobby, "dependable" is just one of the many adjectives that describes her!



SPOTLIGHT ON  
MUNICIPAL TRADE  
TOKENS AND MEDALS

## NEW ISSUES OF TRADE TOKENS FROM ONTARIO

*By Jack Sauchenko*

*We acknowledge the contribution from Jack Sauchenko as published in CATC bulletins and from ONA members Jerry Remick, Ray Desjardins and Serge Pelletier. Illustrations are copied from CCN.*

### LITTLE CURRENT (MANITOULIN ISLAND)



The Little Current Lions Club has issued a 2001 bimetallic token of \$3 value honoring volunteers. "Our organization is made up of volunteers. Most of the good things that happen around the world would not happen if it weren't for people giving their time and effort freely to help others," said Rolly Racicot, the program coordinator for the Lions Club. "We thought it was befitting to celebrate our volunteers and those around the world by promoting the International Year of Volunteers," he concluded. The token is

32 millimeters in diameter with a heart of silver-colored cupro-nickel and a ring of gold-colour aluminum-bronze. Collector versions were also struck in antique commercial bronze and gold plated brass.

The bimetallic piece's mintage is 3,750, selling at \$4.75 each. Also available are 500 antique commercial bronze at \$10.00 and 500 gold plated at \$11.00. They are available from ONA member Ray Desjardins.

### LITTLE CURRENT (MANITOULIN ISLAND)



The Little Current Lions Club has issued their second denomination piece, the Haweater 20 Bucks 2001. Racicot states: "Many of our collectors of Haweater Dollars were not able to get one of the Haweater Millennium 2000 Cents. Here is a second opportunity for those people to make a square coin part of their collection." This new large square token measures 42 x 42 millimeters and is struck on antique brass planchets. It features, in full colour, the M.S. Chi-Cheemaun, the ferry that has been bringing visitors

to Manitoulin Island since 1974. Only 850 pieces were struck, after which both dies were destroyed.

When translated from the Ojibwa language, "Chi-Cheemaun" means "Big Canoe", and that it is! Over 110 meters (360 feet) long, it can carry 143 vehicles and 638 passengers from Tobermory on Manitoulin Island to South Baymouth.

It is an awesome sight to see this majestic ship come around the point entering the ferry terminal located on Manitoulin Island. The route it travels offers some of the most spectacular scenery the Great Lakes have to offer. The numerous islands and the clean, clear water make for a most memorable trip, even though it lasts less than two hours. The ferry season lasts only five months in the year and it is with heavy hearts that the Haweaters bid farewell to the Chi-Cheemaun at the end of every season.

This is the 35th piece in the Haweater Dollars Series. As has happened with most Manitoulin Haweater Dollars, it is expected to sell out quickly and ONA members that wish to add one to their collection should contact Ray Desjardins. He probably has a few of the older issued in this series on hand also for sale.

## TOWNSHIP OF HOPE



The Corporation of the Township of Hope issued a 2000 dated medal to commemorate its namesake, Colonel Henry Hope.

The one side of the medal shows the official logo of the Corporation of the Township of Hope. The other side shows a frontal portrait of Colonel Henry Hope.

First Choice Specialties Ltd. of Peterborough struck 2,500 medals on 31.5 mm antiqued nickel plated steel blanks.

The medal is available from ONA member Ray Desjardins.

## BRACEBRIDGE REVEALS 2000 \$2 SECRET MINT MARKING



The secret mint marking on 200 nickel bonded steel pieces of the 2000 \$2 Bracebridge municipal token have been revealed. The Bracebridge nickel bonded steel token shows a bridge on the obverse side and a Santa on the reverse side. The secret mark is a vertical support in the middle of the bridge. The support is extended from top to bottom of the bridge.

Fifty of the special mint mark are mixed with the other tokens for sale. Prizes are given to each person finding the mint mark token.

The 150 secret mint mark tokens left are for sale to collectors at \$25.50 each.

Also available without the secret mint mark, and not before announced, are the following metallic formats: antique copper plated NBS (\$8.50), antiqued silver plated NBS (\$10.50) and gold plated NBS (\$12.50). There were 75 pieces of each of the three metals struck.

All medals are available from ONA member Ray Desjardins, P.O. Box 11447, Station "H", Nepean, ON K2H 7V1. Since he accepts Visa and Master Card, he can also be contacted by telephone at (613) 823-3844, by fax (613) 825-3092, or by e-mail: ray@eligi.ca . All prices are postpaid. Add 7% GST as well as 8% PST for orders shipped to an Ontario address.

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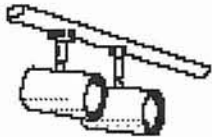
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# SPOTLIGHT ON NUMISMATIC AUCTIONS

## TOREX JUNE 2001 AUCTION SETS RECORD PRICES



Your editor looked in on the auction, held in conjunction with the June 15-17 Torex Show so ably run by Brian Smith, a few times and can vouch for the fact that not only was bidding extremely strong for most of the 2,000 lots, but the room was filled to capacity or overflowing. This should not have come as a surprise, considering the rarity and quality of the material being offered for this highly-promoted event.

The auction sale resulted in a number of world record prices for Canadian decimal and Canadian bank notes. The massive two session auction offered an exceptional range of choice and rare, collector oriented material, including a mint state example of a 1921 fifty cent piece, the 'King of Canadian Coins.' Floor bidding was exceptionally strong, with over two thirds of lots selling to over 300 registered floor bidders, while over 400 mail bidders purchased the balance of the lots.



The first session of Moore's Torex auction sale was held Friday evening and offered over 600 lots of Canadian bank notes, as well as additional lots of world and U.S. notes. Chuck Moore noted that the full auction room seemed electric with anticipation. A number of unique notes and seldom offered notes were to be sold. The results exceeded all expectations with the vast majority of lots selling to floor bidders. The prices realized for the bank note session exceeded \$250,000.00. Although space does not allow us to publish a list of prices realized, suffice it to say that catalogue values and estimates were not a factor when it came to bidding on a number of the items.

Auctioneer Chuck Moore noted that "Canadian Banknotes were actively being purchased by collectors and dealers alike. Many banknotes, particularly in the Chartered area, currently catalogue for a few hundred dollars in VG or Fine, but only 3 to 5 notes are known to have survived. When those notes are offered by sale at auction, competition to acquire them is intense, and catalogue values are no barrier. Major rarities, such as the Molson's \$100 note of 1914 and the CIBC \$5 note of 1892 with YUKON overprint, realized three or four times current catalogue values. Collectors realize that the acquisition of very rare notes may be a once in a decade or once in a lifetime opportunity."

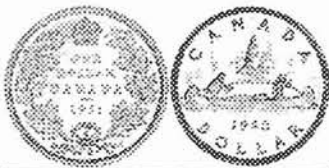
Session Two of the Torex auction, held on Saturday afternoon, contained over 1400 lots of primarily certified Canadian and Newfoundland coinage, along with world and ancient coins. The auction began at 4:00 p.m. and continued to well past 11:00 p.m. with a full to overflowing auction floor for most of the session.

Canadian large cents continued to bring world record prices, particularly for full red example in Mint State-65 and Mint State-66. Examples with 50% or more red luster also brought very strong prices, often exceeding pre-sale estimates and often selling to dealers buying for their own accounts or representing clients. Canadian small cents through silver dollars and gold coinage, as well as Newfoundland and Maritime coins, also did well. The auction sale concluded with attractive offerings of ancient coins, world coins, Breton tokens and historical medals.

Canadian Large Cents continue to set world record prices, particularly for full red examples, often selling for well over estimated values. Red brown examples with 50% or more lustre, which once sold for 40-50% of trends values, are now bringing much stronger prices, often full trends. Large cents are the most active overall collecting area of the Canadian decimal series.

Canadian pre-Confederation tokens sold, in most cases, for estimate or above with excellent floor competition for nearly every lot. High grade examples, especially with some degree of lustre, realized exceptional prices, as did proof examples.

Copies of the Torex auction catalogue along with prices realized are still available for only \$15.00 U.S. funds. Prices realized only are available for \$5.00 from Moore's, P.O. Box 5233, Walnut Creek, CA, U.S.A. 94596. He may also be contacted for information on consigning material for his upcoming auctions, at (925) 946-0150, fax (925) 930-7710, or by e-mail at moorecoins@aol.com .



**INGERSOLL COIN CLUB**

## INGERSOLL COIN CLUB APPOINTS 2002 ONA CONVENTION COMMITTEE

The Ingersoll Coin Club, as every ONA member must know by now, is hosting the 2002 ONA Convention. Since no facility in Ingersoll is presently large enough to accommodate us, it will be held at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in London. Make a note in your calendar: April 12 - 14, 2002!

The Ingersoll Coin Club has already announced appointments to a number of key positions on the 2002 ONA Convention committee. Tom Masters has consented to serve as General Chairman of the Convention, while Tom Rogers, in his capacity of Bourse Chairman, has already been hard at work selling most of the bourse table space that will be available at the convention. Tom Rogers has also made presentations at all ONA Executive meetings over the past year of more.

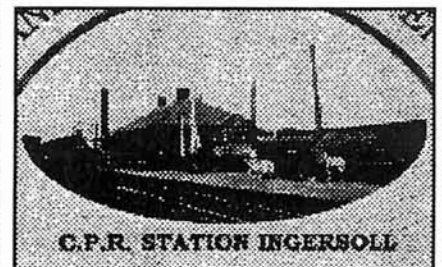
Other appointments announced so far include Glen Springer to Pre-Registration; Stella Hodge and Joan Flood to Hospitality; Hubert Grimminck, Jim Nelson and Ken Peers to Security; and Aulis Koslonen to Treasury. Still to be appointed at press time are people dealing with Publicity, Exhibit and Souvenir Program.

The Ingersoll Coin Club's bulletin reported that they are planning a trip to one of Ingersoll's businesses that makes badges, medals and other items, that may be asked to be involved in providing services to the 2002 ONA Convention in their areas of expertise.

Ingersoll Coin Club life member #4...he also hold life membership #LM019 in the ONA...has made a donation of \$250 as half of the club's share to host the 2002 ONA Convention. This donation was made by Harry Eisenhower in memory of his dear friends from Ingersoll, the late Alan and Barbara MacNab. The McNabs were workhorses for the Ingersoll Coin Club for most of its existence. You will be reading more about their involvement with the club as the Convention gets closer.

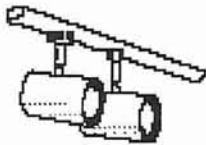
### COMMITTEE IN PROCESS OF SELECTING MEDAL DESIGN

At the June meeting of the Ingersoll Coin Club, Tom Rogers, ONA Area Director for the Ingersoll area as well as Club President and a key member of the ONA 2002 Convention Committee, asked members that were present to cast a vote on their choice of the Convention medal design of the 4 designs presented. The ONA Executive has yet to receive a report from the Convention Committee on the design selection. We expect to announce the final medal layout in the next bulletin. The artwork for the design was created by Aulis Koslonen, a member of the Ingersoll Coin Club.



*The 4 designs submitted to members of the Ingersoll Coin Club are identical except for the main design. Obviously, because these illustrations are scans of copies of copies, the illustrations are not as clear and sharp as on the medal.*





# SPOTLIGHT ON WORLDWIDE WEBSITES

## SOME BACKGROUND ON eBAY CANADA

*At the recent Torex, eBay Canada was well represented, with a fully-manned booth, a computer for hands-on demos and some great give-aways to remember them by (T-shirts, stress balls and colorful pens). We ask Mark Downing, Senior Category Manager, Collectables for eBay Canada to send us a write-up on what their Canadian web site, [www.ebay.ca](http://www.ebay.ca), is all about.*

eBay is the world's largest on-line trading community. eBay.ca, the largest e-commerce site in Canada, is the Canadian doorway into the eBay network. With over 2.5 million items available to Canadians every day on eBay.ca, there is always something for everyone up for sale -- from all types of collectibles and decorative items through to all forms of computer equipment. Each day, eBay.ca has over 25,000 coins and coin-related products available to Canadians.

Why was eBay.ca created? It was launched to provide Canadians with content and solutions to make the eBay experience more useful, fun, safer and relevant for Canadians. Before the launch of eBay.ca last year, Canadians used the eBay.com web site to trade with other Canadians and people from around the world. Now, those who had registered on eBay.com can still use their same login and password to buy and sell on eBay.ca.

On the "Coins" section of eBay.ca, we are working on partnerships with numismatic grading services, promotions with Canadian companies, and content deals to supply numismatic enthusiasts with interesting and current information. As well, eBay.ca has the same type of safety features and policies that has made the eBay network one of the most trusted online shopping destinations in the world -- we even have set up a dedicated customer support queue for Canadians. Last month, eBay.ca attended Torex to promote the new site to Canadians and to learn more about the community's needs.

eBay.ca is completely integrated into the eBay network. When sellers list items, they choose which countries the seller is willing to ship to -- that is, if they want Americans, Britons or Japanese bidding on their items. They can also choose which currency they want to sell their items, either Canadian or US dollars. Similarly, when potential bidders browse the site, they have the option of viewing listings from around the world (including the US), just from Canadians, or those just in their local region, such as in Toronto. On eBay.ca, sellers listing in Canadian dollars can pay cheaper listing fees in Canadian dollars and bidders can find items in Canadian dollars. Items that are difficult to ship, such as refrigerators, motor boats or an entire coin collection, can be traded locally with eBay.ca's new regional hub pages.

eBay.ca is an advanced dynamic trading platform, enabling the potential buyers to efficiently bid the price of auction items up to the true market price. However, eBay.ca also has the "Buy It Now" feature that enables potential buyers to immediately purchase an item for a fixed price.

eBay.ca Canada is about to launch Canadian eBay Stores, which will provide not only traditional auctions and "Buy It Now" features, but also a fixed-price shop much like regular Web storefronts. As well, eBay.ca is launching an "Affiliates" program, where owners of Web sites are invited to post an eBay logo or text link on their Web sites and get \$4 US for every registered user that signs up via their links. For more information, keep watching [www.ebay.ca](http://www.ebay.ca).

eBay's success as the world's largest online shopping destination can be attributed to the eBay community of buyers and sellers who have been happily using the eBay network to trade gifts, collectables, coins and stamps, toys, computers, photographic equipment, cars, snowmobiles and virtually anything else. The strength and value of the service grows as each new buyer and seller joins the community -- as individuals, small business, charities, government agencies or even major corporations.

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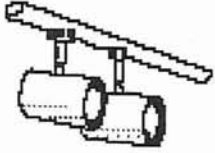
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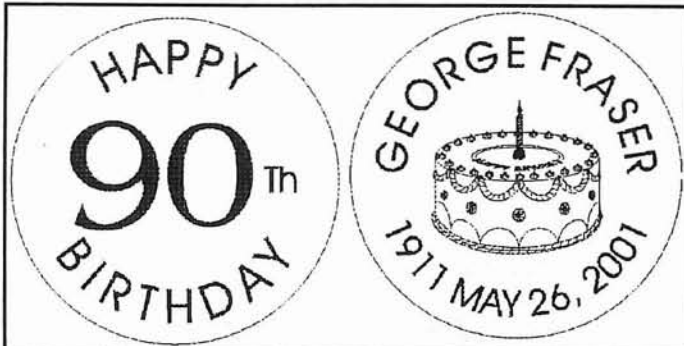
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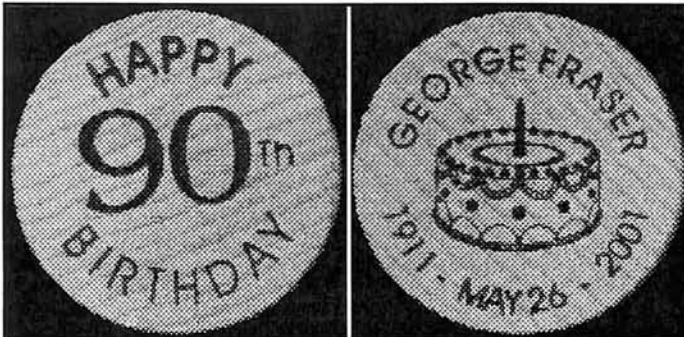
# SPOTLIGHT ON WOODEN TOKENS

## NEW WOODEN TOKEN COMMEMORATES ONA MEMBER'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

By John Regitko, ONA member #LM083



*Copy of Norm Belsten's artwork for George Fraser's 90th commemorative birthday token. Note this original artwork did not contain dashes between "1911 May 26, 2001."*



*Scan of actual token. Note the dashes between "1911 - May 26 - 2001" which, it was felt, gives it good balance.*

A number of family members and friends of ONA member George Fraser gathered at a reception recently to celebrate his 90th birthday.

ONA members John and Monina Regitko presented him with 100 woods which were passed out to everyone at the gathering, with a number left over to pass on to others who were not in attendance.

Norm Belsten of *Norm's Hot Stamping Wooden Nickels* of Newmarket, Ontario manufactured 150 pieces of the wooden tokens.

Fifty pieces were retained by John and Monina for passing out to members of the Southern Ontario Chapter of the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC) and others.

Present at the reception were George Fraser's 2 sons, John and Rick, and 2 daughters, Karen and Fern. George and wife, Doris, have 7 grandchildren and 2-1/2 great grandchildren (that's 2 great grand children with another on the way). A number of them were present, as were his 2 brothers.

George, an avid wooden nickel collector, has been involved with the hobby for almost 35 years. He started looking at this change around 1967 when he owned a taxi and kept a lot of it. The saved silver dollars and 50 cent pieces paid for annual vacations year after year.

He was bourse chairman at the ONA Convention in 1982 in Toronto and display judge in 1983 in Peterborough, also for the ONA. As well, he has served as bourse chairman for the CNA Convention in 1984. He was also a member of the Executive of CPMS and treasurer of the North York Coin Club in 1976.

He received recognition from the CPMS for his outstanding dedication and service in 1983 in the form of a plaque that hangs in his den, alongside a number of Richmond Hill Coin Club and TICF Exhibit awards from the 1980s (including a TICF Best of Show plaque dated November, 1988). A NYCC plaque, dated December 12, 1985, was received in recognition of his length of service in the club. His office is also filled with certificates of appreciation, including a number when he served on the Coin Week Committee in the 1980s and for when he set up displays at Toronto-area libraries during the same events. He was honored with the "Fellow of the ONA" Award in 1994.

He served as bourse chairman for the Toronto International Coin Fair (TICF) in the 1980s, then Canada's largest coin show, when it was owned/operated by John Regitko. He even received a Strip-O-Gram, tastefully delivered at a TICF Banquet, when he retired as its bourse chairman.

Still very active, he attended the 2001 ONA Convention in Guelph and is also planning to attend the 2001 CNA Convention in Quebec City. As well, he attends most meetings of the North York Coin Club.

WITH OUR  
COMPLIMENTS



from  
John & Monina Regitko

At a special birthday gathering for George Fraser on the occasion of his 90th birthday celebration, John and Monina Regitko presented him with a limited-edition wooden nickel souvenir token.

Norm Belsten of *Norm's Hot Stamping Wooden Nickels* manufactured 150 pieces, of which 100 were presented to George for distribution to his relatives and friends.

The balance of 50 were retained by John and Monina for presentation to their numismatic friends who would appreciate adding a copy of the special commemorative wooden token to their numismatic collection.

Happy collecting!

John & Monina



Rather than handing out loose wooden tokens to collectors that did not receive them at the reception, a pamphlet was created by John Regitko for distribution of the wood to numismatists. The front cover (above, left) contains the line drawing of the original artwork. The 2 panels of the inside include a write-up on the left side and one of the wooden tokens in a 2x2 plastic holder on the right side. Actual size of card is 4-1/4" wide x 5-1/2" high.



His granddaughters arranged with a local printer to print up a quantity of "90 Years Young" notes (one of George Fraser's collecting specialties has been Canadian paper money). Note the special serial number beginning with "GF90" and ending in "2001." Repeated in the background on the note is "Happy 90th Birthday Granddad." The back of the note is identical to the face.

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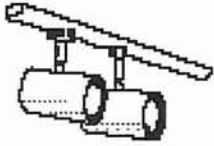
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# SPOTLIGHT ON COUNTERFEITING

## SOME OF MY FAVORITE COUNTERFEITERS

The keynote speaker at the ONA 2001 Banquet on April 28 in Guelph was Robert Aaron, coin columnist for the Toronto Star, Canada's largest daily newspaper. The first portion of his presentation is reprinted below.



In the April 30 edition of Canadian Coin News, the headline reads "Counterfeiters turn to 25-Cent Coins."

