



North York Coin Club

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MONTHLY MEETINGS 4TH Tuesday 7:30 P.M. AT
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THE BULLETIN FOR JUNE 2013

WE REMEMBER TERRY O'BRIEN

A very sad message was recently received from Karen O'Brien, the daughter of Terry O'Brien, informing us of the passing of her mother.

Terry was an active collector for many years and a long-time member of the North York Coin Club, having joined the club in April 1982. She maintained her annual membership continuously for 25 years and was presented with Lifetime Membership number 26. Terry was also a member of the Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin Stamp and Collectibles Club from December 2009.

Terry was active in local politics and served as an Adjala County councillor for 18 years beginning about 1980 before her election to deputy mayor in 1988. After amalgamation, she was deputy mayor of the Adjala-Toronto municipality until 1997.



Terry possessed some musical abilities and would donate her time in senior residences. Her daughter writes that, "there were a couple of ditties she could play on the piano, and she would frequently burst into song when she was having fun around the house."

She regularly attended Ontario Numismatic Association and Canadian Numismatic Association Conventions where she took lots of snap shots. Convention goers will recall that she regularly signed up for the local scenic tours and had an infectious enthusiasm for soaking in the local history and learning all that she could. She brought along a grandson to a couple of the Conventions. Terry served as a club delegate to both O.N.A. and R.C.N.A. conventions for the North York Coin Club and could always be counted on to bring back a rich account of convention proceedings and the people she met and spent time with.

Terry will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Here is the text from the obituary:

Peacefully at Stevenson Memorial Hospital Alliston on Thursday May 30, 2013. Terry O'Brien dearly beloved wife of the late Jim O'Brien. Loving mother of Karen and Keith, and mother in law of Kelly O'Brien, and the late Edward Cournoyea. Remembered with love as Nana to: Edward, Shawntel, Renee, and Josh.

The Memorial Mass was held in

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 25

We start gathering in the Banquet Room at the east end of the first floor at the Edithvale Community Centre, at 7:00 p.m. with meeting start scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Our next meeting is the last before a few of us head out to Winnipeg for the R.C.N.A. convention. Henry Nienhuis will be our guest speaker at this meeting with his topic *Gold—Where Does It Come From?* The meeting will finish with our usual auction that includes the donated books as listed at the top of page 3 in this issue. We hope to see you there!

We appreciate all donations to our supply of draw prize material. Please remember to bring your auction lots if you would like an auction at this meeting.

St. James Church Colgan, on Saturday June 8, 2013 at 3pm. Arrangements were entrusted to the Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com is their website and it provides an online listing for Terry with provision for visitors to leave a memorial tribute.



Terry at the RCM booth at the 2004 C.N.A. Convention



Terry with Jim Charlton and Carolyne-Marie Petch at the 2012 O.N.A. Convention

NEWS OF THE MAY 2013 MEETING

The 589th meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 in the 1st floor Banquet Room at the Edithvale Community Centre, 131 Finch Ave. West. The meeting was hammered to order at 7:35 p.m. with our President Bill O'Brien in the chair; there were 29 members and 3 guests in attendance.

Our on-time attendance draw was the first order of business. Member Italo Villella was not present when his name was drawn to receive the prize of \$4.00. The draw will increase to \$4.00 for the June meeting.

Bill asked the members present if they had noticed any errors or omissions in the minutes of the April meeting as published in the May newsletter. There being no changes identified, Norman G. Gordon made a motion to accept the minutes with Franco Farronato seconding. Motion carried.

We then turned to the club's financial status with Ben Boelens giving a brief treasurer's report.

In summarizing the end of the 2012 fiscal year report Ben mentioned that the club was ahead Net \$30.00 from the previous year.

Bill then asked Paul Petch to report on the results of the May 11th Hobby Show. Paul mentioned that the show was a success with a steady stream of walk-in visitors, especially before noon. The dealers were happy reporting better than expected sales. Overall the show earned \$97.00 after expenses. The proceeds were shared evenly with MECSCC. Paul then reported on his findings with respect to a fall show. After reviewing the dates for other club shows in the south western Ontario area he suggested that we choose either September 14 or September 28. When Paul checked both dates were currently available at Edithvale. After some discussion it was decided that the members would reflect on the two dates and that we would hold a vote to decide on the date at the June meeting.

