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## President's Message

Welcome to your summer time 2011 issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

The first thing you should notice is that the layout of this newsletter has been sharpened up a bit. This is through the good services of Area 7 Director Henry Nienhuis, who now brings his years of experience in assisting with the Canadian Numismatic Journal to this newsletter. Also in this issue we welcome John Regitko with his new Club News column. Richard Johnson continues as our Editor and both he and John continue to count on the O.N.A. clubs to provide a copy of their newsletters. It is the only way that news of your club's activity can be passed along for reading around the Province. More than our appearance in print, we are now also available for download from the members' area of the web site. Visit [www.ontario-numismatic.org](http://www.ontario-numismatic.org) and you will find this same newsletter in full colour.

We had a very successful Dream Vacation Draw for 2011. Bruce Raszmann, in his usual efficient manner, tallied the finances and had a report of winners and cheques for the clubs on their way about a week after the convention. I thank him for his services and all the purchasers of tickets for their support. I can tell you that there will be a bit of a different approach for our draw in 2012. It being our 50th Golden Anniversary, the O.N.A. Executive agreed to go with a gold theme in 2012. First prize will now be a one ounce gold .9999 gold coin.

Convention Chairman Robb McPherson has just notified me that the convention hotel has been officially booked with contract signed. We are at the Kitchener Holiday Inn (same place as 2009) from Friday April 13 through Sunday April 15, 2012. Please remember that we are having an open competition for the design of our 50th Anniversary Convention Medal. Full competition details are on the O.N.A. web site. Do you see yourself as a creative person? This is your chance to make your mark with a winning design!

I should note that we are still looking for a location for our 2013 convention, although the 2014 convention has been settled with an agreement signed between the Windsor Coin Club and the O.N.A. Please give serious consideration for your club being the host of the 2013 O.N.A. Convention.

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The summer is the time that some of our O.N.A. clubs take "time off" and break until September. Other clubs keep going, so it could be an opportunity for you to take advantage of the good weather and visit one of these clubs. There are also coin shows coming up in August with a show in the Paris fairgrounds on Sunday August 14 and a Woodstock show just two weeks later on August 28 at the Woodstock Community Complex. I notice there is also another fine Brampton show one week after that on September 4. Check our Coming Events listings for all the details.

But, well before that, the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association Convention in Windsor gets underway on Wednesday July 13. There are two auctions, an Educational Symposium, a fine bourse, tours and lots of group meetings. I hope you are registered or at least planning to make the trip to Windsor. The O.N.A. will have an information table at the bourse, open from Friday, July 15 through Sunday July 17.

I do hope that circumstances will allow you to attend and I do hope to see you there,

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# COMING EVENTS

## **JULY 13 - 17, Windsor, ON**

**RCNA Convention**, St. Clair Centre for the Arts, Canadian Club Room, 201 Riverside Dr. W. Thursday educational symposium and bourse set up. Fri. and Sat. bourse open 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sun. bourse open 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission \$5, juniors free, includes pass for re-entry Sunday. Official auctioneer The Canadian Numismatic CoEvent mpany. Sponsor/Affiliate: The Royal Canadian Numismatic Association, and Windsor Coin Club. For more information, contact M. Clarke, treasurer, telephone 519-735-0727, email mclarke@wincom.net; or Brett Irick, chairman, telephone 313-207-3562, email xr7gt@prodigy.net. Website: <http://www.canadian-numismatic.org>.

## **AUG. 14, Paris, ON**

**S.W.O.N.**, Special Events Building, 139 Silver St. (Fairgrounds). Hours 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission \$3, includes ticket on a gold coin draw, 55 tables of coins, paper money, jewelry, nostalgia and more. Food and drinks available. Buy, sell, trade and appraise. Sponsor/Affiliate: Ted's Collectables Inc. For more information contact Ted Bailey, email tedscollectables@bellnet.ca, telephone 1-866-747-coin(2646) or 519-442-2634.

## **AUG. 28, Woodstock, ON**

**Woodstock Coin Club 22nd Annual Show**, Woodstock Community Complex, 381 Finkle St. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., admission \$1, kids free. Door prizes and displays. Sponsor/Affiliate: Woodstock Coin Club. For more information, contact Tom Rogers, 519-451-2316, email: trogers@sympatico.ca.

## **SEPT. 4, Brampton, ON**

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

## **SEPT. 18, London, ON**

**London Numismatic Society 19th Annual Coin Show**, Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Rd [at Wellington Rd. off Hwy. 401]. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$2, children free, free parking, displays, buy/sell, appraisals, coins, paper money, medals, door prizes. Sponsor/Affiliate: London Numismatic Society. For more information contact Len Buth, telephone 519-641-4353, email lbuth@webmanager.on.ca.

## **OCT. 1, Guelph, ON**

**South Wellington Fall Coin Show** - Guelph, Col John McCrae Legion, 919 York Rd. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission adults \$2, under 16 free, free parking, wheelchair accessible, free draw for gold coin, 50 dealer tables. Lunch counter on site. Sponsor/Affiliate: South Wellington Coin Society. For more information contact Mike Hollingshead, PO Box 1000, Arkell, ON N0B 1C0, email cholling@uoguelph.ca, telephone 519-823-2646.

## **OCT. 2, Mt. Elgin, ON**

**Tillsonburg Coin Show**, Mt. Elgin Community Centre, Highway 19. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 25 dealer tables, buy, sell, trade and evaluate, lunch available, admission \$2. Sponsor/Affiliate: Tillsonburg Coin Club. For more information contact Ralph Harrison, 36 Kamps Cres., Tillsonburg, ON N4G 4Z3, telephone 519-842-8790, email rchar@sympatico.ca.

## **OCT. 15 - 16, Cambridge, ON**

**TL Coin Show**, Cambridge Hotel and Conference Centre, 700 Hespeler Rd. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$4, seniors and students \$2. Draw for gold coin, free parking. For more information contact Linda Robinson, telephone 289-235-9288, email lindarobinson@cogeco.ca, or Tom Kennedy, telephone 519-271-8825.

## **OCT. 22, Oshawa, ON**

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

## **OCT. 23, Stratford, ON**

**Stratford Coin Show**, Festival Inn, 1144 Ontario St. Hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$2, 16 and under free. Tokens, trade dollars, coins, paper money. Sponsor/Affiliate: Stratford Coin Club. For more information contact Larry Walker, telephone 519-271-3352, email lswalker@cyg.net.

## **OCT. 29 - 30, Toronto, ON**

**Torex** - Canada's National Coin Show, Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel, 5875 Airport Rd. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$6. Under 16 free! Official Auctioneer: Moore Numismatic Auctions, Charles Moore. The Hilton hotel is located directly across from Toronto's Pearson International Airport. For more information please call 416-705-5348. Website: <http://www.torex.net>.

## **NOV. 5, Scarborough, ON**

**15th Annual Scarborough Coin Club Show**, Cedarbrook Community Centre, 91 Eastpark Blvd. Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission and draws. Refreshments available. We are at the location where our club meets. For more information contact Dick Dunn at cpms@idirect.com or PO Box 562, Pickering, ON L1V 2R7.

## **NOV. 13, Windsor, ON**

**Windsor Coin Club**, Caboto Club. The Windsor Coin Club will be holding its 60th Annual Fall Show at the Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Avenue, Windsor, Ontario. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$1.00. Juniors admitted free. Plenty of free parking. For more information contact Margaret Clarek at 519-735-0727.

email: mclarke@wincom.net, website: [www.windsorcoinclub.com](http://www.windsorcoinclub.com).

## **NOV. 19, Niagara Falls, ON**

Hosted by Niagara Falls Coin Club, Our Lady Of Peace Hall, 6944 Stanley Ave. Admission \$2.00 Free Parking Contact T. Hume (905) 871-2451.

## **DEC. 4, Brampton, ON**

**Brampton Coin Show**, Century Gardens Recreation Centre, 340 Vodden Rd. E. Buy, sell, trade and appraise at more than 40 tables of dealers, featuring coins, medals, tokens, paper money, trade dollars, militaria. Children's table. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission \$3, under 14 free. Free parking. Funds raised for Children's Charities. Sponsor/Affiliate: B&W Coins & Tokens and the Brampton Rotary Club. For more information contact B&W Coins & Tokens, Willard Burton telephone 905-450-2869, email b\_and\_w@sympatico.ca.

