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



WOW - Ya Gotta Love "Global Warming"! I'm just a kid, but I can't recall a "winter" like this one.

We're over the break period of December and finally into the Year 2002 and with that comes the coin show circuit. Inside, your editor has listed upcoming shows, big and small. Let's hope the good weather holds on weekends when these shows occur. I can recall braving some horrendous conditions to get to the January CAND show in Hamilton. Funny, I wouldn't have gone a block for a quart of milk in that weather, but I drove 60 kilometers to Hamilton! I can say that knowing all of you out there are nodding "Naturally, can't miss a show!"

Our thanks to CAND for running a very "People Friendly Show." Watch for that Good Shepherd of Young Numismatists, Chris Boyer, as he brings a busload of eager youth from his new school in Waterloo. Let's all give these youth encouragement, they are the customers, club members and dealers of tomorrow.

One show you definitely WON'T want to miss will be the ONA Annual Convention in London. It promises to be the biggest ONA show in years and having visited the Four Points Hotel I can tell you it is "First Rate at a Great Rate." Tom Rogers has negotiated a fantastic room rate. You may want to upgrade to a suite at these prices and rent out all the extra floor space to your friends (just kidding!). I recommend you call NOW to book your room. The hotel is a stone's throw by a guy with a weak arm from the White Oaks Mall so your attendees will have lots of diversions. On the numismatic side, look for some new dealers, displays, seminars, specialty club meetings, great food and "the usual shenanigans by the usual suspects".

My thanks also go to our generous donors who have supported the increased size of the ONA Numismatist in 2001. We appreciate your help.

Good hunting at the shows and see you at the ONA.

Most sincerely,

*Mike Hollingshead*  
ONA President

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



You will probably have noticed when you opened the envelope that your ONA Numismatist again is thicker than what you expected. We have ONA member Steven Bromberg of Canadian Coin & Currency to thank for it, who has made a donation to the ONA to offset the cost of the extra pages of printing and mailing. Steve has promoted numismatic, and probably brought thousands of new faces into the hobby, through his infomercials on The Shopping Channel.

As was revealed in the last ONA Numismatist, he has also recently opened a retail store just north of Metro Toronto, which is managed by ONA member Vince Sidebotham. We will have write-ups on Steve, his businesses and his key employees in the next issue.

Since this is the last bulletin you will receive unless you have already renewed or will renew shortly, we want to make you aware of what you will be missing: The budget is already in place to publish a super-fantastic bulletin in March/April. As a tribute to the 40th Anniversary of the ONA, the Executive has voted for a budget that will include the printing and mailing of an unprecedented 70 pages plus a few special surprises. That's bound to keep your editor busy for a couple of hours!

We also expect to be able to publish super-size bulletins for most, if not all, of 2002. All for a membership fee of \$15!

*John Regitko*  
ONA Editor

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT



## WELCOME

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

We welcome Corey Richard, Kenneth and Norma Preece, Jeffrey Webb, Martin Keeping, Dan Slonosky, Steven Buckland, Keith Greenham, Owen White, Alan Roy and Nick Giuffre.

## NEW APPLICATIONS

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

#739 Lois A. Rogers, London

#740 Shawn Uloth, Mississauga

*Bruce Raszmann*  
Membership Chairman

# SHOW TIME - UPCOMING

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



## January 25-27 Hamilton

### C.A.N.D. SHOW

Host: Canadian Association  
of Numismatic Dealers  
Ramada Plaza Hotel  
150 King St., Hamilton  
Sat. 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 3  
Large Bourse - Draws  
Admission: Adults \$3, Others \$2  
Info: Terry (905) 318-1638  
e-mail: rcoins@netaccess.on.ca



## FEBRUARY 3 PARIS

South Western Ontario  
Numismatics Coin and  
Collectibles Show (S.W.O.N.)  
Conv. Centre, Paris Fairgrounds  
139 Silver Street, Paris  
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Admission \$2 - Free Parking  
Over 50 Dealer Tables  
Info: Ted (519) 442-3474



## FEBRUARY 23 & 24 TORONTO - Torex

Primrose Hotel  
111 Carlton St., Toronto  
Sat. 10-5; Sunday 10-3  
Huge Bourse - Meetings  
Friday Eve. & Sat. Auctions  
Info: Brian (416) 861-9523  
e-mail: brian@torex.net  
www.torex.net  
Auction Info: (604) 737-2044  
e-mail: mail@coinoisseur.com



## MARCH 23 CAMBRIDGE

Cambridge Coin Club's  
11th Annual Coin Show  
Cambridge Newfoundland Club  
1500 Dunbar Road  
Cambridge  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Free Admission - Free Parking  
Over 40 Dealer Tables  
Info: Vincent (519) 622-6625  
or Chris (519) 623-2356



## APRIL 12-14 London ONA CONVENTION

Your Host:  
Ingersoll Numismatic Society  
Four Points Sheraton Hotel  
London  
Bourse - Displays - Banquet  
Specialty Collector Meetings  
Annual ONA General Meeting  
Complete Details in Next Issue



## MAY 4 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  
e-mail: mersteel@muskoka.com



## MAY 25 - 26 HAMILTON

TNS Numismatic Show  
Ramada Plaza Hotel  
150 King St. East, Level P3  
Hamilton  
Fri. Dealer Set-up, Auction,  
Early Bird Admission \$15  
Sat. 10-5; Sunday 10-3  
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Huge Bourse - YN Table  
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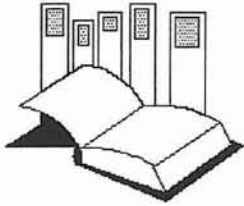
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## SEPT. 16 LONDON

London Numismatic Society  
10th 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



# BOOK REVIEWS

## ONA MEMBER PUBLISHES BOOK ON NUMISMATICS OF LONDON, ONTARIO



Your editor has had an opportunity to borrow and review a copy a very limited edition hardcover book entitled "Tokens & Medals of London Ontario." It is presented as "a limited personal publication by Ted Leitch" of which only 25 copies have been produced and presented mainly to members of the London Numismatic Society and contributors.

The information has been gathered by Ted Leitch over a 30 year period. As he states in the acknowledgements in the book, "This accumulation of information about London and Londoners who issued tokens and medals began in the early 1970s. Originally, the purpose of gathering this information was to satisfy a personal curiosity about the tokens and medals I had collected. Later it seemed appropriate to share some of this information with other collectors by publishing a few of the articles in numismatic journals. It now seems appropriate to do a limited printing of all the information gathered over the years before it is lost."

The 197 pages of the hardcover book include hotel tokens from 10 different hotels, while 22 different merchants and manufacturers are represented as well as 20 bakeries and dairies and 40 other groups. Fraternal organizations that have issued medals or tokens in London include the Masons, Loyal Order of the Moose, Lions Club, Foresters, Royal Black Knights of Ireland, Ancient Order of United Workmen, Y.M.C.A. and Boy Scouts. Other groups included are the Canadian Medical Association, Western Fair and a number of religious and educational organizations such as The University of Western Ontario and London Technical School. Naturally, the medals issued by the London Numismatic Society over the years are also included (which include CNA and ONA Conventions that the

L.N.S. hosted), as are convention medals from the Canadian Medical Association, Master Bakers, Old Boys' Reunion, Western Ontario Dairymen and others. Other well-known companies that are detailed in the book are Canada Trust, O-Pee-Chee Gum Company, Campbell's Moving & Storage, Brunswick Balke Collender Company, McCormick Biscuit Company and Canada Biscuit Company.



Ted also covers the London Jubilee Medals, Royal Visit Dollars, Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee commemorative medals, Masonic Pennies, Coronation tokens and so much more.

The quality of illustrations is the best I have ever seen. The line drawings are perfect and the photography, which I know Ted Leitch does himself, are also excellent. The book even boasts a few color plates, such as of the souvenir medal and ribbon of the London Diamond Jubilee, a painting of the John Labatt's Brewery circa 1900 and the Crystal Palace built in 1887. The illustrations of people and the buildings that either appear on the tokens and medals or are part of the history are very clear, while the medals and tokens are about 2" in diameter which is an excellent size for reading the inscription and viewing the illustrations.

I only have one complaint which I hope will be rectified: only 25 copies of this fantastic book have been produced. Having been involved with the publishing of books in the past, I am fully aware of the costs involved in the creation, printing and distribution of a 200-page book. There is a possibility that after the Summer, Ted will produce more copies, including updates that he receives.

Over the years, I have been accumulating many medals and tokens issued in Toronto, including the former municipalities of York, North York, East York, Scarborough, Leaside and Mimico. Ted Leitch's work has given me an incentive to continue to gather background on the many historic buildings, people, political events, anniversaries and other events that form the numismatic history of Toronto and Area. It will be a challenge to do even half as great as Ted has done!

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

## APPEAL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ONA AWARDS



The Ontario Numismatic Association, to recognize numismatists who have made contributions towards the advancement of numismatics, either throughout Ontario or at the local level, bestow two distinct awards annually. The awards are in the form of a silver medal, a suitably inscribed certificate, an engraved metallic nameplate identifying the bearer as a recipient of the awards and an admission ticket for the ONA Banquet where the presentations will take place.

The ONA Awards Committee is requesting nominations for the "Award of Merit" and the "Fellow of the ONA" Award. Please submit the name(s) of residents of Ontario you consider worthy of being recognized at the ONA Banquet at the annual ONA Convention, as having contributed to the success of numismatics at the local or provincial levels. Whether the summary of accomplishments of the nominee is handwritten or printed, or in point form, does not matter.

Your submission should outline your candidate's qualifications for these awards, based on the following criteria:

Nominees should be well-rounded in all phases of numismatics. The judging committee will review the following areas:

- 1) local coin club work: involvement with special events; executive positions held at the local club level & length of service; contributions to overall club success; give specific example of each.
- 2) local community work: organizing a numismatic displays in libraries, malls or other public locations; other examples relating to the promotion of numismatics.
- 3) numismatic education: writing, research; published articles and/or books; exhibiting at coin shows, mall promotions or other events; list achievements.
- 4) regional involvement: involvement with the hobby on a regional/national level; involvement with organizing coin conventions (list positions held); involvement with exhibiting and educational seminars at conventions.
- 5) any other achievements or contributions to numismatics in Ontario, as well as listing achievements nationally and internationally.

To assure that the ONA Awards Committee is fully apprised of your nominees' contributions, a summary of numismatic achievements and contributions must be included with your nominations.

Closing date for submissions is February 25, 2002. Recipients will be announced at the ONA Banquet on April 14, 2002 at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in London, Ontario.

