



# North York Coin Club

Founded 1960 — 60th Anniversary Year

**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 FEBRUARY 2020

### THE 2020 NORTH YORK COIN CLUB DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL



The North York Coin Club is commemorating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020. To mark this milestone a commemorative medal has been struck in bronze and .999 pure silver. A N.Y.C.C. 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary bronze medal will be presented free of charge to each existing member of the club that is in good standing with dues paid . The North York Coin Club has once again selected the Mississauga Mint Ltd. for the production of this medal.

For the obverse we continue to use the North York Coin Club's standard obverse design, first used on its founding medal and now an insignia of the club. The reverse design (please see illustration) repeats the arms of the Township of North York just as it was used on the founding medal.

The North York Coin Club is offering its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal on a subsidized basis from club reserves. There will be no further use of the reverse die.

### Placing a Medal Order

The bronze and silver medals are available for purchase at a price of \$15 for bronze and \$60 for .999 pure silver. Members that signed the reservation sheet at the November meeting and paid at the January meeting will be able to pick up their medals at the February meeting. Those members that signed the reservation sheet but who have not paid can still make payment at the February and pick up their medals. Unpaid reserved medals not picked up at the February meeting are considered available for re-sale. Payment may be made in person to the Treasurer at the February 2020 meeting.

Payment may also be made to our mail address as shown on our letterhead. Cheques should be made out to "North York Coin Club." Please add \$5 for postage if you are unable to pick up your medal(s) in person. Club members in good standing are reminded that they will receive one bronze medal free of charge.

## ANNIVERSARY



## CELEBRATION

### NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

February is the club's 60th anniversary meeting and we are celebrating with complimentary food, beverages, cake and very little business.

You are also invited to present a display, share your numismatic news and your recent finds or special treasures.

**Please remember to bring  
your auction lots so we can have  
a really fine auction at this  
meeting. Also, we appreciate all  
donations to our supply of draw  
prize material.**

**You are reminded to pay your \$10 2020 dues at the next meeting to renew your membership and be eligible for our Diamond Jubilee medal. You must also bring lots for the March meeting consignment auction (members only please)!**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to fellow North York numismatists and everyone else who receives this monthly bulletin.

The first long weekend of the year is upon us – Family Day – and the first signs of spring are already showing themselves. The daylight hours and warmth of the mid-day sun is a sure sign that winter is waning. In hindsight, so far this winter really has not been too bad with limited snow accumulations and only a handful of days you really had to bundle up. Bring on spring, my favourite season of the year.

Before I get into the news and upcoming club events, I would like to touch on the lost set of coins that was noticed missing at the end of one of our recent meetings. After over ten years as club president that was the lowest point in my tenure and my trust in the individuals who rarely show up has been rocked. What kind of collector visits his local club with the intention of pocketing something that did not belong to them? Even though you did not sign in at the meeting the executive and member Ben whose item you stole know your identity and you are NOT welcome back. You had a chance to make good anonymously but choose not to. Subject closed.

The North York Coin Club's educational program for the year is already underway with a "how to" presentation about putting together a competitive numismatic display, having taken place last month. Paul Johnson gave us an in-depth look at mounting a display; with the hope that some members would bring in a small display for our February Diamond Jubilee meeting. It could be a single or multiple-case numismatic display that can hopefully tie in with our 60<sup>th</sup> year celebration night on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### Diamond Jubilee Medal

The club membership supported the executive and decided that to help celebrate our diamond anniversary we should strike a medal to commemorate the event. I have just received the news that the die has been prepared and a quantity of 50 bronze and 25 silver have been struck. We now have a complimentary bronze medal for each life member and each annual member in good standing. We also have silver medals for sale at \$60.00 each and extra bronze medals at \$15.00 each. You should have noticed further information on the design, prices and terms of sale on page 1 of this issue of *The Bulletin*.

### Diamond Jubilee Meeting

Our Diamond Celebration meeting will be held at Edithvale on our regular meeting night with the hope that all present members will be able to attend and join us for this milestone celebration at no cost to them. Unlike some previous milestone celebrations this party is open to all members for free. No formal meeting will take place but instead an evening of food, drink and numismatic camaraderie and with any luck a couple of displays from the members to view during the meeting.

### Auction Night at the March meeting

The February meeting is also your last chance to submit items for the auction night being held at our March 24 meeting. Please bring your items and completed form to the meeting and give them to Paul Petch who will once again this year compile our auction catalogue. The auction night historically runs all meeting long. It is an important source of revenue for the club. So, in preparation for this meeting, search through your collection for duplicates or items that you have lost interest in and put together your 10-lot consignment for the auction. This very popular night tends to fill up, so gather up your lots and assign a reasonable reserve to your items and have them ready to submit at

the next meeting. Reasonable reserves on your lots will help your items to sell!

