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## PRESIDENT'S / CONVENTION MESSAGE

I hope everyone is things to do on the regarding this case and enjoying the early schedule for your all parties involved have summer weather this learning and enjoyment. It has been non-stop busy since the end of ONA convention.

The Brantford club held it's annual show this past week and despite the nice weather there was still a good steady turnout of people.

Preparations are now under way for the RCNA convention in Ottawa in a month from this writing. This will be another blockbuster show in the Nations capital. The Ottawa Numismatic Society convention team has put an abundance of

things to do on the regarding this case and enjoying the early schedule for your all parties involved have summer weather this learning and enjoyment. The ONA executive meeting held at the Brantford show was cancelled due to my work schedule so the ONA will be able to hold our next meeting at the Ottawa RCNA convention.

Many of you have read the Cdn Coin News article regarding an issue with one of our members. At the time of this writing I am not able to comment further. The RCNA executive held a special meeting

Hope to see many of you in Ottawa.

Numismatically yours,

*Robb McPherson*



## CANADA 150 MEDAL

As your Editor is a Royal Canadian Legion member, she acquired the 1967-2017 Canada 150 medal in June 2016. The information with the medal reads, "The Royal Canadian Legion has struck this limited edition medal to commemorate our nation's 150th Anniversary. The freedom we enjoy continues to be provided through the sacrifices of those who have fallen in service to Canada. Available to all Legion and Ladies Auxiliary members and branches commencing June 18th, 2016. Authorized for wear on all Legion and Ladies Auxiliary uniforms commencing January 1, 2017. Metal components are polished gold plated with hard enamel accents. 10 inch lengths of additional ribbon are available for court mounting. Supplied in custom made boxes suitable for presentation."



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**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES**

	Regular	Digital
<b>Regular Membership</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Spouse (add-on to Regular)</b>		<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Junior (under 18)</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Club Membership (aft. Nov. 1st)</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>	
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†LM is applicable after one year of regular membership.

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# 2017

## ONA 55th Convention

Friday, April 21 to  
Sunday, April 23

**Hotel Information****Holiday Inn & Conference Centre**

30 Fairway Rd. South,  
Kitchener, On. N2A 2N2

Phone: 1-519-893-1211—

Request ONA 2017 Convention Daily Rate

Tower Rooms \$125 (before taxes)

Standard Rooms \$116 (before taxes)

Room Rates does not include breakfast.

If you encounter any issues in reserving your room at these rates, contact Robb McPherson right away (519-577-7206, robb4640@sympatico.ca), and he'll get it straightened out for you.

## OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR CLUB TO EARN MONEY!

**2018 and 2019 ONA Conventions:**

The O.N.A. is active in looking for a host club for the 2018 (56th) and 2019 (57th) Annual conventions.

If your club is looking for some additional revenue and would like to participate in hosting a future convention please contact me Robb McPherson for more information.

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## CALL FOR ONA EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Nominations are invited for the term of Office running April 2017 to April 2019 for the Officer positions of Ontario Numismatic Association as follows:

- ◆ President
- ◆ First Vice-President
- ◆ Second Vice-President



Nominations MUST reach the nomination committee by no later than December 1st, 2016, allowing not less than a 6 month period prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Saturday, April 22nd, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Centre in Kitchener (Ontario, Canada).

- ◆ Prior to submitting your nomination, you must have confirmation from the person you are nominating of his / her willingness to stand for the Office.
- ◆ You may nominate yourself if you wish to run for a position and do not have a sponsor to nominate you.
- ◆ You are encouraged to become more involved in the formalized aspects of the numismatic hobby. New faces can offer fresh out-of-the-box thinking and it provides you a growth opportunity.

The names of the nominees agreeing to stand for election / re-election will be published in the January-February 2017 issue of The Numismatist. Campaigning will take place up to the day before the Annual meeting, and candidates may purchase ad space in The Numismatist(s) issues distributed prior to April 22nd, 2017.

The election will take place at the AGM, where you can vote in person, or you can send your signed election ballot to a member of the Nomination Committee ensuring it reaches them by no later than April 10th, 2017. A ballot form will appear in the January-February 2017 issue of The Numismatist.

Note: An incumbent willing to stand for re-election, is not automatically re-elected if there is another person running for the same office. If there is no contender, then the person will be acclaimed elected at the AGM unless valid reason can be shown to oppose. If there is nobody nominated for a particular office (who is willing to stand for election), then the incoming President shall appoint a person, as happens with the appointed roles of Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Chair.

Candidates nominated and willing to stand, MUST be present at the AGM to be elected. Nominations can be sent to [ltrakalo@rogers.com](mailto:ltrakalo@rogers.com) or mailed to Mr. Len Trakalo, 11 Joysey St., Brantford, On. N3R 2R7.

Len Trakalo, Chairman, Nominations Committee

### Nomination Form for ONA Officers for the Term April 2017-April 2019

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) for the Office of  
President / 1st VP / 2nd VP (circle the applicable office).



I confirm the nominee has agreed to stand for this Office.

The contact information is below (please print):

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

(Candidate Standing for Election):

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Area Code & Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Area Code & Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's ONA Membership No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Submit this form to Len Trakalo by no later than December 1st, 2016: E-mail [ltrakalo@rogers.com](mailto:ltrakalo@rogers.com) or  
postal mail to Mr. Len Trakalo, 11 Joysey Street, Brantford, Ontario N3R 2R7, Canada.

## What Does Gold Mean To You?

Most times when I buy a gold coin, it's because it's a limited edition that I need to complete a set or it's a good investment in that I know I can flip it in a short period of time for a profit. However, sometimes the coin or medal just speaks to me. This happened this spring during an Canadian dealer's auction. There was just something so overwhelming every time I looked at the reverse, that I knew I had to have it! I likely overpaid for it, given that originally the coin was issued for 500 euros (about 730 Canadian dollars)!! Current trends show 675-700 euros (985-1,022). I justified it to myself, because the coin only has a worldwide mintage of only 1,200.

You may say it's foolish to let your emotions dictate a numismatic purchase, but sometimes, the artistry is more important to me then the numismatic value. Just look at the detail the designer Georgios Stamatopoulos gave this coin! You may recognize the designer's name as Greek euro coins feature a unique design for each of the eight coins all designed by Stamatopoulos (a professional designer at the central Bank of Greece) with the minor coins depicting Greek ships, the middle ones portraying famous Greeks and the two large denominations showing images of Greek history and mythology. This picture which is courtesy of the European Commission, shows Georgios (George) Stamatopoulos is on the right and Valis Dombrovskis (in charge of euro and social dialogue at the EC) on the left, and both together are holding a giant false 2 euro coin ornamented with the new drawing (as Stamatopoulos won the coin design competition for the 30th anniversary of the European flag as the EU emblem).



Corpus, a collection of works left by Hippocrates and his students, deals with practically all branches of medicine and systematically records clinical symptoms and treatments, always in line with the principle "to do good or (at least) to do no harm." The Hippocratic Oath remains the guide to medical ethics and practice to this day. Now two other coins my bid was insufficient on, were these Stamatopoulos designed 200 euros gold Greek coins: left is the 2014 euros commemorating Aristotle, and right is the 2003 recognizing the 75th Anniversary of the Bank of Greece.



## 2017 ONA Convention Medal Design Contest

### Medal Design Competition Rules

Participation is open to all members in good standing of the Ontario Numismatic Association. Entries must be received by the convention committee no later than the August 31, 2016. All decisions of the convention committee are final. Mail to the ONA Post Office Box or e-mail the ONA President.

- ◆ 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 ONA members in previous year's ONA design competition may be updated and submitted again this year.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Entries shall include artwork, of approximately six-inches in diameter, in at least one of the following formats-
  - ◆ Line drawing, freehand or otherwise, clearly depicting the design elements
  - ◆ "Paste-up" image including proposed image and legend

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.

- ◆ The winning designer will be notified by September 15, 2016. The winner will receive a lead splash of the medal — the only other such medal being in the ONA Archives.
- ◆ By submitting a design for consideration, the designer grants the ONA exclusive rights to the design; and agrees that the design and any derivative works, can be used for, but not limited to, the medal and any promotional materials produced by or on behalf of the ONA.
- ◆ Submissions made by persons under the Age of Majority must be accompanied by a parent or guardian's signed consent.

### Design Guidelines, A successful design will -

- ◆ Celebrate something relating to Waterloo Region.
- ◆ Contain main design element(s), which appear 3-dimensional in nature; with reasonably **high** but NOT **ultra-high** relief features.
- ◆ The lettering above will be "55<sup>th</sup> Annual O.N.A. Convention" and below "Host Ontario Numismatic Association"
- ◆ Include within the design the dates and location of the convention, "April 21-23, 2017 – Kitchener, Ontario"
  - ◆ The following designs have been used for past WCS 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; 2015 Kitchener Clock Tower.

### 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 3-Dimensional design elements will have a cameo (frosted) appearance against mirror-like fields.
- ◆ The metal composition for the medals is yet to be chosen but is likely to be any of Silver, Cartridge Brass and Copper or Commercial Bronze.
- ◆ The OBVERSE will feature the ONA arms design used since 1962.



## National Story-telling Symbol

A local dealer had an enormous sale this spring to celebrate 25 years serving the numismatic community. In that sale, was this Royal Canadian Mint 2009 triangular 50-cent Six String Nation Guitar coin with a selective hologram. This coin with a mintage of 30,000 was obvious popular by how fast it sold out! Specifications: composition 75% copper / 25% nickel, weight 19.1 gm, diameter 34.05 mm, edge interrupted serration, artist RCM engravers (reverse), and Susanna Blunt (obverse). The coin's hologram features six vibrating strings.

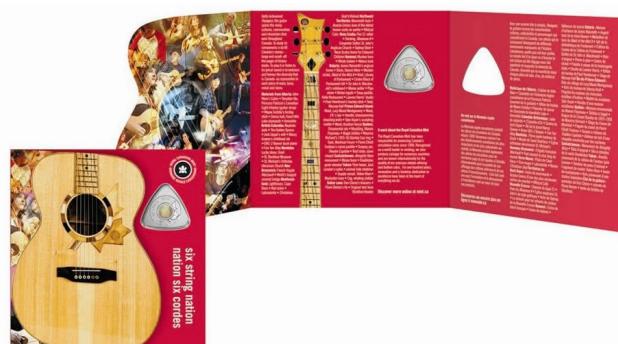
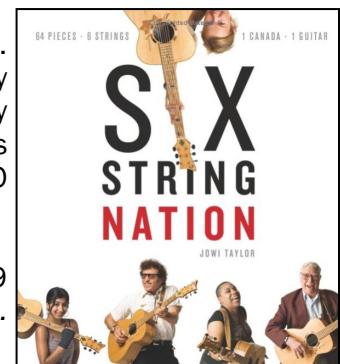
The Six String Nation Guitar is the brainchild of Canadian broadcaster Jowi Taylor and his vision to create a national story-telling symbol. As an acoustic masterpiece, this instrument of unity evolved to contained 64 pieces of Canadiana treasures including a piece of Bluenose II's deck, gold from Maurice Richard's Stanley Cup ring and some of the oldest rock on the planet from Great Bear Lake in the Northwest Territories.

