

## **Welcome to the C.N.A. E-Bulletin Number 1 – January 15, 2005**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to the first complimentary News bulletin of the Canadian Numismatic Association. It is being sent to well over 1,000 people whose e-mail addresses we have on file from all fields of numismatics: C.N.A. members and other collectors, dealers, executives of clubs and associations, addresses that were passed on to us by others, people that provided us with their e-mail addresses when either joining, renewing or ordering correspondence courses, etc.

We wish to point out is that this C.N.A. E-Bulletin are not just for people who collect Canadian coins, since we will cover a huge field of numismatics, including U.S. and elsewhere.

This is YOUR bulletin, and it is up to you to tell us what you would like to cover in future issues. It does not matter if you are a member of the C.N.A. or not.

If you do not wish to receive future complimentary bulletins, please send an e-mail to [cnanews@look.ca](mailto:cnanews@look.ca) and you will be removed immediately. But why not see what the next few issues contain? After all, they're absolutely free!

If you do get some enjoyment out of it and even wish to contribute, send us your comments, rantings and anything you can think of even remotely related to numismatics. Try not to be too serious most of the time. Given a choice on content, we will opt for lighthearted content that is informative rather than heavily educational, for fun rather than nothing but serious items.

We would be remiss in not thanking a few people who have made the publication of the C.N.A. E-Bulletin possible. The C.N.A. President, Charles "Chuck" Moore, originally proposed the idea at a meeting between himself, the First Vice-President of the C.N.A. and the C.N.A. Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary developed a proposal as to content and mailing list. Chuck Moore found a volunteer who agreed to turn out the first few bulletins until a permanent E-Bulletin Editor is appointed. To make the editor's job a lot easier, we hope that recipients will e-mail us with their stories, questions, news, responses to items, numismatic humor, etc. We have set up a dedicated e-mail address for this purpose: [cnanews@look.ca](mailto:cnanews@look.ca) .

We solicit additional e-mail addresses from everyone so that we can add them to our mailing list. Note that recipients cannot see any other e-mail addresses so everyone's confidentiality is protected.

### **CONTENT**

We have a lot of ideas what we want to include. We have gathered up tidbits of the sort of newsy and informative things we think you will want to know about in future issues. It is obviously not meant to replace the scholarly CN Journal that is sent to C.N.A. members. Since we do not expect to put the contents into any sort of order, you will never know what to expect next as you keep on reading.

We would like to tell you about our plans for the C.N.A. E-Bulletin so that you can comment on what else you might wish to see included, or what you do NOT wish to read about. We expect to e-mail it on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month from now on. Some of the contents envisioned, in no particular order, are:

- News about numismatic personalities, including congratulations for receipt of awards, engagements, weddings, births, get well, passing, etc.
- Coin club activities and the people behind them. The best way we can include this sort of information is to have clubs send their bulletins to the E-mail Bulletin Editor so we can glean information from them. Note that the copy of bulletins currently sent by C.N.A. member clubs to the C.N.A. Club Services Chairman should continue to be sent to him, with a second copy going to: C.N.A. E-Bulletin Editor, 4936 Yonge St., Suite 601, North York, ON M2N 6S3. If you send out your bulletin electronically, please add [cnanews@look.ca](mailto:cnanews@look.ca) to your list.
- Behind-the-scenes information obtained from various sources such as the Royal Canadian Mint, Bank of Canada, U.S. Mint and a-hundred-and-one other places.
- Funny numismatic headlines culled from the numismatic press, as well as funny headlines published about money from the non-numismatic press.
- Timely reminders on upcoming events such as major coin shows, annual club banquets or milestones.
- Letters to the C.N.A. E-Bulletin Editor of interest to others.
- Details about interesting Websites.
- Details on new Canadian numismatic issues not normally covered by the CN Journal such as local coin club medals and woods, private issues such as trade dollars and civic medallions. We would include pricing and how to order them if clubs make us aware of their availability, providing the seller is non-profit.
- Information about numismatic museums such late breaking news about the National Currency Collection in Ottawa and the museums at the ANA and ANS, etc.
- Light-hearted and funny material of a numismatic nature.
- Interesting articles reprinted from the non-numismatic press that we deem of interest to collectors.
- Double-speak or ridiculous statements made about the hobby.
- Tips that can make the your numismatic life simpler.
- Reviews of audiovisual programs available from the C.N.A. Audio Visual Lending Library.
- More numismatically-related light-hearted and funny stuff.
- Synopsis of numismatic books and catalogues available from the C.N.A. Book Lending Library.
- News about C.N.A. committees and the people behind them: Coin Kids, Education, Club Services, Editor, Executive Secretary, Website Coordinator, Building Fund and Past Presidents Committees.
- Announcements from dealers of benefit to collectors. Although we will not allow commercialism to creep into this bulletin, we will consider, for example, the inclusion of the availability of free "worthwhile" catalogues, providing we or someone we know has the opportunity to review it first.
- Did we mention funny stuff?

