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President's Message

Very pleasant fall greetings to all. It would seem our best and most pleasant days are behind us, "As Summer Into Autumn Slips" as the poet Emily Dickinson wrote. Still, let the Autumn season advance as we busy ourselves with the seasonal coins shows and club meetings.

We have quite a bit of business to put before you, so let us dive in:

- Brent Mackie is taking the lead on our behalf as he steers the O.N.A. toward becoming a non-profit incorporation. After fifty years it is time that this Association should exist as a legal entity so it can take legal ownership of its assets rather than taking advantage of members of the executive. One of the aspects of this initiative is the updating of our constitution and bylaws. These changes will be published in January, ahead of our Annual General Meeting in April.

- **This is an election year.** My time as President is drawing to close. You will find a call for nominations from chairman Len Trakalo within the pages of this issue.

- At a recent meeting of the O.N.A. executive on October 14 I put forward some planning numbers as part of a budgeting exercise. Following an old rule of mine, projected revenues were kept low and projected expenses were kept high. Prospects for carrying out O.N.A. business through 2013 without incurring a loss appear to be very good.

- I must thank our Webmaster, Henry Nienhuis, for his outstanding work redeveloping the O.N.A. web site at www.the-ona.ca. We have tried to maintain the theme and look you are used to while adding additional information and services. The entire site is now residing under a new host, resulting in a saving of \$500 per year. Two of those new services are the ability to register for the 2013 Convention and renew membership, right on the web site using the services of PayPal. As treasurer of the Toronto Coin Club, I was able to do that club's renewal and it was very smooth.

- The time for your membership renewal is just about here. You will notice the renewal form on the front of this issue. We are not doing a separate mailing this year, as both a cost-cutting measure and a means of hopefully streamlining the whole operation. You will now have to

IN MEMORIAM:

Mr. Bruce H. Raszmann, 1934 – 2011

His 50 years of exemplary service will long be remembered.

Mr. Tom Rogers, 1942 – 2012

Our Immediate Past President; serving from 2003–2009.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

	Regular	Digital
Regular Membership	- \$ 20.00	\$ 15.00
Husband & Wife (1 Journal)	- \$ 22.00	\$ 17.00
Junior (under 18)	- \$ 10.00	\$ 5.00
Club Membership (Nov. 1 st)	- \$ 35.00	---
Life Membership†	- \$ 600.00	\$ 450.00

† Life membership is applicable after one year of regular membership

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make a check mark to indicate that you need a 2013 membership card and a receipt. As announced in the last issue, 2013 dues are going up by \$5 for Regular, Junior and Husband & Wife that want the Ontario Numismatist mailed. We are holding the line at our 2012 rates for those willing to switch to a digital membership and retrieve the issue from the web site. There is an additional information line for you to fill in as well: please supply the name of the single coin club that you consider to be your “home” club. We are planning a new benefit to ONA members clubs and this information will be to your “home” club’s advantage.

• Since I also serve as the Insurance Chairman I can tell you I am just finishing up a busy renewal season. For the first time, renewals were sent out by e-mail from our new address, *insurance@the-ona.ca*. The package included a profile of everything we know about each club. Unfortunately, a few of the club representatives with stringent spam-watch rules had the package go straight into their junk mail folder, but some additional e-mail telephone conversations straightened that out. It certainly saved a lot of work having all the information for each club computerized and it will also speed up getting the insurance certificates out in the mail. For the next insurance year, please watch for your package to arrive in the last half of August, in time for September meetings as your club goes into its fall season.

• I have received a message from the Ontario Numismatist editor letting us know this will be his final issue. Thankfully, he is staying on to handle the printing and mailing and will also serve as our Advertising Manager. Our thanks go out to Richard Johnson for his many years of service to the O.N.A. Henry Nienhuis will continue to do the layout of each issue and I will be investigating and inviting more people to become involved with its production.

• Planning is coming along very well for our next convention. Look inside this issue for news from the Waterloo Coin Society Convention Committee, and don’t forget that it is once again time for our call for nominations for Fellow of the O.N.A. as well as the Award of Merit. Please check out the convention news and keep involved by considering nominations you or your club may wish to make.

And now, before I run out of my allotted space and for my last time as O.N.A. President, I take this opportunity to sincerely express to you my wish for a Blessed Christmas Season and a Joyful and Prosperous New Year.

Until next time,

Paul Petch
ONA President

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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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Richard Johnson – Editor
Ontario Numismatist

Dear Richard:

October 31, 2012

Membership

The applications for membership that appeared in the September- October 2012 issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted.

We welcome:

2093 Robert George Baglier, Toronto, Ontario

The following applications have been received.

HW 2094 Dawn Bell, Shediac, NB

J 2095 Caleb Barker, Ottawa, ON

R 2096 Elizabeth Marciniak, Hamilton, ON

J 2097 Justin R. Bowen, Toronto, ON

R 2098 Daniel Irrazabal, Toronto, ON

David Bawcutt
Membership Chairman ONA

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Nominations are invited for the positions of **President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President** of the ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION. The nominations can be sent before Friday, April 19, 2013 to ltrakalo@rogers.com. Nominations are also welcomed during the election which will take place during the Annual General Meeting at the O.N.A. Convention in Kitchener on Saturday, April 20, 2013. *The person nominated must be present at this meeting.*

Len Trakalo
Chairman, Nominations Committee

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

O.N.A. AWARD OF MERIT AND FELLOW OF THE O.N.A.

The Ontario Numismatic Association bestows two distinct awards annually to recognize numismatists that have made contributions towards the advancement of numismatics, either throughout Ontario or at the local club level. These awards are the O.N.A. “**Award of Merit**” and the “**Fellow of the O.N.A.**” The announcement of recipients occurs at the annual O.N.A. banquet. The awards are in the form of a silver medal, a suitably inscribed certificate, an engraved metallic name badge and a complimentary seat at the O.N.A. banquet.

The O.N.A. Awards Committee is now calling from individual members of the O.N.A. for nominations for the “**Award of Merit**” and the “**Fellow of the O.N.A.**” Award. You are invited to submit the name of a resident of Ontario who is a member of the O.N.A. that you consider worthy of being recognized with the “Award of Merit” who has significantly contributed to the success of the O.N.A. and numismatics in the Province of Ontario. You may also nominate up to any three O.N.A. members as a “Fellow of the O.N.A.” Nominations received from individuals for themselves will not be considered.

Please be sure to include a full summary of the nominees’ numismatic achievements and contributions to ensure that the O.N.A. Awards Committee is fully apprised of your nominees’ activities. The simple suggestion of a name does not represent a nomination.

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

- 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.
- local community work: organizing a numismatic display in libraries, malls or other public locations; other examples relating to the promotion of numismatics.
- numismatic education: writing, research; published articles and/or books; exhibiting at coin shows, mall promotions or other events; list achievements.
- 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.
- any other achievements or contributions to numismatics in Ontario, as well as listing achievements nationally and internationally.

The O.N.A. Awards Committee, charged with the responsibility of selecting recipients from the nominations, consists of four well-known numismatists who have previously received the Award of Merit and the President of the O.N.A. It is the responsibility of this Committee to select from the nominees the individual who should receive the “**Award of Merit**”, and a maximum of three “**Fellow of the O.N.A.**” recipients.

Written submissions should be mailed to: William Waychison, Chairman, O.N.A. Awards Committee, P.O. Box 466, Timmins, ON P4N 7E3, or by e-mail to billwaychison@gmail.com. Nominations must be in the committee’s hands by March 01, 2013.

William Waychison
Chairman, Awards Committee

Annual Membership Fees (Canadian funds)

Type	Digital	Regular
Regular Member	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00
Couple (one journal)	\$ 17.00	\$ 22.00
Junior (under 18) - renewal	* \$ 5.00	\$ 10.00
Lifetime Membership (subject to ONA by-laws)	\$ 450.00	\$ 600.00
Club Membership†	n/a	\$35.00

* Albert Kasman Junior Scholarship -- through the generosity of Albert Kasman, F.O.N.A., the first year of junior (under 18) digital membership is covered by scholarship paid directly to the ONA.

† For clubs who renew membership prior to November 1st the *early-bird rate* of \$25.00 applies.

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION 2013 CONVENTION REGISTRATION NEWS

The 51st Annual Convention hosted by the Waterloo Coin Society April 19-21, 2013 and scheduled to take place at the Holiday Inn, Kitchener promises to be another memorable event you certainly won't want to miss. While plans have been in place for some time now, I want to share a few changes that have been implemented, capitalizing on the great success of last year's convention based on feedback received from committee members, attendees, registrants and volunteers.

