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## **President's Message**

How was your summer? I hope you had some time to involve yourself in the hobby, as well as managing your activities through all the heat, while keeping your use of electricity for air conditioning under control. For myself, I lost count of how many times I heard, "Hot enough for you?"

A highlight of the summer for many O.N.A. members was the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association Convention in Saint John, New Brunswick. It was just close enough that many of the members I spoke to found it convenient to drive out there rather than fly. Some stuck with the Trans-Canada highway, while other adventurous types (my wife and I included) took the route south of Montreal through the wilds of Maine. No matter what manner used to get there, it was impressive to see such a fine national convention hosted by the thriving and yet small Saint John club.

The ample-sized bourse floor provided space for an international group of dealers, the Royal Canadian Mint showing Olympic Medals, and a nice selection of displays... although less than the past few years. The program was a busy one, starting with a full-day symposium on the Wednesday and the usual group meetings, spousal events and tours. It was confirmed at the Club Delegates' Breakfast on Friday that the London Numismatic Society would continue to produce and improve its fine PowerPoint.DVD program and that the O.N.A. would continue to distribute it free of charge to all member clubs, including clubs outside Ontario that join the O.N.A.

At a meeting of the Canadian Association of Token Collectors there was discussion about two books that have come available. One is electronic and for C.A.T.C. members only, so I will leave it to those folks to look for information in *Numismatica Canada*, but the other is an impressive 64-page co-operative effort entitled *Catalogue of Medals Issued by Members of the A.P.M.I* (the Association of Personalized Medal Issuers). The authors, Tom Wallace of the U.S., Yvon Marquis from Quebec and O.N.A. member Rick Craig, have built on the work of the late Jerry Remick and produced a nicely-illustrated all-encompassing study of the subject. Rick has given me permission to publicize that the at-cost publication (\$20) is available to those who e-mail him at [rickcraig@rogers.com](mailto:rickcraig@rogers.com).

I learned that many O.N.A. friends were planning to stay on in the Maritimes and tack a vacation to the end of their Convention visit a good plan because scenery, attractions and events were all really fine.

Closer to home, I gave notice last time of the Count Your Pennies exhibit at the Balls Falls Conservation area. It all ends on September 20 and is the work of the Bank Of Canada, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority and the Niagara Falls Coin Club. I took the opportunity to get there and must say I was very impressed. There were not any great numismatic rarities on display, but the viewer was shown various grocery products from a progression of eras, informed of typical prices, and then shown the coins and notes that were in circulation at the time. I cannot think of a better way, through a general display, to get people thinking about money in circulation and engendering an interest in collecting, especially among junior collectors. Very well done!

In finishing my message this time out, we need to cover a little business. I ask club executive to watch their mailbox for the annual mailing for O.N.A. club membership renewal and payment of club insurance. This is an important program and it is very helpful to Bruce Raszmann, our Treasurer, if it receives

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Regular Membership - \$15.00 per year

Husband & Wife (1 Journal) - \$17.00 year

Junior (up to age 18) - \$5.00 year

Club Membership - \$20.00 year

Life Membership - \$450.00\*

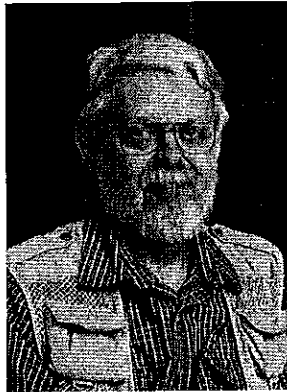
\*Life memberships are accepted only after one year of regular membership.

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Bruce Raszmann, ONA Treasurer  
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your immediate attention and you get payment on its way as a first item of your club's fall business. The forms used have changed a bit this year. There is now a form exclusively for your business contact, probably your club treasurer, and a second form profiling your club and its operation, all of which appears on the O.N.A. web site. We are trying very hard to make it as easy as possible to publicize your club's operations. In addition to the profile form coming in the mailing, it is also on-line at [www.ontario-numismatic.org](http://www.ontario-numismatic.org) along with a fill-in-the-blanks format form making electronic submission possible. Our thanks to Judy Blackman for her work in making this innovation possible.

I have received word of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations coming up for Brantford Numismatic Society on September 19, the Stratford Coin Club on October 20 and the Oshawa & District Coin Club on November 7. I extend congratulations to these clubs, I appreciate the invitations and am planning on attending every one.



Paul Petch

O.N.A. President

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Aug 12, 2010

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Dear Richard

Membership

The applications for membership that appeared in the July-Aug issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted.

We welcome

2025 Nick Cowan, Toronto, Ont.,  
2026 Robert Daigneau, Cornwall, Ont.,

The following applications have been received.

2027 Jacy Mathew Hall, Kitchener, Ont.,  
2028 John H. V. Hesse, Now Hamburg, Ont.,

Bruce H. Raszmann  
ONA Treas. & Membership Chairman.

# Coming Events

## SEPT. 19, 2010, London, ON

London Numismatic Society 18th Annual Coin Show, Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Rd. [off Hwy. 401]. Hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$2, children free, free parking, displays, dealers in coins, medals, notes and tokens. Draws for RCM products. Sponsor/Affiliate: London Numismatic Society. For more information contact Len Buth, 519-641-4353, or lbuth@webmanager.on.ca.

## SEPT. 26, 2010, Brampton, ON

Brampton Coin Show, Century Gardens Recreation Centre, 340 Vodden Road East. Buy, sell, trade and appraise at over 40 tables of dealers, featuring coins, medals, tokens, paper money, trade dollars, militaria. Children's table. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission: \$3, under 14 free. Free parking. Sponsor/Affiliate: B&W Coins & Tokens and the Brampton Rotary Club. For more information, contact B&W Coins & Tokens, Willard Burton, 905-450-2870, email b\_and\_w@sympatico.ca.

## OCT. 16, 2010, Oshawa, ON

Durham Coin-A-Rama, Five Points Mall, 285 Taunton Rd. E. Free dealer, public, and membership draws, free admission. Featuring paper, coins, tokens, medals and many other items. Sponsor/Affiliate: Oshawa and District Coin Club. For more information, contact: Sharon, telephone (905) 728-1352, email: papman@bell.net.

## OCT. 17, 2010, Mt. Elgin, ON

48th Annual Tillsonburg Coin Show, Mt. Elgin Community Centre, Hwy. 19. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., More than 25 dealer tables, buy, sell, trade and evaluate, lunch available, admission one loonie. Sponsor/Affiliate: Tillsonburg Coin Club. For more information contact Ralph Harrison, 36 Kamps Cres., Tillsonburg, ON N4G4Z3, telephone 519-842-8790, email rchar@sympatico.ca.

## OCT. 23 - 24, 2010, Toronto, ON

Torex - Canada's National Coin Show, Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel, 5975 Airport Rd. Featuring Canada's Finest Dealers. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$6. Under 16 Free. Official Auctioneer: The Canadian Numismatic Company, Marc Verret & Eric Pacquet. The Hilton hotel is located directly across from Toronto's Pearson International Airport. Sponsor/Affiliate: . For more information, call (416) 705-5348. Website: <http://www.torex.net>.

## OCT. 24, 2010, Stratford, ON

Stratford Coin Club's 50th Anniversary Show, Army Navy Air Force Hall, 151 Lorne Ave. East. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$2 adults, 16 and under free. Buy, sell coins, paper money, tokens. Lunch is available. Sponsor/Affiliate: Stratford Coin Club. For more information, contact Larry Walker, telephone 519-271-3352, email lswalker@cyg.net.

## OCT. 30, 2010, Guelph, ON

South Wellington Coin Society Fall Show, Colonel John McCrear Legion 919 York Rd. Hurs: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 50 dealer tables, free parking, fully accessible, large display area, hot meals, free gold coin draw, and selling half dollars for 49 cents. Sponsor/Affiliate: South Wellington Coin Society. For more information contact Lowell Wierstra, 8 Smart St Guelph ON, 519-824-6534, email ljwierstra@sympatico.ca.

## NOV. 6, 2010, Scarborough, ON

Scarborough Coin Club Invites you to their 14th Annual Coin Show. Location: Cedarbrook Community Centre, 91 Eastpark Blvd. Scarborough, Ontario. 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Coins, paper money, tokens, medals, club table, etc. Free admission and draws. Refreshments available. We are at the location where our club meets. Tables still available, contact Dick Dunn at e-mail cpms@idirect.com or P.O. Box 562, Pickering, ON L1V 2R7.

## NOV. 13 - 14, 2010, Cambridge, ON

TL Coin Show, Cambridge Hotel & Conference Centre, 700 Hespeler Road. Hours Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission adults \$4, seniors/students \$2, young collectors 12 and under free. Draw for gold coin. Sponsor/Affiliate: TL Coin Show. For information contact Linda Robinson, telephone 289-235-9288, email lindarobinson@cogeco.ca, or Tom Kennedy, telephone 519-271-8825. Website: <http://www.tlcoinshow.com>.

## NOV. 14, Windsor, ON

Windsor Coin Club Annual Fall Show, Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Ave. Admission of \$1 (juniors free) includes hourly door prize draw and grand prize. Plenty of free parking. Sponsor/Affiliate: Windsor Coin Club. For information contact M. Clarke, telephone 519-735-0727, email mclarke@wincom.net.

## NOV. 20, 2010, Niagara Falls, ON

Niagara Falls Coin Club Coin Show. Our Lady of Peace Hall, 6944 Stanely Ave., Niagara Falls, On. Hours 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Admission \$2.00. Free Gold Draw. Free Parking. For more information contact Todd Hume (905) 871-2451.

## DEC. 5, Windsor, ON

Essex County 6th Coin Show and Sale, Fogolar Furlan 1800 EC Row Ave E. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Excellent selection of United States and Canadian coins, paper money, merchant tokens, bank notes, bullion, coin supplies, mint products. Co-Sponsored by Canadian Diabetes Association. Admission by free-will donation to the Canadian Diabetes Association. Sponsor/Affiliate: Canadian Diabetes Association. Dan Jones club president, telephone 1-519-733-6296.