### Our Annual Coin Show

I would also like to remind you that the club has its permit for the annual coin show, once again at Edithvale Community Centre, on Saturday, May 9, 2020. See the treasurer with your completed table application and \$40.00 per table and he would be pleased to help you reserve your spot at the show. It is approximately 70% sold, so do not delay.

### Meeting Programs

The programs for the rest of the year are still being developed but if anyone has a suggestion for a meeting topic, or if you wish to do a presentation at a meeting e-mail me at [wsobcoins@hotmail.com](mailto:wsobcoins@hotmail.com) anytime to discuss. The club's executive would also welcome some fresh ideas on meeting format or topics so that the program may be kept interesting and appeal to the group. All ideas are welcome because the club needs to change with the times and most of what we do is the way it has always been done. Nothing wrong with doing what works, but we need to broaden our appeal while maintaining and increasing membership. I think that covers all the club news from the first few weeks of the year and the program of events for the first third of the year. Please support these events and get back to me if you have any ideas or concerns.

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In the meantime, get out and visit one of the many great shows that are held in the area and beyond. There is a full listing of shows on the back page of *The Bulletin*. March is almost here, and hopefully warmer weather, so that means that the Troyak Club's show is being held in Mississauga at the Polish Cultural Centre March 8<sup>th</sup> and the Waterloo Coin Society show in Cambridge on March 21<sup>st</sup> being on the schedule over the next month. But before the month slips away, don't forget Torex in downtown Toronto on February 22 & 23.

For those planning a little further in advance please consider the O.N.A. and R.C.N.A. conventions coming up this spring and summer. First off, the O.N.A. is holding their annual show just down the QEW in Burlington this year on May 22-24. With a new venue and club hosting the convention this year, let's hope it is better received and attended than some of the past conventions.

The R.C.N.A. convention is heading east this year after a stop in Alberta last year. The Westin Nova Scotian hotel is a beautiful oceanfront hotel found in historic downtown Halifax and the best part, it's on July 21-25 at the height of the summer season. More information can be found on the R.C.N.A. and O.N.A. websites about the respective conventions, so check them out.

Well that's a wrap on the club news this month; circle next Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> on your calendar, for the Diamond Jubilee celebration meeting of the club beginning at 7:30 p.m., but come early to submit your auction items and meet some friends. Keep your fingers crossed that spring will soon arrive and don't forget to make your holiday plans to Nova Scotia and beyond.

Bill O'Brien

## NEWS OF THE JANUARY 2020 MEETING

The 662<sup>th</sup> meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor Banquet Room at the Edithvale Community Centre. It was hammered to order at 7:33 p.m. by our President, Bill O'Brien, in the chair with 25 members and 2 guests in attendance.

Member Andrew Silver was present at the time his name was drawn to receive the on-time attendance draw prize of \$5.00. The draw will reset to \$5.00 for the February 2020 meeting.

Bill recognized the guests and asked if they were interested in introducing themselves. Johnnie mentioned that he was a collector of US and Iranian coinage and silver.

Bill asked the members present if they had noticed any errors or omissions in the minutes of the November meeting, as published. With no errors identified, Norm Belsten made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, which was seconded by John Bratton. Motion carried.

Bill O'Brien acting as Treasurer then gave a quick finance report.

Bill spent a few moments to review the great fun and fellowship all that attended our Holiday meeting on December 10 enjoyed. There were draw prizes galore! He mentioned that Chris Poissant was the big winner of the 50/50 draw, the money from which also helps the club recover some of the expense of the evening. He ended thanking everyone for their participation and took the opportunity to mention the upcoming events for the February 25, 60th Anniversary meeting. There was also a quick status update of the Diamond Jubilee medal. Henry reported that the die had been completed based on minor changes to the preliminary artwork. Bill and Paul mentioned that each member in good standing will receive a bronze medal free of charge. A silver version will be available, on a subscription basis only, for \$60 and extra bronze medals for \$15. He reminded everyone that mintage will be extremely limited and said he is now collecting money. The three 2020 Charlton Standard Catalogues that were purchased by the club are now available for loan to members.

The next item on the agenda was the evening's presentation by Paul Johnson. Paul has served as the Head Judge for the O.N.A. for many years, so was well qualified to deliver his excellent talk about the various aspects of designing and arranging a numismatic display presentation. He also explained how the presentation would be judged in a competitive exhibits contest using the O.N.A. rules and outlined the various categories under which points would be assigned.

