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President's Message



The dog days of summer are quickly approaching and after this weekend all the local shows will be done until August. The R.C.N.A. will be holding its convention out in Halifax on July 22–26 so if you still are deciding on making the trip out, you have till the end of June to send in your registration.

I would like to touch on the O.N.A. convention that has just passed in April—it was a tough convention. While we haven't tallied all the numbers up yet, there were a lot of highlights along with some downfalls. Highlights include the Friday educational symposiums which we will try again in the up coming convention and the Saturday night annual awards banquet. Some of the downfalls were the cost of parking and the great weather which seemed to keep people away from the show. While Niagara Falls is a large tourist area, we were not ready for some of the things that go along with that designation. Saturday seemed to have quite a few people on the bourse floor but Sunday ended up with a very low turnout and the early Sunday closing of the show due to a hotel booking issue didn't help matters.

We should be back on track for a very successful show by going back to the Kitchener area again as it always seems to be a great location and with the well seasoned Waterloo Coin Society hosting the show, it should create a winning formula. So be sure to mark April 8-10, 2016 on your calendars! We will be returning to the familiar Holiday Inn on Fairway Rd. in Kitchener, which is very accessible from the 401 corridor. Registrations should be starting early in the fall. Right now, it's time to put your artistic talents to work. All O.N.A. members are invited along with Waterloo Coin Society members to enter the design contest for the 2016 convention medal. Details for this contest are further in this issue.

The ONA is always open to feedback. We need to hear from our members on what they like as well as what they don't like. Always feel free to contact me and let me know what the O.N.A. should be doing for our members. It is your organization so let us know.

Numismatically yours,

Robb McPherson

ONA President [robb4640@sympatico.ca; 519-577-7206]



IN MEMORIUM:

Mr. Bruce H. Raszmann, 1934 – 2011

His 50 years of exemplary service will long be remembered.

Mr. Tom Rogers, 1942 – 2012

Past President; serving from 2003–2009.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

	Regular	Digital
Regular Membership	- \$ 30.00	\$ 15.00
Spouse (add-on to Regular)	- \$	\$ 10.00
Junior (under 18)	- \$ 20.00	\$ 5.00
Club Membership (aft. Nov. 1 st)	- \$ 45.00	---
Life Membership†	- \$ 900.00	\$ 450.00

† Life membership is applicable after one year of regular membership

Send money-order or cheque (payable to the ONA) for membership to:

Brent W. J. Mackie, ONA Treasurer
P.O. Box 40033, RPO Waterloo Square,
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2016 Convention

Friday, April 8 to Sunday, April 10

Hotel Information

**Holiday Inn and
Conference Centre,
30 Fairway Rd. South,
Kitchener, ON N2A 2N2**

Phone: 1-519-893-1211

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Membership Report

The following applications have been received and now are members of the Ontario Numismatic Association. There is a period of two months for written objections of a new member to be submitted to the Membership Chairman.

- R 2148 – Richard Noble, Inverary Ontario
- R 2149 – Jean Belanger, Sudbury Ontario
- R 2150 – John R.P. Brown, Naughton Ontario
- S 2151 – Petrina Lawrie– Brown, Naughton Ontario
- R 2152 – Thomas Sanders, Fergus Ontario
- R 2153 – Jamie Noseworthy, Fergus Ontario
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- J 2160 – Theodore Grant, Toronto, Ontario
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- J 2172 – Jordan Banning, Toronto, Ontario
- J 2173 – Erika Javornik, Toronto, Ontario
- S 2174 – Gary Brucculeri, Cayuga, Ontario
- J 2175 – Davis Moore, Paris, Ontario

After adjusting for members who did not renew for 2015, the current O.N.A. membership is 294 (Mailed Regular 70, Digital Regular 92, Club 37, Mailed Life Membership 43, Digital Life Membership 11, Spouse 12, Digital Junior 24, Affiliate Members 5.)

All Life Members have the option to become Digital Life Members. They only need to send me an e mail and I will make the change.

I hope all Digital Members are going to the O.N.A. website to view the current issue of the Ontario Numismatist when it comes available.

If you have any questions on your membership please contact me by e-mail or the O.N.A. P.O. Box.

David Bawcutt (membership@the-ona.ca)

Membership Chairman, O.N.A. June 16, 2015



In order to help offset the ever increasing costs of printing and mailing the Ontario Numismatist to our members who choose to receive the printed copy the executive recently voted to increase membership dues for 2016. The rates below reflect this rate increase.

New Rates for the 2016 membership year:

Membership Class	Current Dues Rate	New Dues Rate
Regular (mailed)	\$25	\$30
Junior (mailed)	\$15	\$20
Corporate (before Nov 1)	\$30	\$35
Corporate (after Nov 1)	\$40	\$45
Life (mailed)	\$750	\$900

All Digital Membership rates remain unchanged.

TREASURER'S REPORT



Mr. President,

Please find herein the year-end, unaudited financial statements for the Ontario Numismatic Association for fiscal year 2014.

Notes follow the financial statements.

YEAR-END INCOME STATEMENT ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

INCOME	Jan. 01 - Dec. 31, 2014		Jan. 01 - Dec. 31, 2013	
41000 · Membership Dues				
41010 · Regular Member Dues	\$ 2,955.00		\$ 2,715.00	
41020 · Junior Member Dues	40.00		125.00	
41030 · Spousal Dues	104.00		361.00	
41040 · Club/Corporate Dues	940.00	\$ 4,039.00	1,025.00	\$ 4,226.00
42000 · Convention Revenue		2,934.41		4,425.14
42020 · Auction Fees		-		667.45
42100 · Table Cloth Rental		225.00		550.00
43000 · Donations				
43010 · Individual Donations	\$ 5.00		\$ 125.00	
43020 · Club/Corporate Donations	8.00		2.00	
43030 · Life Membership Contributions	464.58	489.58	330.63	457.63
44010 · Club Insurance Premiums		2,720.00		2,970.00
45000 · Investment Income				
45010 · General Investment Interest	\$ 830.43		\$ 601.27	
45050 · Other Investment Revenue	-	830.43	52.50	653.77
46000 · Other Types of Income				
46100 · ONA Archive/Asset Sales ¹	\$ 296.00		\$ 578.00	
46200 · ONA Numismatist DVD Sales	-		5.00	-
46410 · Advertising Sales	170.00	466.00	200.00	783.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 11,704.42		\$ 14,732.99
EXPENSES		Jan. 01 - Dec. 31, 2014		Jan. 01 - Dec. 31, 2013
60200 · Ontario Numismatist				
60210 · Copying ²	\$ 2,020.96		\$ 1,752.57	
60220 · Postage, Mailing Service	1,624.61		1,508.58	
60240 · Advertising Commissions	42.50	\$ 3,688.04	-	\$ 3,261.15
60500 · Awards				
60510 · Award of Merit Expenses	\$ 74.02		\$ 129.32	
60520 · Fellow of the ONA Expenses	256.79		186.02	

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60530 · Raszmann Award Expenses	124.52	455.33	110.06	425.40
61010 · Meeting Expenses		100.00		75.00
61090 · Misc. Executive Expenses		387.86		76.84
62000 · Facilities and Equipment				
62810 · Reuseable Conv. Supplies/Eq.	\$ 45.18		\$ -	
62820 · Trailer Storage and Insurance ³	895.00	940.18	365.00	365.00
63000 · Library/Archives/AV Expenses				
63510 · Archives Purchases	\$ 199.00		\$ 100.00	
63530 · Safety Deposit Box Rental	282.50	481.50	782.50	882.50
64010 · Club Insurance Premiums Exp.		3,024.00		3,240.00
65000 · Office and General				
65010 · Postage, Mailing Service ⁴	\$ 347.09		\$ 177.78	
65020 · Printing and Copying	11.20		5.00	
65030 · Supplies	-		142.16	
65050 · Post Office Box Rental	169.50		158.20	
65060 · Website Expenses	100.00		-	
65070 · Membership Dues Expense	42.00		39.00	
65490 · Other Costs	-	669.79	25.00	547.14
65500 · Bank Charges				
65510 · Bank Fees ⁵	\$ -		\$ (57.20)	
65520 · PayPal Fees	46.30	46.30	52.78	(4.42)
66110 · Accounting Fees ⁶		225.99		146.89
66120 · Legal Fees		-		650.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 10,018.99		\$ 9,765.50
NET INCOME (LOSS)		\$ 1,685.43		\$ 4,967.49