## DEC. 5, Woodstock, ON

Woodstock Toy And Collectibles Show And Sale, Auditorium and Mutual/Market Buildings, Woodstock Fairgrounds, 875 Nellis Street. Hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$3, children under age 12 free when accompanied by an adult. More than 210 vendor tables. For more information, contact Ian Ward at 519-426-8875, Monday to Friday before 8 p.m., email: toyshow@kwic.com.

## FEB. 19, 2011, Oshawa, ON

Durham Coin-A-Rama, Five Points Mall, 285 Taunton Rd E. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free dealer public, and membership draws. Free admission. Featuring paper, coins, tokens, medals and many other items. Celebrating 50 years. Sponsor/Affiliate: Oshawa and District Coin Club. For more information contact Sharon at 905-728-1352, e-mail papman@bell.net.

## MARCH 19, 2011, Cambridge, ON

20th Annual Cambridge Coin Show, Cambridge Newfoundland Club, 1500 Dunbar Rd. Free admission. Buy, sell, trade and evaluate at 52 tables. Tokens, trade dollars, coins, paper money, militaria, sports cards, CTC coupons. Sponsor/Affiliate: Cambridge Coin Club. For more information, contact Wolfe, email wolfe1937@hotmail.com, Vincent Nevidon telephone 519-740-1416, or Louie Schmidt telephone 519-653-7838.

## APRIL 1 - 3, 2011, Kingston, ON

EONS Coin and Stamp Show, Days Inn Convention Centre, 33 Benson St. (exit off 401, Division St.). Hours: Fri. 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sat. 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: \$4 per day, early admittance on Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$20 good for the weekend. Coins, stamps, medals, paper money, rare items. Sponsor/Affiliate: Ted's Collectables. For more information contact Ted's Collectables, 281A Grand River St. N., Paris, ON N3L 2N9, telephone 1-866-747-COIN (2646), email tedscollectables@bellnet.ca.

## APRIL 9 - 10, 2011, Hamilton, ON

TL Coin Show, Sheraton Hotel, 116 King St. W. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$4, seniors/students \$2, young collectors 12 and under free. For more information contact Linda Robinson, telephone 289-235-9288, email lindarobinson@cogeco.ca, or Tom Kennedy 519-271-8825. Website: <http://www.tlcoinshow.com>.

## MAY 13, - 15, 2011, London, ON

Ontario Numismatic Association 49th Annual Convention, Four Points by Sheraton, 1150 Wellington Road South N6E 1M3. Fri., 2 p.m. set-up, bourse open to registrants at 4 p.m.; bourse open to public 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sat. and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sun.; 56 bourse tables, daily admission \$3; Jeffrey Hoare Auctions is operating a numismatic auction Fri. May 13 at 6 p.m. Sponsor/Affiliate: Ontario Numismatic Association and Ingersoll Coin Club celebrating its 50th anniversary. For more information contact Tom Rogers telephone 519-451-2316, e-mail trogers@sympatico.ca for bourse tables. Website: <http://www.ontario-numismatic.org>.

## OCT. 22, 2011, Oshawa, ON

Durham Coin-A-Rama, Five Points Mall, 285 Taunton Rd E. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free dealer public, and membership draws, free admission. Featuring paper, coins, tokens, medals and many other items. Celebrating 50 years. Sponsor/Affiliate: Oshawa & District Coin Club. For more information contact Sharon at 905-728-1352, email papman@bell.net.

The O.N.A. President **Paul Petch** and some other members of the O.N.A. Executive and Member Clubs participating in the July 2010 R.C.N.A. Annual Convention held in St. John, New Brunswick. Several prestigious awards were issued including to O.N.A. members and clubs. For example the **Ottawa Coin Club's Club Journal "Moneta"** was the Best Local Newsletter of the Year, and a Special Editor Award of Merit recipient was **John Regitko** for his work as Editor of the **MECSSC Bulletin**. **The Louise Graham Memorial 'Club of the Year' Award** is offered annually to RCNA member clubs entering a competition to acknowledge the club having made the most significant overall achievement on behalf of its members and of the hobby. Clubs entering this competition provide reports of their activities during the previous calendar year. These are judged on the basis of topics at meetings, originality of initiatives, educational and numismatic promotions, coin shows and consistency of meetings. We were proud to award **Waterloo Coin Society**. As a member of WCS, I can attest that their 50th Anniversary year was packed with exciting events and surprises at membership meetings, a great ONA-WCS Convention, Anniversary Banquet / Medal / Wood / T-Shirt and so much more! Well deserved! These pictures are courtesy of **Henry Nienhuis**, and 1-2 may be **Dan Gosling** or **Steve Woodland's** efforts when Henry was unable due to convention responsibilities to catch the shot.



## RCNA PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

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Joe Kennedy                            Edmonton AB  
Tom Craig                                Saint John NB  
Julaine Scott                            Edmonton AB  
Robert Forbes                          Toronto ON

## NON-RCNA AWARDS

**J. Douglas Feguson Award**  
Charles D. Moore

## RCNA AWARDS

**Paul Fiocca Award**  
Gerald Henderson

**Guy Potter Literary Award**  
Ermin Chow  
The Best of the 2009 RCNA Convention  
*The CN Journal* – November 2009

**Jerry Remick III Literary Award**  
Robert J. Graham  
"A Collector's Guide to the History and Notes  
of the Metropolitan Bank"  
*CPMS Newsletter* – December 2009

**Louise Graham 'Club of the Year' Award**  
Waterloo Coin Society

**Best Regional / National Newsletter Award**  
Societe Numismatique de Quebec, Inc.  
*Bulletin de Liaison*

**Best Regional / National Newsletter Editor Award**  
Renald Lefebvre

**Best Local Club Newsletter Award**  
Ottawa Coin Club  
*Ottawa Coin Club Journal*

**Best Local Club Newsletter Editor Award**  
David Bergeron

**Special Newsletter Award of Merit**  
Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club  
*The Collector / Le Collectionneur*

**Editor, Award of Merit**  
Jerome Foure

**Special Editor Award of Merit**  
John Regitko  
For his work as Editor of the  
*MECSCC Bulletin*

**Fellow Awards**  
William K. Cross  
Henry Nienhuis

**Sheldon Carroll 'Best of Show' Award**  
Ronald Greene

**Jean Bullen Award**  
Henry Nienhuis

## RCNA EXHIBIT AWARDS - 2010

### **Category A – Canadian Coins & Tokens**

- 1st Henry Nienhuis, Woodbridge, ON  
"King George V 5-cent Specimen Strikes"
- 2nd Brett Irick, Dearborn, MI  
"Canadian Coins of 1947-1948"
- 3rd Ron Greene, Victoria, BC  
"Tokens of a Ghost Town"

### **Category B – Canadian Paper Money, Scrip and Related Paper Items**

- 1st Ron Greene, Victoria, BC  
"Bank Notes of Nova Scotia"
- 2nd Cliff Beattie, Saskatoon, SK  
"Offset Printing Error"
- 3rd Jared Stapleton, Toronto, ON  
"Bank of Canada Error Notes"

### **Category D – Non-Canadian Coins and Tokens**

- 1st Douglas Shand Shag Harbour NS  
"Coins of Fort Gaspereau"
- 2nd Dorte Brace Ancaster ON  
"Coronation Coins of Queen Margrethe II of Denmark"

### **Category H – Juvenile Exhibits by Persons Under 16 Years of Age**

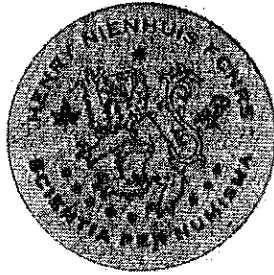
- 1st Daniel Anderson Sundre AB  
"American State Quarters"
- 2nd Laura Johnson Markham ON  
"Panda-mondeum :China's Silver 10 Yuan Coins"
- 3rd John Siteman Dartmouth NS  
"A Salute to Canada's Military"

Courtesy of Timber Talk

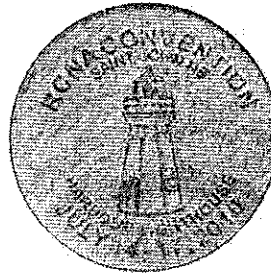
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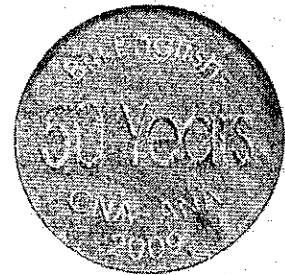
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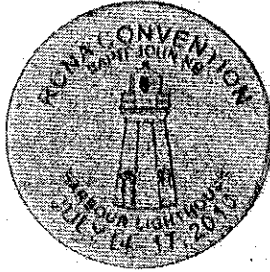
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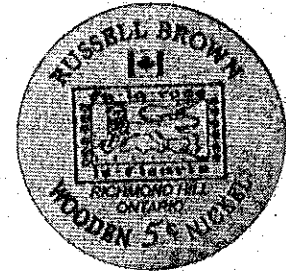
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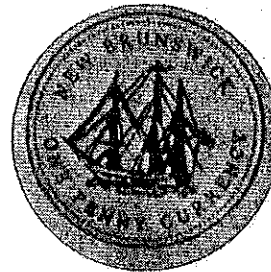
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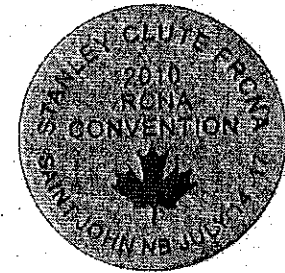
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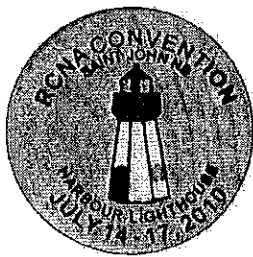
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COMMON REVERSE FOR TWO PREVIOUS WOODS

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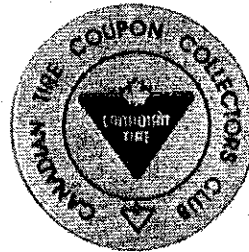
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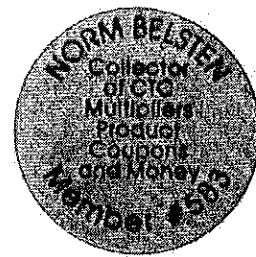
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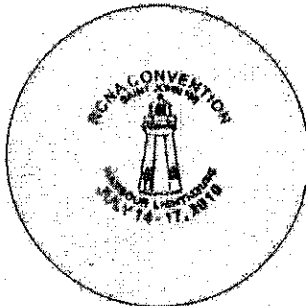


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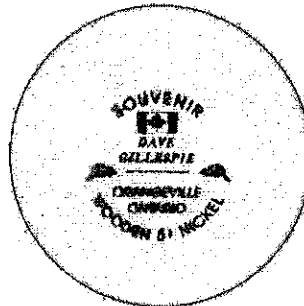
All above woods 38 mm in diameter



Common obverse for next three 65 mm diameter woods. Red letters, red cross and blue triangles



Convention wood handed out at C.A.W.M.C. breakfast meeting in Saint John, 40 issued.