On July 1, 2006, the guitar made its grand debut on Parliament Hill and since then, it has been played by several of Canada's top musicians. Go to this YouTube link for Taylor's explanation of the guitar and its case: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qqyiZNvXV3o>.

Jowi Taylor (born June 15, 1962) is a Toronto-based radio personality, public speaker and originator of the guitar which also known by its nickname *Voyageur*. As a radio broadcaster, producer, writer and host, Taylor is known for his work on CBC Radio's weekly music and news programme, *Global Village*, which ran from 1997 to 2007. He also hosted and co-produced the eight-part series *The Wire: The Impact of Electricity on Music*, and its follow-up six-part series *The Nerve: Music and Human Experience* with Chris Brookes and Paolo Pietropaolo. For his work in radio, he has received the Prix Italia, a Gabriel Award, a New York Festival Award, and a Peabody Award.

Conceived in 1995, the Six String Nation guitar took eleven years to come to completion. It debuted before a crowd of 80,000 people on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Canada Day 2006. Since then, the guitar has travelled well over 200,000 km across the country appearing at festivals, conferences, concerts and schools. It's been played by hundreds of musicians and been held by thousands of Canadians in a series of some 50,000 portraits taken by the project's official photographer, Doug Nicholson.

The story of the guitar and a selection of those portraits was the subject of Taylor's 2009 book for publisher Douglas & McIntyre, *Six String Nation: 64 pieces. 6 Strings. 1 Canada. 1 Guitar* available on Amazon.



## A Lucky Piece

The Regimental Rogue The Minute Book (July 2, 2014) shares this image of Wolseley Barracks from an undated site plan which shows the buildings of Wolseley Barracks, then known officially as Canadian Forces Base London, some time before the move of the First Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, from London to Petawawa in 1992. Some of the buildings have had their titles and uses change over time and The Regimental Rogue welcomes any additional information you may have. Wolseley is now home to The Royal Canadian Regiment Museum (London, Ontario), which includes this Regimental Lucky piece with its original packaging.



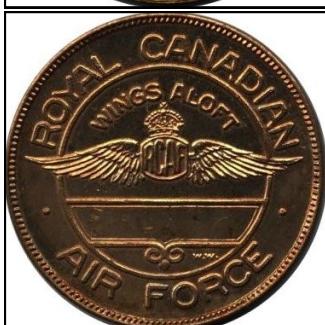
The Minute Book explains: Today we find regimental coins quite common, whether they are issued by units or regiments to all members to commemorate significant anniversaries, minted for sale to members, or minted in small numbers to be handed out by commanding officers and regimental sergeants-major in recognition of good work. These types of coins have become sufficiently common that collecting them is a growing area of interest for some people. But as common as they might be now, regimental coins are a relatively new phenomenon for the Canadian Army, growing in popularity to such a widespread context and usage over the past few decades.

Canadian regimental coins do, however, have one early forerunner from the Second World War. On small company in Toronto, now defunct, minted a series of coins called the Regimental Lucky Piece (also nicknamed the Cairn-Craft Coins). Now the Sunday, June 29, 2014, the Regimental Rogue The Minute Book, says: Twenty-five cents got the purchaser, whether a member of the subject unit or a relative or admirer, a 1-1/4 inch (31.5 mm) coin with badge and unit name on one side and generic good luck symbology on the reverse. Coins can be found for the Royal Canadian Air Force, the 48th Highlanders of Canada, The Toronto Scottish, and the Irish Regiment of Canada. While the coins may be hard to find, it is even more rare to find one still in its original packaging.

The museum confirms that the dearth of information on these coins and their manufacturer was detailed in an article in The CN Journal, published by The Royal Canadian Numismatic Association. The June, 2013, article; World War II Canadian "Regimental Lucky Pocket Piece" by Chris Boyer, F.R.C.N.A. concludes with a request for any further information on these coins or their manufacturer (CAIRN-CRAFT CREATIONS, 412a Somerhill Ave., Toronto). The pocket pieces have a common reverse THUMBS UP ACES HIGH. The obverse is for the regiment, 4 are below: ROYAL CANADIAN WINGS AIR FORCE, THE 48TH HIGHLANDERS, CARRY ON TORONTO SCOTTISH (this one was recently acquired by your Editor), AND IRISH REGIMENT OF CANADA.



Each one was issued in these bags and sealed with the manufacturer's crest on the back.



## 2010 ROTHESAY MUNICIPAL MEDAL

[re-printed with consent of author Kevin Day-Thorburn and Saint John Coin Club]

The town of Rothesay, New Brunswick issued a medal in 2010 commemorating 150 years of its naming. This affluent town, a suburb of Saint John, was named in honour of King Edward VII, then the Prince of Wales and Duke of Rothesay. I first came across the listing of one on eBay some time ago, then managed to acquire a copy of my own from the Coin Cabinet in Moncton just recently.

The 38mm medal was designed by Mary Jane Banks, Rothesay's Town Clerk who graciously provided me with much of this information, and Charles Jensen, Director of Recreation and Parks. A large "150 Years" is located in the centre of the obverse, with "Rothesay - New Brunswick - 1860-2010" around the perimeter.



On the reverse is the Rothesay coat of arms with the town motto, "Quinque luncta In Uno" above, which means "five united in one," representing the five communities that were amalgamated in 1998: East Riverside-Kingshurst, Fairvale, Renforth, the local service district of Wells, and the Town of Rothesay.

The unique coat of arms contains some interesting symbols for these communities. The apple represents Appleby's Wharf and the shipbuilding history of East Riverside-Kingshurst and the rowing history of Renforth is represented by the oars. The wavy centre is the Kennebecasis River and the nautical reef knot symbolizes the shipbuilding history of Fairvale, while the heraldic symbols for fountains represent Wells. The large ostrich feather symbolizes the Prince of Wales.

The medal is made of an unknown metal, plated in 24 karat gold with an extra quality polish by a firm in China. There were 302 medals issued. Additionally, 500 commemorative lapel pins were issued with the coat of arms and "Rothesay 150, 1860-2010" below.

## NEWS FROM AUDIO-VISUAL DEPARTMENT

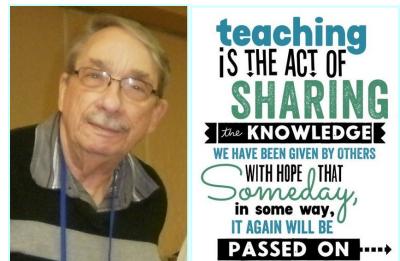
All Ontario Area Directors should now have the 2016 PowerPoint folder, either on a dual-layer DVD or an SD card, and we will allow clubs in their area to make a copy as needed. There are now well over one hundred presentations available. Out of province clubs will be contacted by e-mail and will be sent an SD card with the latest additions if they can add more presentations to the folder. If they have nothing to add, they will be sent a DVD with the latest additions.

All clubs and individuals are encouraged to contribute to our hobby. The club or individual who produced the presentation should be mentioned at the beginning. Sending a presentation assumes that permission to distribute is given. Presentations smaller than about 20MB can be e-mailed to me at [ltrakalo@rogers.com](mailto:ltrakalo@rogers.com). If mailing the card back to me, please tape it in the centre of the envelope so it is not damaged when the stamp is cancelled.

Thanks to those who have already contributed.

Numismatically Sharing The Wealth Of Knowledge,

*Len Trakalo*



## O.N.A. MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN REPORT

### JUNE 9TH, 2016

#### Membership:

No new members since my last report.

Our current membership for 2016 is 274 consisting of 39 Club and Corporate mailed members, 161 Regular members (80 mailed and 81 digital), 54 Life members (42 mailed and 12 digital), 7 digital Junior members, 8 digital Spousal members and 5 Affiliate mailed members.

Currently 108 digital members receive the Ontario Numismatist from the O.N.A. website at [www.the-ona.ca](http://www.the-ona.ca). Just sign in with your username, password and type in the number in the picture below to prevent spam and go to the Members Only Section which has the current and past Ontario Numismatist and convention highlights. Logout when you are finished.



Any questions on your membership please contact me by e mail or the O.N.A. P.O. Box.

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O.N.A. Membership Chairman



## OTTAWA, HERE WE COME! BY LISA MCPHERSON



The countdown is on, to the 2016 R.C.N.A. Convention. We have another amazing Coin Kids auction planned including the very popular 2016 Batman vs. Superman \$20 .999 silver coin! We are limited to 50 participants. A signup sheet will be available at the Coin Kids table.

The Coin Kids sales table has a lot to offer at this convention. The introduction of the world paper money binder at the ONA Convention in April was a huge hit. The binder has been replenished and is ready for young numismatists to browse. Special thanks to the Brantford Numismatic Association and Linda and Ernie Blair for their contributions to the binder and auction lots.

The rewrite of the Young Numismatists correspondence course is well under way with several of the chapters' drafts in for review. An undertaking of this size, takes a lot of time and a lot of volunteers working together towards a common goal – the education of our young numismatists. I would again like to thank those involved for your enthusiasm and your contributions.

Donations are always needed and always appreciated. We desperately need Canadian coins from 2010 to present in all denominations. Other items we are looking for are 1 inch binders, 2 x 2's (all sizes), Marvel game tokens, and Canadian paper money. Please contact me at [spinkslisa@hotmail.com](mailto:spinkslisa@hotmail.com) if you have a donation to make.

See you in Ottawa!

*Lisa McPherson*

National Youth Coordinator



**CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR NUMISMATIC EDUCATION**  
**ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE POUR L'EDUCATION NUMISMATIQUE**

**The Canadian Association for Numismatic Education  
 will be holding a reception on the evening of  
 Thursday, July 21, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 in conjunction with the Royal Canadian Numismatic  
 Association's Annual Convention.**

**The reception will take place in the Lift Lounge  
 on the Mezzanine Level of the Delta Ottawa  
 City Centre Hotel and Conference Centre  
 101 Lyon St. N., Ottawa ON K1R 5T9**

All RCNA members and their guests are welcome to attend.

