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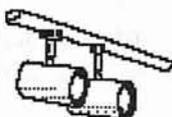
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SPOTLIGHT ON
FUNDRAISING

ONA FUNDRAISING DECLARED OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

Thanks to donations received in the fundraising, ONA members are assured 36-page bulletins for at least this and the next issue.

Our Treasurer, Bruce Raszmann, tells us that so far, over \$550.00 has been raised. Taking into account the increase in cost for printing and mailing a 36-page bulletin over an 18-page one, it looks like the ONA Numismatist is going to be 36 pages for a few issues.

With reference to the fundraising write-up that was run in the last ONA Numismatist, we are out of RCM scissors. No more are to be had. Four hundred exist, with most of them distributed singly far and wide. We estimate that they will be advertised for \$30 minimum by year-end and at least \$50 by next year.

We are all out of RCM pogs of the \$2 coin. Since so few were autographed by the coin's designer, Brent Townsend, and since they are a legitimate collectible distributed by the Royal Canadian Mint at the unveiling of the \$2 coin at the Metro Toronto Zoo, we expect that it will also rise in value before too long.



The only item we still have from the ad are the RCM blank planchets. They were used to strike the Remembrance and Peace medals. They continue to be available at 2 for \$5 or 5 for \$10, post-paid. For every \$10 worth, we will include a free CD (Windows and NT) featuring 2 great catalogues, namely, the 52nd edition of "The Charlton Standard Catalogue of Canadian Coins" and the 10th edition of "The Charlton Standard Catalogue of Canadian Government Paper Money" published in 1998. The CDs have been donated by Bill Cross for our fundraising effort.

Error collectors have paid dearly for blank planchets used at the Royal Canadian Mint. Now you can obtain some for as low as only \$2 each! When the RCM released a test token at just under \$50, what did you think? Look at the selling price now!

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Regular Membership - \$15 per year
Husband & Wife (1 Journal) - \$17 year

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Club Membership - \$20 year

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(Life Memberships are accepted only
after one year of regular membership)

Send Membership Applications (with cheque
payable to the ONA) to the ONA Treasurer.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well another ONA Annual Convention has been put to bed and I'll say first off that it was a first class show and ran quite smoothly (aside from a rude fire alarm wake up at 5:10 a.m. Saturday morning!!!).

The North York Coin Club is to be commended on a great show under the command of Paul Petch and his crew. I was very proud to have been a part of it and enjoyed the entire week-end. Well done!

Congratulations to all those who were honoured for their work throughout the year and at the convention. I won't go into detail on that as we have an Awards Report inside, but I do want to say it has been a pleasure to be associated with so many fine collectors over the past year!

Next year's ONA 2001 will return to the Ramada/College Inn Motel and Conference Centre in Guelph. The bourse is sold out, we will have a major auction on Saturday afternoon.

We will be instituting many changes starting with next years show. Let me give you the "Insider's Report" view on that:

Combined Club Delegates Meeting/Annual Banquet: This will become a Sunday Brunch, making it affordable to more people and will feature an inspirational banquet speaker who will address "club renovation." Likely will be attended by clubs who would like to improve their operations, anyone qualify ???

Educational Sessions: We would like to see beginner-style information both at the Specialty Club meetings, "Starting a Wooden Money Collection," "What is Collectible in Canadian Tire Money?", "Early Tokens used by Ontario Merchants" and topics like "How to Store your Coin Collection," "Beginning With Banknotes," "Commemorative Quarters of Queen Elizabeth II." It has appeared that presenting topics like "German Language banking on the Upper Thames River" has not been of interest to the broad masses, and until we start to entice "the broad masses," there will be a lack of further growth.

Expanded Bourse Hours: Look for a bourse that now opens Friday from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and new Saturday hours of 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.. Expanded advertising will ensure that the bourse is indeed very busy on Saturday, the prime day. Dealers, be ready to "set up" Friday afternoon!!

2002: We are headed West for a show in a large South Western Ontario city and a 6600 square foot bourse! Details next issue.

Comments, complaints or concerns are invited and appreciated from anyone willing to help out or become a player!

Most sincerely,

Mike Hollingshead
ONA President



EDITOR'S MESSAGE

I have never, ever received as many compliments about anything in my life as I did for the last (March/April 2000) ONA Numismatist. It meant a lot to me! Right from the ONA President and Immediate Past-President down to a number of other members that took the time to e-mail or snail-mail me. William Waychison from Timmins and Tom Masters from London come to mind for having written me nice notes. Thanks for all the compliments!

Just after I delivered the master copy of the March/April ONA Numismatist to Bruce Raszmann for printing and distribution, I received an e-mail from one club and a letter from another, making me aware of their upcoming shows and asking me to include information in the next bulletin. I would have loved to do so, however there was one little problem: insufficient lead-time by the host clubs and the frequency of the ONA Numismatist.

There is nothing we can do to help promote shows or annual dinners if we become aware of them too late. Although your editor scans local club bulletins and Canadian Coin News for information to publish, the onus is surely on the publicity chairman to provide the information directly to editors in a timely manner. Keeping in mind that our deadlines are every two months, it is not always possible to assist a club if they do not provide us with the required information in good time.

When a club does not promote their activities early enough, everyone loses: the club because their attendance will be down; the dealers who will do less business as a result of it; the collectors who might have attended had they been able to plan sooner.

We appeal to all clubs to get information to us early. Our deadlines for the rest of the year are the last week of June, August, October and December. Please be guided accordingly!

Have you noticed an absolute absence in the ONA Numismatist of information about new issues from the Royal Canadian Mint? Canadian Coin News is published every 2 weeks. Local club bulletins that pick up RCM press releases are published every month. If the ONA Numismatist were to publish the same information, it would be "old news" to ONA members. We will allocate space for in-depth articles such as we did a few issues ago for the Ontario judge in the 1999 Centsation 25 cent judging contest. We have already contacted the Ontario judge for the 2000 judging, as well as the coin designers residing in Ontario. Watch for these original articles in future issues.

Have you also noticed a virtual absence of "Letters to the Editor" since I took over as Editor in November of 1998? The only letters published were in that first issue. Although we have received correspondence since then, it was either of a personal nature, or very general. Well, two things have been sent out by me lately to which I have received an unprecedented number of letters.

The first item was an e-mail I sent out just before Christmas to a number of collectors, passing along a special recipe for Christmas cake...where every second ingredient was rum. I received a number of responses in jest, basically all having to do with the fact that they tried the recipe and suffered the consequences of this one major ingredient.

The second was the counterfeit coin quiz published under "The Lighter Side" in the last ONA Numismatist. It received more responses than anything else that I have ever received since being involved with the ONA.

Every editor before me and every local club editor that I have had discussions with has the same problem: not enough people want to write to the editor. Either they feel they have nothing to report or just can't be bothered sending in information about themselves or other members.

Maybe the key to motivating people to write is found in these two examples: use humor! I think that we have been using the wrong approach all along!

John Regitko
ONA Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



All letters addressed to the ONA Editor are assumed to have automatic approval to be published in the ONA Numismatist. If you do not wish to have your name included if it is published, please state so in your letter. You must, however, provide us with your name, otherwise we will not respond to it in any way whatsoever. We reserve the right to edit letters, or remove irrelevant items, providing it does not change the point made.

Volume 28 - Sept./Oct issue of the Ontario Numismatist has just come to hand.

It is with great regret that I read on page 132; London Numismatic Society, "We note that the London Numismatic Society has seen fit to make Howard Whitfield an Honorary Director. It has been a long time coming."

I would respectfully advise that the late F.H. Whitfield was made an Honorary Director of the L.N.S. in January 1985. This has been noted for all to see on the mast head of the L.N.S. Bulletin since that date. Further, Mr. Whitfield was made a Life Member of the Society in 1961 and has been a respected member of the L.N.S. as member number 5 (1951) until his death on September 15, 1999.

We expect to see a correction and an apology in the next edition of the Ontario Numismatist.

Wm. N. Clarke, FRNS, FCNRS
(for the L.N.S.)

(Editor's comment: We stand corrected!)

I have finished reading the latest bulletin I would like to clear up a couple of things.

On page 28, the ONA 25th anniversary convention was in 1987, not 1964, and it was hosted by the North York Coin Club. We also hosted the 1986 CNA, both held at the Westbury Hotel. I was General Chairman of both events.

TICF was started in the mid 1970's by Chuck Moore, and you took over in 1982. The 25th anniversary goldene medal that you are referring to was actually 1988 when TICF hosted the 26th ONA convention. The ONA only started in 1962, so 1987 was the 25th anniversary when we had the silver plated medal for the registration kit.

On page 29 of the same ONA Numismatist, "ONA medals struck outside of Ontario," the size changed in 1970 when Barrie hosted the convention. It was the small size by 1976 when NYCC hosted it for the first time, the size it is today.

I think a couple of them were struck at Lombardo Mint in Sherbrooke, Que. I believe it was Lombardo in 1982. Peterborough hosted 1983 and they didn't have a medal. In 1984, when Wally Ciona was involved, the medals were struck by Pressed Metal Products until now.

I think after this year's convention, the ONA and the host club will have to take a serious look into the cost of the medal which this year cost over \$2400.

Harvey Farrow, ONA LM #027

(Editor's Comments: Again, I stand corrected. With the deadline of the last 36-page bulletin, I did not, against my better judgement, do enough checking when I wrote the column. Harvey has not only intimately been involved with ALL conventions anywhere near Toronto for the past 50 years or so, but his memory on dates, sports, general trivia, etc. is so great that I have said to numerous people over the years that if I ever become involved with a trivia show, I want Harvey on my team! I will have to tell members of the ONA sometime about the wooden nickels and business cards that I would have issued with the wrong dates for the Toronto International Coin Fair and other conventions were it not for Harvey's keen eye and good memory for dates!)

(Editor's Comment: P.S. I think I'll quit while I'm behind!)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR-CONTINUED

Dear Mr. Editor-John:

Today, the Wednesday after my pleasant visit to the North York area of Toronto attending the 2000 edition of the ONA Annual Convention, I finally got around to reading the March/April issue of the Ontario Numismatist I picked up at the ONA Table at the Show. I must congratulate you on the publication, I even noted slight improvement, if that is possible, from the last copy I read some two years ago. Yes, some two years ago, as I'm not a member of the ONA. Perhaps, as I've been told by many of my friends in the Association I should join. On reading your Editorial, I was only slightly surprised that if I do apply and am accepted to membership, I'll also be a member of the "less than half a dozen exceptions" group, which could be an achievement in itself. While not a member as yet, I'm the proud collector of several applications for Membership signed by recruiters the likes of, John Regitko, Dr. Marvin Kay, Tom Kennedy, Paul Johnson, Ken Wilmot, Ron Zelk and the list goes on. Could be a new segment of collecting interest?

Now my quandary, if I'm to join, which application do I complete, who do I accept to act as my proposer, will that choice be a slight on the remainder? Oh, decisions decisions, guess I'll have to give the matter more thought.----- I have a possible solution to my quandary, next Convention I attend, I could have each of my ONA recruiter friends sign the same application, then I would not have to choose.---- Alas, that won't work either, as a couple of these friends, whose names I did not include in my abbreviated list above, are no longer with us, thus I can't obtain another signature. Oh well, thanks fellas for your vote of confidence in proposing me for membership, I promise to continue working on a solution to what has accidentally become, my problem!!!

Convention 2000 was a week-end to remember from my \$25.00 cab ride from the airport at 7:30 A.M. Thursday, to dinner, and a free ride back to the airport with my old friend Ron Zelk on Sunday at 7:30 P.M. Between these time-frames, it was a great time, renewing acquaintances with old friends, making a few new ones, with just real hospitable folks. I always enjoy attending an ONA Show, as infrequent as this might be, as I see many friends who I do not necessarily see at the annual CNA Conventions.

I was somewhat disappointed that several of these friends who I last saw in Ottawa and/or Guelph were absent this year. I want you to know I missed seeing you, and I do hope to see you at the Golden Anniversary Convention of The Canadian Numismatic Association in Ottawa come August. This promises to be the "BEST" of all our past Conventions, proudly in the City "Where it all Began." See you there???

To President Mike Hollingshead and all members of the Ontario Numismatic Association and President Paul Petch and all members of the North York Coin Club I was privileged to see last week-end, a BIG THANKS for your hospitality, good conversation, good food, good drink, and especially your FRIENDSHIP. I hope perhaps Guelph will beckon me in 2001. The Question is,---- as a Member or again, just as a GUEST??

Till next time, Happy Trails to all, and thanks for the memories!!

Sincerely,

Earl Salterio
Calgary, Alberta

(Editor's Comment: Thanks for those kind words, Earl, but too bad you won't see this published because you are not a member!)

Just a note to let you know that EBAY now has a EBAY Canada site: <http://pages.ca.ebay.com/coins-index> .

Enjoy!