BALANCE SHEET
ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2014

ASSETS	2014		2013	
Bank Accounts				
10100 · General	\$ 3,460.10		\$ 1,912.88	
10200 · Insurance	10.00		10.00	
10300 · Life Membership	474.41		31.38	
12000 · PayPal	1,955.79	\$ 5,900.30	849.61	\$ 2,803.87
Prepaid Expenses				
15010 · Prepaid Misc. Expenses	\$ 728.87		\$ 410.94	
15020 · Prepaid Club Insurance Expenses	3,007.13		3,456.00	
15030 · Prepaid Home Club Dues Discounts	91.00		-	
15040 · Prepaid Early Corp. Discount	350.00		-	
15030 · Prepaid Digital Discounts	960.00	5,137.00	185.00	4,051.94
Term Investments				
16100 · General Investments	\$ 39,250.00		\$ 39,485.50	
16200 · Life Membership Investments	17,974.80	57,224.80	17,953.25	57,438.75

TOTAL ASSETS			<u>\$ 68,262.10</u>	<u>\$ 64,294.56</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			2014	2013
Liabilities				
20200 · O.N.A. Convention ⁷	\$	486.11	\$	(1.00)
20300 · O.N.A. Draw ⁷		(10.00)	\$	(14.00)
			\$	(15.00)
Unearned Membership Dues⁸				
25114 · Reg. Member Dues (2014)	\$	-	\$	1,930.00
25115 · Reg. Member Dues (2015)		2,875.00		350.00
25116 · Reg. Member Dues (2016)		480.00		150.00
25117 · Reg. Member Dues (2017)		175.00		35.00
25118 · Reg. Member Dues (2018)		80.00		-
25214 · Jr. Member Dues (2014)		-		30.00
25215 · Jr. Member Dues (2015)		45.00		-
25314 · Spousal Dues (2014)		-		74.00
25315 · Spousal Dues (2015)		70.00		-
25414 · Club/Corp. Dues (2014)		-		905.00
25415 · Club/Corp. Dues (2015)		1,440.00	5,165.00	-
				3,474.00
Unearned Revenues				
26020 · Unearned Club Insurance Prem's	\$	2,700.00	\$	2,600.00
26030 · Albert Kasman Juniors Fund ⁹		125.00	2,825.00	125.00
				2,725.00
Equity				
30000 · Members' Equity ¹⁰	\$	40,125.93	\$	35,158.44
31010 · Life Membership Fund		17,984.63		17,984.63
Net Income (Loss)		1,685.43	59,795.99	4,967.49
				58,110.56
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY			<u>\$ 68,262.10</u>	<u>\$ 64,294.56</u>

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2015 O.N.A. CONVENTION MEDAL

A small number are still available for purchase



CURRENT INVESTMENTS
ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
 AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2014

General Investments

Account	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Principal	Rate	Interest
72-8000218-25	24-Feb-2014	25-May-2015	\$ 6,000.00	1.55%	Compounded annually
72-8000218-26	25-Aug-2014	23-Nov-2015	\$ 5,000.00	1.50%	Compounded annually
72-8000218-27	15-Sep-2014	14-Dec-2015	\$ 3,000.00	1.50%	Compounded annually
72-8000218-28	31-Oct-2014	31-Oct-2017	\$ 5,250.00	1.61%	Compounded annually
72-8000218-29	03-Nov-2014	01-Feb-2016	\$ 15,000.00	1.50%	Compounded annually
72-8000218-30	28-Nov-2014	26-Feb-2016	\$ 5,000.00	1.50%	Compounded annually

Life Membership

Account	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Principal	Rate	Interest
72-8000196-27	05-Nov-2013	03-Feb-2015	\$ 1,600.00	1.55%	Compounded annually
72-8000196-28	05-May-2014	03-Aug-2015	\$ 2,600.00	1.50%	Compounded annually
72-8000196-30	02-Oct-2014	02-Oct-2017	\$ 5,000.00	1.63%	Compounded annually
72-8000196-31	31-Oct-2014	31-Oct-2017	\$ 8,750.00	1.61%	Compounded annually

Notes to the Year-End Financial Statements

1. Several surplus items from the archives were sold for door prize items at the 2013 convention and in retail sale at both the 2013 and 2014 conventions.
2. Copying fees for the *Ontario Numismatist* have risen from 7¢ per double-sided sheet to 9¢. The vendor has been asked about this increase and provided an explanation pertaining to age of equipment and that the prices should hold steady at 9¢ for the time being.
3. Beginning in 2014, the insurance for the trailer contents becomes an expense of the O.N.A. rather than the convention as in past years.
4. A large quantity of stamps have been prepurchased for future mailings by David, Paul and Brent.
5. 2013: TD Canada Trust erroneously charged us \$57.20 on 31-Dec-2012. This fee has been reversed in 2013.
6. Accounting Fees includes software expenses for QuickBooks Pro and TurboTax Corporate.
7. These accounts exist to facilitate short-term amounts owed between the O.N.A. proper, the Convention and the Draw. These accounts help reduce extraneous inter-account transfers.
8. These amounts represent future years' membership dues paid prior to or in the current year. At the beginning of the next year, amounts for that year will roll over into revenue accounts.
9. LM61 Albert Kasman has made several donations intended to pay for the first year's membership fees for new junior members. As new junior members enroll, this account is drawn down.
10. Members' Equity is the cumulative sum of net income and loss year after year. It is also equivalent to the sum of the organization's assets after deducting all its liabilities.

Sincerely yours,



Brent W.J. Mackie
Treasurer



FROM THE EDITOR



Robb McPherson has volunteered to act as the editor of the Ontario Numismatist.

Robb is currently co-editor of the *Casino Collectible News* magazine the official publication of the Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club. He is willing to use his experiences gained in this position to further the Ontario Numismatist. Robb is no stranger to the Ontario Numismatic Association, currently serving his second term as the President of the Association.

We would like to thank Robb for his undaunted dedication the O.N.A.

If you would like to contribute to the Ontario Numismatist or would like to see articles from your club's newsletter reprinted in the Ontario Numismatist please send the information to Robb McPherson at editor@the-ona.ca or call (519) 577-7206.

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	Price	Commission	Price	Commission	Price	Commission	Price	Commission
6	\$ 800.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 106.25	\$ 225.00	\$ 56.25	\$ 125.00	\$ 31.25
5	\$ 720.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 95.00		N/A		N/A
4	\$ 590.00	\$ 147.50	\$ 315.00	\$ 78.75		N/A		N/A
3	\$ 455.00	\$ 113.75	\$ 245.00	\$ 61.25	\$ 135.00	\$ 33.75		N/A
2	\$ 315.00	\$ 78.75	\$ 170.00	\$ 42.50		N/A		N/A
1	\$ 170.00	\$ 42.50		N/A		N/A		N/A

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This chart is based on a rate set by the O.N.A. Executive Committee for a full-page ad to appear in six consecutive issues. It is prorated for smaller sizes and fewer insertions, with some exceptions.

COMING EVENTS

**CANADIAN
COIN NEWS**

JULY 22 – 26, Halifax NS

2015 RCNA Convention. Westin Nova Scotian, 1181 Hollis St. The annual bourse and convention of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association. Events include Canada's most prestigious bourse, educational forum, specialist club meetings, annual general meeting, exhibits, Royal Canadian Mint booth, awards banquet and more. More details to follow closer to event Official auctioneer: The Canadian Numismatic Company, www.tcncoins.com. For more information contact Paul Johnson, email info@rcna.ca, telephone (647) 401-4014. Website: www.rcna.ca/2015/.

AUGUST 9, Paris ON

S.W.O.N., Paris Fairgrounds, 139 Silver Street Coin and Collectable Show. More than 55 tables and 30 dealers. Coins, paper money, military, jewellery and more. Hot and cold food and drinks available at show. Admission \$3 which includes a ticket on the gold coin draw. For more information contact Ted Bailey, email: tedscollectables@bellnet.ca, telephone: (519) 442-3474 or 1-866-747-2646.