Paul took a moment to talk about the status of the Edithvale permit renewal process. He mentioned that he had completed the permit, which needs to be submitted by Friday, and that all indications are that the results will be positive.

Bill then asked Henry Nienhuis to summarize the results of the 2014 R.C.N.A. convention committee portion of the last executive meeting (May 4). Henry gave a brief report mentioning that the bourse committee had made a site visit to the Delta Meadowvale on May 10 to review the logistics of the bourse floor planning. He also mentioned that everyone is encouraged to participate in the future convention committee meetings.

Henry also took a moment to report on the R.C.N.A. executive committee elections. He mentioned that ballots were included with your June issue of the CN Journal that is now in the mail. He encouraged members of the R.C.N.A. to exercise their franchise and cast their vote in the election. In particular, members in Ontario are voting for candidates for the 2nd vice-president position which is between Robert Forbes, the incumbent, and Steven Woodland. Henry indicated that he would be glad to answer any questions members might have to the best of his ability during the break.

Paul Johnson, in his role as head exhibits judge at the O.N.A. convention, asked for the floor to make two presentations of convention participation medals. He presented the 1st place medal, in the Canadian Paper Money category, to Henry Nienhuis for his exhibit on Henry's Bank notes. He also presented Carolyne-Marie Petch (in absentia) with her Hospitality Suite participation medal; Paul accepted the medal on her behalf.

Justin B. asked for the floor to talk about a recent accomplishment of his. Justin had submitted a paper "Gift from the Canadian Army" to the Young Numismatist Essay Contest sponsored quarterly by Heritage Auctions in the United States. Justin won first place in the third quarter contest! A very proud moment shared by his mother and the North York club. Congratulations Justin! First prize in the contest is an amazing US\$-750.00. *[The essay is printed on the last page of this issue. - Ed.]*



Paul Johnson, Head O.N.A. Judge, presents Henry Nienhuis with a medal recognizing his winning exhibit in the Canadian Paper Money Category on Henry's Bank at the 2013 O.N.A. Convention



Henry Nienhuis updates members on progress with the plans for hosting the R.C.N.A. 2014 Convention as well as alerting all R.C.N.A. members of their opportunity to vote in an election for the position of 2nd vice-president.

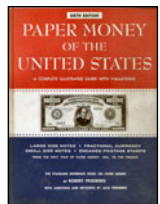
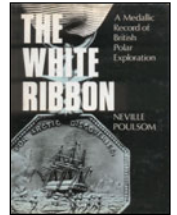
ANNOUNCING THE BOOK AUCTION AT THE JUNE MEETING

Donated to the Club from the Library of Ken and May Bunnett



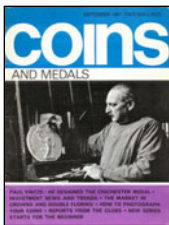
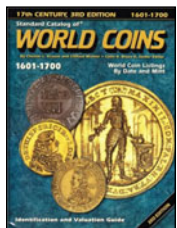
1. *The Commemorative Medal: Its Appreciation and Collection* by Howard W. A. Linecar, Publisher, David and Charles, Newton Abbot, Devon, 1974. Hardcover. Dust Jacket. Photographic (illustrator). First Edition. 450 g; 156 pages, indexed, with appendices and bibliography. Illustrated throughout with black-and-white line drawings, and XVI plates in black-and-white. The author's second book on the subject, gives the history of British medals, on the occasions on which they have been struck, and offers suggestions as to the right way to set about acquiring, looking after and arranging a collection. (Est.\$5-\$15)

2. *The White Ribbon. A medallic record of British polar expeditions* by Major Neville W. Poulson, Publisher, B. A. Seaby Ltd, London. 1968, 1st Edition. Hardcover. Plates. Demy 8vo. Fine pictorial Dust-jacket. 216pps. Map endpapers. This unique book is an account of the Arctic and Antarctic Expeditions between 1818 and 1961 whose members received the award of the Arctic or Polar Medal. (Est.\$25-\$50)