Registration forms are now available at the Association's website <http://www.the-ona.ca/2013>, through your ONA Area Director or by contacting me directly at pbecker@waterloocoinsociety.com. For your convenience, we have even included one on the last page of this issue of the Ontario Numismatist. Aside from the traditional methods of submitting the forms with payment, an electronic option (PayPal) has been added making it even more convenient to register without leaving home. We know there are many of you out there who are eager to take advantage of this!

To encourage everyone to get their registrations in sooner, a special "early bird" draw will be held for registrations received on or before March 1, 2013. The prize will be announced at a later date.

New for 2013 is a Bourse Floor Pass which will allow access to the Bourse Room and exhibit displays on Friday evening, as well as during the preview and public access times on Saturday and Sunday. This "no frills" alternative will appeal to those who don't want the swag or care about the VIP perks. The biggest bang for your buck is still purchasing a registration kit, provided that you act before April 11, 2013. Those waiting until the last minute could end up not holding a bag!

As we get ready to change our calendars for the New Year and draw even closer to the annual springtime event, further information and updates will be made available in the Ontario Numismatist and on-line at the ONA website 2013 Convention page links.

In the meantime, I look forward to meeting many of last year's registrants at area shows and local club meetings, as well as signing up new ones or answering any registration questions you may have.

Regards,

Peter Becker

2013 ONA Convention Registration Chairman

COMING EVENTS

NOV. 2 - 4, Montreal, QC

Nuphilex: Canada's Largest Coin and Stamp Show, Holiday Inn Midtown, 420 Sherbrooke West. Hours: Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$3 Fri. and Sat., Sun. free. More than 74 dealer tables of coins, stamps, paper money, tokens, military medals, jewelry and watches will be showcased. Come buy, sell, trade or appraise your valuables. Coin auction conducted by Lower Canada Auction in the Gouverner Room. For more information contact Gabriel, telephone 1-514-842-4411, email nuphilex@bellnet.ca. Website: <http://www.nuphilex.com>.

NOV. 3, Scarborough, ON

16th 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. Sponsor/Affiliate: Scarborough Coin Club. For more information contact Dick Dunn, email cpms@idirect.com, or PO Box 562, Pickering, ON L1V 2R7.

NOV. 17, Niagara Falls, ON

Niagara Falls Coin Club Coin Show, 6944 Stanley Ave. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking. \$2 admission includes ticket on gold coin draw; coins, tokens, paper money and more. Sponsor/Affiliate: Niagara Falls Coin Club. For more information contact Todd Hume, telephone 905-871-2451.

DEC. 2, 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.

JAN. 11 - 13, 2013, Toronto, ON

Unipex Coin & Stamp Show, Rameses Temple Shrine Club, 3100 Keele St. (between Wilson and Sheppard) at Maryport. Hours: Fri. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission, free parking, licensed snack bar, TTC service to the door. Sponsor/Affiliate: Unitrade Associates. For more information contact Susan Cartini, telephone 416-242-5900, e-mail unitrade@rogers.com. Website: <http://unitradeassoc.com>.

JAN. 25 - 27, 2013, Hamilton, ON

CAND Annual Convention, Sheraton Hamilton Hotel, 116 King St. W. Contact Tom Kennedy, telephone 519-271-8825. Website: <http://cand.org/>.

JAN. 26 - 27, 2013, Hamilton, ON

Jeffrey Hoare Auctions Inc Sale No. 110, Heritage Room, Sheraton Hamilton Hotel, 116 King St. W. Numismatic session takes place Saturday; military session takes place Sunday. In conjunction with CAND. Contact: Wendy A. Hoare, telephone 519-473-7491, email jhoare@jeffreyhoare.on.ca. Website: <http://jeffreyhoare.on.ca>.

FEB. 16, 2013, Oshawa, ON

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

FEB. 23 - 24, 2013, Toronto, ON

Torex - Canada's National Coin Show, Hyatt Regency Toronto On King, 370 King St. W. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Canada's finest dealers in Canadian, ancient, and foreign coins, paper money, hobby supplies and reference books, admission \$7, under 16 free, official auctioneer: Lower Canada Auction. Telephone 416-705-5348. Website: <http://www.torex.net>.

MARCH 2 - 3, 2013, Mississauga, ON

Polish - Canadian Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Show 2013, John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd. (just south of Hwy. 403). Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Many tables of stamps, coins, medals, paper money and militaria. Many exhibits, free stamps for kids. Special guests from the Polish Mint / Mennica Polska. Sat. \$2 adult admission, Sunday free admission, free parking, refreshments available. Affiliate: Polish-Canadian Coin & Stamp Club "Troyak.". Contact: Tom Malicki, telephone 905-281-0000 or Wieslaw Grzesicki, 416-258-1651, email info@troyakclub.com. Website: <http://www.troyakclub.com>.

MARCH 16, 2013, Cambridge, ON

Cambridge Coin Club 22 Annual Coin Show, Cambridge Newfoundland Club, 1500 Dunbar Rd. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission, buy, sell, trade and evaluate at 52 tables, tokens, trade dollars, coins, paper money, militaria, sports cards, CTC coupons. Sponsor/Affiliate: Cambridge Coin Club. Contact: Wolfe Derle, telephone 519-622-0111, email wolfe1937@hotmail.com, or Vince Nevidon, telephone 519-740-1416.

MARCH 22 - 24, 2013, Montreal, QC

Nuphilex: Canada's Largest Coin and Stamp Show, Holiday Inn Midtown, 420 Sherbrooke West. Hours: Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$3 Fri. and Sat., Sun. free. More than 74 dealer tables of coins, stamps, paper money, tokens, military medals, jewelry and watches will be showcased. Come buy, sell, trade or appraise your valuables. Coin auction conducted by Lower Canada Auction in the Gouverner Room. Contact Gabriel, telephone 514-842-4411, email nuphilex@bellnet.ca. Website: <http://www.nuphilex.com>.

APRIL 6, 2013, Guelph, ON

Guelph Spring Coin Show, Colonel John McCrae Legion, 57 Watson Parkway South, N1L 1E3. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$3, under 16 free, legendary lunch counter, free draw for gold coin; coins, banknotes, tokens, Canadian Tire money, medals, books and supplies at more than 30 dealer tables; buy, sell, trade or evaluate. Free level parking, fully accessible. Sponsor/Affiliate: South Wellington Coin Society. For more information contact Mike Hollingshead, telephone 519-823-2646, email cholling@uoguelph.ca.

APRIL 21, 2013, Pickering, ON

Ajax / Pickering Stamp & Coin Show, Pickering Recreation Complex, East & West Salon, 1867 Valley Farm Rd. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission, free parking, lunch available, stamp and coin dealers, club and youth table. This is a new location and date. Sponsor/Affiliate: Ajax Philatelic Society. Email: donaldbeaumont@yahoo.com.

MAY 11, 2013, Toronto, ON

Edithvale Hobby Show, Banquet Room, Edithvale Community Centre, 131 Finch Ave. W. Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., free admission, free parking, all sorts of collectibles and featuring coins, paper money, stamps, etc. Sponsor/Affiliate: North York Coin Club and Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin Stamp and Collectibles Club. For more information contact Paul Petch, telephone 416-303-4417, email p.petch@rogers.com. Website:

O.N.A. CLUB NEWS

by John Regitko

OPENING COMMENTS

I have wrestled about the order of the write-ups in this column, wondering if some clubs will feel that they deserve more up-front listing. Although I think that every member reads the whole bulletin from front to back, I have considered various options such as listing clubs alphabetically, including information in the order received, or changing the order with each issue (although with six issues a year, it would take a decade before the sequence repeats itself).

Starting with this issue, I will be listing clubs in the order of their meetings during the month. Although club meeting information is listed elsewhere in the Ontario Numismatist, it can serve as an additional reminder of what meetings you should consider attending next. The national organizations will be at the end.

But remember, clubs can only get mentioned if I receive information. For instance, the two clubs that would get mentioned first have yet to contact me with any information.

Obviously, not every club gets mentioned in every issue, either due to space limitation, because they do not send me their bulletins or, horrors, they do not issue a bulletin to their members or don't make the effort to telephone me with details about meetings. If your club has not been mentioned yet, maybe you should ask your executive if they are providing any information for inclusion in this column.

