



# North York Coin Club

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MONTHLY MEETINGS 4TH Tuesday 7:30 P.M. AT  
Edithvale Community Centre, 131 Finch Ave. W., North York M2N 2H8

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## THE BULLETIN FOR JULY 2011

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### *Welcome members and friends of the North York Coin Club:*

The upcoming July meeting should be very informative for all members with a complete wrap up of the recently completed R.C.N.A. convention in Windsor Ontario. Club delegates to the convention will highlight the many meetings, bourse, auction and banquet that occurred over many scorching days. Please plan on attending and, by the way, why don't you bring a guest with you. The experience will hopefully get us some new members.

I would like all members to check out the website from time to time. The club's website is [northyorkcoinclub.com](http://northyorkcoinclub.com). It is an up to date spot to find out current and past information about the club. The website has all the current meeting information. Much thanks to our webmaster and bulletin editor for the continued outstanding effort in keeping you informed on the activities of the Club.

Please be reminded about the Edithvale Hobby Show on Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>, a project of NYCC and MECSCC. We need all members who have any collectable items that they wish to try and sell, at a reasonable price, to please reserve your table(s) now. The tables are either 5'X 5' or 2-1/2' x 6' and are going for the unbelievable price of \$20.00. That's right; you get the use of the table for the entire day for only twenty dollars. (See if Groupon can offer you a deal like that.) Please contact the club as soon as possible to reserve your

table as we must have enough interest before paying for the permit at Edithvale. Last chance to pay will be at the July 26 meeting.

A few highlights for collectors in the upcoming weeks include the S.W.O.N. show in Paris on August 14<sup>th</sup>, Woodstock on August 28<sup>th</sup> and Brampton the first week in September on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Brampton Coin Show has been fairly well attended since its inception in 2010. I hope everyone will be able to attend some shows this summer, but a busy life seems to get in the way of collecting when the nice weather hits.

I know I may sound like a broken record but we need some donations for the draws, as well as material to seed the "Mint Box" that I hope we can re-establish for the benefit of our junior members. We hope this year to attract more than the few juniors we have now.

I also wish to thank all the members who have made donations recently such as Bob and Franco as well as Paul and Carolyne-Marie who have helped out immensely since my accident with the refreshments for the meetings. I wish everyone a fantastic summer with family and friends.

Thanks and, until next month, stay hydrated.

*Bill O'Brien*

Notice our web site is now using .com in place of .ca :

[www.northyorkcoinclub.com](http://www.northyorkcoinclub.com)

### NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 26

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

The dog days of summer are really upon us. Fortunately, unlike summers of the past, we now have a nice air conditioned room at Edithvale in which we can meet.



The July meeting will feature a report on the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association's Windsor Convention and opportunity for members who were there to contribute with their own convention news. There will also be time for a show and tell on any topic that interests you, so bring along a small display or just a story to share at the meeting.

**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.**

## MEETING NEWS OF THE JUNE 2011 MEETING

The 566th meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on Tuesday, June 28th, 2011 in the Gibson room at the Edithvale Community Centre, 131 Finch Ave. West.

The meeting was hammered to order at 7:45 p.m. with President Bill O'Brien in the chair with 23 members and 3 guests in attendance. Bill updated everyone on his condition following his biking accident, reporting that he was healing just fine after an operation, but commenting that he had limited use of his right arm.

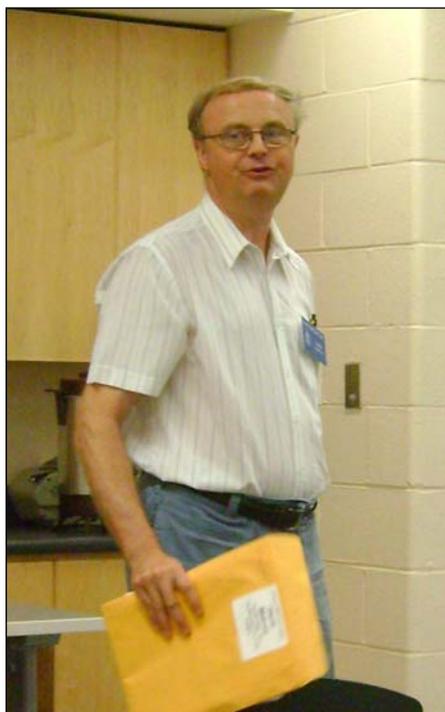
For the On Time Attendance Draw, Bob Wilson's name was drawn, but since he was not in attendance he missed winning the pot and it increases to \$8 for the July 26 meeting.