Apparently, some moron in Thunder Bay had way too much time on his hands, and decided to manufacture counterfeit 25-cent coins to use in vending machines. Whoever did this could probably have made a better return on his time working at McDonald's, since the cost and effort to manufacture 25-cent look-alikes could more profitably have been spent elsewhere. He or she also failed to realize that if you're going to use slugs in a machine, the design doesn't count - it's just the weight and size, and sometimes the metallic content, that trigger the sensors. The coin acceptors don't care whether it's the young or mature Queen Elizabeth on the coin, and whether she's facing right or left, as long as her weight is correct.

The Coin News story by Ian Robertson says that the problem of counterfeit 25-cent coins is not new. It goes back to the late 1800s when Canada and the United States were plagued with fake coins and banknotes.

As coin collectors, many of us have a morbid fascination with counterfeits. We cherish and value the objects in our collections, whether coins, tokens or paper money. We have mixed reactions to those who would, by making counterfeits, violate the trust we have in our hobby and thus violate ourselves. We deplore their criminal intent, but at the same time we can only admire the creativity and skill of those who can produce copies of the beautiful coins and paper money we collect, copies that are so perfect that the most experienced experts are often fooled.

So let's look at a few sections of the Canadian Criminal Code to see what it says about counterfeits - what is and what is not a counterfeit, and when it's OK and when it's not OK to own them.

### **Criminal Code - c. C-46 - Part XII - Offences Relating to Currency - Interpretation**

#### **Section 448 - Definitions**

"counterfeit money" includes

- (a) a false coin or false paper money that resembles or is apparently intended to resemble or pass for a current coin or current paper money,
- (b) a forged banknote or forged blank bank-note, whether complete or incomplete,
- (c) a genuine coin or genuine paper money that is prepared or altered to resemble or pass for a current coin or current paper money of a higher denomination,
- (d) a current coin from which the milling is removed by filing or cutting the edges and on which new milling is made to restore its appearance,
- (e) a coin cased with gold, silver or nickel, as the case may be, that is intended to resemble or pass for a current gold, silver or nickel coin, and
- (f) a coin or a piece of metal or mixed metals that is washed or colored by any means with a wash or material capable of producing the appearance of gold, silver or nickel and that is intended to resemble or pass for a current gold, silver or nickel coin;

#### **"counterfeit token of value"**

"counterfeit token of value" means a counterfeit excise stamp, postage stamp or other evidence of value, by whatever technical, trivial or deceptive designation it may be described, and includes genuine coin or paper money that has no value as money.

**“current”**

“current” means lawfully current in Canada or elsewhere by virtue of a law, proclamation or regulation in force in Canada or elsewhere as the case may be;

**“utter”**

“utter” includes sell, pay, tender and put off.

**SECTION 450 - Possession, etc. of counterfeit money.**

Everyone who, without lawful justification or excuse, the proof of which lies on him,

- (a) buys, receives or offers to buy or receive,
- (b) has in his custody or possession, or
- (c) introduces into Canada,

counterfeit money is guilty of an indictable offense and liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding fourteen years.

**SECTION 457 - Likeness of banknotes**

(1) No person shall make, publish, print, execute, issue, distribute or circulate, including by electronic or computer-assisted means, anything in the likeness of

- (a) a current banknote, or
- (b) an obligation or a security of a government or bank.

**Exception**

(2) subsection (1) does not apply to

- (a) the Bank of Canada or its employees when they are carrying out their duties,
- (b) the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or its members or employees when they are carrying out their duties; or
- (c) any person acting under the contract or license from the Bank of Canada or Royal Canadian Mounted Police

**Offense**

(3) A person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offense punishable on summary conviction.

**Defense**

(4) No person shall be convicted of an offense under subsection (3) in relation to the printed likeness of a Canadian banknote if it is established that the length or width of the likeness is less than three-fourths or greater than one-and-one-half times the length or width, as the case may be, of the banknote and

- (a) the likeness is in black and white only; or
- (a) the likeness of the banknote appears on only one side of the likeness

*Editor's Comment: Mr. Aaron then proceeded to detail the interesting and important case in Canadian counterfeit law of Richard Robinson v. the Queen that went all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada. Since this case is included in a 4-page article by Robert Aaron entitled "Counterfeiting and Canadian Law" which will appear in the next issue of the ONA Numismatist, we will not include it here.*

*Also, we will leave the other case he described at the ONA Banquet, one of the world's most interesting counterfeit cases and perhaps the greatest counterfeiting story of all time, Operation Bernhard, for another time.*

*Everyone we spoke to following Mr. Aaron's presentation agreed that it was one of the most interesting speeches given at an ONA Banquet in a long time! He is well-qualified to give a presentation on counterfeiting and Canadian law, having 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 called to the Bar in 1972. Mr. Aaron was elected Bencher (director) of the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1995, a position he still holds. He is a Past-Chair of the Real Estate Issues Committee, Trustee of the Law Society Foundation, Vice-Chair of the Lawyers' Fund for Client Compensation, Past Member of the Professional Development and Competence Committee and Vice-President. His full biography was published on pages 52 and 53 of the March/April 2001 issue of the ONA Numismatist.*

# THE NATIONAL SCENE

A look at what is happening with the CNA that affects Ontario and the ONA and its members

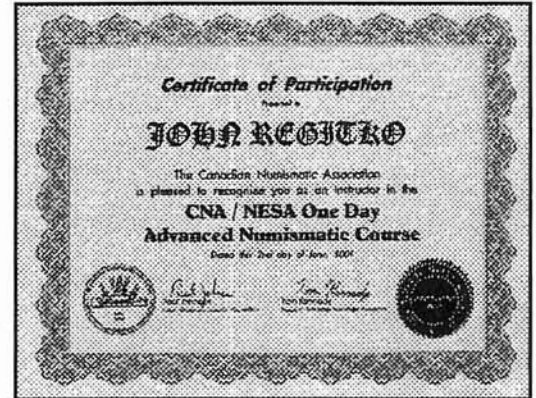
## CNA HOSTS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL NUMISMATIC COURSE



Congratulations to ONA life-member Paul Johnson who, as Chairman of the Education Committee of the CNA, planned and executed another very successful CNA/NESA Educational Seminar at Humber College in Rexdale (Toronto). The advanced course was attended by a maximum number of people, including a number of ONA members. ONA life-member and its 1st Vice-

President Paul Petch arranged for the facilities and donated the coffee & donuts.

The two instructors were ONA member Brian Cornwell (of ICCS fame) and ONA life-member and its Editor John Regitko, who spent a Saturday recently sharing their knowledge. They each received a Certificate of Participation from Paul Johnson at the conclusion of the course. duly signed by him and CNA President, Tom Kennedy.



# CNA CONVENTION NEWS



Canada Wide Woods has created a die used for hot-stamping 1-3/4" diameter wooden nickels showing the official 2001 CNA Convention logo, according to ONA member Jerry Remick. It shows the St. Louis Gate, one of 4 gates that allow passage by foot or motor vehicle through the very thick stone wall surrounding Upper Town Quebec City. A horse and buggy are in the road in front of the gate. The logo was originally designed by artist-painter Diane Levesque for the official CNA Convention souvenir medals being struck at the Royal Canadian Mint. We are aware that at least Remick is issuing a wooden token which he will be handing out at the CNA Convention.



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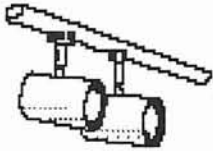
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# SPOTLIGHT ON WOODEN TOKENS

## NEW WOODEN NICKELS INTRODUCED AT ONA 2001

The following information appeared in the June 2001 issue of *Timber Talk*, official publication of the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC), edited by ONA member Ross Kingdon. The artwork was made up by ONA member Norm Belsten.

A total of 8 new woods were issued at the recent ONA 2001 Convention in Guelph. They were all freely handed out to all who attended the CAWMC meeting, hosted by their Southern Ontario Chapter, that was held in conjunction with the Convention. As well, the woods were handed out at other functions to anyone known to the issuer that was not able to attend the CAWMC meeting.

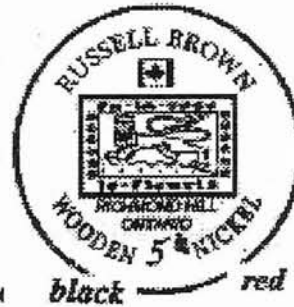


Common obverse of 6 of the new ONA Convention woods.

Six of the woods, manufactured by Norm Belsten of Norm's Hot Stamping Wooden Nickels of Newmarket, Ontario, have a common obverse. They were issued by Norm Belsten, Russell Brown, Ted Boxall, Dave Gillespie and Ross Kingdon who reside in Ontario, as well as Robert Brown from the U.S., a frequent attendee at CAWMC meetings.



red — li. blu



black — red



black — black



red — red



green — black



red — green

In addition, Albert Kasman, a member of the ONA Executive, issued a colorful wood. Don Robb, Chairman of the ONA Awards Committee, also handed out his new wooden dollar



blue — red



green — red

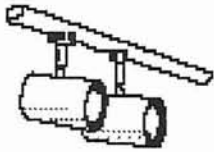


green



green

Incidentally, the side view profile of Albert Kasman has been used on a number of woods issued by him over the years. A photograph was originally taken of Albert by John Regitko. The photograph was laid over with a transparent plastic sheet and the outline traced onto the plastic sheet with a black pen by the late Howard Richardson. The line drawing was then photo-reduced to the required size for use in making a die.



# SPOTLIGHT ON MEDALLIC ART

## NEW ART MEDAL SOCIETY FORMED



A new organization, the Medalllic Art Society of Canada, dedicated to the creation, promotion, appreciation and education of the fine art of the medal, has been formed.

Several artists have worked over the past months to organize an association dedicated to these ends. The work continues with governmental registration, creating a website, encouragement of classes in art schools, writing a members' newsletter and other activities. They plan to have a show of art medals as soon as the Society is able.

One of the Founding Members of MASC is Dora de Pedery Hunt who needs no introduction to ONA members. Other members of the Founding Committee are artists Alexander Husveti, Goert Maas, Linda Mazur-Jack, Anne Lazare-Mirvish, Del Newbigging, Susan Taylor and Carlo Toccalino.

Membership is open not only to artists, but to collectors and all those who are interested in the art of the medal. Membership is \$35.00 annually, which includes 3 newsletters (the first one is scheduled to be published in October 2001). Cheques or money orders should be mailed to Del Newbigging, President, MASC, 1300 Islington Avenue, Apt. 1207, Toronto, ON M9A 5C4. He can also be reached for further information via e-mail at [newcar@sympatico.ca](mailto:newcar@sympatico.ca).



*Dora de Pedery-Hunt, a founding member of MASC and designer of numerous coins and medals, is well-known for designing the Queen on the obverse of all coins.*



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## PHIL TAYLOR APPOINTED MANAGER - COMMUNICATIONS

While Eileen Melnick-McCarthy - Manager, Communications, for the Royal Canadian Mint is on maternity leave, Phil Taylor will be filling her shoes until her expected (pun optional) return in January 2002. We are pleased to provide some background on Mr. Taylor.



Phil Taylor has joined the RCM as Manager - Communications. Most recently he was with the Canadian Institute for Health Information (a think tank/data shop for health care information) Prior to that, he was with Canadian Blood Services during the hand over of the blood program, with Active Systems (on contract with Nortel Networks), and National Trust. He has been involved in corporate communications in one manner or another throughout his professional career, and is currently working towards a second degree in mass communications at Carleton University in order to further specialize his communications skills.

His role at the mint is to manage a number of projects, both temporarily specific and ongoing, as well as general communications duties within the Mint.

## PIERRE MORIN MOVES FROM RCM TO CMA

Over the past years, the hobby's contact at the Royal Canadian Mint has been Pierre Morin. Known on the Mint's press releases as Communications Advisor, he has always been available to those of us who have had dealings with the RCM. Even though he was involved with every newspaper, radio station and TV station, catering to every industry that had any dealings with the RCM, he always found time to return phone calls promptly.

He was instrumental of assuring that their presence was felt at hobby conventions such as CNA and ONA Conventions and at the CAND Winter Show, even hosting a reception at CNA Conventions. We can only hope that his replacement will be as good to numismatics as he was.

Pierre has accepted an offer from the Canadian Medical Association to serve as its spokesperson.



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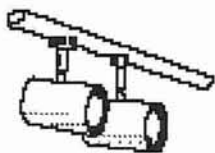
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# SPOTLIGHT ON WOODEN TOKENS

## NYCC SHARES WINDFALL WITH OTHER AREA CLUBS

by John Regitko, ONA member #LM083



In a showing of generosity, the executive of the North York Coin Club has voted to distribute 50% of the wooden nickels given to them from the Harvey Farrow Estate to other clubs of which Harvey was an active member.

Following the passing of ONA member Harvey Farrow, the estate donated all material that Harvey received gratis from people over the years to his "home club." This consisted of around 2,000 wooden nickels that he had accumulated over his lifetime of collecting and included personal woods given to him by fellow collectors, wooden souvenir tokens from ONA and CNA Conventions that he attended, promotional woods and woods he won in door draws while attending coin club meetings.

All woods relating to the North York Coin Club were segregated by NYCC member John Regitko and will be added to the club archives. As a direct result of the donation, an article will be published in the NYCC bulletin illustrating all official club woods and all woods issued by members containing the NYCC name and/or logo. This article will also be reprinted in the ONA Numismatist.

Also segregated were all woods that were of greater than minimum value (for example, the hand painted woods of Lou Vesh or Garry Littrell). These woods were turned over to Norm Belsten who will place them into the CAWMC meeting's auction being held in conjunction with the CNA Convention in Quebec City.

On the recommendation of Paul Petch, NYCC President and Editor, the Executive voted unanimously to donate half of the remaining 1600 woods to coin clubs that Harvey Farrow attended regularly, namely Scarborough Coin Club, Oshawa Coin Club, Mississauga-Thistletown Coin Stamp & Collectables Club and the Southern Ontario Chapter of CAWMC. Norm Belsten was asked to sort them into 4 piles of 200 each. The remaining 800 woods will be used by the NYCC in various ways to be decided by the executive. This will include door draws, donation auctions and sales.

We salute the members and the Executive of the North York Coin Club for sharing their windfall with other clubs that were also attended by Harvey and were also close to his heart!





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



The fall circuit of local and club shows has begun! What an opportunity for collectors this presents. Many smaller club shows attract smaller dealers who have less chance of being part of the regular circuit. Their material is often less picked over and the chance of finding odd and scarce items is enough of a possibility to warrant spending time at their tables. The small dealer is sometimes less informed about obscure pieces and there is the occasional big bargain waiting to be scooped. I think we have all heard stories of valuable items picked up at little expense by knowledgeable collectors. It's your turn, but you have to invest some time!

Work is well underway for ONA 2002 in London. One opportunity collectors won't want to miss out on is the chance to meet Harry Eisenhauer! Harry has been a backer and friend to the Ingersoll Club for many years and has pledged to attend ONA 2002, making the trip from his home in the Maritimes. Harry has been principally known for his expertise in the study of early Canadian banknotes. I know many collectors will want to meet Harry and pick his brain regarding banknotes and collecting strategies.

This issue features some original research that has not been published anywhere else yet. For example, the discovery and auctioning of the 2000 P 50-cent coin will probably make front page news in the next issue of Canadian Coin News, while we expect the revelation that the Mint first proposed a 2-year plan for the design of Canada's 1999 & 2000 \$2 Millennium coins and then changed their minds will also be highlighted in an upcoming article in CCN.

Our Editor has also tracked down some previously unpublished design submissions for the 2000 \$2 coins which appear in this issue.

My thanks to our sponsors (including the latest, *Charlton Press*). Without the assistance of our numismatic industry friends we would have a thinner, less informative journal.

See you at the shows!

*Mike Hollingshead*  
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## EDITOR'S MESSAGE



Here we are, another thicker bulletin, thanks to the generous donation made by *Charlton Press*, publishers of Canada's most popular catalogues on numismatics and other collectibles, and its owner/manager, ONA life member Bill Cross.

You will see a change in the layout of the "Show Time - Upcoming" listing. By using a different "clipboard," we can get a few additional lines of information into each of the 9 show listings on a page.

ONA member Bill Cross, owner/manager of *Charlton Press*, has requested that we include a brochure with this bulletin. It lists some great catalogues and reference books on a variety of collectibles. It is certainly worth a thorough review. With Christmas coming up soon, your spouse would no doubt appreciate receiving one or two books as a present, and certainly your children might appreciate a catalogue on sports cards or coins.

I am pleased to expose, for the first time anywhere, some original research dealing with the Royal Canadian Mint's request for submission of designs for Canada's 1999 and 2000 \$2 coinage, including illustrations of the original submission and an unsuccessful submission by Tony Bianco. I am also pleased to expose the existence of the 2000 P 50-cent and the circumstances surrounding its striking, distribution and upcoming availability in an auction.

We have requested, on a number of previous occasions, information on personal milestones and congratulatory messages about ONA members. If you wish us to report something happening in your life, let me know. If you know something is happening in another collector's life, let me know.

We have also promoted the fact that we would publish complimentary ads from any member that sends us the information. We would accept even handwritten or e-mail information and we would set it up ourselves, all for free. There are absolutely no strings attached. If you believe in the adage "if a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is," then please give us the benefit of the doubt and consider this an exception to the rule.

Although generally long-winded, it is amazing how I can reduce my message to fit the space!

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



To Geoff Bell of Moncton, N.B., on his election to the CNA Presidency for a two-year term. He becomes the first person to be elected to the CNA's top position a second time around.

To ONA member Chuck Moore for his election to the position of 1st Vice-President of the CNA and to ONA member Barry McIntyre to 2nd Vice-President. To the following ONA members for being elected CNA Area Directors: Serge Laramee (Quebec minus Montreal), Barry Uman (Montreal), James Lawson (Ontario codes K-P), Paul Petch (Ontario codes L-M-N), Michael Walsh (B.C. & Yukon) and David Reid (Central U.S.A.).

To the following ONA members that have been appointed by the incoming CNA President to head CNA Committees over the next 2 years: Tom Kennedy (Past Presidents Committee), Paul Johnson (Education Committee), Barry Uman (Finance Committee).

To the following ONA members for their exhibit awards at the CNA Convention: Chris Boyer (2nd in Canadian Coins and Tokens), Barry McIntyre (2nd in Canadian Paper Money and Script), and Bruce Brace (2nd in Non-Canadian Coins and Tokens, being beaten out by his wife).

To L'Association des numismates francophones du Canada for their win in the Best Regional Newsletter, and to La Socete Numismatique de Quebec for their win in the Best Local Newsletter Award. Yvon Marquis, CNA Club Services Chairman, was responsible for the judging, never an easy task.

To ONA member Jerry Remick, recipient of the J. Douglas Ferguson Award, the highest award the CNA has to offer. Jerry, a frequent contributor to all Canadian numismatic publications, including the ONA Numismatist, is the most read author in Canadian numismatics, having more words printed than anyone else.

To ONA member Barry Uman, on the marriage of his son on August 5.

To Phil Taylor of the Royal Canadian Mint, who has been promoted to Manager - Corporate & Strategic Communications, stationed in Ottawa, essentially taking Pierre Morin's place. In the last issue, we mentioned that Phil Taylor had joined the RCM as Manager - Communications under a one-year contract while Eileen Melnick-McCarthy was on maternity leave. When I first contacted him for some background, he told me that he was hoping that he will have the opportunity to stay with the Royal Canadian Mint beyond that. Looks like his wish has come true.

To Tony Bianco, designer of the "Path of Knowledge 2000 Millennium \$2 coin, and his wife, Linda, on the recent birth of their second child, Elias, a brother to their 6-year old daughter. Sierra.

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After 40 years in a retail environment, Charlton has closed their retail store on Yonge Street and will be exhibiting at shows and seeing clients by appointment. He will be taking advantage of mass distribution of his catalogues. This includes distribution along with this issue of the ONA Numismatist.

We wish Bill Cross and his staff, including ONA member Frank van Lieshout, much success in their relocation.



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

To ONA member Ron Zelk, on the recent passing of his father.