**Our Mandate**

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**TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY  
 SOUVENIR CARD  
 OCTOBER 22, 1985**

**MARVIN KAY, M.D.**



On October 22, 1965, Dr. Marvin Kay decided to travel to a private dental office. This marked the beginning of a career that flourished during the past two decades. Dr. Kay's travelling anesthetic practice is probably unique in North America.

With the souvenir card, Dr. Kay combines his hobby of numismatics and his decision to a peripatetic anesthesiologist. The banknote shown above is a 1922 'notgeld' from the German village of Hannov-Münden. It describes Dr. Kay's career



perfectly. The obverse, on the left, portrays a Dr. Eisenbarth, an itinerant physician immortalized in a local folk song. In his left hand he holds a gold-headed cane, then a symbol of the medical profession.

The other side of the banknote shows the doctor performing a dental extraction. Since he bound him is a previous patient suffering from the effects of Dr. Eisenbarth's anesthetic injection. The top and bottom margins are some words of the folk song.

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**DR KAY'S PICTURE CARD**



Dr. Marvin Kay gave your editor this 1985 picture card, and Dr. Kay says back in the 1980s "picture cards were all the rage." There were 1,000 of these sourvneir picture cards printed by a small (and now defunct) local printer. Dr. Kay distributed most of them to numismatists, as well as, colleagues, friends and close relatives. He has only 3-4 remaining. The image is based on the original paper notgeld 95x65mm. Dr. Kay notes by the time he retired, he had administered 22,444 anesthetics in dental offices.

The card lower section reads:

"On October 22, 1965, Dr. Marvin Kay administered a general anesthetic to a patient in a private dental office. This marked the beginning of a career that flourished during the past two decades. Dr. Kay's travelling anesthetic practice is probably unique to North America.

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This Beschreibung Hannov-Münden (Hannover) 1922 Erhaltung: I Abkürzungen Notegeld is in Katalognummer: Mehl / SSO 578.1.5 (Series H-German Serienscheine 1918-1922).

These woods were issued by Dr. Kay in 1983. The first one references 11,000 but before the year was out, this became 12,000. Henry Nienhuis photo below of Dr. Kay.



5900-192  
TORONTO, ONT  
MARVIN KAY M.D. OVER 11,000  
YR: 1983 ISSUED: 250  
COLOUR: OBV BL  
COLOUR: REV BL  
RATING: 1 SHAPE: RD  
SIZE: 38



5900-259  
TORONTO, ONT  
MARVIN KAY 12000 SINCE 1965  
YR: 1983 ISSUED: 250  
COLOUR: OBV BL  
COLOUR: REV B  
RATING: 1 SHAPE: RD  
SIZE: 38

## HOW THE HOBBY FOUND ME



South Wellington Coin Club's Mel Brown was a paper boy among many other outdoor sporting interests. His mother gave him a shinplaster which probably accounts for his interest in paper money! He said that his brother found an old Chinese cash coin and his grandfather gave him several silver dollars. The highlight of his collecting career came one day when Mel biked down to his father's and uncle's sporting goods store to see what coins had come into the till that day.

Low and behold he saw an 1921 50-cent piece in the "Mel Box" next to the cash register! Astounded, Mel biked home to check his coin books for the story and value. His face value prize eventually brought him \$10,000 when he sold it. Today an AG -3 is over \$11,000 and an MS-65 is \$250,000. If there's paper money with a ship or boat on it, Mel's there, often numerous times for the same bill!

For Mel it's the fellowship and education that keeps him in the hobby, and finding those little surprises. Mel never misses a SWCS mall education and display day! Although Mel didn't join the club when it started in 1997, he's been there at least 3/4s of this timeframe. He's very generous and volunteers readily!



## IN MEMORY OF THESE NUMISMATISTS



Canadian-Hungarian **Dr. Theodore (Ted) Arthur Szilva**, LLD, D.O.M., O.Ont., OSG, passed away on March 9, 2016 (at age 81), peacefully surrounded by his dear family. For 56 years Ted was beloved husband and dear best friend of Catherine Elizabeth (Betty) Szilva; cherished father of Rosemary Limarzi (pre-deceased 2009) (Bruno) of Windsor (ON.); Mary Catherine Szilva-McNeill (Jules) of Burnaby (B.C.); James Szilva (Natalie) of Coniston (ON.); Melinda Szilva (Jeffrey Fila) of Waterloo (ON.); and Elizabeth Szilva (Chris McKee) of Sudbury (ON.); and beloved Poppa of seven grandchildren: Emily and Laura Limarzi; Kailene, Maicie and Parker Szilva; and Kristen and Joshua Wilcox. Ted was an active member of his church in various roles including Treasurer for 20 years. Ted was a Padre of two fire services associations and for the War Pensioners of Canada. He was a founding member of the Carter Charitable Fund which has distributed over \$20 million to more than 200 charities. Ted was very involved in the Sudbury Region community helping to establish L'Arche Community and founding President of The Blue Door Soup Kitchen, and past director of the Chamber of Commerce, the Rainbow District Tourist Association and served on many other boards including the Sudbury General Hospital Foundation and the Catholic Family Enrichment Centre. Ted's career began as a police constable, then later he became a firefighter. He was the originator, developer and owner of Big Nickel monument and subsequently the Big Nickel Model Mine (one of Canada's best known landmarks). This led to the creation of Science North and eventually Dynamic Earth. He raised money for the monument by selling medallions and coins he developed. He was the owner of The Grand Theatre Centre attracting world class entertainers. Ted was founding president of Nickel Printing and owned several companies. Ted was awarded the Diocesan Gold Medal of Merit (1988) for outstanding contributions to the life of the church; Order of Ontario (2009); and an Honorary Doctorate of Laws (2010). Most recently Pope Francis acknowledged Ted's extraordinary life of serve by making Ted a Knight of the Papal Equestrian Order of St. Gregory the Great.



ONA member club Regina Coin Club (RCC) lost member **Priscilla "Cilla" Merle (nee Marusiak) Miller** who passed away peacefully in Kipling (SASK.) on March 22, 2016 at the age 75. Cilla was loved by many family and friends, she was beloved wife of the late Roy Miller; mother of her late daughter Roxanne Harder; and grandmother to 3 and step-grandmother to 3 too. Cilla and her late mother (Clare Marusiak) joined the RCC in 2007 and were in regular attendance at meetings until relocating to Kipling in 2011. Cilla's husband Roy was a founding member of the club and a past president and director. Cilla and Roy's daughter Roxanne was also an active member serving as Secretary and Bourse Co-Chairperson, and she wrote several articles and created a presentation—a two-part comprehensive history of the \$2 bill. The RCC benefitted greatly from the volunteerism of the Miller family, and send their condolences for the loss of Cilla to her remaining family and friends.

## BOURSE REPORT BY BEN DETTWEILER

To date, we have 27 of 51 tables sold to 14 dealers (below). It may be noted that any dealers looking for info can reach me at [bourse2017@the-ona.ca](mailto:bourse2017@the-ona.ca)

- ◆ Andy Grecco – Thorold, ON
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- ◆ Pierre's Coins (Pierre Cyr) – Rivière-du-Loup, QC
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- ◆ Select Currency (Gary Fedora) – Georgetown, ON
- ◆ Ted's Collectables (Ted Bailey) – Paris, ON
- ◆ The Connoisseur (John Brown) – Naughton, ON
- ◆ Traders Gold Corp (George Smith) – Hamilton, ON

## INTRODUCING DAME JUDY K. M. BLACKMAN, FONA, KSTE

Knights of St. Eligius report from **Scott Douglas** (photos courtesy of **Mike Hollingshead** and **Peter Becker**):

### Judy Blackman inducted as St. Eligius Knight Knight No.36

On June 1, 2016 in the town of Rockwood, Ontario at 7pm Judy Blackman was proclaimed a Knight of Saint Eligius. Dame Judy is the thirty sixth Knight to be inducted into the Saint Eligius Brotherhood of Numismatists. (36 Knights, 5 countries)

This important ceremony took place in conjunction with a meeting of the South Wellington Coin Society, one of Dame Judy's coin club affiliations. The South Wellington Coin Society was proud to host this historic event and feel privileged to have been part of the festivities.

The ceremony was performed by the Grand Knight of the Saint Eligius Brotherhood of Numismatists **Sir Scott E. Douglas**. Dame Judy's numismatic friends were delighted to have witnessed the ceremony during which Sir Scott stated in part;

*In my capacity as the Grand Knight of the Saint Eligius Brotherhood of Numismatists of Canada it gives me great pleasure to recognize your contributions to numismatics this evening. Your exemplary work within our hobby and your constant display of generosity and kindness has lead us to this moment. It is with the greatest respect that, by the power vested in me by the Saint Eligius Brotherhood of Numismatists and our esteemed Chancellor, I proclaim you a Knight of the Saint Eligius Brotherhood.*

**Congratulations and may Saint Eligius guide your path.**

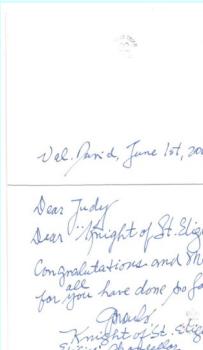


The traditional pewter St. Eligius medal of Knighthood was placed around Judy's neck and the Grand Knight presented Judy with a parchment officially declaring the appointment. The Grand Knight then addressed the audience announcing "may I present to you **Dame Judy Blackman**!"

After, a page illustrating an Eligius coin of Dagobert and a few words on the preceding ceremony was circulated amongst the coin club members, including Judy's spouse **Aubyn**, to sign and relay their best wishes to Judy.

Later, Sir Scott was overheard speaking with some of Judy's numismatic friends and stating how wonderful it was to have an individual such as Judy Blackman join the ranks of the Saint Eligius Brotherhood and how her selfless accomplishments and kind generosity were a credit to her character specifically and to numismatics in general.

**The Saint Eligius Brotherhood of Numismatists of Canada welcomes Dame Judy Blackman!**



## 2017 O.N.A. 55TH CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Our 2017 O.N.A. Convention will be hosted by the O.N.A. itself. We thank O.N.A. members for signing up to volunteer for this event being held again at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Centre in Kitchener.

