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EDITOR'S MESSAGE



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
ONA Editor

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We wish to thank the following for underwriting the additional cost of printing and distributing 36-page ONA bulletins:

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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

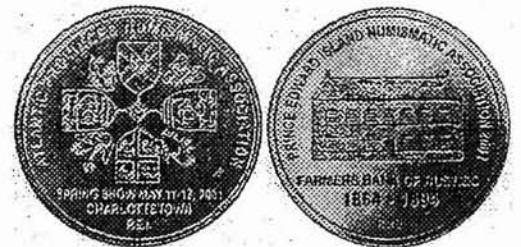
(Editor's Comments: Thanks for those kind words, Jerry. The response to the recent survey has shown that the majority of members that returned the questionnaire enjoy the background information about members, and club news rated extremely high. Personally, I felt that the May/June issue was NOT one of 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.

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. 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
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details for inclusion in
future issues of the
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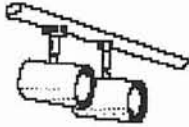
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annual dinner meeting
and wish to promote it to
other collectors, please
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date, start time, location,
program) so we can list it.

E-mail: onaedit@idirect.ca

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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 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.

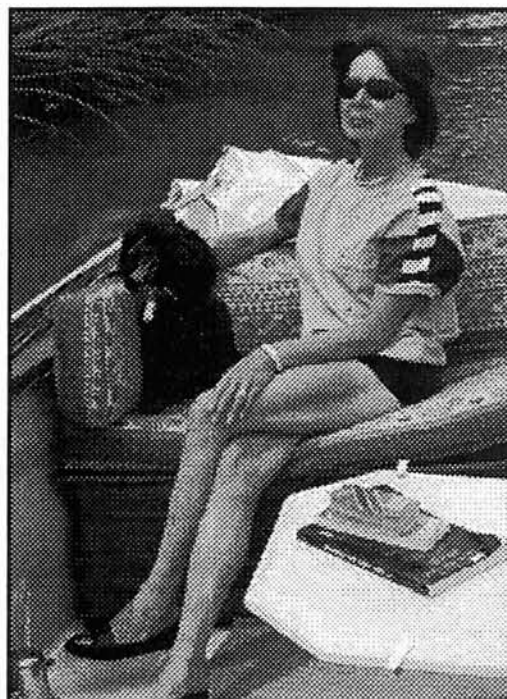
Grading Philosophy

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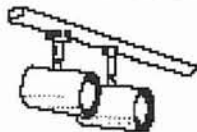
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SPOTLIGHT ON PEOPLE

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.

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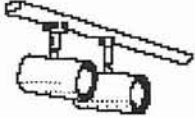
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S P O T L I G H T O N P E O P L E

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 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.



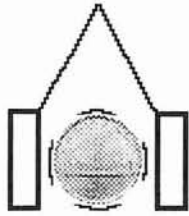
WATFORD COIN CLUB

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.

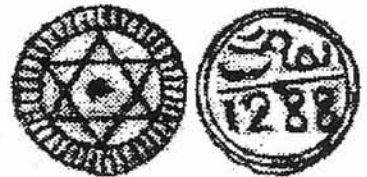
LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



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.

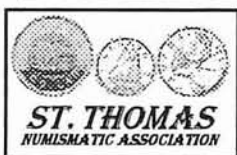


Their club's June bulletin, edited by David Bergeron, included articles on the 1967 "Diving Goose" dollar, "An Unusual French Medal" by the late Jack Veffer, "Numismatists and Income Tax" by Gabriel A. Grams (all 3 articles reprinted from 1979 CNA Journals), as well as a listing of "Saskatchewan Steamboat 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.



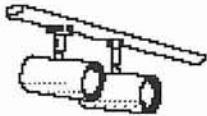
The Stratford Coin Club's June meeting was a Strawberry Social. Strawberry punch was served at the beginning of the meeting, with strawberry shortcake and whipped cream during the break along with coffee and soft drinks. The strawberries were handpicked by Dorothy Mason, the club's Secretary, at a pick-your-own-strawberries 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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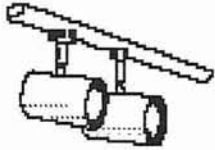
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SPOTLIGHT ON ANNIVERSARY MEDALS