Barry McIntyre, Orleans
ONA Member #1646



TREASURER'S REPORT

The ONA Treasurer's Annual Report, as presented at the General Membership Meeting at the ONA Convention by Bruce Raszmann, is reproduced on the following 3 pages.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

For the period January 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Petty Cash @ January 1, 1999	\$ 16.21	
Bank Balance @ January 1, 1999	<u>3,573.99</u>	
	\$ 3,590.20	\$ 3,590.20

RECEIPTS

Memberships (Regular, Junior & Club)	\$ 4,031.85	
O.N.A. Convention Draw	1,561.62	
Club Ticket Rebate	94.00	
Premium U.S.A. Money	34.24	
Advertising - "Ontario Numismatist"	362.50	
Medals	45.00	
Use of Medal Die	<u>10.00</u>	
	\$ 6,139.21	\$ 6,139.21

EXPENSES

O.N.A. Publication "Ontario Numismatist"	\$ 6,119.83	
Postage & Secretary	122.09	
Printing & Photocopying	211.19	
P.O. Box Rental & G.S.T.	418.04	
Safety Deposit Box Rental & G.S.T.	131.08	
C.N.A. & A.N.A. Dues	85.74	
Office Supplies & Expenses	277.42	
Telephone	93.97	
Honorariums	225.00	
Best Bulletin	50.00	
Numismatic Network	59.00	
ONA Convention 2000 Advance	350.00	
Club Services	71.76	
Advertising	45.00	
Lunch	<u>6.75</u>	
	\$ 8,266.87	\$ 8,266.87

Excess Receipts Over Expenses		\$-2,127.66
Petty Cash @ December 31, 1999	11.59	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1999	<u>1,450.95</u>	
	1,462.54	\$ 1,462.54

GENERAL ACCOUNT - BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank Pass Book Balance @ December 31, 1999	\$ 1,450.95
Outstanding Cheques	----
Statement Bank Balance @ December 31, 1999	\$ 1,450.95

TREASURER'S REPORT - CONTINUED

For the period January 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999

CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1999		\$ 3,197.67
RECEIPTS		
Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 657.00	
Interest Cashable Savings Certificates	294.00	
Matured Cashable Savings Certificates	7,000.00	
Matured Guaranteed Investment Certificates	<u>7,000.00</u>	
	\$ 14,951.00	\$ 14,951.00
EXPENSES		
Cashable Savings Certificate	\$ 3,000.00	
Guaranteed Investment Certificates	<u>11,000.00</u>	
	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Excess Receipts Over Expenses		\$ 951.00
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1999		\$ 4,148.67
<u>CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT ASSETS</u>		
Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 18,000.00	
Cashable Savings Certificate	3,000.00	

INSURANCE ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1999		\$ 961.03
RECEIPTS		
2 (1999) Club Premiums @ 35.00 each	\$ 70.00	
2 (1999) Club Premiums @ 45.00 each	90.00	
1 (1999) Additional Named @ \$10.00 each	10.00	
23 (2000) Club Premiums @ \$35.00 each	805.00	
Interest Cashable Savings Certificate	168.00	
Matured Cashable Saving Certificate	4,000.00	
Canadian Numismatic Association Premium	<u>901.80</u>	
	\$ 6,044.80	\$ 6,044.80
EXPENSES		
Cashable Savings Certificate	\$ 4,700.00	
Insurance Premium	1,441.80	
Photocopies & Postage	<u>19.63</u>	
	\$ 6,161.43	\$ 6,161.43
Excess Receipts Over Expenses		\$ -116.63
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1999		\$ 844.40
<u>INSURANCE ACCOUNT ASSETS</u>		
Cashable Savings Certificate	\$ 4,700.00	

CASH ASSET SUMMARY @ DECEMBER 31, 1999

Cash & Bank Balance - General Account	\$ 1,462.54	
Bank Balance - Contingency Account	4,148.67	
Guaranteed Investment Certificates - Contingency	18,000.00	
Cashable Savings Certificate - Contingency	3,000.00	
Bank Balance - Insurance Account	844.40	
Cashable Savings Certificate - Insurance Account	<u>4,700.00</u>	
	32,155.61	\$ 32,155.61
Cash Assets (1998)		\$ 32,748.90
Decrease In Cash Assets		\$ 593.29

T R E A S U R E R ' S R E P O R T C O N T I N U E D

For the period January 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1999		\$ 559.42
RECEIPTS		
Life Memberships	\$ 300.00	
Interest Guaranteed Investment Certificates	406.25	
Interest Cashable Savings Certificate	67.20	
Matured Guaranteed Investment Certificate	1,700.00	
Matured Cashable Savings Certificate	<u>1,600.00</u>	
	\$ 4,073.45	\$ 4,073.45
EXPENSES		
Guaranteed Investment Certificates	3,300.00	
Membership Dues (1999) @ \$15.00 each	<u>1,170.00</u>	
	\$ 4,470.00	4,470.00
Excess Receipts Over Expenses		\$ - 396.55
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1999		\$ 162.87
<u>LIFE MEMBERSHIP ASSETS</u>		
Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 9,300.00	

Note: The Bank Accounts are maintained at The Canada Trust, Belmont Branch, Kitchener, Ontario

Bruce Raszmann
Treasurer

M E M B E R S H I P R E P O R T

N E W A P P L I C A T I O N S



The following applications for membership have been received. If there are no objections by June 15, they will be accepted into ONA membership and their acceptance published in the next bulletin. Recruiters eligible for the ONA Recruiter of the Year Award are identified with an asterisk (no asterisk designates that they are not eligible for the award because of their position within the ONA Executive).

- #1697 Johann Werner, Elmira, Ont.
- #1698 Brad Faulkner, Kitchener, Ont.
- #1699 Issie Chaimovitch, Toronto, Ont.
- #1700 Edward Hagen, Waterloo, Ont.
- #1701 Sandy Campbell, Baddeck, N.S.

Bruce Raszmann
Membership Chairman

REMINDER RE RECRUITER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Please note that the "Recruiter of the Year" Award for the calendar year 2000 is still up for grabs. There is no front-runner at this time. Everybody has an equal chance to win. All you have to do is "sign up" more new members than anybody else.

This is your association. Won't you do your part to keep it strong?

POST-ONA CONVENTION NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO CONVENTION AWARD WINNERS

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

BRUCE RASZMANN

IS THE RECIPIENT OF THE
2000 "FELLOW" AWARD
 THE ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION'S
 "FELLOW OF THE ONA" AWARD IS IN
 RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION OF
 YOUR DEDICATION TO THE HOBBY

 DON ROBB
 Chairman - ONA Awards Committee



 MIKE HOLLINGSHEAD
 President - Ontario Numismatic Association

ONA AWARD OF MERIT

PAUL PETCH

IS HEREBY PRESENTED WITH THE
2000 AWARD OF MERIT
 THE ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION'S HIGHEST
 AWARD IS IN RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION OF
 YOUR DEDICATION IN THE FURTHERING OF
 NUMISMATIC KNOWLEDGE AND UNSELFISH DEVOTION

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 MIKE HOLLINGSHEAD
 President - Ontario Numismatic Association

CERTIFICATE OF AWARD

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

IS HEREBY PRESENTED WITH THE
**BEST CLUB BULLETIN
 AWARD FOR 1999**
 THE ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION IS PLEASED
 TO SELECT THE NORTH YORK COIN CLUB BULLETIN
 AS THE BEST ONTARIO CLUB BULLETIN FOR 1999

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PAUL PETCH

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**BEST CLUB BULLETIN
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**2000 ONA
 CONVENTION
 BEST JUNIOR
 COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT
 MATTHEW FLECK**

**2000 ONA
 CONVENTION
 2ND RUNNER-UP
 COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT
 MIKE HOLLINGSHEAD**

**2000 ONA
 CONVENTION
 1ST RUNNER-UP
 COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT
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**2000 ONA
 CONVENTION
 BEST OF SHOW
 COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT
 BILL KAMB**



**ONA DREAM
 VACATION**

GRAND PRIZE WINNER
 \$1,250 TRAVEL VOUCHER
 OR \$1,000 CASH
R. DEXTER BUTT
 Richmond Hill, Ont.



**ONA DREAM
 VACATION**

**SELLER OF GRAND
 PRIZE TICKET**
 \$100 CASH
R. DEXTER BUTT
 Richmond Hill, Ont.



**ONA DREAM
 VACATION**

2ND PLACE WINNER
 \$100 GOLD COIN
**CHRIS
 GEORGANTOPOULOS**
 Burlington, Ont.



**ONA DREAM
 VACATION**

RUNNERS-UP PRIZES
 MARK ARGENTINO
 BERNIE BRODHAGEN
 DOROTHY MASON
 RALPH de BOER
 GRANT LATTIMER



DREAM VACATION DRAW CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

We are pleased to publish the winners' names in the ONA Dream Vacation Draw that was conducted by Bruce Raszmann, Draw Chairman, at the conclusion of the ONA Convention

DRAW WINNERS

FIRST PRIZE (a dream vacation travel ticket for \$1,250, good through any travel agent in Ontario, anywhere you want to go, or \$1,000 cash): R. Dexter Butt (Richmond Hill, Ont.)

SECOND PRIZE (Canadian \$100 gold coin): Chris Georgantopoulos (Burlington, Ont.)

THREE CONSOLATION PRIZES (2000 O' Canada Sets): Mark Argentino (Mississauga, Ont.), Bernie Brodhagen (Sebringville, Ont.) and Dorothy Mason (Bayfield, Ont.)

TWO CONSOLATION PRIZES (Sterling Silver Proof 25 Cent Coins): Ralph de Boer (Innerkip, Ont.) and Grant Lattimer (Niagara Falls, Ont.)

SELLER OF FIRST PRIZE TICKET (\$100 cash): R. Dexter Butt (Richmond Hill, Ont.)

The ONA would like to thank all those who sold tickets or purchased them. Your support enables us to carry out our many programs.



TICKET SALES BY CLUBS

For every book sold, the seller could specify the name of an ONA member club which would receive \$2. A total of 400 books were so designated. Following is a breakdown of the recipient clubs, in alphabetic order, along with the number of books credited to each one:

Brantford Numismatic Society	4	South Wellington Coin Society	2
Cambridge Coin Club	4	St. Catharines Coin Club	2
City of Ottawa Coin Club	43	St. Thomas Numismatic Association	5
Champlain Coin Club	3	Stratford Coin club	66
Hamilton Coin Club	7	Tillsonburg Coin Club	4
Ingersoll Coin Club	56	Waterloo Coin Society	53
Kent Coin Club	1	Watford Coin Club	2
Lake Superior Coin Club	10	Windsor Coin Club	35
London Numismatic Society	3	Woodstock Coin Club	9
Nickel Belt Coin Club	9	Canadian Numismatic Association	1
North York Coin Club	22	<i>Non-ONA Member Clubs:</i>	
Ontario Numismatic Association	39	Bancroft Coin Club	1
Oshawa & District Coin Club	4	Mississauga Coin Club	1
Peterborough Numismatic Society	2	Thistleton Coin & Stamp Club	4
Scarborough Coin Club	8	Total Book Sales	400

One hundred percent of the profits of the Dream Vacation Draw will benefit the ONA and its membership. The funds will be used for ongoing programs that cannot be covered fully by membership dues. This includes the ONA Numismatist, new audio visual programs and other projects.

Bruce Raszmann
Draw Chairman

ON A C O N V E N T I O N N E W S

ONA 2000 CONVENTION - A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE

by Paul R. Petch, General Chairman, ONA 2000 Convention Committee



Serving as the General Chairman of the convention committee that organized the 38th Annual ONA Convention was both a busy and rewarding experience. The ONA Numismatist normally has a report of the annual convention activities from someone other than the convention chairman, but this year I've decided to write it myself "on the morning after the night before." That is, the Monday following the Convention week-end.

One of the first things that strikes me is the extended amount of time it takes to properly mount an event of even such a modest size... that is, modest in terms of some of the really large conventions which come to Toronto. It was in the middle of March, 1998 that **Ken Wilmot**, the ONA President at the time, was searching for the 2000 location. He said, "I wondered if the North York Club would be interested in hosting the show again. The strength of numismatics lies in the Toronto area and when I read your minutes I know you have well-qualified members." There's nothing like a compliment to draw in the unwary.

The Club Executive agreed that North York should host the convention. We set to work locating a hotel with available space, forming up a medal committee chaired by **Rick Craig** with members **Paul Johnson** and **Roger Fox** and finding a Bourse Chairman, a job **Dick Dunn** agreed to take on. We were ready at the 1999 ONA Convention in Guelph to begin our promotion and sell bourse tables. We were gratified to have so much dealer interest, and realized things were looking very good when we had sold out 46 tables to over 30 dealers, including the Royal Canadian Mint. Preparations were most intense starting in January and we could see that we had all the parts in place the Wednesday before the convention opened when we held a "dress rehearsal," assembling the Registration Kits and preparing the daily admissions.

Friday was a busy day that started early with a confirmation meeting of all arrangements with hotel staff and a short visit to **Charles Moore's** auction viewing room. I met **Ron Zelk** there, with **Dick Dunn**, **Roger Fox**, **Rick Craig**, **Bob Wilson** and **Del Murchison** soon on the scene and getting into the convention set-up job. We had tables, telephones and electrical services coming into place quickly. **Brian Smith** from Torex delivered some extra cases and **Gary Oblinsky** arrived early with the ONA's cases and lamps. I myself got on the road and moved all the food and drinks for the hospitality suite into place. By the time I returned to the convention hall, I found we were ready to go and we opened the doors to dealers a little after 5:00 p.m. because they were anxious to begin. Staff from Target Security arrived right on time at 6:00 p.m. and stayed continuously on guard until 4:00 p.m. Sunday. These were capable, friendly people who added much to the success of the event.

Also arriving in quick order were **Ken Wilmot**, **Bruce Raszmann** and ONA President **Mike Hollingshead**. **Bob Wilson** joined **Harvey Farrow** and **Albert Kasman** at the front of the convention hall at our registration table and welcomed and served the registrants until 9:00 p.m.