### **A SHORT PRIMER ON THE CANADIAN BANKING SYSTEM**

We just can't resist repeating part of a column by Bernie O'Neill, a columnist for The North York Mirror, that explains to our U.S. friends in a very easy-to-understand way how the Canadian banking system works.

"Like a lot of people, I was fascinated by the story this week of the single mom of six kids who found \$40,000 in a bag on the street AND RETURNED IT!

"In fact she didn't even return it to the owner, but rather looked up and saw a nearby bank, and correctly figured banks are the only ones who have any money these days anyway, it must belong to them.

"So she gave it to them! (At this point we are all sitting here, our jaws dropping.)

"The bank in turn gave her a \$2,000 reward for returning the money, even though they said it wasn't their money – if only to encourage the idea that anyone who finds a bag of money falling from the sky and landing in their lap, should give it to a bank, since according to current Canadian laws, banks are the only ones allowed to possess any money anyway. The rest of us not only have no money, we also owe the banks all money we have not yet earned, to pay for homes and cars and food and what have you, which are all bought with loans or on credit.

"This is called the Canadian Banking System."

Hey, wait a minute, doesn't that also sound like the American Banking System?

### **APPEAL FOR ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN FUTURE ISSUES**

We hope that a lot of the content will emanate from our readers. Please take a moment from time-to-time and let us know what you and your local coin clubs are up to, what awards you and others have received, interesting items that you read in your local newspapers...the list is virtually endless what we are willing to include if you make us aware of them. We are not restricted to a certain length. After all, it costs no more to e-mail out a 10-page bulletin than it does a 2-pager.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Drop us a note at [cnanews@look.ca](mailto:cnanews@look.ca) to report items of interest.

This section is a bit long this first time around because we have a little catching up to do. In no particular order:

To the Waterloo Coin Society of Waterloo, Ontario who held their 500<sup>th</sup> meeting in December.

To the Windsor Coin Club who also celebrated their 500th meeting in December.

To Larry White for receiving the first Jean Bullen Award for his exhibit at the 2004 C.N.A. Convention entitled "Circulating Commemorative Coins of Canada." Jean Bullen willed \$5,000.00 US to establish a fund for the best Canadian decimal exhibit at a C.N.A. Convention. In view of her multiple wins of not only best Canadian decimal displays at Conventions but also Best of Shows, the C.N.A. Executive saw fit to establish the award in her name. A special die was created by Pressed Metal Products of Vancouver, BC to strike the 2" medal in .999 silver. Larry also set up the display at the 2004 ANA Convention in Pittsburgh and walked away with 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Canadian Coins and Currency category as well as the John Jay Pittman Sr. Memorial trophy.

To C.N.A. member Harry Eisenhauer, who was presented with an honorary life membership by the Halifax Regional Coin Club at the 2004 convention of the Atlantic Provinces Numismatic Association in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. He was only the second recipient of this honour since the Halifax club was founded in 1958 (the other was C.N.A. life member Harold Don Allen). Harry's support of organized numismatics is well-known and much appreciated.

To Ken Bressett on being named 2004 ANA Numismatist of the Year. Anyone that has been involved in the hobby for even a short time knows who he is. Probably one of the top dozen numismatic "names" in North America if not around the world.

To Dan Gosling, C.N.A. Associate Editor and Associate Webmaster, who was selected as an instructor at the 2004 Summer Seminar hosted by the A.N.A. in Colorado Springs, Colorado. His topic "An Introduction to Canadian Numismatics" included decimal coinage, paper money, Colonial tokens, numismatic literature, commemoratives, minting errors and die varieties. Each student received a copy of the CNA/NESA Correspondence Course and the hardcover book "*A Half Century of Advancement in Numismatics*" detailing the history of the C.N.A. (For information on upcoming A.N.A. seminars, contact ANA Education Director, Gail Baker, at [baker@money.org](mailto:baker@money.org).)