# ONA CLUB NEWS

by John Regitko

## OPENING COMMENTS

I would like to thank Paul Petch and Richard Johnson for giving me the opportunity to make a regular contribution to the ONA Numismatist, reporting on club goings-on.

I would also like to thank those clubs that have already added me to their distribution list of their bulletins. The clubs that have not done so yet, I look forward to receiving yours before too long. Telephone calls are also welcome either for late breaking news or if your club does not publish a bulletin.

I obviously cannot report on every club in each issue, but remember that if I don't know what your club is doing, I cannot report it at all.

## O.N.A. CONVENTION NEWS

In reviewing the local club bulletins that I have received, I noticed that the most talked about event at Ontario club meetings and club bulletins over the past couple of months was none other than the recent ONA Convention held in London, hosted by the Ingersoll Coin Club.

Club delegates reported on the goings-on at the meeting following the Convention, with a report then published in the club bulletin.

## SUMMER MEETINGS

By the time you read this, I'm sure that you will have long finished planting flowers and vegetables in your garden. As a dedicated numismatist, no doubt you planted what I did: we have Silver Dollars in the back of the house, Mint along the side of the garage, and Sutter's Gold in the front (isn't he the guy who started the California Gold Rush?).

We will be putting in a small pond soon. I will take some of my Sand Dollars and place them strategically around some yellow Money Cowries. I think I will leave my larger Cowry Shells at the bottom of the fish tank, though.

Except for the couple that I have in my primitive money collection.

Now that the digging and planting is over and you are just waiting for the inevitable weeds to make an appearance, you might consider attending some out-of-town club meetings. The weather is excellent for traveling over the next few months and the scenery during the drive is bound to be enjoyable. The fun and fellowship awaits you, and you might pick up a bargain or two in the auction or at a bourse table.

Go to the ONA website at [www.ontario-numismatic.org](http://www.ontario-numismatic.org) and click on O.N.A. Member Clubs. Scroll down to the club listings to see when and where they meet. If specific meeting information is not shown, go to the club's website or contact the club's representative for details.

## CLUB NEWS

Over the past couple of months, I have been reviewing the club bulletins that have come my way. I have also made a few phone calls for updates. Here is my first effort in extracting some highlights from the information provided. Unfortunately, space limitation does not allow me to list all the clubs and all the things that I want to include in every issue.

### ***NORTH YORK COIN CLUB (4th Tuesday except July/August)***

The May meeting was one of the most program-filled meetings that I have attended in a long time. Paul Petch took over the chairing of the meeting in the absence of the club's President, Bill O'Brien, who broke his collarbone earlier in the day.



The two main programs consisted of the club's delegate to the ONA Convention, Henry Nienhuis, presenting a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the recent Convention activities and awards presentations, and a 40-lot auction hammered down by Bob Porter.

Although the RCNA normally mails out life membership nameplates to new inductees, Paul Johnson, Executive Secretary of the RCNA, took the opportunity to congratulate Dr. Marvin Kay, the latest RCNA life member, and presented him with his metal nameplate.

Paul Petch donned his hat as ONA President and presented David Bawcutt with the "Fellow of the ONA" award. David was unable to be at the banquet at the ONA Convention, where the award was announced, to receive it.

One of the attendees that was recognized was Linda Simms. She is the daughter of the late Ruth McQuade, one of the hard working volunteers in the hobby who was involved with the Canadian Paper Money Society, Interpam '81 and as a member of various RCNA Convention committees. She authored hundreds of articles for a number of publications, including the book "Ottawa Numismatics."

The June meeting of the NYCC had a number of show and tell presentations by members, including Dr. Marvin Kay on the collectibles of Terry Fox, David Bawcutt on U.S. Presidential dollars and Paul Petch on two Hebrew medals struck by the Medallion Art Company that he acquired from the estate of the late Dora de Pedery-Hunt. Ben Boelens told members some interesting facts about coins he obtained on his recent trip to Malaysia. Paul Johnson invited everyone to attend the RCNA Convention hosted by the Windsor Coin Club.

During a recent open house at Edithvale Community Center where the NYCC meets, Paul and Carolyne-Marie Petch manned a complimentary information table to promote numismatics to people living in the vicinity. They handed out souvenirs of coin cards (containing a Canadian coin and an write-up on the history behind the coin) that Fred Freeman created for the RCNA Coin Kids program.

#### ***SOUTH WELLINGTON COIN SOCIETY (1st Wednesday, including July/August, but not January & February)***



The June 1 meeting, chaired by their vice-president Scott Douglas, saw 29 people in attendance. It featured a lively discussion about the ONA Convention, a 40-lot auction and draws. The ever-popular "Pizza Night" featuring complimentary pizza, coffee and cold drinks gave members and guests the opportunity to mingle and socialize.

What is unusual about Pizza Night in June is that it is usually a feature at some clubs that break for the Summer. However, SWCS conducts meetings in July and August, instead closing down during January and February when the weather can be very iffy.

#### ***TORONTO COIN CLUB (3rd Monday, but not July and August)***

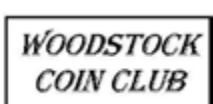


The Toronto Coin Club, Canada's oldest continuing coin club, is celebrating their 75th year of operation. To mark the event, they have announced a limited edition commemorative medal that will feature their current club logo as illustrated here on the obverse. The reverse design will consist of two oak leaf branches crossed at the bottom and formed into a wreath. The inscription in the center will read "75 years - 2011."

The center of the obverse design was originally adapted from the badge of office that the founding TCC president had fashioned from a favourite tetradrachm issued by Alexander the Great of Macedonia. It shows the allegorical figure of a young Hercules wearing a lion skin headdress, the lion's paws tied at his neck.

For details about acquiring the medal and club meeting details, go to [www.torontocoinclub.ca](http://www.torontocoinclub.ca).

#### ***WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB (meets 2nd Thursday, but not July, August and December)***



The big news is the preparation of the club's 22nd annual coin show on Sunday, August 28, at the Woodstock Community Complex, 381 Finkle Street, Woodstock. For details, contact Tom Rogers at [trogers@sympatico.ca](mailto:trogers@sympatico.ca).

### **LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY (meets 1st Tuesday)**



At their May meeting, the LNS presented a complimentary copper medal to all members. The medal, struck by Pressed Metal Products of Vancouver, celebrates the 60th anniversary of the club. Silver pieces were also given to anyone that had ordered it in advance.

At their June meeting, Paul Johnson, Executive Secretary of the RCNA, accompanied by RCNA area director Brent Mackie (whose area of responsibility includes London), presented, on behalf of the RCNA, a special plaque marking the club's milestone.

Now is a good time to plan to attend their 19th annual coin show, scheduled for September 18, at the Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Road, London. Dealers should contact Len Buth at (519) 641-4353 or lbuth@webmanager.on.ca for bourse details.

### **STRATFORD COIN CLUB (meets 3rd Wednesday)**



Meanwhile, the Stratford Coin Club is promoting their 49th annual coin show scheduled for Sunday, October 23, at the Festival Inn, 1144 Ontario St., Stratford. Contact Larry at (519) 271-3352 for details.

Although I have not been keeping track, holding 49 annual shows has pretty well got to be a record for an Ontario club. If your club has held more, drop me a line at coinman@look.ca and I will mention it in the next bulletin.

### **OTTAWA COIN CLUB (meets 4th Monday, except December when date varies)**



Clubs usually offer no more than \$5 per month in the on-time attendance draw. However, the Ottawa Coin club has been offering \$65 since January.

To celebrate their 65th anniversary, the draw started with the names of the 120 people that were members as of December 31. Although the names drawn at the January through April meetings were not present, May saw a winner: Stephen Woodland, who walked away with the \$65. To keep the anniversary celebrations going, attendance draws for another \$65 will continue for the rest of 2011.

### **CANADIAN TIRE COUPON COLLECTORS (meets at the RCNA and ONA Conventions and Fall Torex Show)**



After a phenomenal two decades (since 1992), Jerome Fourre has decided to step down as editor of "The Collector," official publication of the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club. The new editor is John Merrick, who resides in Newfoundland.

Although I have always enjoyed reading about the varieties and errors that have been found on Canadian Tire Stores' coupons, the most recent issue, in my opinion, is the best bulletin I have seen from them in a long time, due to the content that is of interest to anyone that shops at a Canadian Tire Corporation store. The issue lists a basic typeset of notes that makes a great checklist of CTC notes.