During all this time, there was much preparation going on upstairs in the hospitality suite where my wife, **Carolyn-Marie Petch** with help from my daughter, **Francine Petch** brought the planned reception for registrants and dealers to life. **Roger Fox** shifted his attention upstairs as well and put many years of bar tending experience to use, getting the refreshments ready to flow. An excellent bar tender, he served up the drinks and even listened to people's problems as well. Attendance was good and appetites were sharp, but food and drink held up to the 11:00 p.m. close. A feature of the evening was the presentation of a number of ONA 2000 uniface thank you medals to the convention workers. Not everyone was able to be there, but it was very nice to recognize the members of the team at the opening reception.

ONA CONVENTION NEWS - CONTINUED

I thought that Saturday morning was going to come early with a 7:00 a.m. C.N.A. Executive meeting. It came even earlier than that. There were at least four groups made up of some very young people who had the urge to party through the night and then set off the fire alarm at 4:30 a.m.

The C.N.A. meeting lasted well past its scheduled end time of 10:00 a.m., right until noon. I was unable to stay at the meeting, having to pop out frequently to attend to convention details. **Ron Zelk** capably stepped in to serve as Exhibits Chairman in place of **Basil Latham**. One of the important events was the official opening of the convention. It took place at 10:00 a.m., right after the registrants' bourse preview, with **Mike Hollingshead** and myself conducting the opening. **Dick Dunn** continued on during the days of the show as the "sheriff" of the bourse room, ensuring that the honest dealers who had paid their bourse fee did not get blind-sided by the few dishonest individuals who try to do selling on the floor.

Bob Wilson was back to help **Albert Kasman** and **Harvey Farrow** at the admission desk and set-up the hourly draw prizes. A feature of the admission material was a special wood flat which served as an admission ticket. There are three types, one on dark cherry wood which were placed in the Registration Kits for Saturday and Sunday. There were also individual flats for Saturday and Sunday, having blue and gold imprinting, respectively. Only a few of the prizes were claimed, even though we went to drawing tickets every half hour on Sunday at 12:00 noon. We welcomed over 235 paid visitors on Saturday. There were a few more in the 30 minutes prior to closing when we had declared free admission. The hospitality suite was open again from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with **Lucille Colson** and **Marg Fox** in to help for the day.

While I was not able to be there between 9:00 a.m. and noon, I got reports of a lively and busy Canadian Tire Coupon Collector's Club meeting from **Roger Fox**. It was the 10th anniversary meeting and included balloons, coffee and cake... a real party.

In the early afternoon, Head Judge **Paul Johnson** along with Exhibits Judges **Don Robb**, **Dr. Marvin Kay** and **William H. McDonald** conducted the formal judging of the exhibits in preparation for announcing winners at the banquet.

The Canadian Association of Token Collectors had a good meeting which lasted from noon until 2:00 p.m. I was able to stop in there and say a few words of public thanks to **Scott Douglas** for organizing the Program of Events and **Harry James** for his presentation at the meeting on "Merchants Due Bills." **Del Murchison**, who handled all the non-numismatic publicity and managed to get himself interviewed on the Breakfast Television show on CITY TV to promote the show happened to be in the room as well. All three received their uniface ONA 2000 thank you medals.

The final group meeting of the Convention was the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. At 4:45, after we had declared free admission, we were able to make a quantity of the Saturday ONA Admission flats available through **Norm Belsten** (the creator of the flats) to all attendees.

At 1:00 p.m. Charles Moore's ONA Auction got underway. It was very large with over 1400 lots and continued until after 7:00 p.m. Successful bidders were able to pick up their winning bid material after the auction and Charles told me that they were done by 8:00 p.m. and that the proceedings had gone very well.

There was a nice crowd that turned out for the pre-banquet reception. Since the reception room was ready, visits and chatting got started about half an hour before schedule at 6:00 p.m. A few minutes after 7:00 p.m., the attendees moved into the banquet room. **Dr. Marvin Kay** served as the Master of Ceremonies, introducing the head table comprised of **Mrs. Sondra Kay**, **Carolyn-Marie Petch**, myself, **Dr. Denna Benn** with ONA President **Mike Hollingshead**, **Ian Graham** of the Royal Canadian Mint, keynote speaker **Geoff Bell**, Head Judge **Paul Johnson** and ONA Awards Committee Chairman **Don Robb**. There were a group of draw prizes and the drawing of the tickets took place between the courses and fell to those who had made the donation. These included **Brett Evans** of Trajan Publishing, **Ian Graham** of the Mint and **Roger Fox**, President of the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club.

ONACONVENTIONNEWS-CONTINUED

Following the excellent and well-prepared meal, **Geoff Bell** delivered his talk on "The Underappreciated." He itemized both hobby collectibles and individuals, all of which in his opinion could use a little more recognition and appreciation.

The Master of Ceremonies, in appreciation, presented the Speaker with a silver uniface convention medal. **Paul Johnson** then came to the podium and announced the exhibit winners. The Junior category winner was **Matthew Fleck**. Third Place went to **Mike Hollingshead**, second to **Chris Boyer** and the Best in Show to **Bill Kamb**. It was determined late on Sunday afternoon after the counting of the ballots that Bill had also won the People's Choice Award for best exhibit for his display of Newfoundland cents. **Don Robb** was then introduced to announce the selections of the Awards Committee. A "Fellow of the ONA" Award was presented to **Bruce Raszmann**, this in addition to an Award of Merit given to him in 1973, making him the only individual to be so honored. I personally was truly surprised and honored to receive the ONA Award of Merit, the ONA's highest award. My thanks go to those who nominated and supported me and also to all in attendance for their applause and congratulations.

The final presentations of the evening were in the form of medals presented by the ONA President to the Head Judge and Awards Chairman. The banquet concluded with an invitation from the Master of Ceremonies on behalf of the President to attend the President's Reception in the Hospitality Suite.

Sunday opened with the ONA Delegate Meeting at 9:00 a.m. conducted by M.C. **Ken Wilmot**. In addition to the club reports and a draw which saw some Junior Collector Kits from the Royal Canadian Mint get awarded for use at three clubs, there was an excellent panel discussion on the topic "Running Good Coin Club Meetings." Panel members were **Dorothy Mason**, **Mike Hollingshead** and **Del Murchison**. While unable to attend the convention, **John Regitko** had helped with meeting organization in the background. The ONA's "Best Local Coin Club Bulletin" award for 1999 was awarded to the North York Coin Club with myself winning the "Best Local Coin Club Editor" award.

The ONA Annual General Meeting followed immediately. The most significant events here were a vision of innovation for the ONA and the annual convention delivered by the President and a brief report by myself as Convention General Chairman on convention arrangements. The meetings of Sunday concluded with a meeting of the ONA Executive.

Attendance on Sunday was quite good compared to other years. Counting Registration Kit entries for both Saturday and Sunday, the count for the convention totals to 423.

At about 3:40 p.m., we held the Dream Vacation draw. Draw Chairman **Bruce Raszmann** made the selections. The first prize vacation trip was won by **R. Dexter Butt** of Richmond Hill. The second place \$100 gold went to **Chris Georgantopoulos** of Burlington. Consolation third and fourth prizes of 'O Canada' sets were won by **Mark Argentino** of Mississauga and **Bernie Brodhagen** of Sebringville. Consolation fifth and six place prizes of a 2000 millennium March sterling silver 25-cent piece went to **Ralph de Boer** of Innerkip and **Grant Lattimer** of Niagara Falls.

And that was it. It was now 4:00 p.m. and the show closed. After all of the preparation and all of the fun, the ONA 2000 Convention was over... except for the cleaning up. The dealers moved out, there were cases, lamps and garbage to collect, tablecloths to fold and save for next year, tables to take down and stack for pick-up. The whole crew stayed on and helped. Truly, this is an exceptional group of members and friends who belong to the North York Coin Club, all of whom gave very willingly of their time and energy.

It was just before 6:00 p.m. when I thanked them all and invited them up to the Hospitality Suite where it was now their job to "clean up" the last of the refreshments and food.

Was it a successful show? That's for others to decide, based on what they were looking for and what they found. I hope they consider it was. For myself, I'm convinced that the North York Coin Club, the Convention Committee and its members are all the better for the convention experience.

ONA CONVENTION NEWS

ONA 2000 CONVENTION COMMITTEE



The Convention Committee has been hard at work, not only at the convention but looking after 1001 details long, long before the convention. Club members have to be motivated at least 2 years in advance of a convention so that manpower, one of the two advance priorities (the other is hotel location), is in place. A club representative has to make presentations to the ONA Executive and answer any questions they might have about the club, location, manpower, etc. The club has to select a chairman well in advance, who in turn gathers up a committee of both experienced organizers and some new blood, calls meetings and generally gets the ball rolling. A bank account has to be set up. The convention medal has to be designed, as well as a convention logo if it is different from the medal design. Negotiations with the hotel for room rates, meals and other requirements have to be finalized. The auction house has to be selected. Then there is the bourse floor plan and the invitation for bourse space that has to be ready for the prior year's convention. A program of events has to be finalized. Numismatic organizations have to be approached to find out if they wish to hold meetings in conjunction with the convention. Speakers, masters of ceremonies and judges have to be selected and invited. Pricing for meals has to be established. Publicity has to be generated. Registration kit contents have to be acquired. Registration forms have to be created. Signs have to be made up. The list goes on and on and on.

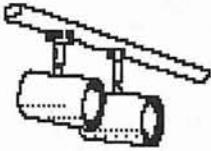
Then there are the front-line workers that have to organize activities before and at the convention. This includes the purchasing of items for the hospitality suite, both for the Friday evening reception as well as for Saturday and Sunday. The registration desk and daily admission table must be manned at all times.

Some of the people that have been working on the convention, both prior and during, are as follows. To them goes the credit for another good ONA Convention.

General Chairman:	Paul Petch
ONA President & Liaison:	Mike Hollingshead
Secretary:	Lucille Colson
Treasurer & Pre-Registration:	Harvey Farrow
Registration Chairman:	Harvey Farrow
Exhibits Chairmen:	Basil Latham & Ron Zelk
Head Judge:	Paul Johnson
Exhibits Judges:	Dr. Marvin Kay, William H. McDonald & Don Robb
Bourse Chairman:	Dick Dunn
Club Delegate Meeting Chairman:	Ken Wilmot
Banquet Master of Ceremonies:	Dr. Marvin Kay
Banquet Keynote Speaker:	Geoff Bell
Convention Medal Committee:	Rick Craig, Paul Johnson & Roger Fox
Daily Admission:	Albert Kasman, Harvey Farrow & Bob Wilson
Publicity Chairmen:	Del Murchison & Paul Petch
Hospitality Suite:	Carolyne-Marie Petch
Hospitality Suite Hostesses:	Lucille Colson & Marg Fox
Program of Events Chairman:	Scott Douglas
Security:	Ron Zelk
Dream Vacation Draw Chairman:	Bruce Raszmann
ONA Awards Committee Chairman:	Don Robb

S P O T L I G H T O N P E O P L E

A column in praise of active Ontario collectors



PAUL PETCH RECIPIENT OF HIGHEST ONA AWARD

We thought members might like to know a bit of background on the recipient of the 2000 ONA Award of Merit. He accepted the award at the 2000 ONA Convention's banquet in North York.

HIS EARLY YEARS

Paul R. Petch put away his first coins about the time he was 10, in 1956. He began saving coins from circulation, borrowed a couple of coin books from the North York Public Library where he also visited the reference room to read the CNA Journal. He acquired his first coin book, the Taylor/James Catalogue, 2nd edition, in 1960, which he still has in his library. In 1961, he became involved in a coin club at his high school.

Paul has worked at Humber College for over 30 years where he has managed the Computer Centre, served for 7 years on province-wide Human Resources committees and currently holds responsibilities in Information Technology Planning. Paul is married with four young adults ranging from 13 to 21 years of age and makes his home in Northwest Toronto.

He is a life member of the North York Coin Club, Toronto Coin Club, the Canadian Association of Token Collectors (CATC) and the CNA. He is a 30-year member of the ANA (joining in 1968) and has also been a member of the Numismatic Bibliomania Society since 1990.

HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH LOCAL COIN CLUBS

Paul attended his first coin club meeting at the North York Coin Club in 1962 and joined in the same year. He was made a Life Member in 1987 (the same year that his son, Brad, also started to attend meetings on a regular basis). He was elected a Director of the club in 1989, moving up to Co-Editor, 2nd Vice-President and 1st Vice-President over the next few years. He has also served as its Secretary and Librarian, with a stint as Editor. He was elected President in 1996 and currently serves both as President and bulletin Editor. In 1997, he won both the CNA's and ONA's best bulletin editor awards for the North York Coin Club.

He joined the Toronto Coin Club in 1963 and served as their Librarian.. He also assisted with the club's popular Fall Shows. He became their Treasurer in 1997, and is currently serving his second term in that position.

He has been a frequent speaker at local coin club meetings, including the North York, Toronto and Central Coin Club meetings. One of his topics was on computers and coins, using a computer data base to catalogue a collection.

HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Paul joined the CNA in 1964. He traveled to Charlottetown, P.E.I. in 1988 to attend the CNA Convention. He became CNA Life Member #272 in 1990. He is currently a CNA Area Director, representing Southwestern Ontario. He was a presenter at the CNA Education Forum at the 1999 CNA Convention. He is a member of the CNA Horizons 2000 Committee.