# SHOW TIME - UPCOMING

*A column intended to entice ONA members to attend each other's coin shows*



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Hosted by:  
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Waterloo Coin Society  
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## NOVEMBER 11 TILLSONBURG

Tillsonburg Coin Club's  
Annual Coin Show  
Tillsonburg  
Community Centre  
Tillsonburg  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
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Windsor Coin Club's 50th  
Annual Fall Coin Show  
Caboto Club  
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Windsor  
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# SHOW TIME - UPCOMING

*A column intended to entice ONA members to attend each other's coin shows*



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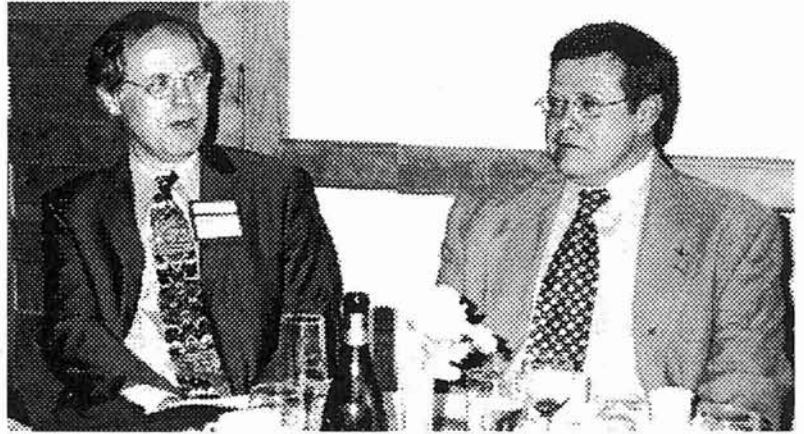
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## CAMERA CATCHES ONA 2001 BANQUET ACTIVITIES

*At the 2001 ONA Convention Banquet, ONA member Barry MacIntyre's digital camera captures some of the activities that took place. We are pleased to share just a few of the photos with the ONA membership.*



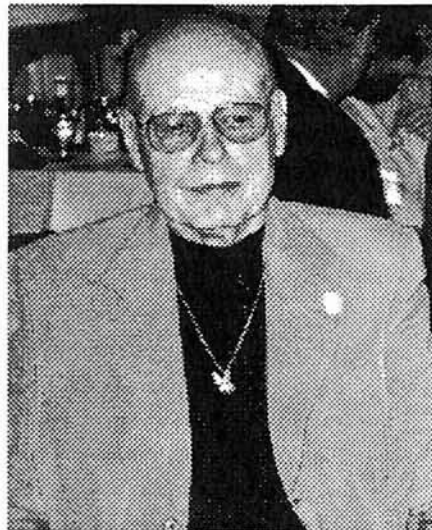
Roger Fox receives the ONA Award of Merit from Don Robb, ONA Awards Committee Chairman.



Robert Aaron, Banquet keynote speaker on the subject of counterfeiting, with ONA President, Mike Hollingshead.



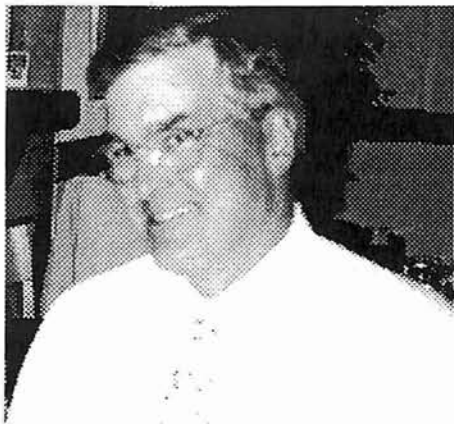
Bob Porter, one of the recipients of the "Fellow of the ONA" Award.



Tom Masters, another recipient of the "Fellow of the ONA" Award.



Paul Johnson, the 3rd "Fellow of the ONA" recipient and Banquet M.C.



Bill Kamb not only received Best of Show in the Competitive Exhibits, but also 1st Prize in the ONA Draw.



John Regitko, Editor of the award-winning Ontario Numismatist, with Tom Kennedy, CNA President.



Jim Charlton, who put Canadian numismatics on the map of the world with the publications bearing his name.



Mary Charlton, who was involved with the numismatic business with her husband of 44 years.



Francis Hollingshead, wife of the late ONA President, husband Roy and mother of current ONA President, Mike.



Mary-Ellen Johnson, daughter Laura and husband, Paul (who was Banquet M.C.), winners of the top prize in the Banquet draw, a week-end stay at the convention hotel to be taken within 1 year (they have since claimed their prize).



Paul Petch, recipient of the ONA's Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Editor Award for 2000.



Gary Oblinsky, Property Chairman for ONA Conventions and long-time ONA Archivist.



Bruce Raszmann, ONA Treasurer, who also accepted the task of Convention Treasurer.

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS



Only 4 or 5 clubs held meetings in July and August, because the majority of members present at a meeting said they would not attend. But should it really be by majority rule? If 40 people voted and, say, 24 said they would not attend, why not hold a meeting for the other 16 plus anyone else that might show up? Keep it in mind next year.

How was attendance during the summer meetings? I typed this after returning from the August meeting of the Waterloo Coin Society where I counted 28 people. I understand that London also experienced good attendance.

Is there a demand for summer meetings? It would appear that the answer is yes! That is logical, since no hobby...or anything else one enjoys...is a 10-month proposition. I know I enjoy my hobby 12 months out of the year, whether it is working on the ONA Numismatist, attending club meetings, writing an article, sorting my collection, etc. Dave Barry, the comedian, says in one of his books: "There is a very fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness." If you're addicted to something, you are addicted all the time, not just part of the time! Mind you, he also says: "If you had to identify, in one word, the reason why the human race has not achieved, and never will achieve, its full potential, that word would be 'meetings'."



The Waterloo Coin Society's July meeting featured a presentation by Don Robb on "1967 Centennial Tokens and Medals." He displayed some of the items from his 700+ collection. Don started his centennial collecting in 1974 after obtaining a copy of Jack Roberts' book on the subject. He eventually purchased Roberts' collection. Following a coffee & cookie break, the meeting ended with a 40-lot auction.

Their August meeting featured the first part of "Grading of Canadian Coins" by Jim Charlton from the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library. A recent questionnaire included in the club's bulletin asked what programs members wished to see in the coming months. Grading rated as the number one request. The same meeting also featured a 40-lot auction that had some of the most spirited bidding that I have seen in years.

Some of the results of the survey were published in their August bulletin. Some of the highlights were that meetings should start on time so as to finish by 10:00 p.m., clubs should send their bulletin to members that have e-mail via that method to reduce costs, most would consider going to a banquet if one is arranged by the club, and that no matter when you meet, some members have other interests that conflict some of the time.



The South Wellington Coin Society's September meeting, dubbed "Pizza Night," featured pizza and refreshments as a way of the club thanking its members for their participation. Also featured was a presentation by ONA Editor, John Regitko, and ONA President, Mike Hollingshead.

Their September bulletin included an article entitled "Heads and Tails" about making money from coin collecting, taken from *The Adventurous Investor*. An RCM Mint press release mentioned that coins from the Mint's Winnipeg facility is used by more than 40% of the world's population. Another article from ICCS covered some very useful grading tips, while "Where are the Hidden Millions" by the late Ruth McQuade asks were the 4 million shiplasters are that have never been redeemed. The 8-page bulletin finished off with a 25-lot listing of auction material. Other than Canadian and Newfoundland coinage, it includes an 1838 One Stiver piece, a token issued by the East India copper Company for circulation in Ceylon and the Dutch East Indies, part of the English effort to dominate the Far East. Mike Hollingshead is the club's auctioneer.



The Scarborough Coin Club's September newsletter mentioned that ONA Life Member Terry Campbell has donated a display case to the club, to be made available to members who wish to set up a display, whether at regular club meetings, at their annual shows or at mall promotions.

The bulletin advises that they still have available some club woods from this year as well as past years, at 50¢ each. Check your collection to see what years you are missing and take advantage to acquire those missing pieces while they are still available from the club.

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED

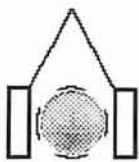


The Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin Stamp & Collectibles Club's June meeting featured ONA 1st Vice-President, Paul Petch, speaking on "Collecting National Geographic Magazines" (although primarily attended by coin collectors, this club deals with all types of collectibles). Paul's interest in this publication goes back to his elementary school days when he came across a September 1956 issue in the school library and soon got a subscription. He brought along a display of magazines, including the 9 different cover styles. Paul's collection is complete back to 1917. His oldest magazine is a complete bound set of 1911 issues. A magazine from 1922, containing an article on the discovery of King Tut's tomb, was donated as a draw prize. Each member was also allowed to take home a copy from the 1920s. Your editor has always encouraged tying in give-aways, draw prizes and auction material to the main program, so we applaud Paul Petch for his donations. Their September meeting featured Vince Chiappino speaking on "Bi-Metallic Coins, Tokens and Medals." Members were encouraged to bring a display of their own collection of bi-metallic items.

The article contained in the September bulletin, entitled "Odd and Curious Money" by John Regitko, first appeared in the Toronto Coin Club bulletin of September 1975. It will be reprinted (with a few updated illustrations) in the next ONA Numismatist.



The Hamilton Coin Club's Fall Show took place on September 8 at George & Mary's Banquet Centre in Hamilton. We understand that, alas, it was the club's last show. Since no regular meetings of the club have been held in about 1-1/2 years and there are simply no new people to carry out the ongoing task of assuming responsibility for all the work that needs to be done, apparently it was also their last show. We congratulate the people that have been involved for so long. Since the club has not issued bulletins, we do not know all the names of the organizing committee, but we do know that a lot of the work fell on Ken Lord, assisted by ONA member Nancy Meredith.



The City of Ottawa Coin Club's August bulletin mentioned that at their July meeting, comments and suggestions were asked from the floor about the topics that members wished to schedule at future meetings. Following a lengthy list of suggestions, the main topics were selected by a show of hands for the remainder of the year 2001 meetings. August featured identification of coins and medals, September is the grading of coins and paper money, October features our major auction, and November will focus on the proper care, cleaning and store of coins and paper money. The bulletin also includes an article on Playing Card Money and a continuation of "Falus Can Fool Us" by Frank Fesco.

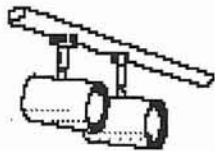


As you may have noticed, your Editor tries to only publish positive news or, if it is of a somewhat negative nature, that a positive point is made. Here is some REALLY GREAT NEWS! In a dramatic move, the Executive of the Stratford Coin Club decided to roll back the clock to 1960 and revise their Membership Dues...to \$3.00. This offer is open to anyone, new members and renewals, that are received before Dec. 31, 2001. Membership will be for the full calendar year 2002. One price for all: regular, family and junior memberships. Their address appears in the ad on page 158.

The Executive also decided to increase the FREE Membership Draw prize to a Silver Maple Leaf each meeting. This will be given to the first member whose name is drawn at each meeting and is present to claim it. When Club Treasurer Ken Wilmot was asked about these moves, he was quick to say that he fully supports the action and when asked how it could possibly pay, he stated that more attendance at meetings and the Coin Show will both be pluses. He also adds: "The Stratford Coin Club has come up with innovative ideas, which shows why they are considered one of the best coin clubs in Ontario to belong to."

This year's Stratford Coin Club Coin Show on October 21 will be held at the Victorian Inn on the Park, the location where they hosted the 1975 and 1985 ONA Conventions. The new location provides a larger bourse room. This marks the 39th annual coin show held by the club and probably sets the record for consecutive shows sponsored. There is no admission charge. The ONA Executive and CAWMC will be holding meetings.





# SPOTLIGHT ON AUCTIONS

## MICHAEL WALSH AUCTION TO FEATURE PREVIOUSLY UNREPORTED CANADIAN 2000 "P" HALF DOLLAR AT UPCOMING TOREX AUCTION



The Charlton Standard Catalogue for 2002 makes the statement "Not Issued" for the 2000P 50 cent coin. However, one will be included in the Torex Auction, conducted by ONA member Michael Walsh, during the October 26 - 28 Torex Show in Toronto. Here is the scoop on what is known about 2000P 50 cent coins:

There were two sets of desk clocks made with the 2000 "P" 50 Cents coin within the cover of the clock, for the launch of the plating facility in Winnipeg. A few hundred were made and engraved with the information about the event. The second batch of approximately 70 were produced, without engraving on the back of the watch, for distribution to people that

were invited to the opening ceremonies of the Winnipeg Mint's plating facility. This item being consigned is part of the second batch.

Calls have been made to both the Ottawa and Winnipeg Mint locations to see if any remainders could be obtained. The answer received was: "None were sold or available to the general public and none remain available." I think any collector of 50 Cent pieces who would like to keep up will be stunned to see such an item was made.

Although the actual owner of the item is not known, we do know the name of the middleman who has been asked to consign the item to the auction by the owner. At press time, it is not known if the coin will be removed from within the clock and stand as a numismatic item, or if it is being offered complete as issued at Torex's October Auction. We have it from good sources that the dollar figure will be in the neighborhood of \$500, but we do not know if that will be the catalogue value or the opening bid. Either way, it seems to your Editor that the price should probably be about 4-fold that figure, given that it is expected that most of the presentation pieces handed out at the opening of the plating facility will not come on the market for many years, leaving very few that could fall into the hands of collectors. Bidding could therefore go unexpectedly high if at least 2 people are determined to either add it to their collection or wish to acquire it as an investment.

It should be noted that the same item but dated either 2000 without "P" or 2001 is available at the sales counters at both the Ottawa and Winnipeg Mints, by telephone or through the Royal Canadian Mint's website for \$125.00 plus taxes.

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## THE HISTORY OF 1999 AND 2000 \$2 COIN DESIGNS

by John Regitko, ONA member #LM083 (all rights reserved by the author)

I am pleased to reveal details of the original plans and the change of mind by the Royal Canadian Mint as far as the original plans for the 1999 and 2000 Millennium \$2 coins were concerned. Note it is documented here for the first time anywhere.

### INTRODUCTION

According to the Royal Canadian Mint's briefing document, dated November 12, 1998, for coin designs for the 1999 and 2000 Millennium \$2 coin, the original plans called for a 2-year series of designs featuring polar bears.

The request for the submission of concepts was restricted to only five Canadian artists. The Mint asked for the artists to create concepts for the reverse of both the 1999 and 2000 \$2 coin that feature original designs of the polar bear. Designs could be stylized or traditional treatments but had to be original depictions, not reproductions of an existing image. They made it quite clear that the images of both the bears and the background environment must be significantly different from Brent Townsend's \$2 coin design then in use.

The Mint's guidelines stated that the face value (2 dollars) and the word "Canada" will appear on the reverse side of the coin on the outer ring. Artists were invited to suggest font, size and placement of type if they wished, but were not required to do so. Design concepts for both years were to be based on the variations of a) inner core design only, and b) inner core design overlapping onto the outer ring.

### THE YEAR 1999 \$2 COIN

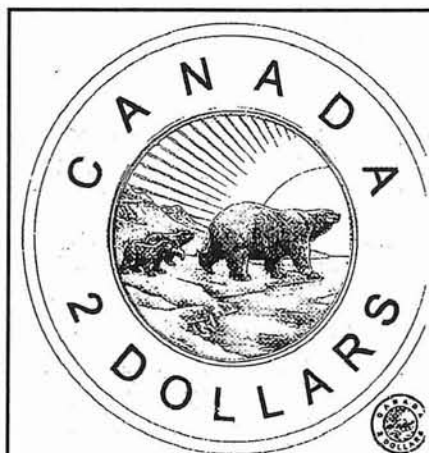
For the 1999 Millennium \$2 coin, the Royal Canadian Mint's intention was "to portray a bear in a reflective or contemplative pose," but should not resemble the \$2 polar bear coin image that was used in prior years. The coin should feature a single, mature male captured in the moment of intense concentration which immediately follows his sensing something significant (sight, sound, scent of another animal) in his immediate environment. His awareness produces an intent, reflective, thoughtful expression and posture as he decides on his next move. The impression should be of a mature (but not old) leader, a powerful creature who has survived in a harsh habitat because he is knowledgeable and wise.

The coin design was intended to tie in with the Mint's overall Millennium theme for 1999 which reflects on the country that Canada has become, born of a 1000 years of evolution.

### THE YEAR 2000 \$2 COIN

For the year 2000 Millennium \$2 coin, the Royal Canadian Mint's intention was to use a design "which looks to Canada's youth as its future." The coin should feature a female and one or two cubs.

Possible scenarios might include a family leaving the den for the first time, when the mother leads the cubs out to the sea ice to hunt (this occurs in Spring, March/April when the cubs weigh approximately 25-30 lbs. each). A hunting scene, such as looking down a seal hole, would also be typical.



*The successful submission made by Tony Bianco that led to a request by the Mint to move the two cubs beside the mother polar bear.*



*The central portion of another (unsuccessful) design submission by Tony Bianco, featuring a single polar bear cub beside its mother.*

## HISTORY OF CANADA'S \$2 COIN



The original design of the two dollar coin shows a single adult polar bear in early summer on an ice floe (left). Native to northern Canada and the Arctic, it is North America's largest land-based carnivore. A full-grown male sometimes attains a total length of nearly 3 meters (9.5 feet) and weighs up to about 725 kilos (1,600 pounds). This coin was designed by Ontario resident Brent Townsend, an accomplished artist who specializes in studies of North American wildlife and landscapes.

The two dollar coin was first introduced on February 19, 1996 to replace the \$2 bank note. The coins will last about 20 times longer than the two dollar notes they replaced. The two dollar coin features a distinctive bi-metallic coin locking mechanism patented by the Royal Canadian Mint. The outer ring of the two dollar coin is nickel and the inner core is aluminum bronze (92% copper, 6% aluminum, 2% nickel).

In 1999, Brent Townsend's Polar Bear design was replaced with the Nunavut 1999 Millennium \$2 Coin, introduced to celebrate the birth of Canada's youngest territory on April 1 (right).

The Nunavut 1999 Millennium \$2 circulation coin was launched in a special ceremony on Parliament Hill to mark the birth of the new territory, home to the Inuit people of Canada's North. Inuit artist Germaine Arnaktauyok designed the new coin.

The historic coin features the drum dance, an age-old Aboriginal ritual that remains central to Inuit culture in Nunavut today.

The coin is available as a circulating coin, but was also issued in sterling silver proof and gold proof.



After a temporary absence in 1999, the polar bear that has graced the \$2 coin since 1996 re-emerged with her cubs on the Path of Knowledge 2000 Millennium \$2 Coin (left).

On the 2000 \$2 coin, the polar bear is now a mother accompanied by her two new cubs – they will share, learn and grow together as a family.

It was designed by Tony Bianco of Coldwater, Ontario.

The coin is available as a circulating coin, but was also issued as a collector item in 22-karat gold inner core with a 4.1 karat gold outer ring, in proof finish. Its weight is 11.40 grams. It is 28.07 mm in diameter and 1.9 mm thick. The mintage was 5,000 worldwide, at a price of \$299.95 plus taxes as well as shipping & handling.

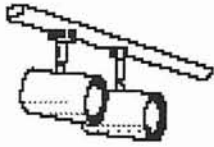
For the year 2001 \$2 coin, the mint reverted back to the original design by Brent Townsend (right). Unlike the previous year where the date appeared on the polar bear side on the outer ring (along with the theme of the coin), the date again reverted to the obverse (Queen) side.

*There has been no official word as to why, if they wished to celebrate Nunavut's birth as Canada's newest territory rather than featuring the second installment of the 2-year series, they did not use the second of Tony Bianco's 2-design series in 2001. In the next issue, we will show, for the first time anywhere, Bianco's other submissions.*



# SPOTLIGHT ON PEOPLE

*A column in praise of active Ontario collectors*



## JIM CHARLTON EXCEEDS HIS FIFTEEN MINUTES OF FAME BY OVER 50 YEARS

*It seems that we bestow deserved praise on Jim Charlton regularly. Based on what has happened to him since the last praise appeared in the ONA Numismatist, he deserves another "Spotlight on People" in this issue.*



ONA member Jim Charlton received the Numismatic News 2001 Numismatic Ambassador Award from Chet Krause of Krause Publications at the banquet of the recent CNA Convention in Quebec City. The award was initiated in 1974, and this is only the second time that it has been awarded to a Canadian (the previous Canadian was Margaret Sweeten of Abbotsford, B.C.), who we understand received the award because of all the work she did for the North Western Numismatic Association which was mainly located in the northwestern U.S.A. Jim is the first person to have received the award for promoting truly Canadian numismatics.