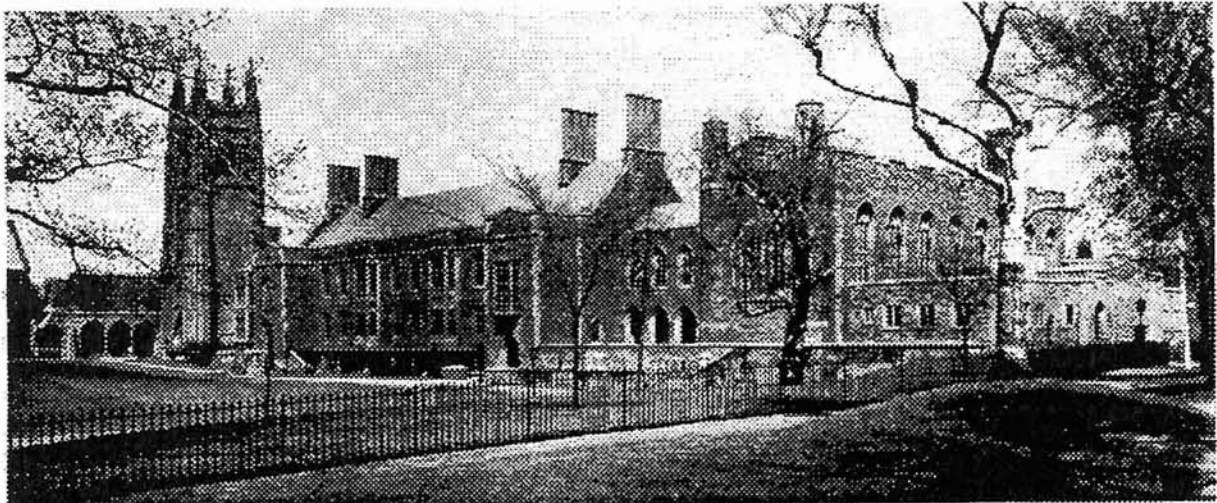
55TH ANNIVERSARY OF GRADUATION MEDAL

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.

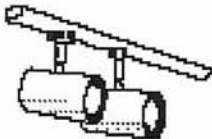
Thousands of Varsity men have passed through the beamed oaken doors of Hart House into the cool corridors and humming committee-rooms of the headquarters of the University's extra-curricular life. Day after day, they come by the thousands for concerts, painting, singing, the casual book, the theatre, 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



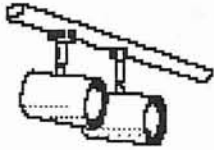
Lucille at the 55th Anniversary Ceremony

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

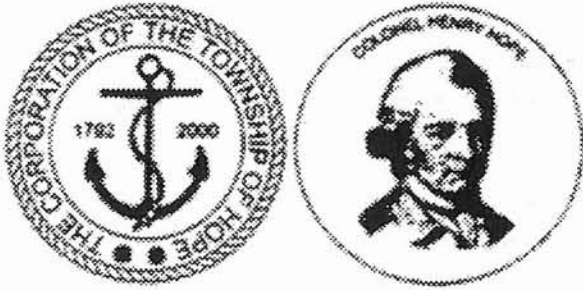
to Manitoulin Island since 1974. Only 850 pieces were struck, after which both dies were destroyed.

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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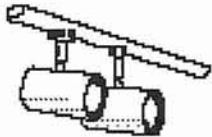
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SPOTLIGHT ON NUMISMATIC AUCTIONS

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.

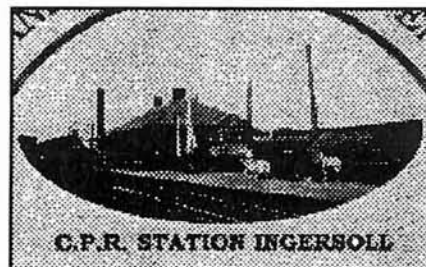
Other appointments announced so far include Glen Springer to Pre-Registration; Stella Hodge and Joan Flood to Hospitality; Hubert Grimminck, Jim Nelson and Ken Peers to Security; and Aulis Koslonen to Treasury. Still to be appointed at press time are people dealing with Publicity, Exhibit and Souvenir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

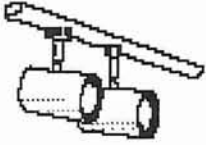
COMMITTEE IN PROCESS OF SELECTING MEDAL DESIGN

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, 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.