He believes it is the responsibility of organized numismatics to foster and distribute knowledge and is a long-time supporter of the Numismatic Educational Services Association. Serving on the C.N.A. Education and Library Committee, he was a member of the Core Committee which developed the CNA/NESA Numismatic Correspondence Course starting in 1992. He authored two of its chapters on Canadian decimals.

He has been a presenter on Canadian Coins and Commemoratives for the CNA Canadian Numismatic Course at Humber College, Toronto, from its first presentation in 1997 to the present, as well as at the 1998 training course to 80 employees of the Royal Canadian Mint in Ottawa.

HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE ONA

Although Paul only joined the ONA in 1998, he is very active on its Executive. He was a member of the 1999 ONA Convention Committee. Holding a Life Membership in the ONA since 1999, he currently serves as 1st Vice President. He was General Chairman of the ONA 2000 Convention hosted by the NYCC.

CLUB DELEGATES MEETING SUMMARY

by Mike Hollingshead, ONA President



The year 2000 delegates meeting was attended by about 20 numismatic representatives from across Ontario from Windsor right into Quebec! The meeting was ably handled by ONA Past President Kenneth Wilmot who arranged a panel discussion to augment the normal club reporting period. The panel consisted of Del Murchison from North York/Toronto, Dorothy Mason from Stratford and ONA President Mike Hollingshead representing South Wellington/Waterloo Coin Societies.

The meeting was a marked contrast from previous years where clubs bemoaned a) the lack of juniors, b) poor turn-outs, c) same

old people at meetings, and d) we had to cancel our newsletter, etc, etc.

Most clubs attending spoke of renewal, pride and enthusiasm. The overall tone of the clubs attending was one of optimism and the chance to capitalize on the Royal Canadian Mint quarter program, which has raised the awareness of the general population in both circulating coinage and collector coins!

With assistance from the panel members, delegates formulated ideas for increased renewal. Communication was a major activity and can be achieved in a number of ways, these include but are not limited to:

1) Club Newsletter: It was pointed out that the beginning of the end for many clubs is their decision to drop their newsletter. Bad mistake. The demise of a club is only hastened by the lack of communication. Get it out if only every two meetings!

2) Phone Campaign: For clubs where most members reside within a local calling area, try to have a phone-caller who will, a few days before the monthly meeting, call up all members to remind them of the great program they will miss if they don't attend. This also makes people feel wanted and shows the club cares about them.

3) Hi! I'm your Greeter!: Stealing a page from Wal-Mart, some clubs have a Greeter at the door of the club room to shake hands with attendees and ensure that everyone feels welcome and explains to new members or visitors the ins and outs of the club meeting, auction, donation draws, etc.

4) Small Newspaper Ads: Cheap and faster than running all over town putting up posters that get removed. A small ad in your local paper(s) simply stating that "The ABC Coin Club will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 23rd in the Casino Building, everyone welcome! Learn about coin collecting!"

5) Host a Show: Nothing promotes your club better locally than a well-run show. This can be a smaller local-dealer show where you can price the tables reasonably or, once you become proficient, an annual ONA-type show. Use good communication skills to make your show work.

6) Newsletter Exchange: What a wonderful way for Club Editors to get good ideas and new material for their own newsletters. An inter-club newsletter exchange by editors. Should be easy enough to arrange, just write to the club editor and offer a one-for-one exchange. Place each other on your mailing list!

That is a short wrap-up of the New Ideas delegates meeting. Thanks to Ken Wilmot for his work in putting it together, to the panel members for their time and insights and to all the delegates and their clubs for providing information about their activities and for the enthusiasm to take ideas back to your clubs and use them!

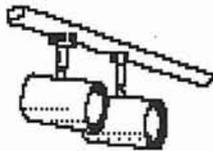
The "Best Local Coin Club Bulletin" Award was presented to the North York Coin Club and to its Editor.



S P O T L I G H T O N P E O P L E

A column in praise of active Ontario collectors

BRUCE RASZMANN RECEIVES ONA'S "FELLOW" AWARD



At the recent ONA Convention, Bruce Raszmann received the ONA's prestigious "Fellow of the ONA" Award. An article that was published in the March 21, 2000 issue of Canadian Coin News gives a good background on Bruce. We are pleased to reprint the article, written by another hard working member of the ONA and the Waterloo Coin Society, that highlights some of Bruce's numismatic achievements.

by Chris Boyer, Immediate Past-President and Former Editor, Waterloo Coin Society

The Waterloo Coin Society, host club of the 1999 CNA Convention, marked its 40th anniversary in March of 1999. Another milestone was passed at its December 1999 meeting when Bruce Raszmann's 40th anniversary as club treasurer was recognized. Bruce received a hearty round of applause, having served capably as the club's treasurer since the first day in 1959.

The Waterloo Coin Society itself was formed in March 1959, and Raszmann has been an integral part of the club nearly from its inception.

At the December 1959 meeting, Bruce was inducted as the keeper of the coffers and has done so faithfully ever since.

Known for keeping a close eye on expenditures and for saving the club as much money as possible, Bruce has been able to keep the Waterloo Coin Society (and the Ontario Numismatic Association, whose treasurer he has been continuously since 1961) in the black ever since.

Bruce joined the Waterloo club in September 1959 with membership number 36. His appointment as treasurer became effective in January 1960.

Bruce recalls that the first meetings of the Waterloo Coin Society were held in the "white house" where the current Waterloo Public Library building now stands. Over the years, the club has met in numerous locations on various dates.

The club held its 440th meeting this past December at its most recent location, the Wing 404, R.C.A.F. Assn., 510 Dutton Drive, Waterloo, where it meets on the second Tuesday of each month (doors open at 6:30 p.m., meeting starts at 8:00 p.m.).

Raszmann's attention to detail and accurate bookkeeping were part of the assets he brought with his work at the Mutual Life Company of Canada (now known as Clarica). He began there on July 5, 1954, and retired as senior payroll clerk for agents and managers on January 1, 1992. Don Robb was also a fellow Mutual Life employee.

Over the years, Bruce has been part of all of the Waterloo Coin Society's happenings, from mailing out bulletins and maintaining membership records, to helping out with mall displays and the club's annual shows.

He has also been an integral part of Ontario Numismatic Association conventions since its founding convention in 1962.

Bruce's latest achievement was his role as treasurer for the 1999 Canadian Numismatic Association Convention held in July in Kitchener, Ontario.

In addition to his membership in the Waterloo Coin Society, Bruce also holds affiliations with the Stratford Coin Club, the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club, the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors, and the "Third Tuesday" club for Mutual Life retirees. Bruce was honored with Life Membership Number 3 in the Waterloo Coin Society and has received the ONA Award of Merit, the highest honour bestowed by the Ontario Numismatic Association.

(Editor's Comment: The ONA recognized Bruce's talents way back in 1973, when it rewarded him with the ONA's highest award, the ONA Award of Merit, for his contributions to the hobby.)

LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS



Just another reminder that your local coin club, the national specialized numismatic groups as well as the CNA need your continued support. If you have not gotten around to renewing your membership, stop reading this bulletin and do it now!

If you have not renewed your membership in the ONA, you won't be reading this until our Treasurer, Bruce Raszmann, receives the renewal from you. If some of the information is "dated," it is because you did not have your renewal in to us when this bulletin was first mailed to members. With only 6 issues per year, it is not unreasonable that only the January/February issue is sent to you as a friendly reminder. Remember, a group of "Friends of the ONA" have committed to churn out a few 36-page bulletins at no additional cost to the ONA.



The North York Coin Club's February 2000 bulletin had a surprise in store for your ONA Editor. He received a Lifetime Membership in the club, in recognition of his 25 years of continuous membership. How time flies. I can't wait until my 50th (what do they give after a lifetime membership?). I'll only be 84

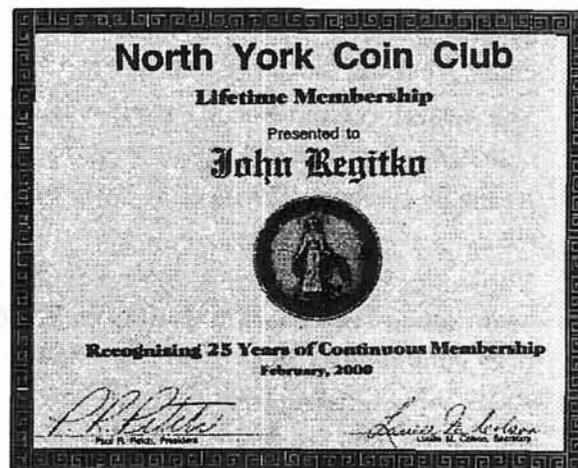
then!

Russell Brown and Norm Belsten also received their Lifetime Membership at the same time. These three join the 17 others that have received Lifetime Membership in the NYCC, most of them for 25 years of continuous membership: they are John Curtis, Ken Bunnett, Harvey Farrow, Jean Orr and May Bunnett in 1985;



Roger Fox, Paul Petch and Jim Charlton in 1986; Fred Jewett and Vince Greene in 1987; George Fraser, Ted Boxall and Lucille Colson in 1995; and Basil Latham, Carl Anderson, and Paul Johnson in 1998. The late Louise Graham received a special Lifetime Membership in 1962.

In addition to the 8-1/2" x 11" certificate, an engraved metal membership card was also handed out.



When a recent bulletin was mailed with a stamp of a bird theme, the "Question of the Month" involved the naming of all Canadian coins that shows birds. We'll let you do your own research rather than naming them here.

The NYCC's March bulletin reprinted the ONA Fundraising that was published in the last issue of the ONA Numismatist, including the illustrations of the Royal Canadian Mint scissel. Thanks for the support! In the same bulletin, Rick Craig has a great mix of material for the March meeting's auction. Not just the typical Canadian decimal coins and a few pieces of paper money, but a great variety of medals, tokens, club medals, wooden nickels, foreign numismatic items and more. Worth the trip to the meeting just for the auction!

Good thing the awards presentations for the new 25-year inductees were not expected to take place at their March meeting. With the City of Toronto and CUPE 79 not coming to an agreement, it was a question mark if there would be any meeting held at the Edithvale Community Centre in the North York-portion of Metro Toronto. Well, the meeting took place on the fourth Tuesday of March. They went out on strike the next day.

TILLSONBURG COIN CLUB The Tillsonburg Coin Club, who has 23 paid members, honored 9 members with perfect attendance records for 1999. They are Louis Gomori, Rose Gomori, Kevin Albright, Bill Oliver, Ken Voigt, Ron Barker, John Mabee, Bill Baxter and Wayne MacFarlane (Ralph Harrison only missed one meeting). They all received a 1999 prooflike set. Don't you wish your club had over 25% of your membership attending every meeting during the year?

LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



The March meeting of the Scarborough Coin Club featured a member of the Toronto Police 41 division speaking on home security, personal safety and counterfeit money. The article in the bulletin tied in nicely into this presentation with a reprint of an article from the September 1973 CNA Journal about counterfeiting as far back as the late 1700s and early 1800s.

They weren't so lucky with the City of Toronto/CUPE strike. Their meeting on the 1st Wednesday of April had to be cancelled because they meet in the Cedarbrook Community Centre in the old Scarborough portion of Metro Toronto.

Their Year 2000 show will be held on June 3 at the Cedarbrook Community Centre, 91 Eastpark Blvd., which is where their monthly meetings are also held. A very nice place! Hours of the show are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with over 30 tables of coins, paper money, tokens, medals, etc. There is free parking, free admission and hourly draws. Lunch and refreshments are provided right on the premises by the Gallaway After-School Program.



A number of clubs appointed delegates to the ONA Convention. For example, the Waterloo Coin Society appointed Dorothy Mason and Rick Johnson.

The Waterloo Coin Society has scheduled their annual dinner meeting for Tuesday, May 9, 2000, at Tien Ho's in Waterloo. It's \$14.00 for adults, \$9.00 for children 12 & under. See separate write-up under "Annual Dinner Meetings" for all the details.

It was nice to see that they have also republished the ONA's fundraiser of Royal Canadian Mint items consisting of scissel, pogs and blank planchets. Not only because of the generosity of ONA members, but of members of both the North York and Waterloo, we have run out of both scissel and pogs (see separate article in this bulletin). At least we know everyone got good value for their assistance in the fundraising!



The January meeting of the Oshawa & District Coin Club saw 43 people in attendance. That's a good start for the year in these times when attendance is down drastically at club meetings. They have reported around 40 every meeting since then.

The April bulletin, which they now call "The Numismatic Reporter," featured a 2-page multiple-choice quiz. Another 2-page article details the problems a WWII vet had when Britain mailed him 4 medals that he was awarded, namely the 1939-45 Star, the Italy Star, the Defense Medal and the War Medal. Canada Customs wanted to charge the man that spent 13 months in a Siberian prisoner of war camp, \$27.50 for PST and GST on metals that were awarded to him for serving with Polish forces under British command from 1942 to 1946. And you thought you got ripped off when you had to pay customs when you ordered those coin holders and a couple of videos from the U.S.!

TIP OF THE MONTH



In the Editor's Message, I state that as a matter of policy, the ONA Numismatist does not reprint Royal Canadian Mint press releases for the simple reason it is published bi-monthly. Within that 2-month span, Canadian Coin News will have been received by ONA members 4 times and club bulletins of which they are a member twice.