## **OBITUARIES**

A number of coin club bulletins, as well as the journals of the RCNA and CPMS, reported the passing of William "Bill" McDonald on May 14 because of his involvement with numismatics over many years. A number of ONA members attended the memorial service at the Visitation Centre at York Cemetery on June 25, including our President, Paul Petch, along with Paul Johnson, RCNA Executive Secretary, Dick Dunn, CPMS Secretary/Treasurer, myself and a number of other collectors.

## **TIP OF THE MONTH**

A lot of clubs closed down for the Summer. Some because they are forced to shut down in July and August because their meeting location (i.e. schools) is not available. Other clubs took a vote, with the majority voting in favour of closing for the Summer.

But there is another option, which clubs might wish to keep in mind when planning the schedule for next year before making up promotional cards and updating their Internet sites.

Rather than deciding on whether to hold Summer meetings or not by a majority vote, why not simply ask members how many would plan to attend meetings in July and August next year? If enough say they would attend, why not let them enjoy Summer meetings?

For example, if 30 people attend the meeting where a vote is taken, why let 16 members decide that the other 14 will not be able to attend Summer meetings?

I mention this now because clubs will soon begin to create the artwork for a meeting “calendar” for next year, for passing out to members and other collectors. A few clubs that don’t meet in the Summer create a calendar from August onward, so planning has to take place now.

## CLOSING COMMENT

In future, I expect to publish four pages of club news. If you are the editor of an ONA member club and have not already done so, I ask that you include me in your future mailings, either via e-mail or via Canada Post. If you do not publish a bulletin, telephone calls are also welcome to assure that your club gets mention in this column. My contact information is:

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## NEW COLLECTABLES SHOW ANNOUNCED

The North York Coin Club and the Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Club have announced that they are jointly holding a Collectibles Sale at NYCC’s home base, the Edithvale Community Centre, 131 Finch Ave. West, North York M2N 2H8. The sale is to be held on Saturday, September 10th, 2011, and will be open to the public from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Plans are currently underway and tables are now available for purchase. The cost of a table (approximately 6 ft. x 3 ft ) will be \$20 for the day. We have a maximum of 30 tables available and 6 have already been sold. A refundable deposit of \$10.00 is required as soon as possible to hold your table, NO EXCEPTIONS. The balance will be due prior set up on the day of the Sale. You are responsible for your own Insurance and Tax Permits as required.

If you wish to participate, please contact either Paul Petch at NYCC or Nick Cowan at MECSCC at the next club meeting or by email. If we do not sell at least 20 tables, then it will not pay the Clubs to hold this Sale. This is NOT just a Coin Sale, it is a sale for anything that is a collectible, from Licence Plates to Plated Teaspoons and everything in between.

We will be doing some advertising in the local North York Mirror to assist us in getting people in the door and we hope to have signage posted in Edithvale ahead of the Sale, as well as some local handouts.

Book your tables NOW !! Call, email or text with any questions and reservations.

Please plan to attend the show and support your Club.

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Thank-you!

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June 23, 2011

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Dear Richard,

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

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2055 Victor George Porter, St. Catharines, Ont.,  
2056 Doug Taylor, Ottawa, Ont.,  
2058 Wei Jiang Chen, Scarborough, Ont.,  
2059 Jonathan Mohan, New Grant, Trinidad, West Indies

The following applications have been received.

2060 Doug Adams, London, Ont.,  
J2061 Sara McClean, London, Ont.,  
2062 Dan Jones, Kingsville, Ont.,

Bruce H. Raszmann  
ONA Treas & Membership Chairman

## FELLOW OF THE ONA AWARD



**William Waychison  
Awards Committee Chairman and  
Banquet Master of Ceremonies**

The original text read by Bill Waychison at the ONA 2011 Awards Banquet in London:

*Our second Fellow of the O.N.A. Award winner has encouraged junior collectors on their collecting hobbies, and has been very active in the Boy Scouts for over 35 years as a troop leader. As a member of the O.N.A. executive he has regularly attended the meetings of the Scarborough Coin Club, North York Coin Club, Oshawa and District Coin Club, as well as the clubs for Toronto, Mississauga & Etobicoke, Polish Coin Club and CAWMC where he has always promoted the O.N.A. and informed the clubs of the activities of the O.N.A.*

*He collects Canadian decimals and woods and joined the Scarborough Coin Club in 1983. He has regularly assisted publicizing and setting up tables and the draws for Scarborough's annual coin club show. On two occasions he has served as president of the Scarborough Coin Club for a total of 10 years and currently is their editor. He has also served the O.N.A. as a director for Area 7 for the past 6-years.*

The North York Coin Club's June Bulletin reported the presentation of the Fellow of the ONA award to David Bawcutt—

*Paul [Petch], putting on his O.N.A. President's hat, had the pleasure of presenting NYCC member David Bawcutt with the Fellow of the O.N.A. award. David was originally to have received the award at the Ontario Numismatic Association convention, held this year in London, May 12 to 14. Unfortunately he was not able to attend the awards banquet. Paul read the notes prepared by Bill Waychison the awards chairman.*

\* Images by Henry Nienhuis



## 2011 ONA CONVENTION EXHIBIT AWARD WINNERS

The July 2011 Waterloo Coin Society Newsletter reported that Tom Rogers, in his capacity of Bourse Chairman for the 2011 ONA Convention, presented three Exhibit awards during their June 14th meeting. The recipients were not able to attend the ceremonies in May.

*Chris Boyer received a gold-plated convention medal for his second place win with the 'Mule Train' error coin display, while daughters Sabrina and Kirsten both came up with their own inspirational junior displays. Younger sister Kirstin took home first place and a silver medal this year with her 'Crowns Royal' display while the elder Sabrina settled for a gold-plated medal honouring her 'Mozart of Money Art' display. Tom noted that the two often trade places from year to year and get their inspiration from their dad. This year there were a wide variety of competitive displays which attracted many convention goers, introducing them to the world of numismatics. Congratulations on your wins and for the very fine displays you put together.*



Left to Right: Chris, Sabrina and Kirsten Boyer, Tom Rogers.

\* Image courtesy of Brent Mackie

# OPEN DESIGN COMPETITION ANNOUNCED

The Ontario Numismatic Association (ONA) is sponsoring an open design competition for the REVERSE of their 50th Anniversary Medal to be struck in 2012, in conjunction with other initiatives of the Anniversary committee.

The Anniversary Medal Design sub-committee would like to invite your submission(s) and offer the following rules and guidelines for your attention.

## **Rules of Design Competition -**

1. Entries must be received by the committee, no later than midnight of November 14th, 2011.
2. All decisions of the medal committee are final.
3. Each entry must represent only one design. There is no limit to the number of entries that can be submitted by the same person.
4. All entries shall include a short write-up explaining the meaning of the design as well as artwork of sufficient detail to give the judging committee a clear idea of the proposed design elements, legend and layout. Submissions can be made physically or electronically.
5. Entries shall include artwork, of at approximately six-inches in diameter, in at least one of the following formats-
  - a. Line drawing, freehand or otherwise, clearly depicting the design elements
  - b. "Paste-up" image including proposed image and legend
  - c. Plaster cast or other sculpted media
6. The winning designer will be notified by December 1st, 2011. The winner will receive a special prize of a gold coin; the 1976 \$100.00 gold piece designed by Dora de Pédery-Hunt. In addition, the winner will be featured in an article, about the medal, in the Ontario Numismatist.
7. By submitting a design for consideration, the designer grants the ONA exclusive rights to the design; and agrees that the design and any derivative works, can be used for, but not limited to, the medal and any promotional materials produced by or on behalf of the ONA.
8. Submissions made by persons under the Age of Majority must be accompanied by a parent or guardian's signed consent.

## **Design Guidelines, A successful design will -**

1. Celebrate the ONA's success over the first 50 years of its founding.
2. Incorporate in the legend the founding date of 1962 OR the dates 1962–2012.
3. Contain main design element(s) which appear 3-dimensional in nature; with reasonably high but NOT ultra-high relief features.

## **Final Medal Specifications -**

- The final medal will be 38mm in diameter, weighing approximately one-ounce and struck with a proof-like finish.
- The 3-Dimensional design elements will have a cameo (frosted) appearance against mirror-like fields.
- The metal composition for the medals is yet to be chosen but is likely to be any of Silver, Brass and Bronze.