Blue name logo 40 issued.



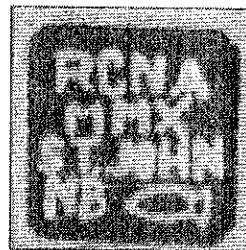
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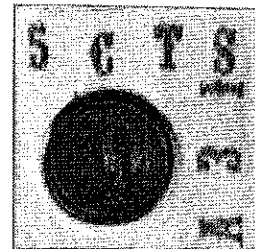
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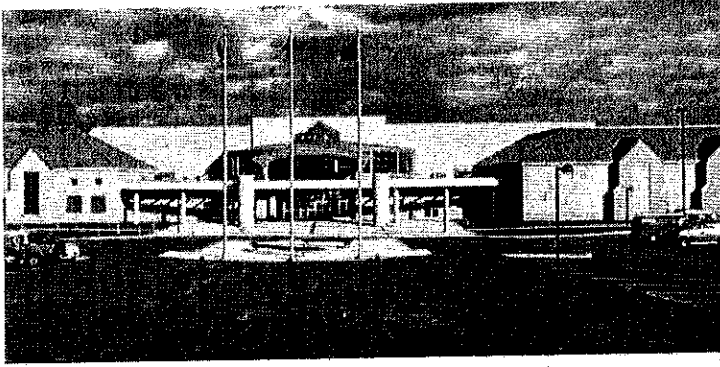
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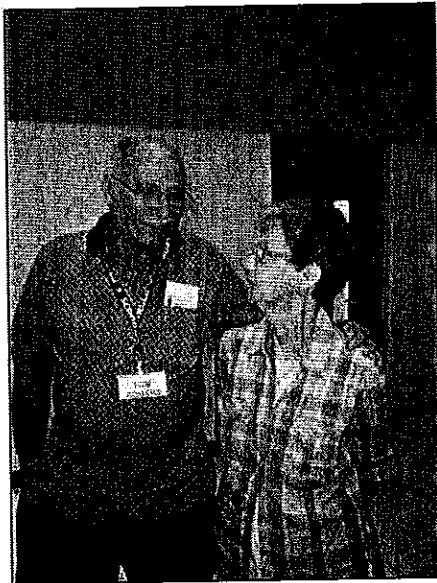
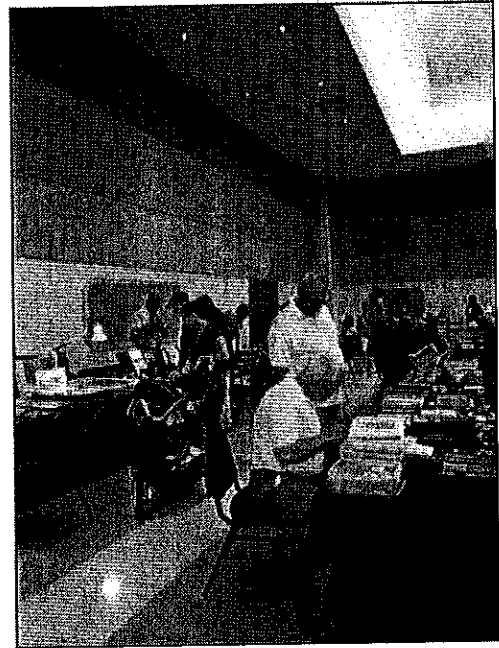
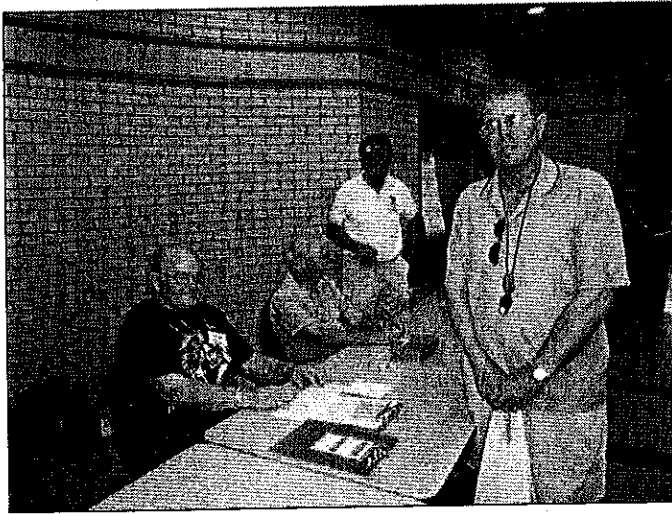


This wood issued to promote the 2011 RCNA Convention in Windsor Ontario. Both sides are blue and 38 mm in diameter.



The Woodstock Coin Club held its 21st Annual Coin Show on Sunday, August 29th, 2010 at the Woodstock District Community Complex on Finkle Street. This new show venue for the club proved to be a delightful experience for patrons. Brightly lit show room with wide aisles, plenty of parking, nice kitchen facilities, beautiful building (you could even catch up on the sports on the lobby monitors), and

easy access to main highway arteries. The WCC had a steady flow of people, and the dealers were smiling with the support this generated! Thank you **Dave Pommer, Tom Rogers, Tom Masters,** the rest of the WCC Executive, and all the club volunteers for putting on this successful event! (pictures courtesy of *Judy Blackman*)





**DEADBEATS BEWARE**

By Fred Freeman

There has been so many comments about the last column entitled "Credits and Collections" that another one is called for. When Betty and I lived in St. Catharines our funds were extremely limited because of our new house and two growing boys.

One time about a week before Christmas there was a knock on the door and a chap I barely knew asked me to wire up a recreation room in a house he was working on in our area. Because it was so near to Christmas, there was a great reluctance to tackle the work before Christmas. However he offered \$30.00 for the job and this was a huge amount in those meager pay periods. So the room was duly wired before Christmas and when he was approached for the money he said a cheque would be mailed. It never arrived in spite of numerous reminders. That following summer we were moving to Sarnia so my teaching career would begin. In July he again promised a cheque would be mailed. He was then told that I would sit on his front steps until the money was paid. After about a half hour, another hydro worker was curious why I was sitting there. In a loud voice that I knew would be heard with their windows open I replied, "This fellow owes me \$30.00 since Christmas and won't pay up". This was the open sesame, he brought out the money within two minutes.

One time when we first started A & B Rental in London, we got a frantic call from a chap who had a leaking water bed. We didn't have such a pump and so I built one with a ¼ HP motor and pump on a piece of plywood along with a suitable switch. It became so popular that they called it Fred's money maker. One day it didn't come back. The phone number was disconnected but luckily we had the licence number of the renter's car. The address of the person was later ascertained and so they got a visit. The only problem was that it was a large expensive home and I was very leery even calling on them. However, being as diplomatic as possible, I mentioned that the person who rented it lived at this address. The lady at the door said she knew where it was and we would get

it back in a week or so. Sure enough about a week later a young girl about 12 years old showed up with pump and I asked her where it had been. "My brother and his friend brought it to Florida and my mom called him to mail it back immediately". One time we sold a large expensive floor sander on a lease to a person in the North West Territories. After about two payments, he went bankrupt. It was so far north that it had to be flown in. In desperation I managed to find out the place where the equipment was stored. I talked to the chap in charge and offered him \$100.00 if he would ship it back to us. He replied, "Two hundred would be better." So a big chance was taken and we sent him the money. About a month later we got our equipment back. Other businesses also have collection problems we all know.

A plumber friend in St. Catharines had the most ingenious way of collecting his debts. He would call the person involved and ask whether he had several pails in his house. When assured that the delinquent person had a few pails, he told him to fill them up because he was coming around in - about a half hour to cut their water supply off at the street. It worked every time and the person involved always had the money ready to pay him when he showed up.

One time when I was in the Lions Club of Merritton (St. Catharines) we were all given a \$100.00 worth of tickets to sell on a car. It so happened that I was on a selling trip to the Ft. Erie area and I saw two volunteer firemen sitting outside their fire station. So I stopped to sell them a ticket. However it was necessary to buy one of their tickets on a barbecue. By the slightest chance my work brought me by their fire station again a few months later. So I asked who won the barbecue. "Some guy from St. Catharines by the name of Freeman." That of course was me and they had no intention of notifying the winner if they were out of town. Just by luck I had the ticket handy and it was a welcome surprise to Betty to get a new barbecue.



Figure 1: Pineapple Queen at local German club

## Profile of Bob Lenz – Numismatist, Former Antique Dealer, Collector Jeweler and Collectibles Consultant By Judy Blackman

Bob Lenz, aka "Xmas Nut" as his licence plates attest, is well known not only in the numismatic circles but the antiques and collectibles and art worlds. He is a member of the *Royal Canadian Numismatic Association*, the *Ontario Numismatic Association*, and these clubs: *Brantford Coin Club*, *Ingersoll Coin Club*, *South Wellington Coin Club*, *Stratford Coin Club*, *Woodstock Coin Club* and where it all began, the *Waterloo Coin Society*.