I have received in the past month a few local coin club bulletins that have reprinted RCM press releases and illustrations. One bulletin, 4 pages long, contained 2-1/2 pages of Mint release information. Now, I am not saying that a local coin club should avoid taking an easy way out to fill their bulletin's pages, however, they should keep in mind that that Canadian Coin News, Coin World, the World Wide Web and the regular press is bound to beat you to the punch.

If you know your members do not subscribe to the bi-weekly Canadian Coin News, carry on. But I don't think so! The only club bulletin that does a really decent job with RCM information is the North York Coin Club because they publish things over-and-above what is in the press releases and, therefore, published in the numismatic press.

LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



Since the February meeting of the Stratford Coin Club fell dead on Valentines Day, a special draw was held for the 28 members and 2 guests present. Bill Cousins won himself a "substantial" box of chocolates. Their new president is ONA member Larry Walker.

ONA President, Mike Hollingshead, was speaker at their April meeting.

See the "Annual Dinner Meeting" section for details on their June 12 annual dinner.



INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

A recent Ingersoll Coin Club bulletin again thanks Harry Eisenhauer of Saint John, N.B., for sending the club a donation. Last year, we mentioned that he and Jim Charlton were the biggest donors to coin clubs in Ontario. Harry is a life member of both the Ingersoll Coin Club and the ONA.

Incidentally, the March bulletin contained 5 full pages of articles, covering the mystery of the U.S. 1804 Silver Dollar, Life From The Sea about Bahamian coins, Heir to a Lost Cause about the Aztecs of what is now Mexico and a very interesting "Did You Know???" column presenting a lot of interesting facts. Add to that a page auction material that will be auctioned off at the next meeting, a page containing the President's Report and other information and another page of Minutes and area show information, and it all adds up to another interesting bulletin! Similar information and articles appear in every bulletin. No wonder their bulletin is always in consideration for the ONA's Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Award!

In past "Club News" columns, we used just the club name surrounded by a line in the introduction since they never had a club logo. Since their bulletin always used the 1911 and 1948 silver dollars on their masthead, we thought we would use it from now on to introduce news about the club.

WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB

The Woodstock Coin Club, who had 16 members and 2 junior guests at their March meeting, had Harry James, President of CATC, as their guest speaker. The club announced that their next coin show would be held on September 10, 2000 at the Shrine Club in Woodstock. Make a note on your numismatic calendar!

Their April bulletin mentioned the following: at their March meeting, one of their members stated that a lady brought a large quantity of nickel 50 cent pieces and nickel dollars to the local Bank of Montreal branch. A club member, Fred Freeman, happened to be at the bank the next morning and acquired them for face. Included in the hoard were 17 different dates of 50-cent pieces and 20 different nickel dollars going back to 1968. He then offered to make them available to anyone that was interested in filling some holes in their collection, again at face value. Reminds a lot of us about the times we went to the bank to get rolls of coins to inspect them for what we could find. And find we did. A lot of different dates...and errors. Now you are lucky if you walk away with the most recent 3 or 4 dates. A lot of us "OI' Timers" also obtained Mint-sealed bags of coins to inspect for errors and die varieties. The only thing we didn't like was that we had to count and roll them up before the bank would take them back.



The Paisley Road School Coin Club is one club I wish I could belong to! Thanks to Chris Boyer, the students that attend meetings can win numerous prizes, can obtain Millennium quarters at face value, have a "coin shop" set up during meetings selling supplies at cost and they can win prizes for identifying a simple intentional error in the bulletin. The Millennium quarters can also be obtained in the library in the afternoons for face value, a nice way of getting young people interested in collecting.

Each bulletin contains a small intentional error. The first members to see Chris and point the error out to him receive a prize. A recent bulletin offered chocolates to the first 20 members that found the error. Nothing ever that is ever misleading, just a misspelled word such as "February." Or you could receive 25 "chocolats" if you spot the error.

LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



The London Numismatic Society held their annual meeting and banquet on April 4 at the Harmony Grand Buffet. Just the name makes me want to attend. The program was a new slide presentation by Ted Leitch entitled "The London Old Boys Association."

Their April bulletin featured an interesting 6-page article entitled "The Siege of Gibraltar and the Early Token Issues" by William N. Clarke, complete with 15 illustrations. They always feature some in-depth articles in their bulletin!



The Brantford Numismatic Society is moving their June 11 coin show to the Branlyn Community Centre, 238 Brantwood Park Road, Brantford. The Show is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with over 40 tables. As with most club-run shows, admission is free. When you arrive at the show, buy some draw tickets to make up for the free admission! Having attended many of their previous shows at the old location, I was always impressed how smooth things were always running. If you want info of how to get their or cost of bourse space, contact Ed at (519) 759-3688

COLLINGWOOD COIN & STAMP CLUB

Want a great short drive on a nice Summer week-end? Do like scenery that includes driving along a lakeshore and other wonderful natural scenery? If you haven't been to the Collingwood Coin & Stamp Club annual shows, you missed out on some good times! You can change that by visiting them on Saturday, August 19, when they celebrate their 26th annual show. Same place as in previous years, same great times I am willing to bet!

This is the only club show that I have attended that features both coin and stamp dealers. Although no longer a stamp collector, I have managed to pick up a number of "coins on stamps" postage stamps for my collection. See the Upcoming Show listing for details.



After serving as President of the South Wellington Coin Society for 3 years, Scott Douglas has stepped down and it looks like another work-horse of the club, Robert Zmija, will be taking over the helm. Scott has agreed to continue as treasurer.

SWCS meets in a little place called Rockwood, Ontario. They might only have 27 members right now, but their meetings are lively, entertaining and filled with camaraderie. They get more dealers than a lot of much larger clubs. Want to have some fun? With Spring here, it's a great drive some first Wednesday of the month. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. If you want directions or wish to know what program has been arranged for an upcoming meeting, contact Robert at (519) 853-0868.

Maybe I just haven't noticed before, but looks like the SWCS is also publishing an auction list in advance of a meeting just like a few others are already doing.

CERTIFICATE OF AWARD

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

IS HEREBY PRESENTED WITH THE

BEST CLUB BULLETIN AWARD FOR 1999

THE ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION IS PLEASED
TO SELECT THE NORTH YORK COIN CLUB BULLETIN
AS THE BEST ONTARIO CLUB BULLETIN FOR 1999

JOHN REITKO
Chairman - ONA Club Services



MIKE HOLLINGSHEAD
President - Ontario Numismatic Association

There are a lot of "worthwhile" bulletins out there. North York received the ONA Best Club Bulletin Award for 1999. Every club that sent the editor their bulletins was considered for the award. The ones from Ingersoll, Stratford, Waterloo, London, Ottawa and Windsor certainly were also in contention. If you think your club's bulletin should have been considered along with the above, we apologize for leaving it off this list. Or you might want to take a second look at your bulletin to see if maybe it was left off intentionally!

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those clubs that are sending the ONA Editor their bulletins. I only wish I would receive them from everyone. Also, those clubs that

do not find it necessary to issue a bulletin (smaller areas just need a telephone committee), I wish they would send us some news every once in a while. Just scribble something on a piece of paper and mail it, or use e-mail.

LOCAL COIN CLUB NEWS - CONTINUED



And finally, guess what the most repeated item was over the past month in all the club bulletins your editor has reviewed? Let me give you a clue. It was not reprints of the Royal Canadian Mint press releases we spoke of earlier. That came in a distant second. Or reference to the ONA fundraising, although it was mentioned by a few.

The top item by far was...tadam...clubs asking their members to turn in their ONA Dream Vacation Draw tickets. We're sure it's not just the \$2 that the club gets for every book of tickets credited to it. A lot of books were sold again. We're sure that it's not the \$2 or the free ticket the seller of a book gets. We're sure it's not the seller's prize that is causing so many people to support it. Or the profit the ONA makes on it. Could it be the first prize of a \$1,250 travel voucher or \$1,000 in cash, as well as the worthwhile subsidiary prizes? The answer is: all of the above! With so many benefits and no downside other than a couple of bucks, is it any wonder that everyone supports it! Obviously, the fact that the club gets a commission (as does the seller) helps, and so does the friendly rivalry of which club gets credited for the most books.



And speaking of friendly rivalry, if you recall, a couple of years ago, Ray Desjardines and Ken Wilmot bet a 1998 Loon \$1 coin that their respective club, Ottawa and Stratford, would sell the most tickets. Although Stratford was the odds on favourite, having placed first for numerous years, the convention was being hosted by Ottawa so they had a better change of upping their average ticket sales. As we know, Ottawa won by a 24-book margin. Ken made good on the bet by presenting Ray with the prize, which had to be cut out of a proof-like set, the only way it was available (which Ray donated to the City of Ottawa Coin Club for their donation auction). Did they have a bet going again this year? We will have to wait until the next ONA Numismatist to find out!

Incidentally, you can now throw out the books of unsold tickets that were sent to you with the January issue of the ONA Numismatist that you never returned to the ONA Treasurer or turned in at the convention. They won't do anyone any good now!

And that's all, folks. Everybody, have a good one!

2001 ONA CONVENTION

Date: April 27, 28, 29, 2001

Location:

College Inn

716 Stone Rd., Guelph, Ontario

General Chairman: Ken Wilmot

Telephone: (519) 393-6694 E-mail: wilmot@cyg.net

Mailing Address:

**Box 40033, WATERLOO SQUARE P.O.,
75 KING ST. SOUTH, WATERLOO, ONT. N2J 4V1**



C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

To Tom Masters, ONA LM #045, for 25 years as President of the Ingersoll Coin Club. Not only did he hold the top position of the club for all that time, but he also served as Editor, Chairman of various good fundraising causes (raising thousands of dollars for some worthwhile causes) and on various other committees during the same period.

To Bruce Raszmann, ONA LM #005, for serving as treasurer of the Waterloo Coin Society for 40 years. That's continuous, starting just months after the club was formed. He has also served as ONA's treasurer since its founding in 1962 See page 69 for a full write-up on him.

To Chris Boyer, ONA Member #1543, for bringing to everyone's attention that Bruce Raszmann has served 40 years as treasurer of the Waterloo Coin Society. Chris not only made sure it was highlighted in an article in the WCS's own bulletin, but he also wrote a 25 column-inch article that was published in the March 21 edition of Canadian Coin News. We took the liberty of republishing it in this issue.

To Harvey Farrow, ONA LM #027, who also was a winner of the \$1,666,675.00 prize that we wrote about on page 50 of the last ONA Numismatist. ONA Member Barry McIntyre also notified us that he was another runner-up along, we can only guess, with about 10 million other Canadians. Congratulations will be withheld until someone tells us they actually received a prize. Any prize!

To the members of the 2000 ONA Convention committee, whose names appear under "ONA Convention News" published elsewhere in this bulletin, for putting on another fine show. A number of members of the North York Coin Club have been involved with their own local coin club shows as well as with previous ONA and CNA conventions and they put that experience to good use!

To Bruce Raszmann, the recipient of the Year 2000 "Fellow of the ONA" award. He is the first person to receive both the ONA Award of Merit (in 1973) and the "Fellow of the ONA" award.

To Paul Petch, ONA Member #1667, the recipient of this year's ONA Award of Merit, ONA's highest award.

To Paul Petch...again...for being the recipient of the ONA's "Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Editor" award for the calendar year 1999. He edited the North York Coin Club bulletin, who received the ONA's "Best Local Coin Club Bulletin" award.

To Matthew Fleck for his winning display "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" in the Junior Category. To Mike Hollingshead for his third place finish on Canadian Tire coupons, to Chris Boyer for second place on RCM test tokens and to Bill Kamb for his Best of Show exhibit on Newfoundland coinage. Dr. Marvin Kay, William H. McDonald and Don Robb did the judging, with Paul Johnson Head Judge.

Congratulations to Bill Kamb for also receiving the nod by the public for the People's Choice Award.

C O N D O L E N C E S



To the family of Basil Latham, a member of the Executive of the North York, Scarborough and Oshawa Coin Clubs. He served on many ONA and CNA Convention committees over the years and was honoured with a Life Membership in the North York Coin Club in 1998 for achieving 25 years of continuous membership in the club.

To the family of Ken Palmer, FCNRS, founding member of the Canadian Association of Token Collectors, their editor for 23 years and secretary/treasurer for 25 years. An honorary life member of CATC, he was made honorary president in 1997. He received the the J. Douglas Ferguson Award (CNA's highest award) in 1999.

Passing Revealed: Reanus Holtman, a member of the Executive of the Toronto Coin Club for a number of years. He served in various capacities under the Presidency of Ingrid Smith and was also involved with a number of the Toronto Coin Club's annual shows.