- The OBVERSE design features the timeless ONA arms design used since 1962.



We wish to thank all participants in this design competition for their support in helping to make this special anniversary celebration very special indeed!

Please remember we are not judging the artistic competence of the submission material itself, rather its potential as struck in a medal suitably engraved by a master engraver from the chosen minting facility. The material must be of sufficient detail to give the engraver suitable guidance to execute your design.

***Everyone is welcome!***

***Want to find out more information or make a submission?***

Visit the ONA website at:

***[www.ontario-numismatic.org/2012\\_design\\_competition](http://www.ontario-numismatic.org/2012_design_competition)***

**Or contact the ONA Anniversary Medal Design Sub-Committee at -**

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# “KNOWN TO POLICE” by Fred Freeman

The above headline always amuses myself. In other words, the person in question has been in trouble in the past. However this situation once applied to yours truly and it saved me from a most embarrassing situation. Let me explain before you get the wrong impression. When Betty and I lived in a suburb of St. Catharines, it was necessary to leave our Ford auto over night at the Ford dealership in the downtown area. It was a bright sunny day and I decided to walk home and take a short cut across a railway bridge over the Twelve Mile Creek. Those of you who are familiar with this waterway will remember that it empties into Lake Ontario at Port Dalhousie. The First Welland Canal used this route for several miles. As I was sauntering across the long railway bridge, I noticed a man coming towards me and he said "I am a railway policeman and I am placing you under arrest for trespassing on private railway property." Of course I was aghast at this sudden turn of events and asked him to what brought this on. "Do you remember about a week ago that a boy was killed by a train on this railway bridge?" "We have decided to charge an adult with trespassing and make sure that this is given lots of local publicity to bring home to the general public that railways in Canada are private property & people have no business using them as a walkway." I was of course dumfounded and my brain went into overdrive. It was explained that I was a Sunday School teacher at Elm Street United Church and was a member of the church board. To be charged with trespassing would be very embarrassing. "All the better he said, we want to charge someone like you." So I went on the offensive. "How do I know that you are actually a railway policeman?" Now I was desperate. "Let's go down to the St. Catharines Police Station and you can charge me there." So we drove to said police station and the next situation only happens in detective novels. I only knew three policemen in St. Catharines. One was a neighbour, the second one was a lodge buddy and I forget where I knew the third one. All three were standing there and greeted me warmly. "Hello Fred" "Good to see you." and so on. Talk about luck. The railway policeman was taken aback as much as I was elated. We took our leave and said he would get in touch the next day. A sleepless night on my part ensued and it was wondered how the charges could be explained. The next morning he phoned Betty and said that the charges would be withdrawn. What a relief! On a different note, my partner and myself were readying the legal papers to arrange for our rental equipment store in the west part of London. In the yellow pages we found one with an office away from the downtown and who would arrange to talk to us on a Saturday. We discussed the business with him and got the legal papers ready. Just as we were leaving, he said that there will be a news item in the London Free Press the following week that "purported wrong doing on his part." On Monday morning, the headlines blared his name and explained the charges. He had improperly handled a certain situation and subsequently was sentenced to Guelph for a one year term. Of course our hands were tied and being novices decided to work with his office secretary and gradually paid off the remainder of the incorporation fees. So I decided to visit him in the Correctional Facilities in Guelph and bring him some reading materials. What a dreary place. Finally I managed to explain my purpose of the visit. The jail official mentioned that the prisoner was allowed one visit per week and if I were to visit him, his wife would not be allowed her weekly visit. I was by this time, glad to leave the area and requested that our former lawyer be given the reading materials. It was later learned that he had received the reading materials and sent along his thanks for the kind gesture.

**2011 ONA/ICC Convention Woods** submitted by Norm Belsten

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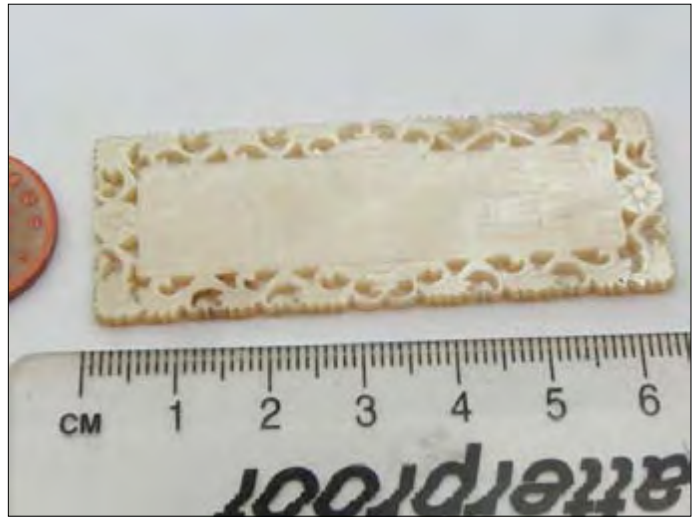
All are 38mm round except exact size of 5500-055 is unknown., but is quite unique and original! There is one other convention wood which is on page 3 as our featured wood of the month for July 2011. The stamp on 5645-081 has been reduced from original to fit the wood. Wood 5500-047 has white snow falling and around the beaver.

**A Canadian lumber camp advertises for a lumberjack.** A skinny little guy shows up at the camp the next day carrying an axe. The head lumberjack takes one look at the puny little guy and tells him to get lost. "Give me a chance to show you what I can do," says the skinny guy. "Okay, see that giant redwood over there?" says the head lumberjack. "Take your axe and cut it down." The guy heads for the tree, and in five minutes he's knocking on the lumberjack's door. "I cut the tree down," says the guy. The lumberjack can't believe his eyes and says, "Where did you learn to chop down trees like that?" "In the Sahara Forest," says the puny man. "You mean the Sahara Desert," says the lumberjack. "Sure.....That's what they call it now!"

# CHINESE GAMING TOKENS

BY JUDY BLACKMAN

I acquired this antique Mother of Pearl Chinese gaming token from Nancy and John Gates of The Stell Wollrig Farm in Ashkirk, Selkirk Borders, United Kingdom. The lovely ornate detailing is difficult to pick up with a camera, but it's in very good condition. It is pictured by a ruler and penny to help show the size. During the 18th to mid-19th centuries, handmade Chinese trade goods were all the rage in Europe, especially mother-of-pearl gambling chips. These chips were made by engraving the inside of oyster shells with images of animals, villagers, or geometric patterns. The English aristocracy used the chips to track bets in Whist, Piquet, Spinado and Quadrille (all games written about back in the early 1700s by both Osborne and Hoyle). Several jewelry designers have taken to using the chips in jewelry, often as earring dangles, necklace pendants, or bracelet focals.



**Antique Mother-of-Pearl gaming token from China measuring approximately, 2 x 6 cm long and 2 mm thick.**

According to Gary Roskin, G.G., FGA, Senior Editor of the February 1999 issue of JCK Magazine:

*The most beautiful antique chips are the ones carved and engraved by the Chinese between 1720 and 1840. These undervalued mother-of-pearl chips are readily available. Most important, they often can be dated. Provenance can frequently be determined from engravings on the chips, and, since the chips were transported from their place of manufacture, still-extant shipping records document details such as who commissioned them and what price was paid.*

From China to the United Kingdom. British and early American aristocrats who commissioned porcelain tableware and matching gaming chips from China would have the items engraved with designs such as armorial crests and monograms. But while armorial porcelain tableware can bring high prices at auction – up to \$15,000 for a plate – the matching gaming chips may cost as little as \$15.

Aristocrats often arranged to purchase exotic gaming chips through sea captains and agents of the Honourable East India Company (HEIC). As part of their salary, crew members were allocated a small area in the cargo hold in which to transport items to sell personally back in the motherland. The shipping companies themselves were primarily interested in major products such as tableware and tea rather than in small trinkets like mother-of-pearl gaming chips.

According to Derek Cowan of Lansdown, England, an internationally renowned collector, the earliest recorded gaming-chip purchase was cataloged by HEIC in 1716 and included three dozen fish counters (the fish being the Chinese symbol for luck) along with six dozen others, commissioned and purchased by Lady Griselle Baillie. Because transit time would customarily be two to three years, Lady Baillie would have received her gaming chips around 1718.