In 1965, 18 year old Bob was good buddies with Chip Brutzki and Jerome Fischer of Bloomingdale, Jerome and Chip were into coins, and convinced Bob to attend a W.C.S. meeting with them, and not only did he become a member, but married Chip's daughter Bev. Bob and his new wife (Bev) looked after the coffee for 15 years till 1980's and then later Bob resumed the role again off and on each time the current person resigned and there was a void until a replacement was found.

Bob always looked after decorating for the WCS annual Christmas meeting, bringing special treats (often with assistance from Edith and neighbors, and playing Santa for the secret gift exchange. Bob is a fierce bidder, just "joking", at club auctions, he usually sets up a display at most meetings, and often has numismatic allied products for sale such as staplers, scales, protector against moisture for coins stored in safes, and much more. As well, he regularly provides examples of counterfeit coins and alerts members of scams. He is very generous and kind to young visitors often gifting them items to help their collections get off the ground. Bob can be seen supporting club display days and shows, and he works diligently when involved in conventions. Bob was a major securer of advertising for the 2009 ONA Convention brochure, and he resolved a dilemma when a Guest Keynote Speaker was needed for this event's banquet, Bob arranged for his good friend the well-respected Tom Reitz, Manager / Curator of Waterloo Regional Museum, to speak and present a multi-media display. In just looking at W.C.S. alone, over the years Bob has been Membership Chairman, a Director, Vice-President (twice), acting President, and he has held the club's shortest presidency (approximately 6 weeks) when Dave Marcella resigned (right after W.C.S. hosted the 2009 ONA Convention) as he moved to Northern Ontario, and at the next Executive meeting, Bob gave notice and a new President was appointed not elected.

Bob was born May 24, 1947 in Hardheim, West Germany. The youngest of a family of 8 children. Life on the farm was an adventure for Bob and his thirst for knowledge brought about a tragedy. When Bob was only 5 years old, he slipped outside at 4 a.m. to join his father and a mechanic who were working on a straw cutter and blower and so the machine guard was off while the machine was being repaired. Bob was not supposed to be there and in fact his mother had no idea he was not in the house. Bob was playing with the gears as his father was turning the fly wheel, and Bob wondered if the wheel would stop if he put his fingers in between the gears. As a result, Bob lost a major section of three fingers on his right hand resulting in a major medical emergency. Later in Canada when Bob was seeking employment, he found out how discriminatory some employers were towards hiring persons with physical disabilities.

In 1957 the family sought to relocate to Canada. Two of his brothers were already here and the family voted to join them. At age 1-1/2 years, Bob's brother died in a concentration camp of malnutrition. His mother was a cook for a Jewish doctor, and there was no food for the prisoners of war. Their oldest sister Erna had to stay behind with her husband and family because they had contracted T.B. while in Siberian (Russian) captivity, so there were 6 people who left their homeland for a new beginning. Artur was living in Kitchener and Leopold lived in Dryden Ontario.



Figure 2: Bob thanking Tom at DNA Convention



Figure 3: daughter Erna and family coming home from Russian captivity

There were few possessions and almost no money for the Lenz family to take with them on the journey to Canada. Bob's money consisted of few small German coinage. One "lesson taught" (resulted in one item that Bob is sure to bring with him wherever he lives) originated from a local stamp transaction while living in West Germany. As Bob grew up, there was very little money for his family and so he earned small change running errands for a variety of shops one of which included a paper and stamp dealer. He became friends with this dealer, and when Bob was leaving Germany the dealer gave Bob 6 stamps and

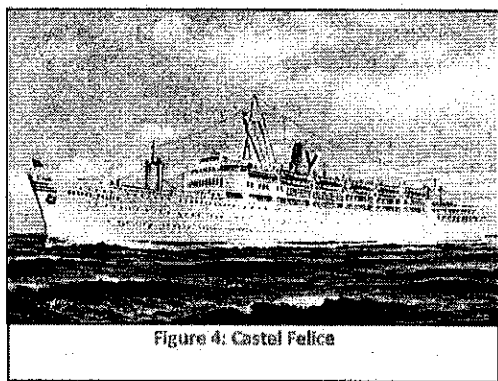


Figure 4: Castel Felice

told him never to sell or trade these stamps. During the Sitmar Line TN Castel Felice ship passage across the Atlantic, Bob met a scoundrel aboard ship who convinced the naive 10 year old Bob to trade the six stamps for a big album of stamps. Bob thought this a marvelous deal at the time, but soon realized the error of his way as he aged. Today those 6 stamps would be worth thousands of dollars each, whereas Bob likely could not get 25 cents for his entire album.

Although Sitmar's Castel Felice was a small liner, she had a pleasant profile. She was built in 1930 for the British India Company as the Kenya and was launched on August 27, 1930. She commenced her maiden voyage on December 18, 1931, heading for Bombay. On her return trip from Canada she sank in the Mediterranean Ocean in 1957.

Finally on July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1957 the Lenz family landed in Montreal, from there Christian (father), Maria (mother), Helmut (son), Robert (son "Bob"), Magdalena, and Emma were put on a train to Toronto where upon arrival their son Artur greeted them and transported them to Kitchener, Ontario where they stopped at the Dairy Queen on old King Street (down by Hi-way Market) for a treat, and later headed to Waterloo. There were two farms near the present Conestoga Mall in Waterloo, one was Roy Martin's farm which was situated at the entrance to the mall, and the other farm belonged to another member of the Martin family and was located where Waterloo Inn and the expressway clover currently are on King Street North. Through Roy Martin, the Lenz's family was able to reside at the farm across from his in exchange for Christian working the farm to offset their keep. The Lenz family often tried to buy one of the two farms, but the Martins seemed to know these farms were hidden gold, why does a German immigrant want to buy the farm, so they refused to even consider selling. One day in 1959 Christian was milking a cow when the animal had a heart attack and fell over on top of Bob's father thereby crushing Christian's ribs and disabling him from resuming work on the farm. As a result, the farmer was unwilling to continue to house the Lenz family and forced them off the farm.

From there the Lenz family moved into the unfinished basement of a bungalow on Third Avenue in Kitchener. Without work and very little money, food was a struggle and they were grateful when a baker who lived up the street brought them stale bread and cookies. When this same baker's wife passed away, the baker approached Christian to see if the Lenz family could work out an arrangement to purchase his house. This took many members of the house working multiple jobs but they became owners of the house at 35 Third Avenue Kitchener for \$6,500. One of the jobs Bob and his brother did was hammering nails in floors and chip rock (pre drywall) all day for construction sites, which resulted in Bob personally getting about 25 cents per day to go to the DQ. Given it was summer and the family was strapped for money, there was no investment in shoes, and the feet would really hurt at the end of the day from going barefoot or wearing out-grown / worn out shoes, so half the cone went into the mouth, the other half was on the soles to help cool the feet down.



Figure 5: Six Lenz Family members on Castel Felice

The 10 year old Bob got a surprise when he moved to Waterloo in 1957. Due to him not knowing English, he was forced by the Waterloo County Public School Board to enter Kindergarten at the old one-room Lexington Public School (located near the current LPS). Bob did two grades plus per year to catch up till it was time for grade 5 and 6, the school let Bob do grade 5 but refused to promote him to 6 and this was around the time the family had to leave the farm in Waterloo so he went on to Sunnyside Public School on Weber Street East in Kitchener for grades 5-8. After grade 8 Bob was pulled out of school by his parents to work. Bob was employed at The Hi-Way Market from age 13-16 (stocking shelves and packing groceries), and was working there when the roof collapsed. After

Hi-Way, Bob worked for Ball Brothers Construction, and then he wanted a trade so went to work for Karley-Kroetsch Construction, and later back to Ball Brothers again.

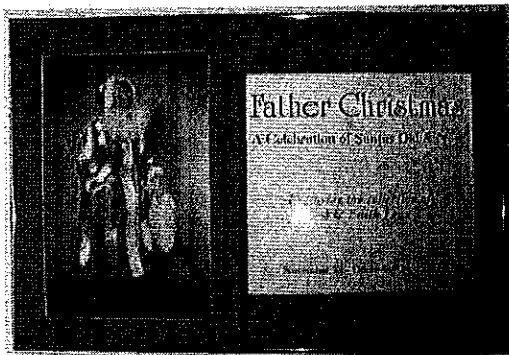


Figure 6: Schneider Haus Museum complete display Nov. 28-Dec. 24, 1995 was Bob & Edith Lenz's in entirety

During Bob's time with Karley-Kroetsch as an apprentice in carpentry, he had to complete a provincial final Math exam at George Brown College in Toronto and at that time, he was the only person to ever have scored 100% on this program's exam. Bob is very proud of his days with Ball Brothers and that he was involved in the build of the parking garage on Duke Street Kitchener, the University of Waterloo Library, the University of Waterloo Physics building, the Wilfred Laurier University Library, and his "Dream School" Forest Heights Collegiate. FHC held many challenges for all stakeholders, and Bob was involved from the time the hole was put into the ground, to sweeping up the floor a day before the doors opened to the first students (a Tuesday, day after Labor Day) who would attend the new school.

the best of both worlds by living there while carrying on a business there for 20 years. With the acreage it gave them room to expand by adding 2 portable school houses to use for the inevitable overflow of the business.

In 1986 another property was purchased in New Dundee and Country Inn Shops, Ontario's first Craft and Collectibles Mall was founded. They wanted to establish an all year Christmas store and filled the main floor with both old and new Christmas. The upper floor was rented to crafts people and it was in operation for 2 years. Reliable and knowledgeable sales people were hard to find so they sold the building and continued with Antique Christmas at the Sawmill.

During this time they met a couple who had to show Bob their Antique Christmas Tree and Bob's new hobby was founded. He was now an Antique Christmas Collector! And he was on the hunt.