Personal commitments kept Secretary Henry Nienhuis from the meeting and Paul Petch stepped in to perform the duties. Paul asked the members present if they had noticed any errors or omissions in the minutes of our May meeting as published in the June newsletter. There being none, Norm Belsten made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Dick Dunn. Motion carried.

The next order of business was to hear the financial report delivered by our Treasurer Ben Boelens.

President Bill O'Brien highlighted the change in the domain name of the club, asking everyone to remember that it is now northyorkcoinclub.com. He commented that over time it would rise to the top of Internet searches.

The recent Torex show was the subject of a short discussion. Those in attendance reported that it kept with recent trends having its largest attendance on Saturday morning and very little activity on Sunday. Dick Dunn had been in attendance and kindly had picked up and had available auction catalogues for the Geoffrey Bell Auction session, scheduled for Wednesday July 13 at the kick-off to the R.C.N.A.



David Bawcutt spoke on the U.S. Presidential Dollars

Windsor convention. The recent postal disruption had caused great difficulty in getting these auction catalogues out to all interested parties.

There was no featured speaker at the meeting, members being encouraged to participate with their own show-and-tell sessions.

David Bawcutt spoke about the United States current series of Presidential Dollars. It was a most enjoyable overview. The United States Mint issues four Presidential \$1 Coins each year, with Presidents Johnson, Grant, Hayes, and Garfield being honoured in 2011. Each coin has a common reverse design featuring the Statue of Liberty. These coins feature large, dramatic artwork, as well as edge-incused inscriptions of the year of minting, or issuance, E PLURIBUS UNUM and the mint mark. In 2009 "In God We Trust" was moved from the edge to the face of the coin. One of the surprising facts David revealed is that there are more Lincoln cents in the world than any other coin. (More information on the U.S. Presidential Series is available on the Internet at [http://www.usmint.gov/mint\\_programs/\\$1coin/](http://www.usmint.gov/mint_programs/$1coin/), Ed.)

Paul Johnson took the floor for a few minutes to remind everyone of the activities planned at the R.C.N.A. Convention coming up July 14 through July 17.

Marvin Kay presented a small display on Terry Fox, remembering that it was on this very date, June 28, 1981, exactly 30 years ago, that cancer took his life. Marvin read a short paper and it is reproduced in this bulletin.

Paul Petch spoke on two medals he had brought along that had been produced by the Maccabee Mint in the early 1970s. These medals were the only two produced of a planned series of Jewish heritage medals. Members Andrew Silver and Marvin Kay offered to help with translation. (Information on these two pieces appear in an article in this issue of The Bulletin, Ed.)



Without having anything to display, Ben Boelens took the floor and recounted experiences of his recent holiday to Malaysia, and several of the cities he visited. These included some history and his efforts to acquire some numismatic souvenirs while he was there. In Kawala Lumpur the mint did not have his coins of choice available, and a local coin store was closed. Fortunately, a cell phone number had been left in the coin store's window, so Ben was able to call him back. Another destination city was Malacca, which turned out to be quite a tourist town. The offerings in the first coin store he visited were over-priced, but fortunately two or three more stores were located. One of the surprise finds was an ice cream store with a coin and bill display, and more reasonable prices. Ben hopes to bring along a few of his purchases to the July meeting.

At 8:35 p.m. the chairman called for the refreshment break. Carolyne-Marie Petch was along to attend the refreshments table with coffee, juices and cookies. Many in attendance extended their thanks to Carolyne-Marie and these minutes records the thanks of the Club as well.

## REMEMBERING TERRY FOX

by Marvin Kay, NYCC LM30

Many times my wife and I have gone to the Shaw Festival at Niagara on the Lake. We will see one or two plays or musicals and stay overnight at a bed and breakfast. On one occasion we had just finished breakfast when we noticed several police cars arriving on the street outside. Out of curiosity we went out to see what was so interesting to the gathering crowd. Terry Fox had arrived on his Marathon of Hope. It was July 1980.