SHOW TIME UPCOMING

A column intended to entice ONA members to attend each others coin shows



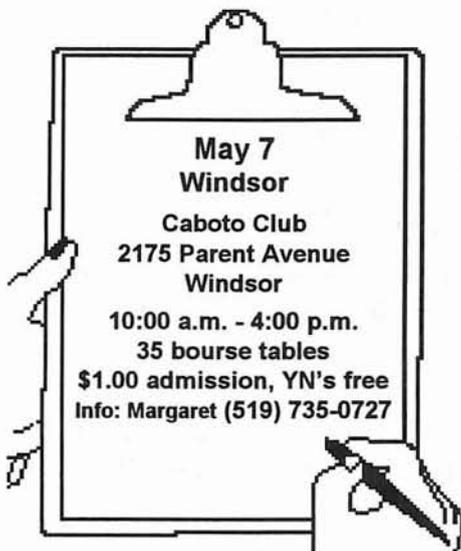
**May 6
Burlington**
Brant Hills Com. Centre
2300 Duncaster Ave.
Burlington
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Over 40 tables - Draws
Free admission
Info: Nancy (705) 788-3159



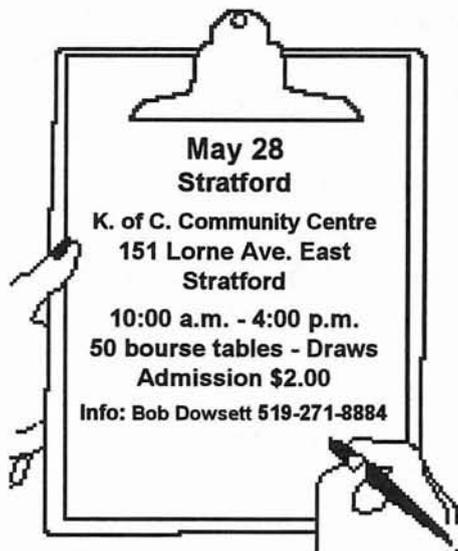
**May 6
Peterborough**
Portage Place
Chemong Rd.
Peterborough
9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Great Mall setting
Free admission & parking
Info: Bob 705-292-9862



**May 6
Pembroke**
West End Mall
Pembroke
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Bourse tables
Competitive displays
Free admission
Info: Daniel (613) 638-0247



**May 7
Windsor**
Caboto Club
2175 Parent Avenue
Windsor
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
35 bourse tables
\$1.00 admission, YN's free
Info: Margaret (519) 735-0727



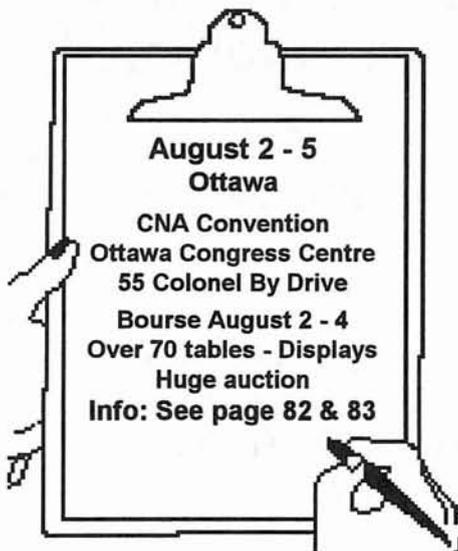
**May 28
Stratford**
K. of C. Community Centre
151 Lorne Ave. East
Stratford
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
50 bourse tables - Draws
Admission \$2.00
Info: Bob Dowsett 519-271-8884



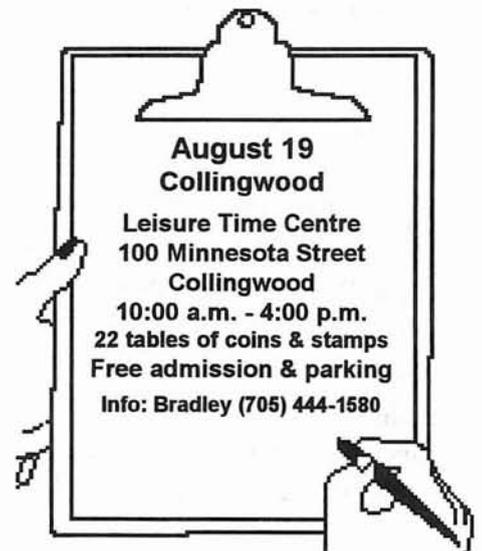
**JUNE 3
Scarborough**
Cedarbrook Commu. Centre
91 Eastpark Blvd.
Scarborough
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Over 30 tables - Draws
Free Admission & Parking
Info: Rick (416) 977-0663



**June 11
Brantford**
Branlyn Community Centre
238 Brantwood Park Road
Brantford
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Over 40 tables - Draws
Free Admission
Info: Ed (519) 759-3688



**August 2 - 5
Ottawa**
CNA Convention
Ottawa Congress Centre
55 Colonel By Drive
Bourse August 2 - 4
Over 70 tables - Displays
Huge auction
Info: See page 82 & 83



**August 19
Collingwood**
Leisure Time Centre
100 Minnesota Street
Collingwood
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
22 tables of coins & stamps
Free admission & parking
Info: Bradley (705) 444-1580



FROM THE CLUB SERVICES CHAIRMAN

ONA TO ASSIST MEMBER-CLUBS IN SELLING OFF NEW AND REMAINDERS OF OFFICIAL MEDALS, WOODS, ETC.

We are pleased to announce a new column to assist coin clubs in promoting numismatic merchandise they wish to dispose of. Under the banner of "Club Merchandise for Sale," it will list both current issues or remainders from previous shows and conventions. It will include any official club merchandise such as medals, tokens, wooden nickels or commemorative items. These will be promoted at no charge.

If your club has material for sale, please provide the ONA Editor with a full description of the items, selling price, quantity available, quantity originally issued, original selling price, additional shipping charges if not included in the selling price, who to make cheques payable to, where to send the order, volume discounts if any, etc. We will publish the information in the next available ONA Numismatist.

John Regitko
Club Services Chairman

CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

A column dedicated to assisting clubs in disposing of club material

SCARBOROUGH COIN CLUB OFFICIAL WOODEN NICKELS

The Scarborough Coin Club is offering its remaining wooden nickels at very attractive pricing.

ANNIV. ISSUE	YEAR	QTY. ISSUED	COLOURS		YEAR	DESC.	QTY. ISSUED	COLOURS	
			OBV.	REV.				OBV.	REV.
5th	1980	500	Black	Black	<i>Special Issues:</i>				
7th	1982	200	Black	Black	1984	Toronto	200	Blue	Red
8th	1983	200	Red	Blue	1985	Dick Dunn	250	Red	Red*
9th	1984	200	Red	Blue	1986	A. Thomson	100	Blue	Blue*
10th	1985	250	Blue	Blue*	<i>Coin Show Woods</i>				
11th	1986	200	Green	Green*	1997	1st Show	100	Red*	Red*
12th	1987	150	Green	Green*	1998	2nd Show	100	Blue*	Red*
13th	1988	200	Blue	Blue*	1999	3rd Show	100	Green*	Red*
14th	1989	100	Green	Blue*	<i>25th Anniversary Error Wood</i>				
15th	1990	150	Black	Green*	1999	25th Error	150	Red*	Red*
16th	1991	100	Red	Blue*					
17th	1992	100	Black	Blue*					
18th	1993	100	Red*	Red*					
19th	1994	100	Blue*	Green*					
23rd	1998	100	Red*	Red*					
24th	1999	150	Blue/Red*	Red*					

Price is 50¢ each, postage included. Minimum order of 6 woods please.

Make cheques payable to the Scarborough Coin Club.

Send orders to the Scarborough Coin Club, P.O. Box 562, Pickering, Ont. L1V 2R7.

Anyone attending club meetings (first Wednesday of the month except July & August) at Cedarbrook Community Centre, 91 Eastpark Blvd., Scarb. can arrange to pick them up at a meeting.

* Denotes foil stamped

NOTE:

Common reverse 1980 and 1981; Common reverse 1983 and 1984; Common reverse from 1985 to 1999

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Featuring items of a humorous nature about money



THE COUNTERFEIT COIN: PART II

In the last issue of the ONA Numismatist, we announced a quiz about finding the counterfeit coin among a total of nine rare coins. The only difference is that the counterfeit is lighter than the others. The trick was to figure out how to weigh the coins against each other on a balance scale, and pick out the counterfeit in only two weighings.

We promised to send a worthwhile prize to the first one to write or e-mail the Editor with the correct answer. Well, we received more responses to this one little column than to everything else before it since I took over as Editor way back in November of 1998. We are pleased that anyone actually read the column and spent time figuring it out. We are even more pleased that people actually took time to e-mail and snail-mail answers back to us.

The first response received was from Ken Wilmot of Sebringville, Ontario:

The Assistant was right:

- 1- Place three coin on each side of a balance scale.
- 2- If scales remain balanced, the counterfeit coin is one of the three remaining not used.
- 3- Then place one coin on each side from the ones not used.
- 4- If scales remain balanced, obviously the one remaining is the counterfeit coin.
- 5- In any case when you balance one coin on each side, the lighter side will be the counterfeit.
- 6- If in step 1, one side is lighter, then take the three coins containing the lighter coin (Counterfeit) and place one on each side of the balance scales.
- 7- If balanced see step 4.
- 8- If not balanced, the lighter coin will be the counterfeit coin.

In view of the fact that his entry was received days ahead of anyone else, I asked him if the ONA Numismatist was hand-delivered to him, not unusual since Bruce Raszmann (the one who photocopies and mails the bulletin) and Ken see each other regularly at coin club meetings. He confirms that it arrived by snail mail in a P.O. Box on Saturday. Since he picked up the mail on the Saturday, he could immediately send us an e-mail before most other copies were delivered on Monday or Tuesday.

Ken gets the prize of a group of a dozen collectible books donated by Bill Cross of Charlton's, coin designer Dora de Pedery-Hunt, the Ferguson Foundation, the City of Ottawa Coin Club and the late Jack Veffler. List is over \$200.00. He stated that if he should be the winner, he wants the books to be donated to the Stratford Coin Club.

We also declare Harold Don Allen of Brossard, P.Q. a winner because his was received through the snail-mail. His conclusion was very similar. He will also receive a set of numismatic and other collectible books from the same donors.

In addition, Barry McIntyre of Ottawa has a different conclusion to achieve the solution. He basically says that for the second weighing, all that is required is to look at the plate with the three chains having each item in-between each chain (equally) and then look at the plate at eye level to see if one of the three sides were to tilt up or down opposite to the coin that is the lighter weight counterfeit. Different, but no prize!

We also thank Tom Clarke of Windsor, Edward Lightfoot of Thunder Bay, Ted Leitch of London, Mark Argentino of Mississauga and anyone else we might have missed in the pile of mail that we have been receiving lately. Everybody that took the time to drop us a line got it absolutely right!

We'll have to do it again sometime!

RECRUITER OF THE YEAR

A column updating the standings in the Recruiter of the Year contest

RECRUITER OF THE YEAR AWARD UPDATE



OBVERSE



REVERSE

If you review the issues of the ONA Numismatist published since the beginning of the year, you will note that not a single member is eligible so far for the "ONA Recruiter of the Year" Award for the year 2000. Only non-eligible ONA Executive members have "signed up" new members!

Sometimes it is as simple as asking fellow collectors that you see regularly at local coin club meetings if they are presently members of the ONA. We assume that everyone we meet is a member of the ONA.

Well, that is not the case. There are numerous active collectors attending club meetings that have not been asked to join Ontario's collector's association. Why not promote the ONA at the next club meeting you attend and ask everyone if they are presently a member?

Although we hate to take the space to repeat the criteria again, we thought we would publish it one more time to see if members are interested in winning a unique ONA medal while at the same time assisting their association.

- The recruiter must be a member of the ONA in good standing as of December 31, 1999 to qualify, and the recruiter's name must be included on the original application form.
- The recruiter's name will be published at the same time as the membership applicant's name.
- The total numeric count will consist of all new membership applications published and approved between January 1 and December 31, 2000. Any applications received prior to December 31, 2000 but only published in the January 2001 issue, will also be eligible towards the count.
- The "Recruiter of the Year" recipient will be announced at an appropriate venue at the annual ONA Convention, such as at the General Membership meeting or the Banquet.
- The winner will receive a suitably engraved bronze medal containing the ONA logo on the obverse, and the name of the recipient, name of award and year on the reverse.
- An update on the standing will be published in the ONA Numismatist from time-to-time.
- The intention of the award is to motivate the general membership. Therefore, members of the ONA Executive normally involved with the responsibility of recruiting new members are exempt from participating. This includes the President, Membership Chairman, Publicity Chairman, Club Services Chairman, Editor and the ONA Website Coordinator.

Every member of the ONA has the opportunity to sign up a number of people if they would only give it a try!

ATTENTION LOCAL COIN CLUB PUBLICITY CHAIRMEN!

In this issue of the ONA Numismatist, you will find information on coins shows and annual dinners. Your editor has had to spend countless hours tracking down the information from all sources, including club bulletins, Canadian Coin News, CNA Journal, word-of-mouth, etc.

We hope that the information presented is accurate and complete.

If we missed your show or dinner, please keep in mind that the onus is on clubs to notify us of their upcoming events!

John Regitko - Editor
ONA Numismatist

SHOW TIME UPCOMING

A column intended to entice ONA members to attend coin shows

TOREX SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 17 & 18, 2000



Toronto's Torex is scheduled for June 17 & 18 at the Primrose Hotel, 111 Carlton St. in the heart of downtown Toronto. Show hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5.00, with children 12 and under admitted free.

