



# North York Coin Club

Founded 1960

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

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## THE BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER 2006

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello again, fellow members:

This message, being the penultimate issue for the year 2006 will cover many things.

**First:** At our Executive meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>, we had many items to discuss. Primarily, the follow up to the presentation by Olive Bayliss, from the Lansing United Church. Our Executive Committee decided that, rather than asking members to make a direct donation, this year the club will not subsidize the Christmas dinner. We will then use the money to buy products that will fit into the program she described. There may be a smaller cash donation as well; however, it will not be a significant one.

**Second:** We have studied the original Constitution of the NYCC and clearly it shows that we are not required to read the minutes of the last meeting at the following meeting. Since the minutes are printed and sent with the Bulletin, what is the reaction of the members if we dispense with the reading? I will be asking for a show of hands to either approve or reject this idea at the next meeting.

**Third:** Also, at our November meeting, I will be calling for nominations for some openings on the executive. We have several openings. Although some or most of you have served in these positions well, if we do not have any nominee's, I would ask that you consider helping us through the year, by taking one of these positions **only** until the end of this current meeting session.

### NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

*We start gathering at 7:30 p.m. with meeting start scheduled for 8:00 p.m.*

**Feature Topic: George Fraser** will provide a presentation on the subject of **Medallic Art of Canada**. This is a computerized presentation with many fine art medal pictures.

**It is time to renew your membership:** still only \$10... please see the Treasurer.

**Don't Forget:** *Please bring some numismatic material for the auction.*

### DECEMBER MEETING - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

*We will once again be holding a Swiss Chalet / pot luck dinner. Look inside for details of food items available and prices. Please notice that Swiss Chalet prices have changed and that this year each person is to pay full price.*

**Fourth:** We must seek out new members for the club. I will be placing an advertisement in the local weekly newspaper, seeking those with an interest in joining our club. The ad will be direct in promoting the meetings, yet will be quite vague in who we are, until we can "screen" prospective members. All e-mail will be sent to the club's e-mail address and a phone number will be available for potential visitors to call. If you know anyone who is not receiving this bulletin and would like to, please forward their e-mail or street address. Also, if anyone knows someone who is interested in setting up and / or hosting a web site for NYCC, please let me know. We need all the new faces out to our meetings that we can find.

**Finally:** As the December meeting will be our Dinner and Auction night, again, I need your list of items that you have for sale. Please bring up to 10 items and send me a descriptive list along with your reserve bid. I would like to have this out to

the members next week, so everyone has time to look at it and make their decisions. There will not be any Tim Horton's items at the December meeting.

**Coming up:** January's meeting will be a Member participation night. If all members would take time to prepare a short 5-8 minute topic of interest, then we call all have a few minutes to address the Club and to just change the format for a change of pace. All of us have interesting items or stories to tell, let's bring them out so we can all enjoy each others. For our February meeting, we will have Len Kuenzig address the meeting with a topic that he has yet to inform us of. However, knowing Len, it will be sure to be interesting.

**Again, my usual closing is: Bring a friend to the Club, especially a junior if you can. We need more people, especially the younger ones, if this Club is going to flourish.**

See you on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Nick Cowan

### MEETING NEWS OF THE OCTOBER 2006 MEETING

The 518<sup>th</sup> meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on October 24, 2006 at the Edithvale Community Centre, North York, Ontario. The meeting came to order at 8:00 p.m. with the President, Nick Cowan, in the chair and 22 members in attendance.

Recognizing our guest, Olive Bayliss, the President gave her the floor for the purpose of providing background on committee work she is involved with at Lansing United Church and making an appeal for charitable holiday season assistance from the Club. The content of her talk appears in its own section.

Returning to the normal agenda at 8:10, the on-time attendance draw was held. The name drawn was Bob Velensky, who as usual was not on time, so the prize increases to \$10 for the November meeting.

The Secretary read the minutes of the September 26, 2006 meeting, and they were accepted. In the absence of the vacationing Treasurer, the President read information on financial balances into the record.

The President turned the floor over to Paul Petch for his PowerPoint presentation on

The Art Medal : An Appreciation. After introducing general art appreciation and an examination of art present in Canadian historical medals and coinage, Paul presented the series of medals produced by The Circle of Friends of the Medallion from 1909 to 1915, a set of twelve medals, and selections from issues of the Society of Medalists from 1930 until 1995.