CLUB NEWS

MISSISSAUGA-ETOBICOKE COIN STAMP & COLLECTIBLES CLUB (1st Tuesday)

The club has been featuring Show & Tell programs since early summer, where collectors bring material and reveal interesting tidbits about them. Being a collectibles club, there is more to learn than just about numismatics. The variety of material that people collect is surprising.

SCARBOROUGH COIN CLUB (1st Wednesday)

A recent meeting featured a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Bank of Hamilton" which issued various denomination of notes in 1872. On the bank's 50th anniversary, there were 157 branches and 63 million

dollars in deposits. They were bought out by the Canadian Bank of Commerce in 1924. The presentation at another meeting covered "Canadian Prisoner of War Money."

One of their recent club bulletins recapped the upcoming circulating coins involving the War of 1812. The HMS Shannon \$2 coin was released on July 4, 2012. The HMS Shannon captured the Chesapeake after an 11 minute battle off the coast of Boston, which was a victory for the British and helped Canada go from a colony to a sovereign nation.. The 25-cent coins in the series are Major-General Isaac Brock (October 2012 release), Tecumseh (November 2012), Charles de Salaberry (March 2013) and Laura Secord (June 2013).

SOUTH WELLINGTON COIN SOCIETY (1st Wednesday)

A recent meeting featured Professor Ross Irwin speaking on "The Introduction of Decimal Coinage to Canada." As Mike Hollingshead advised in the club's bulletin, "Ross may be 91 years old, but you would never know it. He is so active with research, writing, guest speaker presentations, and more."

Scott Douglas was congratulated in a recent bulletin for being inducted as a "Fellow" of the RCNA.

Their club's recent week-end display at Stone Road Mall was deemed a success, with many members of the public stopping by the information tables manned by club members and viewing the displays.

Many people watch Pawn Stars, with The Old Man, Big Hoss, Chumlee and Rick Harrison Jr. In a recent bulletin, their editor, Judy Blackman, illustrated a series of silver medals featuring these TV stars. The same issue provides the rich history, along with medallic art, of "Operation Desert Shield," the 2006 operation involving Iraq's push against American troops. As well, every issue includes a column by Scott Douglas entitled "Did you know....."

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY (2nd Tuesday)

The casino chip presentation by Robb McPherson and the article in their bulletin revealed details about the history, production, specifications, designs and use of this medium of exchange for gambling in casinos worldwide for a number of centuries. He stated that modern day casino poker chips are made of a mixture

of clay and other materials to make them more durable and easily identifiable. One of the colourful casino chips from Upper Canada Casinos Inc. is illustrated.



Robb also pointed out that some chips have sold as high as \$145,000 because Nevada State law requires all casinos that closed to destroy their chips, leaving just the ones that customers took with them as souvenirs.

At a recent meeting, Mike Hollingshead displayed a 14 kt gold medallion he had purchased that was manufactured by the RCM and awarded as prizes by the OLG in 2005. With only 270 pieces struck and with the value of gold having more than tripled in 7 years, most have probably been sold for melt value, making this one-ounce piece an RCM rarity.

Scott Douglas' PowerPoint presentation covered merchants tokens that circulated in Southwestern Ontario, covering different forms, shapes, denominations and sizes. For example, he explained why milk tokens were in the shape they came in. He also addressed the problem of misinformation being passed on by other publishers of articles, in catalogues or on the Internet.

Doug Adams' PowerPoint presentation covered the history of Canada's second currency and the various types of notes to collect, from design and signature changes, serial numbers and printing errors. (The photo of Doug Adams, taken by Judy Blackman, shows a small portion of a very attentive audience.)



Ben Dettweiler is heading up the committee responsible for choosing the final design for the 2013 ONA/WCS convention medal. The club is looking for other volunteers for the planning and execution of the activities that will take place at next year's ONA Convention which they are hosting at the same hotel as last year.

The club's Chris Boyer was recognized with an RCNA Presidential Award for his work with the Coin Kids program.

WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB (2nd Thursday)

A recent 12-page colour bulletin of the Woodstock Coin Club, edited by Judy Blackman, contained a lengthy article on the Birmingham Mint redevelopment, a 30-million pound effort to transform the historic Birmingham Mint building into luxury flats. All 186 apartments in the future development were presold, but the Bank of Scotland pulled out of the deal and left dozens of contractors owing money. The Birmingham Mint closed in 2003 after more than 200 years of producing coins for countries across the world. One of their more recent medals is illustrated.



INGERSOLL COIN CLUB (3rd Monday)

A recent bulletin, edited by Lorne Barnes, mentioned that the club had sold 57 books of the ONA "Good as Gold" draw tickets, the fifth highest of all clubs. Featured articles included "Lawmakers pushing for USA Dollar coin," "Illinois based gold buyer shuts down amid fraud probe" and a listing of all area coin clubs, including meeting times and addresses.

Congratulations were extended to club members Tom and Ida Masters on their 69th wedding anniversary, while Roy and Mary Krueger celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Time and time again, I read that the Ingersoll Coin Club has made financial donations to worthwhile local causes, amounting to thousands of dollars, and the club still has plenty of money in the treasury for those rainy days. Other than the profits

made by hosting shows, the best sustaining donor has been someone living 1,668 kilometers away. Harry Eisenhauer, who used to attend club meetings before he moved to the East Coast, has consistently sent numismatic material for the donation auction. At a recent meeting, six donated items brought in \$38.25. Every club should have a generous friend of the hobby! Lorne Barnes, another club member, also donated six items which brought in \$85.75

TORONTO COIN CLUB (3rd Monday)

The club continues with their program whereby they select historical information that occurred during the month of the meeting and ask members to bring numismatic items relating to those events. To give you an idea what sort of events are included, the first four for the October meeting, all that occurred on October 13 and for which commemorative medals were issued are: 1307 Knights Templar are arrested in France; 1492 Columbus lands in the Bahamas; 1812 Battle of Queenston Heights; and 1884 Greenwich established as the universal time meridian of longitude. I enjoy going through their bulletins because of these simple one-liners that summarize the historical events of the highest magnitude that have occurred in the world.

The Toronto Coin Club and the North York Coin Club are beneficiaries of the largesse of the Bank of Canada, who have donated the books which did not sell in the Charles Moore Auctions. They, in turn, turned over some of them to the ONA and RCNA libraries.

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY (3rd Sunday)

A recent meeting featured a presentation of Blacksmith Tokens (illustration). After nearly 200 years, there is still some debate as to whether blacksmiths intentionally cut shallow dies to produce copper coins with well-worn appearance to imply previous use, or if they were produced in England by the token and

button manufacturers who may have fostered the concept of blacksmith involvement to cover up their own involvement.

At another meeting, a video was shown about J.S.G. Boggs, an artist that drew paper money (mainly U.S., of which one is illustrated. Unlike most it is not identical in appearance to the real note) and then “paid” for purchases with his artwork, with the full knowledge of the seller that they were “works of art.” He ran into some trouble when the authorities in the U.S., England and Australia felt that they were counterfeits. He was never charged. The camera follows him around as he visits the U.S. Secret Service attempting to obtain his notes back that were seized in raids on his shows and home.



Ed Anstett has announced his “retirement” from running the club’s very successful annual coin shows after 25 years. Dave Jackson has volunteered to chair the 2013 show. One of the first things he did was to contact last year’s bourse dealers and ask them for their comments on how the show could possibly be improved, including the snack bar, the display area in the secondary room, advertising and promotion and more.

Their bulletins, edited by Judy Blackman, continue to contain interesting articles in each issue. Recent bulletins included write-ups on Ceylon tokens and tokens of the Auckland Licensed Victuallers Association (illustration), among others.

Earlier this year Judy published a 20-page special bulletin for its members, recapping the club’s history from its founding in 1960 to 1989. Since she did not have the club bulletins and minutes from 1990 onwards, she



is issuing an appeal to anyone who has this information to contact her at jblackman@rogers.com. Possibly, a former member who has moved away and is no longer a member of the club will read this and be able to put her in the position of completing the club's history.

Because Monina and I spent most of the past months in Ohio (visiting two of her sisters) and Germany (staying with my best friend during public school until I came to Canada in 1953, whom I had not seen or even spoken to in 60 years until I touched base with him last year), I did not read the Brantford Numismatic Society's September bulletin until I prepared this column. What a surprise that Judy included a 3-page column praising the contents of the Error & Variety Seminar that I presented in Cambridge on July 28. She described the contents of the main binder (350 pages containing 198 coloured pictures and over 200 black and white photos of errors and varieties): the presentations (15 modules that took 10 hours to present): numerous other giveaways: display of tools and equipment: displays of both good and bad errors: books and catalogues on errors and more.