AUGUST 30, Woodstock ON

26th Annual Woodstock Coin Show, Woodstock Community Complex, 381 Finkle Street Inside Goff Hall. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$1 (kids free). Free parking, lunch counter, hourly draws For more information contact Rick Johnson, email martjohn@execulink.com, telephone (519) 537 3858.

SEPTEMBER 13, Brampton ON

Rotary Club of Brampton Coin and Trading Card Show, Century Gardens Recreation Centre, 340 Vodden Rd. E. Buy, sell, trade and appraise at more than 40 tables of dealers, including a Children's table. Hours: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$3, under 14 free and Free Parking. Funds raised for Children's Charities. Sponsor/Affiliate: B&W Coins & Tokens and the Rotary Club of Brampton. For more information contact B&W Coins & Tokens c/o Willard Burton, email: willardb@bwcoin.com, telephone: (905) 450-2870.

SEPTEMBER 20, London ON

London 23rd Annual Coin Show, The Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Rd. (off Hwy 401) Displays and dealers for coins, medals, notes and tokens. Admission \$2.00. Hours: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. For more information contact London Numismatic Society, email: tedleitch@hotmail.ca, telephone (519) 472-9679.

SEPTEMBER 26, Guelph ON

Guelph Fall Coin Show, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 234, 57 Watson Parkway South Hours: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission \$3, under 16 free. Free level parking, fully accessible. Lunch counter, free draw for gold coin; coins, banknotes, tokens, Canadian Tire money, medals, books and supplies at more than 35 dealer tables. Featuring some of Canada's top numismatic dealers. Club-sponsored Kid's Table for under 14; buy, sell, trade or evaluate. Sponsor/Affiliate: South Wellington Coin Society. For more information, contact Mike Hollingshead. For more information contact Mike Hollingshead, email cholling@uoguelph.ca, telephone (519) 823-2646.

OCTOBER 2–3, Toronto ON

Toronto Coin Expo, Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St., 2nd Floor. October 2–3, 2015. Hours: Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Admission \$6, under 16 free. This is a great venue in Canada to buy–sell–trade. Appraisals with internationally renowned dealers in coins, banknotes, tokens, medals, militaria, gold, silver and jewelry. Partnering with Geoffrey Bell Auctions; auction Oct 1–2. For more information contact Jared Stapleton. For more information contact Jared Stapleton, email: torontocoinexpo@gmail.com, telephone (647) 403-7334. Web site: www.torontocoinexpo.ca

OCTOBER 17 – 18, Oshawa, ON

COIN-A-RAMA, Five Points Mall, 285 Taunton Rd E. at Ritson. Hours: 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Free dealer and membership draws and NEW hourly public draws + free admission and parking. Featuring paper, coins, tokens, medals trade dollars books and supplies and many more other items. Sponsor/Affiliate: Oshawa & District Coin club. For more information contact Sharon. For more information, email: papman@bell.net, telephone (905) 728-1352.

OCTOBER 18, Stratford ON

Stratford Coin Show, Festival Inn, 1144 Ontario Rd. Hours: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., admission \$2 adults, 16 and under free. Buy and sell coins, paper money, tokens. Sponsored by the Stratford Coin Club, For more information, email lswalker@cyg.net.

OCTOBER 24–25, Toronto ON

TOREX–Canada's National Coin Show, Hyatt Regency Toronto on King, 370 King St. W. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Admission \$7, under 16 free. Featuring Canada's finest dealers in Canadian, ancient, and foreign coins, paper money, coin and paper money supplies and reference books. For more information contact Brian R. Smith, email brian@torex.net, telephone (416) 705-5348. Web site: www.torex.net

NOVEMBER 7, Scarborough ON

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LATEST LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY POWERPOINT DVD TO BE DISTRIBUTED SOON



During the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Numismatic Association Len Trakalo, Audio/Visual Chairman gave an update on the status of the London Numismatic Society presentations DVD.

Len Trakalo had a few copies of the new April 2015 DVD available for distribution to delegates that were present. Moving the O.N.A. into the 21st century, Len also had copies of the presentation sets on SD-cards. (Because of the re-usable nature of the media, he ask that anyone preferring those please return the card to him at their earliest convenience.) Out-of-province O.N.A. clubs will receive a copy of the April 2015 LNS PowerPoint DVD by mail along with an index booklet.

Soon after, every O.N.A. Area Director who was not at the meeting will also receive the same items, along with an e-mail containing the PowerPoint booklet file. Local clubs can just copy both DVD discs and using the booklet file, print out a handy guide to the LNS DVD.

The media, either DVD or SD-card, now also contains 32 presentations from the North Shore club in Vancouver, 8 from Judy Blackman, 6 from Norm Belsten and 6 from the Timmins club. More programs are expected. If any club or individual have programs they are willing to share, please contact Len and he will mail a SD-card to return to him. Programs smaller than about 18 MB can usually be emailed directly.

In addition, the DVD also contains an archive of the Ontario Numismatist up to the end of 2011. This consists of well over 400 searchable PDF files for easy access to those researchers among us.

The entire collection of bulletins is always viewable on the O.N.A. website at the-ona.ca but only O.N.A. members will be able to view the files from 2007 to date.

Feedback on the LNS presentations can be sent to Ted Leitch directly or to Len Trakalo. For further information on the entire collection should be directed to Len Trakalo at ltrakalo@rogers.com.



AWARDS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Once again for 2015 I was pleased to serve as the O.N.A. Awards Chairman and participate at our annual convention in Niagara Falls. The annual Awards Banquet is when we recognized those members of the O.N.A. whose collecting passion has taken them beyond the simple accumulation of specimens for their collection and has brought them to the forefront of the organized hobby of numismatics in the Province of Ontario. To recognize such people, it is the purpose of the O.N.A. Awards Committee to accept nominations from O.N.A. members for the Award of Merit and the Fellow of the O.N.A. Award.



This year, your O.N.A. Awards Committee consisted of:

- *Mr. Chris Boyer, the 2002 recipient of the O.N.A. Award of Merit*
- *Mr. Dick Dunn, the 2006 recipient of the O.N.A. Award of Merit*
- *Mr. Len Trakalo, the 2012 recipient of the O.N.A. Award of Merit*
- *Mr. Robb McPherson, O.N.A. President*
- *and myself, William Waychison, Awards Chairman and the 2005 recipient of the O.N.A. Award of Merit*

FELLOW OF THE ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION AWARDS

2015 Fellow of the O.N.A. presented to Jeff Fournier



his activity with the Nickel Belt Coin Club and the Nipissing Coin Club that brought his interest to the attention of other collectors. With time he served as president of the Sudbury club, and also as editor of their newsletter. In recent years, following his relocation to North Bay, he has taken the lead role in revitalization of both the club and numismatics in North Bay. As president of the Nipissing Coin Club, he participated in a joint Nickel Belt Coin Club and Nipissing Coin Club *Currency Roadshow* at Dynamic North (Sudbury) on July 22, 2014.

Our first Fellow of the O.N.A. Award winner for 2015 began his numismatic interest as a youth; however, it was

This was part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the Big Nickel. He also gave a presentation on *Sudbury medals, medallions and tokens*, which was filmed and subsequently broadcasted on several occasions by Eastlink TV, a community television network. He also was the lead in arranging a joint Coin and Stamp Show in North Bay during November 2014, the first such event in decades.

His collecting focus has included municipal tokens and medallions, and he has authored several publications on *Ontario Municipal and Commemorative Medals*, *Sudbury Numismatics*, as well as numerous articles on tokens and medals in the *Canadian Numismatic Journal*, *Ontario Numismatist*, *Canadian Coin News*, and *Transactions* of the CNRS. He is a member of the O.N.A., R.C.N.A., and was named a Fellow of the CNRS. He also has served the O.N.A. as editor of the *Ontario Numismatist*.