Also at the CNA Convention, Jim Charlton became the first Canadian numismatist to have a biography published about himself in book form. "J.E. Charlton: Coinman to Canadians" was edited by ONA life member Dr. Harold Don Allen and is published by ONA member Bill Cross, current owner/operator of Charlton Press. A review of the book appears on page 159 in this bulletin.

Since he celebrated his 90th birthday at the Convention, Jim was seen handing out wooden tokens to commemorate the event. One side features the official 2001 CNA Convention



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# S O U T H O F T H E B O R D E R

## UNIDENTIFIED PLANCHET USED TO STRIKE SACAGAWEA \$1 COIN

*The American Numismatic Association issued a press release on August 15, 2001, which we are reprinting below to see how knowledgeable you are. How many errors can you find?*



American Numismatic Association (ANA) Authenticator Brian Silliman has verified that a 2000 Sacagawea \$1 coin, struck on a hollow-center planchet that was most likely produced at the Royal Canadian Mint, is genuine.

"This is one of the most interesting specimens I have inspected all year," Silliman says. "Because of its unique usage and qualities, this error piece probably is worth up to \$10,000." He believes that the hollow-center planchet originally was intended for the outer ring of a bimetallic coin.

The ANA Authentication Bureau received the piece from Robert Goss of Bryantown, Maryland, who discovered it in one of two mint rolls of Sacagawea dollars he purchased for his grandchildren. An amateur collector, Goss thought the planchet was intended for a bimetallic Canadian \$1 coin, but, after measuring it against a Loon \$1, he realized there was a significant difference in the coin's density. He sent the specimen to a coin dealer, who urged him to forward it to the ANA for authentication.

According to some reports, the Royal Canadian Mint and its Winnipeg, Alberta, circulating coin production facility have helped the United States prepare planchets for the golden Sacagawea \$1 coin. Canadian minters were asked to help meet the demand for strike-ready \$1 blanks to be struck at the Philadelphia and Denver Mints.

Silliman believes that because Canada handles the circulating coinage production needs for a number of countries, there is a strong possibility that Goss' Sacagawea error piece was struck on a world coin planchet from the Royal Canadian Mint. The blank probably was mixed in with regulation golden dollar planchets and sent to the United States, where it was struck and placed into circulation.

The Denver Mint already has reported striking several 2000-D Sacagawea dollars on outer rings intended for Canadian \$2 coins. This piece is one of only a handful known to exist.

Goss, who began collecting silver coins and Indian Head cents many years ago, never thought he would come across such a unique numismatic item. The piece has been sent to Numismatic Guaranty Corporation, the ANA's official grading service, for encapsulation, after which Goss intends to put the piece on the market. (end of press release.)

*And now for the Quiz: How many errors did you find in the above press release? Hint: you should have found 3. If not, go back and try again before you read Robert Aaron's e-mail to the ANA that identifies the 3 major errors in points 1, 2 and 4. Incidentally, the ANA issued a revised press release, dated August 22, following receipt of Aaron's e-mail.*

To the ANA public relations department / Samantha Bobbit

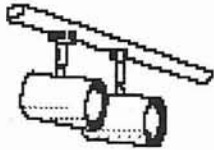
### WHO WRITES YOUR PRESS RELEASES?

The August 15 press release about the unidentified planchet US \$1 coin is a disaster.

1. The Winnipeg Mint is in Manitoba not Alberta. Your error is like saying Colorado Springs is in Utah.
2. Canada DOES NOT have a bimetallic \$1 coin. Try the \$2 coin. Maybe your coin finder should have measured the coin against a \$2 coin not a Loon \$1.
3. ANA authenticator Silliman should have told you about the dimensions of the planchet and compared them to the dimensions of the Canadian \$2 piece. What colour is Goss' coin? Why is it different from the pieces you say came out of the Denver mint?
4. Unique means one of a kind. You say there are "several" of these. Perhaps it is "nearly unique" or almost unique. Maybe Unique 30 or 40, but not Unique 70.

Your press release is an embarrassment to Canadians and to the ANA. I can only assume it was written by the ANA's plumber. It couldn't have been written by anyone with numismatic experience or a basic knowledge of North American geography.

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**NEW ISSUES OF TRADE TOKENS FROM ONTARIO**

*By Jerry Remick, ONA member #R1239*



The 2001 Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest 32 mm \$2 nickel bonded steel municipal trade token was released in July to mark the annual event which takes place October 5 to 14. The token is valid in both Kitchener and Waterloo until October 31, 2001.

The 2001 token is the 29th consecutive annual issue of a municipal trade token. The obverse side features Onkel Hans, the mascot of Oktoberfest, standing in front of a castle. The reverse side is the fifth in a series of portraits featuring Founding Fathers of Waterloo County. It shows a frontal portrait of Walter Hackborn, President and founder of Home Hardware Stores Limited. Lawrence Medalllic Art of Etobicoke (Toronto) struck 20,000 tokens on nickel bonded steel blanks and 26 in pure silver.

As in past years, 200 of the nickel bonded steel tokens will have a secret mint mark which will be revealed in mid-November.

The first Oktoberfest municipal token was issued in 1973 and is still available for \$3 post-paid, as are all the subsequent issues, except for 1974 which is sold out. They can be ordered from Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest Inc., P.O. Box 1053, 17 Benton Street, Kitchener, ON N2G 4G1.

*You may have noticed that in the last issue as well as above, the heading has been changed from "Spotlight on Trade Dollars." This was based on a suggestion from ONA member Jerry Remick to reflect more accurately the contents of this column. Jerry gave as reasons the fact that the term "trade dollar" when speaking of new issues is obsolete as there are no more municipal trade tokens issued at a face value of \$1, but they are now \$2 and up to \$20. He suggested that since we include information on both municipal trade tokens and municipal medals, this should also be reflected in the heading. Thanks, Jerry!*



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# BOOK REVIEW

Charlton Press Announces New Book on its Namesake

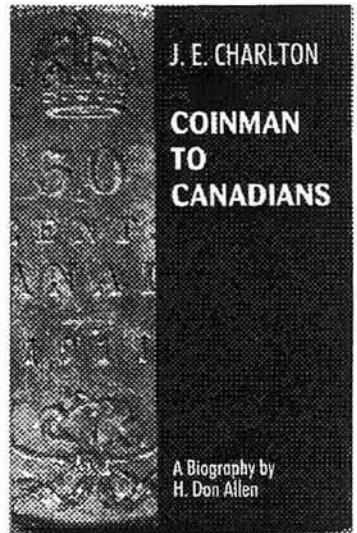
## THREE ONA MEMBERS INVOLVED IN NEW BOOK ABOUT THE INTERESTING LIFE OF JIM CHARLTON

by John Regitko, ONA member #LM-083

At the 2001 CNA Convention in Quebec City, a new book on the life and times of Jim Charlton, entitled "Coinman to Canadians," was unveiled by Jim Charlton and its publisher, Bill Cross of Charlton Press. The two, as well as H. Don Allan, its author, are all members of the ONA. They have been hard at work to bring the book on Canada's numismatic ambassador to the world to fruition. After many interviews between H. Don Allan and Jim Charlton and reviewing the many photographs and articles that have been published about Charlton over the years, the collaboration between Charlton and Allan finally paid off. Bill Cross, who purchased the rights to the name "Charlton" for the many collectibles catalogues, agreed to publish the 192-page book whose size and cover have the same appearance as the annual coin catalogues with which we are so familiar.

The book size is 5-1/2" x 8-1/2," soft cover. When I received my review copy, my first reaction, quite frankly, was that having read a number of biographies over the years, I found them all to be boring. I have always preferred the versions that includes all the scandals such as those published by former friends or co-workers. Was I in for a surprise!

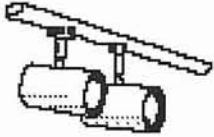
When I picked up the book and started reading, there were so many interesting tidbits of information about the man I first met over 40 years ago at his store in downtown Toronto that I couldn't put it down. Following are some of the things I learned about Jim Charlton:



- At age 15, his brother gave him an 1863 Indian Head cent. The first coin he purchased was a 1,600 year old Roman coin...for a dollar.
- When his church was without a pastor, he filled in. After the pastor arrived, Jim became chairman of the church Executive Committee.
- He was Chief Boiler Room Engineer at Inco and Chief Engineer of the Toronto Star building.
- His first mimeographed price list was released in 1949. His first mail bid auction list in 1950. His first public auction at the 1954 CNA Convention, held at the King Edward Hotel in Toronto.
- He operated his coin business evenings and weekends from home from 1948 to 1956, assisted by his wife, Mary, while employed at the Toronto Star. Because of increased business, he relocated to 53 Front Street East in 1956.
- He reveals the details of the time that he, Mary and 2 other employees were robbed at gun point by 2 masked men (they were caught, thanks to a customer who looked in, saw what was going on and called police), as well as the time he returned from a coin show and discovered that his store had been burglarized.
- He tells us about his involvement with the Arcade Store in Toronto and the various locations he operated from, as well as his business dealings with Frank Rose, Jack Forbes and Bill Cross.
- He reveals that the Yap Stone that is located at the entrance at the National Currency Collection in Ottawa, weighing about 1.5 tons, was once on display at the Ripley Museum in St. Augustine.
- His coin catalogues that were published by Whitman contained 128 pages because presses could only handle a sheet equal to 128 pages or multiples thereof. That is why the *Handbook of United States Coins* was 128 pages, the *Guide Book of United States Coins* was 256 pages and the *Catalogue of Modern World Coins* was 512 pages.

I could give you hundreds of more examples of interesting bits of information about the man that put Canadian numismatics on the map of the world, but you will just have to go out and buy your own copy! It is a great read and I highly recommend it for all the interesting facts that are presented by H. Don Allan!

The book is available from your favorite coin dealer or directly from the publisher, Charlton Press, P.O. Box 94, Thornhill, Ont. L3T 3N1 at a price of \$19.95 per book (plus \$5 for shipping and handling for the first book and \$1 for each additional book) if shipped to a Canadian address. Ontario residents should add 7% GST to the total. Visa, cheques or money orders are accepted. Books may also be ordered by Visa through [www.charltonpress.com](http://www.charltonpress.com).



## SPOTLIGHT ON COIN SHOWS

### CAMBRIDGE COIN CLUB'S ANNUAL SHOW HUGE SUCCESS

*When the ONA Editor arrived real early at the recent 10th annual coin show of the Cambridge Coin Club, I was impressed with the number of workers that were hard at work setting up the rather huge bourse room. Long before the room opened to the bourse dealers, the large quantity of tables had been lugged into the room, legs unfolded and set up. By the time the room officially opened to the dealers, everything was in place. If you attended the show and saw the size of the room and the number of sales tables and back-up tables, you would have been impressed also. Since I never got around to naming the people in the ONA Numismatist and, feeling it is never too late to recognize a good deed, recently sent an e-mail to Wolfe Derle, Secretary/Treasurer of the Cambridge Coin Club, asking him for a list of the people involved with the set-up so we can give them some public recognition. Instead of just giving us the names, he sent a whole report on their 10th annual coin show. It would be a shame to just press the "delete" button in my computer, so we decided to publish excerpts since it might give other show organizers ideas. Incidentally, the people who did a lot of the physical work were Vince Nevidon (Club President & Show Chairman), Gus Lawrence (Show Co-Chairman), Wolfe Derle (Secretary/Treasurer), Jim Pemberton, Jenö Heinrich, Peter Kanis and Chris Piercey. Here is Wolfe Derle's report.*

The Cambridge Coin Club hosted its 10th annual Coin Show on March 24, 2001 at the Cambridge Newfoundland Club in Cambridge. By all accounts, it was a very successful coin show.

The morning of March 24 was not very promising. Snow was falling. The show participants arrived snow covered. It looked as if it would be a disastrous day due to the weather condition. After all, who would want to attend a coin show in that kind of weather? But after the 28 participating dealers had their numismatic material arranged on 47 tables, from then on it was a steady stream of visitors right up to closing time. It was estimated that we enjoyed the visit of 1000+ visitors.

At the end of the day, all show participants were happy. A number of them asked us to ensure they will get the same table arrangement for the 2002 show. We had to decline the application of 3 dealers for this show. Money raised from Coin Shows will be donated to local charities.

What makes a successful show? Right after completion of each show, members of the show committee analyze, review and evaluate feedback from show participants and visitors. Each show participant is special to us. After all, they are our best advertisers.

Two to three months before each show, we launch an extensive advertising, promotion, and invitation campaign. Table layouts are re-evaluated. If possible, repeat show participants are assigned the same table(s) arrangements as they enjoyed at the previous shows.

Incidentally, ONA members are invited to visit us at our regular monthly meetings on the 4th Monday of the month (except July, August and December). We meet at the Galt Arena Gardens, 98 Shade Street. Cambridge.

*For information on next year's show and contact information, see the "Show Time - Upcoming" listing.*

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## THREE NEW CHARLTON CATALOGUES COVER CANADIAN HISTORICAL MEDAL SERIES

*by Jerry Remick, ONA member #R1239*



“Canadian Exhibition, Fair and Carnival Medals, Volume One” by W.K. Cross was released at the end of July 2001 by the publisher, Charlton Press.

It consists of 540 pages, plus an introductory section of 18 pages. The catalogue covers all the technical details known concerning the Foreign, Dominion and Provincial Exhibitions held in or relating to Canada, since the first known medal for “The Society For Promoting Agriculture in Nova Scotia, Instituted 1789” with a cut-off date of about 1920 (except Canadian National Exhibition award medals, which go to 1980).

The medals are covered in 11 chapters listed in the following order: foreign exhibition medals relating to Canada; Dominion of Canada exhibition medals; and Provincial medals issued in P.E.I., N.S., N.B., Lower Canada/Quebec, Upper Canada/Ontario, Manitoba, Northwest Territories and Saskatchewan, Alberta, and B.C. (Newfoundland medals are not listed, because no medals were uncovered). 306 pages are devoted to Ontario Exhibition, Fair and Carnival medals.

Within each province, the medals are listed by Provincial Societies, Provincial Associations, and then alphabetically by the town or city in which they were issued. Within the above divisions, the medals have been catalogued into awards, souvenirs and badges. Each item has information on the municipality of issue, history of the medal, year and title of the event, an actual size photo of both sides, a description of major varieties, a catalogue number assigned by the author, a description of the obverse and reverse designs and legends, type of suspension if any, the engraver, the maker, reference number(s) in previous catalogues and specifications comprising of composition, weight, diameter, thickness and die axis. Pricing is for VF and EF conditions. The text is spaciouly presented.

The book is very well done, with the information presented in a logical manner and very readable. Congratulations to the following people who produced this book: W.K. Cross (publisher), Jean Dale (editor), Don Bunjevac (assistant editor), Scott Cornwell (photographer) and Davina Rowan (graphics).

Volume Two, entitled “Canadian Association, Commercial and Society Medals,” with more than 450 pages, is scheduled for release later this year. Volume Three, entitled “Canadian Scholastic Medals,” with over 400 pages, is also scheduled for release before year-end.

The three books are available only in 250 sets in two formats. One format is a collectors edition, each of the three volumes with a different colored leatherette cover and with the title stamped in gold. The other format is the library edition, each of the three volumes with black leatheretted cover, with the title stamped in gold. All books in each format are case bound with a protective jacket. Only the volumes in the Collectors Series will be signed by the author and numbered. Each book is 8-1/2” x11,” with nearly every page having from 2 to 4 photos of medals in their actual size.

This series of books would be very useful for dealers in medals and all club libraries, as well as collectors of these medals or anyone else interested in the rich history of Canada as expressed through these medals. The set of three volumes for the Collectors Edition or the Library Edition is available only from the publisher, The Charlton Press, at \$448.50 plus \$15.00 for shipping and handling and 7% GST if it is shipped to a Canadian address. Their ordering address is Charlton Press, P.O. Box 94, Thornhill, ON L3T 3N1, telephone (416) 488-1418. Orders throughout North America can also be placed at 1-800-442-6042 or through [www.charltonpress.com](http://www.charltonpress.com) if ordered by Visa.

# THE NATIONAL SCENE

*A look at what is happening with the CNA that affects Ontario and the ONA and its members*

## **GOEFF BELL ACCLAIMED CNA PRESIDENT**



At the recent CNA Convention in Quebec City, Geoff Bell was installed as President of the Canadian Numismatic Association for the term 2001-2003. He ran unopposed. Bell is well-known to Canadian collectors, having served a previous term as President, from July 1983 to July 1985, CNA Librarian from 1990 to the present and Chairman of the CNA Strategic Planning Committee that completed its report in 2000. When John Regitko, then CNA 1st Vice-President, was running for CNA President in 1981, he asked Geoff Bell to serve as his 1st Vice-President. Two years later, Bell in turn ran for the Presidency. With his installation as President a second time, he is the only person to have served as President for a second term.

Bell was awarded the Royal Canadian Mint Medal for numismatic education in 1993, the J.D. Ferguson Gold Medal in 1987 for outstanding contribution to Canadian numismatics and was made a Fellow of CNA in 2000. He has served on several RCM design committees, Coin Week Canada committees and participated in numerous educational forums. Bell chaired 3 national conventions in Moncton, N.B., in 1983, 1993 and 1997.

Bell says the "strategic plan implementation first developed in 2000 is priority #1. Membership and finances are also at the top of the list of priorities."

He has attended all CNA Conventions held in Ontario that we can remember, as well as TICF when it was owned and operated by John Regitko. He has also attended numerous ONA Conventions and Torex shows.

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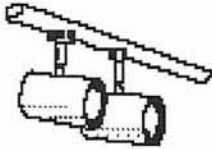
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## MOUNT PLEASANT APOTHECARY STORE SCRIPT

An interesting piece of script was displayed by Ken Cameron at the July meeting of the London Numismatic Society. An explanation of its history appeared in their August bulletin. We are pleased to reprint it here.



Most Canadian collectors are familiar with the United States Civil War 'cents' which are more properly referred to as Patriotic Civil War Tokens and their related pieces, Civil War Store Card Tokens.

In early 1862, all metallic currency was being gradually withdrawn from circulation as the general public were anticipating the possible increase in the value of all metals, particularly the coinage metals of gold, silver and copper. By 1863, there was virtually no official coins in circulation.

The first attempt to provide small change was to use ordinary United States postage stamps. Because of their flimsy nature, stamps had a very short circulation life. To protect the stamps, some merchants placed them in small envelopes with advertising printed on the outside. Although this did provide some measure of protection, they were awkward to handle or to pass quickly in trade.

In late 1862, one John Gault patented a brass casing with a mica cover which would encase the postage stamp. These were much more popular and circulated widely in denominations of one to ninety cents, usually with a merchant's advertisement on the one side. In time, these too reached a disadvantage point as they cost too much to issue since the stamps still cost their face value.

Other forms of fractional currency soon appeared as privately issued paper currency of the type illustrated. Because it had virtually no intrinsic value, it did not meet with wide acceptance.

Our note appears to have been issued and perhaps, backed, by two businesses, the Mount Pleasant Apothecary Store, Eustis Street, Roxbury and W.H. Piper & Co., Book Store, Boston. What connection these two business had is now not known.

We also notice the disclaimer that "this is not currency" and the legend reading "Check for Twenty Cents." Note also that the script is redeemable in sums of one or more dollars so that they would be redeemed in paper and not hard coinage.

This particular uniface note appears to have been cut from an unissued sheet, being both unnumbered and unsigned. The little black on white vignette sets off this interesting little piece issued during one of the most troubled times in United States history.



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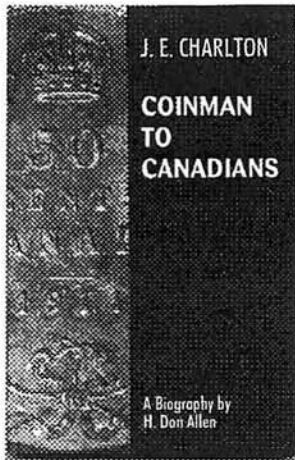
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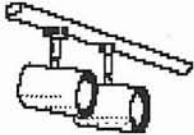
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The face is a replica of a Bank of Hamilton note. The reverse is imprinted with information about the show. The notes were printed the end of last year to promote both the show held this past May, as well as the upcoming Fall 2001 show.