What made me blush is her comment: "It's highly unlikely that John even covers his costs to put on these courses, let alone get rewarded for his time. This is real dedication to educating numismatists and advancing the hobby!" It is the appreciation that is shown by her and others that make people do what they do, including me, and is also an incentive to schedule another seminar in the Spring.

CAMBRIDGE COIN CLUB (4th Monday)

The club has relocated their meetings to the Dickson Arena, 30 Park Hill Rd. West, Cambridge

OTTAWA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY (4th Monday)

Because of the dedicated volunteers, the club keeps receiving honours. They won the RCNA's 2012 Best Local Newsletter award and second place in the ANA's Outstanding Local Club Publication. Serge Pelletier won the RCNA's Best Editor award, an RCNA President's Award, and the Jerome H. Remick III Literary Award for his four-part article published in the club's bulletin entitled "The Coins of the 1709 Siege of Tournai."

Six of their members received engraved medals as contributors to The CN Journal during the previous year: Ron Cheek, John Deyell, Chris Faulkner, Serge Pelletier, Francois Rufiange and Steve Woodland.

A recent bulletin included "Caveat Liceratur – Bid-

ding at numismatic auctions," "The man who slept in the Library of Parliament," "Ho Chi Minh Trail consumer-goods coupons," "Complimentary currency in Calgary" and "Coronation medal puzzle: SOLVED!"

Some additional articles included "Numismatics of Ottawa," and "North Vietnamese Army's military payment certificates."

Their most recent bulletin contains a very detailed article entitled "Funding the War of 1812" by David Bergeron, curator of the National Currency Collection. It is well illustrated, including a 5-dollar note featuring a portrait of Sir Isaac Brock on a Home Bank of Canada dated March 1, 1917 (illustrated).



NORTH YORK COIN CLUB (4th Tuesday)

Recent programs included the London Numismatic Society PowerPoint presentation from the ONA Library on "Medals, Tokens and Paper Money of the Hudson's Bay Company" and Nish Vairavanathan, an analyst from the Bank of Canada, promoting education and awareness of the security features on Canadian banknotes.

Paul Johnson, Executive Secretary of the RCNA, presented Marvin Kay with a certificate of recognition for 50 years of continuous membership in the R.C.N.A. (illustrated).

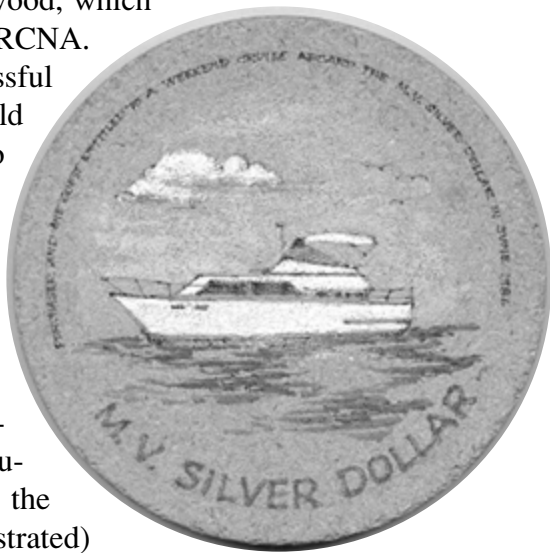


Recent bulletins, edited by Paul Petch, covered “The Mint’s ‘Farewell to the Penny,” “Collector Coins,” “Mint charges musician for use of coin image,” “Novice treasure hunter finds Roman gold in UK,” “Boston Museum of Fine Art treats coins as miniature works of art,” “The death of cash,” and a PowerPoint presentation by club member Henry Nienhuis on the recent RCNA Convention.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS

A recent bulletin included an article about a unique wood created by Donald D. Paterson and auctioned off at a TICF banquet. Terry Frost, a coin dealer from Ottawa, bid \$350, one of the higher prices ever paid for a Canadian wood, which went to the RCNA.

The successful bidder would be entitled to stay, along with a guest, on Paterson’s boat, Silver Dollar 75, for a weekend. I eventually acquired the wood (illustrated) from Terry for \$100.



The stories behind wooden nickels are as historical and interesting as on medals and tokens, as a recent issue of “Timber Talk” confirmed: “The Calgary Stampede woods,” “Antlers and Ivory;” “Brag, Rondy and Iditarod woods” involving an Inupuaq Eskimo Artist, “The Leacock Museum Trudhope wood:” “The Woodman” whose fame has spread around the world: and “Noah’s Ark in Hong Kong.”

One of the problems that editors have is to find something to fill that inch or two at the end of a page, so that a new article will start at the top of the next page. Judy has found a way to fill the space in all the bulletins she edits - she includes a short joke. A recent CAWMC bulletin included the following, which was submitted to her by ONA member Peter Becker.

I was visiting my daughter and son-in-law last night, and asked if I might borrow a newspaper for a second. “This is the 21st century, old man,” my son-in-law said.

“We don’t waste money on newspapers. Here, you can use my iPod.”

I can tell you, that friggin’ fly never knew what hit it!

CANADIAN TIRE COUPON COLLECTORS CLUB (CTCCC)

After more than seven years at the helm, Thayer Bouck is hanging up his hat as president. He will be succeeded by Sandy Lipin.

Their bulletins report on new Canadian Tire “money” issues, including printing errors discovered by their members who must spend countless hours examining each and every coupon they come across.

ROYAL CANADIAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION (RCNA)

The editor of the CN Journal, Dan Gosling, keeps turning out a variety of articles in every issue. Lately, there is more educational and informative content in each issue, complete with colour illustrations. With so many articles, I would take up a lot of space here just to list the titles of the articles and authors. My suggestion is that you go to www.rcna.ca and see for yourself.

In addition to her stable of informative and educational local coin club bulletins, Judy Blackman keeps churning out “NumisNotes,” an e-bulletin of the RCNA.

Other than reporting on individual awards presented to members of Ontario clubs in this column, you may have noticed an absence of details of the 2012 RCNA Convention hosted by the Calgary Numismatic Society. Since convention news is heavily covered at virtually every local coin club, in the RCNA Journal, Canadian Coin News and in other sections in the Ontario Numismatist, I feel that I would only be duplicating information. (That is also why I do not report on new RCM issues. And given the limited space of this column, I find it impossible to list draw winners and other activities, and I also intentionally do not report on individual club finances, because that is between the members of each club.)

TIP OF THE MONTH

Recently, Peter Becker, editor of the Waterloo Coin Society, sent out a special notice to the club’s mailing list promoting the upcoming coin show in Woodstock, hosted by the Woodstock Coin Club. The attachment was a promotional flyer created by the Woodstock Coin Club giving the usual details about the show, including a map of how to get there.

Although most club bulletins contain basic information on upcoming shows taking place in Ontario, Peter's special mailing takes inter-club relations a step further. As they say, what goes around comes around. Other clubs should take notice and maybe all clubs will send out flyers of club-sponsored shows within a 300 km radius. E-mails are free. All it takes is a few minutes of someone's time to forward the show flyer that was created by the host club.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Virtually every club conducts an auction at their meetings. It is usually the last activity, along with the door draw. Both events seem to keep members at the meeting until the very end. The time the meetings end is normally not a problem because a lot of clubs start at 7:30 p.m. now (rather than 8:00 p.m.). This also allows juniors to participate in both the draw and auction.

The auction is a great way to assist club members. The buyer adds something to his/her collection. The seller disposes of duplicates or unwanted material, and obtains funds to purchase something they want for their collection. Everybody is happy because, unlike internet purchases, you can see the material and know exactly what you are bidding on.

If the opening bid is too high, nobody bids on it, but if the opening bid is intentionally low, the mood of the moment of spirited bidding sometimes brings it up over the normal selling price. I have seen the opening bid (which is usually decided by the seller, not the auction coordinator or auctioneer) set so high that members look at each other wondering what they missed when they inspected the material laid out on a table. Recent examples of over-evaluating are a PL set whose opening bid was \$9, which is being sold for \$5 by dealers, and 20 common wooden nickels with an opening bid of \$20 that should have started at a third of that amount.

I have been guilty of not examining the auction material before the start of the meeting. When a few

lots came up that I thought I might be interested in, I walked up to the auctioneer and looked at the medal or token, therefore holding up the meeting for 48 other members. If even 10 percent of the attendees do that for 2 or 3 lots, that is a lot of delays and interruptions. It also changes the mood and momentum of the auction. My advice is that the time for viewing the auction lots is before the meeting starts or during the coffee break, not during the auction.