During his hunt he has travelled throughout the world, with one of his most prized possessions being some rare Kugels (1840-1860) found in a flea market in Moscow (Russia). He has become an expert in the Christmas field and amassed a huge collection of both Antique and Designer Christmas.



Figure 7: Christmas tree decorated with Indian artifacts, arrow heads, skins and animal bones for awls, jewelry and games

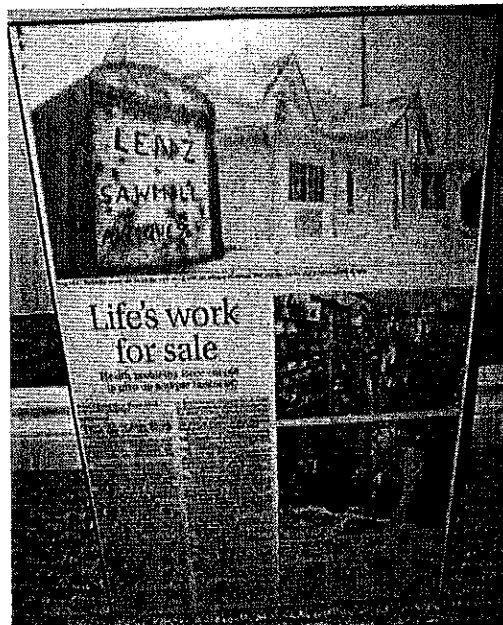


Figure 8: Grand River Life, Kitchener Record Feb. 22, 2003

In 1995 a new Christmas designer came into being and Bob met him in New York (Christopher Radko) and a new sideline for the store was started. Antiques at the Sawmill started carrying designer mouth blown glass ornaments and a new era in Collecting had begun. All the top designers were represented and Canadians had a chance to collect the best in the world.

Though the retail end was fascinating to Bob, he still continued in the job he loved, metal fabricating and was involved in building the original presses for the Royal Canadian Mint Winnipeg, constructing Nuclear Reactors, helping to build the largest dam in Canada at the Pas in Manitoba and many various projects. At other times he worked at tire building and was one of the first tire builders to make 20 ply Airplane Test tires in Kitchener at Uniroyal. He also did a large addition to the Antique Shop to increase the living area as the antiques were taking over.

Bob's health started to create a problem and finally after many tests and medical consultations it was determined he was a Diabetic and his leg problems were part of the disease. After suffering for many years in 2002 he was told he would lose his left leg and that led to the decision to close the business much to the disappointment of their many loyal patrons as described in local newspaper articles.

Everything was finally ended in 2006 with the final clear out of the Designer Christmas to museums and customers alike which they held at the St. Jacobs Outlet Mall. They have since retired to their bungalow in Kitchener with their varied collections, busier now than they were while working. Bob still loves his Christmas, his Rocks (from Red Square, Olympus, Alaska, North and South America) and his stamps and will always be a Numismatist.



Figure 9: Christmas Tree Fantasies in Glass, it is from Antique Showcase Dec. 1997

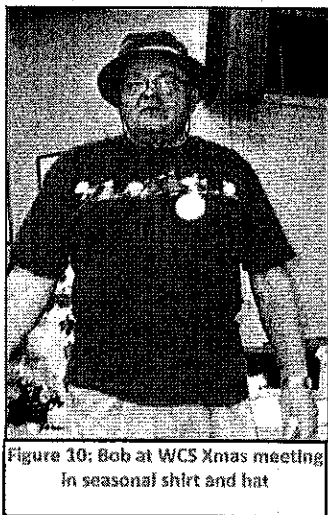


Figure 10: Bob at WCS Xmas meeting in seasonal shirt and hat

Bob has caught errors in two love token publications; and he has been challenged by several world-renown glass-blowing expert museums and companies (such as Christmas Traditions in Toronto and Krieb Glass in Germany), who could not fault his knowledge, and this has involved travelling to more than one country. Bob can take a glass ornament and tell you not only when and where it was made, but who the blower was and he Lenz catalogue also supports this. Bob and Edith have always displayed collections, and loaned or donated items to many museums.

Once again due to health challenges (many of you are aware of his battle with Cancer), the conclusion was that it was time to downsize their collection so Bob and Edith have been getting out of the Antique Christmas Collecting taking many loads to a US. Auction House which was delighted to receive the Lenz's amazing collection containing many treasured glass-blown ornaments such as the Negro Head glass ornament (1920) that Whoopee and Oprah wanted to buy. Also the Lenz's donated some items to the National Christmas Center in Paradise, P.A. Bob is very much true to his religion, and believes control is in the hands of a higher power. Despite Bob's many challenges throughout his life, he has remained positive and as such has been able to enjoy a more fulfilling life than most of the healthiest of us. Of course from time to time he gets frustrated and may complain, but for the most part, Bob is always trying to make others happy and feel good about themselves.

Bob has not only collected and sold ornaments he has a fully equipped work station where he repairs them, Bob also enjoys church silverware. Much church silver was melted down for the making of Icons, lost at sea, or remains hidden. Bob has enjoyed some dating a couple centuries old. Some pieces he shared are unique from the 1800s to 1920 when many European family faced with a crisis would donate silver or gold to pay homage to the Lord. For example due to a family member losing use of their leg, the family would donate silver in the shape of a leg and then put it in the collection basket at mass. Bob has a .925 silver piece that appears to be made for a lost loved person who died at sea.

Anybody sitting near Bob at a numismatic club meetings knows if it's a high percentage of silver or gold, Bob will be bidding. But even closer to his heart is his passion for love tokens. Many skeptics suggest there were no love tokens made of copper or brass. Bob has proof that they originated with the half cent and one cent coins, he has them in his collection. Gold Smith Apprentices used the lowest denomination coins to practice on, due to lack of funds. Coins were filed down to be worked on by engraving designs and to perfect their techniques. The finished tokens or coins were given to a wife, girlfriend sister or other members of the family. So that is how they got their name "love tokens".

Bob adores his life with his lovely wife Edith and their children, sons Roy and Richard, daughter Teresa and grandchildren Chantal, Nicole and Mathew. The family enjoys all the family times together they can manage and family and friends are the highest importance to Bob which is what keeps him coming out to Coin Clubs. He always has a ready smile and joke to share and probably you already received an inspiration or funny story via Bob in your e-mail box that day too!

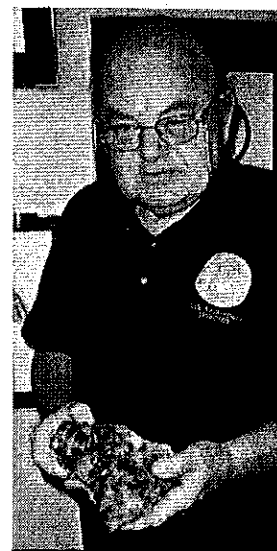
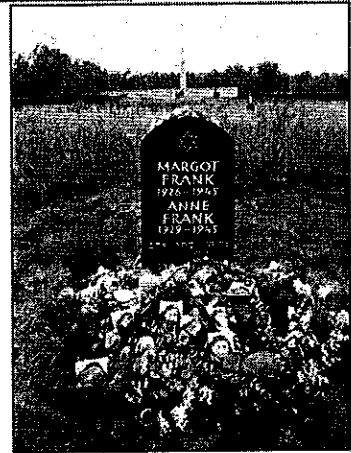
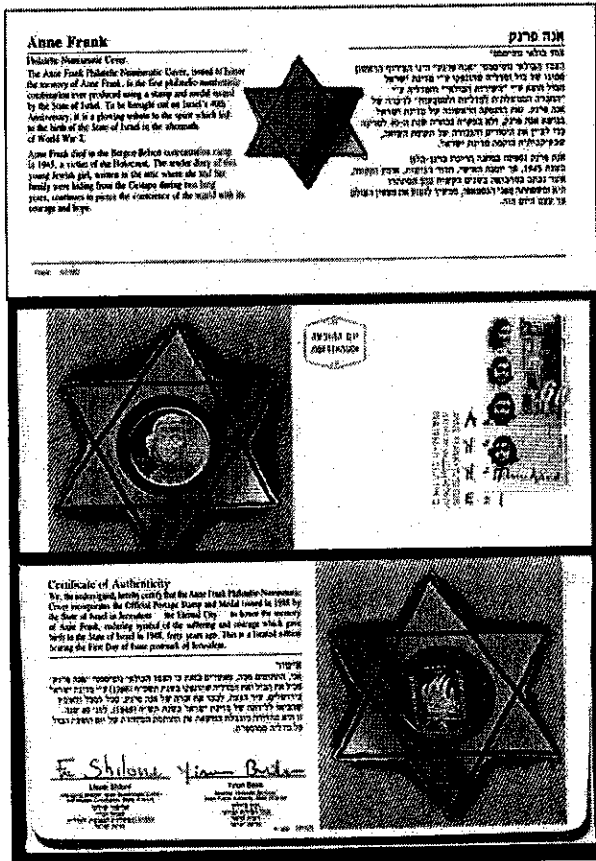


Figure 11: Bob's favourite crystal "Citrine"

# Anne Frank Philatelic-Numismatic Cover



The Anne Frank Philatelic-Numismatic Cover (reference 59182D), issued to honour the memory of Anne Frank, is the first philatelic-numismatic combination ever produced using a stamp and silver medal issued by the State of Israel. To be brought out on Israel's 40th Anniversary (1988), it is a glowing tribute to the spirit which led to the birth of the State of Israel in the aftermath of World War II. Anne Frank died in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1945, a victim of the Holocaust. The tender diary of this young Jewish girl, written in the attic where she and her family were hiding from the Gestapo

during two long years, continues to pierce the conscience of the world with its courage and hope.