The ONA Awards Committee, charged with the responsibility of selecting a winner from the nominations, consists of four well-known numismatists and the President of the ONA. Currently, the Committee consists of Don Robb (Chairman), Paul Johnson (Past-Chairman), Ken Wilmot (ONA Immediate Past-President), John Regitko (ONA Editor) and Mike Hollingshead (ONA President). It is entirely up to this Committee to determine, without any outside influences other than receiving nominations, who should receive the Award of Merit, and how many (up to a maximum of 3) should receive the "Fellow of the ONA" award annually.

Written submissions, signed by the nominee and including the nominee's ONA membership number and mailing address, should be mailed to: Don Robb, Chairman, ONA Awards Committee, P.O. Box 40033, Waterloo Square P.O., WATERLOO, Ont. N2J 4V1.

Submissions can also be made via the Internet. Send nominations, including your name and ONA membership number to [drr@golden.net](mailto:drr@golden.net).

*Don Robb - Chairman  
Awards Committee*

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



In the last issue of the ONA Numismatist, we congratulated ONA member Art Stephenson on the wedding of his niece, Kathy, and her new husband, Brent. We also mentioned that since the wood was printed in silver, it was difficult to get a good copy off our scanner. ONA member Norm Belsten performed his usual magic and we are now pleased to illustrate the wood to the right.



And while we're at it, congratulations and thanks to Norm Belsten for the great illustrations that he produced for the ONA Numismatist. We can't wait for him to issue his new wooden nickel catalogue where thousands of illustrations will be of perfect line drawings that we can then routinely plagiarize in the ONA Numismatist. His handiwork also appears on pages 20, 21, 26 and 27 of this issue.

Congratulations to ONA member Steven Bromberg on his expansion into the retail coin business. When the Bank of Montreal closed their location at 10211 Yonge Street in Richmond Hill, located just north of Metro Toronto, he saw an opportunity: two large vaults, secure premises at street level, free parking and easy access by people living in the huge Metro Toronto market. He has been involved in numismatics for 15 years in the wholesale business, coin shows, mail order and as a major advertiser on the Home Shopping Network.

Best wishes to ONA member Vince Sidebotham, who will be managing the above store. With over 20 years in numismatics, he is well-known to most members of the ONA and will be pleased to look after the needs of all collectors.

To the Calgary Numismatic Society and their Editor, Neil Probert, for being awarded third place in the "local club" publication category for 2001 by the American Numismatic Association. In competition with all the clubs virtually around the world that are members of the ANA, they placed behind only the Metropolitan Coin Club of Atlanta, Georgia and the Anchorage Coin Club of Anchorage, Alaska.

And from the "Better Late Than Never" Department, congratulations to Dick Smith on being selected one of only 2 percussionists that are visible to the audience in Disney's *The Lion King*, the Tony Award-winning Best Musical currently playing at Toronto's Princess of Wales Theatre. Dick performs in 8 shows each week in his Percussion Balcony, playing a large variety of exotic African Percussion equipment. The show opened in the Spring of 2000 and, because of its success, could run for years and years. Dick certainly is involved with a very numismatic family. He is the husband of Ingrid Smith who has been in numismatics for most of her life (we took a whole page to publish her accomplishment in the March 2000 ONA Numismatist). Dick and Ingrid are the parents of Tina Smith, a well-known professional numismatist who has been seen on the bourse floor ever since she was old enough to accompany her mother to coin shows. Dick and Ingrid are also the parents of Brian Smith, current owner/manager of Torex. I first heard Dick Smith's band rehearsing in the basement when I attended executive meetings of the Toronto Coin Club at his home when his wife was president of the club. My wife and I have seen him perform at night clubs in some of the best hotels in Toronto, at shopping mall extravaganzas and Ontario Place. He has composed and performed for radio, television and film, and can count *Sesame Street*, *The Muppet Show*, *Beetlejuice* and performances at Minkler Auditorium among his credits. In 1967, Dick was part of the team that founded "Caribana." He is a consultant for the Percussive Arts Society and to the Brandor and McMillan Music Publishers. I have also had the pleasure to listen to his band, *Syncona*, at home (he has produced 2 records that I know of). One of the songs, a pretty little melody called, appropriately, "Pretty Little Melody," also features daughter Tina performing background vocals. Incidentally, the name "Syncona" is derived from the name of the plant "Cinchona" which originated in the Andes Mountains of South America and brought to Jamaica



in the middle of the nineteenth century. It was grown on a mountain ridge which became known as "Cinchona." It was in these mountains where Dick Smith spent his first twenty years and where he was inspired to compose many of the songs and rhythms in his recordings. In 1987, he was inducted into the Black Music Association's Hall of Fame for his contributions to Caribbean culture in Canada.

And while we're on the subject of the Smith family, congratulations to Brian Smith for having "The Canadian Coin Reference Site," which he created and maintains, chosen one of the Top 200 Websites of 2001 by Canadian NetLife voters. It was one of nine best sites selected for the category of "Reference" Websites. In case you are wondering who Canadian NetLife is, it is considered by many to be the Canadian authority on Internet information with a subscriber base exceeding over half a million subscribers that determines the most useful and entertaining Web sites of the year. Through their links sections and various columns, regular contributors have identified the sites they find most amusing, informative, entertaining and useful, judging them on content, presentation and attitude. Canadian NetLife is owned and operated by Sympatico, which is owned by the parent of Bell Canada. That makes Brian's award akin to receiving the Ferguson Award medal from the CNA, the Award of Merit from the ONA, or the Governor General Award (dare we say Order of Canada?). If you visit [www.canadiancoin.com](http://www.canadiancoin.com) you can see for yourself why it is highly thought of. Let us not underestimate the benefit of The Canadian Coin Reference Site to numismatics. It has been helping promote the hobby in a huge way. It is now receiving well over 100,000 unique visitors a year or 1 million page views per year.

According to the December 2001 issue of CAWMC's Timber Talk, edited by ONA member Ross Kingdon, ONA life member Noreen Howcroft and her husband, Norm, have issued a wood to recognize the 20th wedding anniversary of their son Steven and daughter-in-law Katherine. The date has been corrected on the wood from August to July. The corrected side is black, while the other side is blue. Congratulations to everyone involved.



## S P E E D Y R E C O V E R Y



In the last issue, we mentioned that Mrs. Regitko, mother of our editor, was resting at home following laser eye surgery and knee replacement surgery. That was the plan at the time I finalized the bulletin. By the time members received the bulletin, it should have been so. However, it was not to be. Due to severe reactions to Morphine and other medication as well as a mild heart attack and a kidney infection following reconstructive knee surgery, she is still at St. Michael's Hospital where she is expected to remain a little while longer for rehabilitation before moving to a Nursing Home.



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

To ONA Vice-President Paul Petch and family, on the recent passing of his mother-in-law.

To ONA Area Director Barry McIntyre and family, on the recent passing of his mother-in-law.

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# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS



This issue's local coin club news is a bit longer than usual, to make up for the shortness in the last issue due to the speed in which I had to complete the bulletin to look after some urgent family matters. I managed to catch up on my reading of all club bulletins and cull selected information from them for this column, even though I spend full days during all of December as a member of the Guest Services Department of the huge Fairview Mall located in North York. This also caused me to miss all December club meetings and the accompanying Christmas Dinners. From all reports, attendance at these Christmas Dinners was very good, with a lot of club members bringing their spouses and children along. From what we know, every club subsidized the cost of dinner.

Another year has come and gone. Most clubs called for nominations at their December meeting and will hold elections, if necessary, in January. We suspect that most clubs will fill positions "by acclamation," meaning that anyone that is willing to serve on the executive will have the opportunity to do so. Although most members of the Executive will remain the same, some clubs will have a healthy turnover in some positions, giving them both experienced people and new blood. We will publish names of incoming Executive members of local clubs in this column in the March/April bulletin.

We have noticed over the past few months that local club bulletins still publish the previous addresses for Charlton's (the retail store, now closed) and Charlton Press (publishers of numismatic and other hobby publications). As was reported in the September 2001 ONA Numismatist, their mailing address is P.O. Box 94, Thornhill, Ont. L3T 3N1. All other contact information remains the same: telephone (416) 488-4653, fax (416) 488-4656 and e-mail [chpress@charltonpress.com](mailto:chpress@charltonpress.com). They can also be accessed through their website at [www.charltonpress.com](http://www.charltonpress.com)



The Brantford Numismatic Society (3rd Sunday of month) meeting for November featured the monster auction that was originally scheduled for their October meeting. Members brought in their extra coins and other numismatic related items and not only made some money to reinvest on other items, but also enabled other members to make purchases to add to their own collection. The club charges no commission.

Their December meeting, held a week earlier than normal, was the club's Christmas Party. Most of the cost...draws, meals, etc... were paid for from the profits of their annual coin show as a nice way of thanking the many members that help make their show so successful.

The November bulletin suggested that anyone that is not now a member of the ONA should see Len Trakelo at the next meeting (Len is the Brantford club's editor as well as the ONA's area director for Brant County in whose area the Brantford club is situated). He also included the following information: "I would like to make mention of part of the results of the October Torex auction. I have been harping at you for a few years now to save all your modern coins and put them away in case you have anything that will later prove to be valuable. Lot 0774 was a 2000P Canadian ten cent coin that sold for \$715.00; lot 0895 was a 2000P Canadian twenty-five cent coin that sold for \$770.00; and lot 1006 was a 2000P Canadian fifty cent coin that sold for \$715.00. WHEW!!! It is worthwhile to sock away that pocket change just in case." Len ended his report with the comment: "Thank you John for including these auction results in the ONA Numismatist." So here they are! (In the September/October ONA Numismatist, page 153, we mentioned that a previously unreported 2000P 50 cent coin would be included in the Torex Auction that would be held in conjunction with the October 26-28 Torex Show. We stuck our neck out and stated that "the dollar figure will be in the neighborhood of \$500." Looks like we were not too far out in our original forecast! We further opined that the price should probably be about 4-fold that figure, given that it is expected that most of the presentation pieces handed out at the opening of the plating facility will not come on the market for many years, leaving very few that could fall into the hands of collectors. These could indeed be the future rarities of Canadian coins. And you read it in the ONA Numismatist first!)

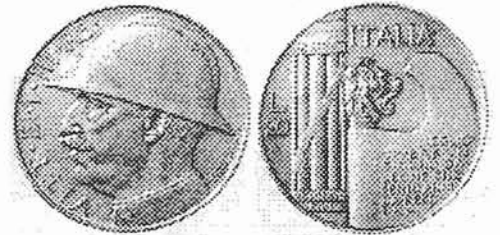
# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



The Toronto Coin Club (third Monday) featured Paul Petch as Chairman of the August meeting. He showed an ANA video featuring Richard Doty talking about the Soho Mint and Watts and Boulton, The World's First Industrial Coiners." He also spoke on some books he brought, including "The Soho Mint & the Industrialization of Money" by Richard Doty and "A History of the Heaton Mint." Further, he showed a book on money of the world; another booklet on coins and minting. Paul pointed out that the September CNA Journal had a good article on Watts and Boulton and the production of the cartwheel coinage at the Soho mint. Don Bunjevac spoke about several mint advertising pieces, mostly related to the Birmingham Mint, while Shawn Hammond displayed some recent additions to his world coin collection.