After such a full business session members appreciated Bill O'Brien's refreshments supplemented by Tim Horton donuts provided by Nick. The club thanks them both.

Bob Porter conducted the auction with Mark Argentino serving as clerk and Vince Chiappino as runner. The auction alternated with the evening's Lucky Draw called by Bill O'Brien. Draw ticket sales were \$23 and the club earned \$8.05 in auction commission. Lucky Draw winners were Norm Belsten, Italo Villella, Paul Johnson, Franco Farronato, Tony Hine, Dave Lamond (2), Vince Chiappino and Bob Velensky. The Club thanks those who donated draw prize material.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

### APPEAL FROM OLIVE BAYLISS, LANSING UNITED CHURCH

Olive is a member of a group doing support work for the Fred Victor Women's Hostel through a committee at the Lansing United Church, a local North York church. The hostel facility has 40 beds and provides over-night accommodation for homeless women. These people have drug and social issues and, being homeless, want for personal needs. The committee at the Church has committed to providing 50 gift packs at Christmas to help fill this need. These take form of bags, and into them go toothpaste, combs, socks, deodorant and small gifts such as inexpensive jewellery.

In the past Nick Cowan, through his business, was able to assist as a source for many items on their want list. Olive is now also seeking sources for less basic needs, which would allow the women to do nails,

hair and there-by increase their feeling of self-worth. There is also a need for inexpensive prizes to be used with contests at the mission and support for arts and crafts activities provided there through the day. Specific ways to help are with money, and information on sources to acquire personal care items at a good price—these items being both basic and luxury as already mentioned.

As for timing, packing starts in the first week of December when all the buying and acquisition of supplies has been complete. This means that if the North York Coin Club is to provide some assistance, it must be decided by the November meeting.

The President acknowledged Olive's request and indicated it would be discussed at the next meeting of the club executive.



### SWISS CHALET DECEMBER DINNER CHOICES

*Please note that prices have increased since last year and that an extra 99¢ is now charged for white meat.*

*To help simplify the food orders, there are five basic menu items with a side option. Only Festive Dinners include dressing, cranberry sauce and the chocolate treat. Everyone should select a side option.*

**Please specify one of: French Fries, Baked Potato, Mashed Potatoes, Rice or Garden Salad.**

- Feature Cut BBQ Rib Dinner . . . \$13.
- Festive Dinner** White Meat . . . \$12.
- Festive Dinner** Dark Meat . . . \$11.
- Quarter Chicken Dinner  
White Meat . . . \$10.
- Quarter Chicken Dinner  
Dark Meat . . . \$9.

Please see our Treasurer Len Kuenzig with your dinner order at the November meeting. You may place an order by telephone or by e-mail right up until noon on December 12. You may also cancel if you are forced to change plans and get a full refund.

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## COIN CLUBS GO VIRTUAL BY TONY HINE

*The impact of technology on numismatics continues to broaden. As mailing costs rise, and the high-speed Internet becomes more pervasive, a new phenomenon is gradually emerging with a vengeance.*

Most collectors receive at least one electronic bulletin, and as some clubs and specialty groups find financial pressure reducing their operating flexibility, the hobby is moving towards virtual coin clubs. While some do not like the term virtual, believing it suggests that it is something not quite real, the impetus created by the push of costs on one hand and the pull of technology on the other hand, is changing the face of organized numismatics. Perhaps the best starting point is to ask: What creates value in the club experience of members? Do members join for fellowship, a written journal, meeting programs and speakers? Or is the bourse the driving force? Some clubs are incorporated. Banks like to see articles of incorporation, banking resolutions and appointment of signing officers in order to open accounts. Incorporation allows clubs to pursue directors and officers and liability insurance, which may make it easier to attract prominent people to join the executive. However, many clubs are not incorporated. John Regitko, past executive secretary of the C.N.A., cited the North York Coin Club and the South Wellington Numismatic Society as two examples of well known, but unincorporated clubs.

The next question is: What constitutes a virtual coin club? Many clubs have web sites and most dealers maintain e-mail mailing lists. Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS) offers a PCGS Collectors Club through its website, which is not dissimilar to the Royal Canadian Mint's Masters Club. But while the Masters Club is a loyalty program which offers advance notice and lower shipping charges to purchasers who spend more than \$1,000.00 per year, and does not charge a premium for its benefits, the PCGS Collectors Club charges an annual membership fee, for which it offers Population Reports, an eZine and a message board.