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Lisa McPherson
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- ◆ **Judges:** Norm Belsten, Chris Boyer, Dick Dunn
- ◆ **Security Chairperson & Security Team:** [looking for chairperson and volunteers](#) (this is in addition to Frontier Security)
- ◆ **Education Chairman:** Scott Douglas
- ◆ **Youth Coordinator:** Lisa McPherson
- ◆ **Medals:** entire Convention Committee



- ◆ **Registration Chairperson & Team:** [looking for chairperson and volunteers](#)
  - ◆ Daily Admissions Table (including pre-registrations)
  - ◆ Sales Table (O.N.A. inventory)
- ◆ **Registration Kits:** Lisa McPherson
  - ◆ Bags
  - ◆ Contents
  - ◆ Assembly and Distribution
- ◆ **Hospitality Room & Banquet:** Co-Chairwomen Lisa McPherson and Judy Blackman and Team of Volunteers
  - ◆ Master of Ceremonies: to be advised
  - ◆ Guest Speaker: to be advised
  - ◆ Menu: to be advised



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## A LITTLE SHOEBOX

The South Wellington Coin Society was formed in March of 1997 by a group of six coin collectors interested in getting together on a regular basis to trade information on coins, medals and tokens of interest to all collectors. Robert "Bob" Zmija, Tony Zmija, Mathew Fleet, Bruno Kerkhof, Mike Hollingshead and Scott Douglas felt the Wellington community needed a club to educate in the area of coin collecting and to bring an awareness of Canadian history through Numismatics. SWCS decided to model this new club after the Waterloo Coin Society, still a successful club to this day. The first meeting was scheduled to be in Rockwood on March 20, 1997; however, the County cancelled the room with little notice, so the meeting was rescheduled to April 2nd which was the first Wednesday of the month, so the club continued using the first Wednesday going forward. This first meeting was led with Scott as President, Tony as Vice-President, Bob as Treasurer, Mathew and Bruno as the Club Bulletin team and Mike as Spokesman. Thirty members were signed up in the next couple of months.

Late in 1997 Treasurer Bob designed the South Wellington Coin Society's first Club medal. Bob, originally a tool and die maker, was the perfect person to design the clubs beautiful Coat of Arms 'Logo' and both of the reverses for the Clubs' medals. The medals have always been limited to 35 pieces (each in gold plate, bronze and .999 pure silver) each year which is roughly one set per member. So far the club has issued medals in 1997 (Wellington County Museum) and 1998 (Rockwood Church), and in Scott Douglas designed 2015 (Wellington Bust). With SWCS's 20th Anniversary coming up in 2017, plans for another medal are underway.

### THE MEDALS OF THE SOUTH WELLINGTON COIN SOCIETY



IN 1997 AND 1998 THE SWCS ISSUED A MEDAL IN 3 DIFFERENT METALS. THE ISSUE WAS 35 PIECES OF EACH ESSENTIALLY REPRESENTING 1 EACH PER CHARTER MEMBER. THE MEDALS WERE MADE BY PRESSED METAL PRODUCTS OF VANCOUVER, B.C.



Bob maintains his membership to this day in ONA, SWCS and the WCS. He joined the WCS around 1998, and a year later when Mike Hollingshead was President of the ONA, he convinced Bob to join. Bob was made a Fellow of the ONA in 2003. The ONA presentation shared: Bob, who started collecting over 60 years ago, has been a very willing volunteer to help organize and promote the hobby. As a charter member of the SWCS, he has served as their President and Editor and designed the club's medals and logo. He was an active and willing organizer and worker for the annual shows that SWS puts on (twice a year). Because of his long involvement and hard work for the club, the SWCS presented Bob with an Honorary Life Membership. He has also the distinction of bringing various family members into the hobby. One of his sons served as vice-president and auctioneer of SWCS, while two other sons, three grandsons and a daughter-in-law also became involved, including as editor, auction runner and editorial assistant. They, no doubt the largest active family in numismatics in Canada, can regularly be seen at SWCS meetings. Bob is pictured here with Mike working SWCS coin show (photo by Judy Blackman).

This story really starts over 70 years ago (around 1923-1924) with a young boy living with his family in Poland. He was able to get foreign coins from local shopkeepers who received them from tourists and other travelers, so he began to collect world coins. Now Robert (Bob) Zmija (pictured left with Mike Hollingshead), would put these in a *little* shoebox under his bed — never spending them. He did not collect coins because he was into numismatics, he collected them because Bob was a history buff and the history of world coins was the best part. In Bob's community, his family was affluent, so he didn't need to save this money for their survival needs — at least he didn't think so at that time!

Interestingly in 2015 Numista debated where Silesia coins should be listed in catalogues in terms of both countries and territories — Austria, German States or Poland. Zinc occupation coins inscribed RZECZPOSPOLIA POLSKA ("Polish Republic") were struck in denominations of 1 Grosz, 5 Groszy, 10 Groszy and 20 Groszy. All bore the frozen date 1923 except for the 1939-dated 5 Groszy. A nickel-plated iron 1938-dated 50 Groszy combined the obverse of the prewar 1 Złoty and the reverse of the old 50 Groszy. All are scarce today in acceptable condition.



Bob was born in Germany in 1921 and will celebrate his 95th birthday in November 2016. In meeting him though, both his physique and his attitude, you would swear he's only in his 70s! Bob finds the number 6 to be lucky. Bob was the youngest of six (4 boys, 2 girls), and his wife, Betty, was also from a family of six (4 girls, 2 boys). Bob and Betty created the perfect split six (3 boys, 3 girls). Today Bob has 14 great-great-grandchildren, and spending time with him, you will be caught up in his spirit for life. Bob says it's hard to believe that his grandchildren are now grandparents themselves! Now let's turn the clock back.

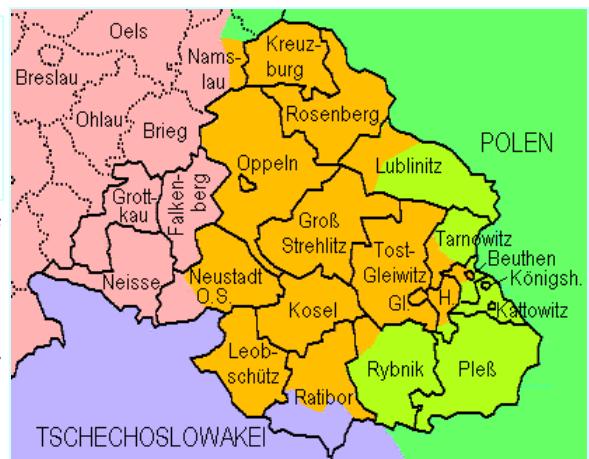
Most of Silesia was conquered by Prussia in 1742, later becoming part of the German Empire, the Weimar Republic and Nazi Germany up to 1945. The varied history with changing aristocratic possessions resulted in an abundance of castles in Silesia, especially in the Jelenia Góra valley. After World War I the easternmost part of this region, i.e. an eastern strip of Upper Silesia, was awarded to Poland by the Entente Powers after rebellions by Polish people and the Upper Silesian plebiscite. The remaining former Austrian parts of Silesia were partitioned to Czechoslovakia, and are today part of the Czech Republic. In 1945, after World War II the bulk of Silesia was transferred to Polish jurisdiction by the Potsdam Agreement of the victorious Allied Powers and became part of Poland. The small Lusatian strip west of the Oder-Neisse line, which belonged to Silesia since 1815, remained in Germany.

Bob's father was a career high-ranking Officer in the German army and he served in the World War I. After Germany invaded Poland in WWI, the family moved to Silesia as part of his father's career orders. Silesia's name comes from both the river Ślęza and Mount Ślęza in mid-southern Silesia. The mountain served as a cultic place. Following in his father's footsteps, Bob was a cadet and fully expected a career in the army. On July 1, 1921, British troops returned to Upper Silesia to help French forces occupy this area. Simultaneously with these events, the Inter-allied Commission pronounced a general amnesty for the illegal actions committed during the recent violence, with the exception of acts of revenge and cruelty. The German defense force was finally withdrawn. January 11, 1923 French and Belgian troops, against US and Britain's advice, invade the Ruhr in Germany (until November 1924) to force Germany to pay reparations. January 21 the German miners go on strike against the French invasion, which deepens the economic crisis in Germany. October 21 Bavaria and Rhineland declare independence from Germany (Germany is falling apart). Then November 8-9, 1923 Hitler's Munich Putsch fails. Although he was not yet 18, because of Bob's cadet training, he was sent to the front just after his 16th birthday to carry guns and ammunition for the troops, and other supplies. This would not be his last experience on the front by far! But more on that later.

Bob lived in the Oppeln area of Silesia. The Upper Silesia plebiscite was a plebiscite mandated by the Versailles Treaty and carried out in March 1921 to determine a section of the border between Weimar Germany and Poland. See the map of the plebiscite areas on the next page.

Pink = Germany  
 Green = Poland  
 Lilac = Czechoslovakia (including, without plebiscite, Hlučín)  
 Pale green = to Poland following plebiscite  
 Orange = remaining in Germany following plebiscite

Most inhabitants of Silesia today speak the national languages of their respective countries (Polish, Czech, both of which are Western Slavic dialects with some, albeit limited, mutual intelligibility). The population of Upper Silesia is native (with some immigrants from Poland who came in the 19th to 20th centuries), while Lower Silesia was settled by a German-speaking population before 1945. There is an ongoing debate whether a local Silesian speech should be considered a Polish dialect or a separate language. There is also a Lower Silesian German dialect, although today it is almost extinct. Bob is fluent in both the Upper and Lower Silesian, German, Polish, English, and he is strong but doesn't consider himself fluent in Russian and French. His father was fluent in German, Polish and Silesian but his mother could only speak German when they came to Poland. At that time, Silesian was almost 50% German and 50% Polish. Bob however, adapted quickly, languages came easy for him.



From age 12, Bob was a budding violinist. He had the opportunity to complete the first year of the *The Karol Szymanowski Academy of Music* in Katowice sharing the building with *District Silesian School of Music*, which was not just violin, but full music training. The training was expected to resume after the war, but when Bob's hands were injured during WWII, it ended his violin playing days. Now he treasures his vast collection of music (literally cases) and unusual playing cases (for example one plays 33 and 78LP, has a radio, and plays CDs all in one – and it looks like a beautiful wooden vintage radio). He favours Franz Liszt, Franz Schubert, Frederic Chopin, Igor Stravinsky, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. Bob is quick though to point out he does not enjoy Johannes Brahms, Johann Sebastian Bach or Ludwig van Beethoven.