3. *Paper Money of the United States: a Complete Illustrated Guide With Valuations 6th edition* by Robert Friedberg, Publisher, The Coin and Currency Institute, Inc., New York, 1968. Hardcover. Dust Jacket. 4to - over 93/4" - 12" Tall. 327 pp. Large Size Notes, Fractional Currency, Small Size Notes, Encased Postage Stamps, from the first year of paper money, 1861, to the present. (1968) This is not a Bunnett book and is from the Bank of Canada sale. (Est. \$5-\$15)

4. *Standard Catalog of World Coins, 1601-1700: Identification and Valuation Guide 17th Century 3rd Edition* by Chester Krause, Clifford Mishler, Publisher, Krause Publications, Iola WI, 2003. Hardcover. 8.4x10.9 inches. In this third edition, the classic reference has been updated and reformatted, providing far more detail than any previous volume. Every valuation from the second edition has been reviewed and adjusted, providing prices in up to 5 grades of condition. Hundreds of new photographs have been added and vast improvements have been made to the existing images. Expanded coverage of German States and Central Asia. Like new, 1296 pages. (Est. \$20-\$75)



5. *Coins and Medals* (British Periodical edited by Heather Salter with Howard Linecar) A group of 17 issues ranging from September 1967 to November 1969 (with about 10 issues missing from the run). Primarily British coinage with a few medal columns and other world coins and paper money. Lots of advertising. A quality and entertaining periodical all presented in a sturdy slip case. (Est. \$5-\$20)

Just before moving to our feature presentation, Bill asked if anyone had brought a show-and-tell with them. Raj Makhijani passed around RCM products that he recently acquired through the mint's Masters Club program. The first item was the newly release \$100 for \$100 coin featuring the image of buffalo's stampeding, designed by Claudio D'Angelo. Raj mentioned that according to the website the full mintage of 50,000 had sold out prior to general public release.

There were two featured presentations for the May meeting. The first was an O.N.A. convention club delegate's report presented by Henry Nienhuis. Henry's presentation included a number of images that he took of the various events that took place at the convention. The second presentation was by Ben Boelens on the Coins of India that he has in his collection. Ben used stories from his various travels to annotate his talk and to illustrate the various types he passed around the two binders that house his collection.

At 8:50 pm, Bill called for the refreshment break consisting of cookies, juice and coffee. We resumed the meeting at 9:05 pm.

The last portion of the meeting was devoted to the customary lucky draws and auction. Once again there were 4 books, from the

library of Mrs. May Bunnett donated to the club from her estate, which the club has decided to auction off this evening. Lucky draw winners were- Ben Boelens (4), Andrew Silver, Raj Makhijani (3), Bob Velensky, Paul Johnson (2), Richard Duquette, and Franco Farronato (2). The club earned \$24.00 through the sale of the draw tickets! The lucky draws were intermixed throughout the evening's auction, called by our auctioneer David Quinlan and volunteer runner Justin B. Our auction manager, David Bawcutt, reported that receipts from the auction added \$98.95 to the club coffers.

The club executive would like to thank members for supporting the club through the purchase of draw tickets and draw prize donations. Please consider supporting your club through a donation of numismatic material or other items. (Don't forget to mention your donations to the club secretary so that your support can be recognized in the minutes and newsletter.)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

As a reminder, the next regular club meeting will be held in the Banquet Room, on the first floor, June 25, 2013, at the Edithvale Community Centre.

COMING EVENTS FOR SUMMER 2013

JUNE 29 - 30, Toronto, Torex - Canada's National Coin Show, Hyatt Regency Toronto, 370 King St. W. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. *Canada's Finest Dealers in Canadian, ancient, and foreign coins, paper money, hobby supplies and reference books; admission \$7, under 16 free; official auctioneer: The Canadian Numismatic Company.* For more information telephone 416-705-5348. Website: <http://www.torex.net>.