I saw the one-legged runner; he was a young man with an athletic build and he was signing autographs. The only piece of paper I had with me was the small envelope from the theatre tickets. Even though the lineup was long, Terry signed a personal message for each autograph hound. He signed mine with *Best wishes Marvin, Terry Fox*.

The reason I mention Terry Fox today is because thirty years ago, on this exact day, Terry Fox died from the spread of his cancer. It was June 28, 1981.

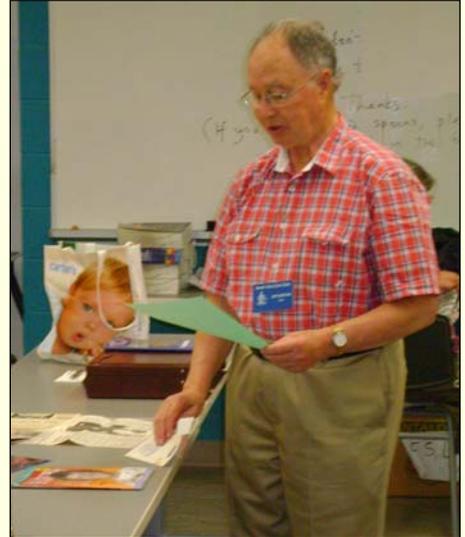
We are now very familiar with the annual Terry Fox runs. They take place in cities and towns all across Canada. On his run, Terry raised about 3.5 million dollars. Thanks to these annual runs, about 450 million dollars has been raised so far for cancer research.

We all know Terry Fox numismatically. His likeness is on the Canadian aureate dollar coin dated 2005. Terry Fox is the only person, other than a king or queen, to be portrayed on a circulating dollar coin.

Terry never completed his run across Canada. The cancer had spread to his lungs and he was forced to a halt near Thunder Bay. There is a life size statue of Terry Fox near the spot where he had to stop. And this stretch of the Trans-Canada highway is now named the *Terry Fox Courage Highway*.

Did you know that there is a Terry Fox Hall of Fame established here in Toronto? The Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Henry Jackman, opened it in 2005. It is located 731 Runnymede Road in west Toronto. It is operated by the *Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons*. It is open to the public. And here is a copy of their in-house magazine.

I have here a few newspaper clippings about Terry Fox. And the best biography about Terry Fox is in this latest issue of *Canada's History* magazine.



Following the break, we held our lucky draws alternated with lots from the evening's auction. Lucky draw winners were: Tony Hine (3); Paul Johnson; Linda McQuade-Simms; Ben Boelens; Richard Duquette; Carolyne-Marie Petch (3); Bill O'Brien; Vince Chiappino; Len Kuenzig and Franco Farronato.

Auction lots were accumulated and tracked by Paul Johnson, serving as auction manager for the evening. The auction was called by Bob Porter, with Vince Chiappino serving as runner for the evening. A round of applause concluded the auction and the Club expresses its appreciation to these three gentlemen for their services.

The club earned \$29.00 through the sale of the draw tickets and auction commission accounted for an addition \$6.35 in income. The Club thanks all those who show their support by purchasing the draw tickets and participating as sellers and buyers in the auction. Please mention your draw 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 July 26th, 2011, in the Gibson room, on the second floor at the top of the stairs in the new Edithvale Community Centre building.



Ben Boelens spoke on the numismatic aspects of his recent trip

## COMING EVENTS FOR SUMMER / FALL 2011

**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 [tedscollections@bellnet.ca](mailto:tedscollections@bellnet.ca), telephone 1-866-747-coin(2646) or 519-442-2634.

**AUG. 28, Woodstock, ON** Woodstock Coin Club 22nd Annual Show, Woodstock Community Complex, 381 Finkle St. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Admission \$1, kids free. Door prizes and displays.* For more information, contact Tom Rogers, 519-451-2316, email: [trogers@sympatico.ca](mailto:trogers@sympatico.ca).

**SEPT. 4, Brampton,** Brampton Coin Show, Century Gardens Recreation Centre, 340 Vodden Rd. E. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. *Admission \$3, under 14 free. Free parking. Buy, sell, trade and appraise at more than 40 tables of dealers, featuring coins, medals, tokens, paper money, trade dollars, militaria. Children's table. Funds raised for Children's Charities.* For more information, contact B&W Coins & Tokens, Willard Burton, telephone 905-450-2870, email [b\\_and\\_w@sympatico.ca](mailto:b_and_w@sympatico.ca).