The auction coordinator should be given the authority to set a reasonable estimate on the value of each lot and not give in to the owner's greed or intentional over-grading. The 50-lot auction at the Waterloo Coin Society made me realize the importance of this if the owner is really interested in selling his items. At a recent meeting, the estimates appeared reasonable, with realistic opening bid reserves. What happened is that 48 of the 50 lots sold. Not only did they sell, but they sold for 24% over the reserve on average. Consigners walked away with \$878 that they can reinvest in their collection. Since their reserve totaled only \$708, that left them some money on the table to take their spouse or kids out for dinner.

Most clubs charge 10% of the hammer price, with a maximum of \$1 per lot so as to encourage better material. However, meeting location fees are going up, what with community centers and churches

or other locations looking for additional income. Considering that commercial auction houses charge up to 20% to both the seller and buyer and only accept lots that list for more than \$100, some clubs are bound to make changes to their auction fees.

Beginning with the January submissions, the Waterloo Coin Society's fee structure will change. Rather than the straight .25 cents and \$1.00 that has been in effect for decades, the executive decided on the following formula: Twenty-five cents is charged for any lot selling for up to \$11.99; \$1.00 for \$12.00 to \$24.99; \$2.00 for \$25.00 to \$34.99; and \$3.00 for \$35 and over. There is no charge for lots that do not sell.

The Waterloo Coin Society has long had a stellar reputation for having a fun public auction open to member consigners. The WCS auction coordinator, Don Robb accepts material in advance and creates a 50-lot list which is published by their editor, Peter Becker, in advance of each meeting. The auctioneer, Chris McLean (photo, right) conducts the auction in a professional way, with some light humour thrown in for good measure. Add two runners and a treasurer, and you can see that a team effort is required to put on good auctions.

On the other hand, no planning and much, much less effort is required if material is accepted at the start of a meeting and auctioned off at the same meeting. Unfortunately, you never know if you will get material, which can make for sparse auctions

Maybe I haven't been paying attention, but other than in the WCS bulletin, I cannot recall ever seeing the prices realized in the auction in the following month's bulletin.

The auctioneer at South Wellington meetings, Mike Hollingshead (photo, previous page), has a style of his own, throwing in humour at every opportunity.

To be included in this column, club editors are asked to send their bulletins via e-mail to John Regitko, ONA Club News columnist, at coinman@look.ca. Telephone calls to (416) 407-4122 to provide club news verbally are also welcome.



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Chips from my Woodpile...
Stephen Leacock Museum 100th Anniversary! by Dave Gillespie



On August 9th and 10th the Stephen Leacock Museum celebrated the 100th anniversary of the publication of Stephen Leacock's Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town with the Sunshine City Festival.

The event was held at Couchiching Beach Park and included games, rides, art exhibits, etc. You could for example take a ride on a carousel that was built in 1936 or on a ferris wheel built in 1917. There was also lots of live music each day, contests for baking and best dressed of 1912. The organizers were also dressed in early 20th Century attire.

To commemorate this event a wooden toonie (shown here) was also produced and available for sale. It acknowledges the Leacock Museum on one side and the reverse "Tudhope - The Car Ahead".

In 1854 William Tudhope got his start as a blacksmith near Jarratt in Oro Township where he made iron hardware, harness and wagon parts. He later formed the Tudhope Carriage Company and in 1876 relocated to Andrew Street in Orillia. At its peak the Tudhope Carriage Company was the largest producer of horse drawn vehicles in the country.

With the arrival of a new century, William's son James started importing automobile parts from an American company and by 1908 the Tudhope automobile was being tested and demonstrated. New models, which began coming off the assembly line for the 1911 model year, were known as Everitt 30's, but sales materials pointed out the many special Tudhope features that added to their value. With four cylinder, water cooled engines, magneto ignition, and three speed transmissions, they represented some of the best ideas in automobile engineering.

By early 1912, a sleek and powerful six cylinder car was added to the line, and in all models body and fender design showed the beginning of streamlining. The future looked rosy but in mid 1912 and without notice, the American parent company was swallowed up by an early automobile conglomerate, designed to compete with the recently formed General Motors Company and the skyrocketing Ford Motor Company.

The Everitt 30 ceased but production in Orillia continued with the cars now known simply as Tudhope. In 1913 sales were weak and by early 1914 the end was near. The advent of World War One marked the end of automobile production in Orillia.

The wooden toonie is available from the Leacock Museum, 50 Museum Drive, P. O. Box 625, Orillia, Ontario L3V 6K5 at a cost of \$ 2.00 each. (leacockmuseum.com Curator - Mr. Fred Addis)

'Til next time Let the Chips lie where they fall.



Militia Button Money

by **Scott E. Douglas**, FCNRS; FRCNA

Did you know..... that in Canada in the late 18th and early 19th centuries a flattened metal button was accepted as a form of currency?

Before the coinage of the Dominion of Canada was first issued in 1858 various items formed a base for our commercial transactions. Many foreign coins and tokens circulated as well as playing card money, scrip and promissory notes of one kind or another. Included in this group were flattened militia buttons. An early settler in Wellington County in 1843, Robert Mitchell, once described Canada's circulating currency as such;

“When I first came to the country the silver specie was mostly American money. There was very little copper, and a good sized button passed for a copper, and a penny sterling passed for no more. I remember an old copper tea kettle among my luggage, which was got hold of by one Campbell, a blacksmith, then residing in the Village of Elora, who, with another man, went to work and cut it all up into coppers. They went to a tavern, then kept by one Webb, and drank the whole in one evening.”

One such military button known and desired by numismatists is the Montreal British Militia which was formed in Montreal for the War of 1812.



Brass. 29MM

Obv; MONTREAL / BRITISH / MILITIA (incuse lettering)

Rev; Plain. It is visible where the shank has been removed.

In the past it was easy to accept an item like a metal button which had an intrinsic value of the metal content such as brass, copper, silver or gold.

Our early coinage was representative of exactly that. A cent represented 1 cents worth of copper and a 25 cent piece represented 25 cents worth of silver etc.

Today it is difficult to translate a 25 cent piece made of cupro-nickel or nickel-bonded steel as actually being worth 25 cents. There is no intrinsic value only the promise of our government to honour the item for its stated value.

Militia button money is a classic example of one of the ways Canadians came to cope commercially in a young and developing nation. The above illustration is historically important as proof of this time gone by.

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JUDGE UPHOLDS GOVERNMENT’S CLAIM TO \$80M IN RARE GOLD COINS FOUND IN A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX

A little over two years ago, in the August 2009 issue of *The Bulletin*, we featured a story on the United States 1933 double eagle and a handful of specimens that escaped the melting pot. Here is the end of that story . . .

“Nobody witnessed the disappearance of the 10 coins, but the jury “could—and did—properly infer criminal intent.”
- Federal Judge Legrome Davis, Jr.

Ten of the rarest and most valuable coins in the world were almost certainly stolen from the federal mint in Philadelphia and therefore belong to the U.S. government and not heirs of a coin dealer who found them in his safe deposit box, a federal judge ruled.

The Augustus Saint-Gaudens double eagles \$20 pieces were among some 445,500 struck during the Great Depression. But nearly all were pulled out of circulation within weeks as President Roosevelt ordered U.S. banks to abandon the gold standard. It was originally believed that all but a pair of the double eagles was melted down into gold bars. One of the surviving coins fell into the hands of King Farouk of Egypt, and sold for more than \$7.5 million at a Sotheby’s auction in the summer of 2002.

But in 2003, three grandchildren of a coin dealer named Israel Swift found 10 of the coins in a safe deposit box after Swift’s death. It turned out the coins had been given to Swift by Philadelphia Mint cashier George McCann years ago. The coins were seized by the government when the heirs took them to the mint, seeking authentication. Since then, Swift’s grandchildren, Joan, Roy and David Langbord, have been battling in court to prove they are the rightful owners of the coins.

The civil trial took place in July 2011 where a jury unanimously found that the government proved its position that the ten coins should be forfeited by the Langbord family. After the jury decision, the Langbord family challenged the verdict on several grounds. They contended that no reasonable jury could have found that the coins were stolen or otherwise removed from the Mint unlawfully and that the government failed to prove a violation of the criminal statute underlying the forfeiture action. Further, the family argued that the jury’s verdict made the government’s declaratory judgment claim—where the government sought further protections to maintain clear title to the coins—unnecessary.

