

“The Bulletin” September, 2002

President's Message

We held an Executive meeting on September 10 with very good attendance. My thanks to everyone for turning out and sitting through our meeting in a room with no air conditioning. This late summer hot weather is fine for the garden, but it is starting to wear us all down a bit I expect.

Paul Petch described work he is doing on our behalf and for the C.N.A. in planning for the 2004 annual convention. He provided some details on arrangements at the Holiday Inn Select Hotel, right at the Highway 427 exit to Dixon Road out on the airport strip. I've attended several conventions for my other hobbies at the location and I have to tell you, this hotel is a good one.

In addition to planning other fall meetings, I can confirm we will be holding our usual Christmas party again this year, this time on December 10.

If you are now on the Internet, please send an e-mail to the editor at **p.petch@rogers.com**. This will allow us to send you any last-minute emergency announcements. You may contact the President, Bob Wilson, at **905-677-3765** or the Editor, Paul Petch at **416-303-4417**.

***Next Meeting:
September 24***

Lots of Variety

The next meeting of the North York Coin Club will be held on **Tuesday, September 24, 2002**, at the Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive. We start gathering about 7:30pm with meeting start scheduled for 8:00.

This will be one of our member participation meetings where we invite everyone to bring out a small display or an item of interest to tell the other members about. We already have a promise of holiday souvenirs from Roger Fox and some Dora de Pédery Hunt medals from Del Murchison.

There is no listed auction this month, so you are encouraged to bring your material for this meeting. Hope to see you there.

Coming Events

Guelph Coin Show presented by South Wellington Coin Society and Waterloo Coin Society, September 21, 9:30am-4:30pm at the Col. John McCrae Royal Canadian Legion, 919 York Rd., Hwy. 7. More than 35 dealer tables, penny draw prizes.

10th Annual London Coin Show, September 22, 9:30am-4:30pm, Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Rd., off Hwy 401. Admission \$1. Contact Ted Leitch at (519) 472-9679.

Tillsonburg Coin Show, October 6, 9am-4pm at the Tillsonburg Community Centre Complex, 45 Hardy Ave. Admission \$1. Contact Wayne MacFarlane, (519) 842-6666.

Burlington Fall Show, October 12, 9am-4pm at the Brant Hills Community

Centre, 2300 Duncaster Dr. Free admission and parking. Contact Nancy Merideth (705) 788-3159.

Scarborough Coin Club 6th Annual Coin Show, October 19, 9am-4pm, at the Mid Scarborough Community Centre, 2467 Eglinton Ave. E. (New location near Kennedy Subway Station) Free admission Contact Dick Dunn at cpms@idirect.com.

Torex, October 26-27, Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 10am-3pm at its new location: Champagne Ballroom, Novotel Downtown, 45 The Esplanade. Daily admission \$5. Coins, paper money, cards, books, supplies, pens, watches, and militaria. Contact Brian Smith, (416) 861-9523, e-mail brian@torex.net. Web site: <http://www.torex.net>.

*This information is courtesy of
Canadian Coin News
and its web site.*

Meeting News from the August 21 Meeting

The 476th meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on Wednesday, August 21, 2002 at the Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Dr., Willowdale, Ont.

In the absence of the President, Paul Petch opened the meeting at 8:05pm and welcomed 16 members and 1 guest.

As noted in the bulletin and in keeping with the summer season, this meeting was to be laid back and lazy and with lots of news from the C.N.A. convention. As well, no draws or auction were held. However, the On Time Attendance pot will increase to \$6.00 for the next meeting. Paul kindly offered to read the minutes for the Secretary after which they were accepted as read. He also announced permits for the meeting room have been received until next June. We are so fortunate not to have to pay rent.

As the refreshments were already prepared Roger Fox suggested the members partake of them throughout the relaxing evening.

Norm Belsten, our, *official* delegate to the C.N.A. convention, was called upon to give his report on the convention in Vancouver. Norm felt that generally the affair was very good and the dealers were happy but there were some serious drawbacks that he thought should be seriously considered in the future. Attendance at meetings, particularly for the Canadian Tire and Wooden Money groups, was very poor because the costs of attending the convention were too high for most collectors. Their auctions had to be cancelled (1st time ever), as were many of the tours due to poor attendance. Norm also stressed host clubs should be well informed on C.N.A. rules and regulations.