At their September meeting, Paul Petch reported on the CNA Convention that was held in Quebec City in July. He showed digital photos on a TV screen that he took on a digital camera at the Convention. He also displayed the souvenirs he acquired during his stay in Quebec City. Del Murchison spoke about some books he has just acquired, one of which was Volume I of Charlton's "Canadian Exhibition, Fair, Carnival Medals." Another was a Foreign Currency Identification Guide book he managed to get from his banker.

At their October meeting, Chairman of the Month, Vince Chiappino, spoke on "Collecting Italian Coins," which covered coins issued or used in Italy from the Greek period in the fifth century BC up to the present. He passed around coins covering Greek colonies in Italy; Roman Period; Byzantine Period; Medieval Period; the period of Italian States and foreign occupation by Spanish, French, Austria, etc.; Italian Kingdom (the 1928 10 Lira coin illustrated at right); and Italian Republic.



They also held a members' night, with Sid Belzberg showing some of the ancient coins from his collection. They included a rare Syracuse Tetradrachm, many superb Roman Aes Grave examples and the extremely rare "Eid Mar" denarius of Brutus. Sid also announced that he now has a complete collection of Canadian decimal coins, including Newfoundland. A half dozen binders with some of the earlier dated coins were passed around for members' viewing pleasure. Condition of coins ranged from Unc to Proof. He was congratulated by everyone at the meeting for accomplishing such a feat. As the bulletin says, "If you missed the meeting, you missed a chance of a lifetime!" Don Bunjevac spoke about the Canadian Medal Society, while Tom Adlhoch passed around a bimetallic UK 2 pound coin he obtained recently.

Marvin Kay displayed and spoke on the Italian 1000 lire note depicting Maria Montessori, a teacher as well as a medical doctor. Shawn Hammond brought some recent acquisitions which included many Italian States pieces. A request for nominations for their upcoming election for the Club Executive was made, with final nominations to be accepted at their December meeting.



It was also pointed out that Robert Gait has an exhibition and sale of his watercolor paintings of mushrooms at Ritters Coffee House located at 1846 Queen Street East from November 1 to 30, 2001.

Their November bulletin also included a "coin" image that was published on the editorial page of The Toronto Star on November 7 (illustrated at left).

The Toronto Coin Club joins a number of other local coin clubs whose bulletins are being sent out via e-mail.

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The Waterloo Coin Society (Second Tuesday) November meeting featured a program entitled "Medieval Times and Medieval Coins." Guelph resident Ms. Sarah Fisher entertained members and guests with a slide presentation and talk of medieval life and its currency. Ms. Fisher graduated from the University of Waterloo with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Medieval History and then furthered her studies at the University of York in England, receiving a Masters Degree in Early Medieval Studies. If you have been confused by groats, farthings, pennies and halfpennies, you didn't want to miss this presentation! Ms. Fisher also displayed some of her personal collection. Her collecting strategy has been to attempt to collect a penny from each of the reigning Medieval monarchs! Because Waterloo area residents rarely have an opportunity to host a guest speaker with knowledge of this historic period often wrongly named "The Dark Ages," Waterloo Coin Society spokesperson Mike Hollingshead extended an invitation to all clubs and collectors within the driving range of Waterloo prior to the meeting. As he pointed out in his e-mail and letters to the clubs in Stratford, Cambridge, Brantford and South Wellington, they normally have between 4 and 7 bourse dealers in attendance, a refreshment break, a 40-lot auction which begins at 9:15 and ends about 10:00 p.m. and a lot of fun & fellowship.

Mike also took the opportunity to invite the same clubs to their December meeting, offering them the opportunity to promote their respective clubs to the Waterloo club membership. Kentucky Fried Chicken was brought in at no charge to members and guests. They also had on hand a traditional Christmas cake and a quantity of brilliant uncirculated Canadian 2001 50 cent coins which they distributed to everyone present as a Waterloo Coin Society Christmas gift. They also conducted special attendee draws, a word game and dice game with prizes, as well as a 50/50 draw with the winners' shares being split 25/15/10. As is customary, everyone was also invited to participate in a gift exchange by bringing a wrapped gift of a value of \$5 to \$8. As Mike said in his invitation: "There has not been enough club to club visitation, so let's start the year off and hope that we can grow our clubs! Please feel free to bring membership applications or information about your club to the meeting for distribution!"

Although we know of a number of people that attend a few clubs in their immediate area, we also know of dozens of people that only attend one club meeting. Each club should appoint someone from amongst their executive to invite other area clubs, whether in person, by e-mail or by old-fashioned letter writing, to an upcoming meeting. We can guarantee you that more people will take you up on the invitation if you tell them what to expect at the meeting. You therefore should have a complete program in place and tell everyone about it. On the assumption that many have not attended your club meeting before, be sure to give them full meeting particulars (address, how to best get there, when doors open, starting time, etc.) and tell them about the program, coffee break, auction, door draws, the displays you expect to have on hand, etc. Invite them to bring along displays, especially if the material ties into the program.

## TIP OF THE MONTH



Don Robb, Auction Co-ordinator for the Waterloo Coin Society, included some "Consignment Tips" in the November 2001 bulletin that are also useful to everyone consigning material for their own local club's auctions:

- 1) For our auctions to continue in their present form, the need for "collector quality" numismatic material never stops. It is a good idea to establish a regular pattern of setting aside material to be passed on to me for the auctions.
- 2) When coins are given to me, please include a list with your name and telephone number.
- 3) For foreign and unusual items, I need you to suggest an estimated or reserve value or both.
- 4) At meeting's end, you can pick up your auction proceeds from Bruce. If that is not possible, then Bruce will send a cheque with your next bulletin.
- 5) Any questions? Call me!

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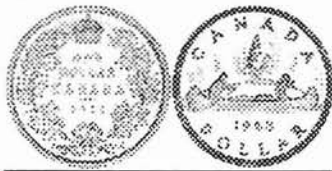
The Stratford Coin Club (2nd Monday) September meeting featured Jim Robson as their guest speaker, who enjoys the hobby of antique radio collecting. Club member Fred Boyes brought along Timbits for everyone. Another highlight at the meeting had to be the first of the membership draws that we wrote about in the last ONA Numismatist, namely the draw of a Silver Maple Leaf just for being a member of the club and attending meetings. This draw, we understand the brain child of Ken Wilmot, will take place every meeting and is over-and-above the other draws the club conducts. Every meeting will have a winner. If the person whose name is drawn is not present, they will keep on drawing until there is a winner.

Ken Wilmot had also proposed rolling back the membership dues to \$3.00, which was the rate charged when the club was formed in 1960. You can still join, but not at this rate, since it was only in effect up to December 31. You were warned in previous bulletins! Still a bargain at \$7.00!

Their October meeting, which had a turnout of 30 people including 4 new members, featured the ONA tape on Emanuel Hahn, Canada's foremost coin and stamp designer. The monthly membership draw of a silver maple leaf was won by Ryan Smith, while 7 other people won draw prizes.

The November meeting's speaker was Harry James, well known for his promotion, research and writing of Canadian tokens of all descriptions, as well as a 31-lot auction. The December meeting featured KFC chicken as well as salads and desserts at no charge to members and their guests. There was a special membership draw for a beautifully framed print of the Stratford festival done in 1999 by Stratford artist Alex Krajewski.

The club also held their 39th Annual Coin Show at the Victoria Inn on Sunday, October 21, which also saw them sign up 13 new members. See information on the show on page 23.



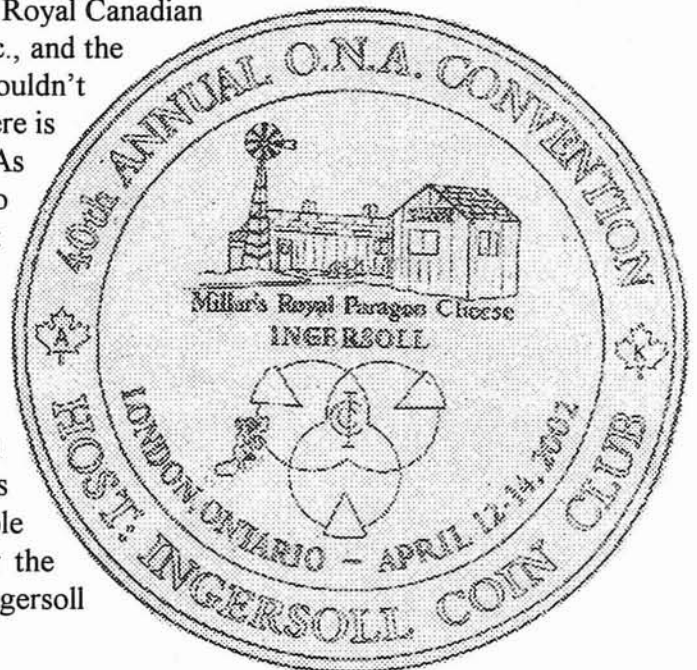
**INGERSOLL COIN CLUB**

The Ingersoll Coin Club (3rd Monday) November meeting brought everyone up-to-date on the ONA Convention they are hosting. They also held numerous draws and announced the slate of nominations for the clubs executive for next term (election results for all clubs will be published in the next ONA Numismatist).

Their December bulletin featured an article by John Wessel III entitled "A Century of Prairie Progress" and another by Dick Wetzel entitled "Coins of George I." Two articles by Jerry Remick also appear, as does a 31-lot auction listing of material that will be auctioned off at their January meeting. The Editor, Tom Masters, also makes this point: "The most common complaint I hear today from collectors I come in contact with is that the Royal Canadian Mint is putting out too many items...medals, tokens, etc., and the prices are too high. What's the answer? The Mint wouldn't produce these items if there wasn't a demand, and if there is a demand those who buy are willing to pay the price. As long as the demand is there, the Mint will continue to produce, so those who complain have little recourse but not to buy."

The December meeting included cold plate pot luck dinner, including salads, cheese tray, desserts, refreshments and plenty of fun & fellowship.

The final design of the reverse of the ONA Convention medal has also been unveiled. The design by Aulis Koslonen, whose initials are found on the two maple leaves, was chosen from those submitted, except for the three rounds of cheese, which was featured on the Ingersoll Coin Club's 25th Anniversary medal.



# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED

**MISSISSAUGA-ETOBICOKE COIN STAMP & COLLECTIBLES CLUB** The Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin Stamp & Collectibles Club (First Tuesday) September meeting featured Vince Chiappino speak on "Collecting Bi-metallic Coins, Medals and Tokens." He began his presentation with a history of bi-metallics, followed by a discussion of various types of these items such as encased coins, cameo overlay coins, coins and tokens with inlays, inserts or plugs. A small collection of encased pennies, UK model penny and various world bimetallic coins were on display. Paul Petch reported on the recent CNA Convention and showed the contents of the registration kit and a number of other convention souvenirs that he picked up. Twenty door draw prizes were available to be won and were claimed by 6 lucky people: Bob Wilson (5), Bob Porter (5), Paul Petch (4), Vince Chiappino (3), Len Kuenzig (2) and Dan Buss (1).

Their October meeting featured Bob Porter speaking on "Collecting in Wartime." He recounted how he joined the Canadian Army in 1941 and was assigned first to a corvette then to a mine sweep. He started collecting nearly by accident. Not being a smoker, he would trade his cigarette rations for small bills. By the end of the war he had a nice collection of foreign bills and Allied Military Currency. Two binders full of notes were displayed. He also spoke on and displayed his personal medals, including the Normandy medal, as well as medals he purchased from other servicemen. Upon his return to Canada, he also began collecting coins. At the same meeting, Paul Petch showed some National Geographic magazines from the 1920s and 1930s with articles on Afghanistan. He pointed out the country hasn't changed much in the last 80 years. He also spoke about an unusual item his wife received at a funeral: a coin collected by the deceased during her travels was mounted together with a card and handed out to everyone attending the funeral. Just as in previous months, a larger-than-normal quantity of door draw prizes, namely 19, were awarded, with Mark Argentino and Del Murchison each getting four.

The November meeting featured Albert Kasman speaking about two modern Franklin Mint issues of "Mechanical Banks," one featuring Harley Davidson Motorcycles, the other a Fire Department. Andrew Kzakowski displayed a mechanical bank in the shape of an apple, while Paul Petch spoke about a century-old piggy bank which was given to his grandfather in the 1890s. This cast iron bank, in the shape of a bank building, was given out by the Home Bank as a promotional item to promote savings. A unique feature of this piggy bank is that it can be easily disassembled into several pieces simply by turning a screw. Del Murchison brought along a number of books about mechanical banks. There were a number of multiple winners in their door draws: Paul Petch (5); Bruce Davidson (4); Len Kuenzig, Vince Chiappino, Dan Buss and Del Murchison (3 each); Bob Porter (2).

The December meeting included Christmas dinner ordered from Swiss Chalet, a gift exchange and bingo. A presentation on centennial collectibles from Len Kuenzig included a cookbook, plates, ashtray and jewellery. He circulated a box containing centennial pins and costume jewellery and asked members and guests to take one. Another presentation on collectibles on Coca Cola and Santa Clause by Mark Argentino included a display of a coke can, playing cards, a tray, a calendar, and a Hallmark shopping bag. In keeping with the Coke/Santa topic, Paul Petch displayed 10 National Geographic magazines from 1933-1942 showing Coke ads with Santa Clause. With 24 draw prizes up for grabs, there were a number of multiple winners, with Paul Petch and Vince Chiappino winning the most (4 each).

The January bulletin included 3 full-color photos on the e-mailed version of the club bulletin of the displays that appeared at the December meeting. Photos of Coke & Santa Clause Collectibles by Mark Argentino, National Geographic Magazines by Paul Petch and 1967 Collectibles by Len Kuenzig (illustrated) were taken by Norm Belston.



# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



The Oshawa Coin Club (2nd Sunday) October meeting featured an auction and a discussion on their recent Coin Show which was held at the Pickering Towne Centre.

Their November meeting had 36 members and guests listen to a very informative presentation by Dick Dunn on the grading of paper money. His presentation also included tips of what to look for when purchasing paper money: rounded corners, ironed out creases, pin holes, etc. Club members Bruce and Nina Watt were thanked for a donation of volume two of the eighth edition of "World Paper Money." (Bruce is a past editor of the ONA Numismatist). The meeting concluded with a regular auction and a donation auction.

The December meeting consisted of a Pot Luck Dinner. The club supplied cake, buns and cold cuts, while members were asked to bring salads, casseroles, lasagna and an assortment of hot meats. They also had a gift exchange (up to \$5.00 value), the usual draws and bingo that enabled players to win prizes. Because of the availability of sufficient space, this is one of the few clubs that allows bourse dealers to set up during their December meeting which enables members and guests to add to their collections...or have the attending spouses purchase a Christmas gift from the wide variety of material on display.

The club's December bulletin included an article on the new 20 peso notes in polymer that the Banco de Mexico has unveiled, as well as a summary of the countries, quantities and designs of the new Euro banknotes and coins. They also mentioned that the Czech Republic has announced that the 1993 issue 1,000 and 5,000 Korun Notes were demonetized on June 30, 2001 and are no longer legal tender. They were superceded in 1996 and 1999, respectively, with notes which were similar but with greatly enhanced security features, the most obvious difference being the addition of a graphic device on the reverse margin.



The South Wellington Coin Society (1st Wednesday) October meeting featured an informative program about grading of Canadian decimal coins presented by ONA President, Mike Hollingshead, as well as a discussion on the upcoming show which the club is co-hosting with the Waterloo Coin Society. The meeting also included a larger-than-usual auction, draws and refreshments.

Their November meeting featured the second half of Canadian decimal grading, with commentary by Mike Hollingshead. As well, Ross Irwin displayed some of his collection of cap badges and collar pins that he had set up for display at a mall for Remembrance Day. The majority were from the Armed Forces' various branches: bank, chaplain, security, administration, artillery, etc.

Their December bulletin included an article entitled "A Fine Boy" about the little baby that appears on the U.S. Sacagawea dollar, another article that first appeared in the Toronto Star (to be reprinted in a future ONA Numismatist) about the woes of a collector and his rare gold coin. Another article, "Is there a Future for Money?," will also be reprinted in future). An auction list is also published, as are the comments "Please remember to support the dealers that attend our club." Good advice!

The December meeting featured an ONA video along with Christmas cake, cookies, coffee and soft drinks. The gift exchange had good participation, with Santa himself handing out the presents. Santa even took away one of the door prizes (it helps when you pull out your own ticket). All lots in the auction were sold.

A reception was held at the Acton Legion Games Room on November 24 to celebrate Bob Zmija's 80th birthday. Bob, who served as president of the club until December 31, 2001, has felt it necessary, due to personal reasons, not to let his name stand for re-election. Although he will be missed as head of this very active club, we know from personal experience that the SWCS has a number of very active people that are very capable of taking charge of club affairs, including two members of Bob's own family who are always at meetings and take an active hand.

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



The London Numismatic Society (1st Tuesday) October meeting featured Len Buth speaking on "Medals and Related Exonomia of the Ford Motor Company of Canada Limited." He opened his talk with a brief history of the Ford Motor company, noting its formation in 1903 with a capital of only \$28,000.00. Ford was to revolutionize the way automobiles were to be built and his early success saw the company expand into Canada in 1904 with production of the Model 'C' at Walkerville, Ontario starting in 1905. At the same meeting, Ted Leitch gave a report on the recent LNS Annual Show, noting that the overall success of the show prompted the club to book the same location for September 22 for their 2002 show.

Their November meeting featured Ted Leitch who presented a most interesting paper entitled "Pathways and Pitfalls in Researching London Tokens." His presentation was a result of reflections on research following the publication of his recent book entitled "Tokens & Medals of London Ontario." He gave an interesting and sometimes amusing account of his quests for information on these tokens. Travels to the London Room of the London Public Library and the U.W.O.'s Regional Collection all met with varying degrees of success as well as a mine of information and various facts to sift and study. Faulty memories and the repeated publishing of erroneous information all became part of the "pitfalls" of doing original research. Ted showed several binders, folders and trays of assorted items of information, all parts of the jigsaw puzzle which is the history of London Tokens (background on the book on London medals and tokens that Ted Leitch recently published appears on page 4).

The November bulletin included a 7-page article on Len Buth's speech from the October meeting on the medals and related exonomia of the Ford Motor Company. Write-ups and illustrations covered the 1937 Coronation, the 1939 Royal Visit, 1940 28-millionth car, Commissary tokens, tool checks, key tags and counterstamped coins, all relating to the Ford Motor Company. The bulletin also included an article by Ted Leitch entitled "The Guarantee Tailoring Company" (to be reprinted in the next ONA Numismatist) and a "Bank of Canada Update" by J. Graham Esler (also expected to be reprinted in the next issue).

The December meeting featured a "Member's Night" in which a number of people offered short papers and displays on a variety of material. It proved most interesting, with a great variety of items being presented for discussion. For example, Ross Blakey spoke on his recent acquisition of three Tudor halfpence, Tom Rogers spoke on three tokens issued in the early 1970s by the late coin dealer George Oblinsky (the common obverse is illustrated at right), Len Buth displayed and discussed an interestingly engraved 1841 English Penny and Bill Clarke illustrated and spoke on the "Progression of Early Anglo-Saxon Coin Types." Graham Esler spoke on mystery novels where the plot revolved around a coin, coins or coin collecting, while Ted Leitch gave a demonstration of a "dealer's copper cleaner and ager." Ted demonstrated this compound on three early copper coins with varying effects. He issued the strong warning that although some of the results were near perfect, extreme caution should be used and, particularly if one knew what to look for, one can still spot a cleaned coin. His final words were: "Don't clean your coins!" Ted Leitch also brought along a previously unknown medal of the Hellmuth Ladies' College of London, Ontario (we expect to reprint his article in the next ONA Numismatist).



The club's December bulletin included a 7-page article "The Eight Real in the New World" by Ted Leitch. It was pointed out that most collectors of Canadian decimal coins do not include an eight real coin in their collection, even though it is the basis for the Canadian dollar (because of the highly Canadian content in the article, we will be reprinting this, including illustrations, probably in the next ONA Numismatist). Ross Blakey, in a 3-page article, told members about his recent trip to London, his second this year. One of the highlights for him was to attend the book auction of the working library of the late Patrick Finn, whom Ross had known for many years. He also told of his visits to the British Museum, two auctions, two coin club meetings and a couple of visits to the BNS library. Another 2-page article, entitled "London School Medal Update" by Ted Leitch, covered a medal that recently turned up in a collection (again to be reprinted in a future ONA Numismatist).



