



North York Coin Club

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MONTHLY MEETINGS 4TH Tuesday 7:30 P.M. AT
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THE BULLETIN FOR MAY 2011

COMING EVENTS FOR SPRING / SUMMER 2011

JUNE 12, Brantford, Brantford Numismatic Society 50th Annual Coin Show, Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey St. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Free admission and parking, 35 dealers at 66 tables, member assistance for dealer unloading and parking. Display of Canadian coins, paper money, tokens, trade dollars, CTC coupons.* For more information contact Brantford Numismatic Society, PO Box 28071, North Park Plaza, Brantford, ON N3R 2S2, or Ed Anstett, telephone 519-759-3688, email edanstett@rogers.com.

JUNE 25 - 26, Toronto, Torex - Canada's National Coin Show, Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel, 5875 Airport Rd. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$6. Under 16 Free! *Official Auctioneer: The Canadian Numismatic Company. The Hilton hotel is located directly across from Toronto's Pearson International Airport.* For more information, please call 416-705-5348. Website: <http://www.torex.net>.

JUNE 26, Woodstock, Woodstock Toy, Coin And Collectibles Show, Auditorium, on the Woodstock Fairgrounds, 875 Nellis St. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. *Admission is \$3 per person, Children under age 12 free when accompanied by an adult. Featuring up to 150 tables of toys, coins and collectibles.* For more information contact Ian Ward, telephone 519-426-8875 (Please call Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.), email toyshow@kwic.com.

JULY 13 - 17, Windsor, RCNA Convention, St. Clair Centre for the Arts, Canadian Club Room, 201 Riverside Dr. W. Thursday educa-

tional symposium and bourse set up. Fri. and Sat. bourse open 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sun. bourse open 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission \$5, juniors free, includes pass for re-entry Sunday. Official auctioneer The Canadian Numismatic Company. For more information, contact M. Clarke, treasurer, telephone 519-735-0727, email mclarke@wincom.com; or Brett Irick, chairman, telephone 313-207-3562, email xr7gt@progidy.net. Websites: <http://www.canadian-numismatic.org>, and <http://www.windsorcoinclub.com>.

AUG. 14, Paris, S.W.O.N., Special Events Building, 139 Silver St. (Fairgrounds). Hours 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. *Admission \$3, includes ticket on a gold coin draw, 55 tables of coins, paper money, jewellery, nostalgia and more. Food and drinks available. Buy, sell, trade and appraise.* For more information, contact Ted Bailey, email tedscollectables@bellnet.ca, telephone 1-866-747-coin(2646) or 519-442-2634.

SEPT. 18, London, London Numismatic Society 19th Annual Coin Show, Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Rd [at Wellington Rd. off Hwy. 401]. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Admission \$2, children free, free parking, displays, buy/sell, appraisals, coins, paper money, medals, door prizes.* For more information, contact Len Buth, telephone 519-641-4353, email lbuth@webmanager.on.ca.

Listings are courtesy of Canadian Coin News Coming Events

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 24

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

There is a listed auction this month, and half of this issue of *The Bulletin* describes items put forward by members. There will be a report on the O.N.A. Convention held May 13-15 with a showing of pictures taken by Henry Nienhuis. This was the 49th Annual Convention and was also a celebration of the Ingersoll Coin Club's 50th anniversary. There were few North York members in attendance, so we should be able to enjoy a fairly complete review and report on the event.

We appreciate all donations to our supply of draw prize material and please remember to bring your auction lots.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello, friends:

Due to a medical emergency in my family, I was not able to find the time to prepare my usual message this month.

There were several important discussion topics at our Executive meeting on May 10 and they will be reported on at the meeting.

Paul Petch will make a report on our space at Edithvale. He has scheduled a meeting with Edithvale to double-check on room availability through the summer and to prepare for our permit application for the 2011-2012 meeting season.

Bill O'Brien

MEETING NEWS OF THE APRIL 2011 MEETING

The 564th meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on Tuesday, April 26th, 2011 in the Gibson room at the Edithvale Community Centre, 131 Finch Ave. West.

Our President, Bill O'Brien, hammered the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. in the chair. There were 28 members and 3 guests in attendance.