**MIEP GIES**, a Dutch office assistant, was one of a handful of non-Jews who provided Anne's Jewish family with supplies at a secret warehouse annex in Amsterdam between July 1942 and August 1944, before the building was raided by the Nazi SS. Gies died on Monday night (Jan. 11th, 2010) following a short illness, according to a statement on her website. "There is nothing special about me," Gies wrote in a book first published in 1987. "I have never wanted special attention. I was only willing to do what was asked of me and what seemed necessary at the time." After Anne and her family were taken to concentration camps, where Anne died in 1945, Gies saved her diaries and handed them over to Anne's father Otto, who survived the camps and published the records in 1947. As a result Frank became famous posthumously for the diaries she kept during the war. Now translated into more than 70 languages, her diaries remain one of the world's best-selling books, vividly describing life during those years. After the war, Gies gave public speeches to keep Anne's memory alive and corresponded with people around the world. She also campaigned against holocaust denial and other causes. In a letter to Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands, Israeli President Shimon Peres said Gies "won the hearts of us all by her heroic efforts" to save Anne, her family and her diary. "Miep's selfless humanitarian deed inspires us to continue believing in the goodness and integrity of human beings in the face of unfathomable evil," Peres wrote.



**SAVING ANNE'S MEMORY** - Born in Vienna to Christian parents on February 15, 1909 with the name of Hermine Santruschitz, she moved to Leiden in 1920 to escape food shortages and was raised by a Dutch family who moved to Amsterdam two years later and nicknamed her Miep. She started work as an office assistant at a textile factory but lost her job in 1933 as the economic crisis deepened. She then came under the employment of Anne's father, Otto Frank, who was director of a pectin producing company. Gies avoided deportation to Austria by marrying her Dutch boyfriend, Jan, in 1941. Their son Paul was born in 1950 and they lived in Amsterdam until 1993, when Jan died at age 87. Paul has now opened a condolences register on his website. Gies and her husband became family friends with the Franks and when Otto asked for help, they agreed to hide him and his family at the secret annex, bringing them daily groceries and providing a link to the outside world. In August 1944, after 25 months in hiding, the Frank family were arrested but an Austrian SS officer spared Gies from captivity out of sympathy on condition she promised not to flee. Gies found Anne's diaries in the debris left by the raid and kept them in her desk drawer without ever reading them. After the war ended, when it became clear that Anne was not coming back, she handed them over to Anne's father. She received honours from several governments and institutions, and last year had an asteroid named after her by the International Astronomical Union.

**STORY OF ANNE FRANK** - On 12 June 1929, Anne Frank was born in Frankfurt, Germany to Otto and Edith Frank. The Frank family had moved from Germany where Otto Frank had been a wealthy businessman. In the summer of 1933, Otto Frank left Frankfurt to set up a new business in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. In early 1934, the family was reunited when they joined Otto in Amsterdam. On July 5, 1942, Anne's sister, Margot, receives a call-up notice to be deported to a Zionist-Nazi "work camp." Even though the hiding place in the annex of her father's office is not yet ready, the Franks realize that they must move immediately. They quickly finish packing and leave messages implying that they have left the Netherlands. Early the next morning Anne and her family leave their home to hide in the Annex. On 4 August 1944, the Frank's were discovered. A Nazi policeman and several Dutch collaborators came to 263 Prinsengracht and head straight for the bookcase that leads to the Secret Annex. The Frank and van Pels families were forced to turn over all their valuables and were loaded into a covered truck for transport to the Central Office for Jewish Emigration, and then to Weteringschans Prison. For their role in hiding the Frank and Van Pels families, Victor Kugler and Johannes Kleiman, are imprisoned. Miep Gies gathers and saves Anne's scattered "diary" pages of her unfinished novel, *Het Achterhuis*. Maintaining and provisioning these "training camps" became problematic as the war wore on. Shipments of food and medicine were delayed or destroyed on their way to the camps and people starved or became ill. Many died in an emigration program run off its wheels. The hospitals in the camps could not handle all of the sick and many died of typhus. The Frank family was finally caught in this Zionist-Gestapo dragnet. In October, 1944, Anne and Margot were transported from Auschwitz to the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in Germany. Thousands died from starvation and epidemics at Bergen-Belsen, which was without food, heat, medicine, or elementary sanitary conditions. Anne and Margot, already weakened from living in the concentration camps, became ill with typhus. The camp was liberated by allied troops in 1945, one month after the death of Anne Frank. Anne, her sister and her mother died of typhus shortly before the war ended. Otto Frank was stronger and, in the camp hospital, was able to recover.



(Courtesy of: KOSMIX, The cards and info sheets that came with the coin and stamp set, and Dutch historic museum.)

# HISTORY OF THE LOYALIST FLAG

## The Loyalist Flag - The Queen Anne Union of 1707

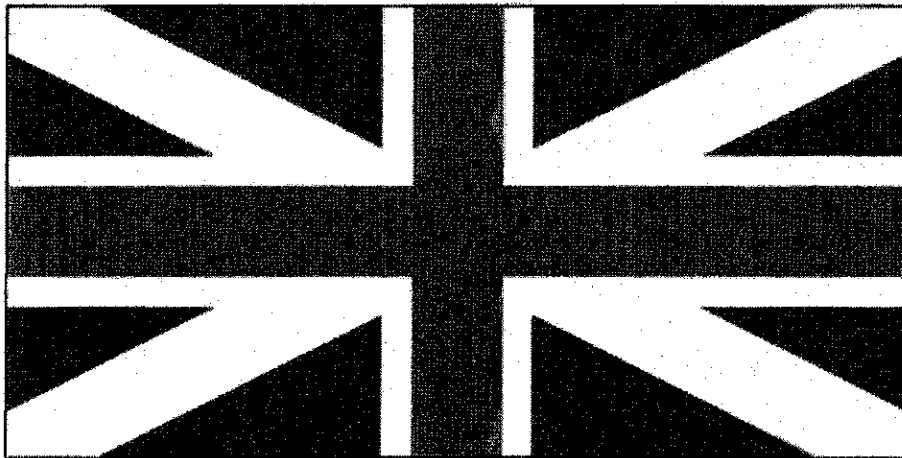
In 1603, King James VI of Scotland became James I of England and brought about the union of the Crowns of the two countries. On April 12, 1606, he issued a proclamation which introduced the first of three major versions of the Union Flag. It was composed of the "Red Crosse, commonly called S. Georges Crosse, and the White Crosse commonly called S. Angrewes Crosse, joyned together."

The width of the Cross of St George and that of the Cross of St Andrew are the same, as they represent the equal status of England and Scotland in the Union.

On April 17, 1707, Queen Anne issued a proclamation which spoke of the use of the Union Flag "at Sea and Land." The Queen Anne version is almost identical to the flag of James I, but not exactly. The width of the fimbriation was changed slightly.

From this time on, the Union Flag began to appear on forts and in regimental colours. This was the flag in use at the time of the Revolution, and can correctly be referred to as the Loyalist Flag. In fact, the description of the UELAC Armorial Bearings definitively describes it as our flag.

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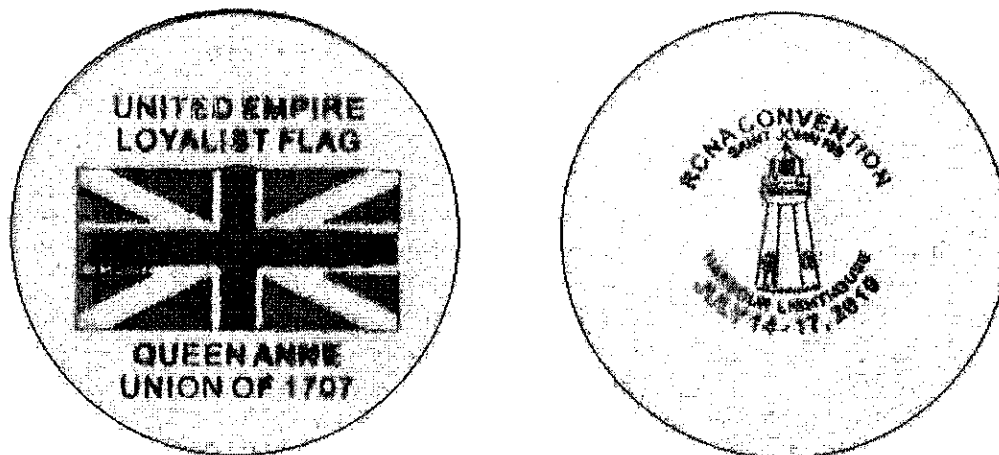
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## Courtesy of Timber Talk

When the Continental Congress of the Thirteen Colonies adopted the "Stars and Stripes" in 1777, forces loyal to the British government continued to display the Union flag during battle. When the United Empire Loyalists left the United States for their new homes in British North America, they brought their flag with them.

The Royal Union Jack became the official flag of Great Britain in 1801 when the cross of St. Patrick of Ireland (a diagonal red cross on a white field) was incorporated in the first Queen Anne Union. The Union Jack is flown in Canada today as the national flag of the United Kingdom and as a symbol of Canada's membership in the Commonwealth and as allegiance to Queen Elizabeth II. The flag is also flown during Royal visits and along with Canada's National Flag, on such occasions as the official observance of Her Majesty the Queen's birthday and Victoria Day.

However, because of the historical connection with the United Empire Loyalists, the second Union Flag - The Queen Anne - continues to be the official flag of the UELAC.



Above wood that was handed out at the C.A.W.M.C. breakfast meeting in Saint John N.B.

There are still some available at \$ 5.00 each plus \$ 1.00 postage [donation to CAWMC]. There are three flag woods in all, the other two have Ross Kingdon and my personal stamps on the reverse and they are also available at the same cost [donation to CAWMC].

All three woods show on page four of this issue of Timber Talk.