A short refreshment break was called from 8:35-8:45 p.m.

We resumed the meeting with our regular auction and our customary lucky draw. Lucky draw numbers were called at various times while the auction took place. Lucky draw winners for the evening were—David Quinlan (2), Keith Schengili-Roberts (2), Valerie L., Tony Hine, Hashim Ali, Richard Duquette, Linda McQuade-Simms (2), Paul Johnson (2), Carl Anderson (2), and David Bawcutt. The club earned \$24.00 through the sale of the draw tickets! Our auction manager, Paul Johnson, reported that receipts from the auction added \$15.40 to the club coffers. We thank David Quinlan our auctioneer, Andrew Silver who volunteered as runner and Paul Johnson our auction manager for their help.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

The club executive would like to thank members for supporting the club through the purchase of draw tickets and draw prize donations. We thank Carl Anderson and a benefactor who requested to remain anonymous (you know who you are) for their very kind donations. Please consider supporting your club through a donation of numismatic material or other items. (Don't forget to mention your donations to the club secretary so that your support can be recognized in the minutes and newsletter.)

Please remember that our next regular meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 25 in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor Banquet Room of the Edithvale Community Centre and it will be a celebration of our 60 years since the founding of the North York Coin Club.

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## UK BANK NOTE PRINTER DE LA RUE FEARS FOR ITS FUTURE

**With files from BBC Business News, November 26, 2019**

UK-based De La Rue, the company that prints the UK's banknotes, has said there is a risk that the firm will collapse if its turnaround plan fails to work. The announcement came as it suspended its dividend and reported a loss in the first half of its financial year. De La Rue said it's warning was based on a worst-case scenario. However, it concluded that there was "a material uncertainty that casts significant doubt on the group's ability to operate as a going concern."

All current Bank of England banknotes are printed by the firm at a site in Debden, Essex. De La Rue prints cash for about 140 central banks and employs more than 2,500 people globally. It began producing banknotes in 1860, first for Mauritius and then elsewhere. Today it produces enough notes each week that if stacked up would reach the peak of Everest twice.

Around 11% of the 171 billion banknotes issued globally in 2017 were printed by a handful of commercial printers. De La Rue is now the largest of these firms. Its main competitor, German company Giesecke & Devrient, produces notes for roughly 100 central banks,

while the Canadian Banknote Company and US-founded Crane Currency are also major players.

It is unclear what would happen if the firm got into difficulties, but it is likely that a rival would take over its Bank of England contract. Its main competitors are all based outside the UK.

The BBC understands that preparations have already been made for the launch of a new £20 note featuring artist JMW Turner, printed by De La Rue, which enters circulation on 20 February next year.

Shares in De la Rue fell 20% on Tuesday morning. De La Rue has faced some big setbacks in the past two years, including the loss of the post-Brexit UK passport printing contract to a Franco-Dutch firm last year. In May last year, it had to write off £18m after Venezuela's central bank failed to pay its bills. The company is also under investigation by the Serious Fraud Office in connection with "suspected corruption" in South Sudan. It appointed a new chief executive, Clive Vacher, in October as part of a management shake-up.

## COIN OF THE YEAR AWARDS PRESENTED IN BERLIN

BY THE STAFF OF NUMISMATIC NEWS

Once again we turn our attention to world coins. Your editor is pleased to present the nominees and winners of this year's Thirty-Seventh Annual Coin of the Year (COTY) Awards Ceremony took place on February 1 in Berlin at the World Money Fair.

From the thousands of coins produced in a year, only a hundred make the cut for nomination. These hundred are then sorted into 10 categories for the Judges Panel to consider. Then, out of the 10 category winners, one is chosen for overall COTY honors.



The following listing shows all the categories, the nominees within that category and the winner in the category with the winning coin illustrated. There were four Canadian coins nominated and all are illustrated, but they all lost. All coins are dated 2018.

### Artistic and Coin of the Year

- Australia, KM-2875, 8 Dollar, Silver with patina, Rare Earth
- Cook Islands, KM-1867, 5 Dollar, Silver with Color, Night Animals – Eagle Owl
- France, KM-2487, 10 Euro, Silver with selective gold plating, The Ages of Europe – The Baroque & Rococo Era
- Hungary, KM-943, 2,000 Forint, Brass, National Memorials – Fiumei Cemetery
- Italy, KM-417, 5 Euro, Silver, Italy of Arts – Houses of Veneto
- Latvia, KM-200, 5 Euro, Gold-Plated Silver, Honey Coin
- Netherlands, KM-396, 5 Euro, Silver, Leeuwarden Fryslan European Capital of Culture
- Portugal, KM-890a, 5 Euro, Silver, Europa Series – The Baroque Age
- Republic of Palau, KM-593, 5 Dollar, Silver, Alligator Bite
- South Africa, KM-663, 5 Rand, Silver with Color, Crinum Graminicola of the Waterberg Biosphere Reserve