Paul Petch showed the digital convention pictures he had taken on a television screen and Roger Fox spoke on his experiences with the Canadian Tire display and other fun things of his Vancouver trip.

In his newly appointed position as Executive Secretary for the C.N.A. John Regitko took this opportunity to encourage new memberships. Roger Fox suggested we appoint a C.N.A. Representative to give short reviews on their monthly Journal. John noted the Area Representative would be a good choice and this quite effectively nailed Paul Petch! Paul covered the shock by noting the articles in the Registration Kit and other interesting articles he managed to find.

Del Murchison gave a brief account of the A.N.A. Convention in New York City.

Marvin Kay announced that he found two previously unknown medically-related coins on the eBay auction site.

Our new junior member, Dallas MacPhee, spoke enthusiastically about his 2002 Euro coin acquisitions.

In keeping with the article in the August bulletin on the 3-cent Canadian stamp, Lucille Colson passed around a silver tray that had been presented to her father and on which a silver replica had been affixed. As well, she read a letter, received by her husband, that contained a "Thank You Canada" a beautiful, enameled honorary medal presented to Veterans who participated in the liberation of the Netherlands.

Roger Fox made a final trip to the front to explain why he was wearing a t-shirt marked with Newmarket, New Hampshire. Roger and his wife Marg make their home in Newmarket, Ontario so were attracted to stop at the town with the twin name along their route. Explaining to the locals about their curiosity and wanting the chance to look around, one of the major restaurants in town presented the gift of a t-shirt. They sound like real small town friendly people.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:30 pm.

Mr. J.H. Colson
Willowdale, ON

July 2002

Dear Mr. Colson,

On the occasion of the 50th and 55th anniversary of the liberation of Holland, the Netherlands offered a "Thank you Canada" anniversary medal to the Veterans who came to Holland to celebrate this memorable occasion.

To honour the equally important contribution of those veterans, who were unable to attend the festivities in the Netherlands, The National Dutch Committee "Thank You Canada" has minted a medal called "Medal of Remembrance in relation to the liberation of Holland".

I understand you are eligible to receive this medal as you participated in the liberation of the Netherlands. I am very pleased, therefore, on behalf of my country to offer you this commemorative medal as a token of the appreciation and gratitude of the Dutch people for your wartime efforts.

In the hope that you may enjoy the medal for many more years to come, I remain, Yours sincerely,

Lieutenant-Colonel Leo van den Heuvel
Defence Attaché
Kingdom of the Netherlands

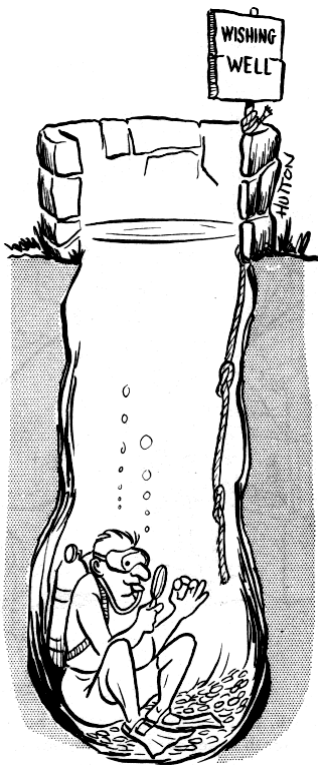


Question of the Month

For the September Question of the Month, in keeping with Del's plan to bring some Dora de Pédery Hunt medals, what do you know about this famous artist? For a start, this is her work right here.



The August Question of the Month asked for information about when coin collecting began. For answers, see the article on this page.



The First Coin Collectors by R. C. Willey

The continuous collecting of coins has gone on since the thirteenth century in the Western world. In China there have been numismatists since the Sung dynasty (960-1280 AD) and probably before.

Numismatists were known in Roman times. Various Roman writers made occasional references to the collecting of coins, and hoards have been found in which every piece was different, and in such fine condition that the original owners could only have amassed them for the purpose of assembling a collection.

We cannot say for certain that numismatics disappeared after the fall of the Roman Empire, but it definitely was not widespread. After the fall of Rome and for several hundred years thereafter, people were too concerned with the fundamental problems of food, clothing, shelter, and defence to have much leisure for cultural pursuits.

