

2017 ONA EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM UPDATE



Moderator – **Scott E Douglas**, FONA, FCNRS, FRCNA, GKStE, shares:

Today's collector has a thirst for knowledge and a need to know more about what they have in their collections and what may be available to add to their growing interests. The best way to strengthen this desire is to interact with current numismatists and learn about the different aspects of our hobby. The Ontario Numismatic Association is proud to present three of Ontario's premier numismatists participating in the Educational Symposium on Friday, April 21st at our 2017 convention in Kitchener. It is my hope that everyone will attend what is sure to be an informative look at our world of numismatics. Always remember "Knowledge Is Power".

1:00 p.m. **Mike Hollingshead**— Topic - *The Dual Monetary System of Cuba: Pesos Nacional and Convertible Pesos*

Mike Hollingshead has been involved in coins since the age of 13 when he worked in his "Uncle Mike" Woronka's store, the Guelph Coin Exchange. His Uncle's motto was, "Square deals on round money". Mike's father became a collector at the same time and served as President of the Ontario Numismatic Association in the 1980's. His father encouraged Mike to give back to the hobby by working on the executives of local clubs. Mike served on the executive of the Ontario Numismatic Association from 1985-2003 with four years as President. In 1995 Mike received the ONA's Award of Merit. In 1990 Mike helped found the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club and initially served as the COO and CEO. Mike wrote and edited the newsletter for a time before other club members took it to the next level. Mike is our a founding member of the South Wellington Coin Society.



2:00 p.m. **Steve Bell**— Topic - *How To Grade Paper Money*

Steven Bell grew up in the Kitchener-Waterloo area. He was a coin and paper money collector as a kid and got a part-time job at Colonial Acres Coins at age 14. Throughout university he learned and honed in his skills as a part-time numismatist while studying economics at the University of Waterloo. Upon finishing his degree he set out to pursue his career as a numismatist by starting Banknote Certification Service in 2008. Since then he has cultivated his reputation as one of the most technical and conservative graders in the industry, applying stricter Canadian standards to the world of certified paper money.

3:00 p.m. **Ron Cheek** FCNRS: Topic - *The 1860 Visit to North America by the Prince of Wales, and its numismatic legacy*

Ron Cheek describes himself as "a retired consulting civil engineer who spent a career in the water and wastewater treatment area of municipal engineering" and "a freelance technical, business, and numismatic writer, and an editor / proof reader, who has published more than 80 articles on numismatic topics for various Canadian and U.S. publications." Ron is a Fellow of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society, and has received numerous awards which include: RCNA The Guy Potter Literary Award (2013, 2014), RCNA Jerome Remick III Literary Award (2007, 2010, 2013), NLG Award U.S. Magazines (2013) and NLG Award World Coin Magazines (2011). Ron is a graduate of Queen's University and Sir George Williams University, Permanent Secretary of Queen's Class of Science 1967, and served as Queen's Engineering Society Secretary for a couple years too.



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