**Most Artistic Coin** — Bank of Latvia — 5 Euro, Gold-Plated Silver — Honey Coin

### Bi-Metallic

- Austria, KM-3289, 25 Euro, Bi-Metallic (Niobium center in silver ring), Anthropocene
- Cambodia, KM-160, 200 Riel, Tri-Metallic (Brass, Copper, Copper-Nickel), 60th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relationship Between China and Cambodia
- China, KM-2391, 10 Yuan, Bi-Metallic, Fuxing – China High-Speed Rail
- Fiji, KM-723, 1 Dollar, Bi-Metallic, Celebrating Love, Heart-Shaped
- Great Britain, KM-1565, 2 Pound, Bi-Metallic, Captain James Cook
- Greece, KM-299, 2 Euro, Bi-Metallic, 70 Years from the Union of the Dodecanese Islands with Greece
- Italy, KM-419, 5 Euro, Bi-Metallic, Artistic Treasures of Amatrice
- Kenya, KM-46, 5 Shilling, Bi-Metallic, Addition of Kiswahili Legends – Rhinoceros Head
- Poland, Y-1011, 5 Zlotych, Bi-Metallic, 100th Anniversary of Poland Regaining Independence
- Switzerland, KM-169, 10 Franc, Bi-Metallic, Alpine Flora – Stemless Carline Thistle



**Best Bi-Metallic Coin** — Austrian Mint — 25 Euro, Bi-metallic — Anthropocene

**Contemporary**

- China, 10 yuan, Silver, 70th Anniversary of
  - Belgium, KM-373, 2 Euro, Bi-Metallic, 50th Anniversary of the First ESRO-2B Satellite Launch



- **Canada, KM-2649, 20 Dollar, Silver with Color, Canada's Unexplained Phenomena – The Falcon Lake Incident**

**Best Contemporary Event Coin — Italian Mint —**  
5 Euro, Silver with Color — 70th Anniversary of the Italian Constitution

- China, KM-2395, 5 Yuan, Silver, 70th Anniversary of the Issuance of the Renminbi
- Great Britain, KM-1593a, 5 Pound, Silver, 70th Birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales
- Hungary, KM-950, 5,000 Forint, Silver with Color, 75th Anniversary of the Nobel Prize of Gyorgy Hevesy, 1885-1966
- Italy, KM-418, 5 Euro, Silver with Color, 70th Anniversary of the Italian Constitution
- Japan, Y-263, 1,000 Yen, Silver with Color, 50th Anniversary of the Ogasawara Islands Reversion to Japan
- Swaziland, KM-69, 5 Emalangeni, Brass, 50th Anniversary of Independence
- Ukraine, KM-946, 10 Hryvnia, Zinc-Based Alloy, Ukraine's Armed Forces – Defenders of Donetsk Airport
- United States, KM-680, 1 Dollar, Copper-Zinc-Manganese-Nickel Clad Copper, Native American Dollar – Jim Thorpe

**Gold**

- Australia, KM-2866, 100 Dollar, Gold, 1812 A New Map of the World, Curved
- Australia, KM-2876, 150 Dollar, Gold/Platinum, Australian Wedge-Tailed Eagle
- Austria, KM-3278, 50 Euro, Gold, Vienna Schools of Psychotherapy – Alfred Adler
- China, KM-2432, 100 Yuan, Gold, The Art of Chinese Calligraphy (Seal Script)
- France, KM-2513, 50 Euro, Gold, L'aviation Et L'Histoire – Transall
- Germany, KM-376, 100 Euro, Gold, UNESCO World Heritage – Castles of Augustusburg and Falkenlust at Bruhl
- Great Britain, KM-1604, 10 Pound, Gold, Sapphire Coronation
- Italy, KM-425, 20 Euro, Gold, Women in Art – Artemisia Gentileschi
- South Africa, KM-679, 500 Rand, Gold, Celebrating South Africa – Nelson Mandela Centenary
- Switzerland, KM-172, 50 Franc, Gold, William Tell