The on-time attendance draw was the first order of business. Member Bob Wilson's name was drawn. Unfortunately Bob was not in attendance to receive the current cash prize of \$2.00. The prize will increase to \$4.00 for the May 24th meeting.

Bill O'Brien asked the members present if they had noticed any errors or omissions in the minutes of our April meeting as published in the May newsletter. There were no changes identified by the members. Dr. Marvin Kay made a motion to accept the minutes as published, which was seconded by member Norman Belsten. Motion carried.

The next order of business was to hear the Treasurer's report. In the absence of Treasurer Ben Boelens, Bill O'Brien prepared and presented the report.

Bill asked for the guests present to talk a little about their collecting interests. Max P. (a junior) mentioned that he current collects special and commemorative coins produced by the Royal Canadian Mint. Keith S. told us that he has a jar of silver coins and is trying to decide what to do with it. Our guests received a warm welcome from the members present.

Bill brought our new "Mint Box" to the attention of the members. The juniors present were invited to take their turn and choose an item they would like from the box. He reminded the other members that donations to the mint box were always welcome.

The next topic introduced was that of a special anniversary which was approaching. After some discussion it was decided to continue with the planning stage and a number of members took action items to pursue investigations separately.

Bill reminded everyone that May had been designated as auction month and that he invited those interested to think about consigning their spare or no longer cherished items to the clubs auction. Although we do have a small auction at each meeting, the May meeting will focus on a larger, more organized format. Paul Petch, our newsletter editor will be working with the consignors to publish a catalogue as part of the next bulletin. He mentioned that it really is in the consignors' best interest to submit their items to Paul early so that those interested will have time to go through the catalogue and budget for items that interest them. If there is sufficient interest we can possibly make this a regular event.

David Quinlan asked for the floor to remind the executive that the club's domain name is coming up for renewal. After a brief discussion it was decided that the topic be added to the agenda for the next executive meeting coming up on May 10th.

Paul Petch asked for the floor to remind the audience of the upcoming O.N.A. convention this year in London held May 12 to 14. This year will be the association's 49th convention; it is being sponsored by the Ingersoll Coin Club in conjunction with their 50th

anniversary! Paul mentioned that there was still some limited space available and that everyone would be welcome to join them.

Dr. Marvin Kay prepared a presentation of samples of his ongoing anniversary celebration project. Every five years Marvin prepares a special collection of numismatic items to honour his current wedding anniversary. He has been doing this for quite some time and has accumulated some very interesting items. The key to each of these items is that they include the particular number representing the number of years Marvin and his wife have been together. For the 45th anniversary he assembled a collection of numismatic items featuring 45, for example his favourite item in the 45 piastres coin from Cyprus. This year is Marvin's 55th anniversary and he is asking for help from the members in identifying items featuring 55.



Marvin Kay with items from his ongoing anniversary celebration project



Cyprus 45 piastres coin



This month's featured presentation was on "Preparing a Competitive Display" by Paul Johnson. As everyone knows Paul is the executive secretary of the R.C.N.A., but he is also the head judge for the O.N.A. and has officiated at many competitive displays. He has also won a number of best-of-shows during his years competing in numismatic exhibits. Paul started off by mentioning that from the 1960s-80s display competitions were very popular and that just about every club sponsored their own competitions. There would be at least 10-12 coin shows each year that featured a display competition. Doing this is not quite so popular now but he felt that, in his experience, it was a lot of fun (and work) and that if the member were to try it they would enjoy the experience. It helps the collector show his collection to others and feel the pride of ownership, rather than have their items stored at the back of a vault where no one could see the effort the collector has put into their collection.

In 1983 Paul wrote a book on the subject, in partnership with Ted Banning. It is now out of print with a total printing of 250 copies, it is quite scarce to obtain now.

Paul then went through the steps involved in designing and implementing a world class display. He highlighted each important point by assembling an example display, step by step, that he had designed previously and brought along. He mentioned that the first step was to develop a central theme. This could be anything including a topical collection like birds or trains on coins or notes.



Paul went through each step in detail giving everyone the benefit of his experience with tips and lessons learned on how to best display and highlight their numismatic items to best advantage.

At the end we were able to see his example display complete. It was a very enjoyable and thought provoking presentation, enjoyed by all.

