



North York Coin Club

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THE BULLETIN FOR JANUARY 2012

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Hello to all the members
and friends of the
North York Coin Club:*

A Happy New Year to all members, their families and friends of the North York Coin Club. 2012 is upon us and, if the quantity of coin shows coming up is any indication about the hobby, it should be a very busy year. Let's hope our economy can weather the European mess and continue to chug forward without any major hiccups.

Our meeting this month, January 24th 2012, at Edithvale has been moved. For one night only our club will be meeting in the Dempsey room on the first floor of the community centre with doors open at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will begin at the normal 7:30 time, so arrive a little early to find us.

January is our annual meeting and I wish to welcome some new faces to the Club's executive committee. The first position filled was the 1st vice-president and taking that seat will be Len Kuenzig. The second position filled was the club's 2nd vice-president and David Quinlan has been named to that position as well as being the club's auctioneer. The final position filled was that of a director. A new face on the committee, Andrew Silver, fills that position. I wish to thank all of the above for joining us on the executive committee and am looking forward to your input in the Club's operations.

The next group that I would like to thank are those who attended our

December dinner meeting at Swiss Pick restaurant. Most of the comments that I heard were quite favourable, however the cost of the evening was on the negative side.

The first bit of club business to bring up is the club show booked for May 12 2012 at Edithvale. It will be a daylong show open to the public from 9:00 until 4:00. There are a limited number of tables still available on a first come basis for \$25.00 each. This includes a budget of around \$200.00 for advertising for the event. Speak with Paul or Ben as soon as possible to reserve your space.

As mentioned in the opening paragraph January is beginning of the year and there is a numismatic show every weekend within an hour of the GTA. The first show is the CAND in Hamilton on the 28th and 28th. This show and the Torex show here in Toronto on Feb. 18th and 19th are two shows that have multi day auctions attached to the show. A bonus reason to attend is to sit in on the auction action even if you are not bidding. The other two shows within the next month are the SWON show in Paris on Feb. 5th and the well-attended Coin-A-Rama in Oshawa. The Oshawa show is at Five Points Mall on Feb. 11th. This winter has been a non-event here in Southern Ontario so don't use the weather as an excuse. Get out to these shows and the meeting on the 24th. We will see you all then

Bill O'Brien

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

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

Due to space scheduling problems at the Edithvale Community Centre, we are being relocated to the Dempsey Room on the first floor for the January 2012 meeting.

Token Enthusiasm: The Colonial Coinages Authors (and their books)

Paul Petch will be the speaker for the January meeting, presenting this updated Powerpoint program originally given as a part of the RCNA 2011 Educational Symposium. The program traces the writers and the books and articles that document the tokens used as general currency prior to Canadian Confederation. This is the annual meeting of the Club and there will also be a 2011 financial report during the business section.

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.

Membership Is Important! Club Treasurer Ben Boelens reminds everyone that it is time to pay your 2012 membership dues, still only \$10. Payment will be accepted at the meeting or may be mailed. Cheques may be made out to the North York Coin Club and mailed to the club address shown on the masthead. The operation of this club depends upon the revenues from membership dues.

MEETING NEWS OF THE NOVEMBER 2011 MEETING

The 571st meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on Tuesday, November 22nd, 2011 in the Gibson room at the Edithvale Community Centre, 131 Finch Ave. West.

The meeting was hammered to order at 7:40 p.m. with our President, Bill O'Brien, in the chair. There were 24 members and 1 guest in attendance.

The on-time attendance draw was the usual first order of business. The winner of the \$4.00 pot was member Andrew Silver; Andrew graciously donated his winnings to the club. The prize will reset to \$2.00 for the January 24th meeting.

Bill asked the members present if they had noticed any errors or omissions in the minutes of our October meeting as published in the November newsletter. There being no changes noted member Phillip Simms made a motion to accept the minutes as published. Member Norman G. Gordon seconded this. Motion carried.

The next order of business was to hear the Treasurer's report. Our treasurer, Ben Boelens, was away to places warmer and so Vince Chiappino took the reigns as acting treasurer.

Bill, while reminding everyone that this was an election year for the executive, reported that based on the roster of candidates detailed in the last minutes, there was no need to hold an election in December and that all candidates were acclaimed for the position for which they ran. January 10, 2012 will be the first meeting of the new executive.