Judge Legrome D. Davis has confirmed the jury’s 2011 decision that the ten 1933 Saint-Gaudens \$20 double eagles are the property of the government. He held that, since no records showed coins being lawfully taken from the mint, they were almost certainly stolen. The family’s motions were denied and the government was confirmed “as the true owner of the stolen coins” in the recent ruling.

“The Mint meticulously tracked the ’33 Double Eagles, and the records show that no such transaction occurred,” U.S. District Judge Legrome Davis Jr. wrote in his decision. “What’s more, this absence of a paper trail speaks to criminal intent. If whoever took or exchanged the coins thought he was doing no wrong, we would expect to see some sort of documentation reflecting the transaction, especially considering how carefully and methodically the Mint accounted for the ’33 Double Eagles.”

Lawyers for the Langbords had argued that the coins could have left the Mint legitimately between March 15 and April 5, 1933, before Roosevelt’s recall. The government’s star expert, David Tripp, acknowledged gold coins could have left the Mint during that window, but he added that there were no records that 1933 Double Eagles did.

“Nobody witnessed the disappearance of the 10 coins, but the jury “could—and did—properly infer criminal intent,” Davis wrote.

Davis had ruled back in 2009 that the Treasury Department had violated the Langbords’ constitutional rights when they confiscated the coins after Joan Langbord surrendered them for authentication. That left it up to the government to prove that the coins were stolen from the Mint, which the jury found it did.

Barry H. Berke, the Langbords’ lead attorney, has stated that the family plans to appeal the decision. He said that the case raises many legal questions, “including the limits on the government’s power to confiscate property.”

The coins have been kept at the U.S. Bullion Depository at Fort Knox, Ky., and the government has not yet made a statement about what it will do with the coins. Deputy U.S. Mint Director Richard A. Peterson has stated that the coins will not be melted.



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90 YEARS YOUNG

by John Merrick #905

Canadian Tire and Canadian Tire “money” have become as iconically Canadian as maple syrup. Many of us share memories of trips to Canadian Tire to get our first pair of skates and the hockey stick that scored goals on frozen ponds across this country. Memories of catalogues that made us wide eyed with pictures of bicycles, baseball gloves and toboggans.

90 years ago on September 15, 1922, brothers J.W. Billes (26) and A.J. Billes (20) invested their combined savings and purchased a small store – Hamilton Tire and Garage Ltd. – located in downtown Toronto. Although they did sell a few items, the two storey building wasn't really a store at all but a parking garage on the main floor with an office upstairs.

Cars were very different in 1922 than they are today and were very difficult to start particularly in cold weather.

Those that could afford it would park their cars in a heated garage and expected the additional service of security since cars did not have locks at the time, so the brothers took turns guarding the cars by staying overnight in the office.

From these meager beginnings, one of the great Canadian success stories was born. From this first Toronto store in 1922, they expanded to 116 stores in 1944, then to 171 in 1952, 375 in 1983 and almost 500 stores nationwide today with more than 60,000 employees.

As Canada's largest retailer, it is said that 90 percent of all Canadians live within a 15-minute drive of a Canadian Tire store; that nine out of ten adult Canadians shop there at least twice a year; and that 40 percent of Canadians shop at Canadian Tire every week.

The following is a pictorial look back over the first 90 years.



1958 CTC's first location selling gasoline and rewarding customers with gas bonus coupons or Canadian Tire “money”.



1937 Clerks on roller skates to fill customer orders in a hurry.



1928 Canadian Tire Store.



272 Gas Bar locations across the country.



1975 opening day for this store in Niagara Falls, Ontario.



2005 CT Petroleum introduces the first Canadian Tire Q Store.



2011 Digital Product locator.



Modern store design.

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90 YEARS YOUNG - continued
by John Merrick #905



1926 The first price page with road map on the reverse is issued.
1927 first mail-order form.



1958 Canadian Tire "money" is introduced and becomes longest running customer rewards program.



1949 Early Canadian Tire delivery sedan.

1934 The store in Hamilton becomes the first Canadian Tire Associate store.



1968 over 2.5 million catalogues are mailed to customers and by 2007 total increases to over 6 million copies.



2005 Jumpstart Charities is launched helping children participate in organized sports and recreation.



1968 Canadian Tire Acceptance opens, later becomes Canadian Tire Financial Services.



1954 Canadian Tire's first "Pin Party" to honour employees with 25 years of service.



2006 Canadian Tire enters into a partnership with Nascar.



2001 Canadian Tire goes online with CanadianTire.ca

1995 Canadian Tire Financial issues it's first Mastercard.



1963 Sheppard Avenue, Toronto Distribution Centre opens.



1973 Distribution Centre opens at 2111 Steeles Avenue, Brampton.



1991 A.J. Billes Distribution Centre opens.

LONG-AWAITED BOOK LAUNCH AT TORONTO COIN EXPO

It sometimes happens that the wait is long, but when things start happening, they happen quickly. This is the case with the long-awaited book on the P.E.I. Holey Dollar by Christopher Faulkner.

A message came in from Chris on Tuesday September 11. In his note, Chris broke the news:

“The Holey Dollars and Dumps of Prince Edward Island is going to be available at the Toronto Coin Expo at the end of the month. Jared Stapleton (a North York Coin Club member) is arranging a book launch for the occasion and is placing a press release in Canadian Coin News and elsewhere. Svetolik Kovacevic will be handling Canadian sales for Spink. This has all come about since yesterday.”

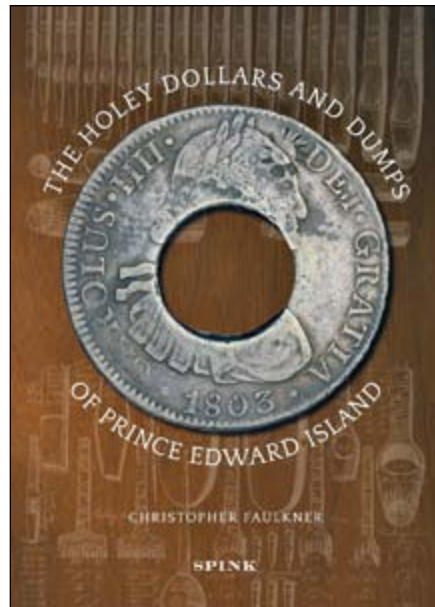


For those of you who may not know Christopher Faulkner, he is Distinguished Research Professor and Professor Emeritus at Carleton University, Ottawa, and a Fellow of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society. In the field of numismatics, his primary area of research interest is the pre-Confederation Canadian token coinage, and he has written a number of articles and book chapters on various aspects of the token coinage of the period.

Additional details from Jared and Sveto:

This is the first book-length study to be devoted to Canada’s most exotic and celebrated colonial-era coin, the Holey Dollar of Prince Edward Island and its accompanying Dump. The fruit of twenty years of research in international archives, libraries, and private and institutional collections, from as far afield as Charlottetown and Puerto Rico, Vancouver and London, this book uncovers the origins and history of a coin which has been shrouded in mystery for two hundred years.

The Prince Edward Island Holey Dollar is one of the most renowned Canadian colonial coins, arousing deep numismatic and historical interest. The Dollar and its Dump represent a unique instance in the whole of British North America of the cutting *and* counter-marking of a coin so that its parts might pass



The **Toronto Coin Expo** is pleased to present author Christopher Faulkner and the launch of his book *“The Holey Dollars and Dumps of Prince Edward Island”* on Friday September 28 at the Toronto Reference Library in the Apple Salon, at 789 Yonge Street.

as legal tender. Because they were made from Spanish-American Dollars, the most widely circulated coin of its day and a standard of value throughout the entire world, these coins have a legitimate place in many different sorts of collections: the Spanish American series; crown-sized coins of the world; cut and counter-marked coins; emergency or proclamation coinage; semi-official colonial issues; and, finally, private merchants’ tokens. There is no other Canadian coin or token that can claim to be so many things to so many interests at once.

The book’s Introduction elaborates the monetary and commercial circumstances, as well as the political and economic conditions, which led to the initial production of this unusual coin in 1813 and to its eventual disappearance over the ensuing years. To that end, the book addresses a number of provocative questions. Who made the Holey Dollars and Dumps? How were they made? How long did they circulate? What could they buy? What were their precedents? Can we distinguish a Government issue Dollar or Dump from contemporary merchant counterfeits? What motivated the counterfeiters? In the course of

addressing these questions, the author presents something of the texture of the places and peoples bound up with the Holey Dollar of PEI for the past two hundred years. The people that figure here include collectors and bystanders, merchants and government officials, and the places range from a Canadian homestead to an island in the Caribbean. An Appendix includes an original census of Charlottetown with heads of households for 1813.