**Planned Event: SEPT. 10, North York,** Edithvale Hobby Show, Edithvale Community Centre, 131 Finch Ave. West Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Free admission and free parking.* Awaiting permit clearance from the Edithvale Community Centre. Tables are \$20. Contact Nick Cowan at [thecoincollector@rogers.com](mailto:thecoincollector@rogers.com) or Paul Petch at [p.petch@rogers.com](mailto:p.petch@rogers.com) by the end of July.

**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](mailto:lbuth@webmanager.on.ca).

**OCT. 1, Guelph,** South Wellington Fall Coin Show - Guelph, Col John McCrae Legion, 919 York Rd. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Admission adults \$2, under 16 free, free parking, wheelchair accessible, free draw for gold coin, 50 dealer tables. Lunch counter on site.* For more information contact Mike Hollingshead, PO Box 1000, Arkell, ON N0B 1C0, email [cholling@uoguelph.ca](mailto:cholling@uoguelph.ca), telephone 519-823-2646.

**OCT. 2, Mt. Elgin,** Tillsonburg Coin Show, Mt. Elgin Community Centre, Highway 19. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. *More than 25 dealer tables, buy, sell, trade and evaluate, lunch available, admission \$2.* For more information contact Ralph Harrison, 36 Kamps Cres., Tillsonburg, ON N4G 4Z3, telephone 519-842-8790, email [rchar@sympatico.ca](mailto:rchar@sympatico.ca).

**OCT. 15 - 16, Cambridge,** TL Coin Show, Cambridge Hotel and Conference Centre, 700 Hespeler Rd. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. *Admission \$4, seniors and students \$2. Draw for gold coin, free parking.* For more information contact Linda Robinson, telephone 289-235-9288, email [lindarobinson@cogeco.ca](mailto:lindarobinson@cogeco.ca), or Tom Kennedy, telephone 519-271-8825.

**OCT. 22, Oshawa,** Durham Coin-A-Rama, Five Points Mall, 285 Taunton Rd E. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. *Free dealer, public, and membership draws, free admission. Featuring paper, coins, tokens, medals and many other items. Celebrating 50 years.* For more information contact Sharon at 905-728-1352, email [papman@bell.net](mailto:papman@bell.net).

*Listings are courtesy of  
Canadian Coin News Coming Events*

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## WILL CANADA'S NEW POLYMER BANKNOTES BE IMPOSSIBLE TO COUNTERFEIT?

Canada's shift to polymer banknotes is to bring many benefits: longer lasting, recyclable, and very difficult (maybe impossible?) to counterfeit.

We've already made strides in limiting counterfeiters' ability to reproduce Canadian money, after an alarming surge earlier this decade. Half of all financial transactions in Canada still involve cash, which means faith in banknotes' authenticity is still very important.

Last month's issue of *The Bulletin* devoted a page to the security features of the new notes. At a briefing in Ottawa during the announcement of the polymer notes, senior Bank of Canada officials said they are confident it will soon be much harder to pass a counterfeit bill to any retailer who knows what features to look for.

The introduction of the \$100 bills this fall, and the \$50 notes next March, will only be a

dress rehearsal for late 2012 when the new \$20 bills are released. Historically, it is the \$20 denomination that is almost exclusively used in bank machines. It is the denomination that represents more than half of all notes in circulation.

Officials at the Bank of Canada said they are working with the country's financial institutions to encourage them to start putting \$50 bills in cash machines. It is hoped the better security present on the polymer notes will encourage more use of higher denominations.

"In some regions in 2002, almost one in ten Canadian retailers displayed a sign stating they did not accept \$100 bills. This was a direct result of a large number of counterfeits in 2001," according to Bank of Canada research. "Confidence in banknotes, once lost, is not easily regained; although 99 per cent of retailers now accept \$100 notes, the perception persists that these notes are 'difficult to

spend.'"