Bill mentioned that, as a matter of courtesy, we would defer further business until after the break to allow our special guest speaker this month Scott Douglas, to proceed. Scott is the current President of the London Numismatic Society, Vice-President of the Canadian Association of Token Collectors and Fellow of the Canadian Numismatic Research Association. His topic for the evening was "Merchant Tokens and Due Bills." This is an area in which Scott is considered an expert. His very informative talk was based on a set of power point slides he has developed containing many images of example tokens supporting his subject matter- Merchant issued Due Bills and their practical advantage to currency, Advertising Tokens, Bread and Dairy Tokens as well as introducing the Canadian manufacturers of

these tokens. Scott included four manufacturers: Thistle Rubber Co., Cranston Novelty Co., Hamilton Stamp and Stencil and Pritchard and Andrews.

After the question period, which followed his presentation, Bill presented Scott with a small memento of our thanks and appreciation in the form of a certificate. The members present thanked Scott with a raising round of applause.

At 8:30 pm, Bill called for the refreshment break—consisting of cookies, juice and coffee -for the evening.

With the refreshment break ending at 9:05 pm, the business portion of the meeting was resumed. Bill asked Paul Petch to report on the current status of the Christmas celebration. During Ben's absence, Paul agreed to look after the financial aspects and to act as contact for the restaurant. Paul reported that he had received payments for 33 people and it was expected that we would sell-out the 40 spaces available without any trouble in the next few days.

The next order of business was an update from Paul Petch on the status of the proposed collectibles show to be held jointly with the



The Scott Douglas presentation at our November meeting

Above, Scott presenting his subject

Above right, our members enjoying the talk and

Right, President Bill O'Brien presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Scott Douglas

Mississauga-Etobicoke club. Paul mentioned that he was able to talk to the Edithvale administrator and that based on the dates available to us he had made the executive decision to reserve Saturday, May 12, 2012 for the show in the Dempsey Room at the community centre. He mentioned that the room would be available to us starting at 8:00 am, when the centre opens, for dealer setup and suggested that the show be advertised as being open to the public from 9:00 to 4:00 pm. He estimated that we would be able to setup between 20 and 22 tables in the room and based on the cost of the room we would essentially break even if we sold the tables for \$20.00 each. Nick Cowan, representing the MECSCC club said that he could guarantee that he would sell 10 tables. The discussion then turned to advertising. Everyone agrees that doing an appropriate amount of advertisement is a crucial ingredient to a successful show. Some suggestions for this included looking into the local community papers like the North York Post and SNAP as well as Canadian Coin News etc.

Bill then asked if any of the members present had any news of a personal nature. Marvin Kay rose to ask for the floor to talk about a banknote that he had found referenced on Wikipedia. Members will remember that Marvin and his wife Sondra have the long-time custom of celebrating significant wedding anniversary milestones by collecting numismatic material with a value representing that particular anniversary. This year he and his wife are cele-

brating an amazing 55 years together. He was having some trouble locating items with 55 on them until he came across a Continental United States note printed by Benjamin Franklin and issued on January 14, 1779.

Roger Fox then asked for the floor to talk about a significant personal anniversary of his own that he was celebrating tonight. He first reminded everyone that this was the 13th meeting at the new Edithvale facilities which in fact is the 6th home that the club has had since its founding. And that he remembered having been given the honour of chairing the first meeting at the new facilities as a past president. Roger continued to say that he had joined the NYCC as a junior member 50 years ago tonight! He told us the story of how his father and John Curtis, the founding president of our club, met each other at work. John Curtis had suggested to his father that he bring Roger to a club meeting when he found out that Roger enjoyed collecting. Roger remembered immediately enjoying being part of the club and has been a member ever since. He further reminisced meeting Paul Petch while they both attended Northview Heights Collegiate when he was trying to start a coin club at the school. Paul joined the North York Coin club the following January.

The last portion of the meeting was devoted to lucky draws and auction. Lucky draw winners were- Michael G. (2), Richard Duquette (2), Henry Nienhuis (2), Terry O'Brien, Raj Makhijani (2), Roger Fox, Phillip Simms, Len Kuenzig, and Tony Hine

(2). The club earned a generous \$31.00 through the sale of the draw tickets! The lucky draws were intermixed throughout the evening's auction, called by David Quinlan our new official auctioneer, and volunteer runner Len Kuenzig. David Bawcutt, substituting as our auction manager, reported that receipts from the auction added \$15.40 to the club coffers. Dr. Kay volunteered as our draw prize ticket seller in Franco's absence.

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 especially like to thank Andrew Silver and Norman G. Gordon for their continued support of the club through donations this month. Keep up the good work gentlemen and to the other members- don't be shy, help the club by donating that no longer needed numismatic material, etc. (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 9:45 p.m.