The PEI Holey Dollar has always been highly prized by token collectors and remains extremely popular today. **Geoffrey Bell Auctions** is featuring one specimen in its upcoming sale in Toronto, September 28, 2012 at the Toronto Reference Library as lot 491.

The world will be bidding on this treasured piece of Canadian history.



The Holey Dollars and Dumps of Prince Edward Island is published by Spink, London, with the financial support of the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation. The Foundation will be providing about 60 copies free of charge to reference libraries across the county out of the total world-wide press run of 500 copies. The price base is £65.

It is available in Canada from Svetolik Kovacevic who will be at the Toronto Coin Expo or through his store, Ancient Numismatic Enterprise, at 416-686-8019 or may be ordered through his web site at <http://www.vcoins.com/ancient/ane/store/viewItem.asp?idProduct=9532>

Sveto comments that he is accepting orders now, but no shipments will begin until the start of October, after the unveiling at the Toronto Coin Expo.

Toronto Skyline Woods of Donald D. Paterson by John Regitko, CAWMC Member #265

The late **Donald D. Paterson** could always be counted on to add to the fun and fellowship at the banquets of the Toronto International Coin Fair when I was its owner. His light-hearted presentations made him the favourite speaker, as many CAWMC members that used to come to Toronto can attest to.

He was always good for donating his artistic talents for fundraisers for the CNA, in the form of unique woods that would be auctioned off at banquets.

Since TICF was held in Toronto, a few of these special woods featured the Toronto skyline.

When I came across some unusual sized or shaped blank woods, such as when I visited Lewiscraft, I asked **Don Paterson** to come up with idea for a design for future CNA fundraisers. Although most of the unique woods created by him on the smaller 38mm (1.5 inch) blanks raised \$50 or \$60 each for the CNA, these larger uniface pieces tended to receive bids of \$100, probably because Don took more care in creating more detailed and larger works of art.

I am still the proud owner of most of these woods, having been the highest bidder of probably 90 percent of them. I recall **Al Bliman** obtained a few and I believe **Al Munro** was also successful in one or two instances.



Left:
This wood was hand-painted by Paterson on a 5" round piece of particleboard.



Right:
The TICF logo that Paterson designed on a 3" piece of plywood in black India ink.



Left:
TICF logo above the Toronto skyline.



Right:
Colourful Toronto skyline on 4" plywood.



One of my favourite unique woods is the 45 mm wood at left with a design very similar to that used on the official souvenir medal of the 1991 CNA Convention that was designed by the staff of the Royal Canadian Mint.

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LOOKING GOOD FOR 71 YEARS OLD

by John Merrick #905 and Bill Symes #422

There seems to be some controversy over the legitimacy of a Canadian Tire pin and I will do my best to put this issue to rest. The 1941 Spring and Summer catalogue advertised a program where you could become a member of the CTC cyclists safety club. You would send in a letter to CTC with your name, address, model and serial number of your bicycle. For becoming a member you would receive a membership card, a set of bicycle safety rules and a lapel pin as pictured. This pin is much harder to find and nobody knows how many have survived after 71 years. We would appreciate hearing from members that have this pin in their collection as only three are known at this time, making it one of the rarest of all CTC pins. Please contact myself or Bill at john@ctccollector.ca or wsymes@cogeco.ca.



THE ONTARIO NUMISMATIST – THE DVD



The Ontario Numismatist bulletins from 1961 to 2006 are now available on DVD consisting of 400 individual, searchable pdf files for handy research. The size is 1.186GB. A copy of the DVD will be sent to every ONA Area Director and clubs that are already on the list to receive the London Numismatic Society's PowerPoint programs.

The production of the DVD is thanks to coin clubs and members in Oshawa, Ottawa, Brantford and Waterloo and dedicated numismatists like Dan Gosling and Paul Petch.

The entire collection of bulletins is now viewable on

the ONA website at the-ona.ca but only ONA members will be able to view the files from 2007 to date.

Anyone is welcome to make a copy of the contents by contacting your local Area Director and arranging to do so. It is forbidden to sell copies of the DVD or its contents.

If you wish a DVD sent to you, please contact ONA Treasurer Brent Mackie by the information printed on the inner front page. The cost to cover postage and handling is \$5.00 by cheque or money order payable to the ONA or by electronic transfer or PayPal to treasurer@the-ona.ca.

H. Barnard Stamp and Stencil

by **Scott E. Douglas**, FCNRS; FRCNA

Did you know..... that one of the most successful token producing companies of Canada began with a loan of \$10 and a machine that made rubber stamps?
 Harry Barnard was born near Hamilton, Ontario on May 13, 1846. Barnard's early education was obtained at Caradoc Academy near London, Ontario.

After completing his education Harry worked first as a hatter and then as a clerk in a dry goods store. At the age of 21 Harry received his inheritance in which he successfully invested in a business with his brother turning \$2200 dollars in to \$6000 in 5 years. Harry then entered the coal and wood business and did well for a time until the depression of the 1880's bankrupted him. His health then gave out and for 3 years he sold books and did other small jobs just waiting for his next opportunity. That break came when a man offered Harry a machine that could make rubber stamps. The man instructed Harry how to use the machine and so with this knowledge, \$10 borrowed dollars and a desire to succeed Harry Barnard formed H. Barnard Rubber Stamp Works of Hamilton, Ontario. From 1892 until around 1900 Harry fine tuned his new craft and then formed the Hamilton Stamp and Stencil Works incorporating in 1911. Hamilton Stamp and Stencil would go on to create many tokens and medals found in the Breton and LeRoux numismatic coin books as well as striking tokens for other well known companies such as the Cranston Novelty Company of Galt, Ontario. Harry Barnard died in Hamilton March 14, 1928 at the age of 82.

Some of the items Harry Barnard offer in his catalogues.



Some tokens and medals struck by Hamilton Stamp and Stencil Works.



Scott writes for *CCN*, *RCNA CN Journal*, *ONA Ontario Numismatist*, and our club newsletter *Did You Know...*.

We appreciate his valuable contribution.

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“MONEY BEACH” STILL LURES COIN HUNTERS

by Michael Morgan

“A most melancholy catastrophe,” the Pennsylvania Packet reported in 1785, “occurred on Thursday the 1st instant, near the capes of Delaware. The ship Faithful Steward, (Capt.) McCausland, from Londonderry, bound to this port, with 240 passengers on board, standing into the Bay, unfortunately ran on a shoal to the southward of Cape Henlopen, about 150 yards from dry land. The captain, and some others, got ashore, but the surge being very violent, the boats were unable to return to the ship, which lay till the next day, and then beat to pieces.”

The wreck of the Faithful Steward on Sept. 1, 1785, was the greatest disaster to have occurred on the Delaware coast. Out of about 260 people aboard, about 70 survived. In addition to its human cargo, the Faithful Steward carried a shipment of copper pennies that were spilled into the ocean when the ship foundered.

After the Faithful Steward disaster, the ship’s cargo of coins were scattered by the

constant movement of the ocean waves. Occasionally, some of these pennies were cast onto the sand; but so few people visited the Delaware coast at the time, the sand covered up the pennies before anyone noticed.

During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Rehoboth and Bethany beaches

were established as ocean resorts, and hundreds of beachcombers began to tread the Delaware sands.

In addition, during the Great Depression, the Civilian Conservation Corps was established to provide useful work for unemployed young men. In coastal Delaware, the men of the CCC were used for a variety of conservation projects which brought them to the beach during the fall and winter months when tide

and weather conditions often carried sand out to sea, leaving some of the Faithful Steward’s coins exposed on the beach.

On Feb. 24, 1937, the New York Times reported, “Copper coins issued under the reign of George III of Great Britain, and bearing dates from 1774 to 1782 were picked up along the oceanfront today near Indian River Inlet, just south of Lewes. Youths from the Lewes CCC camp discovered several hundred coins lying on the beach.”