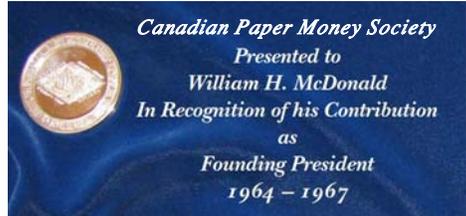
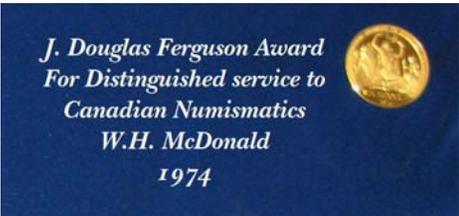
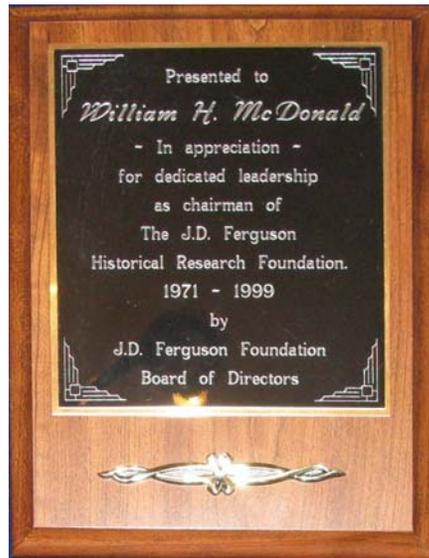
It is the experience of many Canadians that higher denomination bills are accepted by general retailers rather begrudgingly. This is certainly in part due to their past experience of being stung by counterfeits, but it could also be a concern with suffering greater loss at the hands of armed robbers: it's easier to carry off a bag of \$100s than a bigger bag of \$20s.

After the release of each new denomination of polymer-based notes, the central bank will work with financial institutions to get as many older notes as possible exchanged for newer ones, although older-style bills that aren't too worn out will continue in circulation for their normal life cycle. For the \$20 bill, the bill that circulates in the largest quantity, central bank officials said their goal is to have 70 or 80 per cent of the older notes out of circulation within 18 months of issuing the new ones.

**WILLIAM H. McDONALD**

**DISPLAYS AT THE CELEBRATION OF HIS LIFE ON JUNE 25, 2011**

Family and friends of Bill McDonald gathered at the York Visitation Centre on the afternoon of Saturday June 25 to remember and celebrate the very special way in which he made himself felt in the lives of so many people. An important part of the visit was a chance to view decorations, awards and commemorations that reflect the many aspects of his life. Our thanks to his daughter Barb Irwin and husband Mike for sharing pictures of these displays for reproduction here.



## MEDALS OF THE MACCABEE MINT

by Paul R. Petch

The Maccabee Mint was founded in 1972 by a group of five Judaica collectors to strike Biblical medals. Unfortunately they ceased operations after producing only two medals. Brian Watkins is the artist who designed both medals. (No research findings on him so far.)

Primary in the group of five Maccabee Mint directors was Herb Melnick, who worked through the facilities of the Medallic Art Company to plan and produce their first medal, "Genesis." Melnick was a well-known and quite successful coin auctioneer during the time of the Maccabee Mint and for many years later.



The Genesis medal features the first word in the Bible "Bereshet" in Hebrew below (It is pronounced "b'ray SHEET," "In the beginning"); the exceptional design depicts, above, the transformation of the formless earth into the waters and firmament. On the reverse is the cosmos with light being separated from darkness. The top of the

reverse side of the medal is highly polished. On the edge is stamped "Medallic Art Co." This medal is bronze. Probably five obverse and reverse lead splashes exist. This medal should be flipped horizontally for viewing.



The second medal produced was "Exodus," probably being done about 1974. This is a very modernistic stylized version of the two tablets of the 10 commandments with the Hebrew legend, "n'aseh v'nishma"- "We will do, and we will listen." The word "aseh" is from the root oseh as in the action of doing/working, mainly a positive deed. The Nishma is from shma, part of a common prayer, meaning, "hear." This inscription can also easily be interpreted as "hear and obey." On the reverse side is the parting of the red sea with words inscribed "And they Wandered." Edge stamped

"Bronze. Medallic Art Co." This medal also exists in silver with a serial number edge stamped out of a run of 75. Probably five obverse and reverse lead splashes exist of this medal as well. There also exist a run of eight or so medals showing stages of manufacture. This medal should be flipped horizontally for viewing.

I extend my thanks to North York Coin Club members Marvin Kay and Andrew Silver for helping me with research on translation of the Hebrew writing and proper pronunciation.