MEETINGS: Three meetings are scheduled for Saturday, June 17, in the Rainbow Room of the hotel, as follows:

Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors meeting from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Canadian Association of Token Collectors meeting from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Classical and Medieval Society meeting from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

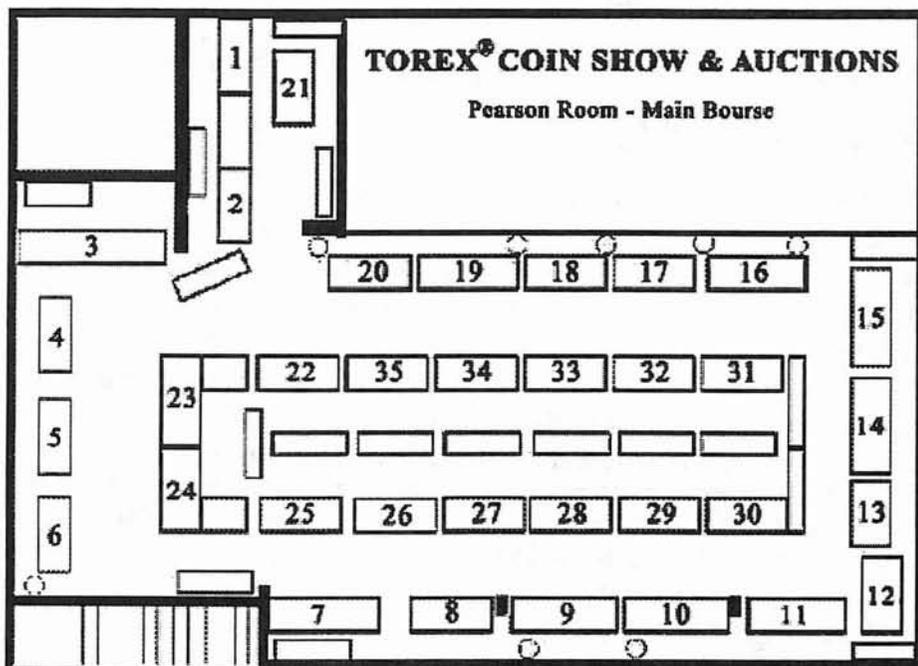
Some of Canada's Finest Dealers in Canadian, Ancient, and Foreign Coins, Paper Money, Stamps, Militaria, Reference Books, and Hobby Supplies are always present.

For further information, contact Ingrid or Brian Smith at (416) 260-9070 or e-mail: info@torex.net

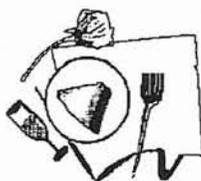
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1	Bob Armstrong Coins	27	Terry's Coins
2	Bob Armstrong Coins	28	ICCS
3	Canadian Coin Dealer Newsletter	29	Peter McDonald
4	SR & S Coins ON	30	Ross King
5	Open	31	Calgary Coin and Antique Gallery AB
6	J & M Coin & Stamp BC	32	Loran Paydli
7	The Coin & Currency Exchange	33	Maison d'Argent QC
8	Charles D. Moore CA	34	Arctic Coins
9	Imperial Coins	35	Frank Leardi
10	NewCan Numismatics	36	Aureus Investments
11	Yvon Chicoine QC	37	Perth Numismatics
12	M.J. Daniels Coins and Collectibles MB	38	Traders Goldcorp
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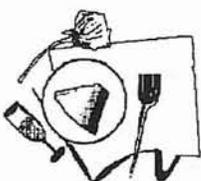
ANNUAL DINNER MEETINGS



The Waterloo Coin Society has scheduled their annual dinner meeting for Tuesday, May 9, 2000. Tickets are only \$14.00 for adults and \$9.00 for children 12 & under.

Tien Ho Chinese Buffet Restaurant, 50 Weber Street in Waterloo is the venue. Drinks at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. The Great Gerard will perform an array of magic tricks. Tien Ho is the best all-you-can-eat buffet that your editor has ever come across in that they have the usual selection of Chinese food but also feature a nice selection of Canadian dishes. Not being a friend of Chinese food other than rice and chicken balls (hold the sauce), you can gorge yourself on chicken fingers, fish sticks, macaroni and cheese, shish kebob, scalloped potatoes, french fries, peas and carrots, onion rings and more!

Bruce Raszmann, the club's treasurer, has the tickets. If you wish to attend and because of the late date we suggest you telephone him at (519) 745-3104 and ask him to reserve tickets.



The Stratford Coin Club has scheduled their dinner meeting for Monday, June 12. It will be held at their normal meeting location, the Kiwanis Community Centre, Lakeside Drive, Stratford. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. The buffet will feature roast beef and dressed pork. As the club's bulletin says, tongue in cheek: "the tickets have been priced so low that you should buy one even if you can't attend the dinner."

Doors open at 6:00 p.m., punch at 6:30, dinner at 7:00. John R. Hardy of Hanover, author of his recently released book "Rusty Rails," is speaker following dinner.

For additional information, write the club at P.O. Box 21031, Stratford, On. N5A 7V4, or contact Ken Wilmot at (519) 393-6694, e-mail wilmot@cyg.net.

(Editor's Note: If you have an annual dinner meeting you wish to announce free-of-charge, please send the ONA Editor the usual details. Be sure to include a contact name and address in case we wish to ask for additional details.)

THE NATIONAL SCENE

A look at what is happening beyond Ontario's border



ONA NUMISMATIST TO FEATURE NEWS FROM NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

In past issues of the ONA Numismatist, we have provided little information, other than for the CNA, on what the national associations are up to. Some of them have sent your editor their publications and it is only fair that they receive some mention in the pages of the ONA Numismatist from time-to-time. This includes CATC, CTCCC and CAWMC (and its Ontario Chapter). As well, we will claim CMNS as our national association because the movers and the shakers behind the organization reside, for the most part, in Ontario (and are members of the ONA). Canadian Coin News will also be included here, as will the APNA and the Quebec provincial organization. If a local coin club from outside of Ontario does something that we feel the ONA membership might like to know about, it will also be included here. Here goes:

CANADIAN COIN *News*

A recent issue of Canadian Coin News reported that although the Queen may stay on our \$20 notes, the rest of them will most likely be changed to incorporate famous Canadians, such as prime ministers, rather than the current birds series. The first note should be introduced sometime in 2001. According to CCN (not to be confused with CNN), the need for new notes has become apparent in recent years, as counterfeiting has been on the increase. The number of phony notes passed in this country last year totaled over \$5 million. Although 1998 had a similar amount, 1997 had only \$2.7 million and 1996 had \$1.4 million.

The same issue also featured columns by a number of ONA members: Brian Cornwell on gold coin pricing, Paul Johnson on the CNA/NESA numismatic course, Chris Boyer on love tokens, Terry Campbell's popular questions and answers column, Harold Don Allen on how he used to acquire Canadian paper money in the early days and Jerry Remick on municipal tokens, world paper money and the ANA's efforts to fight counterfeiting. Volume 27, Number 25 (April 4 to 17) had a 12-page insert by ONA member Charles Moore of the 1611 ONA Auction lots and the issue also featured 5 pages of current values of Canadian coins in addition to a quantity of dealer ads, a number by ONA member dealers.

For subscription information, contact CCN at 103 Lakeshore Rd., Suite 202, St. Catharines, Ont. L2N 2T6, by telephone (905) 646-7744 or e-mail office@trajan.com.



The Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society has mailed out their quarterly publication, "The Anvil." It contains two major articles and numerous short articles and reports among its 18 pages. ONA Member Bruce Brace of Ancaster, Ont. is their President, while ONA member William "Bill" McDonald of Willowdale, Ont. is the Executive Secretary and Treasurer.

Included is a very interesting article by Dorte Brace, wife of ONA member Bruce, entitled "Costuming and Symbols of Power on Byzantine Coins." Other articles are "The Invention and Spread of Ancient Coinage" and "The Star of Bethlehem." Coming events, book reviews, advertisements from ancient coin dealers and various "messages" round out the publication. You do not have to be a collector of ancient coins to enjoy the quarterly "The Anvil" or the annual "The Picus" since it is written for the enjoyment of all numismatists. Jean P. Donato of Montreal, who has been the society's editor of their annual "The Picus" for some time, has found it necessary to step down, as increasing travel demands do not permit him the time needed to edit the close to 200 pages. As any editor knows, you do not simply review articles submitted to you and pass them on to the printers!



Membership is \$25 per year (\$15 for students) from P.O. Box 956, Station "B", Willowdale, Ont. M2K 2T6. Further information can be obtained by calling (416) 490-8659 or via e-mail at billmcdo@idirect.com or visiting the society at www.nunetcan.net.

THE NATIONAL SCENE - CONTINUED



The April issue of the CNA Journal starts out with a message from their President, ONA Life Member Tom Kennedy, reminding everyone about their annual convention in Ottawa in July. One of their major articles is by former Torontonian Darryl Atchison (who moved to British Columbia and now resides in Ireland) giving members excerpts from a new Canadian Numismatic Bibliography that will be released soon.

Details on the latest 25-cent coin is published, as are articles on Quebec Jetons, Trade Dollars (by ONA member Jerry Remick), Reminiscences about Canadian numismatics 1960-65, advertisements and more.

Membership fee (\$33 regular, \$16.50 for 18 & under) should be mailed to P.O. Box 226, Barrie, Ont. L4M 4T2. For other classes of membership contact them at this address, telephone (519) 737-0845, e-mail cdn.numismatic@on.aibn.com or visit www.nunetcan.net.



We are...again...impressed with the content of the latest issue of *The Canadian Token*, official publication of the Canadian Association of Token Collectors (CATC). It is amazing what they come up with, issue after issue, about the tremendous variety of tokens, both old and new. Jerry Remick, Harry James, Scott Douglas, Wayne Jacobs, Jean-Luc Giroux, Mel Kyle, Jack Sauachenko and others keep on digging up some very interesting material. If you are not a member now, we highly recommend joining. Even if you don't collect Canadian tokens, you will find a wealth of interesting facts about some of Canada's rich

history, new issues and the wide, wide field of what constitutes "tokens." The latest issue also mentions that CATC's Vice-President, Scott Douglas, will be one of the instructors at the May 6 CNA's numismatic course at Humber College covering...what else...Canadian tokens. They also report the passing of Ken Palmer, the backbone of CATC since its founding in 1972.

If you want to order one of their Cee Tee Millennium wooden nickels issued for the year 2000, send \$1.00 each plus postage to CATC President, Harry N. James, Box 22022, Elmwood Square P.O., 204 First Ave., St. Thomas, Ont. N5R 6A1. Incidentally, he is also the Association's Editor and must be congratulated for putting all that material together each issue.

Annual dues are only \$15.00. Gord Nichols, their Secretary-Treasurer, will be happy to enroll you. His address is Box 28039, 600 Ontario St., St. Catharines, Ont. L2N 7P8.



We expect to feature write-ups on CAWMC, CPMS and CTCCC in future issues of the ONA Numismatist, if the ONA Editor is placed on their mailing list.



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2000 CNA (GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY) CONVENTION SCHEDULED FOR OTTAWA AUGUST 2 to 6, 2000

In previous issues of the ONA Numismatist, we included information on the 2000 CNA Convention to be hosted by the City of Ottawa Coin Club. We provided you with enough information to make a decision as to whether or not you should attend our national annual convention. We even warned you about the hotel rates and suggested that you make your room reservations early. We are now pleased to publish a publicity release from G. Henry Neale, numismatic publicity chair of the convention in another attempt to convince you that you will miss out on a lot of fun and fellowship if you do not attend.

Preparations for the Canadian Numismatic Association's Golden Anniversary Convention, to be held in Ottawa from August 2-6, are proceeding smoothly and are under a full head of steam. Bourse Chair Graham Esler and Vice-Chair Barry McIntyre have reported that this convention is expected to be amongst the largest and most memorable CNA convention ever held. This year's convention is being sponsored by the City of Ottawa Coin Club which itself is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2000. Summarized below are the principal highlights of the CNA 2000 Convention.

SHOW DATES

The convention runs from Wednesday, Aug. 2nd to Sunday, Aug. 6th. The bourse opens on Thursday, Aug. 3rd. at 9:00 a.m. for registrants and at 10:00 a.m. for the general public. Bourse and display set-up runs from 2:00-9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 2nd. The daily admission charge for non-registrants will be \$2.00 per adult and \$5.00 per family.

CONVENTION SITE

The 2000 CNA Convention will be held at The Ottawa Congress Centre, 55 Colonel By Drive, in the very heart of downtown Ottawa, just a 3-minute walk from Parliament Hill and just a stone's throw from Ottawa's famed tourist attractions, the 170-year-old Rideau Canal and the 150-year-old Byward Market. Extensive underground parking is available below the Congress Centre and there is ample above ground parking in the near vicinity.

CONVENTION HOTEL

The official 2000 CNA Convention hotel is The Novotel, 33 Nicholas Street, Ottawa, which is a 2-minute walk from the convention site (Tel: 613-230-3033, Fax 613-230-7865). As reported previously, rooms reserved on or before May 30, 2000, will qualify for the deeply discounted rate of \$120 plus taxes (single or double), and this rate is available for up to 3 days before and up to 3 days after the convention. However, rooms reserved on or after June 1, 2000 will be \$189 plus taxes. It has been announced that hotel accommodation in Canada's Capital City is expected to be in extremely short supply during the Millennium Year since numerous organizations have selected Ottawa to hold their annual conventions.

DEALERS' BOURSE

One of the highlights of any CNA Convention is the dealers' bourse, which allows collectors to add to their collections material that is not frequently available. The bourse will comprise just over 70 tables, a few of which still remain available (\$495.00 for one, \$900.00 for two). The bourse hours will run from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. The show will close at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5th.