To C.N.A. Member Walter Allan of Oakville, Ontario, on his multiple awards received at the International Paper Money Show in Memphis. He received the Dr. Glenn Jackson Memorial Award for an outstanding article about bank note essays, proofs, specimens, and the engravers who created them (his extraordinary article, "A pictorial Review of the Development of the Canadian Bank of Commerce Note Issues that portray the paintings of A. E. Foringer," appeared in The Canadian Paper Money Society Journal). He also received the Julian Blanchard Memorial Exhibit Award for the exhibit in Memphis which best typifies the relationship between proofs, specimens, essays, and bank notes and other syngraphic items (for his exhibit "A.E. Foringer Designs Used on the Canadian Bank of Commerce Notes"). The Stephen R. Taylor Best-in-Show Exhibit Award, awarded to the best exhibit at the International Paper Money Show in Memphis, was also awarded to him for the same exhibit. To the great delight of 2004 C.N.A. convention-goers, Walter set up his award-winning display of this unique material at the recent C.N.A. Convention on a non-competitive basis.

To C.N.A. member club Calgary Numismatic Society and their editor, Neil Probert, for tying for second place out of all the submissions made from around the world for the Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Award. They were beaten out only by the Metropolitan Coin Club of Atlanta (Georgia) Newsletter, and tying with the San Diego (California) Numismatic Society Bulletin.

To the E-Sylum, the E-bulletin of the Numismatic Bibliomania Society and their Editor, Wayne Homren, on receiving the ANA's Best Electronic Newsletter. We will try to give them a real good run for their money in 2005!

To John Regitko, Executive Secretary of the C.N.A. for receiving the ANA Presidential Award from Gary E. Lewis, President of the American Numismatic Association. John, a Past President of the C.N.A., has been involved with the hobby for 42 years. He is well-known as a collector and author of articles on Canadian error coins and is an instructor at the popular one-day seminars at the CNA/NESA courses at Humber College in Toronto. His previous awards include the Ferguson Gold Medal (the highest award in Canadian numismatics), the C.N.A.'s Fellow Award and the Award of Merit from the Ontario Numismatic Association. He received the Best Local Coin Club Bulletin Award from the A.N.A. three years in a row when he was Editor of the Toronto Coin Club, a feat never before accomplished in the history of the A.N.A. (he also received the best editor award from the C.N.A. for 3 years running, again for the first time). He is currently Executive Secretary of the C.N.A., a position he has held since July of 2002.

To the various recipients that were honored at the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC) for their volunteer work for the Association and the advancement of wooden money collecting. Among the recipients of Certificates of Appreciation

were C.N.A. members Al Munro, Jerry Remick and John Regitko. Others also honored with a Certificate of Appreciation were Alf Wrigley and Lou Vesh.

To Glenn Rodger and Lou Vesh, who were presented with Honorary CAWMC Life Memberships for their many years of service to the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors.

To the Currency Museum of the Bank of Canada, who was the recipient of the Canadian Museum Association Award for Outstanding Achievement in Educational Programming for its school program, Inflation Busters. The project won over strong competition because it is nationally significant, exceeds the current standard of practice, and demonstrates creativity, leadership and effective use of resources. Designed to complement curriculums in economics and business across the country, the program was developed by a dedicated and diverse group of museum professionals, Bank of Canada employees, and Ottawa teachers. Work is now underway on a multimedia version of Inflation Busters that will make the program accessible to students across the country. The prototype is in the works and the finished product will be available to classrooms in 2005. For further information, go to [www.bankofcanada.ca](http://www.bankofcanada.ca) and follow the links to press releases.

To Johnny Johnson, who was honored by the Ottawa Coin Club for his long service and dedication to the club, particularly in ensuring the timely production and distribution of the club's monthly bulletin.

To the Currency Museum of the Bank of Canada's National Currency Collection, located in Ottawa, Ontario, who promoted a special day at the Museum. During "Collecting Day," visitors were invited to bring in coins for identification. The press release stated: "Collecting is fun! Join us for a special day. Come meet our experts, have your currency identified, and find out how to start your own collection." For information on the Bank of Canada's National Currency Collection, visit [www.currencymuseum.ca](http://www.currencymuseum.ca).