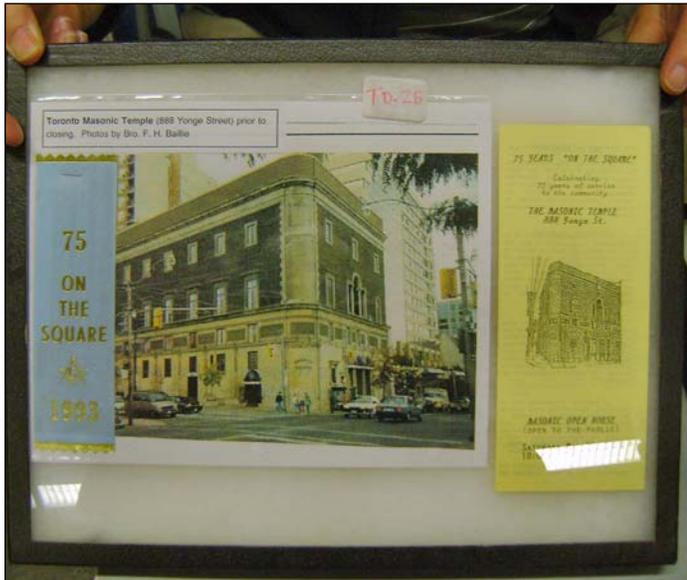
As a reminder, our next club meeting is our annual Christmas celebration meeting. Our meeting this year will be held at the Swiss Pick Restaurant, Comfort Hotel Airport North at 445 Rexdale Blvd. on Tuesday, December 6th. The next regular club meeting (this is our annual General meeting) will be held in the Dempsey Room, on the first floor, January 24th in the Edithvale Community Centre.



Marvin Kay's 55 Dollar Note:

The front (or obverse or face) of a 1779 fifty-five dollar bill of Continental currency. On the other side of the bill is a nature print that was developed by Benjamin Franklin for use on Pennsylvania currency in the decades before the American Revolution. Since no two leaves are alike, it was hoped that the design would aid in detecting counterfeit bills. Franklin's specific method for making these was kept a secret and is unknown, but this form of nature printing was prevalent in the American colonies and the United States from the 1730s through 1779, when Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey issued nature-printed currency. After Franklin retired from printing, his partner David Hall formed the firm of Hall & Sellers, which (after Hall's death) used Franklin's technique on Continental bills like this one.

A SMALL SELECTION OF MASONIC ITEMS
DISPLAYED BY NORMAN G. GORDON AT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING



COMING EVENTS FOR WINTER & SPRING 2012

APRIL 13 - 15, Kitchener, 2012 ONA Golden Jubilee 50th Annual Coin Convention, Holiday Inn Conference Centre 30 Fairway Road S. Admission \$3. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Auction 6 p.m. Fri., Military Auction Sat., 52 table bourse. Educational seminars, banquet (with keynote speaker), exhibits, good as gold draws (including one troy ounce of Gold), and awards. There will be several numismatic groups and associations holding meetings, which provides an opportunity to learn more about the benefits and fellowship of membership. Robb McPherson General Chairman, e-mail: robb4640@sympatico.ca. Website: <http://ontario-numismatic.org>.

JAN. 28 - 29, Hamilton, CAND Annual Show, Sheraton Hamilton Hotel, 116 King St., West. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Show pass \$30 (good for Friday dealer set-up, Saturday and Sunday). Daily admission \$3. Auctions to be conducted by Jeffrey Hoare Auctions Inc. Numismatic auction Saturday, Military auction Sunday. For more information contact Show Chairman, Tom Kennedy, telephone 519-271-8825, or email cand@cogeco.ca.

FEB. 5, Paris, Swon, Paris Fairgrounds at the Convention centre, 139 Silver Street. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$3 includes a ticket on the gold coin draw, more than 50 tables of coins, paper money, gold and silver bullion, jewellery and more, excellent food and drinks on site. Buy, sell, trade. For more information contact Ted Bailey, telephone 519-442-3474 or 1-866-747-2646, eMail tedscollectables@bellnet.ca.

FEB. 11, Oshawa, COIN-A-RAMA, Five Points Mall 285 Taunton Rd E. at Ritson. Show hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free dealer and membership draws. **NEW** hourly public draws. Free admission. Featuring paper, coins, tokens, medals & many other items. For more information, contact Sharon 905-728-1352 or email papman@bell.net.

FEB. 18 - 19, 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 Toronto Airport hotel is located directly across from Toronto's Pearson International Airport. For more information please call 416-705-5348. Website: <http://www.torex.net>.