2015 Fellow of the O.N.A. presented to Stephen Woodland



Our second Fellow of the O.N.A. Award winner for 2015 became acquainted with numismatics in the 1990s after joining his local club. He subsequently started the Caster Valley Coin Kids club at an Ottawa-area school that his daughter attended, and also became involved with the Quebec-based youth club, *Les Apprenp'tits numismates* over the same 3-year period. Since 2006, he served on the executive of the Ottawa Coin Club. In 2008, he served as General Chairman for the C.N.A. Annual Convention held in Ottawa. By 2009, he assumed the presidency of the Ottawa Coin Club when the then president deployed

with the Canadian Armed Forces. In 2011 he was elected as club president and continues to serve the Ottawa Numismatic Society in that capacity. He has regularly given club presentations, assisted with club activities, and served as assistant editor, and a translator, for the club publication *Moneta*.

On the national level he served on the R.C.N.A. board as Director, and as the Liaison Officer (2008–2011), and has chaired the R.C.N.A. Translation committee for the period 2011-14. He was requested and served to represent the interests of the R.C.N.A. and the collector community before the Senate Standing Committee on Finance during their deliberations over the elimination of the 1-cent coin. Most recently he served the R.C.N.A. as the editor of *NumisNotes* from April 2013 to November 2014.

He currently serves as O.N.A. Director for Area 9, covering Ontario East, northern portion.

It gives me much pleasure to make this announcement, Stephen Woodland, please step forward to receive your Fellow of the O.N.A. Award for 2015.

2015 Fellow of the O.N.A. presented to Judy Blackman



Judy Blackman (centre) being presented with the Fellow of the ONA Award by Scott Douglas (left) and Peter Becker at the South Wellington coin Society meeting.

Our final new Fellow of the O.N.A. Award winner for 2015 has only been involved in organized numismatics for about a decade. Since joining her home club, Waterloo Coin Society, she has rapidly expanded her circle of clubs and organizations to over 20, including life membership in the O.N.A. and R.C.N.A.; she has also accomplished an unbelievable number of tasks and achieved milestones that would overwhelm most others. These include serving as webmaster for the Waterloo Coin Society, O.N.A., and Canada Wide Woods. She also regular prepares displays and talks for her Waterloo club, has served for several years on the Waterloo executive and as club photographer, routinely provides club door prizes for any club she attends, designed the 50th Anniversary medal for Stratford

Coin Club, and volunteers and donates materials for one of her passions, the Coin Kids programs. She researches her collection, interviews personalities, and has contributed articles to various club newsletters, as well as the *Ontario Numismatist*, *The CN Journal*, *Canadian Coin News*, and *NumisNotes*.

A few years ago, while I was serving as R.C.N.A. Club Services Chair, I asked if she would help me while I was working in the Northwest Territories by serving as guest writer for my Club News column for *The CN Journal*. She accepted this assignment without hesitation for the five issues I was away. When Dan Gosling commented in the CNJ that some clubs may need assistance preparing a newsletter, she again answered the call without hesitation, contacted numerous clubs, and offered her services to over nine clubs. When the R.C.N.A. sought an editor for their new electronic newsletter, she stepped forward and served as the founding editor of *NumisNotes* from November 2010 to March 2013. When that position again became vacant, she stepped up to the plate and has continued to serve as interim editor of *NumisNotes* since January 2015.

I am very pleased to announce, Judy Blackman, as your newest Fellow of the O.N.A. Award winner for 2015.

THE BRUCE H. RASZMANN AWARD

Bruce H. Raszmann Award for Outstanding Service for 2015 present to Todd Hume



Our Raszmann Award recipient became interested in coins, in particular, five-cent silver pieces, in the early 1970s. He has since focussed on Breton and Leroux tokens and medals. His greatest contributions to numismatics, however, are reflected in his strong work ethics

the hall rental, to setting up, to security, to even helping in the kitchen. He served as the Niagara Falls Coin Club's link to the R.C.N.A., and the O.N.A., where he helped the club to be the O.N.A. Library's largest borrower. He routinely attended both the R.C.N.A. and O.N.A. conventions, and is literally known to all, as he is a leader in collecting both knowledge and collector fellowship.

He has served the O.N.A. as director for over 12 years, and is both a Fellow and recipient of the O.N.A. Award of Merit for 2011. He often used his van to move hospitality materials to the O.N.A. conventions. He helped put tables up, placed the cases and cords, arranged the wiring for electricity, and often manned the bar at the president's reception. He is generally the first person to show-up for setup, and the last to leave after tear down at an O.N.A. convention. One could say our O.N.A. conventions and bourse room would lack a great deal if it were not for people like him, with his efforts and organizational skills.

Please welcome Todd Hume, our Raszmann Award recipient of the 2015.

and his endless contributions of time and work for local clubs, in particular the O.N.A.

His work career has seen him serve 25 years with the Canadian Air Force in both Germany and New Brunswick before retiring. Thereafter he moved to the Niagara area where he worked for another 22 years with an auction house before taking his second retirement. This need to serve has also continued into his retirement, and his friends say he is the foundation on which the Niagara Falls Coin Club is based. At monthly meetings, he is always early to open the hall, run the slide show, which he ordered, and lead all of the important discussions. He has served as their Treasurer extraordinaire, guiding the club to good numbers in the black each year.

When the Niagara Falls Coin Club obtained their November Coin Show, he organized everything from



Todd Hume (left) holding the Raszmann Plaque with O.N.A. President Robb McPherson and Awards Chairman, William Waychison (right).

THE ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION AWARD OF MERIT

2015 O.N.A. Award of Merit presented to Henry Nienhuis



Our O.N.A. Award of Merit recipient for 2015 this evening graduated in 1983 from the University of Toronto with a BSc degree in Computer Science. He is a specialist in Computer

Operating Systems and Driver software.

His collecting interests since the 1970s have included error coins, British and Dutch coins, tokens and medals, in addition to his Canadian 5-cent specialty. After a pause to attend University and raise a family, he returned to organized numismatics in 2000.

He joined the R.C.N.A. in 2002 and volunteered as an associate marker for the C.N.A. correspondence course in 2005. His first C.N.A. convention was in 2006. By 2007 he spoke at the Education Symposium, and became a regular columnist and associate editor of *The CN Journal* the same year. Since 2008 he has served as Chairperson of the R.C.N.A. Education Committee, and has since managed the annual symposiums. In 2010 he was awarded Fellow of the R.C.N.A.. In 2011 he became an R.C.N.A. Director, and by 2013 became the current First Vice-President. He also served on the R.C.N.A. Jubilee Medal Committee.

In 2011 he became an O.N.A. Regional Director, and until recently served as layout Editor for the *Ontario Numismatist*, and has served as the layout editor for the convention souvenir books. He also served as chairperson for the 2012 O.N.A. Medal committee. In 2014, he served as Co-Chair of the R.C.N.A. Annual Convention in Mississauga.

He is a member of various clubs and has served as Webmaster for the O.N.A., TCC, NYCC, Mississauga and Etobicoke Coin and Stamp Club, and the Canadian Error and Varieties Numismatic Association, which he help found in 2007. He also serves as a board member of the Canadian Association for Numismatic Education (CAFNE), and the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Foundation, both non-profit charitable organizations registered with the Canada Revenue Agency.



He regularly publishes in *The CN Journal*, *Canadian Coin News*, and the *Ontario Numismatist*, and was made a fellow of the CNRS in 2009. A twice winner of the Jean Bullen Award, he has presented talks both at numismatic clubs, community shows, and for association conventions. He is the current editor of *The CN Journal* and has led the successful move to a larger format publication.

I am pleased to announce, Henry Nienhuis, recipient of the O.N.A. Award of Merit for 2015.



Henry Nienhuis (left) holding the Award of Merit Certificate with Awards Chairman, William Waychison (right).