To Richard Johnson, who was recently appointed editor of The Numismatist, official publication of the Ontario Numismatic Association (ONA). Johnson and his wife publish a weekly community newspaper in Stratford, Ontario, called Inside Stratford/Perth. He joined the Stratford Coin Club in 1995, has served the club as President and is currently their Bulletin Editor and Treasurer. He also presently serves as Area Director for the ONA. "It is my hope to be able to produce a Bulletin that maintains the high standards set by John Regitko" is part of a quote from Johnson's first Editor's Message, referring to the time that the current C.N.A. Executive Secretary held the position.

To Dwayne Barnett-Ritcey, who was appointed editor of the bulletin of the South Wellington Coin Society of Rockwood, Ontario. We couldn't help but notice that he is carrying on in the same award-winning style as the previous editor, Gordon Parker, with color on a number of pages. With the cost of color printing coming down all the time, it's a great way to go for even smaller clubs.

To the C.N.A. member William "Bill" Popynick of Plantation, Florida who was recently awarded an Honorary Life Membership in the Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers (CAND). Bill currently serves as Central U.S. Director of the C.N.A.

To William "Bill" Merkley of London, Ontario who has been appointed Chairman of the Dealer Control Committee for the Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers (CAND). One of his responsibilities is to rectify and deal with complaints against members, if any. CAND is a non-

profit association of professional numismatists organized in 1975. Their function is to ensure a high degree of professionalism by its members. Each CAND member has signed a strict code of ethics, which is enforceable by their by-laws. CAND members are engaged in the retail numismatic trade, primarily in Canadian numismatics, and may conduct business from anywhere in the world. CAND members include coin dealers, show operators, publishers, supply manufacturers, bullion dealers, foreign exchange dealers, auctioneers, paper money dealers, and foreign coin and paper money dealers. CAND features a mechanism for redress of grievances against members, and a performance fund for at least partial compensation to wronged collectors should the dealer be unable to fulfill his obligation. For a list of members, how to apply for membership or other information about CAND, go to [www.cand.org](http://www.cand.org) .

To U.S. Mint Director Henrietta Holsman Fore, recipient of the ANA 2004 Outstanding Government Service Award, for her contributions to and achievements in numismatics and for advancing the interests of coin collectors.

To David M. Sundman, president of Littleton Coin Company of New Hampshire, recipient of the ANA Dealer Booster Award. He sponsored 1,457 new members in one year.

To ANA Governor and past ANA President John W. Wilson, recipient of the Albert L. Baber Memorial Award for Membership Recruitment, who signed up 65 new members. Also recognized as “member boosters” were past ANA Governors Patricia Finner and Nancy Wilson, with 41 and 40 new members, respectively. (How many people have YOU signed up in the last year for your favorite numismatic organizations?)

To Clifford Mishler, probably best known for his nearly 40 years with Krause Publications, in being inducted into the ANA’s Hall of Fame. Mishler joined Krause Publishing in 1962 and was named executive vice president in 1975, president in 1991 and chairman of the board in 2000, retiring in 2003. He is the recipient of the ANA Medal of Merit (1983), Farran Zerbe Memorial Award of Distinguished Service (1984), Glenn Smedley Memorial Award (1991), Presidential Award (1994 and 1998), Lifetime Achievement Award (1997) and Numismatist of the Year Award (2002). He also received numerous awards from other organizations such as Token and Medal Society, Society for International Numismatists and Numismatists of Wisconsin.

To C.N.A. Western U.S. Director, Michael “Stan” Turrini, who has been named Outstanding Adult Advisor by the A.N.A. in recognition of his noteworthy work in encouraging and assisting young numismatists. Besides serving the C.N.A. as well as Regional Coordinator for Northern California for the A.N.A., this well-known and well-respected collector is a seemingly tireless resource of advice and assistance for more than 50 numismatic organizations. A schoolteacher by profession, Stan believes in the power of education for the young, as well as the young at heart.