Gliwice Glider Airport was familiar with Bob, as he had been flying gliders since his early teens. His father was not too happy with Bob when he landed a glider on the roof of a neighbour's house. It cost his father quite a bit of money to get the glider removed from the roof. Most of Silesia is relatively flat, although its southern border is generally mountainous. It is primarily located in a swath running along both banks of the upper and middle Oder (Odra) river, but it extends eastwards to the upper Vistula river. The region also includes many tributaries of the Oder, including the Bóbr (and its tributary the Kwisa), the Barycz and the Nysa Kłodzka. The Sudeten mountains run along most of the southern edge of the region, though at its south-eastern extreme it reaches the Silesian Beskids and Moravian-Silesian Beskids, which belong to the Carpathian range. Gliding this area is spectacular, Bob will always remember the freedom of that experience.

The Soviet invasion of Poland was a Soviet military operation that started without a formal declaration of war on 17 September 1939. On that morning, 16 days after Nazi Germany invaded Poland from the west, the Soviet Union invaded Poland from the east. The invasion and battle lasted for the following 20 days and ended on 6 October 1939 with the two-way division and annexation of the entire territory of the Second Polish Republic by both Germany and the Soviet Union. The Red Army, which vastly outnumbered the Polish defenders, achieved its targets by using strategic and tactical deception. Some 230,000 Polish prisoners of war had been captured. The campaign of mass persecution in the newly acquired areas began immediately. In November 1939 the Soviet government ostensibly annexed the entire Polish territory under its control. Some 13.5 million Polish citizens who fell under the military occupation were made into new Soviet subjects following the mock elections conducted by the *Narodnyi Komissariat Vnutrennikh Del* (NKVD or People's Commissariat for Internal Affairs) secret police in the atmosphere of terror, the results of which were used to legitimize the use of force. The Soviet campaign of ethnic cleansing began with the wave of arrests and summary executions of officers, policemen and priests. Over the next year and a half, the Soviet NKVD sent hundreds of thousands of people from eastern Poland to Siberia and other remote parts of the Soviet Union in four major waves of deportation between 1939 and 1941.

Soviet forces occupied eastern Poland until the summer of 1941, when they were driven out by the invading German army in the course of Operation Barbarossa. The area was under Nazi occupation until the Red Army reconquered it again in the summer of 1944. An agreement at the Yalta Conference permitted the Soviet Union to annex almost all of their Molotov — Ribbentrop Pact portion of the Second Polish Republic, partially compensating the Peoples Republic of Poland with the southern half of East Prussia and territories east of the Oder-Neisse line. The Soviet Union enclosed most of the annexed territories into the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic.

After the end of the World War II in Europe, the USSR signed a brand new border agreement with the Polish communists on 16 August 1945. This agreement recognized the status quo as the new official border between the two countries with the exception of the region around Bialystok and a minor part of Galicia east of the San river around Przemysl, which were returned to Poland later on.

Now approximately three million German prisoners of war were captured by the Soviet Union during WWII. The POWs were employed as forced labour in the Soviet wartime economy and post war reconstruction. By 1950 almost all had been released. In 1956 the last surviving German POW returned home from the USSR (at least 356,700 German Wehrmacht POWs died in NKVD camps and 24,367 from other nations).

A few months before his 28th birthday, Bob was sent to the front (September 1939) to defend Poland against Russia's invasion of his homeland. His first day on the front, he was shot in the hands holding his rifle. By the end of the night of the first day of battle, 60 out of 180 would be dead, many more of the remaining 120 would be wounded. Bob was captured by the Soviet military and sent as a POW to Siberia. There were 9 death camps in Siberia, Kuzmikha was in the Irkutsk Region—mostly women and children — but the stronger men were sent to Kavalerovo with 2 camps in open-pit mining for military production and a high risk of radiation poisoning. Irkutsk is a city and the administrative center of Irkutsk Oblast, Russia, and one of the largest cities in Siberia. The largest industry in Irkutsk is Irkut, the Irkutsk Aviation Industrial Association, which was set up in 1932 in the Transbaykal region of the Soviet Union. It is best known as being the manufacturer of the Su-30 family of interceptor/ground-attack aircraft. Today, the Russian government is planning to merge Irkut with Ilyushin, Mikoyan, Sukhoi, Tupolev, and Yakovlev as a new company named United Aircraft Building Corporation. There is the Irkutsk Aluminium Smelter which belongs to the Rusal Company. Important roads and railways like the Trans-Siberian Highway (Federal M53 and M55 Highways) and Trans-Siberian Railway connect Irkutsk to other regions in Russia and Mongolia. The city is also served by the Irkutsk International Airport and the smaller Irkutsk Northwest Airport. Bob was sent to the Lake Baikal near the airport near Irkutsk. Lake Baikal (Mongolian for Nature Lake) is a rift lake in Russia, located in southern Siberia, between Irkutsk Oblast to the northwest and the Buryat Republic to the southeast. Lake Baikal is the largest freshwater lake by volume in the world (7th by surface area), containing roughly 20% of the world's unfrozen surface fresh water. Here because of Bob's glider experience, as a POW he worked to help the Russian aviation. He was so well liked by the guards, that Bob on one occasion carried the guard's rifle while helping the drunk back to his quarters.

IRKUTSK (IRKNTSK on handstamps ~ a bélyegzéseken) 1/2 Rubel UNC, 1 Rubel EF, 3 Rubel UNC. Pictures courtesy of Bank Jegy.

Ref.1. L.K.Campbell "Prisoner of War and Concentration Camp Money of the 20th Century, No. 6911, 6912, 6913

Ref.2. Ambrus Béla "Magyarország Papírszükségpénzei 1914-től 1919.VIII., 1-ig", II. kötet, No. 947, 948, 946

Ref.3. Adamovszky István "Magyar Szükségpénz Katalógus 1723-1959" No. HKI-3.1.1, -3.2, -3e (Lager-Tabori)



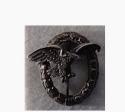
Now Hitler's policy of *Lebensraum* (room for living) strongly emphasized the conquest of new lands in the East, known as Generalplan Ost, and the exploitation of these lands to provide cheap goods and labour to Germany. Even before the war, Nazi Germany maintained a supply of slave labour. After the invasion of Poland, Poles over the age of 14 living in the General Government were subject to forced labour. There was a classification system: *Gastarbeitnehmer* (guest workers), *Zwangsarbeiter* (forced workers = *Militärinternierte* "military internees / POWs", *Zivilarbeiter* "civilian workers / ethnic Poles from General Government", *Ostarbeiter* "Eastern workers / Soviet and Polish civil workers rounded up"). The Wehmacht and SS officers would apprehend Eastern European women in Łapankas (military kidnapping raids), and in Warsaw (Poland) alone, there were 5 establishments (each with 20 rooms) for the abuse of these female slaves.

Hitler began battling that parts of Poland now belonging to Germany and any POW held in Siberia who came out of those areas of Poland, had to be returned to Germany immediately. In March 1939, Hitler demanded the return of the Free City of Danzig and the Polish Corridor, a strip of land that separated East Prussia from the rest of Germany. The British announced they would come to the aid of Poland if it was attacked. Hitler, believing the British would not actually take action, ordered an invasion plan should be readied for a target date of September 1939. On 23 May he described to his generals his overall plan of not only seizing the Polish Corridor but greatly expanding Germany territory eastward at the expense of Poland. He expected this time they would be met by force. The Germans reaffirmed their alliance with Italy and signed non-aggression pacts with Denmark, Estonia, and Latvia. Trade links were formalized with Romania, Norway, and Sweden. Hitler's foreign minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop, arranged in negotiations with the Soviet Union a non-aggression pact, the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, which was signed in August 1939. The treaty also contained secret protocols dividing Poland and the Baltic states into German and Soviet spheres of influence.

So by Christmas, Bob was sent back into Poland but that area was now limited autonomy, but its own citizenship laws (Bob explains that this means the area is only somewhat independent. It still had to abide by the Germany insurances). So now he had to serve the Luftwaffe (aerial warfare branch of the German Wehrmacht during WWII). The Luftwaffe was instrumental in contributing to the German victories across Poland and Western Europe. Upper Silesia was declared German Territories. First he was a glider instructor, then in charge of the training unit, and then the drill sergeant. There are things Bob had to do that haunt him to this day, but you did them or be killed and / or your family be killed. The Luftwaffe was unforgiving! Bob would be ordered to befriend a person, shake hands, and then as the person turned around, shoot them in the back.

But before Germany was successful in the invasion of Poland, the Polish Air Force bomber units did attempt to strike at the German Panzer Divisions and slow the speed of advance. The Polish fighter units were still active, and were inflicting small losses on the Luftwaffe, however the *Jagd* and *Zerstörergruppen* were increasing their ground attack roles. As a result, many Polish fighters were caught taking off, when they were at a considerable disadvantage. It was indirect rather than direct air support which won the Luftwaffe air-superiority. By destroying communications the Luftwaffe increased the pace of the advance which overran Polish airstrips and early warning sites and caused logistical problems for the Poles. Many Polish Air Force units were now low on supplies, 98 of their number withdrew into neutral (at that time) Romania. The Polish initial strength of 397 had been reduced to just 54 by 14 September and air opposition virtually ceased. The Luftwaffe had been successful in neutralizing Polish air and sea power within first days of campaign, and with air superiority established the Luftwaffe was free to concentrate on attacking supply and communication links with devastating effect. The outdated

Luftwaffe War Badges

Combined Pilots-Observation Badge	Pilot's Badge	Luftwaffe Paratrooper Badge	
			
Anti-Aircraft Flak Battle Badge	Tank Combat Badge of the Luftwaffe	Ground Assault Badge of the Luftwaffe	
			
Observer Badge	Glider Pilot Badge	Radio Operator Badge	
			
Flyer's Commemorative Badge	Aircrew Badge	Picture courtesy of Wikipedia for educational purposes only.	
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Polish Army was denied what mobility it had left as traveling by road became perilous and the rail networks had been largely destroyed. This was not the army his father served in that Bob would have been proud to serve, this was a nightmare, and Bob needed a way out!

The Maquis were rural guerrilla bands of French Resistance fighters, called *maquisards*, during the Occupation of France in World War II. Initially, they were composed of men who had escaped into the mountains to avoid conscription into Vichy France's Service du travail obligatoire (STO) to provide forced labor for Germany. To avert capture and deportation to Germany, they became increasingly organized into non-active resistance groups. Most maquisards operated in the remote or mountainous areas of Brittany and southern France, especially in the Alps and in Limousin. They relied on guerrilla tactics to harass the Milice and German occupation troops. The Maquis also aided the escape of downed Allied airmen, Jews and others pursued by the Vichy and German authorities. Maquisards usually relied on some degree of sympathy or cooperation from the local populace. In March 1944, the German Army began a terror campaign throughout France. This included reprisals against civilians living in areas where the French Resistance was active (Oradour-sur-Glane massacre, Tulle massacre). The Maquisards were later to take their revenge in the *épuration sauvage* that took place after the war's end. Most of the Maquis cells — like the Maquis du Limousin or the Maquis du Vercors — took names after the area they were operating in. The size of these cells varied from tens to thousands of men and women. Bob joined the Maquis French underground and he continued to wear a German uniform so he could do counter-intelligence. At that time, the Maquis was controlled by communists. Bob, like many Germans, wanted Hitler destroyed. Bob's intelligence was fed to the British.