The Scarborough Coin Club (First Wednesday) September meeting featured 5 presenters. David Bought spoke on various pieces he has acquired from the East Coast such as a wooden nickel for the 100th anniversary of the 1,282 foot long Hartland Wooden Covered Bridge in New Brunswick which he obtained



*The Scarborough Coin Club issued a new wood commemorating their 2001 coin show.*

from a friend and a medal of the new 13 km long Confederation Bridge to P.E.I. that he obtained from his nephew. Gord Stevenson showed 2 trade dollars marking the 50th anniversary of gold and the 50th anniversary of Yellowknife. He gave some background information on Yellowknife, including their long summer days and short winter days, and that it was built on rock and they have to have water delivery and sewage pickup. Dick Dunn showed stock certificates from various banks which he purchased during the summer. Kathy Beacham had flyers on the Worldwide Bi-Metallic Collectors Club and a brochure on the new Euro coins and notes. Rick Craig displayed the 1st volume on Canadian Medals from The Charlton Press covering Exhibition, Fair and Carnival Medals. Rick also displayed overstrike coins of the Lord of the Rings. Mal MacDonald was thanked by the chair for donating an assortment of tokens for use as draw prizes and for the junior bag.

The October bulletin listed websites that give you more information on items in the newsletter: Confederation Bridge ([www.confederationbridge.com](http://www.confederationbridge.com)), Hartland Bridge ([www.town.hartland.nb.ca](http://www.town.hartland.nb.ca)), Worldwide Bi-Metallic Collectors Club ([www.wbcc-online.com](http://www.wbcc-online.com)), Euro Coins ([www.eurocollection.com](http://www.eurocollection.com)), Lord of the Rings ([www.shirepost.com](http://www.shirepost.com)), and Yellowknife ([www.ssimicro.com](http://www.ssimicro.com)).

Their October meeting featured both a regular and a donation auction, with 9 lots of material donated by members for the benefit of the club's treasury. The membership discussed the possibility of assisting the North York Coin Club in hosting the 2004 CNA Convention at one of the larger Toronto hotels.

The November meeting, with 30 in attendance including 3 juniors, featured a 2-part VCR tape program from the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library on Canada's \$2 coin. A discussion also took place on plans for the club's Christmas Party. It was announced that the club's Durham Coin Show will have a new location for their February show.

The December meeting featured a KFC buffet dinner at a cost of \$5.00 per person. The meeting also held a "Guess the Number of Pennies in the Jar" contest which was won by Martin Lamoureux with his bang-on guess of 333 pennies (Fred Claridge was 2nd with a guess of 332). John MacDonald, Rich Craig, Gerald Gratton and Brian See donated prizes for the door draws. Mal MacDonald donated coins to the junior bag, while Dick Dunn presented special gifts to 3 junior members and a guest. A numismatic gift exchange, with a value of between \$5 and \$7, was also held.

The club's 26th anniversary wood is now available which can be obtained from the club, along with some remaining past issues, at 50 cents each. Write to Scarborough Coin Club, P.O. Box 562, Pickering, ON L1V 2R7, or e-mail David Bawcutt at [jbawcutt@sprint.ca](mailto:jbawcutt@sprint.ca) for detailed availability and pricing.



The St. Thomas Numismatic Association (2nd Monday) September meeting included a 72-lot auction of mainly Canadian decimal coins, with some U.S. coins and Canadian paper money. Draws were held for 6 silver coins, including a 1939 Silver Dollar. U.S. State quarters were made available at only 40¢ each Canadian funds that club President/Editor, Donald Houghton, picked up recently in Las Vegas. The October and November meetings featured auctions and a quantity of draw prizes.

Their December meeting's highlight was the free roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetables and beverage for all members and their families. Some members brought along appetizers, salads, pickles and desserts. There were eleven coins in the free draws. They also held a 49-lot auction.

# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



The North York Coin Club (4th Tuesday) October meeting featured a "members participation" night, with Dick Dunn ("past-ups" for proposed bank notes), George Fraser (paper shirt made from U.S. currency), Paul Johnson (books on English coins that he purchased in the summer), Bill McDonald (ancient coins mentioned in the Bible), Marvin Kay (coins on stamps), Mark Argentino (a selection of polymer notes that have now been issued by 22 countries) and Jim Heifetz (a funny story about his son's "very valuable" purchase at the Torex show) participated in the program. Marvin Kay issued an appeal for numismatic "45" items for his upcoming 45th anniversary. An autographed, complimentary copy of "Coinman to Canadians" donated by club member Jim Charlton was placed into the club archives. Roger Fox spoke about the Canadian Tire Coupon exhibit at the Bank of Canada's National Currency Museum from October 18 and January 20. The meeting also included an auction conducted by Bob Porter and draws for 13 prizes. Rick Craig was thanked for his donations.

The November meeting, dubbed "Canadian Tire" Night, featured Roger Fox relating his experiences in working with the Bank of Canada's Money Museum and the Canadian Tire Corporation in bringing the special exhibit "The Story of Canadian Tire Money" into existence. The auction consisted only of books, including a nearly complete set of CNA Journals from 1956 to 1993, the property of a CNA Past President, the late Dr. John S. Wilkinson. Only about a dozen issues are missing. The set was donated to the NYCC by his widow, Alice.

The December meeting featured a choice of either Swiss Chalet chicken dinner or BBQ back ribs, at a cost of \$6 and \$8 respectively, with the club picking up the balance of the cost. They had the usual gift exchange, draws and a quiz.

The combined November/December bulletin included an article "The Victoria Cross" by club member Marvin Kay, the answer to the October Question of the Month, a new Question of the Month whose answer will be discussed at the January meeting, as well as excellent reports on the goings-on at the previous meeting.

The club has made their usual annual donation of \$50 to the J. Douglas Ferguson Foundation, but have upped their donation to the Numismatic Educational Services Association (NESA) to \$100, in memory of Harvey Farrow, NYCC's treasurer who passed away last January.

## WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB

The Woodstock Coin Club (2nd Thursday) mentioned in a recent bulletin that their editor, Glen Forster, had to miss a meeting due to rehearsal at his home for son Kevin's wedding, but that it wouldn't happen again since all four children have now taken the oath. The same bulletin, which detailed the finances for the club's Woodstock commemorative medal, proves that with the right committee and the right promotion, even a smaller club can do well financially...they made over \$1,500 net profit on the medal, with more to come from the medals they still have on hand and funds still owing from a few sales outlets. Fred Freeman, Medal Committee Chairman, Lavern Smith, Medals treasurer and committee members Harry Spice and Ken Peers are indeed to be congratulated. The medal was featured in a full page in the June 2001 issue of the "What's on Woodstock Magazine."

They held their December Christmas Party meeting at the Copa Cabana Steak House. Along with the usual contents, Glenn Forster included some interesting personal comments and a very colorful front page for their December bulletin, featuring a reindeer, candy canes, bells and other decorations.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the clubs for sending the ONA Editor their bulletins. We only wish that those clubs that do not issue a bulletin would either start issuing one, or sending us reports every couple of months so we can also include their goings-on here.

Some more uncanceled postage stamps from mailings from CTCCC, CMNS, Nickel Belt of Sudbury, Waterloo, Tom Rogers and others whose names I cannot remember. I have turned over \$20.00 to the ONA treasury which should cover all the postage stamps that I have inherited this past year.

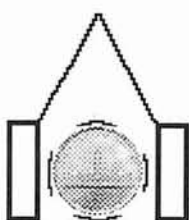
# LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



The Nickel Belt Coin Club (3rd Sunday) September meeting had some interesting material in their 66-lot auction, from a Newfoundland 20 cent piece of 1904 in fine condition to a number of Great Britain silver coins as well as Canadian decimals, U.S. decimals and Canadian \$1 notes. The meeting also featured a selling-trading-exchange session. The meeting also brought members up-to-date on RCM issues and the new Knight-Dodge \$5.00 note from the Bank of Canada.

Their September bulletin asked the question: "The Royal Canadian Mint is planning to sell restrikes of the 1911 pattern \$1 coin. They tell us to get our orders in fast as there won't be enough to go around. Is this just another way for the mint to make money? They have also partnered with Nabob coffee. If you find a golden coffee bean inside a bag you win a golden coin. A second promotion is with Budweiser and has packages of beer containing RCM made medals. Selected medals entitles the owners to Superbowl trips. What's Next? Are these items collectible?" If ONA members care to respond, we will publish interesting letters in the next ONA Numismatist.

The October meeting featured their regular selling-trading-exchange session as well as another 66-lot auction. They also discussed \$10 replacement notes and took a survey of who found some in change.



The City of Ottawa Coin Club (4th Monday) September bulletin featured nearly 3 pages of Glossary of Terms, another 2 pages on "Fakes, Phonies & Fantasies" by the late Al Bliman (both articles reprinted from the CNA Journal), as well as a 2-page continuation of an article by Frank Fesco entitled "Falus Can Fool Us."

Their September meeting featured the theme of "Grading Coins, Tokens, Medals and Paper Money," while the October meeting consisted of their Annual Auction Night.

The November bulletin included a listing of some of the 41 items that the widow of the late Andy Wynn of Ottawa donated to the club. The donation included early Canadian tokens, Canadian and foreign mint sets, proof coins and Canadian commemorative medals. Another donation, from Dave Bergeron, covered a large heavy bag full of medals and exnumia. The bulletin also included a 3-page article by Ross Irwin entitled "Collecting Orders, Decorations and Medals," a 2-page continuation of "Fakes, Phonies and Fantasies" by the late Al Bliman and a 1-page reprint from the CNA Journal entitled "Army Bills."

Their November meeting held a lively discussion on the topic of the club going "on-line" as an additional means of obtaining more exposure for the club and, therefore, possibly new members. A motion to approve the dissemination of the club bulletin via an available numismatic web page was passed, with the proviso that this form of communication would not in any way take the place of the regular monthly journal, which will continue to be provided to all members. An auction was also held.

Although the City of Ottawa Coin Club does not meet in December, they issue a December bulletin. It included a 6-page article, with interesting clipart, on some of the basics of coin collecting. This included pointers of how to start your collection (investing, basic tools, where to look for coins, tokens and notes), handling items, to clean or not to clean, storing and displaying, and resources (books & catalogues, publications, websites). The president also wished that Saint Nick would fill everyone's stockings hanging from the fireplace with a few choice silver dollars (11s and 48s mostly) and other assorted MS63 change. Don't we all wish!

## TILLSONBURG COIN CLUB

The Tillsonburg Coin Club (3rd Tuesday) October meeting featured a slide presentation on grading of Canadian decimal coins, attendance draw, 50/50 draw, regular auction, dutch auction, coffee break and viewing of material at the bourse tables.

At the November meeting, a motion by Wayne MacFarlane, seconded by Ted Bailey, was passed to donate \$400 to the Salvation Army. Bill Baxter donated prizes for their dutch auction.

The December meeting featured Christmas Pizza, a gift exchange and playing euchre and bingo. The dutch auction prizes were donated by George and Alison Jonckheere.