**Best Gold Coin — Austrian Mint —**  
50 Euro, Gold — Vienna Schools of Psychotherapy: Alfred Adler

**Inspirational**

- Australia, KM-2867, 1 Dollar, Silver with Color, 100th Anniversary of the End of World War I
- Austria, KM-3288, 20 Euro, Silver with Color, 200th Anniversary of Silent Night
- France, KM-2459, 2 Euro, Bimetallic, Simone Veil
- Germany, KM-369, 20 Euro, Silver, 275th Anniversary of Gewandhaus Orchestra
- Great Britain, KM-1600, 5 Pound, Silver, First World War Armistice
- Hungary (Magyar Nemzeti Bank), KM-952, 10,000 Forint, Silver, Year of the Families
- Kyrgyzstan, KM-79, 1 Som, Copper-Nickel with Color, Yurta – Kyrgyz House
- Latvia, KM-198, 5 Euro, Silver with Color, Garden of Destiny
- Republic of Cameroon, KM-140, 3,000 Franc, Silver, 3D Horseshoe, Good Luck
- United States, KM-684, 100 Dollar, Platinum, Preamble to the Declaration of Independence – Life



**Most Inspirational Coin** — Perth Mint —  
1 Dollar, Silver with Color — 100th Anniversary of the End of World War I

**Crown**

- Australia, KM-2873, 5 Dollar, Silver with Color, The Earth and Beyond – Earth, Curved

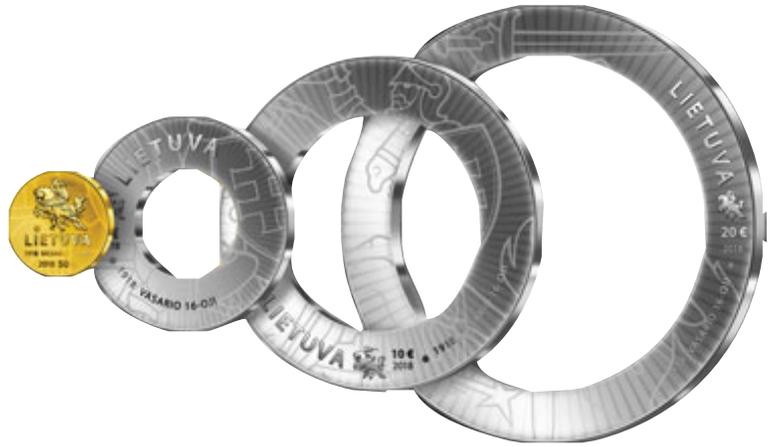


**Best Crown Coin** — Royal Australian Mint —  
5 Dollars, Silver with Color, Curved — The Earth and Beyond: Earth

- **Canada, KM-2655, 20 Dollar, Silver with Color, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Maple Leaves Brooch**
- China, KM-2408, 10 Yuan, Silver, The Opening of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge
- Cook Islands, KM-1861, 5 Dollar, Silver with Color, Salvatore Dali Money Heist Revolutionary Masks
- Finland, KM-280, 20 Euro, Silver, Finnish Sauna Culture
- France, KM-2488, 10 Euro, Silver, The 7 Arts – Guillaume Apollinaire
- Great Britain, KM-1657, 2 Pound, Silver, Britannia
- Kazakhstan, KM-393, 500 Tenge, Silver, partial gilt with diamond eye, Cult Animals as a Totems of Nomads – Kokbori (Blue Wolf)
- Palau, KM-579, 10 Dollar, Silver with Color, Daisy Flower
- South Africa, KM-655, 2 Rand, Silver, South African Inventions – Computed Tomography

**Innovative**

- Australia, KM-2872, 2 Dollar, Silver, Figure Eight Dragon
- Barbados, KM-101, 100 Dollar, Gold, Rum Coin, Capsule with Drop of 1780 Harwood Rum
- British Virgin Islands, KM-516, 10 Dollar, Silver, Queen Elizabeth II Sapphire Coronation – Two Portraits in Ultra High Relief and Incuse
- Canada, KM-2692, 25 Dollar, Silver, Lest We Forget, Helmet-Shaped
- Fiji, KM-725, 1 Dollar, Silver, Antonio Vivaldi, Playable CD Coin
- Lithuania, KM-237, KM-238, KM-239, KM-240, 5, 10, 20, 50 Euro, 3 Silver, 1 Gold, 100th Anniversary of Restoration of Lithuania’s Independence (4-Coin Set)
- Mongolia, KM-382, 2,000 Tugrik, Silver with Red Rock Finish, Prehistoric Beasts – Velociraptor
- Niue, KM-1570, 5 Dollar, Silver with Rubber, 130 Years of Pneumatic Tires, Spoke Wheel Coin with Rubber Tire
- Palau, KM-597, 20 Dollar, Silver, Gilded, Tutankhamun’s Mask, 3-D, High Relief
- United States, KM-683, 5 Dollar, Gold, Copper/Zinc, Breast Cancer Awareness, Rose Gold