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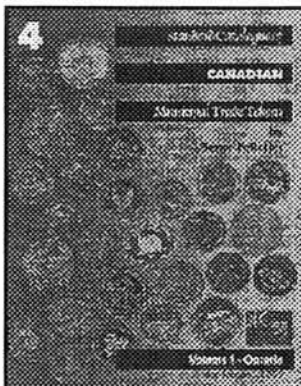
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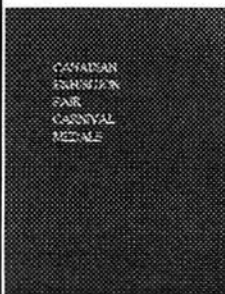
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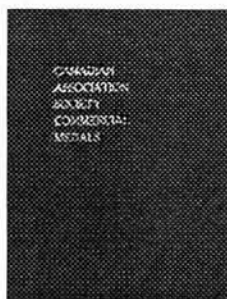
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## EDITOR'S MESSAGE



The last issue was supposed to include pages 143 to 168 as well as the catalogue listing the many collectible catalogues available from Charlton Press. When I made up the artwork, I did not take into account the difference in weight between the glossy paper of the catalogue and our normal bond paper. When the bulletin and the booklet were stuffed in the envelope, our Treasurer (who arranges for the printing and does the stuffing of the bulletin into the envelopes) had the foresight to weigh one. It was over just enough to risk them all being returned as "insufficient postage" and we would have to pay the full postage again (not just the difference as in past years). It was not worth the risk. We therefore made the decision to remove the last sheet from the mailing.

Therefore, we have also included last month's extra sheet containing pages 167 and 168. By not including these two pages in the last bulletin, ONA member Chuck Moore did not have his ad published, and neither did Charlton Press for their set of 3 books. We apologize to both organizations and are pleased to include them in this issue.

As far as this bulletin is concerned, I had to wrap it up rather in a hurry due to a family emergency that would take me away from home for up to 10 days. Rather than delaying it, I thought I would do the catching up in the next issue of any club information that did not get into this issue. Also, the article that I was going to publish from Tom Clarke and the information from Tom Rogers will also have to keep.

We wish to acknowledge the support of Trajan Publications, publishers of Canadian Coin News and other fine hobby publications, to enable us to publish the additional pages in this bulletin.

*John Regitko*  
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## THE LIGHTER SIDE

Featuring items of a humorous nature about numismatics

# AN EDITOR'S LAMENT

by Gord Parker



*In a resent bulletin off sea South Wellington Coin Society, there Edit or, Gord Parker, admitted two making eh tiny little Miss steak in sea previous bull eh tin that spell cheque could knot halve cot bee cause it is eh prop her name. He states that ass a result, he has in acted hiss spell cheque end this is what he came up with ass hiss "Edit ore's Massage:"*

Eye halve a spelling chequer  
It came with my pea sea  
It plainly marques four my revue  
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea  
Eye strike a key and type a word  
And weight for it to say  
Weather eye am wrong oar write  
It shows me strait a weigh  
As soon as a mist ache is maid  
It nose bee fore two long  
And eye can put the error rite  
Its rare lea ever wrong  
Eye have run this poem threw it  
I am shore your pleased two no  
Its letter perfect awl the weigh  
My chequer tolled me sew

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### NEW APPLICATIONS



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.

- #J1728 Corey Richard, London, Ontario
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Membership Chairman

# SHOW TIME - UPCOMING

*A column intended to entice ONA members to attend each other's coin shows*



## NOVEMBER 11 TILLSONBURG

Tillsonburg Coin Club's  
Annual Coin Show  
Tillsonburg  
Community Centre  
Tillsonburg  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Info: Tom Rogers  
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## NOVEMBER 11 WINDSOR

Windsor Coin Club's 50th  
Annual Fall Coin Show  
Caboto Club  
2175 Parent Avenue  
Windsor  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Free Parking - Door Prizes  
Admission only \$1.00  
Info: Margaret (519) 735-0727  
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## NOV. 16, 17 & 18 OAKVILLE

T.I.C.F.  
The International Coin Fair  
Ramada Inn & Conv. Centre  
360 Oakville Place Dr., Oakville  
Fri. 5-9 Sat. 10-5 Sun 10-4  
40+ Bourse - Admission \$3  
Sat. Auction by Charles Moore  
Info: Trajan Publ. (905) 646-7744  
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## NOVEMBER 24 NIAGARA FALLS N.I.C.F. COIN-A-RAMA

Your Host:  
Niagara International Coin Fest  
Our Lady of Peace Hall  
6944 Stanley Avenue  
Niagara Falls  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
40 Bourse Tables  
Free Gold Draw  
Info: Barbara (905) 356-5006



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of Numismatic Dealers  
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Sat. 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 3  
Large Bourse - Draws  
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## MARCH 23, 2002 CAMBRIDGE

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11th Annual Coin Show  
Cambridge Newfoundland Club  
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Cambridge  
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Over 40 Dealer Tables  
Info: Vincent (519) 622-6625  
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# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS



I am pleased to include in this "Local Coin Club News" section, effective with this bulletin, some basic meeting information about club meetings. This basic information that simply tells ONA members on what day of the month other clubs meet so that they can consider attending the odd meeting. We also intend to publish every once in a while, a detailed listing of where clubs meet, starting with the next issue. We hope that as a result of this information, you will consider visiting some clubs that you might not have attended for a while.

Incidentally, the inclusion of the information at this time has nothing to do with what happened to me a couple of months ago. On Tuesday, September 4, I drove from my home in North York to the South Wellington Coin Club meeting in Rockwood. Since I was the first of our group to arrive at the Eramosa Library Complex, I asked the Office Manger to please open the locked meeting room for me. Since she thought that there was no meeting scheduled that evening, she checked her records and confirmed that the coin club meeting was...the following evening.

Obviously, I had made a mistake of the location. The meeting had to be the Waterloo Coin Society. I proceeded south on Highway 25 to the 401 but when I reached Highway 7, I thought that I would miss a lot of the meeting and decided to simply head back home. My wife wondered why I was home so early and I, in hindsight, made the mistake of telling her the truth, that I had screwed up on the meeting location. In checking the South Wellington bulletin in my calendar, I realized that I was one day too early. Then I glanced at the Waterloo Meeting information in my calendar and realized that if I had proceeded to the Waterloo meeting, I would have been one week too early!

What I actually missed was the Thistletown Coin Stamp and Collectibles Club meeting. I did go the the South Wellington meeting the following day, and I also made it to the Waterloo Coin Society meeting a week later, but I obviously had missed Thistletown. Oh, well, 2 out of 3 ain't bad!



**INGERSOLL COIN CLUB**

The Ingersoll Coin Club (third Monday) September bulletin featured a 3-page article entitled "The Enduring Voyageur Dollar of Canada" by Larry Porter, in which the author projects the conceptions which may have raced through the mind of designer Emmanuel Hahn as he prepared to present his thoughts to the Finance Ministry. Their Editor, Tom Masters, also included a 31-item listing of the material that will the auctioned off.

The club has donated \$1,000 to the Thames Valley Children's Treatment Centre. The club has made sizable donations to various disabled children's funds over the years.

A brief convention update appears on page 174 of this bulletin, including the winning medal design.



The Brantford Numismatic Society (3rd Sunday) featured Martin Hoffman at their September meeting speaking on "German Inflation Money," the inflationary currency from war-torn Europe. He can be called a billionaire or even a trillionaire in the currency he collects. Martin explained that workers were paid daily and immediately after work would have to go out and spend their earnings because by the next day the money would only be worth maybe half of what it was that day. Many of the bills were denominated in the millions, then billions and trillions. He displayed numerous notes from his extensive collection that showed both the inflation over a short period of time, as well as the rather crudeness of the printing (why spend a lot of effort if you know by tomorrow they will be worth only half?). He described how businesses (i.e. Daimler-Benz) and cities (i.e. Stuttgart) made their own money and not just the government and the banks. He pointed out that since so many were printed, it is possible to acquire a nice collection at reasonably little cost. Martin donated a few notes for the donation auction.

The October meeting, dubbed "Second Hobby" Night, brought out a number of displays from members.

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED

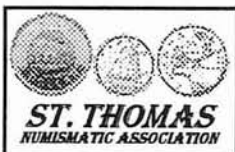


The Waterloo Coin Society (2nd Tuesday) meeting for August consisted of a slide presentation from the ONA audio visual lending library covering the grading of 50 cent coins from Queen Victoria and King Edward VII (the second half of the slide set will be shown at a future meeting). Forty lots were auctioned off by Mike Hollingshead.

Their September bulletin included the article "Canadian Mule Coin Surfaces," a reprint from Coin World which mentions that a Canadian 25-cent coin mule dated 1992 on the obverse and 1993 on the reverse has been graded and encapsulated by a professional service. Since the article involves ONA member Bob Dowsett and covers the reasons it exists, it is reprinted on page 183. A listing of 40 items that would be auctioned at the next meeting was also included.

The September meeting featured an ONA audio visual tape dealing with the emergency monies of the world. *Emergency Coinage* covered were 1943 U.S. steel cent, the Canadian 1943 chromium plated steel 5¢ piece, Swedish Iron coins, Japanese aluminum coins and coins struck at the London Mint for Iceland. *Occupation Coinage* covered were Nazi coins made for Czechoslovakia in silver (rare), for Hungary in aluminum, for Belgium in zinc and for Denmark in iron. The U.S. struck a zinc plated steel 2 franc piece for Belgium in 1944. Paper currency was broken down into *Overprints* (by Germany, Japan and the U.S.), *Invasion Money* (Philippines, Malaya, Netherlands East Indies and Oceania), and *Allied Military Currency* (printed by both the U.S. and Russia for use by soldiers in Germany, Austria, Japan and France, and by Germany for French West Africa). Some *Guerrilla Currency* of the Philippines was backed by the U.S. and redeemed after the war. The British 10 Pound notes counterfeited by Germany are also covered.

One of the items auctioned off by Mike Hollingshead at the September meeting was a Bi-Metal Medallion that acted as a business card for Danielle Wetherup, President of the Royal Canadian Mint. The opening bid was \$5.00, even though on a previous occasion an identical piece was bid up to \$20.00. By the time the bidding had stopped, it went all the way up to \$28.00.



The St. Thomas Numismatic Association (2nd Monday) October meeting featured an ONA slide presentation that ONA Area Director Tom Rogers brought to the meeting. The 51-lot auction included a good mix of Canadian decimal material as well as some U.S. coins.

Their October bulletin mentions that Holland, to familiarize its citizens with new Euro coinage, are giving everyone over the age of 6 a kit with a 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 Euro cents and one and two Euros. The Euro coinage is to start January 28, 2002. Eleven countries have agreed to participate, with England being one of the holdouts.



In the last bulletin, we mentioned that the Stratford Coin Club (1st Monday) has reduced their annual dues to \$3.00 for the calendar year 2002.

They have, at the same time, committed to give away a silver maple leaf at every meeting in a FREE membership draw. Although everyone no doubt is curious to see how many new members they will get, there are a lot of benefits: the existing members are being rewarded for their ongoing support of the club; it is a very inexpensive incentive for new members to join; the publicity the club is getting has got to be worth something...they were mentioned in a recent issue of Canadian Coin News, in this bulletin both last issue and now here, and I have a feeling that is not the last that we have heard of it!

## TIP OF THE MONTH

If you are a member of the executive of a local club, review what your club is doing with its money. It is certainly advisable to put aside an amount for a "rainy day" (just because your rent is free right now, good things might not last). However, if your club just keeps putting money into the bank, then it may not be living up to its constitution that says that it is a non-profit educational and fraternal organization that is in operation "for the benefit of its membership." Let us know if your club is making any changes as a result of these comments.

## LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS CONTINUED



The President of the North York Coin Club (4th Tuesday), Paul Petch, has indicated that after serving for 6 years as club president, he will not let his name stand for another term. He has committed to continue as editor of the award-winning club bulletin. He is also heavily involved with the ONA, CNA and Numismatic Network Canada.

As is the case in a lot of the club bulletins we review, most clubs are asking for members to put their name forward to fill upcoming vacancies since a number of the people that have served a club for many years have decided to take a well-deserved rest.

### WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB

The Woodstock Coin Club (2nd Thursday) had Tom Rogers present an ONA slide presentation on Canadian Large Cents at their September meeting. Fred Freeman brought everyone up-to-date on the Woodstock 100th Anniversary medal (see article on page 184).

Almost all of the 535 bronze and 50 silver medals are sold out.

And while we have a few lines left on this page, let me...again...thank Canada Post and the manufacturers of their scanning and stamping equipment for the number of envelopes that missed the cancellation...again! I lost track of how much has come in, but I am making a \$10.00 donation on behalf of clubs in North York, Stratford, Timmins, Waterloo and Woodstock as well as Dorothy Mason and Bruce Raszmann. The Woodstock bulletin holds the record of having the most continuous non-cancelled stamps, since I remember the last 4 bulletins didn't have a cancellation. Others had it on the back.

Keep up the good work, Canada Post!

## ONA CONVENTION NEWS

### ONA 2002 COMMITTEE SELECTS MEDAL DESIGN



*Four Points Sheraton Hotel, London  
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The Convention Committee has selected Millar's Royal Paragon Cheese Factory of Ingersoll as the central design on the ONA 2002 Convention medal. The cheese factory, the major employer in Ingersoll, was one of 4 different designs which were considered by the Convention Medals Committee. The other 3 central designs, although significant historical buildings in the Ingersoll area, were discarded since they did not have anywhere near the same impact to the quality of life and employment for many families.

It has also now been confirmed that a former resident of Ingersoll and now living on the East Coast, Harry Eisenhour, will participate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Harry holds life membership #4 in the Ingersoll Coin Club and is also a life member of the ONA. Everyone that knew Harry when he lived in Ingersoll remembers him as one of the hard workers of the club, along with the late Alan MacNab who the club intends to also honour during the Convention.

Tom Rogers, already taking on the important position of Bourse Chairman and also chairing the Medal Committee, has agreed to take on the additional title of Exhibit Chairman. Tom has his work cut out

for him in signing up a sufficient quantity of exhibitors to fill up the major space allocated for exhibits in the same room as the bourse.

A few additional appointments to various Convention Committee positions will be announced in the next ONA Numismatist.

## BEST WISHES



To Magdelene Regitko, mother of ONA Editor John Regitko, who is now resting at home following knee replacement surgery. We should point out that, as far as we know, all other parts are genuine original parts and, for the most part, in excellent working condition. Her operation took place one week after she had laser eye surgery for cataracts.

To ONA member Art Stephenson on the wedding of his niece, Kathy, and her new husband, Brent. The neptiales took place on September 8 at the Andrews Presbyterian Church in Barrie. A quantity of 175 woods were issued to commemorate the occasion. Everyone at the wedding reception received one. Since the wood was printed in silver, it is difficult to get a good copy off our scanner. You will have to wait until ONA member Norm Belsten performs his usual magic before we can show you what it looks like.

To Larry McNeill, age 91, on a speedy recovery from cuts and bruises on his hands and arms fending off a muscular thief who attacked him (next door to police headquarters). The long-time president of the Central Coin Club, Larry started his sign business in 1918 and counted Torex, Toronto International Coin Fair and CNA Conventions as some of his numismatic customers. He was the owner of a coin shop on Church Street in downtown Toronto as well as a souvenir/coin kiosk in the lobby of the Westbury Hotel.

## CONDOLENCES



To ONA member Paul Petch, on the recent passing of his mother.

To the the family of Harry Barberian on his recent death. He got his first taste of the restaurant industry as a chef in a local resturant that was won by his older brother in a card game. He moved on to manage Le Baron, a steakhouse that your editor used to frequent. As owner of Barberian's Steak House, he hosted the likes of Raquel Welch, Rudolf Nureyev, Helen Hayes, John Turner and Brian Mulroney. Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor got engaged at his restaurant. Your editor and his late sister were also frequent visitors. He was a regular visitor to the Central Coin Club. When some of his collector friends wished to obtain silver dollars (with real silver) from a bank at face value in the days when they were hard to come by, Harry was the one that people turned to. Your editor obtained many rolls of them for visiting American collectors who came to coin shows and wanted to take some back for their collecting friends or for their own collections.

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THE CLOCK  
TO 1960!**

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Meets on the second Monday of month (except July and August) at Kiwanis Community Centre, Lakeside Drive, Stratford. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

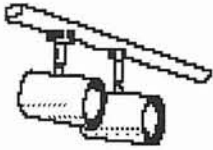
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# S P O T L I G H T O N P E O P L E

*A column in praise of active Ontario collectors*



## **CHRIS BOYER RECIPIENT OF MANY AWARDS**

Although Chris Boyer joined both the ONA and CNA in 1995, he has been a collector since 1974. Over the years, he has held numerous executive positions. For example, he served as Vice-President of the Waterloo Coin Society 1995-96, as well as its President and Editor from 1997 to 1999. He was appointed Chairman of the CNA Youth Committee from 1995 to 1999. He formed the Taylor Evans Coin Society in 1995 and served as its "advisor" up to 1998. He also formed the Paisley Road Coin Club in 1997 when he transferred to the Paisley Road Public School. Because of the work he did in founding and promoting coin clubs at the Taylor Evans Public School and the Paisley Road Public School, as well as the work he did for the Waterloo Coin Society in promoting juniors, he received the coveted RCM Youth Award in both 1995 and 1996. He had a lot to do with the fact that the Waterloo Coin Society was selected as the "Club of the Year" by the CNA for 1996.

Chris' work for the ONA has also been extensive. He was Exhibit Chairman at the 1996 ONA Convention in Guelph. He served as ONA Area Director (for area 5) from 1997 to 1999. As a member of the Planning Committee for the 1999 ONA Convention, he was appointed Exhibit Chairman, Local Publicity Chairman and Medal Design Coordinator. He received the ONA's Best Editor award for 1998 as Editor of the Waterloo Coin Society bulletin. He was also awarded the "Fellow of the ONA" Award in 1996.

He was asked by Paul Johnson, Chairman of the CNA Education Committee to take on the task of Instructor for the CNA/NESA Seminars at Humber College, dealing with Canadian Paper Money, for the November 1997, May 1998 and May 2000 courses. He was also the instructor for the same course when it was moved to Ottawa on April 1998, when 80 Mint personnel were present. He also served on the 1999 CNA Convention Committee as its General Chairman, Exhibit Chairman and Medal Design Chairman. The CNA bestowed their "Fellow of the CNA" award at the CNA Convention in July 1999.

His numismatic writings include contributions to the "Starting Out" column in *Canadian Coin News* as well as to the *CNA Journal*, *Talkin' Tokens*, *Errorscope*, *TEC News* and various other numismatic publications. Numerous articles have been contributed to the ONA Numismatist and are being used on a "standby" basis.

Chris married in 1989 and he and Martina have 2 daughters (Sabrina born October 1995, Kirsten born November 1999).

A frequent exhibitor, his displays have appeared at the 1998 ONA Convention (Ottawa), Waterloo Coin Society annual mall exhibits and at club meetings in Stratford, North York, Taylor Evans (Waterloo) and Paisley Road (Guelph). He has also set up exhibits at the St. James-Rosemount United Church A.O.T.S. Men's Club. He received second place at the 1999 ONA Convention in Guelph as well as second place at the 1999 CNA Convention in Kitchener.

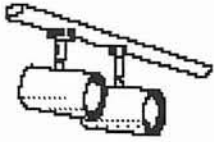
He is a member of the CNA, Waterloo Coin Society, Stratford Coin Club, North York Coin Club, Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club and the ONA. His main interests are Canadian and U.S. decimal coinage, Canadian Government Paper Money, error coinage and paper money errors and exnumia.

When you have a number of prized certificates awarded to you, where is a good place to display them? Unlike medals which you most likely keep in a drawer, certificates are meant to be hung and displayed for one and all to see. A good spot where they can be seen by visitors should be found.

When you don't have the right space on walls in the den, living room, hallways and other likely places, what to do? Chris Boyer has found an ideal place to hang some of his certificates from the ONA, CNA, NESA, RCM, Waterloo Coin Society, Paisley Road Public School Coin Club and others. Your ONA Editor found out when a meeting of a CNA Convention Planning Committee was held at his house and yours truly had to go to the bathroom, where they are very tastefully hung along the spacious wall. They just don't build spacious washrooms like that in most houses!

# 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*



## **ONA MEMBER JEROME REMICK RECEIVES CANADA'S HIGHEST NUMISMATIC AWARD**

*The following is the text of the citation presented to ONA member Jerry Remick at the recent CNA Convention held in Quebec City. We are pleased to have obtained a copy through ONA member Tom Masters, Editor of the Ingersoll Coin Club. The ONA congratulates Jerry on this latest accomplishment!*

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By authority of the Board of Award, it is our privilege to inform you that you have been awarded the J. Douglas Ferguson Award for distinguished service to Canadian Numismatics.