MARCH 3 - 4, Mississauga, IX Polish - Canadian Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Show 2012, John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd. (just south of Hwy.403). Sat. \$2 adult admission, Sun. free admission.

Free parking, refreshments available. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Stamps, coins, medals, paper money and militaria, exhibits, "Troyak Junior" table with boxes of free stamps for kids. Troyak special token and show souvenirs. For more information contact Tom Malicki, telephone 905-281-0000; or Wieslaw Grzesicki telephone 416-258-1651; or go to www.troyakclub.com, email info@troyakclub.com. Website: <http://www.troyakclub.com>.

MARCH 11, Windsor, LA COIN SHOW, Windsor Moose Lodge 777 Tecunseh Road, West. New Hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 25 dealer tables, free admission, free parking. Donations of can goods will be accepted for the LA FOOD BANK (LaSalle Ontario). For more information contact: Glen Gibbons, telephone 519-256-2013, email ggibbons1@cogeco.ca.

MARCH 17, Cambridge, Cambridge Coin Club 21 Annual Coin Show, Cambridge Newfoundland Club, 1500 Dunbar Rd. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission, buy, sell, trade and evaluate at 52 tables. Tokens, trade dollars, coins, paper money, militaria, sports cards, CTC coupons. For more information contact Vince Nevidon, telephone 519-740-1416; Louie Schmidt, telephone 519-653-7838, or Wolfe Derle, email wolfe1937@hotmail.com.

MARCH 24, Guelph, South Wellington Coin Show, Colonel John McCrae Legion, 57 Watson Parkway South. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$3, under 16 years Free. *Legendary Lunch Counter! Free draw for Gold Coin! More than 40 Dealer tables. One of Ontario's best advertised, best attended shows, top numismatic dealers in attendance. Coins, banknotes, tokens, medals and more. Free parking, fully accessible.* For more information contact Mike Hollingshead, Box 1000, Arkell, ON, telephone 519-823-2646, email cholling@uoguelph.ca.

MARCH 31, Toronto, Canadian Error and Variety Seminar, Humber College North Campus. *This full-day seminar is designed for both the beginner and advanced collector of Canadian errors and varieties, or anyone that is considering this popular and interesting numismatic specialty. The fee of \$75 includes many useful give-aways designed for the error specialist that will please and surprise you. A detailed program is available from the instructor, John Regitko.* For detailed information contact John Regitko, email errorman@look.ca, telephone 416-407-4122.

APRIL 22, Chatham, Kent Coin Club Annual Spring Coin Show, Active Lifestyle Center 20 Merritt Ave N7M 6G9. Hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission and parking, free token or foreign coin to every person entering the show complements of the Kent Coin Club, 25 dealer tables (coins and paper money), food available on site for purchase, hourly draws and a raffle, displays with prizes in 10 categories. For more information contact Lou Wagenaer, 27 Peters St., Chatham, ON N7M 5B2, telephone 519-352-5477.

APRIL 29, 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. Buy, sell, trade and appraise at more than 40 tables of dealers, featuring coins, medals, tokens, paper money, trade dollars, militaria. Children's table. Free parking. Funds raised for children's charities. Sponsor/Affiliate: B&W Coins & Tokens and the Brampton Rotary Club. For more information, contact B&W Coins & Tokens, Willard Burton telephone 905-450-2870, email b_and_w@sympatico.ca.

MAY 12, Toronto, Edithvale Hobby Show, Banquet Room, Edithvale Community Centre, 131 Finch Avenue West. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., free admission, all sorts of collectibles and featuring coins, paper money, stamps, etc. Sponsor/Affiliate: North York Coin Club & Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Club. For more information, contact Paul Petch, telephone 416-303-4417, e-mail p.petch@rogers.com. Website: <http://northyorkcoinclub.com>

A GENUINE LADY OF NUMISMATICS

Ingrid K. Smith, nee Hölker (January 9, 1938—January 10, 2012)

by Henry Nienhuis

It was with a very heavy heart that the numismatic world heard of the passing of Ingrid K. Smith on Tuesday, January 10, 2012; only one day after celebrating her 74th birthday. Ingrid was a shining star in a hobby dominated by men. It was always a pleasure speaking with her. She would freely volunteer information from her vast knowledge and when you spoke to her you knew instantly that she spoke with certainty, which came from a very deep knowledge of the subject matter. Perhaps the highlight of her career was the recovery of a stolen Statue of Liberty Dollar die, which she returned to the United States Treasury. Most collectors in the hobby today are unaware of her contributions or her influence in the collecting community. Such was the modesty of this diminutive yet feisty lady.