**Most Innovative Coin** — Lithuanian Mint —  
5, 10, 20 Euro, Silver; 50 Euro, Gold —  
100th Anniversary of the Restoration of Lithuania Independence

**Circulating**

- Australia, KM-2863, 2 Dollar, Aluminum Bronze, Invictus Games
- Austria, KM-3275, 2 Euro, Bi-Metallic, 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the Austrian Republic



**Best Circulating Coin**— Austrian Mint —

- **Canada, KM-2580.2, 2 Dollar, Bi-Metallic, Colorized, 100th Anniversary of First World War Armistice**      2 Euro, Bi-metallic — 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the Austrian Republic
- Finland, KM-273, 5 Euro, Bi-Metallic, Finnish National Landscapes – Olavinlinna Castle and Lake Pihlajavesi
- Germany, KM-370, 5 Euro, Copper-Nickel, Polymer Insert, Climate – Tropical Zone
- Great Britain, KM-1546, 10 Pence, Nickel-Plated Steel, Great British Coin Hunt – Letter U (Union Jack)
- Peru, KM-411, 1 Sol, Copper-Nickel-Zinc, Endangered Wildlife of Peru – Jaguar
- Portugal, KM-886, 2 Euro, Bi-Metallic, 250th Anniversary of the National Printing Office
- Slovenia, KM-134, 2 Euro, Bi-Metallic, World Bee Day
- United States, KM-670, 25 Cent, Copper-Nickel, America the Beautiful – Apostle Islands National Lakeshore

**Historical**



- **Canada: KM-2574, 1 Dollar, Silver, 100th Anniversary of the Armistice of the First World War**
- **Most Historically Significant Coin** — Monnaie de Paris — 10 Euro, Silver with Color — Great War: People’s Jubilation
- Australia, KM-2861a, 1 Dollar, Silver, Australia’s Convict Era, 1788-1868
- France, KM-2503, 10 Euro, Silver with Color, Great War – Peace
- Germany, KM-372, 20 Euro, Silver, 150th Anniversary of Peter Behrens
- Great Britain, KM-1575, 5 Pound, Silver, First War Centenary – T.E. Lawrence
- Greece, KM-312, 200 Euro, Gold, Greek Culture, Historians – Herodotus
- Ireland, KM-98, 15 Euro, Silver with Color, 100th Anniversary of Women’s Right to Vote
- Japan, Y-267, 1,000 Yen, Silver with Color, 100th Anniversary of the Beginning of the Meiji Period
- Tuvalu, KM-406, KM-407, 1 Dollar (each), Silver, Evolution of Industry – Steam and Electricity, Gear-Shaped Two-Coin Set
- United States, KM-682, 1 Dollar, Silver, World War I Centennial

**Silver**

- Australia, KM-2874, 8 Dollar, Silver with Color, Antiqued, The ANZAC Spirit – The Hall of Memory
- China, KM-2418, 50 Yuan, Silver, The Art of Chinese Calligraphy
- Djibouti, KM-75, 250 Franc, Silver with Color, Shapes of Africa
- France, KM-2491, 10 Euro, Silver, French Excellence – Boucheron
- Germany, KM-371, 20 Euro, Silver, 800th Anniversary of the Hanseatic City of Rostock
- Great Britain, KM-1600, 5 Pound, Silver, First World War Armistice
- Lithuania, KM-236, 5 Euro, Silver with Color, Rasos Svente
- Mongolia, KM-376, 500 Togrog, Silver with Color, Woodland Spirit – Fox
- New Zealand, KM-401, Dollar, Silver with Color, Manuka Honey Bee, Hexagonal Shape
- Portugal, KM-891a, 5 Euro, Silver, 100 Years of the Armistice



**Best Silver Coin** — Lithuania Mint — 5 Euro, Silver with Color — Jonines: Rasos Švente

## COLLECTOR PAYS UK-RECORD £1M FOR RARE COIN

by Kevin Peachey, BBC Personal Finance Reporter, 17 January 2020



An Edward VIII sovereign has become the first British coin to be bought for £1m, the BBC can reveal. The new owner, a private collector, described the chance to buy it and bring it back from the US as a “once in a lifetime opportunity.” The coin is one of a trial set of six that never went into mass production owing to Edward’s abdication in December 1936. It only has a face value of £1 but is now the country’s most valuable coin.

The 22 carat gold sovereign—a type of coin that has not been struck for general circulation since 1932—is just 22mm in diameter and weighs 7.98g making it just fractionally smaller and lighter than a pound coin. It was prepared for striking in January 1937, but the previous month the King abdicated in order to marry American divorcee Wallis Simpson.