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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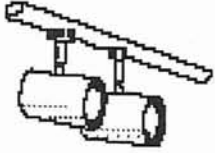
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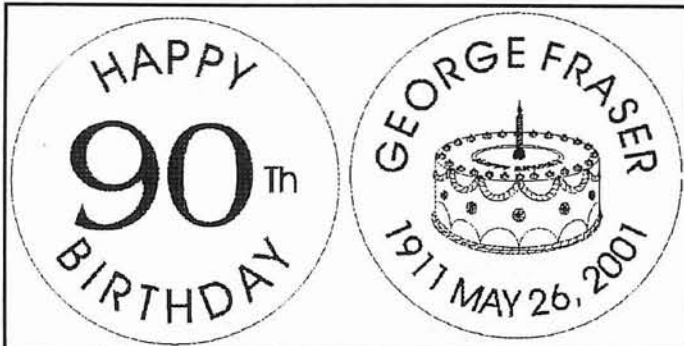
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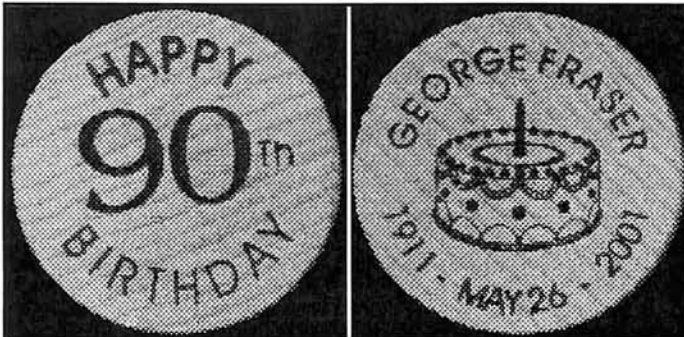
SPOTLIGHT ON WOODEN TOKENS

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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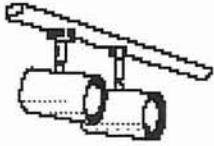
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SPOTLIGHT ON COUNTERFEITING

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

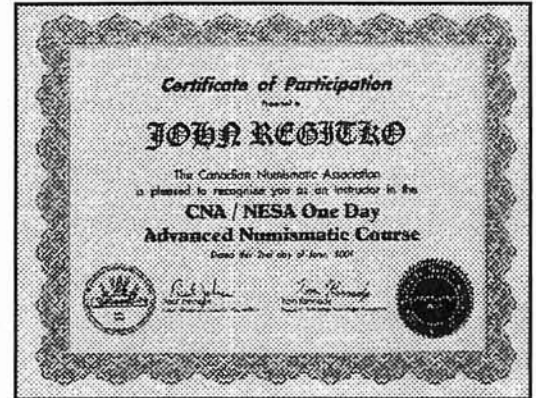
CNA HOSTS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL NUMISMATIC COURSE



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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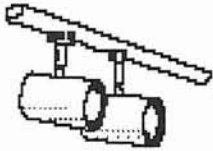
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SPOTLIGHT ON WOODEN TOKENS

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.

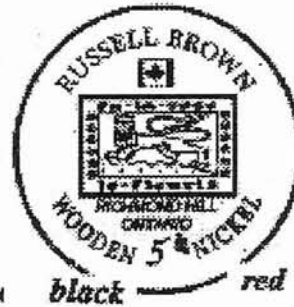
A total of 8 new woods were issued at the recent ONA 2001 Convention in Guelph. They were all freely handed out to all who attended the CAWMC meeting, hosted by their Southern Ontario Chapter, that was held in conjunction with the Convention. As well, the woods were handed out at other functions to anyone 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

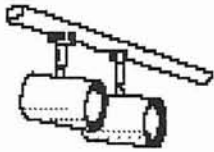
Nickels of Newmarket, Ontario, have a common obverse. They were issued by Norm Belsten, Russell Brown, Ted Boxall, Dave Gillespie and Ross Kingdon who reside in Ontario, as well as Robert Brown from the U.S., a frequent attendee at CAWMC meetings.



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



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.



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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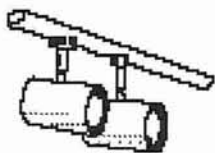
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SPOTLIGHT ON WOODEN TOKENS

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!