To Margo Russell, who recently received the Burnett Anderson Memorial Award for Excellence in Numismatic Writing. It is presented annually to a researcher, author or journalist in recognition of his or her career contributions to numismatics and is judged on the recipient’s body of work. Krause Publications sponsors the award, and the recipient is selected in a cooperative process by the ANA, American Numismatic Society and Numismatic Literary Guild. Margo was recognized for her outstanding contributions by the numismatic community as a journalist, volunteer and hobby advocate. She started her career as a journalist at The Sidney Daily News in 1935 and later joined the staff of Coin World. She previously received the Numismatic Literary Guild’s “Clemy” award, the ANA’s Medal of Merit, Farran Zerbe Memorial

Award for Distinguished Service and Lifetime Achievement Award. In 1986 she was inducted into the ANA's Hall of Fame. She received an ANA Presidential Award in 1997.

To Jack and Jean Griffin on their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

To Stan Wright of Diverse Equities Inc. of Calgary, who has been appointed official auctioneer for the auction to be held in conjunction with the 2005 C.N.A. Convention in Calgary, Alberta. The convention is scheduled for July 20-24 with the bourse open July 21-23. Anyone that has seen the Diverse Equities auction catalogue from their recent auction held in conjunction with the Calgary Numismatic Society's annual show must have been impressed with its quality, their first foray into the world of auctions and auction catalogues. Not only was the quality of the photography excellent, but all illustrations of both coins and paper money were printed in color on glossy paper. For information on consigning material for the auction, Stan Wright can be contacted by e-mail at [stan@diverseequities.com](mailto:stan@diverseequities.com) or by telephone at (403) 230-9321. For information on the 2005 C.N.A. Convention, go to [www.canadian-numismatics.org](http://www.canadian-numismatics.org) and click on the 2006 Convention link.

To Dora de Pedery-Hunt, on celebrating her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday recently. She received unprecedented publicity when her design of Queen Elizabeth II was chosen to replace the foreign designs that graced Canada's coinage previously. The fact that she was the first Canadian to have designed the obverse, with the approval of the Queen, resulted in many write-ups in the numismatic as well as non-numismatic press. She recently took time out of her busy schedule designing and sculpting medals to attend a celebration in honor of her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday (she is still up by 6:00 a.m. every morning to carry on the work she has been doing for the past 40 year). The venue was the John B. Aird Gallery located within the McDonald Block, part of the Ontario Provincial Parliament Buildings located in downtown Toronto. The hosts were the Sculptors' Society of Canada (SSC) and the Medallic Art Society of Canada (MASC). Visitors were treated to works of art from 25 sculptors that were on display. As you would expect at an event honoring such a well-known and respected medallist/sculptor as Mrs. Hunt, a lot of well-known people were there, for example, the President of the Royal Society of the Arts, the President of MASC and the Chief Engraver of the Royal Canadian Mint. An elected representative of Toronto City Council, representing the Mayor of Toronto, was also on hand. Representing the numismatic hobby were John Regitko (C.N.A. Executive Secretary) and Paul Petch (C.N.A. 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. & Editor).

To Dr. Lane Brunner, who has joined the ANA with responsibilities of the coordinating and expanding the "Coins in the Classroom" program, which shows middle-school teachers how to use numismatics to augment curricula in social studies, mathematics and other disciplines. He will also work with educators and institutions to develop numismatic curriculum models and components for use at all educational levels. In announcing his appointment in a recent ANA Numismatist, he is quoted as saying: "My goal is not to turn students into coin collectors, but to acquaint them with the importance of coinage in history and to encourage them to look at coins differently, not just as units to spend."

To the Austria Mint, for having one of their coins selected as the 2004 Coin of the Year (COTY), an award sponsored by Krause Publications' World Coin News. The award, first presented in 1984, recognizes coins from around the world for excellence in craftsmanship, practicality and appeal. The Austrian Mint issued the first 5 Euro coin May 8, 2002 to commemorate the world's oldest existing zoo, located on the grounds of Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna, Austria, which recently celebrated 250 years. The 9-sided coin, which symbolically represents the nine federal provinces of Austria, shows the provincial coats-of-arms encircling the denomination "5" on one

side of the coin, while the other shows the Kaiserpavillon surrounded by various animals and birds. In 1752 the Emperor Franz I Stephen, husband of the famous Empress Maria Theresa, had a new menagerie built in the grounds of Schönbrunn Palace to accommodate exotic birds and animals which he received as gifts or had agents acquire for him. In the centre was the beautiful Kaiserpavillon (Emperor Pavilion) where the imperial family could breakfast or refresh themselves during the day. Around it there were 12 enclosures arranged for the animals. Today the Kaiserpavillon still forms the historic centre of the zoo. For the full write-up on the coin, go to [www.eurocollections.com/catalog/?product=379](http://www.eurocollections.com/catalog/?product=379) . Click on the obverse and reverse of the coin to view a blowup.