Only the trials remained, but they were hidden from public view for decades. Edward, who became the Duke of Windsor, requested a set of coins but was refused by his brother, George VI.

Now, four of the set are with museums and institutions, with two in private hands. The latest owner, a sovereign collector who wished to remain anonymous, said: “When the opportunity came along, I felt I could not turn it down. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity. I’m aware that [£1m] is a lot of money for a coin, but if I did not secure it now, I’d not get the chance again.” The coin was last sold for a then-record £516,000 to a US collector in 2014, revealing its status on both sides of the Atlantic.

### Quirk of vanity

What fascinates collectors and historians is not only its rarity, but also that Edward VIII was willing to break with a convention that went back centuries to Charles II. This saw each monarch face the opposite direction to their predecessor. Edward preferred his left profile, partly owing to his hair parting, and insisted on the portrait facing, in effect, the wrong way. “Edward VIII is quite a vain character. He insisted on facing the same way as his father, because he believed that was his best side,” said Chris Barker, from the Royal Mint Museum.

George VI, who succeeded him, also showed his left profile, keeping to tradition as if Edward had not broken the sequence.

### How the sale happened

How do you value a coin so sought-after and so rare? The Royal Mint, the Treasury-owned business that strikes coins for nations around the world, set up a service two years ago aiming to find and authenticate coins and precious metals. Its state-of-the-art lab, at the Mint in South Wales, contains x-ray machines and other technology that can easily spot a fake.

This collector services division acted as the go-between for the sale, for a cut of the price. Its experts found that the coin could be for sale, contacted the collector of sovereigns, and effectively acted as a broker for the deal.

Rebecca Morgan, head of the service, said: “The Royal Mint has an unbroken record of minting for 1,100 years so we’re uniquely placed to source historic, British coins for our customers. They can feel confident that it has been through the authentication checks and they have paid a fair price for it.”

Matt Curtis, also from the Royal Mint, said: “The Edward VIII sovereign is part of numismatic legend, belonging to a series of coins that were never meant to exist and were hidden from the public for decades. This sovereign is significant not only because of its rarity but because it sits at the heart of an international story and has been treasured by collectors in both the UK and US.”

The Mint may have helped to secure a record sale for a UK coin, ahead of a Queen Anne Vigo five-guinea coin, but it is still a long way short of the world record. The flowing hair dollar coin, the first issued by the US government, fetched more than \$10m (£7.5m) at auction in 2013.



## COMING EVENTS FOR WINTER / SPRING 2020

**May 22 – 24, Burlington,** Ontario Numismatic Association 58th Annual Convention, Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center, 3063 South Service Rd. Be sure to come out and enjoy a new spring convention with another great lineup of Educational Speakers, specialty club meetings, Kids table and auction. Check the web site for more details coming over the next few months!! For more information contact Robb McPherson, email [robb4640@outlook.com](mailto:robb4640@outlook.com), telephone 519-577-7206. Website: <https://www.the-on.ca/con2020.php>

**Feb. 22 – 23, Toronto,** Winter 2020 Torex, Hyatt Regency on King, 370 King St. W. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$7. Under 16 Free! *Numismatic excellence since 1962, featuring Canada's finest dealers in Canadian, ancient, and foreign coins, paper money, coin and paper money supplies and reference books.* Official auctioneer is The Canadian Numismatic Company. Auction viewing begins on Friday. For more information contact Brian Smith, email [brian@torex.net](mailto:brian@torex.net), telephone 416-705-5348. Website: <http://www.torex.net>

**Mar. 8, Mississauga,** Mississauga Coin & Stamp Show, John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5 at door (youth under 16 years of age free). Fully accessible with free parking. *Over 30 dealers & 60 dealer tables. Canadian and world coins, stamps, paper money, tokens, medals, trade dollars, official Mint products, hobby supplies, reference books and much more. Buy, sell, trade, appraise.* For more information contact Les Plonka, email [leszekp@rogers.com](mailto:leszekp@rogers.com), telephone 416-505-7999. Website: <http://www.troyakclub.com>

**Mar. 21, Cambridge,** 29th Annual Cambridge Coin Show, Cambridge Newfoundland Club, 1500 Dunbar Rd. Hours: Sat. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission! Voluntary cash donations will be gladly accepted at the door in support the Cambridge Self Help Food Bank. Fully accessible with free parking and a convenient lunch counter. *A significant portion of the show proceeds will be donated to the CSHFB and RCNA to benefit the local community and help promote numismatics.* For more information contact Brent Mackie, email [coinshow@waterloocoinsociety.com](mailto:coinshow@waterloocoinsociety.com). Website: <http://www.waterloocoinsociety.com/events.php>