In reviewing past issues of the "Club News" columns and other places, it looks like we have overlooked publishing an illustration of the reverse design for the London Numismatic Society 50th anniversary medal. It features the first meeting place of the club, the

YMCA in London, when it was founded in 1951. The LNS bulletin in which it appeared was put to one side for scanning and promptly forgotten about...until now.



The Windsor Coin Club (Third Monday) October meeting saw a fantastic 64 members turn out to celebrate their 50th Anniversary. It featured a super dinner in the Marconi Room of the Caboto Club, with a magnificent backdrop of the Club Logo in glittering gold letters,

tuxedo clad hosts to escort the members and guests to their tables, a series of Presidents, both past and present, as well as other special honored guests as speakers, a display table rich with numismatic historical documents, easels of award winning coin designs, and a fine array of material for an era closing auction.

Among the honored guest speakers were Mike Hollingshead (ONA President), Tom Kennedy (CNA Past President), John Jaciw (a many time award winner for his coin designs, including February 2000 Quarter and 1983 \$100 gold), Norm Young (a 50 year member of the club and one of the original members from day one) and several of their past Presidents dating back to 1969.



## 40TH ANNUAL ONA CONVENTION



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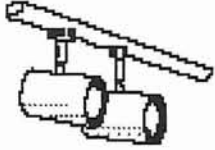
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**See the next issue of the ONA Numismatist for detailed information on program of events, hotel reservations, registration form, official souvenir convention medals, banquet, club delegates meeting, etc.**



# SPOTLIGHT ON MEDALLIC ART

## METALLIC ART SOCIETY OF CANADA ISSUES FIRST BULLETIN



In the July 2001 ONA Numismatist, we reported that a new organization, the Medallic Art Society of Canada (MASC), dedicated to the creation, promotion, appreciation and education of the fine art of the medal, had been formed.

We have reviewed the complimentary 8-page Issue #1, dated October 2001, and are so pleased with its content that we can recommend membership in MASC to all ONA members. You don't have to collect artistic medals to enjoy the bulletin which, issued 3 times annually, is packed full of interesting articles on the history of medallic art, Canadian sculptors and much more. We congratulate John Carolan, MASC Editor, of putting out an excellent first issue.

The issue includes an informative write-up by MASC president, Del Newbigging, on the history of medallic art societies in Canada. We found out that ONA member May Bunnett was the last secretary of MASC's forerunner, The Canadian Society of Medallic Arts, which folded in 1965. We also found out that Del's first sculpture teacher was none other than Dora de Pedery-Hunt who certainly needs no introduction to ONA members.

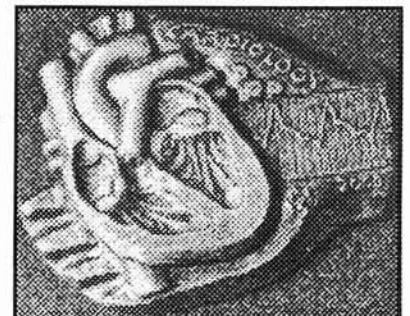
The issue includes a number of well-researched articles, such as "Pisanello: The First Medallist," "What is a Medal?" and "The Governor General's Performing Arts Award Medal." It also includes a question and answer column, letters to the editor column, a notice of an upcoming MASC Exhibition in 2002 and a report on the Trout Run Medallic Sculpture Symposium. A 2-page article on medallist Dr. Alexander Husveti is beautifully



Their newsletter, "*behind the MASC*," uses Mistral and Algerian typestyles (you don't expect artistic types to stick to Times New Roman or Arial, do you?). MASC has, appropriately, a mask as its logo. A founding member of the organization, Geert Maas, created the association's medal (illustrated at top of page). Cast in bronze, it is entitled "Mask" or "Playing a Part in the Theatre of Life." Limited to only 24 pieces, it is 145mm x 150mm and may be displayed on a stand or mounted for wall display. The medal depicts a figure that holds a mask up with both hands and winks with one eye. It appears to say, "Are you in on the secret of life?" Each one of us plays various roles as we go through our time on earth. Is your true self revealed or do you live behind a mask? To see more of Maas's work, see his website [www.geertmaas.org](http://www.geertmaas.org).

Membership is open to everyone interested in the art of the medal. Membership is \$35.00 annually, which includes 3 newsletters (the first one will be sent to you as soon as your membership application is received). Cheques (made payable to MASC) or money orders should be mailed to Carlo Tocalino, MASC Treasurer, P.O. Box 155, Ballinafad, ON N0B 1H0.

For further information, their President, Del Newbigging, can also be contacted via e-mail at [newcar@sympatico.ca](mailto:newcar@sympatico.ca).



*Cardiology Medal by Dr. Alexander Husveti. The hand of the cardiologist holds and protects a longitudinal section of the heart with the heart valves exposed. The chamber of the heart and the great blood vessels are illustrated as well as a strip of electrocardiogram.*

# CNA CONVENTION NEWS



## NEW WOOD ISSUES AT 2001 CNA CONVENTION

At the 2001 CNA Convention in Quebec City last July, a number of ONA members and others issued new wooden tokens. We are pleased to illustrate them below. The illustrations are copied from *Timber Talk*, official publication of the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC) and were originally created by Norm Belsten.

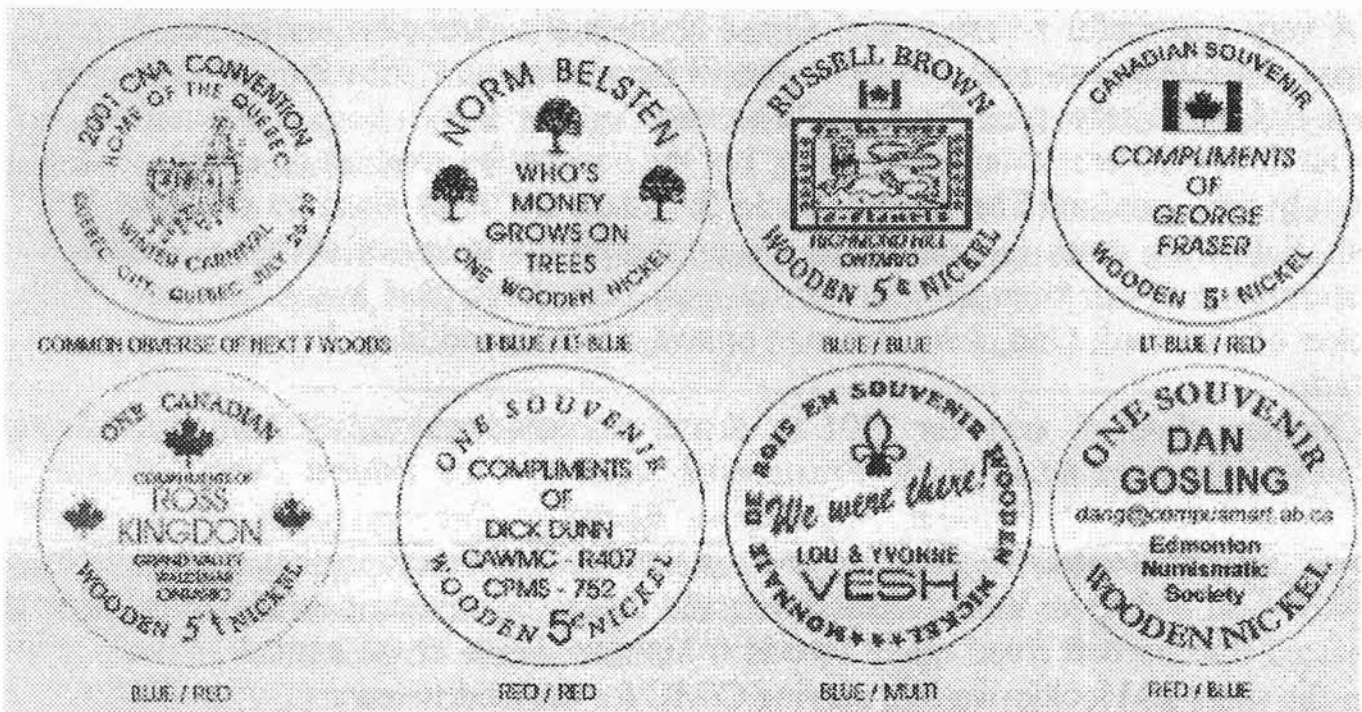


Common Obverse of 3 woods illustrated to right

Black/Blue  
Quantity of 200

Black/Purple  
Quantity of 100

50 of Blue/Red  
50 of blue/Green



COMMON OBVERSE OF NEXT 7 WOODS

1¢ BLUE / 1¢ BLUE

5¢ BLUE / BLUE

5¢ BLUE / RED

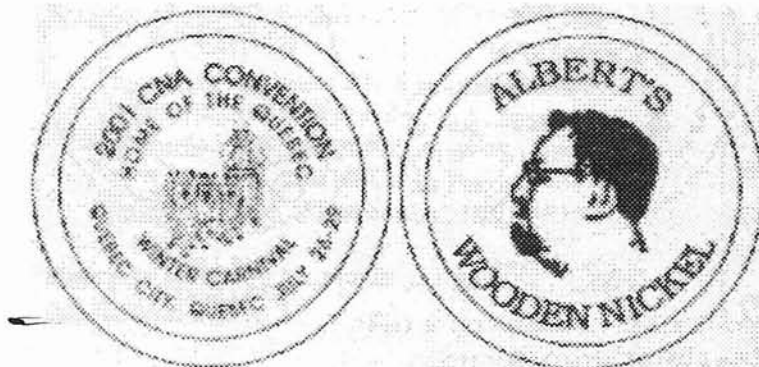
5¢ BLUE / RED

5¢ RED / RED

5¢ BLUE / MULTI

5¢ RED / BLUE

Of the seven issuers above that issued 100 woods each, 6 are either regular members or receive the ONA Numismatist as part of our exchange program with numismatic organizations. The only exception is Dan Gosling of Edmonton, Alta.



The wood to the left was issued by ONA Area Director Albert Kasman, a long-time issuer of woods. Issued in a quantity of 100, it is one of the more beautiful woods issued at the CNA Convention. The side illustrated at far left is printed in red and blue, while the second side is printed in green and blue. It was the only wood released at the CNA Convention in size 1-3/4" diameter (all other woods illustrated above and on top of the next page are 1-1/2" in diameter).



Red



Blue



Black



Red

ONA member Dave Gillespie, who was installed as Vice President of CAWMC at their annual membership meeting held in conjunction with the CNA Convention in Quebec City last July, issued 60 of each of the above 2 woods.



Red



Blue

ONA member Roger Fox, President of CTCCC, issued 100 woods featuring the association's logo.