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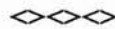
Your service to the hobby has been lengthy and significant. On the regional level, you are a founding member of the Societe Numismatique de Quebec. You have introduced many ideas to the Canadian Numismatic Association which have been implemented, such as those relating to bilingual services, which have helped to bridge the language gap. Over the years, you have written many articles intended to help younger or beginning collectors expand their horizons and introduce them to particular subjects or ways to approach collecting. You have written extensively on so-called trade dollars of Canada and current banknotes of over 120 countries, collecting and recording important information when it was still available, which will be of inestimable value to collectors of the future. Before turning to these fields, you were an author or co-author of coin catalogues of several countries and The Guidebook and Catalogue of British Commonwealth Coins 1649 - 1971.

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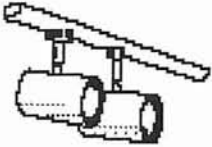
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# SPOTLIGHT ON PAPER MONEY

## NEW CANADIAN TEN DOLLAR NOTES A CASH LOSER

*Reprinted from the April 2001 issue of the Oshawa & District Coin Club bulletin*



Fraud artists aren't the only ones losing money on the new Canadian \$10 bill.

Laundromats, car washes and other businesses that rely on change-making machines will end up paying hundreds of dollars to upgrade their equipment to read the new bills, designed to resist counterfeiting. And that's only after they've received the software upgrades, which were not expected to be released until a few months after the initial release of the new notes.

Until then, business will lose money each day the machines continue to reject the new notes, said Paul Thompson, sales manager at Montreal based Standard Change Makers.

"Without a changer on location, they lose approximately 15% of their sales," Thompson said. He estimates the transition to the new \$10 note, released earlier this year, will cost machine owners about \$2 million.

Standard Change Makers, the manufacturer of about 75% of Canada's change-making machines, has about 10,000 machines in car washes, parking lots, hospitals, schools and laundromats, as well as hotels and bars with video lottery machines. Roughly, half the machines require increased memory and new software to read the new bill, costing owners about \$440 per machine.

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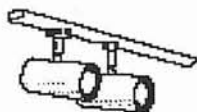
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# S P O T L I G H T O N P E O P L E

*A column in praise of active Ontario collectors*



## THE INGERSOLL TIMES FEATURES WRITE-UP ON ONA MEMBER HUBERT GRIMMINCK

*by Brian Cleeve, The Ingersoll Times*

*The following column appeared in the September 12 edition of The Ingersoll Times. The article was accompanied by a photo of Hubert standing in front of a display of Canadian paper money and Canadian Tire Coupons. Note that we have reprinted the obvious error in the last paragraph as it was published..*

Hubert Grimminck is asking people to come out of the closet. But he's not talking about their sexuality.

"Don't be a closet collectors, come out and show your coins," says Grimminck, treasurer of the Ingersoll Coin Club.

A 10-year member of the club, the London resident is hoping that more numismatists will come out to the club meetings held the third Monday of every month (except July and August) in the basement of the Lions Club Hall and bring their collections. The next meeting of the 60-member club is Monday at 7 p.m.

Grimminck joined the Ingersoll club because it deals with coins and paper money minted since 1953 whereas the club in the Forest City is more interested in Roman era coins.

Grimminck, who with club president Tom Rogers had a display at the Harvest Fest, says most members live within 25 to 30 miles of Ingersoll although there are members from Australia and Thunder Bay.

The club will be host for the 40th annual Ontario Numismatic Association convention at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in London, April 12 to 14, 2002.

The walls of Grimminck's basement are filled with paper money including \$2 and \$1,000 bills as well as money from Canadian Tire and Pioneer Gas. His coin collection includes guilders honoring his Dutch heritage and currency and paper from Russia, brought to him by his son Tom who worked there a number of years ago installing grain elevators for a Guelph company.

Grimminck has visited Sweden, Norway, Denmark, France and Germany on holiday and has come home with coins from those countries.

Grimminck owes his interest in coin collecting to his eldest daughter Jennifer.

"While I was at home waiting for my wife (Betsy) to give birth, I got out a bottle of coins and starting sorting them out to pass the time," says Grimminck.

The highest he has paid for a coin is \$800 for a 1948 Canadian silver dollar which today is only worth about \$4 (sic). "So it makes sense for anyone who has one to sell it to a coin dealer for its silver content."

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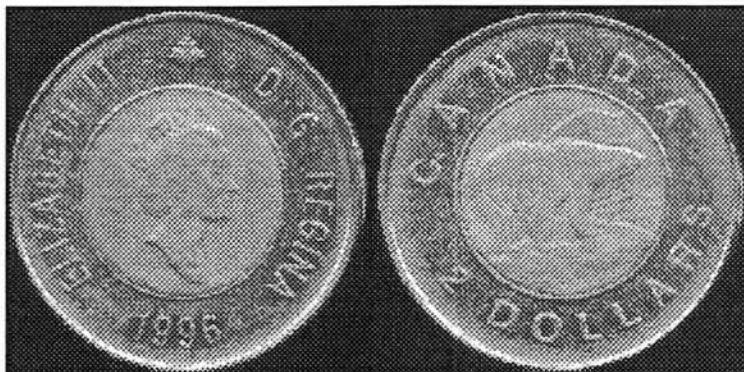
## HISTORY OF CANADA'S \$2 COIN - PART 2

by John Regitko, ONA member #LM083

The ONA Numismatist is not in the habit of mentioning routine issues of the RCM as we have pointed out on previous occasions. In the last ONA Numismatist we did recap the history of the Canadian \$2 coins (page 155) since it related to a write-up on coin designer Tony Bianco on page 154.

At the October meeting of the South Wellington Coin Club, Richard McClean (ONA life member #LM098) and his son, Chris, pointed out that the listing was correct and complete as far as circulating \$2 coins were concerned, however, the PL sets they had for sale on their table revealed different designs as I presented in the bulletin.

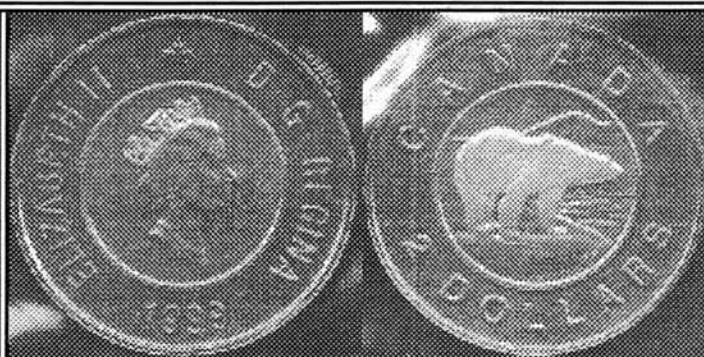
Here, then, is an explanation of the designs of the \$2 coins as they appear in PL sets. Note that the illustrations were scanned through the cellophane and, therefore, contain some glare.



*The original \$2 design by Brent Townsend was used exclusively from 1996 to 1998 for both circulating coins and in PL sets.*



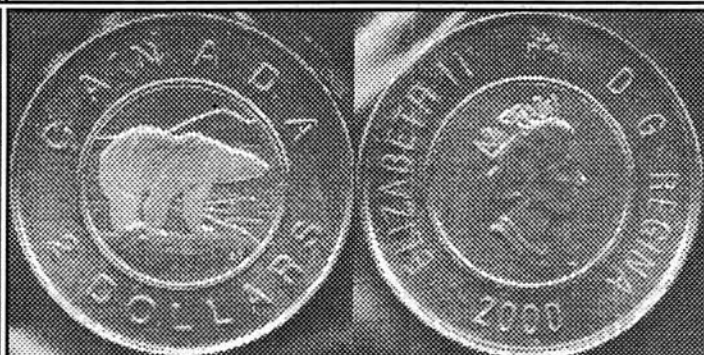
*The 1999 circulating \$2 coin featured the Nunavut Millennium design.*



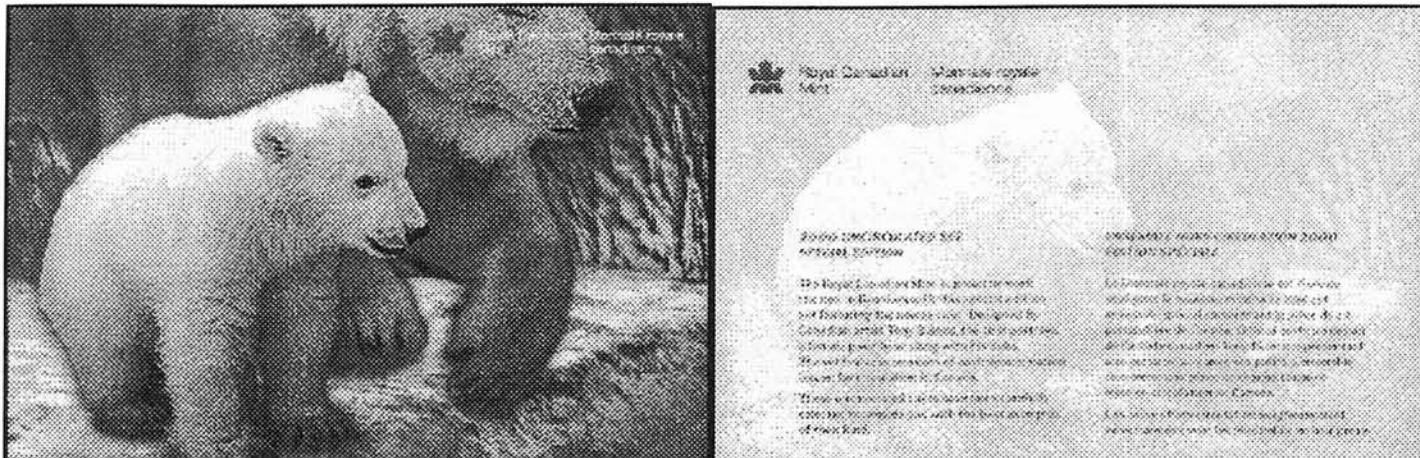
*The 1999 PL sets contained the original Brent Townsend design of the polar bear.*



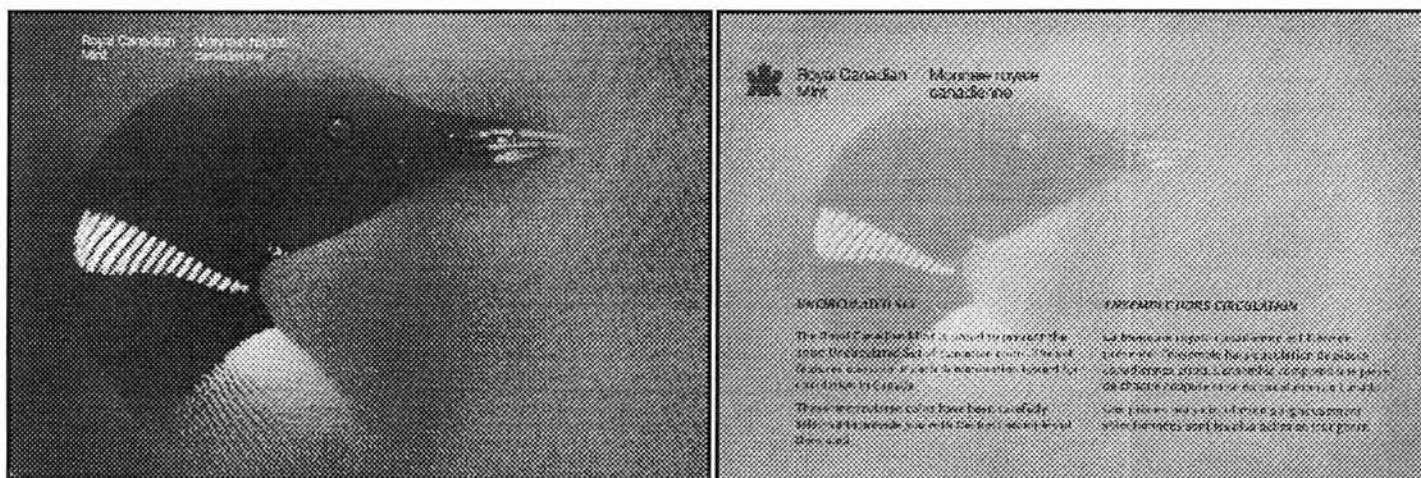
*Both the \$2 2000 circulating coin and the one included in the PL sets struck at the Ottawa Mint contain the same Tony Bianco polar bear "Knowledge" reverse. The wording on the obverse is different than in the past.*



*The 2000 PL sets struck at the Winnipeg Plant contain the \$2 coin featuring the original Brent Townsend design. The wording on the outer rims of the reverse and obverse is also the original wording used from 1996 to 1998.*



The 2000 PL sets struck at the Ottawa Mint are included in an envelope (upper left) containing a mother polar bear with one cub. The predominant colors of the envelope are shades of blue, with the baby bear and spots of ice in white. The insert card (upper right) includes the same bear scene imprinted faintly in the background, while the heading in the write-up reads "2000 Uncirculated Set - Special Edition."



The 2000 PL sets struck at the Winnipeg Plant are included in an envelope (upper left) containing the head and top part of the neck of a Loon. The predominant colors of the envelope are shades of green, with the Loon in black and white. The insert card (upper right) includes the same Loon scene imprinted faintly in the background, while the heading in the write-up reads simply "Uncirculated Set."

What all this amounts to is if someone wishes to collect a complete set of \$2 coins, they must buy the rather expensive (in comparison to the face value of the circulating coins) PL set dated 1999 and the 2000 Winnipeg set.

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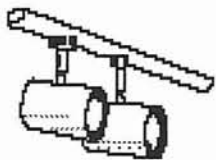
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A column in praise of active Ontario collectors



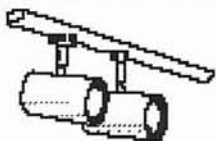
## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR WIFE

The following multiple-choice question by the Editor and Past President of the Ingersoll Coin Club, Tom Masters, appeared in their October bulletin. Note that the article does not say if Tom is speaking about his wife. He could just as easily have been writing about my wife and, I suspect, a lot of other ONA members' wives. If you care to respond tongue-in-cheek, we will publish interesting comments in the next ONA Numismatist.

After having invested much labor and time in constructing a really modern coin display board, you find that your wife refuses to have it installed anywhere but out in the garage.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

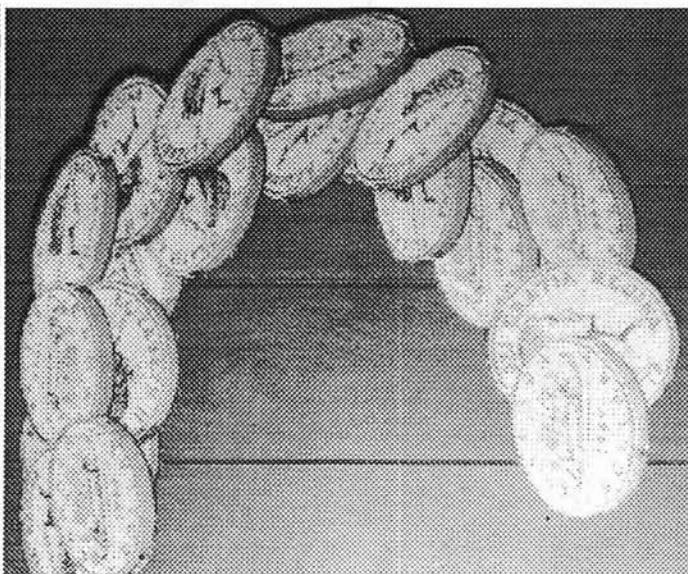
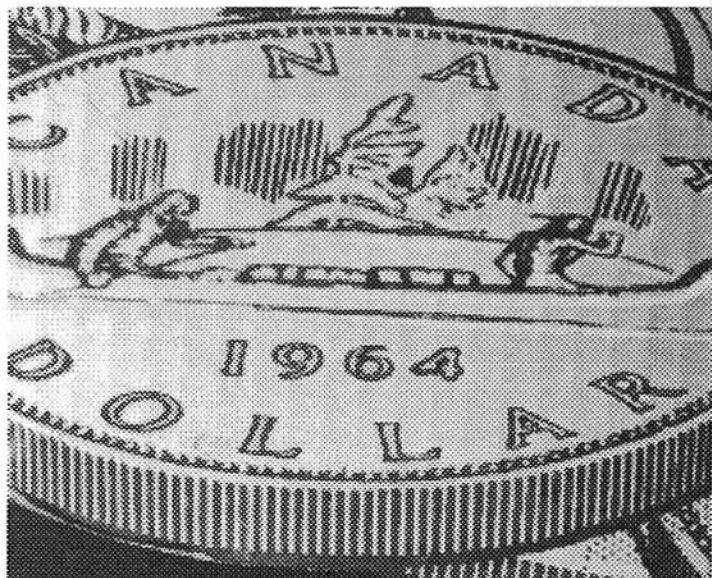
1. Explain the romance of numismatics to her
2. Tell her how much the coins are really worth
3. Take a couple of aspirins
4. Arrange to have her institutionalized
5. Have another look at the garage walls



# SPOTLIGHT ON CANADIAN DOLLARS

## THE MYSTERY OF THE 1964 CANADIAN SILVER DOLLAR - PART 1

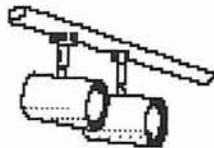
By John Regitko, ONA Life Member #LM083



A number of years ago, ONA Life Member #LM003, Bill English, showed me a photograph he took of an illustration of a Canadian Silver Dollar that had appeared as part of an advertisement on a cardboard mobile and asked me if I saw anything unusual about it. I did not! To me it appeared to be an illustration of a normal 1964 Canadian Silver Dollar.

When other people were shown the photograph, they also stated that it was, obviously, an illustration of a 1964 Canadian Silver Dollar.

We want you to think about it. Then turn to page 193 and see what you missed!



# SPOTLIGHT ON ERROR COINS

## ONA MEMBER REVEALS EXISTENCE OF CANADIAN MULE ERROR

The following article, written by Paul Gilkes, first appeared in *Coin World*. It was reprinted in the September bulletin of the Waterloo Coin Society. Since very few ONA members subscribe to *CW*, we are reprinting it here.



ONA member Bob Dowsett's mule coin, struck with a 1992 obverse die and a 1993 reverse die, is the only one known.

A Canadian 25-cent coin mule that is dated 1992 on the obverse and 1993 on the reverse and bears the word CANADA on both sides has been graded and encapsulated by Numismatic Guaranty Corporation of America.

The error coin was submitted by Bob Dowsett of B.C. Coins, on behalf of a client who wishes to remain anonymous.

A mule is a coin bearing two designs not intended to be used together. The newly authenticated coin bears a commemorative version of the obverse design used for 1992 25-cent coins and the standard Caribou reverse used in Canada since 1937 on all 25-cent coins except for special commemorative coins.

Dowsett said the coin was discovered inside a 1993 Proof-like set issued by the Royal Canadian Mint by a collector in the Southwestern part of Ontario. The error was discovered when the collector inadvertently cut it out of the set to be included in a set of Proof-like 25-cent coins. The coins in the set have a Brilliant Uncirculated finish.

This is the only known mule of this date and type to surface since it was minted eight years ago. Canada has produced several different mules in recent years. All of the mules were the result of circulating commemorative 25-cent coin programs that required the use of special commemorative dies.

In 1992, Canada celebrated its 125th anniversary of Confederation by striking a monthly series of circulating commemorative 25-cent coins, one for each province and territory, in a program that was a precursor to the U.S. State quarter dollar program. Each Canadian 25-cent commemorative has a provincial motif on the reverse. The RCM also struck collector versions of the coin and produced a brilliantly colored map of Canada to hold the 125th anniversary coins. This complete set with map holder was released October 7, 1992.

For the 1992 commemoratives, to accommodate the provincial and territorial reverse designs, the RCM moved the date of issue and the word CANADA from the reverse to the obverse. Similarly, when the U.S. Mint introduced the State quarter dollar program in 1999, the date and other legends were moved from their usual side to the opposite side, including the date and QUARTER DOLLAR denomination.

The obverse of the Canadian coin bears the effigy of Queen Elizabeth II by designer and modeler Dora de Pedery-Hunt. The dual date 1867-1992 appears below the bust; CANADA appears above the portrait.

In addition to the coins struck for circulation bearing the commemorative designs, the RCM struck special 1992 coins bearing the standard obverse and standard caribou reverse, but with a dual commemorative dates. The standard caribou reverse was reintroduced for general production in 1993.

