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North York Coin Club

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi again fellow Members:

Thank you to those of us who brought guests to the last meeting. We had 3 guests, 2 of whom have indicated they would like to join. Imagine what would happen if this was the same every month. In just 1 year, we possibly could almost double the size of the Club. I am sure those who came will tell other friends and hopefully collectors.

I have not heard from anyone regarding what direction you want the Club to take or what programs or speakers you would like to have. So, please submit a few ideas, as we want to have an interesting year.

Now on a serious note! Having recently had a theft from my own home that went un-noticed for almost 3 months, I would like to bring up the topic of security for discussion at the next meeting, maybe we should have a security professional come and speak with us at a future meeting. I have no doubt, that as collectors we all have similar concerns. Let me know what you think.

What would you think about re-starting a program of Coin Shows in the local Malls or even at the old North York City Hall in the main walk through? It would give us a chance to put the Club "front and centre" to many hundreds of people that walk through each day.

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday March 28, 2006

We start gathering at 7:30 pm with meeting start scheduled at 8:00 pm.

TOPICS: RICK CRAIG will talk about
GOVERNOR GENERAL MEDALS

Don't forget to bring numismatic material for the Auction.

At the Mississauga club we have in our newsletter, a section for "Items Wanted / For Sale", what's your response to having this in our Newsletter.

We need from the membership, a Delegate for the up-coming ONA Convention, who would like to volunteer for this.

And finally, our sales of ONA Dream Vacation tickets have not been good. At the next meeting please dig deep and buy a book of 6 tickets for \$10 or split a book with another person and spend \$5 each. The winning prize has a value of \$1,500.00 or \$1,250.00 in cash. Think what you could buy with that! The NYCC also benefits by getting \$2 per each book sold by our members.

See you at the next meeting.

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COMING EVENTS

2006 ONA Convention, April 21 to 23, Best Western Lamplighter Inn, 591 Wellington Rd. S., London. Host club; St. Thomas Numismatic Association.
Bourse floor opens at 10:00 am on April 22 & 23. Admission: \$3.

2 Auctions by Jeffrey Hoare. Coin auction at 7:00 pm on April 21, Military Auction at 11:30 am on April 23. *For more information contact Tom Rogers at (519) 451-2316.*

For Convention Registration see the form below.

EONS, March 31-April 2, Days Inn Convention Centre, 33 Benson St., Kingston. *Hours; Fri. 2 pm to 6 pm, Sat. 9:30 am to 5:30 pm, Sun. 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Admission \$4. Coin auction on Saturday at 7 pm. For more information, contact Ted at tedscollectables@bellnet.ca*

2006 CNA Convention, July 20-23, Sheraton Fallsview Hotel & Convention Centre, 6755 Fallsview Blvd., Niagara Falls. *For more information contact CNA: www.canadian-numismatic.org*

MEETING NEWS OF THE FEBRUARY 2006 MEETING

The 512th meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on February 28, 2006 at the Edithvale Community Centre, North York, Ontario. This was the Club's 46th anniversary meeting.

The meeting was brought to order at 8:05 p.m. with our President, Nick Cowan, in the chair and 26 members and 3 guests in attendance.

Avram Zak missed the on-time-attendance draw for \$2 and the pot goes to \$4 for the March meeting.

The minutes of the January 24, 2006 meeting were read by the Secretary and approved. Len Kuenzig presented a financial report for the month. The President passed the news that Paul Johnson's mother had passed away suddenly at the end of the previous week and that a sympathy card has been sent on behalf of the Club.

The^s Torex and Oshawa shows had taken place since the previous meeting. It was reported that bad weather and poor driving conditions kept most out-of-towners away from Torex. As is typical, Saturday morning was the busiest time. The C.N.A. held a mini-education forum on Saturday afternoon and the moderate turnout caused a discussion format to be used, which was seen as a benefit to those in attendance. It was also reported that the Oshawa show, held at the 5 Points Mall, was very busy with 32 dealer tables.

This anniversary meeting was marked by two special presentations by the President. Albert Kasman, having completed 25 years of membership in the Club, was presented with a Lifetime membership. Annual dues already paid were refunded as a part of the presentation. Lucille Colson, having served the Club as secretary so faithfully and energetically for 33 years, was presented with a silver pen engraved "L. Colson NYCC Secretary."

A special treat for the evening was video of some early North York events. It was a pity that Roger Fox could not attend because it was his work that brought the video to the Club. He used the family camera to film the events and then recently made the arrangements to transfer those films to VHS video. Included in the video were the 1962 Christmas Party, the 1963

Coin Show and Banquet, and Christmas parties from 1963, 1965 and 1966. It was wonderful to see so many old members, most no longer with us, and those that are, looking so much younger.

There followed a break, with refreshments prepared by Bill O'Brien, cake organized by Lucille Colson and donuts donated by Nick Cowan.