Black



Red

Wayne Gillcash, one of the few non-ONA members to have issued a wood at the CNA, issued 50 pieces.

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The e-mail address of Barry McIntyre, ONA Area Director, is changed to: [barry.mcintyre@rogers.com](mailto:barry.mcintyre@rogers.com)

The mailing address for John Regitko is changed to Suite 172 (the balance of the address remains the same)

# SHOW REVIEW

*A column presenting a summary of coin shows*

## SHOW BRINGS BACK FOND MEMORIES TO FORMER OWNER

*by John Regitko, ONA Member #LM083*



It has been a long time coming! The timing has always been bad, what with work or visits to Ohio getting in the way. But I finally visited TICF in Oakville on November 16-18. When I owned/managed TICF, it was known as The Toronto International Coin Fair. When Paul Fiocca wanted to get into show business through Trajan Publications and I wanted out, he must have realized that the the initial TICF had an excellent reputation. So he asked me for the rights to use the registered name and initials. Because of moves out of Toronto, first to Niagara Falls and later Oakville, the name was changed to The International Coin Fair, eventually The International Collectors Fair.

Although the specialty collectors meetings, banquet and wooden nickels were noticeably absent, the show appears to not have lost its appeal. It remains a 3-day show with a very active bourse, is well-promoted, features hourly draws and still uses Target Security, still run by John and Liz Domonkos. A lot of the All-State display cases and the waste baskets still contain those silver TICF-logo stickers that simply cannot be removed (I must have bought them from the same people that invented the glue to keep the space capsules from falling apart during lift-off and re-entry). A lot of the dealers were also the same as I used to entertain at the Lakeshore Inn in Toronto, still traveling from all points of North America to attend. There is Bill and May Popynick from Florida, Sandy Campbell from Nova Scotia, a number of dealers from out West and lots from various parts of Ontario...I could name so many that are still around something like 20 years later.

The auctions, continuing to be run by Chuck Moore who did many of my TICF auctions, are still well-promoted and draw good mail bids as well as spirited floor bidding.

When dealers arrived as early as 12:00 noon on Friday, November 16, the bourse room was all set-up and ready for them, even though the show would not open to the public until 5:00 p.m. At 9:00 p.m. when the bourse room closed, Trajan Publications catered a wine & cheese party for the dealers and their assistants and spouses. As it turned out, the informal speeches turned into a "roast" for Paul Fiocca, who had turned over the reigns of running Trajan Publications to Paul Winkler after about 12 years at the helm. One special guest was Clark Cooper, immediate past editor of Canadian Coin News. A number of people recalled humorous incidences that Paul Fiocca was involved in, with Chuck Moore delivering the keynote roast, portions of which we are pleased to print here:

"This is a night for all of us to gather together to honor Paul, share a few drinks with him, and in general pretend that we like him.

It's easy to say nice things about Paul. About his leadership, his fairness, his understanding. That's easy. The hard part is keeping a straight face.

At Trajan Publishing, Paul was always ready to listen to his employees' troubles. But then, why shouldn't he? He caused most of them.

Our guest of honor likes to be alone in the woods, go places where few have gone before, and face challenges that are seemingly impossible. Unfortunately, he does all this in a golf cart.

Paul loves golf, and as one of his retirement presents, the staff of Trajan wanted to get him something he could use playing on the links. But I understand he already has a calculator. Some of those who play with him suggested a lie detector.

Paul plays golf religiously. That means anytime he makes a good shot, it's considered a miracle."

Saturday saw a huge crowd enter the bourse room and even though Sunday was light, good business was concluded between dealers before packing up.

As a bonus for holding TICF at the Ramada Inn in Oakville, for those of us who love an occasional hamburger, there is a McDonald's right across the street that featured "2 Egg McMuffins for \$2 or 2 Banquet Burgers for \$2" specials that week-end. Guess where a lot of dealers and collectors ate?

## GUELPH SHOW HOSTED BY WCS & SWCS CLUBS



The show held in Guelph that was hosted by the Waterloo Coin Society and the South Wellington Coin Society was a great success again, both financially and by attendance. The Executive of both clubs, most of whom are also members of the ONA, were busy, both before and at the show. ONA member Don Robb sold the tables and took care of the dealers' needs at the show. Mike Hollingshead, Bruce Raszmann, Gordon Parker and Peter Becker were busy at the entrance welcoming everyone and explaining the Penny Draw, as well as selling shiny new 50 cent pieces...for 49 cents. Robert Zmija (along with his son, Vince) was busy manning the SWCS club information table.

The Penny Draw consisted of 25 prizes, all donated by members of the clubs as well as Canadian Coin News. We note that 17 of the 25 lots were donated by people who were also members of the ONA. Add that to the 6 prizes donated by Canadian Coin News/Trajan Publications and you are left with only 2 prizes that were donated by non-ONA members. In contrast and as proof that well-promoted coin shows draw members of the public that are not part of the mainstream of the hobby, only two of the winners are members of the ONA. Your editor, who has been around for over 40 years, only recognized 3 other names. That translates to a lot of potential new local coin club members!

## STRATFORD ANNUAL SHOW ALSO SUCCESSFUL



The Executive of the Stratford Coin Club decided to move their show to the Victoria Inn, a location we remember fondly from when the club hosted an ONA Convention there many moons ago. The bourse area was spacious. The draw prizes plentiful. Parking was assisted by the cooperation amongst dealers who triple-parked their cars at the end of the parking lot. A good variety of dealer material was on view. A lot of people want Bill Cousins to buy them their draw tickets in the future, after winning 4 out of 20 prizes in the Penny Draw at the show. Considering an estimated 300 visitors to the show bought a lot of tickets, those are pretty high odds!

Sometimes the most enjoyable part of a show does not take place at the show. For your editor it was the get-together for dinner at another local hotel that has one of the best eateries in the Stratford area following the show. Too bad more people didn't attend this informal gathering. They missed great food and great camaraderie. It might not have been a typical banquet, with speeches and awards, but it had all the fun & fellowship that I have been preaching about over the years. Then there was the consumption by the Regitko family of all those canned meats and other goodies in the big gift box that was won in the Penny Draw.

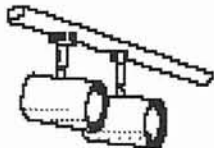
If anyone needs convincing that a well-promoted show brings out people from far and wide and sometimes exposes them to numismatics for the first time, 12 new members were signed up at the show, thanks to the work of Ken Wilmot. They hailed from London, Strathroy, Waterloo, St. Clair Beach, Burford, Niagara Falls, St. Marys, St. Agatha, Woodstock, Kitchener and Clinton (3 other members, hailing from St. Marys, St. Thomas and Stratford, were signed up at the club's November meeting).

There are still some woods available from the show. Come out to their next meeting (3rd Monday of month starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Kiwanis Community Centre, Lakeshore Drive, Stratford) or send them \$1.00 each to P.O. Box 21031, Stratford, ON N5A 7V4 . Do include another dollar for postage and packaging.

## TILLSONBURG, WINDSOR AND NIAGARA FALLS

Since the last bulletin, shows have also been held in Tillsonburg, Windsor and Niagara Falls. Unfortunately, your Editor could not attend these shows and therefore cannot report on them in any great detail. However, reports filtering back reported that show organizers, dealers and other attendees were happy for the most part. All three shows were well promoted before-hand and, therefore, served a useful purpose in promoting the hobby in their local areas and beyond.





# S P O T L I G H T O N M U N I C I P A L T R A D E T O K E N S A N D M E D A L S

## ONA MEMBER PROVIDES SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

We have been advised that the popular subscription service for municipal trade tokens and medals run by ONA member Ray Desjardins will continue for 2002 issues.

Sell outs in short periods of time of limited edition tokens have left some collectors high and dry over the past few years. To avoid such frustrations, ONA members can sign up with Bonavita's popular tailor-made subscription program that assures collectors get all the pieces they are interested in, at 15% discount!

The tailor-made program lets subscribers decide if they wish to include medallions, municipal trade notes and collector pieces (plated, enameled or silver).

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### MANITOULIN 2000-CENT 2000 IN GREAT DEMAND

Only 500 pieces of the 2000-Cent 2000 token struck for the Little Current Lions Club on antique nickel-silver blanks, with the sprig of haw-berries and leaves beautifully enameled. The leaves were done with a translucent enamel so the veins show through them. We understand that they sold out fast. "We recently sold one for \$100" said Rolly Racicot, the Token Program Coordinator for the Lions Club. "One was just sold for \$106.23 on our Offer List" confirmed Ray Desjardins of Bonita Ltd. When asked why this piece was commanding such a price so soon after issue, Desjardins explained "it's a fabulous looking piece, very few were struck, and it's part of the extremely popular Haw-eater Dollars series!" The 20-Bucks 2001, which features the popular M.S. Chi-Cheemaun and sold out on the island in only three weeks, is also expected to appreciate.

### NEPEAN LEGION BRANCH ISSUES ANNIVERSARY TRIBUTE

The Nepean, Ontario Royal Canadian Legion Branch 593, Bell Corners, has issued a medal to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the branch and the 75th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion itself. The medal is also meant as a tribute to all Canadian veterans. The obverse of the medal shows the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, inaugurated in Ottawa last May, in front of a maple leaf enameled in red. The legend reads: ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 593 BELLS CORNERS above the design and the dates 1961-2001 below. The reverse features the Royal Canadian Legion's badge with white, red and blue enamels. The legend reads: (maple leaf) ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION (maple leaf) LEGION ROYALE CANADIENNE (maple leaf) above the badge and the dates 1926-2001 below. Only 550 of the 38-millimeter medals were struck, in enameled commercial bronze. It would appear that none are available for collectors at this time, the medals having been given to veterans and others and sold to branch members. You might let Ray Desjardins know that you are interested in one if some cross his path.

Note that all municipal trade tokens listed above and on the following page 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, fax at (613) 825-3092 or e-mail [ray@eligi.ca](mailto:ray@eligi.ca). All prices are postpaid. Add 7% GST to all orders, also 8% PST for orders shipped to an Ontario address.

## MANITOULIN ISSUES FRIENDSHIP TOKEN TO RAISE FUNDS FOR SEPT. 11 SURVIVORS



The Little Current Lions Club will be issuing a 2002 dated 2000-cent token to honor the victims of the September 11 WTC attacks and raise funds for their survivors. "This token is meant as a memorial to all those who perished in the September 11 attacks: children, women and men, both civilian and military, from all walks of life, air crews, passengers, firefighters, policemen, rescue workers, teachers, students..." said Rolly Racicot, the Token Program Coordinator for the Lions Club, "they will always have a

special place in our hearts." "It is also meant as a token of our thanks to all those who are helping in the recovery process." The token will have currency value at participating merchants, until May 31, 2002.