The existence of commemorative and standard dies at the same time apparently resulted in the multi-dated mule. "Apparently, a 1993 Proof-like 25-cent piece was inadvertently struck with the obverse die of the Brilliant Uncirculated 25-cent piece that was used to strike the commemorative map sets released in October 1992," Dowsett said.

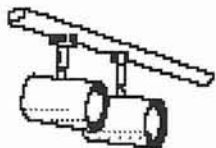
David Camire, error specialist at NGC, said the Canadian mule was struck on the normal pure nickel planchet intended for the 25-cent.



"Normal" 25-cent obverse struck in 1992, featuring the double date and the word CANADA. Various commemorative scenes appear on the reverse.



"Normal" 25-cent obverse struck in 1993. Neither the date nor the word CANADA appears on the obverse - they appear on the "Caribou" reverse.



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## MEDAL MARKS CENTENNIAL OF WOODSTOCK AS A CITY

*by Jerry Remick, ONA member #R1239 (reprinted from the October bulletin of the Ingersoll Coin Club)*



On June 9, 2001, the Woodstock Coin Club issued a 38 mm antiqued bronze medal to mark the centennial on July 1, 2001, of Woodstock as a city, and on the same date to mark the 150th anniversary of Woodstock as a town.

The medal and a centennial lapel pin are on sale at the Woodstock City Hall, at the Woodstock Museum or through a few select trade token dealers.

The medal is available in a descriptive and illustrated 8-1/2" x 11" cardboard holder, which is enclosed in a thick plastic sleeve, or without the holder in a plastic envelope.

One side of the cardboard holder is entitled "Historic Woodstock" and shows historic buildings and a monument. The other side is entitled "Industrial Woodstock" and depicts photos of 13 products produced in Woodstock over the years, including an automobile, fire engine, stove, steam engine, wagon, organ, shotgun, gasoline powered lawn mower, furniture, etc.

The obverse side of the medal shows a composite view of Woodstock's Dundas Street, with a 1901 view of the former Post Office, which is now the City Hall, on the left, and on the right, the same part of Dundas Street that is shown on the left but as it appears today, with the City Hall replacing the Post Office. A horse and cart are at the bottom left and an automobile is on the right side. WOODSTOCK/ONTARIO is below Dundas Street. 1901 DUNDAS STREET 2001 is around the top of the medal. FORMER POST OFFICE - NOW CITY HALL is around the bottom.

The reverse side of the medal shows a large "100" in the center, with the 1901 city coat of arms in the left zero and Woodstock's current city crest in the right zero. CENTENNIAL OF WOODSTOCK "THE FRIENDLY CITY" is around the top. WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB is around the bottom.

The composite photo of Dundas Street was borrowed from the 1999 Industrial Edition of the Woodstock "Sentinel Review," Woodstock's local newspaper. A small "SR" in the dot just to the right, in front of the automobile, acknowledges that "The Sentinel Review" allowed use of this photo for the centennial medal. Members of the Woodstock Coin Club designed the rest of the medal.

The Great Canadian Mint of Edmonton, Alberta, struck the token on 38 mm blanks in a quantity of 500 in antiqued bronze and 30 in BU pure silver.

The medal is available at the same selling price as in Woodstock from ONA member Ray Desjardins postpaid as follows: antiqued bronze in a cardboard holder for \$15.50, antiqued bronze without the holder for \$10.50 and BU pure silver without the holder for \$38.50. GST must be added to all prices, as must PST for shipments made to an Ontario address. Ray's mailing address is P.O. Box 11447, Station H, Nepean, ON K2H 7V1. He can also be reached at (613) 823-3844 or via e-mail at ray@eligi.ca .

The Woodstock Centennial lapel pin is made of antiqued brass and is 1-1/2" long. The top part shows a "100" with the old city crest in the zero at the left and the new city crest in the zero at the right. WOODSTOCK 100 CENTENNIAL/CELEBRATIONS 1901-2001 is below the "100." It sells for \$2.00 in Woodstock.

*(Editor's Comments: Having seen the board that the medal is mounted on, we certainly recommend the purchase of the medal with the cardboard holder at \$15.50. The attractive mounting and the historical information it contains is well worth the extra \$5.00.)*

Featuring news about the Royal Canadian Mint



## CANADA'S MARCONI COIN DESIGN GREATLY DIFFERENT FROM BRITAIN'S COUNTERPART

by John Regitko, ONA member #LM083

In the September/October 2000 ONA Numismatist, we mentioned that the year 2001 marks the centenary of Guglielmo Marconi's first long distance wireless transmission from Cornwall to Newfoundland. To celebrate this immensely important achievement, the British Royal Mint would be issuing a legal tender commemorative two-pound coin and, for the first time in their long history, they are seeking the public's help in choosing the new design by means of the British Mint's web site, through Radio Times and an invitation to members of the Royal Mint Coin Club. The public was asked to indicate which of the three designs they would prefer and their views would be taken into account by the Committee before it makes its final recommendation.



The 3 designs' central theme were: (far left) radio waves, both in the center and in the outer border, (middle) radio waves following the curvature of the earth with the signal of three dots that formed the first transmission moving from east to west as it did in 1901 and (right) the young Marconi's pictured on

the right with before him, his vision of bridging the Atlantic by wireless, with radio waves balancing the inscription in the outer border.

Members of the public that voted chose the left design (it was actually my own third choice, but I didn't take into account the fact that the other 2 designs probably didn't strike too well with the raised portion being on the bottom on the middle coin and the face on the right on the right coin).

There are a number of differences between the British coin and the Canadian Coin. The denominations are \$5 for the Canadian and 2 Pounds for the British coin. The British coin had a quantity of trial pieces struck as prototypes for the automatic vending industry for the purpose of re-calibrating vending machines, since the coin, according to the British Mint's pre-issue publicity, stated that it would also be issued for circulation. According to my sources, no such plan is in the works by the Canadian Mint.

While the Canadian coin was designed and approved in secrecy, the British coin was selected by a public process, where public votes were taken into account in the final selection of the design. What prompted me to include this comparison is the fact that a number of ONA members pointed out to me, in rather strong language, that in comparison to the British coin, ours was a great disappointment, lacking the very important quality of "artistic appeal." Most of the criticism was directed at the 2 sets of rather abstract radio signals that appear on the coin. Far be it for us to criticize the Royal Canadian Mint, but I like to hear what ONA members think about the Canadian bi-metallic Marconi coin's design.



While you're at it, you may also wish to comment on the fact that the unveiling of the Canadian coin took place in a foreign country, for which the Royal Canadian Mint has received a fair amount of criticism, including through the pages of Canadian Coin News. Incidentally, this is not the first time that a Royal Canadian Mint product has been introduced outside of Canada. I believe that the gold Maple Leaf was first unveiled at an ANA convention.

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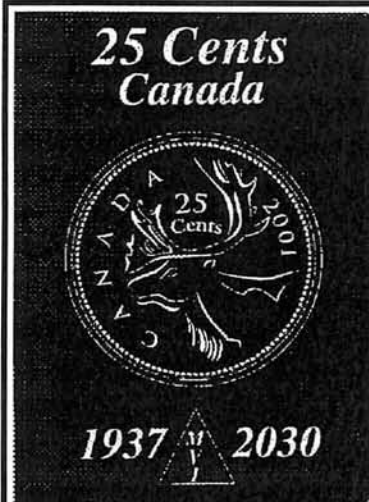
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The Bank of Canada's National Currency Museum is exhibiting "The Story of Canadian Tire 'Money'" from October 18 for about 3 months. The exhibit, housed in a special room approximately 18 feet x 30 feet in size, traces the evolution of the Canadian Tire coupons.

So was the announcement made by Roger Fox, President of the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club (CTCCC). The exhibit explores all the stages from its conception to its production. We find out about the circumstances that led to the first series of coupons in 1958. The printing process from plain security paper to the finished coupons is explained, with obvious similarities between these coupons and real Canadian currency highlighted.

You get a feel for just how many types of Canadian Tire money are part of the Gas Bar and Store series, plus the many other specialty series and issues that have been printed over the years. By checking out the interactive components of the display, you will be surprised at some of the hidden features you will find in current issues. UV features and a latent image help illustrate state of the art technologies that are being used to prevent counterfeiting of Canadian Tire coupons.

The exhibit has been produced by the Canadian Tire Coupon Collector's Club, with the generosity of both the Currency Museum of the Bank of Canada and Canadian Tire Corporation Limited. Other major contributors are B.A. Banknote Inc., Mason-Tree Communications Limited of Ottawa and Imagerie Denis Inc. of St. Jerome, P.Q.

The display is broken down into 6 categories. The first is the history of these popular coupons. The second, entitled "Production," will display artifacts from the Canadian Banknote Company in a 4' x 2' x 26' display case. The third, "Comparisons," will compare Canada's currency with Canadian Tire-type "money." The fourth area will display Canadian Tire gas bar and store coupons, which are the most common of these numismatic collectibles. Another

display will summarize how to get people interested in collecting these items. The emphasis will be on youth. There is no admission charge to the Currency Museum. Upon entering, a brochure will be handed out that will contain a normal 5 cent Canadian Tire coupon printed by the Canadian Banknote Company, overprinted with the Canadian Tire Corporation's permission. Ten thousand notes were printed for distribution to Museum visitors.



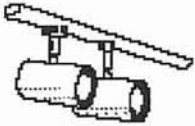
Most of the credit for the concept and the display must go to ONA member Roger Fox, who stayed in Ottawa to oversee the set-up of the display. As well, he was front and center during the opening of the exhibit.

The Currency Museum, located at 245 Sparks Street in Ottawa, is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



# 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*



## QUOTATIONS WORTH REMEMBERING

*A number of comments were made by members of the ONA during 2001 that are worth repeating.*

“Vote early and vote often!”

Mike Hollingshead, ONA President

(Part of his motivational message to members submitted for the January 2001 ONA Numismatist that was removed from his President’s Message because some members might not know Mike’s humourous nature.)

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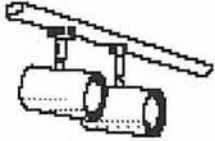
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## SPOTLIGHT ON

# NUMISMATIC ETIQUETTE

## WHAT TO DO WITH PERSONALIZED NUMISMATIC GIFTS - PART 2

by John Regitko, ONA member #LM083

In the March 2001 bulletin, I wondered what proper etiquette calls for when disposing the wooden tokens and personal medals that were given to me. Was it acceptable to sell them or should I give them away, either to the original giver or to someone else that appreciates them? I asked members to let me know what they thought.

Here, in no particular order, are excerpts of some of the responses:

*"Why not donate the material to the Junior Table at CAND. Also group some of the lots and sell on eBay and donate money to worthy coin groups"* - Norm Belsten

*"I think a guy's woods should be buried with him, or better still, cremate them on top of a pyre composed of his wood collection. It might be fitting to use a CTC coupon to light it with! Would a "wedding wood" that ends in divorce be classified as an "error"?"* - Mike Hollingshead

*"Personal medals should be bought and sold readily. What better way to popularize a numismatist. After all, the reason you struck it in the first place was to draw attention to yourself, right? "Look at me, Daddy, love me Daddy." (Psychiatrists have waiting rooms full of numismatists.) Good luck with sales."* - Mike Hollingshead

*"Place a few ads in the ONA Numismatist. Also put an ad in the CATC newsletter. The wooden money people would give you the same chance. Bring a number of them to the ONA Convention. There will be people that should be willing to purchase a number of them at a good price."* - Len Trakalo

*"I wouldn't have any qualms at all about selling these items if I were you. The people who gave you personalized ones would probably be thrilled to know there is a market for something they created. Maybe you could catalogue them all for an auction. The people who gave you the tokens would probably be proud to know that their creation was included. Good Luck!"* - Christina Smith

*"I see nothing wrong in "recycling" the items you describe (by passing them on to other collectors, selling them to benefit the club, etc.). I think we all face these types of house cleaning issues with our collections, and most people who create and give these types of tokens do not expect them to be "lifetime" additions to one's collections. Rather, I think that perhaps the thought of wider distribution or "appreciation" would appeal nicely to the egos of the average issuer of personalized tokens. I would not have a huge amount of respect for someone who might be offended that their gift of a wooden nickel or other personalized items was eventually passed on (I think that the causing of such offence would be quite unlikely)."* - Sean Isaacs

*"I have the same dilemma and have been thinking about it for some time. My final decision is to mount all of the items I have received as if I were doing a proper display, identifying each item and the donor and mounting them in a very good quality, properly framed case. Then I can enjoy them the rest of my lifetime and they should be very easy to dispose of by whomever inherits them. Therefore no guilt and I have the full pleasure and fond memories of these magnanimous gifts (all of which were at no cost to me and many of which bear the names of some very important people in Canadian numismatics)"* - Ray Desjardins

*"My wife, France, says that you should keep all those items received from your wife and the rest is fair game. Having just returned from a trip that required closing up my mother's apartment (she entered a retirement home), I fully understand the problem of clearing out a lifetime of items. Much of what I brought back will in fact end up with her grandsons as they are about to journey off on their own. I would imagine that many collectors would likewise pass at least part of their collection to their children or younger relatives. This may in fact be one of the best ways of promoting the hobby. The whole experience of clearing out the apartment has given impetus to placing my collection in better order. I also am very appreciative that my mother sized down her possessions over the years."* - Bill Waychison

*"The personalized numismatic gifts you have collected over the years would remain part of my collection until I did not collect coins anymore. After that time, I am sure other people would like them as part of their collection. Since they were a gift to you, you could donate them to an organization. An example is wooden nickels could go to CAWMC. Their executive would decide what to do with the collection."* - David Bawcutt

I will let you know next issue what I am going to do.

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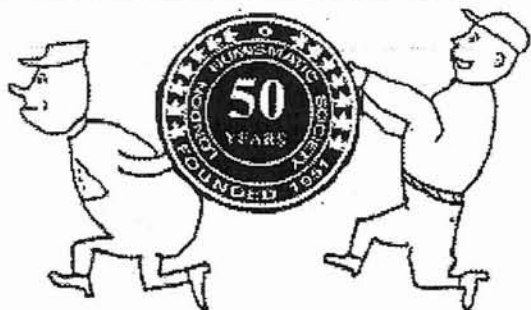
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## AN IDEA RIGHT ON THE MONEY

The following article appeared in the June 2001 bulletin of the Oshawa & District Coin Club. It originally appeared in *The Statesman*.



*Profile of three women in a symbolic rendition of the "marching mothers," a Canadian example of the true spirit of volunteerism. Incorporated in the coin's design are rays of sunshine, which make reference to the enlightening effect that Canadian volunteers have upon our communities.*

A Courtice man's idea was right on the money when his creative firm created a dime minted to honour the International Year of the Volunteer.

Barry McCabe of McCabe, Neil and Associates met with Heritage Minister Sheila Copps recently in a special presentation of the new dime, which began as a logo for one charitable organization and has been adopted as a symbol for all who donate their time.

Mr. McCabe's firm, the creative agency for the March of Dimes, originally created the logo featured on the dime for its client to reflect the "marching mothers" who began the organization 50 years ago, he explains. "When March of Dimes started, it was the first grassroots charitable organization. Mothers went door-to-door to collect money to help eradicate polio. The "marching mothers" was the germ of the idea we had when we saw a photograph from that era of the women. We decided to profile three women."

The only change the Royal Canadian Mint made to the logo, says Mr. McCabe, was to take out the March of Dimes tree and the words "Marching Mothers." It replaced those with a sun and the words "International Year of the Volunteer." The sun is representative "of the light and warmth" volunteers give, he says.

Normally, the Mint will create special quarters to celebrate occasions of significance. However, given the relevance to the March of Dimes, it decided to go with the 10-cent piece this time, says Mr. McCabe. The Ottawa presentation couldn't have been timed better, points out Mr. McCabe. It was just in time for Mother's Day.

*The Ontario March of Dimes is a multi-service, charitable organization delivering a wide range of programs that enrich the lives of over 10,000 men and women with physical disabilities each year in communities across Ontario.*

*Through their programs and services, Ontario March of Dimes enables adults with physical disabilities to participate more fully in community life, providing them with the tools they need to enhance their independence.*

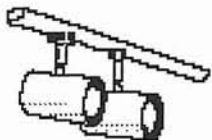
*Back in the 30s, 40s and 50s, polio epidemics ravaged North America. Mothers, fearing for the lives of their children, canvassed their neighborhoods to raise funds to support research to find a cure. Their efforts helped fund the research of Dr. Jonas Salk, leading to the discovery of the Salk vaccine in 1955.*

*Following the discovery of the vaccine, Ontario March of Dimes' mandate shifted considerably to serve the broader needs of all adults with physical disabilities in the province of Ontario. Today, through a wide range of programs and services, Ontario March of Dimes helps to foster independence and integration into the community for adults with physical disabilities.*

*Since being incorporated in 1951, Ontario March of Dimes' budget has increased from \$14,000 to over \$35 million of which 66% of revenues is from government sources, 17% from private donations and the balance from fees and investments. All programs and regions of Ontario are supported by volunteer committees. More than 15,000 volunteers go door-to-door to canvass for Ontario March of Dimes each January.*



*The 'ability tree' symbolizes strength and possibility. It forms the basis of the vital work Ontario March of Dimes is doing to promote independence for adults with physical disabilities throughout Ontario. The tree, which is part of the Ontario March of Dimes' logo, was inspired by a line of poetry: "tho' much is taken, much abides" from Lord Tennyson's "Ulysses."*



SPOTLIGHT ON  
PERSONALIZED MEDALS

## CATHOLIC MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

by Ted Leitch

*We are pleased to reprint the following article which appeared recently in the London Numismatic Society bulletin.*



This 29 mm personalized medal has an outer ring of bronze and an inner star made of brass. The central portion of the star features a heart over an anchor which is on top of a cross. Below the star are two hands clasped in friendship. The inscription reads "PETER McGLADE - LONDON ONT." and the small initials "C.M.B.A." are located in the points of the star. The reverse has the inscription "LONDON BRANCH NO 4."

The medal was given to Peter McGlade by the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association. Peter McGlade owned a grocery store at 531 Richmond

Street until his death in 1907. The Association was formed in 1876 but did not open in London until 1897.

The Catholic Mutual Benefit Association became registered with the Ontario Government in 1896 to sell insurance to its members. London was the fourth lodge of the Association and a second lodge was formed in the 1920s. This medal was given to Peter McGlade between 1897 and 1907 probably when he joined the Association or when he bought insurance.

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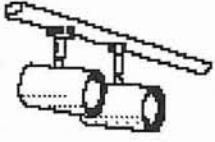
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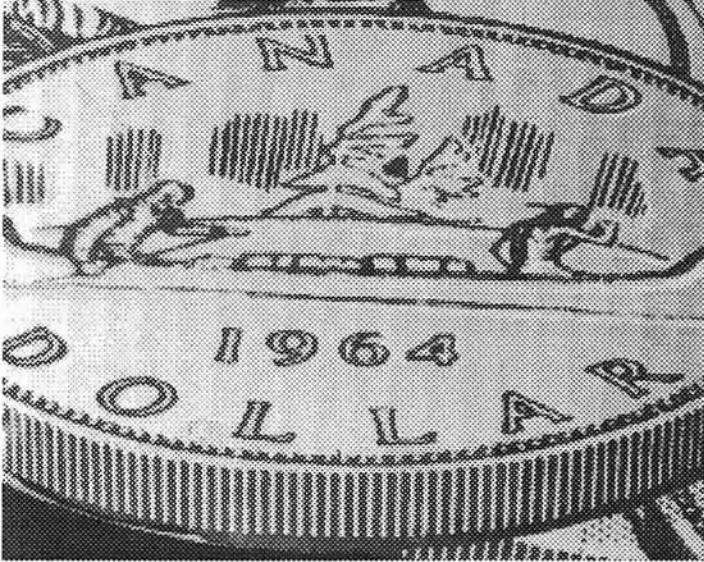




# SPOTLIGHT ON CANADIAN DOLLARS

## THE MYSTERY OF THE 1964 CANADIAN SILVER DOLLAR - PART 2

by John Regitko, ONA Life Member #LM083



On page 182, we ask you to look at the illustration that is repeated on the left to figure out if there was anything unusual about the coin illustrated as part of an advertisement on a carboard mobile.