Shape, design, and value. The value of antique Chinese gaming chips depends on your point of view. To exonomiasts (collectors of coins and tokens), value is based on the number of chips produced, whether they were personalized or provenance can be determined, the armorial design (if present), the detail and expertise of the carving, the chip's shape and thickness, whether the border includes serrated or carved edges, and the design of the engraved scene. Engravings of doves and flowers, which appear on thousands of gaming chips, are less prized than armorial chips, particularly those that belonged to “the first governor of New York” or other colonial notables, says Cowan.

From the jewelry designer's point of view, the overall shape, border details, quality of the engraving, and design of the engraved scene are the key factors.

Because collectors and jewelers base their value judgments on different factors, the highest-value gaming chips generally aren't used in jewelry. Instead, these chips are purchased by serious collectors like Cowan. In



**The very fine detail present on these small works of art is clearly visible in the above enlargement.**

order to obtain a top-valued piece, a collector may have to buy 1,000 less-prized chips, which he or she may resell to jewelry designers or others.

Most antique game-counter shapes are round, rectangular, square, cushion, marquise, oval, single fish (carp), or two crossed fish (dolphins). The single carp and crossed dolphins were the two most frequently commissioned shapes. According to Inge Sarosi, a Los Angeles designer and manufacturer of gaming-chip jewelry, the circular and square chips lend themselves best to jewelry; however, these shapes are the hardest to find. Rectangular chips, while more rare than fish-shaped, look "too much like a business card" and therefore are not as valued by designers, she says. Border details add interest to the piece, so designers seek out edges that are serrated, carved, or carved and pierced.

Designers will use interestingly shaped chips in their entirety for jewelry and will cut up older, damaged game pieces, using the better-quality portions. Armorials are typically kept in one piece, mainly because of their value to collectors.

The engraving on gaming chips is often highly detailed. Early engraving designs include scenes from Chinese poetry or philosophical stories; many depict Chinese flora and fauna, as well as views from everyday life. However, once the British got interested in gaming chips, their influence became evident. There are four types of British engravings: the coat-of-arms, displaying helmet armor ("helm") and crowns ("coronets") representing the history and wealth of the family who commissioned the chips; the buyer's monogram; numbers from 1 to 1,000, for games requiring point tallies; and card suits and game names.

Beware the fakes. Cowan, Sarosi, and other experts are concerned about the proliferation of faux Chinese gaming chips. It's very difficult to distinguish the new hand-carved chips from the antiques, even for those who know what to look for. The key to determining the fakes is to note the absence of cross-hatched engraving underneath the principal scene. No one as yet has been able to reproduce the fine engraving seen on the antique chips. The engraved design can also be a sign of the fake, depicting "current Chinese inspiration," as Cowan puts it. The faux chips use no armorials or monograms.

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## LONDON CTCCC / ONA MEETING

by Doug Adams #639

On Saturday May 13, 2011, more than 20 members of the Club enjoyed a lively and informative meeting in London Ontario. The Club would like to thank the ONA's (Ontario Numismatic Association) Tom Masters and Tom Rogers for their generous hospitality during the weekend. We are very appreciative of the Club's inclusion in their Convention program. This was the 49th convention of the ONA and plans are now underway for their 50th. Mark your calendars, it's April 13-15, 2012, (tentative dates) at the Four Holiday Inn in Kitchener Ontario.

The early bird club members started arriving about 8:00 in the morning - some to the restaurant, some to the meeting room for some early buying, selling and trading. Jerome and his lovely wife Eva were in from Montreal. Roger Fox and Bill Symes both had a great spread of goodies (coupons – not food!)

The official meeting kicked off about 9:15. Thayer is like the range boss, trying to round up all the strays to get the proceedings going. This shows that the camaraderie and trading was certainly working. After Thayer's opening remarks and the housekeeping comments, the floor was open to news and questions. Doug Adams updated the group on the Corporation's recent (Thursday, May 12th) Annual General Meeting. There was much celebration about the Forzani purchase, but even bigger news for our Club was the CFO Marco Marrone's comments about his upcoming

release of a new ten cent coupon with his signature. This should be Series 31 and will replace Stan Pasternak's signature as our Club's friend and honorary lifetime member, Stan has now officially retired. No date from Marco, and no other detail about the other coupons, but news of a new ten certainly bears well for the future of the loyalty program. Perhaps by the time the newsletter hits the street we may see some of them. Jerome Fourre from Montreal also hinted that a new dime with the Wetmore signature may be in the offering – more good news.



Our education portion of the meeting was led by Eva and Jerome. Jerome's slide presentation on "Production Procedures" really should have been called "Everything you ever wanted to know about the printing of Canadian Tire coupons" ! This presentation was the most complete overview of the process of producing coupons from the BABN and CBN 'factories'. This presentation was first shown at a recent Ottawa meeting and continues to evolve. Also covered was Jerome's excellent article on Sheet Replacements vs. Single Note Replacements vs. Same Number Replacements. Overall a great information session. Many thanks to Eva and Jerome.

Our auction session was a lively one with quite a few bargains for those in attendance. Jerome was our auctioneer, Doug the runner and Thayer the banker.

Our meeting wrap up included a bit of a bombshell from Thayer who has booked himself into hospital for a May 31st operation for colon cancer. Our wishes and prayers go out to Thayer for a speedy recovery and by the time you read this newsletter I know Thayer will be back on the coupon trail once again. This club would not be the club it is without Thayer and he's built up a tremendous collection of friends from coast-to-coast who I'm sure are all with him in spirit.

## CANADIAN TIRE RELEASES A NEW SERIES OF COUPONS

by Jerome Fourre #120

On June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011, a new series of coupons started appearing at the CTC stores and gas bars.

It will be the CTC S31 series. The basic design is identical to the previous series and the serial numbers continue on where the last series left off.

It does however have new signatures; Marco Marrone, CFO and Stephen Wetmore, CEO and the plate date is 2011. This is the first note to sport the signature of Marco Marrone replacing Stanley Pasternak, who retired this year.

The last series of dimes had Stanley Pasternak and Tom Gauld signatures and had a 2008 plate date. The first denomination to be released is the dime. We are looking forward to the other five denominations being released as soon as present stock is used up. Replacement notes presently being used for these dimes are from the last series and I am sure that they will eventually print new ones when they have exhausted these.



Mr. Marco Marrone, CFO

## John Graves Simcoe Ontario's First Lieutenant Governor

By Lorne Barnes

John Graves Simcoe was born on February 25, 1752 in Cotterstock, Northamptonshire in Britain. Simcoe attended Eton College and Oxford University; however, at the age of eight-teen, he left Oxford. He was given a commission in the 35th Regiment of Foot as an ensign, and five years later he went to war in America to fight the revolutionaries.

His regiment arrived in Boston in 1775 only two days after the Battle of Bunker Hill. While taking part in the siege of Boston, Simcoe purchased a captaincy (purchasing a commission was common in this era). During 1776-1777 Simcoe received three wounds as he fought in the Long Island campaign, the capture of New York, and the New Jersey campaign. Simcoe earned a reputation during the war as a commander and for military strategy; for his efforts, Simcoe was promoted to lieutenant and then to lieutenant-colonel.

During the battle of Brandywine on September 11, 1777, Simcoe altered the course of history when he ordered his soldiers not to shoot three fleeing Americans in the back. George Washington, first President of the United States, was one of the fleeing soldiers.



Amboy, New Jersey; however, he was freed in a prisoner exchange three months later.

On October 15, 1777 Simcoe took command of Queen's Rangers and turned it into one of the most successful British regiments in the war. Fighting as reconnaissance and outpost troops, they were never defeated in battle. One advantage they had was the fact that they were the first British regiment to wear green uniforms; this gave the regiment the advantage of camouflage.

In 1779, Simcoe was captured during a battle near Perth



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A point of pride for the Queen's Rangers regiment was that when the British finally surrendered at Yorktown in 1781, the "colours" (banner) of the Queen's Rangers was smuggled away, never to fall into enemy hands. Today these same colours are on display in Toronto in the officers' mess of the Queen's Rangers. As the finest Loyalist unit, they were awarded the title 1st American Regiment and enrolled in the British Army in 1782. In 1783, when the war was concluded by the Treaty of Versailles, the Queen's Rangers left New York for Nova Scotia, where they were disbanded.

Weakened by his wounds, Simcoe returned to England in 1781. While convalescing, Simcoe met Elizabeth Posthuma Gwillim, a wealthy heiress, they were married December 30, 1782. The marriage provided significant financial support for Simcoe, and he then had the means to acquire an estate at Wolford, near Honiton, England. The couple built Wolford Lodge as their family home and had eleven children.