JULY 14, Woodstock, Woodstock Collectibles Show, Auditorium, Woodstock Fairgrounds, 875 Nellis St. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Admission \$3 per person, children under age 12 will be admitted for free when accompanied by an adult. *Featuring vendors selling coins, paper money, tokens, stamps, sports and non-sport cards, Coca-Cola collectibles, new and old die cast toys, action figures, dolls, comics, records and much more.* For more information contact Ian Ward, telephone 519-426-8875, email toyshow@kwic.com. Website: <http://www.woodstocktoyshow.blogspot.com>

JULY 24 - 27, Winnipeg, Royal Canadian Numismatic Association 2013 Convention, Delta Hotel, 350 St. Mary Ave. Hours: Thurs., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$5, juniors free. *Dealers and displays from across North America. Official auctioneer: The Canadian Numismatic Company.* For more information contact Bruce Taylor, telephone 204-479-0017, email bvtay@shaw.ca. Website: <http://www.rcna.ca/2013>.

AUG. 11, Paris, S.W.O.N., Convention Centre, 139 Silver St. (Paris fairgrounds). Hours: 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Admission \$3, includes a ticket on a gold coin, 56 tables of coins, paper money, gold and silver bullion, jewelry, pocket watches and more. *Buy, sell, trade, appraise.* For more information contact Ted Bailey, telephone 519-442-3474, email tedscollectables@bellnet.ca.

AUG. 25, Woodstock, Woodstock Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Woodstock Community Centre, Goff Hall, 382 Finckle St., north of Highway 401. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$1, hourly draws, and 25 dealers. For more information contact John Tuffnail, telephone 519-537-5914.

SEPT. 8, Brampton, Brampton Coin Show, Century Gardens Recreation Centre, 340 Vodden Rd. East. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission \$3, under 14 free, and free parking. *Buy, sell, trade and appraisal at more than 40 tables.* For more information contact Willard Burton, telephone 905-450-2870, email willardb@bwcoin.com.

SEPT. 22, London, London 21st Annual Coin Show, The Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Rd. (off Hwy. 401). Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$2. *Displays and dealers for coins, medals, notes and tokens.* For more information contact London Numismatic Society, telephone 519-472-9679.

Listings are courtesy of Canadian Coin News Coming Events

CANADA MINT OPERATIONS

From The Numismatist for June, 1913

The total operations in silver coin of the Ottawa mint in the period between January 2, 1908, and March 31, 1913, had been \$5,710,944.54. Of that, \$750,000 was in fifty cent pieces, \$2,500,000 in twenty-five cent pieces, \$1,393,000 in ten cent pieces, and \$979,000 in five cent pieces, and in addition there were one cent pieces to the value of \$222,000. In gold sovereigns there were \$1,400,000; Canadian gold pieces, \$1,800,000 in five and ten dollar gold pieces. The number of issuable pieces coined in 1912 was 283,000 fifty cent, 2,500,000 twenty-five cent, 3,000,000 ten cent, 5,000,000 five cent, and 5,000,000 one cent pieces; Canadian ten dollar gold pieces, 70,000, and five dollars, 155,000. Gold production in Canada in 1912 was twelve and a half million dollars, Of that the Yukon produced five and a half million, British Columbia five million, Ontario \$1,745,000, Gold received at the mint for refining in 1912 was 101,636 gross ounces, of which there came from Nova Scotia 3,000 ounces, from Ontario 11,000 ounces, from Yukon 85,000 ounces, and from Quebec 911 ounces.

The Finance Minister gave the following table, showing the increase in the business of the mint:

	1908	1912
Silver monies coined	\$313,000	\$1,393,000
Bronze monies coined	313,000	1,383,000
Gold monies coined	3,000	1,477,000

With regard to future operations of the mint, the Hon, Mr. White stated that building extensions would cost between \$35,000 and

\$50,000, It was hoped by the deputy master that they would be in a position to refine and sell bullion and in time use all the gold production of Canada.

This article is from the June 1913 issue of the A.N.A. Numismatist. In the last paragraph where building extensions are mentioned, this is in reference to a new gold refinery. In June 1913 approval was given for the expenditure of \$35,000 for the extension. Work on the refinery was completed by the end of 1914 and the first gold was refined in the new facility in April 1915.