CONVENTION AUCTION

Another highlight of any CNA convention is the official convention auction. This year's official auctioneer is The Canadian Coinoisseur (Michael Walsh) of Vancouver, B.C. A numismatic treat of international calibre is guaranteed. Three auction sessions will be held, as follows: Thursday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Friday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

CNA CONVENTION NEWS - CONTINUOUS

SOCIETY AND CLUB MEETINGS



Numerous groups will be holding formal and informal meetings and related activities during the convention, as follows: the Canadian Numismatic Research Society (CNRS), J.D. Ferguson Historical and Research Foundation, Canadian Paper Money Society (CPMS), Canadian Association of Token Collectors (CATC), L'Association des Numismates Francophones du Canada (ANFC), Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers (CAND), Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC), Classical and Medieval Numismatic Society (CMNS), Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club (CTCCC), and the Ontario Numismatic Association (ONA).

EDUCATIONAL FORUM

There will be a very interesting CNA/NESA educational forum on the Saturday afternoon (further details to be published in the July/August issue of the ONA Numismatist).

TOURS AND NON-NUMISMATIC ACTIVITIES

A wide range of interesting numismatic and non-numismatic tours and other events will be held, as follows:

A tour of the National Capital Region (Wednesday 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

A tour of Rideau Hall, the official residence of the Governor-General (Wednesday, 9:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) at a cost of \$50.00 per person, including lunch, provided at least 35 participants sign up.

Two tours of the Royal Canadian Mint (Thursday 10:15 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., maximum of 40 participants per tour).

Royal Canadian Mint Reception (Thursday 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.).



Bank of Canada Reception for paid registrants and dealers only (Friday 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.).

Spousal Activity (Saturday 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.), details to be announced.

Official CNA Banquet (Saturday 7:00 to 9:30 p.m., preceded by a reception from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.).

Various "self-starting" tours, e.g., the Parliament Buildings, the Byward Market, the Rideau Canal, the National Gallery, the Museum of Civilization, boat tours, etc.

CONTACT PERSONS

Convention Chairman: Graham Esler (Bank of Canada), Tel: 1-613-782-8188, Fax: 1-613-782-7747, Email: gesler@bank-banque-canada.ca

Official Auctioneer: Michael Walsh, Box 110, 810 West Broadway, Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 4C9. Telephone (604) 737-2006. E-mail: mail@coinoisseur.com .

All general e-mail enquiries should be sent to: CNAottawa@home.com

(Editor's Note: Check out their fantastic web site at www.cyberus.ca/~cna2000 just created by ONA member Barry McIntyre. You will not be disappointed! Fantastic colour and content. They should all look as good!)

ATTENTION ONA MEMBERS!

If you are planning on booking a room at the Novotel Ottawa to attend the 2000 CNA Convention, we strongly urge you to book it immediately.

If you book it now, the price is \$120.00 plus taxes, single or double occupancy.

If the room is booked after June of 2000, the rate will be \$189.00 per night.

C L U B S E R V I C E S R E P O R T



We are pleased to summarize some of the VCR tape videos that are available from the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library. VCR tapes can be borrowed by any ONA member or ONA member-club free of charge. The material is normally sent via Canada Post, however, because of its bulkiness, it will not fit through a regular mail slot. Someone should be there during normal delivery times to accept it, therefore, a post office box or a commercial service such as a Mail Boxes Etc. location is ideal. The only cost involved to the borrower is postage in both directions. Contact Ken Koch, ONA Audio Visual Lending Librarian, 219 Southwood Dr., Kitchener, Ont. N2E 2B2 or e-mail him at kenkoch@ionline.net.

“PRODUCTION PROCESS” VCR TAPES AVAILABLE FROM THE ONA

“THE MODERN MINTING PROCESS” (#V-19; Produced by ANA; 50 minutes)

J. P. Martin, senior numismatist and authenticator for the ANA, leads us on an insider’s tour of the Denver Mint in Colorado. In this video you will get an overview of how coins are made, how rolls of specially prepared metal are used to make the planchets, how planchets are processed and prepared to be struck, how the blank disks are struck, the quality control procedures, and how the coins are packaged and distributed to banks.

Anyone who has wondered how America’s circulating coinage is produced will enjoy this tape. Since the inside workings of the Denver Mint is not all too dissimilar to Canada’s circulating coin production at Winnipeg, Manitoba, this video offers a good introduction of how Canada’s coins are produced.

“ROOM 319 U.S. MINT - FROM CONCEPT TO COINAGE” (#V18; Produced by ANA; 37 min.)

Before a coin can be struck, it has to be approved in principle, the coin has to be designed and the design has to be approved before it can finally be struck. At the U.S. Mint, much of this takes place in Room 319.

One of their engravers, Thomas Rogers, has designed many of America’s recent commemorative coins as well as other important works. In this video, he explains the entire process including all the steps required for a new coin’s creation, the research required for the design, and the differences between a coin and a medal. Also covered are examples of a proposed U.S. silver dollar coin, criteria of a good coin design, how designs must be submitted and the skill and techniques required to carve the plaster models.

“SECRETS OF MAKING MONEY” (#V-17; Produced by NOVA & WGBH/Boston; 54 minutes)

The best defense in an escalating battle against counterfeiting is being incorporated in the world’s most counterfeit money: the U.S. paper money, which also happens to be one of the world’s most recognized national symbols. This video explains in glorious detail the many features incorporated in the new \$100 note design (the \$100 note is the most counterfeit denomination).

U.S. currency has remained unaltered for almost six decades. With the high-definition lasers, offset-printing presses, colour copiers, scanners and laser printers, something had to be done to thwart both the professional counterfeiter as well as the casual experimenter. We find out in excellent detail the process of making the unique paper from remnants of Levi jeans, cotton and linen, and how security threads are added to the paper, the many things considered before settling on the design and counterfeit features: UV light, holograms, crumble resistance, wear resistance, high-tech ink on high-tech presses, subjecting it to washer/dryer problems, watermarks, even tumbling the notes in a cement mixer to make sure they withstand abuse.

What would counterfeiting be without the appearance of J.S.G. Boggs, probably North America’s best known “counterfeiter” who actually draws U.S. notes and passes them off for purchases much to the chagrin of the U.S. Government agencies that are forever on his back. In this video, he passes off colorful notes with designs that he thought might make more sense than keeping Benjamin Franklin on the \$100 note.

Stacy Keach, who appears in many movies and is probably best known for his starring role in the TV series Mike Hammer, is the narrator.

If the ONA were to start rating its videos, this one would rate right up there with the RCM’s \$2 productions, the ANA’s “Money: History in your Hands” narrated by James Earl Jones, “The Money Man,” and “The Life of Emanuel Hahn.” It received excellent reviews when it was first shown on the U.S. Public Broadcasting System.

CLUB SERVICES REPORT CONTINUED

"MAKING MONEY" (#V-24; Produced by Dave Hood Entertainment, Inc.; 45 minutes)

This video covers, in a very interesting and unusual way, how U.S. money is printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, with a short visit to the Denver Mint at the end.

After we get past the only part that is really intended for younger people, we are whisked to Washington where our walk towards the printing facility passes the historic buildings that appear on the reverses of U.S. notes. This is really presented in a very entertaining and unusual way.

Miss Penny is our tour guide of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, where a number of details are revealed. For example, paper money is not made from paper at all, how many tons of ink are used each day, how many notes each printing press can print each hour, how many different passes through printing presses each note must make, and more.

A short visit to the Denver Mint briefly explains how blanks are made, the process blanks go through before being struck (cleaning, the uplifting of edges, etc.) and the striking of the blanks between the dies.

Because of the style of presentation, it is recommended not only for the collector but also for a younger crowd and spouses. It is entertaining in its presentation and educational in its content.

"U. S. ERRORS AND VARIETIES" (#V-27; Produced by Florida United Numismatists; 37 minutes)

If you have ever wondered about how the basic coin errors occur, this tape is for you. The presentation is given by one of the most well-known authorities on error coins, Don Bonser. He covers the major types of mint mistakes to be found on U.S. coins, explains how they are made and shows examples of a number of the major types of errors.

Although only about 15 examples of errors are presented, they cover some of the basic errors that can be found in circulation: blank planchets (not technically an error), round clip, straight clip, cud, split die, mis-aligned dies, off center, broadstruck on both type 1 and type 2 blanks, double-struck, indented strike, partial and full brockage strikes, small coin overlapping larger blank, off-metal, off-planchet and double-struck off-planchet. We learn what some of these U.S. errors are worth and how to tell a phony from a genuine.

It is all explained in straight-forward, basic language and will prove interesting to both the beginning and advanced collector, as well as dealers.

"COLLECTING U.S. ERRORS AND VARIETIES" (#V-28; Produced by ANA; 37 minutes)

Whereby the above video covers the explanation of how coins are struck and the basic errors that occur during the striking process, this video covers errors above and beyond that point.

Only the rarest examples of what can go wrong at the Mint are included. You will see and learn about examples of double-struck die caps, different error coins including off-centers, double-strikes, broad-strikes, multi-strikes, capped dies, double dies, cuds, wrong planchets, and many more. A brief explanation of how planchets are made and how to determine weight and metal content to determine a coins authenticity are also touched upon.

We would definitely suggest you view "U.S. Errors and Varieties" first and show this one second.

"MONEY, MONEY, MONEY" (#V-31; Produced by Ecovision GmbH, Vienna, Austria; 35 minutes)

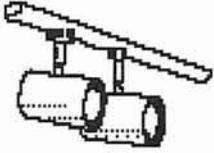
Eight episodes about some of the leading currencies of the world. Their history, the technologies incorporated to foil counterfeiters, and those who tried to forge them. Based on the book "Moneymakers International," we learn about the new technologies against old trickery, a battle that is fought on the highest technical level.

Countries covered are Sweden (who tried to overcome counterfeiting by including 4 signatures on each of their early notes), Austria (who included fibers in the paper mixture as well as watermarks, security strips and geometric patterns), Germany (strips of hair, intaglio printing, see-through registers and micro-effects), China (complicated numbering system, beheading counterfeiters), Great Britain (intaglio and relief printing, watermarks, geometric lines and death penalty), Australia (special paper, first use of synthetic paper, holograms) and the U.S. (all kinds of security features).

Not specifically about any area of collecting. Will be interesting and informative to some, but we're not quite sure how to rate this one.

SPOTLIGHT ON PEOPLE

A column in praise of active Ontario collectors



THE POWER BEHIND THE CNA THRONE

If any member of the CNA Executive were asked who the leaders in the CNA are, they would invariably receive the response: "The President and the Executive Secretary." We are pleased to publish some background on the CNA's Executive Secretary, Ken Prophet, at a time when he is at home recuperating following surgery to remove half a lung.

HIS NON-NUMISMATIC BACKGROUND:

Kenneth B. Prophet was born in Toronto in April 1931, the ninth of ten children (nine boys and one girl). He was raised in Toronto's Cabbagetown and attended Rose Avenue Public School. He joined the Canadian Army in 1948 and served until 1972. During his military (army) career, he was stationed in Camp Borden, Halifax, Valcartier and Petawawa. He also did a tour in Korea and Japan in 1954. For most of his 25 years in the Service, he was in the administrative field with the Army Medical Corps being the Chief Clerk of 4 Field Ambulance in Petawawa, Chief Clerk of the Base Hospital in Borden and finished his career as Chief Clerk of the Canadian Forces Medical Services School in Borden. He retired with the rank of Warrant Officer.

Ken and his wife, Joyce, have a son, Barry, who lives in Toronto. Barry and his lady, Janice, are very active in the live music scene, where he teaches percussion and she teaches dance. (Your Editor has seen some of Barry's crafts: a very, very small working violin. Although I do not recall the exact size, I am sure that it was no larger than 1" long.)

Ken and Joyce enjoy collecting virtually anything (figurines, plates, cups and saucers, depression items, spoons, key chains and Avon bottles, just to name a few). They can be seen visiting local garage sales, and have also been known to have a sale or two of their own to weed out duplicates.

Ken's interest in coin collecting started when a patient passed away at Sunnybrook Military Hospital in Toronto and left the collection to Ken's mother who worked on the hospital's staff. She passed it along to Ken, who was living in Halifax, N.S. at the time, and one of her other interested sons. Ken joined the Halifax Coin Club around 1958 and continued as a member for a number of years after leaving the Halifax area.

HIS NUMISMATIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Ken started the Huronia Numismatic Association in Barrie in 1960 and was its President for a good portion of its 36 years of existence. He also assisted in the running of the club's very popular mall shows and its educational program.

He founded the Pembroke Centennial Coin Club in Pembroke in 1967 while stationed in Camp Petawawa (this club is still very active).

HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE CNA:



Ken joined the CNA in 1960. He was appointed Executive Secretary in 1972, a position he still holds today. He has proven invaluable in assisting the Presidents of the CNA since that time (including your Editor) in assuring Minutes of Executive meetings and Annual General Membership meetings, membership mailing lists, renewal processing and the 101 other duties that assure the smooth running of the CNA, are taken care of. He is a Life Member of the CNA.

He has assisted in the management of a number of the annual conventions, where his expertise has enabled him to give advice to the host organizations. For a number of years, he was also the advertising manager for the CNA Journal, the association's official publication, and still assists in the proofreading of its content each month. For CNA membership information, he can be reached at P.O.Box 226, Barrie, Ont. L4M 4T2 or via e-mail at cdn.numismatic@on.aibn.com.

HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE ONA:

Between military postings, Ken served as the ONA's Second Vice-President in the early 1960s. He also chaired the ONA Speakers Circuit for a number of years. He also served on various ONA committees between 1961 and 1977. He is a Life Member of the ONA.