The Canadian Coin Reference Site ([www.canadiancoin.com](http://www.canadiancoin.com)) offers a discussion group, an archive of articles and a good set of links. It accepts advertisements, although it is not purely commercially driven.

The Classical And Medieval Numismatic Society (CMNS) was founded in 1991 by Bruce Brace and William MacDonald. The group held five meetings a year, three at Torex and one each at ONA and CNA conventions. From 1991 to 2000, the CMNS published a quarterly newsletter entitled The Anvil, and, from 1992 to 1996, a scholarly annual entitled The Picus. In June 2000, the CMNS launched a quarterly Journal designed and edited by Jim Bakes who remained as editor until December 2004. The Journal achieved critical acclaim and the society grew to 250 members from across North America and with members in Iran and Australia. In 2005, Oliver Hoover became editor. As 2005 proceeded, the executive found the same core group carrying a large part of the burden of running the club. As well, mailing costs undermined the viability of producing a high quality journal on a quarterly basis. The price elasticity of membership costs meant rising membership dues decreased revenue as renewals were reduced and membership declined. When two key officials faced health issues, the executive decided to suspend operations late in 2005. Due to health concerns, Bruce Brace and Bill McDonald have had to step down as President and Executive Secretary respectively... online at [www.cmns.ca](http://www.cmns.ca)

A core group of enthusiasts continued to meet monthly for lunch in an east end pub. That group plus other members, chaired by Jim Bakes, met in early 2006 at Torex and again in Niagara Falls in July to explore a potential resurrection of the group. According to Bakes, attendance was encouraging. By consensus, the group will not yet resume its formal activities and will, in effect, become a virtual club. The website remains in service, with nine excellent articles on counterfeits written by Bruce Brace available for download. Former CMNS Journal editor Jim Bakes says any future Journal would require a paid editor. For now, the group plans only "show and tell" type meetings at other coin shows and conventions.

The CEVNA (Canadian Errors and Varieties Numismatic Association) resurrects the CAIC concept as a virtual club. The group is in the early forming stage and finding an appropriate domain name may be a challenge. This may affect the final name chosen. Driving force Henry Nienhuis decided early to use freelist.org as the principal communications tool. Nienhuis says he investigated a number of free and paid list services, check-

ing for ads and spam. As the club grows, he believes a paid server service may be required...online at [ca.geocities.com/nienhuis@rogers.com/CEVNA/](http://ca.geocities.com/nienhuis@rogers.com/CEVNA/)

Also in July at C.N.A., William Kamb, the C.N.A.'s Area director for the central U.S.A., read the mood of about fifty attendees at the Newfoundland Numismatic Enthusiasts group as favouring a less formal association, at least initially. Dan Gosling will become the initial webmaster and Henry Nienhuis and Stephen Woodland will assist with mass emailing. The donation of a 1992 Gold \$200. Niagara Falls coin by the 2006 convention committee Regitko to kick-start the club raised \$325.00 at auction, giving the group a start at a treasury. The consensus said that it was easier for a group to start informal, and if necessary, grow to a more structured format once the members felt the need for a more formal group. It is easier to start low-key and ramp-up than to resurrect a formal organization collapsing from its organizational demands. Kamb says he was very encouraged by the turnout and enthusiasm. Attendees ranged from serious numismatists to dog-breeders, which should not be a surprise as Canada has only one province named after two breeds of dogs. One hot button issue was whether the group should focus exclusively on Newfoundland or broaden to pre-Confederation Atlantic Provinces. Newfoundland joined Confederation on March 31, 1949. Prince Edward Island joined in 1873. New Brunswick and Nova Scotia were both charter members, joining Canada in 1867... online at the C.N.A. web site [www.canadian-numismatic.org](http://www.canadian-numismatic.org) or accessible through Numismatic Network Canada an [www.nunet.ca](http://www.nunet.ca)

The Worldwide BiMetallic Coin Collectors Club bills itself as the first Internet coin club. It was founded September 14, 1996. Martin Peeters bears membership #1. He is based in the Netherlands. The website is maintained in Australia by Rod Sell... online at [wbcc-online.com](http://wbcc-online.com)

Electronic email newsletters have been around for some time. Two essential letters are the C.N.A.'s e-bulletin prepared by John Regitko and the Numismatic Bibliomania Society's ([www.coinbooks.org](http://www.coinbooks.org)) e-sylum compiled by Wayne Homren.