**Apr. 4 – 5, Mississauga,** Spring 2020 National Postage Stamp & Coin Show, Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale hotel, 6750 Mississauga Rd. Hours: Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 0 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is \$4 on Saturday and free on Sunday. Parking is free. Presented by *Canadian Coin News* and *Canadian Stamp News.* The show features 50-plus professional coin and stamp dealers from across Canada. For more information contact Mike Walsh, email [info@trajan.ca](mailto:info@trajan.ca), telephone 1-800-408-0352. Website: <http://www.stampandcoinshow.com>

**Apr. 5, Chatham,** Kent Coin Club Spring Coin Show, Active Lifestyle Centre, 20 Merritt Ave. Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission and parking are free. *The Club gives a free token or foreign coin to all children who attend the show. There are about 25 dealer tables of coins and paper money plus hourly draws and a raffle. Food is also available on site.* For more information contact Roger Bechard, telephone 519-360-9900.

**Apr. 17 – 19, Montréal, QC** Spring Nuphilex, McGill University New Residence Hall, 3625 Parc Ave. Hours: April 17-18 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., April 19 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Early-bird admission, which begins Friday at 8 a.m., is \$25. Admission is \$5 on April 17-18 and free on April 19. *The Spring 2020 Nuphilex combined coin and stamp show will feature*

*more than 50 dealers and 75 tables of coins, banknotes, stamps and supplies.* For more information contact Emmanuel Andreou, email [montrealnuphilex@gmail.com](mailto:montrealnuphilex@gmail.com), telephone 514-889-7740. Website: <http://www.nuphilex.com>

**Apr. 25, Kingston,** The Kingston Numismatic Association and Kingston Stamp Club present the Eastern Ontario Spring Stamp and Coin Festival, Crossroads United Church, 690 Sir John A. Macdonald Blvd. Hours: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission and parking are free. *Buy direct from club members, who will have tables to buy, sell and trade stamps and coins.* For more information contact Trevor Beresford, email [trevor.beresford@sympatico.ca](mailto:trevor.beresford@sympatico.ca), telephone 613-544-0272.

**May 1 – 2, Toronto,** Spring 2020 Toronto Coin Expo, Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St. Located on the 2nd floor. Hours: Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission \$6, under 16 free. *Join us at Canada's premier coin and banknote show and auction, representing Canada, United States, and the world of collectable currencies. Featuring 30+ internationally renowned coin and banknote dealers. This is the place in Canada to buy, sell, trade. Appraisals with internationally renowned dealers in coins, banknotes, tokens, medals, militaria, gold, silver and jewelry.* Partnering with Geoffrey Bell Auctions; April 30-May 1, 2020. For more information contact Jared Stapleton, email [torontocoinexpo@gmail.com](mailto:torontocoinexpo@gmail.com), telephone 647-403-7334. Website: <http://www.torontocoinexpo.ca>

**May 3, Windsor,** Windsor Coin Club 69th Annual Spring Coin Show, Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Ave. Hours: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission and parking are free, and the venue is wheelchair accessible. *Draws for free hourly door prizes plus 40 dealer tables to buy, sell and trade Canadian currency, foreign currency, paper money and more.* For more information contact Margaret Clarke, email [mtclarke@mnsi.net](mailto:mtclarke@mnsi.net), telephone 519-735-0727. Website: <http://www.windsorcoinclub.com>

**May 3, Timmins,** Annual Timmins Coin & Stamp Show, McIntyre Community Centre, 85 McIntyre Rd. in the downstairs Lion's Den. Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission and parking are free. *This is Ontario's most northern annual coin and stamp show and is well-attended by collectors around Northeast Ontario. It features several dealers, silent auctions, exhibits, club tables and door prizes.* For more information contact Kevin Montgomery, email [goldfind@eastlink.ca](mailto:goldfind@eastlink.ca).

**May 9, North York,** North York Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Edithvale Community Centre, 131 Finch Avenue W. Hours: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Free admission and parking plus a wheelchair-accessible facility. *Dealers offering all sorts of collectibles from coins to paper money, tokens, Canadian Tire scrip and more. Buy, sell, trade or evaluate with light refreshments on site. Please join us for our annual community event.* For more information contact William O'Brien, email [coinshow@northyorkcoinclub.com](mailto:coinshow@northyorkcoinclub.com), telephone 416-897-6684. Website: <http://www.northyorkcoinclub.com>

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