The floor of the new gold refinery at the Ottawa Branch of the Royal Mint

ST. ALBANS ROMAN GOLD COIN HOARD DECLARED TREASURE

BBC WEBSITE, JUNE 6, 2013

A follow-up to the story first reported in The Bulletin of October 2012

A hoard of Roman gold coins found in Hertfordshire has been confirmed as treasure by the county's coroner.

The stash, found on private land north of St Albans by a metal detectorist, is believed to be one of the largest Roman gold coin hoards discovered in the UK.

The 159 coins date to the end of the 4th Century AD during the final years of Roman rule in Britain.

The decision means the city's Verulamium Museum now has the opportunity to buy them.

The 1996 Treasure Act legally obliges finders of potential treasure items, mostly gold or silver artefacts greater than 300 years old, to report their discovery to the local coroner.

Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire finds liaison officer, Julian Watters, said an inquest is held if a museum is interested in what has been uncovered.

If the coroner determines a find constitutes treasure, that museum then has the right to acquire them and the Department for Culture Media and Sport decides where the money goes.

"[The value of the coins] will be decided by an independent committee at the British Museum and we will have the chance to raise the funds after that," said Mr Watters.

"In most circumstances, there will be a 50/50 split between the finder and the landowner but it is up to the Secretary of State to decide, based on the facts of the case."

'Incredibly important'

These coins, discovered by amateur detectorist Westley Carrington during his first metal detecting outing, were scattered across a fairly wide area.

They were mostly struck in the Italian cities of Milan and Ravenna and issued under the Emperors Gratian, Valentinian, Theodosius, Arcadius and Honorius.

At the time of the find last October, a St Albans Council spokesman said there were "practically no other comparable gold hoards of this period."

Mr Watters, said the find was "incredibly important" but why they were buried had not been established.

"It's like nothing I've seen before in my 10 years in post," he said.

"Unfortunately whatever they had been deposited in had been hit by a plough several times so they were very spread about and it's a bit of a mystery still."

141 of the 159 coins were put on display in the British Museum in December 2012 (the remainder still in the safe keeping of Verulamium Museum in St Albans). The coins have been put in the changing display in the Citi Money Gallery, and are accompanied by a short presentation on the discovery and identification of the coins. The coins from near St Albans represent one of the largest hoards of solidi ever found in Britain – the largest, from the Hoxne hoard, are in the collection of the British Museum. The coins were on show at the British Museum for about a month's time.

As the hoard represents a find of two or more coins at least 300 years old containing more than 10% precious metal, it also had to be reported to the Coroner for Hertfordshire as potential Treasure. A comprehensive report on the coins was prepared for the Coroner, who held an inquest to make a ruling as to whether or not the hoard fulfils the criteria for Treasure.

Now that the Coroner has declare the respective hoards to be Treasure, they will vested with the Crown, which will seek to place them in the local museum. The hoard will be valued by the independent Treasure Valuation Committee and the finders and owners of the land where the hoard was found will be eligible to receive a reward equal to the market value of the hoard.

Roman Gold Coins

- During Roman occupation, coins were usually buried either as a religious sacrifice to the Gods, or as a secure store of wealth to recover later
- Threat of war or raids might lead to the burial, as may the prospect of a long journey, or any other risky activity
- They would have been used for large transactions such as buying land or goods by the shipload
- Typically, the wealthy Roman elite, merchants or soldiers receiving bulk pay were the recipients



Roman solidi from the hoard found near St Albans, Hertfordshire, on display in the Citi Money Gallery at the British Museum. The stash—found on private land north of St Albans—is believed to be one of the largest Roman gold coin hoards discovered in the UK.

GIFT FROM THE CANADIAN ARMY

by Justin Bowen, NYCC Junior Member and Winner of the Heritage Essay Contest

To support young numismatists and budding authors, Heritage Auctions is sponsoring a quarterly essay contest. It is open to students ages 8-18. North York Coin Club member Justin Bowen has won first place in the third quarter contest. Justin's winning entry appears on the Heritage Auction website at <http://coins.ha.com/information/yn-jbowen.s>