At 8:45 pm, Bill O'Brien called for the refreshment break. Once again, Bill deserves a vote of appreciation from the members for preparing the cookies and coffee.



The last portion of the meeting was devoted to lucky draws and auction. Lucky draw winners were- Henry Nienhuis, Paul Johnson, David Quinlan, Jayden Chen, Tony Hine, Len Kuenzig, Franco Farronato (2), Phillip Simms, Bob Velensky (2), Joe Cernyakovich, and Richard Duquette. The club earned \$22.00 through the sale of the draw tickets! The lucky draws were inter-mixed throughout the evening's auction, called by our expert auctioneer, Bob Porter and guest runner Len Kuenzig. Our auction manager, Mark Argentino, reported that receipts from the auction added \$7.28 to the club's coffers in commission.



The club executive would like to send out a special thank you to club members for supporting the club through the purchase of draw tickets and for draw prize donations. We would like to thank Russ Brown and Len Kuenzig for their donations this evening. Please 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 9:25 p.m.

As a reminder, our next club meeting is May 24th, 2011, in the Gibson room, on the second floor at the top of the stairs in the new Edithvale Community Centre building.

WILLIAM H. McDONALD, 1924-2011

North York Coin Club members may remember Bill McDonald who maintained membership in this club for several years. He was a speaker here on three occasions talking about numismatic book collecting, the Numismatic Network Canada project he launched and as a participant in a special “favourite books” meeting held a few years ago.

His good friend Jim Bakes, who has also appeared at North York speaking on ancient coins, prepared this tribute.

It was with a strong feeling of the passing of an era that the death of William H. (Bill) McDonald was announced on Saturday, May 14, 2011. Bill was a huge force in Canadian numismatics, founder of the CPMS (Canadian Paper Money Society), the CMNS (Classical and Medieval Numismatic Society) and the J.Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation.

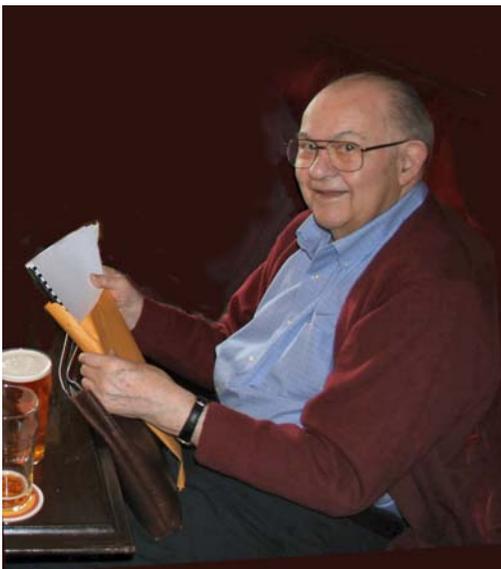
Bill, born in Winnipeg in 1924 into a large family, left home to join the Navy in 1943. (He spoke of picking apples in the Annapolis Valley, a task used by the military to keep their young recruits busy, and of a train trip to the west coast where he was to take up ship. Passing through his hometown, his father met the train and slipped him a flask of whiskey: “You’re a man now, Bill.”) He joined the RCNVR and for the duration of the World War II sailed on patrol and trade missions in the south Pacific. After the war, Bill left the west for Ottawa and Gwen joined him a year later where they were married in 1950. Bill now began his long career as a banker, eventually joining the Bank of Nova Scotia in Toronto, the city which remained his much-loved home for the rest of his life.

Bill’s career climbed with the explosive growth of the post-war city; he was involved in mortgage writing for the developers of the old Henry Farm for example, which became a fine planned community and the site of the McDonalds’ family home.

It was his banking career that first sparked his primary collecting interest: paper money, and specifically banknotes. His collection of these grew to enormous proportions. At one time a display of his collection at the Toronto-Dominion Centre encompassed seventy showcases. In a demonstration of the numis-

matic adage to buy the book before the coin, Bill put together a collection of books on banking history that filled three walls of his home library. Bill was always interested in the learning aspect of numismatics and to further spread his own commitment to paper money he founded the CPMS and with it, its publication which is still operating today.