Image by Jesse Robitaille

O.N.A. EXHIBIT AWARDS FOR 2015

BY PAUL JOHNSON, HEAD EXHIBITS JUDGE

Here are the official ONA Judging results for the 2015 ONA convention :

Category “A” 1st -	Ron Culbert	<i>“Haweater Commemoratives”</i>
2nd -	Colin Cutler	<i>“Sudbury – Nickel Capital of the World”</i>
Category “B” 1st -	Bernhard Wilde	<i>“The Evolution of the Printing Plate”</i>
	Colin Cutler	<i>“Imperial Bank of Canada \$100 1917 Contemperaneous Counterfeit”</i>
Category “C” 1st -	Victor G. Potter	<i>“Imperial Roman Antoniniani”</i>
Category “D” 1st -	Fred Boyle	<i>“1872 & 1873 South Carolina Currency”</i>
2nd -	Colin Cutler	<i>“Kwangtung Provincial Bank 1931 Issue”</i>
Category “E” 1st -	Trevor Boyle	<i>“War of 1812 Commemorative Coins”</i>
Best of Show -	Bernhard Wilde	<i>“The Evolution of the Printing Plate”</i>
People’s Choice Award -	Ron Culbert	<i>“Haweater Commemoratives”</i>
Non-Competitive -	Colin Cutler	<i>“Ford 100+ Years on the Road”</i>
	Colin Cutler	<i>“China: October 1 1914 Issue”</i>



Judges:

Dick Dunn, Norm Belsten,
Chris Boyer (not present)
Paul Johnson - *Head Judge*



Paul Johnson (right) presenting
Best-of-Show to Bernhard Wilde (left)

2015 CONVENTION SNAPSHOTS

Hospitality and Fellowship



The President's Welcome Reception included the usual cake cutting (Niagara Falls Mayor, Jim Diodati helped with the festivities) and a signing by RCM Engraver Matt Bowen !

2015 CONVENTION SNAPSHOTS

Junior Collector Activities



The R.C.N.A. Coin Kids Table was sponsored this year by Trajan Publications.



The Junior Collector Auction organized by the R.C.N.A. National Youth Co-ordinator, Lisa McPherson, is set to begin.



Auctioneer Jody Filiault had a great time conducting the auction at this years O.N.A. convention. At times the room was awash with bidder cards as particular favourites were fought over in the 50-item auction.



One item in particular (donated by the Royal Canadian Mint) drew a great deal of attention from the young numismatists present. The young bidders certainly learned the value of money (even play money) when it came time to pay the runner!



2015 CONVENTION SNAPSHOTS

Around the Convention



The 2015 convention bourse this year consisted of 32 dealers and 46 tables filled with numismatic items to appeal to a wide variety of collector types.



The Annual General Meeting was held Saturday afternoon. It was attended by members and club delegates from all over Ontario.



This year's banquet speaker was Sherman Zavitz a Niagara Region historian who captivated the audience with tales of the Falls.

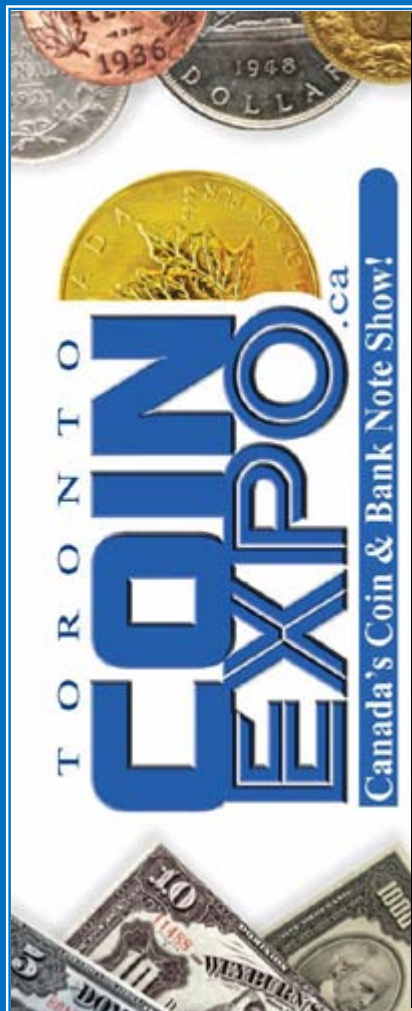


Robb McPherson is shown here thanking his wife Lisa for her many contributions to the convention.



President Robb McPherson congratulates Bret Evans our banquet MC on a successful closure to the O.N.A. convention!

Convention images courtesy of Jesse Robitaille, Robb McPherson and Henry Nienhuis



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Promo Day and Cambridge Coin Show Highlights

Both events were fun for participants and appreciated by the public and collectors alike. At the Cambridge Centre Mall on March 14, we had a good turnout of volunteers and spoke to passers-by attracted by the handful of numismatic displays. Ben, Chris, Judy, Brent, Peter, Ernie, Robb and Glenn were some of the members who stayed to help and interact with the public. In addition to offering children free stuff (foreign coins & cookies!), we also extended a personal invitation to attend the show and for new members to join our club.

Dealers began arriving very early the morning of our show with nearly everyone seated in place and ready for action by 9am. A steady stream of people poured into the Cambridge Newfoundland Club throughout the day generating positive feedback from dealers and collectors who seemed to really enjoy themselves. *Canadian Coin News*, in addition to setting up at our show, also posted a short article March 18 on their website promoting the club and charitable efforts. Once again, local advertising was centered on large mobile signs, radio, television and the internet, helping to boost overall attendance. Donations to the Cambridge Self Help Food Bank were up from last year, totaling \$300.15. Proceeds from the show will funnel another \$400.00, split evenly between the CSHFB and the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association's Coin Kids program.

One of the primary purposes of putting on a one-day show besides helping to fund club activities is the added exposure we receive and the service provided to collectors. The W.C.S. information table at the entrance was a busy area attracting four new members who were offered a \$5 discount for signing up right away. Londinium Coins owner Gary Miller sponsored three new junior members. Thanks again Gary! Two additional members used this as an opportunity to renew for 2015 further adding to our numbers. We look forward to getting to know each of them better and hopefully seeing more new faces at the spring and summer meetings.

Hosting a successful event such as this understandably is no small task and one which requires commitment and determination from each of the groups involved and not just on the day of the show. A great big thank you goes to the coin dealers, show committee and volunteer members who help to make it all happen. Equally important and not to be forgotten are the collectors whose attendance and financial support of the nearly 30 dealers ensure that they keep coming back year after year.

Be sure to circle Saturday March 19 on your 2016 calendars as we look forward to continuing a long established numismatic tradition which will be celebrating its 25th year.



Left: Ben Dettweiler offers a young collector some free foreign coins at the Mall Promo Day.

Right: Todd Sandham of Colonial Acres Coins presents Ed Hagen with the Early Bird Prize from the 2015 O.N.A. Convention

Bottom: Mike Berry chats with Jim McHugh from Victory Coins as he peruses the dealer's inventory

(Photos J.Blackman and P.Becker)

New Releases from the Royal Canadian Mint

RCM Goes Looney!

An expression often used to convey when a loved one, friend or even a complete stranger has gone bonkers may now be officially attributed to newly minted President and CEO Sandra Hanington and her very talented engravers and designers at the Ottawa branch of the Royal Canadian Mint. They have been extremely busy cranking out coins with a commercial theme. Soon to be released to fans of Warner Brothers' Looney Tunes™ cartoons is a series of 19 collector coins in gold and silver of varying weights and finishes expertly crafted by the RCM. Tossed in for good measure are licensed pocket and wrist watches featuring some of the well-known characters when you order the 14kt gold coin or 4-coin 1oz silver set. While certainly not the first time Bugs Bunny, Elmer Fudd and the gang have graced a coin or medal, this is undoubtedly by far, the most extensive offering in many decades.

Don't expect to hear "that's all folks" any time soon as the Mint has ambitious plans to surpass last year's record releases of NCLT products. Although many of us may be suffering from collector fatigue and all teasing aside, the RCM deserves credit for their aggressive marketing and bold steps forward to showcase their renowned craftsmanship.

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FIFA Women's World Cup Coinage

Further adding to the widespread appeal and growing commercialism of the RCM lineup has the Mint cashing in on the fact that Canada will be hosting the international women's tournament across six major metropolitan cities. A series of six 1/2 oz silver, three ¼ oz gold and one \$20 for \$20 are among the first marketed products to commemorate the event. Be sure to cheer on your favourite team from June 6-July 5. For more information visit j.mp/wcs624d.

