



# North York Coin Club

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MONTHLY MEETINGS 4TH Tuesday 8 P.M. AT  
Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive, North York

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### President's Message

Our annual show has come and gone for another year. It was a good time for those who turned out and was a definite success based on interest from some potential new club members. We were disappointed that a few more of our current members did not attend. A few more dealer participants would have been welcome as well. Club Executive are reminded to keep Thursday, November 10 free for the next Executive meeting. These meetings will now be held on the second Thursday every other month. Finally, the appointed position of Program Director, currently held by Paul Johnson, is due for a replacement. Paul has served us very well for the past four years or so and it is now time to pass the task over to someone new. This is a wonderful chance to contribute your talent to the North York Coin Club.

### Next meeting

*The next meeting of the North York Coin Club will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 1994, at the Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive. This is our annual CNA Night. It will include a few words from the CNA President and club member Marvin Kay, information on the CNA Educational Program from its chairman, Paul Johnson, and a showing of the new CNA slide set "Bank Notes of the Bank of Canada, 1935-1993". This material has just been contributed to the slide library by Ted Leitch and the London Numismatic Society. Please join your fellow members and guests for an enjoyable evening of fun, education and numismatic fellowship.*

### Coming Events

1. Torex Show, October 22 and 23, Primrose Hotel, 111 Carlton Street, Toronto  
Info: Ingrid K. Smith, (416) 260-9070
2. Burlington International Coin Show, October 29, Mainway Rec Centre, Walkers Line & Mainway, Burlington  
Info: Nancy Kanerva, (905) 335-9444
3. Durham Coin '94, October 29, 10am-5pm, Sponsored by the Oshawa and District Coin Club, at the Pickering Town Centre, free admission  
Info: Earl or Sharon MacLean, (905) 728-1352
4. Stratford Coin Club 32nd Annual Show and Bourse, October 31, 9:30am-4:30pm, Kiwanis Community Centre, Lakeside Drive.  
Info: Ken Wilmot, Stratford Coin Club, RPO Box 21031, Stratford, N5A 7V4
5. Tillsonburg Numismatic Society Annual Show, November 6, 9am-5pm, Mt. Elgin Community Centre (between Tillsonburg and Ingersoll on Hwy 19)  
Info: Wayne MacFarlane, (519) 842-2010
6. Waterloo Coin Society 1994 Show, November 19, 10am-5pm, The Rink in the park, Seagram drive, Waterloo  
Info: Don Robb, Box 22062, Westmount PO, Waterloo, N2J 4C2 Phone 1-519-888-9655

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## News from the September 27, 1994 Meeting

The 388th meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on Tuesday, September 27, 1994. The President, Ron Zeik, opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m., welcoming 25 members. The on time attendance draw for \$4 was won by Gary Doran. The pot returns to \$2 for the October meeting. There were no juniors present to draw from the mint box.

The President provided a report from the Executive Meeting. On the discussion point of a slide projector, it was recognized that while purchasing a projector would not be a problem, storing it would be. It was decided that the purchase of a storage cupboard would serve the club well. It would guarantee that club resources would be available at the meeting place. Bob Porter generously offered to sell the club a cupboard, through his company, at a good price.

Harvey Farrow reported hearing from Sam Snider who has offered to donate a slide projector and screen.

Short reports were made on the recent shows in London and Niagara. A car load of North York members attended the London show. It was reported that the Niagara show was busy on Saturday, but slow on Sunday.

We were pleased to have Paul Johnson speak to us about his recent holiday trip through England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland and about the numismatic material that he managed to obtain during a very tight schedule. Paul started off by stating that taking along some good guide books which listed coin dealers, museums and shows helped him to make the most of his limited time. He was able to tour museums and visit quite a number of shops where he added medals, books and other items to his collection. He covered a lot of ground in a short time and stated that he really wants to go back. Paul's presentation was well received and was concluded with a lively set of questions from the floor.

The lucky draw winners were: Roger Fox(2), Graham Page(2), Gary Doran(2), Terry O'Brien, F.C. Jewett, Paul Johnson, Rick Craig and Lucille Colson.

We thank Bob Porter for running a 4 lot auction with assistance from Basil Latham.

The meeting closed at 9:40 p.m.

## Question-of-the-Month

For our October question we ask you to research (or think back!) to the early days of the CNA. In what year was the CNA formed? Who was the first President and Honourary

President? Does anyone know the number of members at the end of the first year? Oh, and one last question: if you're not a member... why not? (You can keep the answer to this last one to yourself.)

The September question asked: if you were advising a novice collector on the selection of coin holders, what advice would you give. Four simple guidelines are--

- 1) a coin holder should be transparent--you should not have to remove the coin from its holder to view it
- 2) it should be made of a safe material
- 3) it should be easy to use
- 4) the coin should be held firmly without sliding around

Al Bliman summed all these good attributes up by recommending the use of standard 2"x2" holders which are inexpensive and safe. Discussion continued to include firm plastic holders which can be used to house paper money. F.C. Jewett advised on a good practice he had heard of for paper collectibles. It was suggested that they should be exposed to fresh air circulation at least once a year.

## Stewart Sherwood in the News

The North York Coin Club has enjoyed a visit from the successful commercial artist and coin designer Stewart Sherwood on two occasions. His first visit was in May of 1992 when he spoke on the first five of his coin designs used by the mint. These were the 1990 and 1991 \$200 coins, the 1992 \$100 coin and two 1996 Olympic coins in gold and silver. His sixth success was described at the May, 1993 meeting. At that time he described the process of designing the 1993 silver dollar which marked the 100th anniversary of the Stanley Cup.

The Toronto Sun of Monday, October 3, 1994 featured a story on Mr. Sherwood as a "Small Business" success story. While the story by Linda A. Fox is light on numismatic references, it does an excellent job of describing the thought that he puts into each of his projects. Members will recall the numerous ideas he tried out as coin designs before deciding on a particular winning theme.

In the story, he tells how he started out by going to Western Tech with the intent of pursuing a mechanical trade. "But I figured out art was probably an easier load", he said. Eventually he decided to make art his business. And what a business it has become. An investment in a studio and some supplies now nets at least \$100,000--plus a year.

"You have to enjoy what you do, but you also have to keep in mind that any business, even an artistic one, is still a business." Mr. Sherwood's past research allows him to talk

just a knowledgeable about art as what his art depicts. He always makes a point of trying to understand the client's business from their point of view. This outlook comes naturally. His father was an entrepreneur running a music shop on Yonge St. for many years.

Today, after doing portrait covers for Maclean's magazine, Harlequin romance covers, Channel 11 TV promotion posters, film posters, story boards for television commercials and art for Christmas cards, he is firmly entrenched in the collector plate business for the Bradford Exchanged, and, of course, doing his coin

design work.

Commenting on his plate work, he admits to being a lifelong devotee of Norman Rockwell. You can see it reflected in his designs both on plates and on coins. Also like Rockwell, he enjoys meeting his followers. He'll travel to towns across Ontario signing his plates for those who collect them. "It means a lot to me to be able to connect with those who enjoy my illustrations. It is always a pleasurable experience to know what talent I have is warmly accepted."

See you at the next meeting.