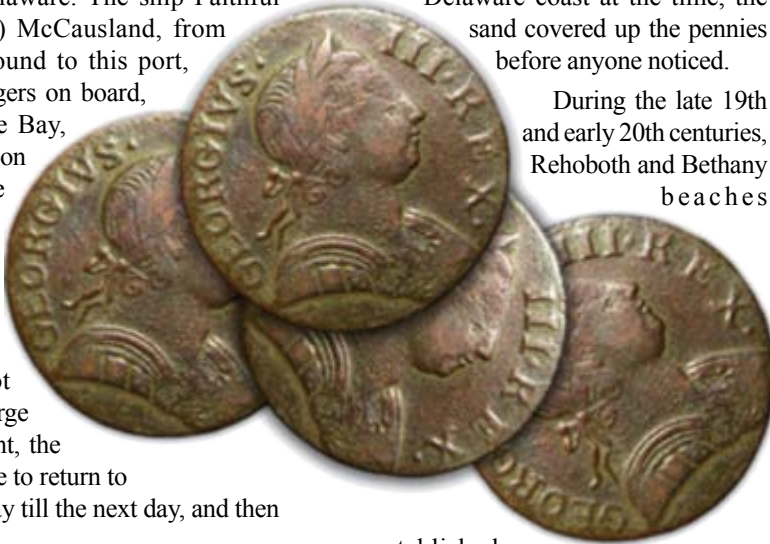
The pennies discovered by the men of the CCC encouraged vacationers hiking by the surf north of the Indian River Inlet to be on the lookout for coins. So many of the old pennies were found that this area became known as “money” or “coin” beach. During the last week of August 1939, the Delaware coast was battered by a nor’easter for six days; and the slow-moving storm churned up the sea, sand, and coins from the Faithful Steward.

On Sept. 1, 1939, the New York Times reported, “Daybreak yesterday found scores of persons at this resort’s ‘money beach’ five miles south of the ocean front near the Indian River Inlet in search of copper pieces, minted nearly two centuries ago in the reigns of King George II and III of England . . . Two Philadelphia matrons on Monday found nineteen coins. Mrs. Harry Fehr of Whitmarsh located 39, where her sister, Mrs. John W. Watson of Chestnut Hill, added 44.”

Although nearly three-quarters of a century have passed since these vacationers discovered a small portion of the Faithful Steward’s cargo, alert beachcombers visit the area north of the Indian River Inlet after strong storms or unusual tides in the hope of spotting a coin from the Delaware coast’s most disastrous shipwreck.

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The Wreck of the Faithful Steward

Gwen's OWL



by Randall Underhill

The William H. McDonald ancient coin collection was auctioned this past September, and I would like to pass on a story told to me by Bill and his family.

Those of you who are involved in the various numismatic fields will remember Bill for his involvement with the International Banknote Society, the Canadian Numismatic Association now the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association, president (founding) of the Canadian Paper Money Society and chairman (founding) Board of Governors of the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation.

In 1972, Bill co-chaired the joint CPMS-CNA Annual Convention in Toronto. In addition, he also held an exhibition in 1977 at First Canadian Place in downtown Toronto consisting of 70 cases of banknotes illustrating the paper money history of 448 banks in 58 countries. Bill was also general chairman of the 1981 International Paper Money Congress & Exhibition (Interpam '81), the world's first international paper money convention and exhibition.

You are perhaps thinking what all this has to do with Gwen's Owl! Read on.

I first met Mr. McDonald in 2003 and after our second meeting we quickly became friends (but that is another story). He was collecting ancient coins and was deeply involved in the Classic and Medieval Numismatic Society. Later, I was surprised to learn he had spent decades researching and collecting paper money and I was curious about such an extreme change in numismatic interest.

When opportunities were presented, Bill and a couple of his friends would pool their money, buy a collection and later divide it according to their collecting interests such as paper, coins, tokens and etc. On one such occasion in 1983 a collection was purchased by the group which contained some ancient coins. No one in the group collected ancients nor knew anything about them. After dividing up their respective shares, Bill kept a few of the ancient coins including what he thought was the most appealing coin in the lot, a silver Greek owl. That same year he gave it to his wife, Gwen as a Christmas gift.

By the late 1980s Bill had made the decision to dispose of his paper money collection. With this behind him he soon realized he needed a new challenge. Bill remembered the Greek owl and the small collection of ancient coins in the safe. After some consideration he decided to collect ancients mainly in the timeline of 100 B.C. to 100 A.D. due to the historical significance of that era.

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Unfortunately for Bill, the coin he thought would be a jewel in his collection became an inside family joke. Gwen loved her Owl and would not give it up. From then on, it was Bill's collection but it was Gwen's Owl.

For the next two decades Bill immersed himself in the study of ancient numismatics covering most of the ancient world, never straying too far from his 200-year timeline.

William Henry McDonald passed away May 14, 2011 and his wife, Gwen followed December 30, 2011.

While attending many clubs and shows over the past few years I learned I was the last in a long line of collectors Bill mentored. Bill not only turned me into a numismatist he molded many collectors into dedicated researchers. I was honoured when, as a trusted friend of the entire family, I was offered all of Bill's research material.

Bill's family was quite pleased with the interest in his ancient coin collection. With the assistance of Montreal coin dealer, Peter McDonald the collection was auctioned in Toronto by Geoffrey Bell Auctions. Geoff Bell, being a long time friend of the family was privileged to auction the ancient collection.

Bill's collection consisted of over 300 ancient coins and was part of the Toronto Coin Expo, Geoffrey Bell auction September 27-28, 2012.

One coin that was not in the auction was the one that started it all, the Greek Owl and it will stay in the family as an heirloom.

After all, it may have been Bill's collection but it was Gwen's Owl.

GREEK SILVER TETRADRACHM

Circa 300-262 B.C.



Obverse
Head of Goddess Athena
Helmeted facing right

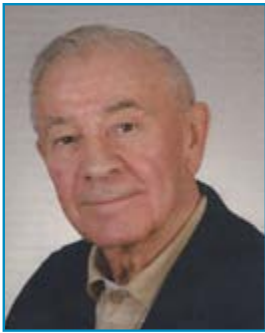


Reverse
AOE Owl Standing
right



WARTIME MEMORIES

BY FRED FREEMAN



Memories of Canada's participation in the Second World War are still being well remembered and discussed. The active part Canada played in helping free Europe from German aggression is something we can all be proud to remember. It is necessary to remind Canadians

that our part in the Allied War effort was brought about by two different situations. In the case of the First World War, we were still a colony of Great Britain and when war was declared in 1914, Canada was automatically included. However, the Statute of Westminster in 1931 changed our status dramatically from a colony to an independent entity, along with Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. Canada opted to remain part of the British Commonwealth for numerous reasons. Trade and protection from those nations who envied our vast natural resources are two of the reasons. So in September of 1939 our country waited a full week to declare war after Great Britain and France. This delay was to emphasize to the world that we were no longer obliged to follow our mother country automatically as we did in 1914. Considering that before the war ended in 1945 we had over a million persons under arms out of a population of barely 11 million, this in itself was a most noble effort. When my wife Betty and I reminisced about our wartime efforts as youngsters, she remembers collecting milk weed pods that were used for lifejackets for sailors. Also Betty found a yellowed newspaper clipping dated July 17, 1942 from the Galt Reporter newspaper. It mentioned how six preteen girls from nearby Preston held a bazaar and raised a grand total of \$23.70 which was contributed to the Preston Legion for cigarettes to be sent overseas to the

Canadian troops in England. For my part, I contributed 15 pints of blood as a 16 year old. Donors were supposed to be older than that. The students at Brantford Collegiate bought sixteen 25 cent war savings stamps and put them in a folder that was turned over to a bank for a certificate marked \$5.00. So 16 of the war savings-stamps quickly grew from \$4.00 to \$5.00 on paper. But they could not be cashed until 7 1/2 years had elapsed. It was one way that our wartime government managed to keep prices in line by reducing the purchasing power to buy scarce goods. By mid 1942, Canada was producing a prodigious monthly amount of needed war materials, namely 400 aircraft, 4000 rifles, 10 million rounds of ammunition and had built 250 thousand military vehicles. There was a significant comment from The New York Times - "Canada's war effort is one of the little appreciated miracles of the war." This was high praise indeed from a U.S. newspaper whose country was not very sympathetic to Canada at the beginning of the war. Large and small Canadian communities were affected by varying degrees. My home town of Iroquois Falls (near Timmins) was hit hard because it had the second highest casualty rate on a per capital basis. When I was requested this summer to speak at the Centennial banquet, I mentioned about numerous local persons who had died in defence of Canada. One chap was a man named Fraser Dewar who died in Italy. When I left the podium, a lady of about 70 rushed up and said this man was her uncle and she was named Fraser to commemorate his memory. Before I left Iroquois Falls, I spent time at the tasteful war memorial and read more names of those brave persons who were well known to myself but a few years older. There was a giant lump in my throat after reading the names of former school mates. "At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will always remember them."

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