Next up and sure to be featured on a whole slew of coins and collectibles are the Toronto Pan Am and Para-Pan Am games being held in 12 venues across the GTA during July and August. j.mp/wcs624e



Lightning Strikes Newest Coin Series

Another intriguing and innovative subscription set to be released in July features 'Summer Storm' followed by three as-yet unidentified \$20 pure silver coins. When viewed with the black light flashlight included with the first coin, an 'electrifying light show' activates the special technology adding to the intensity of the lightning bolts. These are exciting coins for those of us who get a thrill out of watching or chasing violent storms!

RCM Announces Panel of Judges

As a follow up news release to the Canada 150 circulation coinage design contest, the names of eight prominent Canadians were announced who have been selected to assist in the selection of the five finalist designs beginning in the third stage prior to the public voting period. Their names are listed below. Although the deadline for design submissions has now ended, Canadians will be invited to take part in the fourth and final stage, with the most votes in each of the categories determining the winners.

- **The Rt. Hon. Adrienne Clarkson, PC, CC, COM, CMM, CD:** Former Governor-General of Canada and journalist;
- **Colonel Chris Hadfield (Retired):** Astronaut and author;
- **Rick Hansen:** CEO of the Rick Hansen Foundation, Canadian Paralympian and advocate for people with disabilities famed for the Man In Motion World Tour;
- **Jan Hudec:** Alpine ski racer and Sochi 2014 Winter Games Bronze medalist;
- **Craig and Marc Kielburger:** Co-founders the *Free the Children* charity and of the *Me to We* social enterprise;
- **Wab Kinew:** Musician, broadcaster and university administrator;
- **Deepa Mehta:** Film director and screen writer; and
- **Joannie Rochette:** Figure skater and Vancouver 2010 Winter Games Bronze medalist

U.K Coinage Redesigns

The British Royal Mint announced the fifth definitive portrait of Queen Elizabeth II on March 2nd due to appear on circulating coinage later this year, followed just over two weeks later by the completely redesigned one pound coin expected to be released in 2017. Both designs shown here, share some interesting firsts. Jody Clark is the youngest of five definitive royal portrait designers and is the first Royal Mint engraver to have his work featured in over 100 years. The last Royal Mint engraver to be commissioned to undertake a royal portrait was George William de Saulles, who engraved the portrait of Edward VII which first appeared on the coinage in 1902. While Mr. Clark's rendition does share some similarities to Raphael Maklouf's design (George IV State Diadem & pearl earring), Her Majesty appears to be smiling.

The winning design for the 12-sided one pound coin features four emblems depicting the United Kingdom and created based on artwork submitted by 15 year old David Pearce. Significant costs are expected to be faced by the vending machine industry as they transition to accepting the highly secure coin with a goal to demonetize and withdraw the currently heavily-counterfeited one pound coin first issued in 1983.

In other news from across the pond, Britannia will be returning to circulation coinage later this year in the redesigned two pound coin. Her image, also shown here, was removed from definitive circulation coinage in 2008 when it last appeared on the 50p coin. Check out the Royal Mint blog and have some fun surfing the internet for related stories published on numerous websites and in coin publications. j.mp/wcs624h (*Images Royal Mint*)



Left: The new design of Britannia to be featured on the £2 coin.

Centre: Jody Clark's new effigy of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

Right: The new £1 coin in 2017 will feature this design symbolizing England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

O.N.A. Convention Brief

The 53rd annual convention of the Ontario Numismatic Association is now one for the history books. The three-day event kept organizers hopping during what turned out to be one of the first exceptionally warm (even this early in the season for Niagara Falls) weekends of 2015. Friday kicked off with a well-received, three-session educational symposium, auction preview and welcome reception. The educational symposium organized by Scott Douglas featured Vanessa Collins from the Bank of Canada, Bernhard Wilde who flew in all the way from New Mexico for the event and Scott himself. Both Bernhard and Scott's informative talks focused on Niagara Falls numismatics.

It has been a long-standing practice to open the show to the public at 10am on Saturday and Sunday however registrants and pass holders are given VIP treatment access for a few hours on Friday evening and beginning at 8am for the next two days. With all the specialty club meetings taking place, autograph signing sessions featuring Royal Canadian Mint engraver Matt Bowen, and the R.C.N.A. Coin Kids auction, many took advantage of the perk and appreciated having a little spare time to take in the sights.

This year's convention offered something for just about everyone! Notable items that will be expanded upon in the May-June issue of the *Ontario Numismatist* are the elections that took place at the AGM, recognitions at the banquet and exhibit award winners. Congratulations to W.C.S. members Judy Blackman and Jeff Fournier who joined Steve Woodland as the newest Fellows of the O.N.A. Since the first Fellow awards were handed out in 1994, at least twelve W.C.S. members have been honoured. A handful of club members also put in some volunteer time where needed including at the registration and sales desks.

For a brief glimpse at a few news articles check out the following links: j.mp/wcs624f j.mp/wcs624g

W.C.S. Medal Design Competition

Sharpen your pencils and put some of your ideas on paper as we get ready to host the 54th annual Ontario Numismatic Association convention April 8-10, 2016. One of the first tasks we need to do is to come up with a suitable design for the reverse of the convention medal. Ben Dettweiler and Robb McPherson have updated the guidelines used in 2013 which will be sent out to members via email. Additional copies will be available at upcoming meetings.

Here is a quick summary of some of the important points to help everyone get started:

- Contest is open to all members in good standing of the Waterloo Coin Society or O.N.A.
- Deadline for submissions is our August 11 meeting
- Included with the artwork must be a short write-up describing the design
- Submissions may be made electronically, in person or by mail to the O.N.A.
- Judging will be done by the 2016 convention committee and the winner notified by September 1
- Successful designs may celebrate W.C.S or be related to Waterloo Region; however designs repeating the subjects of past convention medals are ineligible. (i.e.: Mutual Group head office, Mennonite family in buggy, etc.)
- Artistic competence is not being judged, rather the potential as a struck medal and subject of the design itself
- Members may submit more than one design if desired, however each must be as a separate entry
- The winner will receive a trial strike lead splash, of which only two are made



WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY MEDAL DESIGN COMPETITION RULES 2016 O.N.A. CONVENTION

1. Participation is open to all members in good standing of the Waterloo Coin Society or Ontario Numismatic Association.
2. Entries must be received by the convention committee no later than the August 11th WCS meeting.
3. All decisions of the 2016 Ontario Numismatic Association convention committee are final.
4. Each entry must represent only one design. There is no limit to the number of entries that can be submitted by the same person. Designs submitted by Waterloo members in previous year's O.N.A. design competition may be updated and submitted again this year.
5. 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.
6. Entries shall include artwork, of 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. 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.
7. The winning designer will be notified by September 1st, 2015. The winner will receive a lead splash of the medal... the only other such medal being in the O.N.A. Archives.
8. By submitting a design for consideration, the designer grants the O.N.A. 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 O.N.A.
9. Submissions made by persons under the age of majority (18) must be accompanied by a parent or guardian's signed consent.

Design Guidelines - A successful design will....

1. Celebrate the W.C.S. or something relating to Waterloo Region.
2. Contain main design element(s), which appear 3-dimensional in nature; with reasonably *high* but NOT *ultra-high* relief features.
3. The lettering above will be “54th Annual O.N.A. Convention” and below “Host: Waterloo Coin Society”
4. Include within the design the dates and location of the convention, “April 8-10, 2016 - Kitchener, Ontario”
5. The following designs have been used for past W.C.S. hosted shows, and should not be repeated.
 - 1962 WCS crest and ONA Crest
 - 1967 Coat of Arms of the City of Waterloo
 - 1968 Coat of Arms of the City of Kitchener
 - 1973 Regional government crest showing maple leaf and stylized W
 - 1990 Mutual Group Head Office
 - 1999 Mennonite family in buggy (RCNA)
 - 2009 Updated 1973 design with 50th anniversary dating
 - 2013 Via Rail Train Station

See the images of these Medals below.