When the British overtook the Nazis in Poland, Bob quickly identified himself, and was immediately sent to Surrey then to Holly on the road to beautiful Brighton. Those captured by the English were separated, and if they were Polish citizens who were citizens up to 1939, the men were asked if they wanted go to England and help to fight for their Polish homeland. All the men stepped forward to go to England. Bob wasn't asked, he was directed because of the work he did to help the British during the war. When he arrived, they asked Bob if he wanted to train for the Royal Air Force because of his glider experience. So at first, he was in the Polish regiment as a trainee, then an instructor, and then he was called up to the RAF 1st Construction Squadron, then trained to operate heavy equipment as a driver, and then had the option to train for tool and die or go as driver, and Bob chose tool and die. He completed a 3 years apprenticeship. Bob served the RAF until 1947, but Bob continued working as a tool and diemaker. Bob was awarded 5 medals from Poland (for his work helping the British free his homeland from the Nazis) and 3 from England after the war. This picture I took of the medals on June 15, 2016 during our visit, but one of the Polish medals is missing as Bob's son has it out having the ribbon repaired. The kids are going to mount the medals in a beautiful shadow box that Bob showed me, along with other items tied to their father's legacy. One of the Polish medals is silver and very heavy to hold. Two are solid gold. One is the high-ranking medal you can receive from Poland, another Polish medal would be the equivalent of the Order of Canada, another would be similar to the Distinguished Service Cross, and another would be like a Purple Heart for Bravery. The engraving (Bob's name, rank, dates, etc.) on the backs was too small for me to photograph, and I didn't have a scanner with me.



Bob met his wife Betty in England during the war and they were married in 1946. Five of their children were born in England, and one in Canada. Several friends who had gone to Canada came back from time to time to visit England and on those visits they kept telling Bob and Betty how great their lives were in Canada. So after over 20 years in England, Bob made an application to Ottawa to come without any government sponsorship as Bob could pay the way for him and his family, and Bob had already contacted Bratten who agreed to hire Bob as a tool and diemaker if Ottawa approved the application. Bob included his service records for England, and given Canada needed tool

and diemakers as well, his application was rapidly approved. Bob and his family came over together in 1963 and he began working for Bratten. In January 1997, PWO AG (PWO Canada Inc.) has acquired 49 percent of the shares of BRATTAN TOOL INDUSTRIES LTD: (BTIL), Kitchener, Ontario. The company was founded in 1968 and developed from a small tool making company to a supplier of metal components for the automobile industry. In December 1999, the complete takeover took place. Bob is particularly proud of the fact that he made 6 pair of hinges (open and close for the droop nose) for the very first supersonic airliner Anglo-French Concorde which made its faultless maiden flight in 1969 taking off from Toulouse and was in the air for 27 minutes before the test pilot made the decision to land. The test flight reached 10,000ft (3,000m), but Concorde's speed never rose above 300mph (480kph). The plane will eventually fly at a speed of 1,300mph (2,080kph).

So Bob was battled back and forth between two super powers (Russian and Nazi Germany), and could not just live in his beautiful homeland. Poles were being stripped of everything, his family affluence no longer existed. Poles had to find creative ways to hide things, and if possible get them out of the country. Unfortunately, Bob's coins remained in Poland throughout the war. Bob eventually would end up in England, then Canada, and but he would be unable to return to Poland until 1957 where buried deep in the centre of large field, he dug up his box of coins, they were still in good shape, and he took them home to his new home in Canada.

A prominent example of a group which received almost no compensation for their time as forced labourer in Nazi Germany are the Polish forced labourers. According to the Potsdam Agreements of 1945, the Poles were to receive reparations not from Germany itself, but from the Soviet Union share of those reparations; due to the Soviet pressure on the Polish communist government, the Poles agreed to a system of repayment that *de facto* meant that few Polish victims received any sort of adequate compensation (comparable to the victims in Western Europe or Soviet Union itself). Most of the Polish share of reparations was "given" to Poland by Soviet Union under the Comecon framework, which was not only highly inefficient, but benefited Soviet Union much more than Poland. Under further Soviet pressure (related to the London Agreement on German External Debts), and after Stalin's death in 1953, also in 1953 the People's Republic of Poland renounced its right to further claims of reparations from the successor states of Nazi Germany. Only after the fall of communism in Poland in 1989/1990 (brought about by the independent trade union "Solidarność / Solidarity" led by electrician Lech Wałęsa) did the Polish government try to renegotiate the issue of reparations, but found little support in this from the German side and none from the Soviet (later, Russian) side.

It all started with a *little* shoebox under a boy's bed! Not only are there interesting stories behind coins, there are interesting stories behind the collectors too!

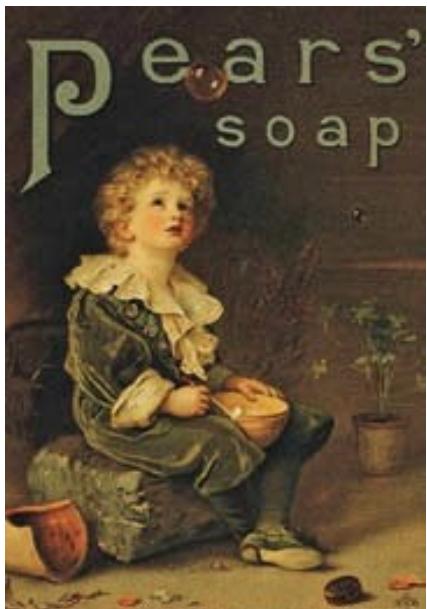
Bob encourages coin collectors to call or visit him. He just moved from Mount Forest to Fergus. He can be reached at Caressant Long-Term Care Centre, Unit 119 (ground floor), 450 Queen Street East (end of Queen at River Street), Fergus, ON N1M 2Y7, Phone: 226-370-0240. Bob no longer has access to e-mail.



Polish Solidarity Combatant Association, 'Semper Fidelis' Cross (Związek Solidarności Polskich Kombatantów, Krzyż 'Semper Fidelis'), 2nd type, 'silver': White metal Greek cross with out-turned ends to the arms, with loop for ribbon suspension. The face with the 'anchor' cipher 'PW' (for Polska walcząca = Poland fights), the left and right arms inscribed 'SEMPER' and 'FIDELIS' respectively (Latin = always loyal), the date '1981' on the upper arm (date of the imposition of martial law by the then Communist authorities); the reverse with the central inscription 'ZSPK' (Związek Solidarności Polskich Kombatantów = Polish Solidarity Combatant Association) imposed on a 'W', the dates '1939' and '1989' to either side (for the period between the German invasion and the fall of the Communist regime, that is, the period during which Poland was not independent); on the ribbon of Decoration of Merit of the Association of Combatants and Former Political Prisoners (the correct ribbon being red and white vertical halves with a thin central black line). The Cross was instituted in December 1994 by the Z.S.P.K. to be awarded to members of Solidarność (Solidarity), the independent Polish Trade Union, formed in 1980, who were active after the imposition of martial law in December 1981 and played a vital part in Poland regaining its independence in 1989.

## PEAR'S SOAP COUNTERSTAMPS

[re-printed with consent of author Kevin Day-Thorburn and Saint John Coin Club]



I believe I first encountered a coin countermarked with Pears' Soap when going through a dealer's junk box at a coin show when I was in my 20s. They were one of those oddities that dealers often didn't know what to do with because there wasn't a large demand for them nor was there a lot of information available at the time. With the Internet, information is easier to come by and access to collectors interested in the subject matter is too.

I've always been fascinated by counterstamps on coins, but it bothers me when I have an item with a stamp I can't solve. That's likely one of the reasons I like the Pears' Soap marks – its source is obvious and that must be one of the reasons there has been research done specifically on them. On top of that, there are plenty available and there is a rich history behind them.

The Pears' Soap company came into existence in 1807 when Andrew Pears set up a factory in London, England and mass-marketed translucent soap. According to the company that owns the business now, Unilever, the brand was the world's first registered brand and is therefore the world's oldest continuously existing brand.

Thomas J. Barratt joined the company as a 23-year-old bookkeeper – and would later marry into the family – and began a remarkable career that would earn him the title of the “father of modern advertising” by many. Some notable achievements include purchasing the painting, *Bubbles*, and then purchasing the rights to alter it for use in advertising from the most popular British painter of the time, Sir John Everett Millais. Barratt also thought of using doctors, pharmacists and skin specialists to endorse the soap. Additionally, he used popular celebrities to promote the product.



One of his marketing schemes may have contributed to changing the look of coinage in England. Around 1884 Barratt imported some 250,000 coins, mostly French 10 centimes pieces, and counterstamped them all with the words, “Pears’ Soap.” It was illegal to deface British coinage at the time, but foreign copper coins were accepted by merchants for payment, so the company quickly had a quarter of a million pieces of advertising exchanging hands throughout the country. At the time, advertising via countermarked coins was fairly common, but this campaign, according to Gregory Brunk in his research on countermarked coins, helped the Pears’ Soap company become “a well known public pest.” Subsequently, the British government enacted a law prohibiting the acceptance of foreign coinage, gathering them to be destroyed.

Many of the coins survived and while they usually aren't particularly expensive, they command a premium over the value of the coins the counterstamp appears on. While I am currently studying the sales of these pieces, an early consensus is that \$10-\$20 is about the average sale price per problem-free coin.

While some collectors may be content just having a Pears' Soap countermarked coin in their collection, the fact that there is a good number of coins out there makes for an enjoyable specialization in its own right. Collecting the stamped French 10 centimes by year and mint is a formidable challenge. Also, collecting coins other than this denomination can be fun – counterstamps are known to be on French 5 centimes, British half pennies, Italian copper, and American large cents – and, of course, there may be more. Additionally, the countermarks can be on either the obverse or reverse, although obverse appears to be much more common.

There are also variations in the countermark themselves. I have found four varieties so far: plain lettering with a far stop; plain lettering with a near stop; plain lettering with no stop; and lettering with serifs.

Counterstamped coins are an interesting facet of numismatics because of the history behind the reason for the countermark. While some may only see a defaced coin, which is what a counterstamped coin is, others want to know why someone applied the mark in the first place. Sometimes we may never find out the answer, but sometimes it's as plain as the name on the coin and when you view Pears' Soap stamped on a coin, there's no mistaking the reason behind the madness.