The first known collectors of Mediaeval and Renaissance times were Pope Boniface VIII and Petrarch. Their collections were very large. In those days numismatics was looked upon as a valuable adjunct to archaeology. Many individuals were enthusiastic collectors and students of ancient manuscripts and art, and these people soon learned the value of coins as a means of verifying obscure points in manuscripts and in dating ancient buildings, sculpture, and literature.

The archaeological significance of numismatics is still important. Archaeologists often consult numismatists, and vice versa, whenever coins are discovered in excavations. Some universities have professorships of numismatics, and the courses given are all relative to the value of numismatics to the historian and archaeologist.

Perhaps at the same time as students became aware of their value in archaeological study, people also began to col-

lect coins as a hobby. The Renaissance was an age of appreciation of all the arts, and the beauty of ancient coins, especially, was not lost on those who admired the finer things in life. As a hobby, numismatics came into its own late in the sixteenth and in the early seventeenth centuries.



Some of the great numismatists of this period

were Charles I of England (that's a Threepenny piece pictured above), the Earl of Pembroke, Queen Christina of Sweden, and Louis XIV of France. Louis XIV was an enthusiastic collector. Coins, tokens, counters, and medals, and even satirical pieces found their way into his cabinets.

The first fixed price catalogues were known in France three hundred years ago. The names of early dealers have been lost, but by the eighteenth century most moneychangers acted as coin dealers. The House of Rothschild began at this time, the founder being a moneychanger and coin dealer. Early Rothschild catalogues are still extant. Spink & Son of London, England opened for business in 1772 as dealers in coins and art.

Early collectors and dealers were never blind to the investment aspects of the hobby, but they did not collect solely for this purpose. The speculator and accumulator of today are a fairly recent phenomenon.

Based on a feature in the Canadian Numismatic Journal for January, 1963.

C.N.A. 2002 by Norm Belsten

Well, the 2002 Canadian Numismatic Association Convention in Vancouver is history, and there were some good features and some bad.

The cost of attending a C.N.A. convention is just about to the point that many collectors can't afford to go. This year the high cost of travel and the high cost of the hotel resulted in the attendance being way down this year.

Many of the planned convention tours had to be canceled. Those that took them enjoyed the tours that were still available and said that the one to Whistler was exceptional. The convention tour to Victoria was canceled, so I took a different one on my own and it was very enjoyable. We had a stop in Victoria and a chance to explore the city. Then it was off to Butchart Gardens to view the flowers, before heading home. The trip took 13 hours in all. I also went to Stanley Park, and the Aquarium, which was very interesting with a display of marine life of the area.

The bourse floor seemed busy every day and the dealers I talked to seemed happy with the brisk business. There was a ma-

jor auction by Michael Walsh featuring the Douglas L. Mason collection of Canadian and maritime decimal coins.

Many of the meetings I was at, the Token Collectors, Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club, and the Wooden Money breakfast, had no auction as in the past, due to the poor attendance. The Classical and Medieval group had a guest speaker (as reported in the August issue of *The Bulletin*) with respectable attendance. The Canadian Association of Token Collectors had a short, informal gathering with no guest speaker. The Club Delegates meeting had some good ideas brought forward, but it too was rather poorly attended compared to other years.

The Educational Forum was chaired by Peter Moogk and was presented over two days. Attendance was highest on the Friday day when John and Nancy Wilson spoke on "48 Rare Paper Money Items". John Wilson is the President of the A.N.A. Also speaking on the first day was Wayne Jacobs with a detailed paper "The Wellington Tokens and their Canadian Connection".

The Saturday speakers were Ron Greene with his subject "Banknotes of British Columbia" and David Larson presenting "Money Underground - Archeological Finds and Institutional Collections".

There were about 80 at the banquet on Saturday evening. The after dinner speaker was Archie Miller who came dressed in the uniform of a steam boat captain of the 1890's. He related stories of interesting characters of the time and talked extensively about the saga of the creation of the BC gold patterns at the New Westminster mint.

I did, however, meet many old and new friends at the convention and as usual the overall convention was enjoyable. I think that the C.N.A. must take a good look at the cost of these conventions and find a way to reduce the cost so the average collector can attend; now only the avid collector will foot the cost.

There was also some confusion as to the C.N.A. convention rules for the host club. Now that John Regitko is serving as Executive Secretary, I'm sure they will be reviewed and clarified.



*Friday Educational Forum speakers,
from left, Wayne Jacobs, Nancy and John Wilson*



*Saturday Educational Forum speakers,
From left, Ron Greene and David Larson*