Simcoe's reputation was benefited in 1787, by the publishing of a Journal of his operations in the Queen's Rangers during the American Revolt. In order to pursue a military or colonial appointment, Simcoe ran successfully for a seat in the House of Commons in 1790 for the borough of St. Maws, Cornwall. Simcoe earnestly solicited to be the first ambassador of the United States, but later in 1790 Simcoe learned he had obtained the position of Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada.



Portrait: Elizabeth Simcoe (Source: Library and Archives Canada/ Credit: Mary Anne Burges/Simcoe Family collection/C-081931)

In 1791, Simcoe was officially named Lieutenant Governor of the newly created Upper Canada. The Queen's Rangers were revived to form the core of the defense forces. In addition to their military duties, the Queen's Rangers also helped build the new town of York (Toronto), clearing the forest to create Yonge and Dundas streets and putting up the original Fort York. The modern Toronto streets known as Shaw, McGill, and Jarvis are named after officers of the Queen's Rangers.



Portrait of lieutenant-colonel Simcoe in his uniform of the Queen's Rangers by Jean Laurent Mosnier, 1791 (Source: Toronto Public Library, 1516)

John Graves Simcoe may only have a marginal place in English history; in contrast, he holds a distinctive honour in the history of Upper Canada (Ontario). The Simcoe's left four of their daughters with relatives. They sailed for Upper Canada in October 1791, with their youngest daughter and

newborn son and arrived on November 11, 1791 in Quebec City. However, it was too late in the year to make the trip to Upper Canada because of severe weather.

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The next spring Simcoe moved to Kingston and then Newark (now Niagara-on-the-Lake). The Constitutional Act stipulated that the provincial government would consist of a Lieutenant Governor, an appointed Executive Council and Legislative Council, and an elected Legislative Assembly. The first meeting of the nine-member Legislative Council and sixteen-member Legislative Assembly took place at Newark on September 17, 1792.



The above medal was issued to commemorate the centennial of the first parliament in Newark, UC (1792-1892). The medal is 49mm in diameter, weights 44.29 grams, and is made of white metal. The medal is listed in the 1903 McColl sales list as number 26.

When Simcoe arrived at Newark, he instructed that one of the buildings at Navy Hall was to be converted into a resident and office for him and his family. Simcoe had what he called "his canvas house", a large tent and had it setup on a hillside overlooking the Niagara River. The tents had been used in the Pacific by Captain James Cook and purchased by Simcoe at a sale of Cook's effects in London, England.

Simcoe also recognized that Newark's proximity to the American border left the government vulnerable to attack. Simcoe decided to relocate the provincial capital to present day London, Ont. in 1793 and name the settlement Georgina, in honour of King George III. However, his choice was rejected by Governor General of British North America, Guy Charlton for the site of present day Toronto. Simcoe named the site York, in honour of Frederick, Duke of York, George III's second son. It had an excellent harbour and was strategically located away from the border, halfway between the military centres of Niagara and Kingston. Simcoe quickly set about establishing a military and naval arsenal there and ordered the Queen's Rangers to build a small garrison and temporary fortifications in 1793.

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**Description:** a) Navy Hall b) Fort of Niagara c) large arbour in the Hill d) Toronto Shore, [ca. 1793] Elizabeth Simcoe, (1766-1850)  
Reference Code: F47-11-1-0-99 Archives of Ontario, 10006951

Simcoe began construction of two main routes through Ontario after the fort was built. Yonge Street, named after the Minister of War Sir George Yonge, was built north-south along the fur trade route between Lake Ontario and Lake Simcoe. Soldiers of the

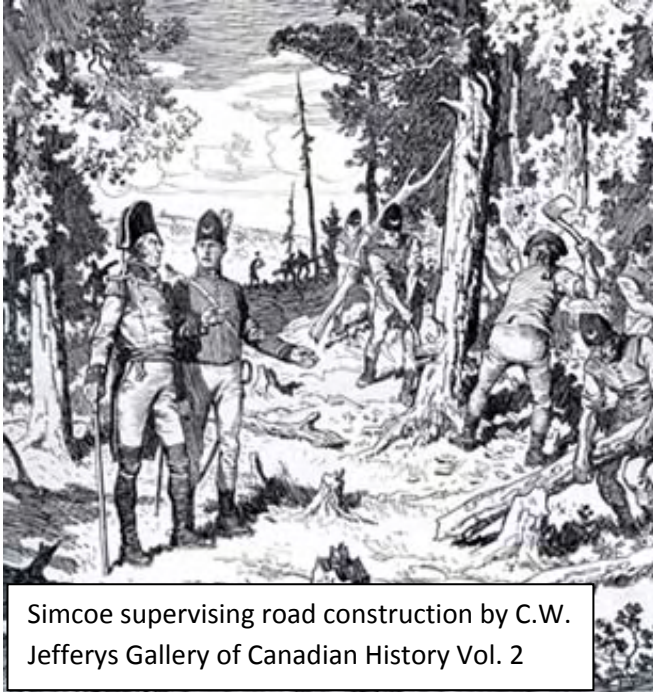


1795 Lodgings of the Queen's Rangers at Fort York by J. Thomson

Queen's Rangers began cutting the road in August 1793, reaching Holland Landing in 1796. Dundas Street named for the Colonial Secretary Henry Dundas, was built east-west between Hamilton and York. These two roads were intended to aid in the defense

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of Upper Canada but would also help encourage settlement and trade throughout Upper Canada.



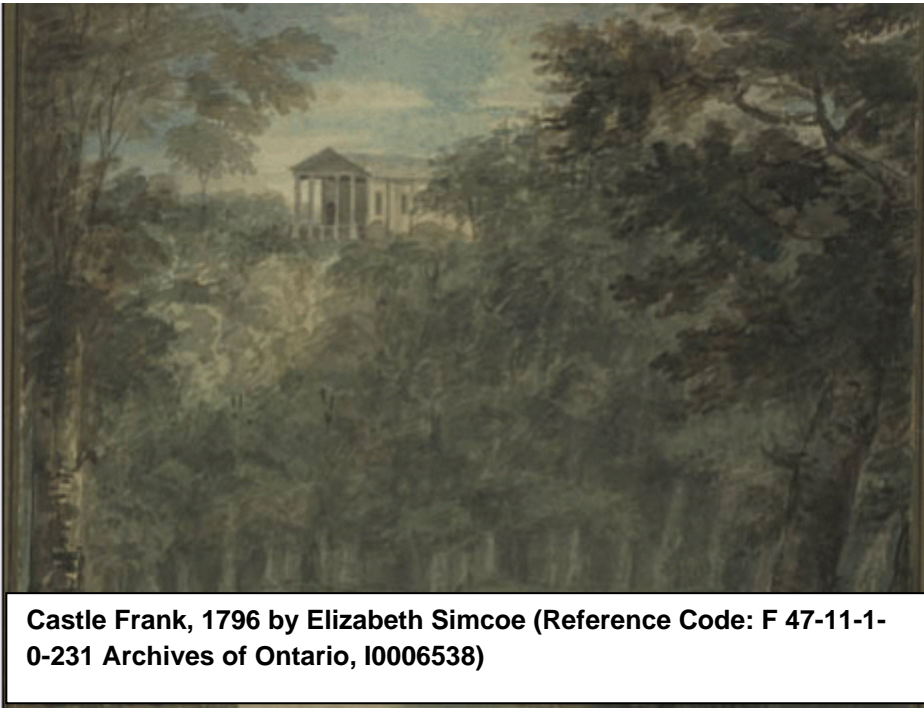
Simcoe supervising road construction by C.W. Jefferys Gallery of Canadian History Vol. 2

Simcoe established a system in which the government would regulate the distribution of land to discourage speculation in the hope of encouraging immigration and settlement to Upper Canada.

In 1793, the Simcoe's seventh child, Katherine Simcoe, died only fifteen months after her birth. She is in an unknown grave and first to be buried at the military burial grounds northeast of Fort York (Victoria Square Memorial Park, at the corner of Portland and Wellington West).

In 1794, Simcoe expanded his family's personal property to include a 200 acre plot of land just outside of York. The

land was granted to his son Francis Simcoe and the estate was named Castle Frank after Francis. They built a lodge high on a hill overlooking the Don River. The exact location is a matter of debate, but it was in what is now the eastern part of



Castle Frank, 1796 by Elizabeth Simcoe (Reference Code: F 47-11-1-0-231 Archives of Ontario, I0006538)

Cabbagetown, at the point where Castle Frank Brook ran into the Don River.