Final Medal Specifications

- The final medal will be 38mm in diameter, the silver weighing approximately one-ounce and struck with a proof-like finish.
- The design elements will have a 3-Dimensional cameo (frosted) appearance against mirror-like fields.
- The metal composition for the souvenir medals the number of which is yet to be determined is likely to be any of Silver, Cartridge Brass and Copper or Commercial Bronze.
- The OBVERSE will feature the ONA arms design used since 1962.



Bank Notes of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce

- A précis of the slide presentation by Ted Leitch

The Canadian Bank of Commerce was formed in 1867 and merged with the Imperial Bank of Canada in 1961.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce was founded by William McMaster, born in Ireland and immigrated to Canada in 1833; he eventually came to be owner of the largest dry goods company in Upper Canada, located in Toronto.

In the 1860's McMaster became director of the Ontario Bank as well as other companies. In 1864 McMaster became the director of the Bank of Montreal. With the failure of the Bank of Upper Canada and the Commercial Bank of Canada, the Bank of Montreal became the "Government's Bank". McMaster felt policies of the Bank of Montreal failed to meet the needs of Toronto businessmen and that there should be a bank in the west.

McMaster withdrew as Director of the BMO and in 1866 purchased an unused 1858 charter from the Bank of Canada and received an amendment to establish the Canadian Bank of Commerce. On May 15th, 1867 the bank opened for business in Toronto on Yonge Street with an authorized capital of \$1,000,000.

At the first Shareholders meeting William McMaster was elected President. His signature appears on the front of each bank note printed by the British American Bank Note Company. His plan was to forego profits and increase the Bank's branches to compete with the Bank of Montreal.

Branches opened quickly and after the take over of the Gore Bank of Canada there were 15 branches by the end of 1870. Bank notes were overprinted with the branch location to prevent a run on the bank. This note dated May 1867, two month before confederation, is the only one-dollar demonization issued by the Bank of Commerce. Note "Province of Canada" bottom centre of the note. The Canada Bank Act of 1870 prevented Charter Banks from issuing denominations of less than four dollars.



In 1870 the Bank increased its capital from two million to four million dollars. The increase in capital is indicated in the bottom centre of the note below. The four-dollar note was introduced in 1870 after the Bank Act changed.



The Bank Act again changed in 1880, prohibiting banks from issuing notes of less than five-dollars, making this four-dollar the only four-dollar demonization note issued by the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

In 1874 the authorized capital of the Canadian Bank of Commerce matched that of the Bank of Montreal and the Merchant Bank of Canada. Not all directors agreed with McMaster's plan for growth at the expense of profit. By 1872 there were nineteen branches in Ontario, plus one in Montreal and one in New York. The ten and the fifty-dollar notes are engraved with either four million or six million dollars of capital, which indicated they were printed after 1871. These notes are only known to exist in institutional collections.

A good number of the original five-dollar denomination notes were known to be counterfeited, so a new series was issued in 1879 with the central portrait of McMaster. The first issue featured



McMaster in a rectangular frame and in 1881 was changed to an oval frame. In 1886 McMaster stepped down as president due to poor health, McMaster died in September of 1887.

By 1887 the Canadian Bank of Commerce surpassed the Merchant Bank to become Canada's second largest bank.

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A new series of notes were issued in 1888 with the signature of the new President Henry W. Darling and the 1892 and the 1906 notes have the signature of George A. Cox, who became president in 1890. Beginning in 1906 the serial numbers were changed from red to blue.

In 1907 Sir B. Edmund Walker became president, the bank seal on the new notes showed the increase in capital from six million to ten million dollars.

The Bank Act of 1890 required that one of the signatures on the bank note had to be signed by hand. As the chartered backs increased there notes in circulation this job of signing notes became burdensome. The bank act of 1913 was revised to allow both signatures to be signed by machine. This note dated 1912 was printed after 1913 and also indicated paid up capital of \$15,000,000.



Walker, who began his career with the Canadian Bank of Commerce in 1868 as a clerk in the Hamilton branch, bears his signature on the fifty-dollar note. There are only fifty-dollar notes dated 1906, 1907 and 1912 and the hundred dollar note is only known to be dated 1912. Both notes feature the Head office building in Toronto on the back.

With the discovery of gold in the Yukon, the Minister of the Interior asked the bank to open a branch Dawson City to act as agent for the government in receiving royalties on gold mining activities. In June of 1898 the bank opened a branch using a building used to store dried fish. Employees slept above the branch.

Gold was purchased at \$14 per ounce until assayed, upon which an outright payment of \$16 or \$17 was made. One of the bank's major concerns was the possibility of theft of the shipments of bank notes on route to the Yukon. The Bank's regularly issued notes were overprinted with "YUKON" so notes could be cancelled if stolen.



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During the first season in Dawson City the bank shipped \$2,300,000 worth of gold. Most bank notes were exchanged directly for gold. The cost of food for employees was a major expense for the bank. Due to the distance and lack of communication with head office in Toronto the Dawson Creek branch manager and staff were depended upon to make the right decisions.

New Bank notes were designed without portraits, buildings or unrelated vignettes at the request of Walker. The American Bank Note Company had developed new printing techniques to allow for multiple colours that increase security of the notes. New notes were issued in 1917.



Sir Edward Walker died in March of 1924 and Sir John Aird, who was general-manager, became president. Bank notes signed by both Walker and Aird continued to be issued until April of 1925.

One of the assistant general-managers, Charles W. Rowley's signature only appears on the ten-dollar note for a short time between 1925 and 1926 and below his signature was added the word “for” in front of the title general-manager.

The 1917 fifty-dollar note went into circulation in August of 1922 and has three signature combinations. This note also retained the red serial number with the signatures of Aird and Logan



The 1917 issue was the last for the fifty and hundred dollar denominations.

The introduction of smaller size bank notes by the new Bank of Canada prompted the Canadian Bank of Commerce to do the same in 1935. Three denominations, 5, 10 and 20 dollars notes were all similar to the 1917 issued designs. There are nine varieties of these notes. The rarest of these is the five-dollar signed by Stanley M Wedd.

Images: <http://canadacurrency.com>

Century of Border Peace!



This 1838–1938 A Century of Border Peace between Canada and the United States wood commemorates 100 years of peace. There is an engraving of both an Eagle and Beaver on each side of the Prescott Lighthouse at Windmill Point, Ontario, Canada, the site of the last U.S.-Cda. Battle. This was created by the St. Lawrence International Peace Centennial (now International Boundary Commission) and valued at 5 cents. There are 8 woods listed for Prescott for 1938 with the first one being “no letter” and the rest have one letter on them but each a different letter. The “no letter” issue was for 5,000 B/B 38mm round. There is nothing to indicate that any of these 8 are for the Centennial other than the fact it was issued in 1938.



In February 1838 border raids began, Lake Champlain, Hickory, Fighting and Pelee Islands. By November came the Uprising in Lower Canada, and the Battle of the Windmill at Prescott, Upper Canada. The Battle of the Windmill was a battle fought November 12-16 in the aftermath of the Upper Canada Rebellion. Loyalist forces of the Upper Canadian government and American troops, aided by the Royal Navy and U.S. Navy, defeated an invasion attempt by Hunter Patriot insurgents based in the United States.



Early in the morning of November 12, a force of about 250 men attempted to land in Prescott. However, the British had infiltrated the Hunter organization, and had advance warning of the attack. With the element of surprise gone, and with the town militia ready to repel a landing, the Hunter forces were forced to abandon the landing. Both vessels ran aground on a mud flat where the Oswegatchie River flows into the St. Lawrence off Ogdensburg.



Later in the morning, the Hunter navy succeeded in freeing the stranded vessels, which ran downriver to Windmill Point, a promontory located approximately two miles east of Prescott. Here, most of the Hunter forces landed to occupy the hamlet of Newport and its most prominent feature, a large, stone windmill building which enjoyed a panoramic view of the St. Lawrence River as far west as Brockville and eastwards over the Gallop Rapids. The black and white sketch is a view of the Battle of Windmill Point, below Prescott in Upper Canada (from the Ogdensburg side of the St. Lawrence. This image is available from the Library and Archives Canada and is public domain as the copyright expired.