Ingrid was born in a small village near the City of Frankfurt, Main, Germany, on January 9, 1938 to a family of nine children. Her parents were both special education teachers. She studied at the Berlitz School of Languages, and spoke German, French, English and Latin. During her early childhood her father would take her on archaeological field trips where Ingrid's collecting instincts were stirred when her father presented her with an example of a Roman coin they found on the site of an old Roman fort.

Ingrid immigrated to Canada in July 1956, at the age of 18, and worked in Toronto in diverse jobs until finally working as copy editor for both the Toronto Daily Star and the Globe and Mail. In 1958 she married Dick Smith, a professional musician born in Jamaica. They have two children Christina (Tina), born in 1960—is a coin dealer, and Brian, born in 1964—operates the Torex® Coin Show.

In the early 1960s her numismatic interests were rekindled and she began collecting and trading Canadian and world coins, and paper money. By the early 1970s, Ingrid had embarked on her long and very prestigious career in numismatics. From 1974 to 1977 she was hired by Charlton Numismatics Ltd. in Toronto to catalogue their auction sales.

During this time she developed an interest in the detection of counterfeit coins and currency. She began researching the subject in depth; attending various seminars and symposia such as that held at the University of British Columbia at Vancouver in May 1974. Working with such respected numismatists as the late Virgil Hancock of the American Numismatic Association, she turned to instructing others. Through her affiliation with the Organization of International Numismatists and the American Numismatic Association, she taught seminars in such cities as Seattle,

Vancouver, Miami and Toronto. She was chairman of the first counterfeit detection seminar held March 30—April 1, 1975 in Toronto sponsored by the Toronto Coin Club and Bill Cross. The Deutsche Bundesbank, (German Central Bank), recognized her skill as a counterfeit detector and hired her as their counterfeit specialist in 1978. She returned to North America a year later to work as an authenticator and grader at the American Numismatic Association Certification Service (ANACS). In 1982 she returned to Toronto to work as a dealer and independent consultant.

In May 1985, Ingrid purchased the Torex®, Canada's National Coin Show, from then owner Bill Cross. In addition to skilfully operating Torex® three times a year, she also developed the long-running Metro Toronto Coin Exhibition and in November of 1986 she co-founded the International Coin Certification Service (ICCS) with Brian Cornwall and Bill Cross. She also operated the Numismatics and Fine Art Shop at Toronto's Harbourfront Antique Market. She retired in 2000, selling the Torex® Show to her son Brian Smith. Although she no longer was directly involved in numismatics, she continued to coach and assist Brian as well as share her vast experience with many show attendees.

Ingrid was affiliated with many organizations over the years. She served on the executive of the Toronto Coin Club as secretary and for two years (1975–1976) as president. In addition to the TCC, she was a life member of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association, the American Numismatic Association, and the International Banknote Society. In recognition of her contributions to numismatics she was made a Fellow of the RCNA in August of 2000 during the annual convention at Ottawa.

Ingrid K. Smith has certainly contributed more towards supporting organized numismatics in the Toronto area than any other person through her operation of TOREX® and her other business activities. It is with deep sorrow that we say good-bye to this lady of numismatics.



At a seminar sponsored by the Toronto Coin Club and Bill Cross March 30-April 1, 1975

Ingrid Smith

by Gordon Kumpikevicius

Much has been written about Ingrid over the years. This article is adapted from the Canadian Coin News Ancient Coins Column for December 20, 1994

Ingrid Smith was born near Frankfurt, Germany on January 9, 1938. Her parents were both career teachers of special education, holding high rank in the local system. She received her education first at the Real-gymnasium for girls, then at the Berlitz School of Languages, undertaking instruction in French, English and Latin. She immigrated to Canada in July 1956 and worked in Toronto in diverse jobs, the last being as a copy editor for the Toronto Daily Star and, later, the Globe and Mail (1964–1971). The mid-1970s saw her campaigning against the encroachment of the infamous St. Jamestown development upon her distinguished residential neighbourhood in downtown Toronto.

She ably assisted the future mayors John Sewell, David Crombie and June Rowlands as they successfully stalled its progress south of Wellesley Street. From the early 1970's on, Ingrid's attention turned to the numismatic trade. In this profession, she has carved out a career that she thrives in to this day. She finds support from her musician-husband Dick, and her son Brian and daughter Christina.

While classical coins have always held a fascination for her, they cannot be said to have formed the focus of her numismatic interests. Her importance to the field of classical numismatics rests with her support of those devoted to their study by providing such services as dealing in ancient coins, teaching the particulars of counterfeits, and providing the surroundings for both dealer and collector at the shows she has managed.