Francis later became a soldier and was killed in 1812 while serving with Wellington's army on the Iberian Peninsula.

On a trip north of York, UC in 1795, Simcoe named Lake Simcoe in memory of his father John Simcoe (1710-1759), captain of the HMS

Pembroke. Simcoe also honoured two other HMS Pembroke crewmen of the 1757 voyage, the river flowing into Lake Simcoe from the south is called the Holland River

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after Samuel Holland (1729-1801), an army engineer and surveyor, and Cook's Bay was named after Captain James Cook (1728-1779), who served as Master aboard the *Pembroke*.

James Cook met Samuel Holland on the voyage to Canada in 1757. Simcoe's father gave Cook the opportunity to learn how to navigate, survey, and draft charts under Holland. Cook's lessons started while surveying the beach at Kennington Cove on Cape Breton Island in 1758. In the summer of 1758 Cook made his first chart of the bay and harbor of Gaspé, Quebec. The charts were useful enough to be published in London, England in 1759. History shows us that Cook was a good study and Cook's charts were used into the twentieth century from his voyages in the Pacific.

Simcoe named the counties of Upper Canada after counties in England, as well as the towns. Some examples are Elgin, Kent, Norfolk, and Lincoln counties, and town names like Newark, Sandwich, and York. Today you can look at a map and see the English names of counties, towns, and rivers. Many of these were named by Simcoe during his stay in Upper Canada as Lieutenant Governor from 1792-1796.

Poor health forced Simcoe to return to Britain in July 1796. He was unable to return to Upper Canada and resigned his office in 1798. He later became Colonel of the 81<sup>st</sup> Foot in 1798 but exchanged it for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Foot less than six months later. He later served briefly as the commander of the British forces in St. Domingo, Haiti and in 1801 he was promoted to Lieutenant General in command of coastal defense in Devonshire, the Western District in Britain. In 1806, he was appointed commander-in-chief of India, but died in Exeter, England before assuming the post. Simcoe died just plain John Graves Simcoe, one of the few British lieutenant generals of his time who was not knighted. Simcoe is buried at Wolford Chapel on the Simcoe family estate near Honiton, Devon, England.

Wolford Chapel is a Trust-owned property in England and is associated with noteworthy British elements of Ontario's legacy. It was built by John Graves Simcoe, to serve as a place of worship for his family on their estate. It is also the final resting place of Simcoe, his wife Elizabeth Posthuma Gwillim Simcoe (1766-1850), and six of their eleven children. In 1966, the John Graves Simcoe Memorial Foundation acquired the property on behalf of the people of Ontario from the owner of the estate, Sir Geoffrey Harmsworth, a British publisher. The Ontario Heritage Trust accepted title to the chapel in 1982 from the John Graves Simcoe Memorial Foundation, which also provides funds for its long-term care.



Wolford Chapel as it appears today, courtesy of Ontario Heritage Trust.

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There are several historical articles, plaques, and place names dedicated to John Graves Simcoe's life in North America and Britain. However, his wife Elizabeth Posthuma Gwillim Simcoe has more mention in Upper Canada historical matters. She also has places in Ontario named in her honour. Mrs. Simcoe recorded events in a series of diaries, illustrated with sketches and produced over 500 drawings and water colours of Upper and Lower Canada. She also produced maps; many of her works are held at the Archives of Ontario. Mrs. Simcoe wrote at least three versions relating to Upper Canada. She commented on flora and fauna and on their medical uses, on Native people and their customs, and on vignettes of Upper Canada life. Elizabeth's diaries were first edited and published by John Ross Robertson in 1911, reprinted in 1934 and 1973, and in 1965 was published as Mrs. Simcoe's Dairy by Mary Quayle Innis. In 1989 Mrs. Simcoe's work was again published as Elizabeth Posthuma Simcoe, 1762-1850: A Biography by Mary Beacock Fryer.

The August Civic Holiday, a statutory holiday celebrated throughout Canada, was established in honour of Simcoe by the Toronto City Council in 1869. Other Ontario municipalities and then other provinces soon took up the holiday as well, leading to its Canada-wide status, but without any attribution to Simcoe himself.



I could write more on Simcoe's few years in Upper Canada because he did change the landscape of the Province and was instrumental in passing legislation during his tenure as Lieutenant Governor.

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## BANK OF CANADA UNVEILS POLYMER BANK NOTE SERIES

FROM THE BANK OF CANADA PRESS RELEASE WEB SITE

*A new bank note theme celebrating Canada's achievements at the Frontiers of Innovation replace the current "Journey" series*

The Bank of Canada unveiled a new polymer bank note series on June 20, 2011 at its head office in Ottawa and at press events across the country. Information on the polymer material and advanced new security features was released, along with the images and designs of the soon-to-be-issued \$100 and \$50 bank notes, and the themes for the remaining notes in the series.

Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty and RCMP Commissioner William J. S. Elliott were on hand with Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney for the unveiling ceremony in Ottawa.

Minister Flaherty spoke of the importance of cash as a means of payment in the daily lives of Canadians, adding this is why it is important Canadians see their country reflected in the designs. "These bank notes evoke the country's spirit of innovation, and their designs celebrate Canada's achievements at home, around the world and in space," he said. "Bank notes are cultural touchstones that reflect and celebrate our Canadian experience."

### WHY POLYMER?

- Secure:** Their leading-edge security features are easy to verify and hard to counterfeit.
- Durable:** They last at least 2.5 times longer than paper notes, reducing processing and replacement costs and environmental impact.
- Innovative:** The detailed metallic imagery carried in a transparent area of the notes makes for one-of-a-kind currency.
- Easy to Handle:** The new notes feel different from paper notes, but are just as simple to use.

The \$100 note, which is to be issued in November 2011, features images that focus on Canadian innovations in the field of medicine: from pioneering the discovery of insulin to treat diabetes, to the invention of the pacemaker and to the role Canadian researchers have played in mapping the human genetic code. Sir Robert Borden, with an updated portrait, remains on the front of the note. Borden served as Prime Minister of Canada between 1911 and 1920.

The \$50 note, which will be issued in March of 2012, features images of the Canadian Coast Guard Ship Amundsen in the North, reflecting Canada's leading role in Arctic research. It also evokes the part that Canada's northern frontier—with its vastness and splendour—has played in shaping our cultural identity. An updated portrait of William Lyon Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister between 1921 and 1930 and again from 1935 to 1948, is on the front of the note.

The notes will contain a number of unique features that push the technology of bank note security and will make them difficult to counterfeit but easy to check. Most prominent are two transparent areas: the larger area extends from the top to the bottom of the note and contains

### THE \$100 NOTE ... COMING NOVEMBER, 2011



#### Theme: Medical Innovation

Canadians have long been at the frontiers of medical research and as a result have helped to save millions of lives worldwide. Notable Canadian contributions include pioneering the use of insulin to treat diabetes, DNA and genetic research, the invention of the pacemaker, and the first hospital-to-hospital robot-assisted surgery.

#### Researcher at a microscope

The image of a researcher using a microscope depicts Canada's long-standing commitment to medical research.

#### DNA strand

Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) is the genetic blueprint of life. Canadian researchers have been at the forefront of mapping our human genetic makeup in this field of medical science.

#### ECG

This electrocardiogram provides a visual cue to Canada's contributions to heart health, including the invention of the pacemaker by John Hopps in 1950.

#### Insulin

The discovery of insulin to treat diabetes was made by Canadian researchers Frederick Banting and Charles Best in 1921.

complex holographic features; the other is in the shape of a maple leaf. Missing from the notes is the Canadian Coat of Arms, whose raised ink was a quick security check used by experienced note handlers.

"The Bank's objective with every new series is to produce a bank note that Canadians can use with the highest confidence," said

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## COURTESY OF THE NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

### NEW BANK NOTES CONTINUED...

Governor Mark Carney. “The Bank is combining innovative technologies from around the world with Canadian ingenuity to create a unique series of bank notes that is more secure, economic and better for the environment.”

RCMP Commissioner Elliott stated that, “These new and technically innovative notes will go a long way to deter the threat of counterfeiting in coming years.” He added that the RCMP will “continue to work with the Bank of Canada, and our policing partners, to maintain public confidence in Canada’s currency.”