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**WM ESPLIN TP OF ARRAN, BURGOYNE, GROUP NO 3,  
FARM COMPETITION, ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO  
AGRICULTURAL AND ARTS, medal in original velvet and satin case  
inside gold cardboard box, 40mm, 36.465gm, Silver** By Judy Blackman



Figure 1: ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL AND ARTS

Figure 2: WM ESPLIN T.P. OF ARRAN BURGOYNE, GROUP NO 3, FARM COMPETITION 1889

Over a year ago Kirk Parsons (Colonial Coin) acquired a rare unique medal from an estate. Along with a couple of other friends, Kirk shared his find, and we've been hounding him to sell it. Being a woman, I guessed I nagged him the most as he finally caved this month (August 2010), but with the condition that if I ever want to part with it, I (Judy Blackman) must sell it back to him, so the deal was struck. So with the valuable resources of these parties (*The Canadian Encyclopedia 2010 Historica-Dominion; Government of Ontario; CBC Digital Archives; Bruce County Genealogical Society; Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library; and The Sun Times - Owen Sound*) I am able

to share this story with you.

June, 1889, Durham, Ontario, welcomed Judges John I. Hobson and William Donaldson provincial arbiters of who owned the best equipped, well-run and progressive farms in Ontario. Grey and Bruce counties stretched out before them and, in the coming days, they would travel hundreds of miles in their rented buggy as they judged the year's prize farms. Agriculture was King in Canada in 1889. For every single urban dweller there were three Canadians living on farms. The strength of the nation had been built from the sweat of the farmer. What had been wilderness forty years before was now rolling farmland. There was a pride, a sense of well being in managing 100 acres of mixed farming. And there were rewards. Prize farm competitions had their beginnings in the Royal Society of England that had, for many years, awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals to the best farms in the realm.

In 1880, the **Agriculture and Arts Association of Ontario** announced its version of this rural contest. The Association grew quickly, numbering among its members men like **Charles Alfred Drury**, a Liberal member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario and the father of a future provincial premier. **Drury** was a farmer, politician, and office holder. While engaged in turning his bush farms into respectable slices of Arcadia, he became involved in local politics and initiated a family tradition of public service. Not surprisingly, Drury was a supporter of the **Agricultural and Arts Association of Ontario**, a forum organized in 1868 to replace the **Board of Agriculture of Upper Canada**; he was named to its council in 1878 and appointed president in 1882. He was also active on the executive committee of the **Dominion Grange** and closely monitored the **Ontario School of Agriculture and Experimental Farm**, founded in Guelph in 1874. At the same time, he promoted the work of the **Farmers' Institute** system and served as a director of the **Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario**, an organization that reflected the sophisticated diversification taking place in the province's agricultural sector in the closing decades of the century.

By 1889, this annual competition had become exceedingly popular with Ontario farmers. Any farmer with pride in the development of his acreage and an eye for the latest innovations in agriculture, richly coveted the gold medal of the Association. Each year, one farm district in Ontario was selected for the annual judging. **The counties of Grey and Bruce were to take their turn in 1889.** All through the winter and spring, farmers from every corner of the twin counties filled out applications, mailing them to the Association. Each applicant fervently prayed that his entry would be selected for the final inspection tour to take place in June.

Judges Hobson and Donaldson set out from Durham for Osprey Township where their first farm waited. The trip through Priceville, Flesherton, Maxell, and McIntyre's Corners took them through what they considered in the subsequent report to be "poor, hilly and stony land, interspersed with swampy and wet stretches with hardly a first-class homestead to be seen."

The judges were relieved to at last turn down the lane of Mayfield Cottage, the 80-acre farm of George Inglis. Here, they found a first class farm with excellent fences, weed-free fields and an attractive homestead. Still, they found a few faults here, a few there. No prize for Mayfield Cottage.

Next stop was a buggy ride to the hamlet of Rob Roy and beyond through the steep hills of Osprey to the Bristow Farm on Lot 32, Concession 12. The judge's report on the Bristow farm pointed out the excellent stone fences made of rocks so heavy that, "Once put into position there is not much fear of them being moved again." Still, no prize was awarded.

Until Lake Land Farm. Owned by G. B. Bristow, Sr., Lake Land was found by the judges to be a first class operation. It was deemed to be an excellent example of modern farming with its well drained land, superior tillage, profitable stock management, good fences, land free from weeds, and generally, a well kept appearance. The lengthy report of the judges examined every aspect of the operation from the amount of manure spread each fall to the genealogy of the Bristow shorthorn herd. Still, the Bristow out buildings did not quite measure up to a gold as the judges ended their first tour of Grey County with a quarrelsome ride on to Duntroon.

Their trip wound through steep hills that were more than one of the judges could stand. His partner, in one of the many sarcastic asides made in the prize competition report commented that, "One of your judges who had shown a good deal of nervousness during the day concluded that he was running a great risk, and for the last two miles, insisted on getting out and walking down whenever a descent had to be made of a hill a little steeper than he had been accustomed to."

The Association judges returned for a second round of inspections on July 2, 1889. Using Owen Sound as a point of departure, they first visited the farm of Robert Linn in Derby Township. Mr. Linn, from the north of Ireland, had farmed in Iowa for some years but had refused to take the oath of allegiance to the United States. He was proud to call himself a British subject and, in Ontario he was under the protection of the British flag. Here he would stay, he claimed. The judges found several unusual features on the Linn farm. They pointed out the spring watering system that would soon be connected to a hydraulic ram. Seven hundred barrels of apples had been picked the year before and the \$300 realized from the harvest indicated wise farm management. Little fault was found but no mention was made of the awarding of a prize.

No prize either for Sunny Side, the farm of George Donald, also in Derby. Twenty years before not a tree had been cut from the dense forest. In 1889, the judges found the farm to be "splendid," particularly the well managed woodlot that provided fuel and timber. "A fresh and healthy wood," they commented, "is a feature in farm management which cannot be too highly spoken of." Once again, the Association judges seemed to have conflicts. No prize was awarded to the Donald farm but the inspection report pointed out, "As judges we differed for if one of your judges had not thought it was his turn to give in, it would either have been a tie with Mr. Duncan or Mr. Donald would have received the silver medal." Instead, John Duncan won the silver. His 300 acres near Keady were managed with "Scotch shrewdness and industrious habits." Still, Mr. Duncan's plantings of tree had failed and his barn buildings were "rather old fashioned." And there was a drainage problem, wasn't there? The judges went on their argumentative way.

It poured rain from Tara to Invermay where they called on Mr. McConkey, the "famous stock farmer." McConkey had not entered the 1889 competition but the judges stated that his farm was the best they had viewed in Ontario. They also found Maple Grove Farm to be of an extremely high caliber.

**The farm of William Esplin located in Arran Township was proclaimed one of the most harmonious they had visited. Good fences, well kept private roads and paddocks, a romantic sugar camp, large numbers of recently planted sugar maples and other trees, a fine pig barn, and a new sheep house it was a showy farm the judges declared. [The silver medal won by William Esplin is the one pictured at the top of this article.]**

Visits to the farms of Adam Esplin, August Mercer and Maple Grove farm owned by Abram Rowand elicited no prizes, only comments about how ordinary all three were. Although they were well managed, they were dwarfed by the gold medal winner that came next.

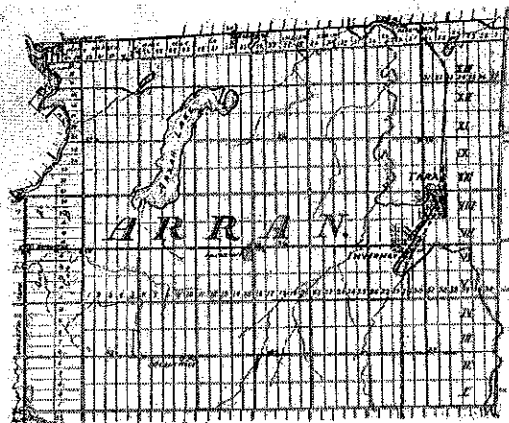
It was known as Fairview Farm, Lots 1 and 2, Concession 8, Township of Brant, County of Bruce, Andrew Waechter, owner. The judges declared Fairview a splendidly managed farm which was all the more praiseworthy when it was considered that 22 years before, not a tree had been chopped from the abundant forest. Andrew Waechter raised cattle for the British market with his steers averaging 1,455 pounds on their arrival at the weigh station in Montreal. The judges marveled over the Waechter feeding programme, his water system, cultivation depths, rotation of crops, tastefully constructed home, and the fine view. Their only criticism was a minor one. The double row of trees leading to the farmhouse were willows. "A mistake." Preference, the judges decided, should have been given to the stately maple or the graceful elm. Fairview Farm was a lesson to all who would learn, the judges declared. Mr. Waechter, they stated, "was possessed with definiteness of aim, which took the direction of an intense desire for pre-eminence in his own calling, and so determined was he to excel that no obstacles were too great for him to surmount. What he has done others who use the like means can also do." A gold medal winner!

One last stop was on the schedule. Spring Bank Farm, owned by James Tolton and located in Brant Township five miles west of Walkerton, was judged to be an energetic and well-managed farm. Since it had been cleared only recently, the many stumps in the fields kept it from entering the ranks of prize winning farms.

The competition was over. The judges made their way to Palmerston where they parted company. They stated that both were anxious to get home to their own hayfields in order "to see that if while criticizing the management of other farmers that no mismanagement was going on at home." The farms that were judged are still there. One hundred and nineteen years later, some have changed hands, some are no longer in production, while others have progressed with the years. But, in 1889, they were the best, the proudest, the most hopeful symbols of Ontario agriculture.

Take a drive through the countryside of Grey and Bruce and see if you can find the farms that were judged. The young trees will have grown old, the houses and barns weathered over the decades. There will be new silos, tractors, and farm equipment. Ignore them and try to see those gold and silver medal winners as they were in 1889 part and parcel of our rural tradition. [And, if anyone reading this article now lives on one of the farms mentioned in the Agriculture and Arts Association of Ontario report, photographs and comments on the years that have passed can be sent to [andrew@apropos.ca](mailto:andrew@apropos.ca) and will be shared with his readers.]