Her first encounter with an ancient coin was as a child in Germany. She recalls with particular fondness a memory of her father presenting her with a Roman coin that he had found on the site of a Roman fort. This encounter led to a life-long interest in numismatics. First collecting in Germany, then, later again after settling down in Canada, Ingrid developed interests in various fields, including Canadian and world coins, and paper money.

She recalls saving a silver dollar out of each week's pay cheque. By the time of her marriage to Dick in 1958 she had accumulated about 100 pieces. This hoard had grown to 200 in 1960 when her first child was born.

An unexpected encounter with a Charlton catalogue let to the realization that these dollars had a greater than face value. The disposition of this hoard may have been the catalyst for her eventually becoming a professional numismatist.

Ingrid started trading all kinds of coins from 1964. She later became so proficient as a numismatist that in 1974 she was hired by Charlton Numismatics Ltd. of Toronto to prepare their frequent and extensive general sales.

She held this position until 1977, and was responsible for the cataloguing of such collections as the Fathers of St. Croix, sold in (March 25–27, 1976) and (July 8–10, 1976). I am so proud to say that I catalogued the extensive ancient sections of these sales under her direction. The high standards of cataloguing as achieved by Ingrid have not been surpassed by any Canadian, even unto this day.

Experiences with the minefield of counterfeit coinage and paper money prompted Ingrid to investigate the methodology of their manufacture. By doing so, she hoped to not only better prepare herself for their appearance in the trade, but to alert others as well. She studied the subtle nuances of the field by attending seminars and symposia in various cities, including one held at the University of British Columbia at Vancouver (May 1974). Working with such luminaries as the late Virgil Hancock of the American Numismatic Association she turned to instructing others. Seminars were held under the aegis of the Organization of International Numismatists and the American Numismatic Association (ANA) in such cities as Seattle, Vancouver, Miami and Toronto. Her skill as a counterfeit detector was recognized by her being employed by the German Central Bank (1978–1980) as their specialist in this field.

To this day she is consulted by dealer, curator and collector alike for her expertise.

After a stint as a consultant with Kagin's Rare Coin Management, Inc. (1981) in Iowa, Ingrid returned to Toronto and set up shop as

an independent consultant. In May 1985 she purchased Torex from Bill Cross, which she has managed ever since. Not content with the rigors associated with this project, she developed the long-running Metro Toronto Coin Exhibition and co-founded the International Coin Certification Service with Brian Cornwall and Bill Cross (November 1986). As of September 1987 she has operated Numismatics and Fine Art at Toronto's Harbourfront, a business devoted to art, antiquities and coins.

Ingrid has been affiliated with many organizations over the years. She served a president of the Toronto Coin Club in the period 1975–1976 and has held member ships in the Canadian Numismatic Association, ANA, and International Banknote Society, among others. In fact, she has been willing to support any organization with the foresight to ask her.

Ingrid has been recognized by many for her contributions to numismatics. She was the subject of a tribute in CCN 27, 24 (April 3–16, 1990) pp.1, 9, and later received a special citation from Q. David Bowers in his book *The American Numismatic Association Centennial History, Vol. II, Colorado Springs, 1991 p.1324* (1979). Her remarkable exploits surrounding the recovery of a lost U.S. dollar die resulted in a letter of appreciation sent by representatives of the American government (September 29, 1987).

In addition to these public testimonials, the numerous private letters of commendation from senior international numismatists examined by this writer all testify to the high esteem in which she has held.

It would not be too much to say that through her quiet and efficient operation of TOREX® (Canada's National Coin Show), and her other business activities, that Ingrid K. Smith deserves much of the credit for the preservation of organized numismatic activity in Toronto.

Most numismatists are unaware of her contributions nor know of her influence in the collecting community. Such is the modesty of the lady. However, for all our sakes, let us wish her a very, very long and prosperous career.

VODKA, SODA, 1 ICE CUBE & LIME

by Jack Veffer

In his book, My 2 Cents Worth, Jack Veffer wrote about Ingrid Smith. Later, he updated his original text. This article is adapted from that updated text.

Who eats, works, dreams, talks, sleeps, walks, collects, authenticates, catalogues, instructs—in a word— lives numismatics? Ingrid Smith-Hölker In fact the only thing she does not do is drink numismatics. I can attest to the fact that she drinks vodka (neat).