ONA President Tom Rogers was in attendance and took to the floor with an invitation to the annual convention hosted by the St. Thomas Coin Club to be held in London. He called for interested members to mount exhibits and displayed the medal for the convention.

The auction was conducted by Bob Porter with Mark Argentino serving as clerk and Vince Chiappino as runner. It alternated with the evening's Lucky Draw called by Bill O'Brien. The Club earned \$29 through the sale of draw tickets and \$8.80 from the auction. Lucky Draw winners were Jim Heifetz (2), Paul Petch (2), Franco Farronato, Shawn Hamilton, Vince Chiappino, Norman G. Gordon, Tony Hine, Bob Wilson, Norm Belsten, Russ Brown and one of our guests. The Club thanks those who donated draw prize material.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. and a reminder of the March 14 Executive meeting from President Nick Cowan.

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Lucky Draw winners were Avner Bar-Moshe (2), Nick Cowan (2), George Fraser, Bob Wilson, Norman G. Gordon, Vince Chiappino, Bill O'Brien (2), Franco Farronato and David Meranda. The Club thanks those who donated draw prize material.

Many thanks to Frank Zahra for his donation of \$15.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS

Applications for membership were received from Vic Shewchuk and Leonid Gurev. If no objections are received they will become members #524 and #525 respectively.

THE CANADIAN COINAGE.

An Indianapolis newspaper has made the "surprising and significant" discovery that the only gold coinage in Canada is that of the United States, and also that gold from the Canadian mines in Yukon and elsewhere can only be disposed of by sending it to the United States Mints. And this paper (*the Ottawa Journal in January, 1911*) expresses considerable wonder at this condition of affairs.

As a matter of fact, the British sovereign, according to the Currency Act, is the standard of value in the Canadian currency system, although as a matter of convenience the gold of the United States is allowed to pass as legal tender. And this same convenience has led to the complete withdrawal of the sovereign—legal tender though it may be from Canadian circulation.

The American newspaper is also incorrect in saying that Canadian gold had to be sent to the United States. In the past and at present anyone may bring gold in any quantity to the Canadian Mint, and have it minted, at a very small cost, into English sovereigns, identical with the British mould, except for the small "C" which indicates its Canadian origin.

In a short time Canadian gold pieces in quantity will be turned out from the Canadian Mint, and as soon as these are available for all Canada, they will naturally supersede the American gold. Whether it will be necessary for the government to take action through the banks to hasten the return of this gold to the United States, or whether it will naturally find its way there, remains to be seen. Canada, however, will welcome the time when the entire coinage of this country shall bear the

Canadian stamp. That time has already been too long in arriving.

ROYAL CANADIAN MINT ISSUES NEW PRODUCTS FEATURING COINS FROM POPULAR SERIES

Ottawa, Ontario, February 27, 2006 — Today the Royal Canadian Mint officially released its newest line of collector products, featuring new issues from popular series. These ongoing series include the 99.999% Pure Gold coin series, the smallest gold coins produced by the Royal Canadian Mint series, the National Parks of Canada series, and the Mint's Golden Flowers series.

Featured products in the Mint's new collection include the 2006 Pure Gold coin- Iris Versicolor, the 2006 1/25 oz Gold coin- Cowboy, the 2006 National Parks coin- Nahanni, and the 2006 50-cent Sterling Silver coin- Golden Daisy. Also part of the new line are the 2006 Architectural Treasures- CN Tower coin (*shown below*) and the 2006 Coin and Stamp Set- Sable Island Horse and Foal.



"This latest collection of exciting numismatic products is comprised of series that have a broad appeal and special meaning to collectors," said Marguerite F. Nadeau, Q.C., Acting President and C.E.O. of the Royal Canadian Mint.

Here are some of the featured coins that are part of the Royal Canadian Mint's newest collection.

2006 PURE GOLD COIN- IRIS VERSICOLOR

Past and Present Bloom Together- The Blue Flag

This coin features Quebec's official floral emblem, the Iris versicolor, a springtime flower that is native to the province. The flower, appropriately called the Blue Flag, has the distinctive shape and arresting blue tones that make it the perfect floral emblem for Quebec. The province officially adopted it in 1999.

The coin, bearing a 350-dollar face value, is the ninth in a series of provincial flowers that began in 1998. The coin is crafted in 99.999% pure gold and hand polished to proof perfection. The coin is limited to a reduced worldwide mintage of 2,006, and is available for \$1,295.95 CND.

2006 1/25 OZ GOLD COIN- COWBOY

This coin showcases an original design by Canadian artist Michelle Grant that depicts a contemporary saddle bronc with a rider and a stylized maple leaf underneath. The coin design celebrates not only the past, but also the modern cowboy that remains a vital part of today.