In the next six months, the Bank will focus on raising public awareness of the coming note series. It will also continue to provide information to the cash-handling industry to help prepare the system for polymer notes, and will work to inform retailers, financial institutions and law enforcement agencies about how to check the new security features once the notes enter circulation.

Starting with the \$20 note in 2012, the remaining bank notes in the polymer series will be issued by the end of 2013. The themes of the other denominations will be:

- \$20 The Canadian National Vimy Memorial—evokes the contributions and sacrifices of Canadians in conflicts throughout our history. (Portrait: HM Queen Elizabeth II)
- \$10 The Canadian train—represents Canada’s great technical feat of linking its eastern and western frontiers by what was, at the time, the longest railway ever built. (Portrait: Sir John A. Macdonald)
- \$5 Canadarm2 and Dextre—symbolize Canada’s continuing contribution to the international space program through robotics innovation. (Portrait: Sir Wilfrid Laurier)

The specific designs and detailed images of these notes will not be released until their official unveiling dates.

### THE NEW NOTES’ LIFE CYCLE ...

#### Better for the Environment

The Bank commissioned a life-cycle assessment by experts to evaluate changing Canada’s bank note substrate from a cotton-based paper to a polymer material, and to compare the environmental impacts of producing and distributing both types of bank notes.

The study examined everything from the impact of growing cotton for bank note paper and of producing the raw material for polymer, through to the destruction and disposal of worn bank notes. The study found that polymer bank notes show benefits over paper notes for all the main phases of the life cycle, including manufacturing and distribution.

Since polymer notes will last at least 2.5 times longer than paper notes, fewer polymer notes will have to be manufactured and distributed over the life of the series.

Furthermore, polymer notes weigh less than paper notes.

The study examined nine internationally recognized categories for life-cycle impact assessment. A 32 per cent reduction in global warming potential and a 30 per cent reduction in primary energy demand is predicted. In all categories, polymer shows improvements ranging from a 29 per cent to a 60 per cent reduction in environmental impact.

### THE \$50 NOTE ... COMING MARCH, 2012



#### Theme: CCGS Amundsen, Research Icebreaker

*The vastness and splendour of Canada’s northern frontier have helped to shape our cultural identity. The icebreaker plays an important role in the North, keeping Canada’s historic passages open, undertaking marine search and rescue, supporting isolated communities, and participating in international environmental research. The CCGS Amundsen helps Canada—the nation with the world’s longest stretch of Arctic coastline—to remain at the leading edge of Arctic research, providing the world’s oceanographers, geologists and ecologists with unparalleled access to the North.*

#### CCGS Amundsen, Research Icebreaker

*The Canadian Coast Guard Ship Amundsen became a research icebreaker in 2003. It is jointly operated by ArcticNet and the Canadian Coast Guard.*

#### “Arctic” in Inuktitut

*This syllabic text is taken from Inuktitut, a language of Canada’s Inuit population. It stands for “Arctic.”*

#### Map of Canada’s northern regions

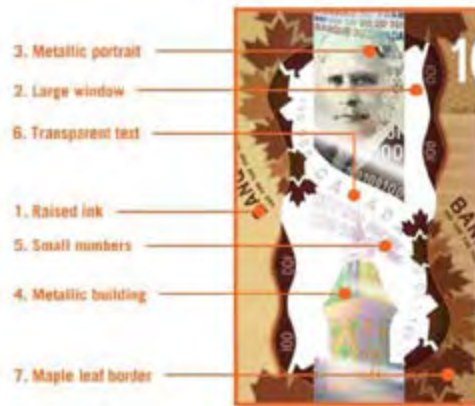
*The map on the back of this note shows Canada’s northern regions in their entirety, including Inuit regions of the Arctic. This image was provided by Natural Resources Canada.*

#### Recycling

At the time of the study, the Bank of Canada had not chosen a specific end-of-life scenario for polymer bank notes. So, for the sake of modeling, the end-of-life treatment currently in use (landfill) for our cotton-based paper notes was assumed. The Bank has since determined that it will recycle polymer notes once they become worn, which is expected to add to the environmental benefits.

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## A QUICK OVERVIEW OF POLYMER NOTE SECURITY:



1. Raised ink

Feel the raised ink on the shoulders of the large portrait, the large number, and the words "Bank of Canada" and "Banque du Canada."



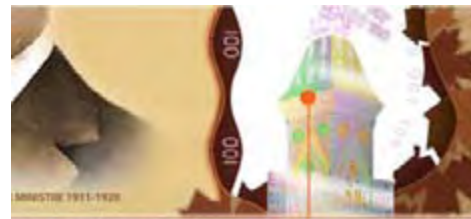
2. Large Window

Look for transparency through the large window containing a metallic portrait and building.



3. Metallic Portrait

Look at the details in the metallic portrait in the large window. It matches the large portrait.



4. Metallic Building

Look at the details in the metallic building in the large window. Tilt the note to see sharp colour changes in the building.



5. Small Numbers

Look at the numbers in and around the large window that match the value of the note. Some of the numbers appear in reverse.



6. Transparent Text

Look at the word "Canada." It is transparent and feels slightly raised.



7. Maple Leaf Boarder

Look at the maple leaves that border the large window. Some of the leaves cross into the window.



8. Frosted maple leaf window

Look at the frosted maple leaf window to see that it has a transparent outline.



9. Hidden numbers



The hidden numbers are a security feature that you can use to further verify your note, with the aid of an eye-safe single-point light source. Place the frosted maple leaf window close to your eye. Look through the frosted maple leaf window at an eye-safe single-point light source. See a circle of numbers matching the note's value appear through the frosted maple leaf window.

## TORONTO COIN CLUB 75 YEARS YOUNG

Seventy-five years ago, in April 1936, the Toronto Coin Club was founded by G. N. (Bob) Robillard and Norman G. Mason, both members of the ANA, jointly organizing an informal group of collectors from the Toronto area to meet regularly at Robillard's family home.

At the May 29th, 1939 meeting, the group lobbied by Mason, decide to formalize the club as the Toronto Coin Club. Mason became the Secretary-protempore, receiving membership #1; Robillard was elected as president and William Williams as vice-president. The group consisted of 12 charter members, including prominent numismatist and dealer James E. Charlton (membership #9).

The club's plans in celebration of their 75th anniversary include: issuing a fantasy note, based on the Bank of Toronto 5-dollar issue of 1937, and a very special, commemorative medal—with a limited mintage of only 75 pieces. The medal is being made available by prior sale only.



### 75th Anniversary Medal

At their February meeting, the TCC membership chose the design, submitted by the anniversary medal sub-committee (Henry Nienhuis and Paul Petch), they felt most appropriate to celebrate this major milestone in the club's history.

#### OBVERSE

As a way of honouring the club's founding members, it was decided to continue the obverse design appearing on many of the club's past issued medals. This design also represents the club's logo, appearing on its official letterhead and the masthead of its newsletter and website. The logo was originally adapted from the badge of office that Robillard had fashioned from a favourite tetradrachm, issued by Alexander the Great of Macedonia, from his collection.

The design's central element is a rendition of the obverse of the tetradrachm of Alexander the Great. This design features Alexander as the allegorical figure of Herakles (Hercules) wearing a lion skin headdress, the lion's paws tied at his neck. Encircling the tetradrachm are sun-rays. Supporting this inner design are two laurel boughs with the legend: TORONTO COIN CLUB at the top and Est 1936 / • at the bottom, completing the design features.



Prototype of the obverse of the 75th Anniversary Medal

#### REVERSE

A classic presentation design element has been chosen for the reverse of the medal. Two oak-leaf boughs in relief, crossed and encircling the legend: 75 YEARS — 2011 engraved at its centre. This design, signifying strength and loyalty, was used in the 1970's as presentation medals issued by the club. It is a nostalgic reminder of the club's earlier years as a leader in the numismatic hobby.

The Mississauga Mint Ltd., parent company of the Lombardo Mint (Est. 1955), well known to collectors for its quality workmanship, has been selected to produce the TCC anniversary medal. Master engraver Larry Colburn has been commissioned to engrave the dies.

The 38 mm diameter medal will be struck in three metals: .999 fine Silver (1 oz. troy), Brass and Commercial Bronze; and limited to a total mintage of only 75 pieces. A limited edition piece of Canadian numismatic history.



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