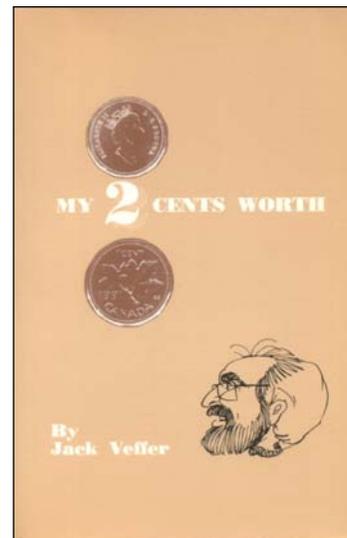
Someone said, “Personally she is a delightfully attractive, warm, animated person, and nice to be with.” I wholeheartedly agree with that statement. Those who do not know the name Ingrid Smith have not lived in the numismatic world, be that Canada, the United States, Europe or Cuba. Those who have met her can pride themselves on being acquainted with one of the few bright female stars in the numismatic firmament.

Ingrid was born near the City of Frankfurt, Main, Germany, in 1938. She received her education there, including a stint at the Berlitz School of Languages. She speaks German, French, English and Latin. During her early childhood her father, who was ardently interested in archaeology, took her on field trips. These trips would sometimes result in the lucky find of an old Roman coin. Young Ingrid was fascinated that she could hold something in her hand that was possibly 2000 years old. When her father let her have a Roman coin of her own, she treasured it and her collecting instinct was stimulated. She started collecting anything remotely numismatic and had correspondence on a worldwide basis with others on the subject.



*Ingrid K. Smith
picture taken at a 2007 Torex Show*

The year was 1956 and at the age of eighteen she immigrated to Canada. Numismatics had to be put on the back burner for a while, but soon enough she put a few dollars a week aside to spend on the purchase of Canadian coins. The rest is history. Her inquisitive mind led her into paper money, ancient coins, world coins. She collected and sold. Started anew in another field and so on, in the meantime she began to acquire more and more diversified knowledge. Her resumé tells of her affiliation with the American Numismatic Association Certification Service, the Deutsche Bundesbank in Germany, Banco Nacional de Cuba, Charlton International Company in Toronto, the Kagins in Des Moines, and many others. Among her endorsers as a numismatic professional we count the Bank of Canada, Virgil Hancock (Past President of the A.N.A.), James E. Charlton, Russel Rulau (formerly with Krause Publications), and numerous others.



Having worked with Ingrid personally, I can throw in my own endorsement as well. It is small wonder that her marriage to Dick “Syncona” Smith has been at times stormy. Dick, a professional musician, born in Jamaica, was forever away from home and when he found some spare time, Ingrid would be occupied somewhere else in the wide world. Mind you, en passant she managed to give birth to two children, her daughter, Christina, and son, Brian.

It is presently 2001 and Ingrid has now since retired. Recently, she sold the Torex® Coin Show, which she owned and operated for many years, to her son Brian. She coaches and assists Brian with the well-established show three times per year. Admittedly, her great husband Dick gives her a hand as well, but what a woman, bundled in that barely five-foot package, and remember: “Vodka, Soda, 1 Ice Cube & Lime.”

From the A.N.A. Numismatist for January, 1912: NEW CANADIAN COINS.

R, W, McLachlan, of Montreal, informs us that the new Canadian half dollar has been issued. Mr. McLachlan has forwarded a specimen, which will be reproduced in THE NUMISMATIST. He also has received the following communication from the Deputy Master of the Ottawa Mint, which would indicate that the silver dollar is not to be issued this year.

13 DECEMBER, 1911

Specimen coins of the first issue of the New Reign in silver and bronze are now ready.

The price of case and contents will be two instead of three dollars. A place has been provided in the case for the silver dollar, which has not been coined this year.

Cases without this blank will be ready in January for those who prefer them. Applicants are requested to state their preference.

JAMES BONAR, Deputy Master.

**ROYAL CANADIAN MINT ATTRACTS SEVEN NOMINATIONS
IN THE KRAUSE PUBLICATIONS' 2012 COIN OF THE YEAR AWARD**

November 3, 2011—

A Royal Canadian Mint press release reports that it continues to stand out in the running for Krause Publications' annual Coin of the Year awards, after it received seven nominations for awards to be presented in February at the 2012 World Money Fair in Berlin. This is the most nominations earned for the last three consecutive years by any national mint or central bank recognized by Krause Publications for their highest numismatic achievements for coins issued in 2010.

The Mint's outstanding collector coins lead a large field of international competitors by receiving nominations in seven different Coin of the Year categories, specifically: Best Gold Coin; Most Historically Significant Coin; Best Contemporary Event Coin; Most Popular Coin; and Most Innovative Coin; Most Artistic Coin; and Most Inspirational Coin.