Email [cnainfo@look.ca](mailto:cnainfo@look.ca) and [mwhomren@coinlibrary.com](mailto:mwhomren@coinlibrary.com) and ask to be added to their lists.



## A HOBBY THAT'S FULL OF CHANGE

by Heather Polischuk, *The Leader-Post*  
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Coin collector Royce Hall buys and sells numerous rare and hard-to-find coins. But even he was surprised at the coin that turned up on his table at the Regina Coin Club's fall show this weekend.

The Dauphin, Man. resident was only eight years old when his mother took him to a fair around 1950.

"They had a machine there you could put in a dime and you could print out on an aluminum disc (with) your name and address," he said. "So I had printed 'Royce Hall, Dauphin Manitoba.' And somewhere within the next year I lost it."

But upon attending the coin show Saturday—which he has attended for the majority of the last 40 years—he was surprised to see his old souvenir again.

"(Local dealer George Manz) had passed this back to me and he said, 'Royce, you lost this,'" said Hall. "I was shocked, but I remembered it as soon as I saw it."

Manz, president of the Regina Coin Club, said he spotted the token in a coin collection he bought earlier this year. He said it shows how coins, no matter how old or rare or odd, tend to keep circulating.

He said he is still waiting to hear the results of a recent experiment in which the club donated six rare coins which the *Leader-Post's* Will Chabun put into circulation. The experiment was intended to encourage people to take a closer look at the coins they carry around with them every day, in case they happen to have one of the coins—worth more than \$200 in total.

The Regina coin show has run twice each year since 1953, bringing coin enthusiasts from across Canada and the United States. The show features everything from historic or rare Canadian and American coins to ancient Greek and Roman coins.

Manz also has a collection of "odd and curious money," which includes replica knives and spades that were used more than 2,000 years ago in China to replace the actual farming implements they traded prior to that.

Manz and fellow collector Jim Fodey use the coin club's education committee to



Photograph by : Joshua Sawka, Leader-Post

*Royce Hall holds up a coin that he made around 1950 that bears his name. He had lost it shortly after making it and just recovered it on Saturday at a Regina coin show.*

encourage more kids to get into coin collecting.

"For a teacher, anything to do with coins opens the door to history or the countries in the world, and kids love that stuff," said Fodey.

That's something eight-year-old Brendan McLeod is already beginning to learn. The Winnipeg resident has been coming to the coin show with his dad, James, since he started coin collecting three or four years ago.

This year, Brendan picked up a colourful Australian coin featuring a fire engine to add to his growing collection.

"I've got some Jurassic Park tokens, Harry Potter tokens, a few Canadian circulation coins," he said. "I like looking very close at them."

James said he's been a collector for about 30 years and is pleased he can now share his enthusiasm for the hobby with his two sons.

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## BANK OF CANADA ISSUES UPGRADED FIVE DOLLAR NOTE TO BATTLE COUNTERFEITERS

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by: Marie-France Coallier /*The Gazette*

**OTTAWA** — The Bank of Canada has issued a new five dollar bill with upgraded security features to help battle counterfeiters.

The bill's improved security features include a metallic holographic stripe, a watermark portrait, a windowed colour-shifting thread woven into the paper and a see-through number.

The design, colour, and illustrations of the new bills remain the same as those of the previously-issued five-dollar bills from the "Canadian Journey" series, but they are printed on a slightly heavier paper and is coated with a protective varnish.

"The high level of security now found on the five dollar bank note will make it harder than ever to counterfeit," RCMP Inspector Barry Baxter said in a release Wednesday.

"Nonetheless, it is important that Canadians check their bank notes. Not only to protect themselves, but to make it harder for criminals to pass counterfeit money."

The notes will be available across Canada in a few weeks.

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*A new \$5 bill is being unveiled in Montreal at Place Ville-Marie. Audrey Bordeleau of the Bank of Canada is showing the new \$5 bill with few changes like the rainbow coloured hologram with maple leaves and 5 numbers on the left side of the bill.*