The J.Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation was set up in 1971 by Bill and numismatic friends to support educational activity in the field of numismatics. All funds were tax deductible and kept in perpetuity. The Foundation is a legacy to Bill’s progressive and forward thinking as the Foundation has given over \$200,000 to numismatic research since its inception. Bill was the founding Chair and continued in that capacity until 1999. He believed so strongly in the Foundation that he gave large donations in his family name to the Foundation over many years



After his retirement from banking, Bill felt the need of another challenge. He turned to a small collection of ancient coins he had bought and put away years before and for information about them developed a friendship with Bruce Brace, the foremost ancient numismatist of his day in Canada. Bruce introduced Bill to the rest of the ancient coin spectrum and suggested he limit himself to one facet of this very wide field.

Bill wisely chose the period from 100 BC to AD 100 and for the rest of his collecting career stuck pretty closely to that, although if

a coin of the emperor Trajan attracted him he wouldn’t quibble if its minting date were 102 or even 110. His particular interest was the coinage of Juba II and Cleopatra Selene. Coins of this king of Numidia are not rare but ones including the portrait of his queen are. (Cleopatra Selene was the daughter of Mark Antony and Cleopatra VII). Bill spent some time hunting one down, finally finding one in an Edmonton listing on eBay.

As in the case of paper money, Bill wanted to spread information on his new interest. To this end he founded the Classical and Medieval Numismatic Society, in partnership with Bruce Brace in 1991. This was accompanied by a pair of publications: the annual *Picus* and the quarterly newsletter *Anvil*. In 2000 these two publications were replaced by a card-covered quarterly, the *CMNS Journal* which contained both scholarly and general interest articles. Four issues a year were mailed from an ‘assembly line’ around the McDonald dining room table and the ‘world-wide distribution centre’ staff then made their way to the post office with 300 copies to be mailed from Toronto to Tehran, Athens to Australia. After that, the mailing team (same as the editorial team and the office staff) made their way to the Fish House for a well deserved post-publication dinner.

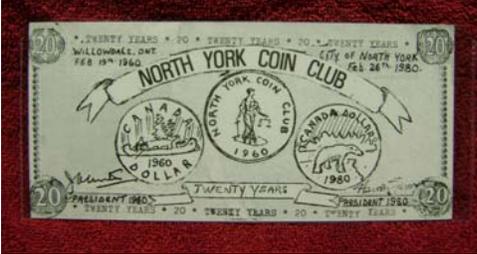
At one time Bill and Gwen even ran a mail order book business from their home. Called *Marlcourt Books*, it carried most publications in print for ancient numismatics and sent out many rare and out-of-print resources too.

Bill would be happy to know he is so much remembered for his dissemination of numismatic information. Whether it was the founding of societies, publications, books or seminars Bill was a giant in Canadian numismatics and he will be long remembered for that.

He leaves his wife Gwen, their daughter Barb and her family, close friends in the Chedoke Numismatic Society of Hamilton Ontario, *Feathers* (a numismatic club named for the pub it started in) and thousands in the larger numismatic world for whom the contributions of Bill McDonald are now fond memories.

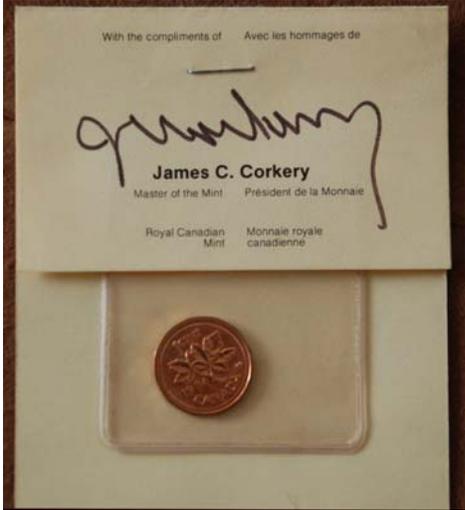
**James R. Bakes, CMNS
Toronto**

MAY MEETING LISTED AUCTION

Lot	Description	
1		Roll of 2010 “Inukshuk” commemorative loonies. Reserve \$30.
2		Lasting Impressions Dual Series Collector’s Set = Birds of Canada and Canadian Journey Series : limited to 50,000 : Reserve \$40
3		North York Coin Club 20 Years Fantasy Note from February 21, 1980 Reserve \$2
4		21 \$2 Bird Series notes in sequence including “radar” : Reserve \$60
5		Group of three Travellers Cheques dated 1947, 1948, 1952 : Reserve \$10