The windmill was built of thick stone and stood 60 feet (18 metres) high on top of a 30 foot (9.1 metres) bluff. Although the structure had not been intended to play a role in the invasion, it was an ideal field fortification. Its height would prevent the British forces from approaching unobserved, and its thick stone walls were impervious to small arms and to small field and naval artillery. Early on the morning of November 13, the 83rd British Regiment (which included 600 Canadians) invested the Hunter position around Newport. Their attack failed, 13 died, 70 were wounded. The next several days were a standoff.

With the arrival of heavy artillery from Kingston, as well as sizeable detachments of British, Canadian and U.S. forces, the final attack began with an artillery bombardment of the windmill on November 16, with the Hunters deciding to an unconditional surrender. Almost all of the Hunters were captured and transported to Kingston for trial – 11 were executed, 60 sentenced to transportation to Australia, 40 acquitted, and 86 were later pardoned and released. The site of the battle was designated a National Historic Site of Canada in 1920.

Fort Wellington was built during the War of 1812 to defend the St. Lawrence River shipping route between Montreal and Kingston from possible attack by the United States. It was called into service again in 1838 when invasion from the United States was once more imminent. The fort continued to be used for military purposes, with occasional periods of abandonment, until it was transferred to the Department of the Interior in 1923 to be opened to the public as an historic site.

The War of 1812 played a big role in the Canada that we know and love today. To commemorate the Bicentennial of the War of 1812, there were many events across the province that will help bring this historic milestone to life. There was a marquee event here in Prescott that will coincide with the grand opening of the new Visitor Centre at Fort Wellington National Historic Site.



A redbrick building, constructed along the waterfront in Prescott in 1900 by the Imperial Starch Company, served as a Dominion Lighthouse Depot from 1903 to 1985. During World War II, war materials were manufactured in the building. The Canadian Coast Guard occupied the building in 1962 but moved into a new facility in 1985, and the old lighthouse depot was demolished in 1986.

An oversized lantern room that was mounted atop the lighthouse depot and used to train lighthouse keepers was retained and placed atop a tower built by the local Rotary Club at the harbour in 1989. The base of the modern tower (green and white) is home to an ice cream shop during the summer, and visitors are allowed to climb the tower and admire a Fresnel Lens.



Since 2003, the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival has been presenting plays in an outdoor amphitheater near the harbour in July and August.



This modern octagonal tower, which is painted white and topped by a green lantern room, marks the entrance to Prescott's Sandra S. Lawn Harbour and Marina, which was built in the late 1908s. Called the Prescott Heritage Harbour Light on the Coast Guard's official List of Lights, Buoys and Fog Signals, the lighthouse display a green light that is on for two seconds and then off for two seconds. The tower stands 6.8 metres tall and can be seen for up to six miles.

1814–2014 Battle of Rock Harbor Wooden Nickel Orleans Historical Society

Near the end of the War of 1812, in December, 1814, sailors from the British frigate HMS Newcastle attacked Rock Harbor in Orleans, MA. The local volunteer militia, most armed with pitchforks, repelled them. One British sailor was killed and another mortally wounded. No Americans were injured. To commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the event, the Town of Orleans held a 3-day re-enactment. A limited number of wooden nickels was produced to raise funds for the Orleans Historical Society. They are 1-1/2" diameter. On the front is the logo for the event—the American and British flags with a banner reading "War of 1812, Orleans, MA" surrounded by the words "200th Anniversary Battle of Rock Harbor." On the reverse is a symbol of the museum, That Quail Robert, from a book by a local author, Margaret Stanger, surrounded by the words Orleans Historical Society Museum, Orleans, MA." These woods will not be printed again, and are sold in new, uncirculated condition, and presently (April 2015) there are only 15 remaining selling for \$5 U.S. (i.e. fund-raiser).



KRAUSE AWARDS: BEHIND THE SCENES

from the Royal Canadian Mint's *Inside Minting on the Internet*

Every year since 1984, Krause Publications has convened an international panel of judges to declare one coin among thousands "Coin of the Year." Krause Program Director David Harper sat down with the Royal Canadian Mint's *Inside Minting* to shed some light on the origins and inner workings of minting's most prestigious award program.

Krause Publications got its start in 1952 with the launch of the first issue of *Numismatic News*. Since then, the company has grown into the go-to authority for collectors of everything from comic books to cars. Yet, coins remain at the heart of Krause's business—and mints around the world eagerly compete for top honours in its annual Coin of the Year awards, which are officially sponsored by Krause Publications' *World Coin News*.

Inside Minting: How did the Krause Coin of the Year awards begin?

David Harper: The story goes back to the early 1980s. At the time, numismatics was suffering from a bullion 'hangover'—prices and demand had fallen off. We tried to think of something that would get mints interested in putting out new issues again and get collectors re-engaged with the market. So we created the Coin of the Year award.

Inside Minting: What was the first coin to win?

David Harper: That went to the U.S. Mint for its 50-cent piece celebrating the 250th anniversary of George Washington's birth. In addition to Coin of the Year, we had six other categories back then in 1984: Best Gold, Best Silver, Most Historically Significant, Best Crown, Most Artistic and Most Popular.

Inside Minting: You've added a few categories since then.

David Harper: We're up to 10 now. We have Best Contemporary Event for commemorations of historical events that are less than 100 years old. We also have the Most Inspirational, Best Bi-Metallic and Most Innovative Coin categories. That last one was largely inspired by the increasing dedication to innovation among mints around the world. We also added a Best Circulation Coin category to celebrate the great work being done on everyday coins around the world.

Inside Minting: Do you expect to add any new categories in the near future?

David Harper: Not immediately. While we want to represent the breadth of what's going on in the industry, at the same time we want a limited number of categories to keep the competition focused.

Inside Minting: Can you take us through the nomination process? How does a coin become a contender for a Krause award?

David Harper: It's a long process because we consider every single new issue we receive over the course of the year. Our database of new coins in 2013 was 90 pages, just to give a sense of the volume we're talking about. Mints also nominate their own coins, but



Coin of the Year Awards

they are sometimes their own worst enemies: they don't always nominate their coins in the categories where they'll shine brightest. So we move things around a fair bit. The big day comes in early October when we have a seven or eight person nomination panel gather in our base town of Lola, Wisconsin, to winnow down the selections to 10 coins per category. We don't leave that room until we're done!

Inside Minting: And then that subset goes out to the judges?

David Harper: That's right. There are 60 people on our international judging panel: mint officials, central bank representatives, treasury representatives, museum officials, medalists, heads of numismatic organizations, journalists, individual experts and Krause staff members. I think it's the calibre of that panel—and the fact that we have published the names of our judges from day one—that has helped lend this competition credibility and prestige. Anyone looking at that list of people knows these are real-deal experts and industry leaders. Every judge gets a ballot and votes on each category, selecting their first-, second- and third-place choices. This is all done electronically and the scores are tabulated. Once we've declared the category winners, a second ballot goes out for Coin of the Year. That voting closes in early December.

Inside Minting: Given you've been doing this for three decades, do you see trends emerge over time?

David Harper: Absolutely. To start with, the number of collector coins has grown enormously. Canada was 10 years ahead of everybody else in that regard. A lot of world mints have jumped into the market since then. We'd be happy to think our awards might have had something to do with that, inspiring the industry to explore that opportunity. Also, coin packaging has evolved. Collectors have come to value the documentation and packaging that come with their purchases. We've also seen new coin technologies emerge from mints including: colour, holograms, coins that react to body heat or give off aromas, and advanced security features.

Inside Minting: Since 2008, the official award ceremony has been held at the Berlin World Money Fair. Why did you choose that venue?

David Harper: When we created the award, we asked mints where they wanted to receive them. So year one was in the Cash Room of the U.S. Treasury—a gorgeous, prestigious site. When Canada won in 1986 for the \$100 Cartier gold piece, we held the ceremony in Ottawa, Canada. Moving around every year was costly, however. We standardized for a while on the annual meeting of the American Numismatic Association, but the World Money Fair has a few key advantages, particularly in that its timing is perfect, early in the year. It's also a hub for the entire minting business: mints, packagers, manufacturers, bank officials. It's the ideal environment.



David Harper at the World Money Fair where the 2014 Coin of the Year winners were announced