The obverse features a map of Manitoulin with deer above and fisherman below. The Lions International logo is at the 8:30 position. It also includes the legend "MANITOULIN / GOOD FOR \$20 ON MANITOULIN UNTIL MAY, 31 2002 / WORLD'S LARGEST FRESH WATER ISLAND." The reverse illustrates a group of rescue workers and a search dog flanked on the left by a Canadian flag, in color, and on the right, by an American flag, also in color. The legend reads "HAWEATER FRIENDSHIP / 2000 CENTS 2002 / IN MEMORIAM SEPT. 11, 2001 / TOGETHER WE STAND / FOR FREEDOM."

The Little Current Lions Club has been issuing such tokens as a means of raising funds for community projects since 1969, but this is the first time funds raised will be sent outside Manitoulin Island. Only 1,000 tokens are being struck on 38-millimeter bimetallic blanks and will have both the Canadian and American flags in full color. The token has a heart of gold-colored aluminum-bronze and a ring of silver-colored cupro-nickel.

The permanent population of Manitoulin is 10,000 which is increased to some 50,000 in summer by tourists, many of which are Americans. "We have always had a very special relationship with the American people" Racicot explained, "which is why we are calling this piece our Friendship Token."

### MANITOULIN 2001 \$20 TOKEN



The Little Current Lions Club, located on Manitoulin Island, issued 2001 dated \$20 token enameled in three colors on the obverse side.

The enameled obverse side shows the M.S. Chi-Cheemaun ferry boat. The reverse side, as in previous years, shows a map of the island and a person fishing.

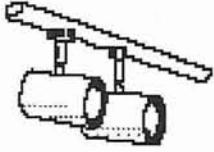
ONA member Serge Pelletier designed the token. 850 pieces were struck in brass on 42mm x 42mm blanks.

The token is available from Ray Desjardins at \$27.00 each postpaid plus GST and 8% PST for Ontario residents.

### MANITOULIN 2001 \$3 TOKEN

The Little Current Lions Club also issued a \$3 token in 2001 to promote the International Year of Volunteers. The center of the obverse side shows the International Year of Volunteers logo. The reverse side shows the usual map of Manitoulin Island and a person fishing.

Serge Pelletier designed the piece, which was struck on 32mm blanks 3mm thick. 3,750 bimetallic (cupro-nickel and aluminum-bronze) pieces were struck and are available at \$5.25 each. Also issued were 500 of antiqued commercial bronze at \$10.50 and 500 gold-plated brass at \$11.50.



# SPOTLIGHT ON WOODEN TOKENS

## THE CHRISTMAS 2001 ISSUES OF NORM HOT STAMPING

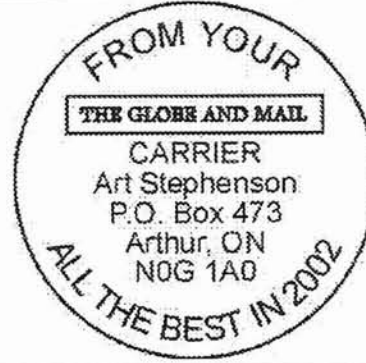
We wish to thank Norm Belsten for providing us with the illustrations of the woods that he manufactured for various people for the 2001 Christmas Season.

<p>Merry Christmas 2001</p>	<p>The reverse illustrated at left was used to strike 6 woods. Five of the six reside in Ontario, with the sixth, Robert Brown, being a regular visitor to wooden money shows held in conjunction with the ONA as well as the CNA.</p>	<p><i>Best Wishes For Health Happiness And Prosperity Throughout The New Year</i></p> <p>RON ZELK DOWNSVIEW ONTARIO</p>	<p>JOYEUSES FÊTES ET MEILLEURS VŒUX POUR NOËL ET LA NOUVELLE ANNÉE</p> <p>5 CENTS DE BOIS PLAT JERRY REMICK STE-FOY, QUÉBEC</p> <p>Jerry Remick issued his wood in two different color combinations.</p>
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<p>Seasons Greetings</p> <p>2001</p>	<p>The Kingdons and the Browns, both residing in Ontario, used the common reverse illustrated at left to issue their 2001 Christmas woods. These two woods, as well as the above 6 woods, were manufactured by Norm Belsten of Norm's Hot Stamping.</p>	<p><i>Best Wishes For Health Happiness And Prosperity Throughout The New Year</i></p> <p>ANN &amp; ROSS KINGDON GRAND VALLEY ONT.</p>	<p><i>Best Wishes For Health Happiness And Prosperity Throughout The New Year</i></p> <p>Russell &amp; Judy Brown Richmond Hill, Ont.</p>
		<p>ONA Area #7 Director Albert Kasman issued another colorful wood for the year 2001 Christmas.</p>	<p>All woods illustrated on this page were issued in quantities of 100. The only exception is the wood issued by Jerry Remick, who had 50 of each of 2 different color combinations made.</p>



One of our newest members issued 2 new wooden tokens to commemorate Christmas 2001.

He used one common side (illustrated at left) for both issues.



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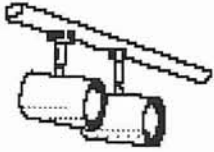
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## RARE NUMISMATIC OBJECT FOUND IN ACTON, ONTARIO

*The following appeared in the December 2001 bulletin of the South Wellington Coin Society bulletin.*

### RARE COIN FOUND IN ACTON

Check out this rare coin that turned up in Acton.  
The only one minted in 1921. FINE condition.  
Been in circulation for a while.

Now, I was thinking this is a coin SWCS should have in their auction.

What a deal! Original case. Hardly worn. But what is this NOT FOR SALE? Looking closer I think I recognize this coin.

Another designer special? Not at all. It is the designer himself.

**Congratulations, Bob and a big  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
from all the members of the South  
Wellington Coin Society.  
May you have many more.

**Attention Numismatists!**

Check out this rarity - only one minted in 1921!



“Fine” condition but surface has acquired mellow patina from years of circulation.

Complete with original display case, one hinge replaced due to excessive wear and the cover is a little thin on top.

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**Happy 80th - Bob Zmija!**

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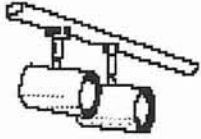


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# SPOTLIGHT ON YOUNG NUMISMATISTS

## WHAT'S NEW WITH YOUNG NUMISMATISTS?

by Chris Boyer, ONA member #1543

*If one had to name the most active numismatist in all of Canada that has promoted numismatics to young people and get them involved in the hobby, the name Chris Boyer would readily come to mind. After starting the largest and most active young numismatist clubs at two schools in the Waterloo and Guelph areas, we were pleased to hear from him that, with his move to the Franklin Public School in Kitchener, he has motivated students to start up a coin club at that school. Following is the "Ontario" portion of a memo he sent to us recently that details all of the young numismatist activities that are going on throughout Canada.*

Far from being inactive, young numismatists in various parts of Canada are busily engaged in numismatics. Encouraged by individuals and by programs such as the 1999 and 2000 quarter programs, and most recently the medallion series like "Shrek," young collectors have something to build upon, and to look forward to for the future.

Another new school coin club has started in Southern Ontario. Located in Kitchener, the Franklin Coin Club is located at Franklin Public School, with a student population of approximately 550. Under the direction of numismatist and teacher Chris Boyer, the club meets every four weeks in the school library. From a handful of initial attendees, the club has reached over 60 student members, and is still growing.

Its first meetings looked at the Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest medals, the U.S. 50 State Quarter program, as well as the minting process. In the New Year, the club hopes to "strike" its own coins (love tokens) for Valentine's Day, and to contribute to a mall exhibit, in collaboration with members of the Waterloo Coin Society. Some of its student members are corresponding with students in Irving, Texas, sending pen pal letters and Millennium coins, in exchange for U.S. 50 State quarters.

ONA President, Mike Hollingshead, has personally donated a large number of Canadian coins to the club, for distribution to its members. He has also donated coin boards and numismatic books to the growing club. Others interested in doing the same are invited to contact The Franklin Coin Club, 371 Franklin Street North, Kitchener, ON N2A 1Y9.

CAND has underwritten the cost of a bus to its Winter Show in Hamilton for members of the Franklin Coin Club. Young attendees to the show, January 25 through 27, can expect a "young numismatist only" table full of numismatic items at greatly reduced prices. In addition, there is a free door prize draw open to YNs only.

*(Editor's Comments: In the last bulletin, we published comments from members about my predicament of what to do with all the free woods and medals I have received over the years. Without exception, they all agreed that I am entirely free to do what I want with them, although a number suggested that I should consider donating them to a worthwhile cause. They also complimented me for wanting to pass them on to others who have an interest in them. The bottom line is that I will take a sizable quantity of woods, including those that I purchased from the estate of the late Vic Burrow, and donate them to three organizations.*

*One of the recipients will certainly be the members of the Franklin Coin Club, who will receive 100 of each of as many different woods as I can muster up, so that every current and future member will receive the same woods.*

*The second group that will also receive quantities of the same wood will be CAWMC so that they can be included in their monthly bulletins [members receive a different wood each month with their bulletin as part of their membership fee]. Finally, a quantity of woods will also be given to Terry McHugh, custodian of the items made available at the Junior table [either absolutely free or at "giveaway" pricing] at CAND's The Winter Show scheduled for Hamilton towards the end of January each year.*

*The total cost of these give-aways will exceed any woods and medals that I have obtained for free over the years. This way, every person who ever gave me a wood or medal knows that their original gift to me has been passed on in kind. When the recipients are no longer actively interested in them, possibly they will, in turn, make donations to new juniors or organizations that could use a little financial help.)*

# ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION



January 10, 2002

To: Individual O.N.A. Members  
Executives of O.N.A. Member Clubs

## Your Awards Committee Needs Your Help!

Perhaps there is someone you know who deserves to be nominated for an O.N.A. Award. This individual may be a member of your Club, or could be any active Numismatist in the Province of Ontario.

### AWARD OF MERIT:

Recognizes the person living in Ontario who has made the greatest contribution to the advancement of Numismatics at all levels, ie. local, provincial or national.

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Recognizes up to three individuals per year for outstanding service to Numismatics in their local area, eg. work in the local coin club, promotion of Numismatics in their community, etc. This person must be a member of O.N.A.

### Our Challenge is Your Opportunity:

Your Awards Committee faces the challenge of selecting the most deserving candidates. You have the opportunity to nominate individuals and to ensure that the best candidates are being considered. The Awards will be presented at the O.N.A. Convention Banquet in London on Saturday, April 13, 2002.

Please give this request your immediate attention. More detail about Award Nominations is included in this issue of the Numismatist. The closing date for Nominations is Monday, February 25, 2002.

Yours sincerely,

Don Robb, Chairperson  
O.N.A. Awards Committee

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