Lot	Description	
6		Royal Canadian Air Force Sterling Silver Pin : Reserve \$5
7		Quantity 5 of 1968 \$1 coins : Reserve \$6
8		Mexican 1923 50 Peso gold coin in gold mount with suspender : 24k, 50.5 grams : Reserve \$2000
9		Anesthesiologist postage stamp grouping in impressive 37cm x 47 cm frame ready to hang and display : No Reserve set
10		Book <i>For People Who Collected Wooden Money</i> serial #30 : undated, but no wooden issues later than 1986 : no author, but membership list of the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors as last page : one serial wooden token & 1984/1985 Christmas/New Year flat included : No Reserve set

Lot	Description	
11		<p>The Great Canadians : This set of 24 bronze medals honouring Great Canadians. The medals honour outstanding Canadians from explorers to poets, from physicians to politicians. On the obverse side of the medal is a bust of a famous Canadian. On the reverse is a brief history of the man. The medals are housed in a beautiful simulated leather book. They are arranged so that both sides of the medal may be studied. Also included is a booklet with a detailed biography of each honouree. : these are well-designed, well-executed medals struck by The Wellings Mint : Reserve \$199</p>
12		<p>North York Coin Club 50th anniversary souvenir book with six pages including convention medals, 1994 ribbons, 1987 ribbons, 2000 ribbons, anniversaries retrospective with 50th anniversary banquet ribbon and 1986 convention medal design sheet signed by the artist : an anniversary fire-works wood marked “BANQUET” is also included : No Reserve set</p>
13		<p>The 2010 annual convention of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association was held in Saint John, New Brunswick. The Royal Canadian Mint had a huge display in one corner of the bourse. Among other items they had a display of the Vancouver Olympic Medals. Visitors were allowed to touch and pick up these medals provided they first put on a protective glove. Here is a photo of an Olympic gold medal plus a glove worn when the medal was handled. : No Reserve set</p>
14		<p>Royal Canadian Mint 1999 Millennium Coins set : all 12 coins mounted in holder in uncirculated condition : No Reserve set</p>
15		<p>Selection of 16 souvenir woods from the Marhkam Village Coin Club 1981-1984 : this club no longer exists : No Reserve set</p>

Lot	Description
16	 <p>In the 1980s, the federal government allowed foreign banks to establish branches in Canada. One of the countries that took advantage of this new law was the State of Israel. In May, 1982, the State Bank of Israel, (Bank Leumi Israel) opened its one and only Canadian branch near Bathurst and Lawrence in Toronto. To mark the occasion, the bank made a few presentation blocks of Lucite embedded with various coins and medals. Some of the early customers were able to acquire one of these scarce items. One of these items was an official medal of the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation. On the Lucite block is imprinted “PRESENTED TOWARDS THE OPENING OF BANK LEUMI ISRAEL CANADA TORONTO –MAY 1982” : Reserve \$15</p>
17	 <p>James C. Corkery was the Master of the Mint about three decades ago. He had a unique business card which included a BU one cent coin. Here is his unusual business card with his personal autograph.: No Reserve set</p>
18	 <p>Over the years the Royal Canadian Mint has distributed hundreds of colourful brochures. This lot is a large box full of more than 15 years of pamphlets and catalogues from the RCM. : No Reserve set</p>

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF RCMP CELEBRATED BY VETERANS



This attractive medal features an image of Colonel James F. Macleod, the second commissioner of the North West Mounted Police and the crest of the RCMP Veterans Association on the reverse. It is available to RCMP veterans and the general public alike. However, the prices are higher for the general public.

Information on the piece is available on the web site at www.rcmpveterans.ca – click on Business and then on 125th Anniversary Coin.

The general public should contact Jennifer Elliott (613) 993-5578, Jennifer.d.elliott@rcmp-grc.ca, Toll Free: 1-877-251-1771 to purchase.