**Arran** - the 1st post office, opened in 1853. Later renamed Invermay. **Burgoyne** - a post office and hamlet on the townline of Arran and Saugeen. It is the crossroads of the Elora and Saugeen Road (County Road 3) and the Saugeen and Owen Sound Road (County Road 17). The township of Arran is named after the Island of Arran, at the mouth of the Clyde, Scotland. Extract from the Report of County Valuers, 1901:



"Stone is the chief drawback to this township, and while there has been a large quantity gathered into heaps and fences, yet there is a great work to be done in this respect still. There are some places it would cost more to clear the land of stones than it would be worth after the work was done. Arran is well watered generally, the swamp lands in the north half of the township are very difficult to drain, and in many places they are not so valuable as they were twelve years ago, as since that time the timber has been removed, and the land generally has not been improved. The Sauble is a poor source of drainage, having no banks and a slow current. There is considerable wet land from Arran Lake north-eastward to the corner of the township, which it is doubtful if it will ever be of much value. The soil of Arran is fair, with the exception of about two thousand acres in the north-west corner, which is almost unproductive, it being so light. It comes in touch here with the north part of Saugeen Township, and is largely similar in quality. Buildings and orchards compare favourably with any municipality in the county. The roads also are good. The rate per acre is \$31.11, of which amount the village property makes 90 cents per acre."

The author has received from David Chalmers, the first to settle in the eastern part of Arran, a letter giving an account of his experiences on entering the township in 1851. This letter, with some few omissions, is given in a

footnote, [1] believing that the narrative will be appreciated. [Footnote 1. . . . "In the month of May, 1851, three travellers left Owen Sound on a land hunt, intending to locate and settle as farmers in the township of Arran. The party consisted of Mr. David Butchart, a man of about forty years of age; Mr. James Roch, an importation from Dundee, Scotland, and myself, a lad of about twenty years of age. All three of us were practically green at bush work; on starting we took the road carrying heavy loads of provisions and an axe each, and such a road! But we were strong and of good courage and so floundered through mud and water for twelve miles: there were only three shanties with small clearings all the way. When at last we arrived at the house of Mr. James Barber, 12th concession of Derby, on the boundary between Grey and Bruce, we were very tired and gladly accepted the hospitality of Mr. Barber for the night. Enquiries were made as to our object in visiting him, and on being informed that we wanted land, he told us that we were somewhat premature in our visit, that the township of Arran was not yet surveyed and that there would be no use coming to hunt for farms until midsummer. However, we were anxious to see the land we came to seek, so in the morning we started on the old Maze of the county line. About one and a half miles north on that line we started to fell timber to clear a potato patch. We piled the brush, built a small shanty of small logs, bought five bushels of potatoes from Mr. Barber, and planted them among the logs. The crop turned out well. I dug the crop up in the fall as Mr. Butchart and Mr. Roch did not turn up to assist. These potatoes which I raised can safely be called the first crop raised in Arran.

"In the summer the survey of the township was proceeded with, and early in the fall I started to select a farm for myself. I went alone. On lot 25, concession 6, I found the surveyor's party, with whom I stayed all night. This party was, I remember, in charge of Mr. George Gould and Mr. Richard Berford. One of the party was my old fellow traveller, James Roch. He asked me, as a friend, if I would do a little chopping for him between lots 29 and 30, concession 8, as he could not leave his work on the survey. Of course, like a greeny, I consented and felled some timber to indicate that the lots were located, and thus gave up the chance of possessing two of the most valuable lots in Arran. Tara is now on lots 30 and 31. Roch never came near the property afterwards. I left the camp in the morning and went north up sideline 25 and 26, then went east until I came to the Sauble again, on lot 27, concession 9, and made up my mind to locate on it, which I did, and it was my home from that time until 1874, when I removed to Manitoba with my family. In the fall of the year I got a friend to assist me to put up a shanty. We cut such poles as we could carry on our shoulders, put up the building and covered it with cedar clapboards. I think I spent the happiest days of my life chopping down the big trees and allowing more sunlight in my little clearing. I baked my saleratus-cakes, fried my pork, made my black-currant-leaf-tea, or bread-coffee and made my supper, as happy as a king. I would put on a big fire of beech or maple logs, stretch out on the floor and read till bed-time, and retire to my one- post bedstead, which had a heavy layer of hemlock brush for a mattress, and awake in the morning with sometimes two inches of "the beautiful " on my bedcover, the snow having drifted through the cracks of my clapboard roof. I was contented, hopeful for the future, and happy. For three years I kept bachelor's hall and never felt lonely. After getting fairly domiciled in my shanty on the banks of the Sauble, the question of grub for the winter's work presented itself, a most serious matter, as it necessitated my carrying it on my back from Mr. Robert Linn's in Derby, a distance of eleven miles, four miles of which were merely a surveyor's blaze. As I had bought a pig from Mr. Linn, I determined that my pork should carry itself. I got my piggy along very well for seven miles, then it began to get tuckered out.' These seven miles of road had been chopped through -the bush, but the remaining four miles were only blazed. How to get my pig these four miles was a problem, but I had to face it. I started with a very reluctant grunter, making my way through bush and over logs until I came to a small cedar swamp about one mile from my house. As in most cedar swamps, there was considerable windfall, and here piggy, being tired, came to a dead stop, but eventually I got it to my domicile. Arrived there, I tried my hand in transforming pig into pork, but will not harrow your feelings by describing how I did it. Three or four days before Christmas snow fell to a depth of nearly four feet. As I had not got any supply of flour for the winter, and the snow being so deep, I concluded to give up bachelor's hall for the winter, and having salted my pork in two white ash troughs and put it in the cellar, I started out for Mr. Barber's and floundered through the snow, arriving there in the evening, tired and hungry.


"Before one year was over I had neighbours. In the second year of my bachelor life I had the good fortune to have a call from two land hunters, Mr. Robert Douglass and his brother John. Robert settled on the next farm to mine, and John settled next to his brother on lot 29, 9th concession. John Douglass and I have worked many hard days together chopping and logging. One day in chopping, the snow being very deep, we were felling a maple, he in front, I at the back. The tree had a bow and as it struck the ground it swung round and carried John with it, burying him in the snow. I thought he was killed and set to work to release him from the tree. I got him out unhurt, with damages consisting of torn suspenders and a demoralized shirt.

"Before two years had elapsed all the land around me was taken up and Tara had begun to aspire to be called a village. It is sad to think that most of the early settlers who came in after me and settled around me in the early days are sleeping in the Tara cemetery, and I, an old man of 74 years, am left to speak of the good comradeship and friendly feelings that existed among our early settlers. What pleasure we all had in subduing the forest, what struggles we had for precedence of work at our logging bees, and the jolly time we had after the day's work was over with the dance and song, and the mirth would not slacken till the last drop of 'the crather' gave out.

"The Brinkman family are dead or have left. Willie Hall, of Hall's Corners, died two years ago. (A fine neighbour.) James Broadfoot and Archie McRae, good friends of mine, are gone. Thomas Smith, a noble fellow, Archie Wilson and John Kennedy, my next neighbours, they too rest in the graveyard on the 30th side-line. There are many more of my old friends and neighbours who have departed this life, while quite a few have come west like myself. Hoping you may find these few reminiscences of the early days of Arran of some interest. Believe me, Yours truly, David Chalmers.

["Rosewood, Man., 30th Oct., 1905."] When the surveying party returned to Owen Sound after completing the survey of the township of Arran, which was in the fall of 1851, two of the staff, who had been impressed with the undeveloped possibilities of the township, decided to take up land therein in the vicinity of where water power might be developed. These two were George Gould and Richard Berford. Each sought out a companion to go with him, one who might prove helpful as a future neighbour. Mr. Gould found such a one in J. W. Linton, and Mr. Berford in John Hamilton. No time was lost, for fear that someone else might pre-empt the lands they thought of taking up before their arrival, so in less than a week from their return to Owen Sound the four whose names have been mentioned were on their way to locate their lots. Ladened as they were with necessary supplies, utensils and implements, the tramp through the woods of Derby Township was trying and wearisome. Their route was one indicated by the blaze made by a surveyor, which led them past the spot where the village of Kilsyth in after days developed. Beaching and crossing the Sauble River, Messrs. Berford and Hamilton, on coming to the eighth concession of Arran, decided to locate on the ground on which Tara now stands. Messrs. Gould and Linton passed on to the next concession road, and at Invermay, as now known, they selected their lands... The opening of the Saugeen and Owen Sound Road through the centre of the township in 1852, and that of the Elora and Saugeen Road along the west side of the township in 1854, made every part of Arran accessible to those seeking locations for settlement; the result was that Arran was settled rapidly. Among these early settlers there may be mentioned: William, Henry and Copeland Trelford, John and Wm. Kennedy, Wm. Tippin, John B. Briggs, Henry Esplen, Sr., Joseph Briggs, William Nelson, Stephen McKechnie, James Roberts and William Hunt. The last mentioned, in 1853, was the first to settle in the south-west part of Arran.

Arran has among its farmers two who have filled the position of warden of the county of Bruce, namely, H. T. Potts and Wm. Mackintosh. These two men, possessing the esteem of many, have also been nominated for Parliamentary honours. If space permitted, it would be interesting to local readers to have written of others in the township whose reputation has extended beyond its borders, or of some of the older families such as those that bear the name of **Esplin**, Wark, Morran, Morrow, Swinton, Monkman, etc., etc. Such a task might well be taken up by some local historian, and this suggestion, it is hoped, may before long be carried out.




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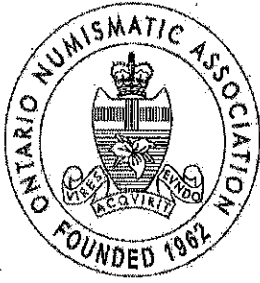


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_____	Dream Vacation Draw tickets (buy 5, get 1 free).....	\$10.00	_____
_____	Official souvenir convention medals Brass (only 45 struck).	\$10.00	_____
_____	Official souvenir convention medals - .999 Sterling silver (only 40 struck).....	\$45.00	_____

(Note that Nickel Silver convention medals are not available for Sale they are only included with the Main Registrations.)

**TOTAL** (please make Cheques payable to the 2011 ONA Convention)..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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