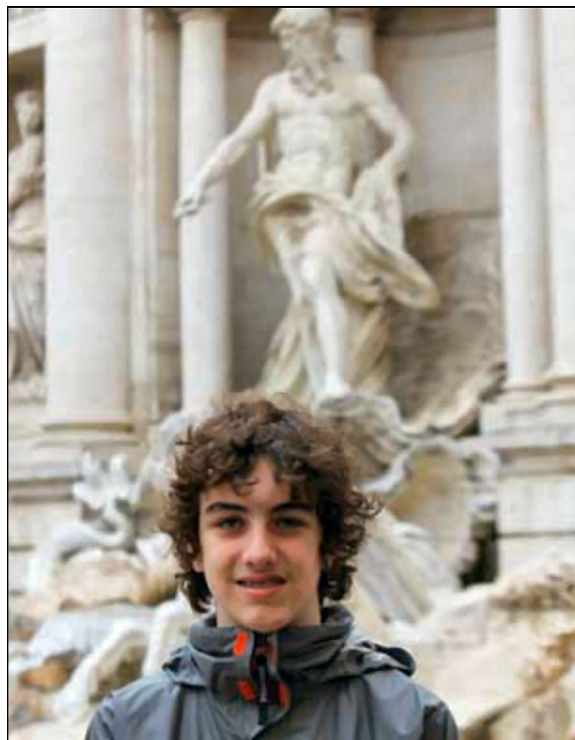
It was a sunny spring day in London. I was waiting for the Tube at Green Park Station with my family. We were on our way to see the hospital where I was born. It was the first time I had gone back to my birthplace since I had left England six and a half years ago. I was excited to see the monuments, museums and castles of England.

About a minute before the train arrived, a group of soldiers walked in. They were in Canadian Forces uniforms with a poppy pinned above their hearts. Noticing my brother's t-shirt had a large Canadian flag on it, they introduced themselves. They had just returned from the Middle East and were going to visit a wounded comrade. Once we sat down, we realized how excited they were to be talking to non-Military Canadians, especially children. I had a feeling that they missed their own children, with whom they soon would be reunited. Then, their Sergeant handed me three coins, and kindly said, "I think you might find these interesting." I thanked him, and asked if he knew anything about the coins. He replied, "I don't know much about them, although they come from the Middle East." I later learned that they are one Dirham coins from the United Arab Emirates, of which two are dated AH 1419, or 1998 AD, and the other is dated AH 1415, 1995 AD. After more talk, we arrived at our destination. As we parted, my brother and I said, "Thank you for the coins," after which I told them, "I know your children can't wait to see you!"

I have been fascinated in history since I was very young, and I found these coins to be very interesting. I stored the coins in the same way that I stored my rock collection; in small boxes with dividers, split by country, where I could easily take each coin out and look at it. With this, I started my coin hoarding period, where I hoarded world coins and circulating commemorative coins. I collected a set of U.S. State Quarters and a set of circulating Olympic Commemorative quarters. After hoarding for seven years, I learned that I was moving from Calgary, Canada to London, England.

The move motivated me to cut down the space it took me to store my 'collection,' so that I could bring it with me. This motivation was also triggered by the fact that I was moving to England, where I find the coins to be interesting, unlike modern Canadian coins, which have been the same since before I was born. Unfortunately, we didn't move to England. Instead, my family moved to Toronto, Canada. While organizing my coin hoard, I saw the coins that the Sergeant had given me, reminding me of the event that had started it all. I quickly caught the coin collecting bug, having joined Coin Community Forum soon after. After reading posts on the forum, I realized that Ancient coins and American coins were what I wanted to collect. At 14 years old, I was the youngest person that I have heard of that collects ancient coins. I am now 15 years old and have become a Pillar of the Community on Coin Community Forum, with 1300 posts.

One thing has not changed; how much I love this Hobby!



Justin in London



... and with his mother at the May meeting

From the contest administrator: Young numismatists 'North of the Border' are clearly an enthusiastic lot, judging from the number of essays we receive from them. For the sake of accuracy, I must also note the degree of interest of adult numismatists in the Canadian numismatic clubs who are anxious to support budding hobbyists. I for one do not think the results are coincidental. And while we often hear of the importance of a mentoring adult in cultivating the collecting interest, not as much notice is given to the excitement that can be generated by a chance encounter—and the long-lasting results.