This 99.99% pure gold coin bears a face value of 50 cents, and has a limited worldwide mintage of 25,000. It is the third coin in the series of smallest gold coins ever produced by the Royal Canadian Mint. The previous two coins in the series were the 2004 Moose coin, which sold out at the Mint, and the 2005 Voyageur coin. It is available for \$69.95 CND.

2006 NATIONAL PARKS- NAHANNI

This coin features a grizzly bear roaming the Nahanni National Park Reserve of Canada, a remote wilderness treasure located North of the 60th parallel in the Northwest Territories. The coin also features superior sculpting that captures the powerful beauty of the reserve's Virginia Falls, characterised by a vertical drop almost twice that of Niagara Falls.

The Nahanni coin, which is the fourth coin in a series depicting Canada's National Parks, is composed of 99.99% silver. It has a face value of 20 dollars

and is limited to a worldwide mintage of 15,000. The coin is available for \$69.95 CND.



2006 50-CENT STERLING SILVER COIN- GOLDEN DAISY

This coin features the Ox-eye Daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare*), a perennial herb found throughout the world. The daisy is known for both its healing properties as well as for its reputation as an undesirable weed that has spread to 40 countries from its native Europe. Despite these concerns, there is nothing quite like a crown of daisies or a vase full of its cheerful blooms.

This 50-cent coin is composed of sterling silver with selective gold plating. It was minted with the same artistic flair and technical precision as the other coins in this series, such as the 2005 Golden Rose, and the 2004 Easter Lily. The Golden Daisy coin has a worldwide mintage of 23,000 and is available for \$36.95 CND.

All coins feature the portrait of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by Susanna Blunt on the obverse.

MINT TICKLED PINK OVER COLOUR COIN

From CP, February 22, 2006

OTTAWA -- The Royal Canadian Mint is planning another foray into the business of producing coloured coins for general circulation.

The mint is planning its second coloured circulation coin for the fall that will mark national breast cancer awareness month in October. The 25-cent piece will feature four breast-cancer ribbons on one side, with the centre ribbon coloured pink.

The mint declined to provide any information on the new coin.

The last time the mint added a splash of colour to a circulating coin -- the red poppy quarter distributed in fall 2004 -- technical glitches plagued the production runs and its president was hauled before a House of Commons committee.

(Many thanks to Paul Petch for submitting the articles above. Ed.)

US INKS NEW BILL

by Ian Robertson
Toronto Sun, March 5, 2006.



Canadians heading south for spring fun and sun will soon be offered redesigned American \$10 bills with security features officials hope will thwart counterfeiters.

Released Thursday by the Federal Reserve- to be followed soon by shipments to foreign banks -the notes continue to use a portrait of the U.S. Treasury's first secretary, Alexander Hamilton (1755-1804).

The new multi-coloured tenners show Hamilton's watermark portrait. They also display the Statue of Liberty's torch, metallic security threads, plus deeper-engraved printing done with colour-shifting ink.

"With many Canadians preparing to head south for March break this winter, the U.S. Treasury is eager to

raise awareness of the new appearance of their currency," Toronto spokesman Carrie O'Rourke said.

Shortly after the U.S. introduced \$100 Ben Franklin notes with his watermark in 1996, crude fakes with simulated security features were seized by the RCMP in Canada.

"Staying ahead of would-be counterfeiters is a top priority of the

US. -- in order to do that, our currency will need to be redesigned every seven to 10 years," U.S. Treasurer Anna Cabral stated.



2006 ONA CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

<u>QTY.</u>	<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
—	Main Registration Includes Copper souvenir convention medal, admission to bourse, Program of events, Dream Vacation draw ticket, admission to Friday night reception, unlimited visits to the Hospitality Suite	\$20.00	—
—	Spousal "Add-On" (a family member must be Main Registered).... Includes all of the above with the exception of the Copper souvenir Medal	\$10.00	—
—	Young Numismatist Registration..... Includes everything in the main registration kit with the exception of the Copper souvenir convention medal	\$5.00	—
—	Banquet (Saturday 6:30 p.m. cash bar: 7:00 p.m. dinner)..... Includes full-course dinner and a keynote speaker to be named later	\$35.00	—
—	Dream Vacation Draw tickets (buy 5, get 1 free).....	\$2.00	—
—	Official souvenir convention medals – Brass (only 40 struck).	\$10.00	—
—	Official souvenir convention medals - .999 Sterling silver (Only 35 struck)..... (Note that Copper convention medals are not available for Sale – they are only included with the Main Registrations.)	\$35.00	—

TOTAL (please make cheques payable to the 2006 ONA Convention). \$ _____

NAME OF MAIN OR YOUNG NUMISMATIST REGISTRANT;

NAME OF SPOUSAL REGISTRANT (if applicable):

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

If you have been appointed as a Delegate by a club, name club: _____

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