It is surprising how many collectors that were shown the photograph simply stated that it was an illustration of a regular Canadian Silver Dollar. Bill English reported the following:

“Ford Motor Company dealers displayed the large “C” as a mobile, with display advertising cards hanging from the holes by nylon leaders. The dealers used them until new display material was available and then would discard the previous mobile. I asked a dealer for it when it had served its purpose for him.”

What is unusual about it? To quote Bill English further: “It was used on a display in Toronto at a coin show in 1964 and unless the error was pointed out, most collectors could see nothing wrong. It proves how the mind associates the voyager design with the Canadian Dollar, regardless of the year.

The answer: The 1964 Canadian Silver Dollar did not contain the voyager design!



(Left) Usual Voyager Reverse  
(Not used in 1964)

(Right) Special 1964  
Reverse Commemorative

The Voyager design has become so imbred in our minds that most of us, when we see the above poster illustration, simply accept it as fact.



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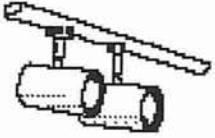
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# SPOTLIGHT ON COUNTERFEIT COINS

## COUNTERFEIT COINS AND CANADIAN LAW

*by Robert Aaron*

Why 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.

One of the first recorded Canadian counterfeiting cases arose when Canada was barely five months old. On November 27, 1867, three brothers named John, Michael and Murtagh Tierney, and a friend, Danil Buckley, were busily occupied at a farmhouse near Ottawa making American dollars, together with dies, presses, molds, matrixes, tools, machines and five tons of metal.

The section of the Canadian laws under which they were charged made it an offense to possess counterfeit foreign gold or silver coin. The four men were charged with having in their possession counterfeit United States half dollar coins, contrary to the relevant statute. The charge inadvertently omitted including the fact that the coins were "gold or silver," an essential element of the offense. Their lawyer naturally took objection and the court agreed with him. The charges were quashed, but the judge gave the Crown attorney (the prosecutor) the right to relay the charge using the correct language specifying the content of the coins.

Some years later, in 1895, one George G. Corey, was tried in New Brunswick on charges of selling counterfeit notes resembling and intended to resemble United States government Treasury Notes. Originally, Corey was tried on nine charges, but he was acquitted of all but the ninth. On his charge, he appealed to the New Brunswick Supreme Court.

It turned out that Corey had defrauded a Canadian of \$800 by selling him some United States banknotes, or what looked at least like American notes. Specimens of the notes were introduced into the Canadian court. The \$5 note read: "A United States 5/Pay the bearer on demand/Charleston, June 1862/Five Dollars/James Smith, President/W.R. Hoyied, Cashier." The face of the note carried, in the upper left corner, a vignette of Washington, and in the upper right, the figure "5." In the lower right, an Indian seated, and in the lower left, a husbandman leaning on a scythe. On the reverse were the following words: "Receivable in payment/United States of America/of all dues." The 10 and 20 were all similar, and similarly bogus.

The Canadian Criminal Code at the time made it illegal to engrave, possess or dispose of anything intended to resemble any bond or undertaking for the payment of money used by any foreign state. The Code defined "counterfeit token of value" as including any spurious or counterfeit coin, paper money or other evidence of value. It was also (and still is) illegal to print, utter, publish, sell or distribute any counterfeit token of value.

The defense argued that since there were no original notes of the kind Corey allegedly counterfeited, therefore, the notes were not counterfeits. If they were not originals, the argument went, there could not be, or purport to be, any counterfeits. The judges, both at trial and on appeal, ruled otherwise. They ruled that these notes were counterfeit tokens of value. Even though there were no originals, they still professed to be, on their face, evidence of value. Although a banker wouldn't be fooled, Mr. Justice Tuck said, the notes "are meant to pass from hand-to-hand as evidence of value, and are calculated to deceive and cheat the unthinking and unwary. Then they are false and spurious. They are not what they profess to be."

The judge noted that the Canadian who was buying Corey's notes was getting \$8 or \$10 for every one he paid. The buyer knew he was buying counterfeits, the judge continued, "but he has a right to believe, dishonest though he is, that he is getting a counterfeit of good money, and not a piece of paper, which is a counterfeit of nothing. Corey professed to sell counterfeits of United States Government or Treasury notes when in reality, they were nothing of the kind. It is not too often that a judge defends one criminal against another in this manner!"

In another interesting case in the 1890s, the accused was more fortunate. The case was tried in Toronto in 1891. A man named Attwood was charged and, at first, convicted of offering to purchase counterfeit tokens of value. These were genuine, but unsigned, Canadian Bank of Commerce notes. The notes were shown to him as counterfeits, however, and believing them to be so, he offered to buy them.

The appeal court ruled that Attwood could not be convicted on evidence showing the notes were genuine, but unsigned, even though he believed they were counterfeit and offered to buy them under such belief. The court noted that what was said to Attwood about the quality of the notes, and, what he believed, was irrelevant. An offer to purchase genuine notes was not illegal.

Shortly before the turn of the century, another Canadian was charged with illegally possessing money which turned out to be genuine. In 1899, a man named Benham was charged in Hull, Quebec, with having in his possession a counterfeit coin intended to resemble a silver dollar of the United States of America, knowing it to be counterfeit and intending to pass it off. A large number of genuine trade dollars of the US were found in Benham's possession, and the Crown sought to prove that the accused had attempted to pass these off as worth \$1 when, in fact, they were worth 60¢.

Trade dollars had been issued from 1873 to 1885. They ceased to be legal tender in the United States in 1876., but coinage continued to meet overseas demand. Benham's attorney objected to the evidence as it was essential, he said, that the coins offered in evidence themselves be counterfeit. The judge agreed and freed Benham. Since the coins were all genuine, no evidence was available that he knew they were only worth 60¢.

In 1905, a Nova Scotian named James Tutty was convicted of possessing two counterfeit bank notes even though no policeman ever caught him with them. Tutty was hunting with his friend Edward Proctor one day, when he decided to show Proctor two bank bills. Proctor must have known they were counterfeit, but said to Tutty, "Let me have the bills. I will take them home and show my wife. Let her believe I have had a big pay."

The notes in question were two Bank of Montreal \$10 bills. Proctor, unfortunately, got drunk that night, so drunk that he didn't remember anything the next day. In his stupor, he had purchased a sweater from one Maurice Gold for \$8.75, using Tutty's \$10 bill (Proctor had no \$10 bill of his own). Gold took the note to the bank where it was spotted, and investigation led the police to Tutty. Eventually, Tutty broke down and admitted ownership to the chief of police. The Nova Scotia Supreme Court ruled that Tutty had been rightly convicted of having two forged bank notes in his possession knowing them to be forged.

Another interesting case arose in Ontario in 1938. An entrepreneur named Graveline went to a well-known engraving company in Detroit, Michigan, and attempted, unsuccessfully, to buy a plate suitable for making Canadian \$5 bank notes. The note he wanted copied was the 1935 Bank of Canada issue bearing the Prince of Wales, later Edward VIII and the Duke of Windsor.

As a result of his inquiry, officials of the engraving company immediately communicated with the United States Secret Service and one of its members, Guy Spaman, later contacted Graveline in Detroit. Spaman met Graveline six times during the next month in both Detroit and Windsor. Spaman testified at the trial that they had concluded a bargain, whereby Graveline would pay for the cost of securing a plate suitable for the production of Canadian five dollar bank notes, at a cost of \$125, also pay for the paper and ink required and buy the finished product of the plate at the rate of \$5 per \$100 in notes.

On appeal by the Crown from the dismissal of the charges, counsel for Graveline argued for a second time that it was not against the law (as it stood at the time) to attempt to purchase a plate to make Canadian paper money. The court agreed, saying that it was not possible to convict someone of negotiating to purchase a counterfeit token of value if the tokens were not in existence at the time.

In the case of *King v. Haggarty*, a mold capable of being used in the manufacture of counterfeit coins was found in an ice cream freezer buried in the garden of the home occupied by the accused, his wife, mother and brother. The British Columbia Court of Appeal ruled on the case in 1946 and decided that in the absence of some evidence indicating knowledge of its existence or consent to its remaining in that place, the mere finding of an article buried in a householder's garden does not, in itself, mean that an accused person is guilty of making or beginning to make counterfeit money, or having materials in his possession for this purpose.

By far, the most important judicial decision in Canadian counterfeit law is that of the Supreme Court of Canada in the case of *Richard Robinson v. Her Majesty, the Queen*. On the afternoon of May 14, 1969, three police officers uncovered a cardboard box which had been hidden in Robinson's Toronto apartment in a chesterfield. The box contained 711 US gold coins and 146 1941/42 US dimes. None of the coins were genuine.

At the trial before County Court Judge Harry Deyman, the question arose as to whether the coins involved, if genuine, would be current. Canada's Criminal Code, section 408, makes it an offense, without lawful justification or excuse (the proof of which lies on the accused), to buy, receive, introduce into Canada, or have in one's possession or custody, counterfeit money. The maximum penalty is 14 years imprisonment.

Counterfeit money is defined in section 406 as including a false coin that "resembles or is apparently intended to resemble or pass for a current coin." "Current" is the key word here, and is defined to mean "lawfully current in Canada or elsewhere as the case may be." The key question at trial was whether the gold coins and the dimes were "current" US coins.

Robert Goff, legal counsel for the US Secret Service, testified as to the state of the law in the U.S. on behalf of the prosecution, and Professor Samuel Dash, then with the Institute of Criminal Law and Procedure at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, testified on the same subject for Robinson. Goff testified that in his opinion, the Coinage Act of 1965 was broad enough to include gold coins in its scope as having legal tender. Professor Dash, on the other hand, believed that the Gold Reserve Act and the Presidential directive made under that Act removing the legal tender status of gold coins were both still in force in 1969.

Judge Deyman accepted Dash's evidence, saying that he believed that the state of the US law at the time was that gold coins had ceased to be legal tender, and this status was not reinstated by passage of the Coinage Act of 1965. This finding of the state of a foreign law in a Canadian court is a finding of fact (as opposed to a finding of law) and as such, it was not subject to appeal. Robinson's acquittal of possessing counterfeit gold coins still remains on the books. The state of Canadian law today is that it is perfectly legal to possess or deal in any counterfeit, non-current coins.

Judge Deyman's findings are not binding, however, and it is open to another judge trying another case to find on the basis of evidence presented to him that American gold coins are current and legal tender today. If this were the case, another accused might be found guilty of possession of counterfeit copies of such coins - notwithstanding the Robinson decision. With respect to the dimes, Judge Deyman found that they too were not copies of money.

Robinson's lawyer had read a definition of money from an 1899 British decision called *Moss v. Hancock*. The definition, which Judge Deyman approved of, reads: "Money as currency (is) of debts and full payment for commodities, being accepted equally without reference to the character or credit of the person who offers it and without the intention of the person who receives it to consume it or apply it to any other use than in turn to tender it to others in discharge of debts or payment for commodities."

Judge Deyman ruled that since the coins would have, if genuine, a numismatic value of between \$100 and \$800, they could not fall within this definition, and hence, were not money. On a Crown appeal, the Ontario Court of Appeal overturned the acquittal and sentenced Robinson to two years less one day in prison for possession of the counterfeit dimes only. Mr. Justice Arthur Kelly, delivering the unanimous judgment of the Court, ruled that the dimes were still current legal tender since no subsequent enactment affected their legal monetary status. Once they were issued as lawful coins, their status as coinage remains unless change is effected by legislation.

The intention of the owner of the coin from time-to-time (whether to use the coin as money or as a numismatic curio) was irrelevant. Dealing with the submission that the status of the original coins had changed and that they had become articles of virtue instead of money, the Justice referred to the case of Moss v. Hancock.

In that case, a thief stole in 1887 five pound gold piece from his employer. He traded it to a dealer in curiosities for five sovereigns, the face value of the larger coin. The employer sued the dealer for the return of the coin, and won.

The British court found that the coin had not been received by the dealer as current coin but as a curio, and accordingly, since it was not being dealt with as money, the dealer would have to give it back. The Ontario Court of Appeal found nothing in the Moss case to indicate that the five pound coin had lost its status as money merely because it has a value of more than five pounds. By analogy, the Court said that genuine 1942/41 dimes were still money even though they had an increased numismatic value.

The court said that in the absence of the termination of the monetary status of the coin by the sponsoring government or the disappearance of the sponsoring government (as in the case of the Roman empire) every coin issued as such remains a current coin and the unauthorized replica is a counterfeit. Robinson again appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada. In the judgment of Mr. Justice Ritchie dated February 28, 1973, the Supreme Court again rejected the contention of Robinson that the dimes were not money, agreeing on this point with the Ontario Court of Appeal.

The Court then dealt with the submission that proof of men's rhea (guilty mind, or guilty intention) was essential to the success of the Crown's case, and that Robinson's belief stated to the arresting officers that the coins were genuine constituted lawful justification or excuse for possession. This argument was also rejected on the ground that the statement did not amount to a sufficient explanation. (A statement by an accused that he did not know the coins were counterfeit, if believed by the Court, is considered legal justification or excuse for possessing a counterfeit.)

In a separate, concurring judgment, Mr. Justice Bora Laskin, who later became chief justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, said that the lack of intention to use counterfeit coins as currency, if properly established in evidence, inasmuch a lawful justification or excuse as proof that the accused was unaware that the coins were counterfeit. The Supreme Court upheld Robinson's conviction.

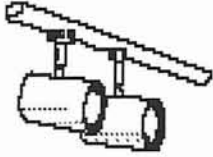
What is the state of counterfeit law in Canada now? It seems that it is perfectly legal to collect, own, buy, sell or trade counterfeit coins or paper money in Canada, provided the items in question have been demonetized or are no longer current; or the items, if genuine, would be current legal tender, but the owner can prove he did not intend to use them as currency.

The counterfeit sections of the Criminal Code were apparently designed only for the punishment of those who pass, or intend to pass, counterfeit money as the genuine article. Police and prosecutors, in future, when dealing with numismatic counterfeits in Canada (where the collector value is higher than face value) will probably look to other sections of the Criminal Code under which to lay charges.

Sections relating to fraud, attempted fraud, false pretenses or conspiracy have been suggested. It is doubtful whether another Canadian would ever be acquitted of possessing counterfeit US gold pieces.

Now that gold ownership is legal again in the United States, the way is open for repeal of section a2 of Executive Order 6260 which prohibited the use of gold as currency. But even if gold remains demonetized in the US (and this is still a matter of opinion, notwithstanding Judge Deyman's ruling), the air has not been cleared over the Canadian counterfeit laws by the Supreme Court decision, and Canadian lawyers and law enforcement agencies now have a better understanding of the way the Criminal Code works on counterfeit matters.

The Supreme Court ruling was a step in the right direction, but there is still a long road to travel. Some Canadian collectors are agitating for a law similar to the US Hobby Protection Act which would clamp down on the presence of counterfeit coins in Canada. In time, such a law may be passed by our Parliament. The hobby will be better for it.



# SPOTLIGHT ON NUMISMATIC AUCTIONS

## MANY RECORDS SET IN OCTOBER TOREX AUCTION

Many record prices were set at the Canadian Coinoisseur Torex Auction on the 26th and 27th of October in Toronto. Michael Walsh, who catalogued and conducted the Auction, reported that he had 129 mail bidders with bids totalling over \$600,000 prior to the sale. Added to these were 57 registered floor bidders, bringing the total to his strongest response ever. Many of the bids received by mail, courier, fax and e-mail were at or above catalogue, and even after spirited bidding on the floor, most of these lots went to the remote bidders.

Just over half of the lots selling above catalogue were Canadian small cents, mostly George VI. Walsh said, "It is interesting to see a continued very strong response in this area, particularly since the Canadian Coin News Trends went up so dramatically only a few months ago. Collectors seem eager to meet and often surpass even these new values." Some of the highlights of the sale were:

- Lot 0074, a Dominica Holey Dollar graded VG+ and cataloguing \$400, sold for \$440 to a Canadian e-mail Bidder.
- Lot 0115, a 1937 Canadian Matte Specimen Set in PCGS SP 66 cataloguing \$1,200 sold to a United States Mail Bidder for \$1,980.
- Lot 0139, a 1908C Sovereign graded ICCS SP 65 sold to a Floor Bidder for \$5,060.
- Lot 0166, a 1864 Large 6 New Brunswick Five Cents graded NGC MS 60 catalogued at \$2,400 sold to a Mail Bidder in England for \$2,035.
- Lot 0410, a 1927 Canadian Cent graded ICCS MS 64 Red opened on the floor at \$660 and was finally hammered down to a Mail Bidder in the United States for \$1443, over double the catalogue of \$600.
- Lot 0419, a 1932 Canadian Cent graded ICCS MS 64 Red opened at \$198 and was hammered down to a Floor Bidder at \$374, well above the \$200 catalogue value.
- Lot 0444, a 1937 Canadian Cent graded ICCS MS 65 Red opened on the floor at \$77 and was sold to a Floor Bidder for \$165, more than double the catalogue of \$80.
- Lot 0461, a 1942 Canadian Cent graded ICCS MS 65 Red sold to a Mail Bidder in the United States for \$605 on a catalogue of \$500.
- Lot 0598, a 1921 Canadian Five Cents Silver graded ICCS VG 10 cataloguing \$2,250 was hammered down for \$2,750.
- Lot 0774, a 2000P Canadian Ten Cents received much bidding interest and was sold to a Canadian Proxy Bidder for \$715.
- Lot 0805, a 1900 Canadian Twenty Five Cents graded PCGS MS 65 sold for \$7,150 on the floor after a spirited bidding battle between a live Phone Bidder and a Floor Agent acting for an absent collector.
- Lot 0828, a 1921 Canadian Twenty Five Cents graded PCGS AU 55 catalogued at \$1,000 sold to a Mail Bidder for \$1,028.50.
- Lot 0895, a 2000P Canadian Twenty Five Cents sold to a Floor Bidder for \$770.
- Lot 0927, a 1900 Canadian Fifty Cents graded PCGS MS 63, the cover coin of the catalogue, sold to a Floor Bidder for \$29,700, topping an e-mail Bidder from the United States.
- Lot 0931, a 1901 Canadian Fifty Cents graded PCGS AU 58 opened on the floor at \$2,345 was bid up to \$3,850.
- Lot 0932, a 1902 Canadian Fifty Cents graded PCGS MS 63 opened on the floor at \$2,350 and quickly rose to \$4,070.
- Lot 0933, a second 1902 Canadian Fifty Cents graded PCGS MS 63 opened on the floor at \$2,500 and sold for \$3,630.
- Lot 0955, a 1931 Canadian Fifty Cents graded PCGS AU 58 and cataloguing \$1,000, opened at \$550 and rose to \$1,045.
- Lot 0956, a 1932 Canadian Fifty Cents graded ICCS EF 45 cataloguing at \$1,200 opened at \$770. and after spirited bidding, was finally hammered down to a Floor Bidder for \$1,815.
- Lot 0958, a 1934 Canadian Fifty Cents graded ANACS MS 61 and cataloguing \$1,200 opened at \$541 and sold for \$1,540.
- Lot 0987, a 1947 Curved 7 Maple Leaf Fifty Cents graded ICCS VF 20 catalogued at \$2,250 was sold for \$1,936.
- Lot 1006, a 2000P Canadian Fifty Cents sold to a Canadian Proxy Bidder for \$715.
- Lot 1051, a 1948 Canadian Silver Dollar graded ICCS MS 63 catalogued at \$1,850 sold for \$1,567.50 to a Floor Bidder.
- Lot 1052, a 1948 Canadian Silver Dollar graded PCGS MS 63 catalogued at \$1,850 sold for \$1,540 to a Canadian Mail Bidder.
- Lot 1105, a 1958 Canadian Silver Dollar, the solo highest graded by ICCS as PL 67 Heavy Cameo catalogued at \$400 sold after some competition on the floor, to a Mail Bidder for \$770.

"The overall results of the sale," said Walsh, "demonstrated an increasing demand for choice pieces and an ongoing demand for accurately graded pieces, both certified and uncertified. Several dealers were on the floor, replenishing their stocks at stronger prices than we have seen for some time."

The Canadian Coinoisseur's next auction will be in July of 2002 in conjunction with the CNA Convention in Vancouver. Michael Walsh told us that he already has a multi-million dollar collection consigned for the sale and that he is eager to discuss consignments of collections and major pieces. Further information is available at [www.coinoisseur.com](http://www.coinoisseur.com). He can also be contacted by e-mail at [mail@coinoisseur.com](mailto:mail@coinoisseur.com) or by writing to Canadian Coinoisseur, #345-101-1001 West Broadway Vancouver, BC V6H 4E4.