## THANK YOU ONA CONVENTION VOLUNTEERS

On Tuesday, June 14, 2016, at the Waterloo Coin Society membership meeting, the Ontario Numismatic Association distributed the medals for the 2016 ONA Convention speakers, volunteers, committee chairs, and exhibits. This picture was taken by Nicole Eichholz (mother of Abby who won the junior exhibit award). Just think these 26 are only a portion of the medals recipients, and the other approximately 8-10 medals will be / or have been distributed separately. Many thanks again to all who made the convention another success!



## HAPPY 25TH CAC!



by **Todd Sandham** and **Cameron Bevers** in May 1991. Originally, it was created as a part-time summer business for the pair while they were still in high school. They began setting up at many of the local flea-markets throughout the K-W area. Over time they started doing local coin shows and began to advertise in the Canadian Coin News as a mail-order firm. At that time, the business was still being run at a part-time basis as Cameron and Todd went on to University. Watch this Rogers TV clip for the full story 'Explore the World of Numismatics' inclusive of an interview with Todd and **Kirk Parsons**: <http://rogerstv.com/media?lid=237&rid=54&gid=122575>.

Todd was at the SWCS spring show early Saturday but then had to leave, but Kirk was there for the day. This picture was taken by **John Semedo** of **Judy Blackman** (both of SWCS) presenting Kirk a pair of hanging plants and a pair of rod iron hanging baskets, one each for Todd and Kirk to recognize their 25 years as a reputable dealer, and the 19 years to-date, they have participated annually in both SWCS spring and autumn shows.

Back in 1991, CAC began as a small company doing coin shows and selling from a booth at the Farmer's Market. They progressed to a mail-order company, then opened their first store in 1996 at 300 Victoria Street North, which they outgrew numerous times, until they settled on their current, much larger location at 991 Victoria Street North! CAC now employs 18 staff members, and says "it is all thanks to you, our loyal customers."

CAC was founded in Waterloo (Ontario)



## HAPPY 30TH GEOFF, BRIAN AND DAWN!

Brian confirmed Geoffrey Bell Auctions is the official auctioneer for the RCNA Auction in July 2016. Did you know GBA has over 100 years combined numismatic industry knowledge. Brian's father Geoffrey who is well known in the Canadian Numismatic community by having served as President of the RCNA and the CPMS. He is the numismatic expert on CBC's Canadian Antiques Roadshow. Geoff was also Canadian Coin Trends analyst for the world's most popular coin publication Coin World. A frequent writer and speaker, Geoff will make certain your collection is well described and researched. He has also served on the J.D. Ferguson Historical Research Foundation's Board of Directors.

Brian provides full bilingual service to his clientele. He has a business degree and is owner of the Coin Cabinet in Moncton. He is well-respected among his peers and attends most major coin shows in Canada. Brian accepts consignments at these shows for your convenience. This picture was taken at the Toronto Coin Expo and is courtesy of CCN.

Dawn Bell brings over a decade of IT experience from the private business sector to Geoffrey Bell Auctions and the Coin Cabinet. She makes certain listings are attractively displayed to maximize interest in your lots. Coupled with her strong organizational skills. Dawn makes a perfect auction coordinator. The foundation of Geoffrey Bell Auctions company began with both Geoff and Brian being avid collectors. This interest evolved to 1986 when they opened their first coin store in Moncton (New Brunswick) called The Coin Cabinet, which is celebrating its 30th Anniversary of Service Excellence this year!!!



## T.E. BISSELL CO.

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**Did You Know...** that the Bissell Center and Institute in Edmonton, Alberta was created due to part of a \$150,000 donation from a man from Elora, Ontario?

Torrence Edward Bissell was born February 12, 1866 in North Augusta, Ontario. He came to Elora and began to manufacture farm machinery in 1901 taking over the premises of an old carpet factory. Bissell had great business instincts. He would never go into debt in hard times and would only expand in good times using available capital reserves. Bissell also refused to think small and employed his skills selling his highly regarded disc harrow machines in Canada, the United States, Ireland and even as far away as Africa. Bissell used his abilities to bond the village of Elora, the Church and his factory work force to create an entity that would not have worked in a large city center. By the 1920's T.E. Bissell Co. was the largest industry in Elora. His factory backed onto the Grand River and in 1964 his daughter, Muriel Bissell, donated the site to the Grand River Conservation Authority. Today the 38 acre site is known as Bissell Park.



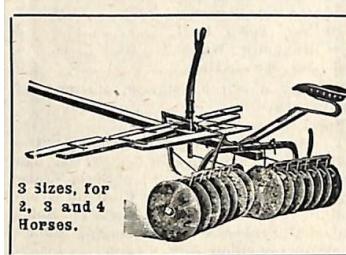
The Fleury-Bissell factory being razed in 1966. This is the site of Bissell Park today.

Bissell was a Methodist and in 1925 when the Methodist Church, the Congregational Union and a large number of Presbyterians joined together to form the United Church of Canada, Bissell decided to donate \$150,000 (about 1.5 million in today's money) to the outreach ministries through his will. Bissell died in 1931. The All Peoples Mission of Edmonton received a portion of this donation in 1935 and built a new building which opened on November 22, 1936 and is named the Bissell Center. Torrence Bissell's wife and daughter were present for the opening and the dedication of a stained glass window to T.E. Bissell. The agency itself was renamed The Bissell Institute.

### The BISSELL DISK HARROW is Properly Balanced

In 1938 the T.E. Bissell Company merged with J. Fleury's Sons Limited of Aurora, Ontario. Joseph Fleury Jr began his successful farm implement business in 1859. The combined firm was known as Fleury Bissell Co. Ltd and operated as such until 1969.

Torrence Edward Bissell died December 4, 1931 in Guelph, Ontario.



Stays down to its work—splendid feature, thin. Other styles and makes are imperfect; the others buckle; they bind; they hum up in the center; they jolt the driver in the seat; they draw heavy; they are a burden on both man and team. The Bissell Disk runs free—is light draught—is easy on driver and easy on horses—has the essential parts all in the right relation.

Read about the **Bissell Disk Harrow**—it has a successful record.

None, genuine without the name "**BISSELL**."

Send us your address on a postal card; we will cheerfully give you further information.

Manufactured by  
**T. E. BISSELL, Elora, Ont.**  
DEPT. W.



There are two varieties of the Bissell advertising token distinguished as the high seat and the low seat. Of the several tokens this author has studied the low seat variety seems to be a little scarcer than the high seat variety, the high seat occurring about 2 - 1. Having said that the T.E. Bissell token is plentiful and readily available to collectors. The token was likely made around 1910.



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## Taking A Look Around...

Although our organization is called "Ontario", we actually have several clubs and associations outside Ontario as members, as well as, individuals. As well, clubs are always looking for ideas to try in their clubs to "refresh existing" and to "attract new members." For these reasons, your Editor is sharing information found in the many newsletters she gets from across Canada. Hopefully you will see something you want to try out!

The **North York Coin Club** introduced a "Numismatic Buddy" initiative. A sign-up sheet matches buddies by their interest area in the numismatic hobby. This concept came about as a result of Phillip Simms who is chairing the NYCC Numismatic Buddy committee which consists of volunteers willing to help mentor new members in particular collecting areas (their expertise).

Mark Argentino helped Dr. Marvin Kay with his celebration plans. He's seeking items with 60 as the denomination to assemble a themed collection of numismatic items. This will be used to help mark the Kay's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this year - the Diamond Anniversary. Congratulations to the Dr. & Mrs. Kay on this very special milestone!

The **Manitoba Coin Club** dedicated its entire May meeting to a Grading Workshop; and their April meeting had a Mystery Item Raffle. MCC also notes they are waiting on results of a Royal Canadian Mint investigation to define the cause of a portion of a bullion coin's laser mark appearing on a Proof coin that is supposed to lack the mark. MCC after consulting a specialist, indicates it is possible with Canadian coinage that a computer file used in engraving a Proof die may have had a digital layer left over from the file for the bullion version. Anyone who has ever worked in design software using layers, would agree that is plausible. MCC will see what the RCM comes back with after the investigation is concluded.

A club (**Saint John's**) in eastern Canada included "grab bags" in their auction, and it was fun discovering all the unique and interesting items in the contents.

The **Woodstock Coin Club** is currently in the development stages of having its own website.

Jim Watson took his stamp display of Prime Ministers to the Woodstock Museum National Historic Site and while there discovered the Museum did not know what the Woodstock Coin Club was. So now Jim is preparing a mounted display of the club's medals and woods for viewing at the Museum.

Last year **South Wellington Coin Society** dedicated an entire meeting to learning how its members became acquainted with numismatics. It was a very positive meeting, with many memorable stories shared. This year, the **Woodstock Coin Club** is having a couple of members at each meeting share what they collect and explain how they came into the numismatic hobby. As well, they are selling tickets all year-round for a special 2016 Canadian Silver Dollar commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the laying of the Transatlantic Cable. The draw will take place at the December Christmas meeting.

The **Waterloo Coin Society**, recognizing that some folks are uncomfortable speaking before a room full of people, have decided to have a July exhibit meeting. Members will bring out some items from their collections, and informally display them in cases around the room, and then be available to answer questions as people look at the contents of the case. Members can bring their own cases, or use one of the club's many cases. At the start of each meeting, the club asks the audience to pose questions to the club's experts, and they are answered on the spot, or at least by the next meeting if research is needed. The club at its May 2016 meeting announced a \$65 sponsorship towards the cost for members taking the RCNA Correspondence courses (Part 1 and / or Part II). WCS previously offered this a number of years ago to the membership.

The **Calgary Numismatic Society** includes a Show'n'Tell at each meeting, and assigns a theme. So for example, their guest speaker was talking on Canadian Nickel Dollar Varieties, and so the theme for the Show'n'Tell was "varieties." The club newsletter indicated hopes to have Paul Johnson flew out to Calgary to join their May meeting, and discuss a potential opportunity to host an RCNA future convention. Paul confirmed he was indeed going to be there. In February, Dan McIntyre conducted "The Know Your Numismatics" exercise at the membership meeting, which resulted in a tie between Tim Saunders and Al Munro, so both then went on to the tie-breaker which Tim won. An example of the questions asked is "The core of a toonie is 92% copper, 2% nickel and what other metal?" (Answer: Aluminum)

The CNS is holding a barbecue on Saturday, August 13, 2016 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Woodcreek Community Association's building. All members and guests are invited to attend. The club is supplying food and soft drinks. They are also having buy-sell-trade tables set up at the event.