"Quality, innovation and craftsmanship are important values at the Royal Canadian Mint and they are reflected in each of our coins nominated for a 2012 Coin of the Year award," said Ian E. Bennett, President and CEO of the Royal Canadian Mint. "It takes the best coins to showcase Canada's history, culture and values and we are proud that the work of the talented employees of the Royal Canadian Mint continues to receive international acclaim."

The annual Coin of the Year competition receives nominations from an international consortium of mint representatives and numismatists. The judging is conducted by an international panel of the world's leading mint officials, medalists, journalists, central bank and museum officials. The awards will be presented in Berlin, Germany, at the 2012 World Money Fair, which is being held from February 3–5, 2012.

The Mint's 2012 Coin of the Year award nominations are:



Most Historically Significant Coin
*2010 \$100 Gold Coin—400th
Anniversary of Hudson Bay*



Best Gold Coin
*2010 \$350 Pure Gold Coin
Prairie Crocus*



Best Contemporary Event Coin
*2010 \$500 Gold Coin—75th Anniversary
of the First Bank Notes Issued
by the Bank of Canada*



Most Popular Coin
*2010 25-cent Poppy
coloured circulation coin*



Most Innovative Coin
*2010 \$150 18-Karat Hologram Coin—
Year of the Tiger*



Most Artistic Coin
*2010 Wildlife Conservation Series \$3
Polar Bear (square, gold-plated silver)*



Most Inspirational Coin
*2010 Limited-Edition Silver Dollar—
The Poppy*

CANADIAN TOONIES AND LOONIES TO BE MADE OF STEEL

The text presented below is the formal announcement of the change from nickle to steel for our one and two dollar coins:

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Registration

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ROYAL CANADIAN MINT ACT

Order Authorizing the Issue of Circulation Coins of Two Dollars and One Dollar, Specifying Their Characteristics and Determining Their Design

P.C. 2011-1691 December 15, 2011

His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Finance, pursuant to sections 6.4 and 6.5 of the *Royal Canadian Mint Act*, hereby makes the annexed *Order Authorizing the Issue of Circulation Coins of Two Dollars and One Dollar, Specifying Their Characteristics and Determining Their Design*.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF CIRCULATION COINS OF TWO DOLLARS AND ONE DOLLAR, SPECIFYING THEIR CHARACTERISTICS AND DETERMINING THEIR DESIGN

AUTHORIZATION, CHARACTERISTICS AND DESIGN

1. The issue of circulation coins of two dollars listed in item 1.1 of Part 2 of the schedule to the Royal Canadian Mint Act is authorized, the characteristics of the coins are to be those specified in that item, their diameter is to be 28.00 mm +/- 0.13 mm and the design of the coins is determined to be as follows:

(a) the obverse impression is to depict, on the inner core of the coin, the effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by Susanna Blunt, with the initials "SB" on the bottom left-hand corner of the neckline, and on the outer ring, the inscriptions "ELIZABETH II", "D•G•REGINA" and the year of issue to the left, right and bottom of the coin, respectively; and

(b) the reverse impression is to depict, on the inner core of the coin, a design of a polar bear standing at the edge of an ice floe surrounded by water and other ice floes, the artist's initials "BT" at the bottom right of the design and on the outer ring, two virtual image maple leaves between two lines at the top of the coin and the words "CANADA" and "2 DOLLARS" interspersed with two lasermark maple leaves each within a circle at the bottom of the coin, and the words "CANADA" and "2 DOLLARS", with a maple leaf before and after the word "CANADA" as edge-lettering around the coin.

2. The issue of circulation coins of one dollar listed in item 2.2 of Part 2 of the schedule to the Royal Canadian Mint Act is authorized, the characteristics of the coins are to be those specified in that item, their diameter is to be 26.5 mm +/- 0.13 mm and the design of the coins is determined to be as follows:

(a) the obverse impression is to depict the effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by Susanna Blunt, with the initials "SB" on the bottom left-hand corner of the neckline, the inscriptions "ELIZABETH II" and "D•G•REGINA" and the year of issue to the left, right and bottom of the coin, respectively, and beading around the circumference of the coin; and

(b) the reverse impression is to depict a design of a common loon on a lake with an islet in the background, the artist's initials "RRC" to the right of the loon, the word "CANADA" and a lasermark maple leaf within a circle above the design and the word "DOLLAR" at the bottom of the design, with beading around the circumference of the coin.

COMING INTO FORCE

3. This Order comes into force on the day on which it is registered.



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