**South Wellington Coin Society** was founded on educating numismatics and promoting the hobby. They already support club members for RCNA sponsored 1-2 day seminars and correspondence courses. On occasion they have also supported other educational events, such as the 2-day Errors & Varieties convention. The club has been a donator to the Canadian Association for Numismatic Education (CAFNE) and the J. Douglas Ferguson Foundation, as well as other initiatives and for 2016 the club has increased these donations by 50%.

Now on Saturday, November 12, 2016, at the John McCrae Memorial Legion in Guelph, the club is holding a Free Public full-day educational symposium with 4 speakers. The day is geared towards introducing people to the numismatic hobby, and letters are reaching out to various community groups in the Wellington County. The club is also currently busy making plans for its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coming in 2017.

SWCS President Scott Douglas gave a 1 hour talk and displayed an exhibit the evening of Thursday, May 5, 2016, at Lundy's Lane before a group of 55-60 members. It was on Numismatics and Niagara Falls (Ontario) coins, medals and tokens.



**Edmonton Coin Club** President, Marc Bink, shared that recently 77-yr old Ray Neiman from the National Pride Stamp & Coin Shop announced he was going to be retiring and winding up his shop by the end of May, 2016. Marc said, "the Edmonton coin scene is losing a long-time 'institution' and legend once he retires." Ray has been a ECC member and a staunch supporter pretty much since the beginning when he started his 400 sq ft shop up in 1987. Ray promoted ECC membership to customers visiting his shop, and got them out to ECC 2-day coin shows (with attendance over 1,000). This shop is packed with many treasures: sports cards, pins, pocket watches, wrist watches, paper money, bullion, coins and stamps. Ray says, "I believe I have one of the best paper money selections in the West." Happy retirement Ray, we'll miss your shop!



The **Regina Coin Club** received eight one-year electronic memberships from the American Numismatic Association for distribution to members. RCC holding two draws per meeting (May, June, September and November) for these memberships which gives the holder access to the ANA Journal *The Numismatist* and various newsletters.



The RCC also received an invitation to attend the Lieutenant Governor's Garden Party held Friday, July 1, 2016 (1-4 p.m.) at Government House in Regina. This event featured Rory Allen, Discovery Ranch Therapy Horses, and KAOS Dog Sports.

RCC has extended an *Invitation To Observe The Executive At Work* for members who may be curious as to what a club executive does. Starting in September 2016 the Executive is inviting members to sit in on an executive meeting.

The RCC is raising money for the Coinhawks Junior Club by special auction (all proceeds to Coinhawks) of Regina Centennial Coin-Ex Scrip for admission and entry for door prizes Serial No. 1044, and Serial No. 1045 (each with a reserve of \$5. The Obverse and reverse are shown here.



**Waterloo Coin Society** sent Ed Anderson off on a much needed vacation, as Vince Nevidon offered to look after Ed's responsibilities in his absence. Vince decided to really get into the spirit and ensure folks knew to come to him for tickets. Judy Blackman took this fun picture. We are sure he set a new record for tickets sold!

The WCS held an education and display day at the Cambridge Mall to draw folks out to the club's upcoming show, and to draw in new members to WCS. The *left picture* was taken by Peter Becker (Ernie Blair, Brent Mackie, Judy Blackman) and the *right* was taken by Judy Blackman (Ben Dettweiler, Peter Becker, Ed Hagen). Many other members came out to volunteer at the mall too! We are fortunate to have members volunteering!



## UPCOMING ONTARIO SHOWS

For other shows (out-of-province, out-of-country, dealers, auction houses), go to Canadian Coin News Events Page, <http://canadiancoinnews.com/events/>

- ◆ **2016-JULY 19-24: RCNA CONVENTION** at the Delta Ottawa City Centre, 101 Lyon Street North (between Queen and Albert), Ottawa, ON. K1R 5T9, Contact: Paul Johnson, Ph: 647-401-4014, E-mail: [info@rcna.ca](mailto:info@rcna.ca), website: <http://www.rcna.ca/2016>. Auction by Geoffrey Bell Auctions, Educational Symposium, Sight-seeing Tours, Meetings, Show, Banquet, and Bourse.
- ◆ **2016-SEPTEMBER 18: LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY COIN SHOW** at the Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Road (off Hwy. 401), London, ON. N6E 1W1. Admission \$2, hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ph: 519-472-9679, E-mail: [tedleitch@hotmail.ca](mailto:tedleitch@hotmail.ca).
- ◆ **2016-SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1: TORONTO COIN EXPO** at the Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yong St., Toronto, ON. Admission \$6 (under 16 free), hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact: Jared Stapleton, Ph: 647-403-7334, E-mail: [torontocoineexpo@gmail.com](mailto:torontocoineexpo@gmail.com).
- ◆ **2016-OCTOBER 22: COIN-A-RAMA** (sponsored by Oshawa & District Coin Club) at Five Points Mall, 285 Taunton Rd. E., Oshawa, ON L1G 3V2, hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact: Sharon, Ph: 905-728-1352, E-mail: [papman@bell.net](mailto:papman@bell.net).
- ◆ **2016-OCTOBER 30: STRATFORD COIN CLUB SHOW** at Festival Inn, 1144 Ontario St., Stratford, ON N0K 1J0, Admission \$2 (16 and under free). Contact: Larry Walker, Ph: 519-271-3352, E-mail: [lswalker@cyg.net](mailto:lswalker@cyg.net).

## FIRE SHUTS OUR FRIENDS DOWN!

The St. Jacob's Farmer's Market is still recovering from the massive 2013 fire — but did put up a new building complete with a water sprinkler system. Now on a busy market day, Thursday, May 26, 2016, a secondary fire started around 1:30 p.m., which resulted in closing an building (Peddler's Village) for a couple months to the balance of the year, depending on the damage to the roof and energy systems. All vendors are locked out for safety reasons. Some vendors have set up shop outdoors. Our friends Tom Ranville (T. R. Coins & Collectibles) and Brian Kropf (both of Waterloo Coin Society) however, cannot have an outdoor booth for coins, banknotes, stamps and other related inventory. At this time, they are unsure if they will return to the market in the future, but you will see them at meetings and shows. Tom, Brian and the late Harold Hammond (pictures below by Judy Blackman) have been a fixture at the market for many years! They will be missed by market-goers! Parts of the roof had to be cut open to determine where the fire was in between the ceiling and roofline. The Woolwich Fire Department preliminary investigation indicates the fire was likely caused by a propane torch being used by a roofing-tarring crew. Although there is quite a bit of smoke and water damage, its believe the building is salvageable pending the final inspection results of the roof and energy systems. Because of where the fire started, it was difficult to determine exactly where it had spread to and if the fire was actually out so the fire fighters stayed on site for close to 24 hours to ensure burning was fully stopped. Peddler's Village contains several food vendors, a restaurant, art, furniture, clothing, jewelry, crafts, memorabilia, sports / numismatic / philatelic collectibles, tools, toys, and much more.

Luckily this building did have a sprinkler system which helped to get the fire under control fast and reduce the destruction. Interesting, although the fire was underway, the over 300 people at the market during the day still visited the other buildings and outdoor vendors. Your Editor was at the market that day, but early morning, so long gone before the fire started.



## UNSURE WHICH ONA AREA REGION APPLIES TO YOU?



**Area 1A:** Essex and Kent Counties including—Windsor, Chatham, Essex County and Tecumseh

**Area 1B:** Middlesex and Elgin Counties including—Strathroy, London and St. Thomas

**Area 2:** Oxford County including—Woodstock, Ingersoll and Tillsonburg

**Area 3:** Niagara County including—Niagara Falls

**Area 4:** Brant and Waterloo Counties including—Brantford, Cambridge and Waterloo

**Area 5:** Perth and Wellington Counties including—Stratford, South Wellington

**Area 6:** Simcoe County including—Midland, Champlain (Orillia), Wasaga Beach

**Area 7:** Peel, York and Durham Counties including—Toronto, Mississauga-Etobicoke, Polish-Canadian (Troyak), Scarborough, North York and Oshawa

**Area 8:** Ontario East (Southern) including—Kingston and Peterborough

**Area 9:** Ontario East (Northern) including—Ottawa

**Area 10:** Ontario North (Eastern) including—Nipissing (North Bay), Nickel Belt (Sudbury), and Timmins

**Area 11:** (vacant, contact Robb McPherson if you are interested in serving) - Ontario North (Western) including Lake Superior (Thunder Bay)

## Club Contest Sponsored By Editor

ONA Member Clubs are asked to interview their *longest-standing* member, to find out his / her story on how he / she were introduced to the numismatic hobby, and what has kept the person in it for so long.

The stories will be printed in *The Numismatist*. The 3 most interesting stories, will result in your club's member receiving a numismatic gift worth at least \$25 from your Editor.

Submissions should be limited to 500 words or less, and be sent to ONA *The Numismatist* Editor c/o 505 Redfox Road, Waterloo, On. N2K 2V6 or e-mailed to [jblackman@rogers.com](mailto:jblackman@rogers.com). Please ensure to include a picture of the member who is the subject of the interview, along with the date he / she first joined your club.

### Member Clubs & Associations: 39

- Brantford Numismatic Society
- Canadian Centennial Coins Collectors
- Canadian Paper Money Society
- Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club
- Champlain Coin Club
- Essex County Coin Club
- Etobicoke-Mississauga Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Club
- Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club
- Ingersoll Coin Club
- Kent Coin Club
- Kingston Numismatic Association
- Lake Superior Coin Club
- Lakeshore Coin Club
- London Coin Centre Inc
- London Numismatic Society
- National Currency Collection, Bank of Canada,
- Niagara Falls Coin Club
- Nickel Belt Coin Club
- North Shore Numismatic Society
- North York Coin Club
- Oshawa & District Coin Club
- Ottawa Numismatic Society
- Peterborough Numismatic Society
- Polish-Canadian Coin & Stamp Club
- Regina Coin Club
- Royal Canadian Numismatic Association
- Saint John Coin Club,
- Saskatoon Coin Club
- Scarborough Coin Club
- South Wellington Coin Society
- Southern Ontario Chapter of C.A.W.M.C.
- St. Thomas Numismatic Association,
- Stratford Coin Club
- Timmins Coin Club
- Toronto Coin Club
- Waterloo Coin Society
- Watford Coin Club
- Windsor Coin Club
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### Affiliated Member Groups: 5

- American Numismatic Association
- Canadian Coin News
- Numismatic News
- R.C.N.A. – Club Services
- Royal Canadian Mint