## **CONDOLENCES**

To the family of Ray May of Vancouver, BC, who passed away recently due to cancer of the stomach, apparently brought on by exposure to asbestos as an electrician in Alberta in the 1950's. Ray was an Area Director of the Canadian Numismatic Association. He served the North Shore Numismatic Society, in North Vancouver, in various capacities for many years. The North Shore Numismatic Society is planning to set up a memorial in Ray's name and will, in some manner yet to be determined by the club executive, use the funds to promote the hobby of coin collecting which he loved so much.

To the family of Loyd T. Smith on his passing. He served as President of the London (Ontario) Numismatic Society and served on the Executive of the Ontario Numismatic Association in various key positions, including President. He also popularized the hobby through his numismatic column in London's daily newspaper.

To the family of Robert Voaden on his recent passing. Bob was involved with the St. Catharines Coin Club and served in various capacities on the executive of the Ontario Numismatic Association over many years.

To Tom Masters, long-time President and Editor of the Ingersoll (Ontario) Coin Club, on the recent passing of his brother.

To Gary Moran, President of the Ohio State Numismatic Association, on the recent passing of his wife, Karen.

To the family of Bev Williams who passed away recently in his sleep at age 83. Williams was one of the original members of the North Shore Numismatic Society of North Vancouver, British Columbia.

## **WELL WISHES**

To George Storey, Treasurer of the North Shore Numismatic Society, on a speedy recovery from knee surgery. We were sorry to read in their bulletin that he felt the need to resign as Treasurer at this time.

To Harry Spice, an Ontario coin dealer, best wishes for a speedy recovery following throat surgery.

To Jack Griffin, who is out of the hospital and recovering nicely.

To Joan Flood, Vice President of the Ingersoll (Ontario) Coin Club. We hope that by now she is out of that leg cast.



## **LONDON (ONTARIO) CLUB CHANGES MEETING LOCATIONS**

Effective with their January 2005 meeting, the London (Ontario) Numismatic Society has moved to a new location. They will be meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at the Loblaw's Masonville Community Room (upstairs), located at the N/E corner of Fanshawe Rd. and Richmond St. in London.

## **AMERICA'S MOST WANTED FEATURES SHOOTING OF COIN DEALER**

A recent episode of America's Most Wanted with John Walsh, featured Jordon Allgood, a Utah dealer that was killed in his coin shop. The TV program showed the video surveillance tape that had the robber walk into the store, pull out a gun and shoot Allgood without any warning, tied him up and then proceeded to take coins, including a large quantity of U.S. gold coins, from the vault.

Before Allgood succumbed to his gunshot wound, he called 911 but the killer got away before police arrived.

The police figure the best way of apprehending the killer is if he attempts to sell the coins. Standing out of the hoard, other than the supply of gold coins, is a U.S. 1909 S VDB cent and a set of 6 coins from 1960 from the Philippines.

The Website of America's Most Wanted is [www.amw.com](http://www.amw.com).

## **BEFORE THE COURTS**

A little short: British bankruptcy history was made in 1978 by Mr. William Stern. The 43-year-old property dealer's assets totaled £10,700. His total liabilities were in excess of £100,000,000 sterling. This bankruptcy was described, at the time, the world's biggest.

This escape backfired: In the course of his duties, a Dutch veterinary surgeon was required to treat an ailing cow. To investigate its internal gases, he inserted a tube into the backside of the animal and struck a match. We will let you use your imagination here, but the jet of flame set fire first to some bales of hay and then to the whole barn. The vet was later fined \$280 for starting a fire in a manner that surprised even the judge. The incident caused \$90,000 damage to the barn. The cow escaped with shock.

## **WHAT BUGS YOU THE MOST?**

Has this ever happened to you: You took a streetcar or subway to attend a coin club meeting and came across a seat sprawler, parents ignoring undisciplined children, open-mouthed chewers and someone that left their garbage behind. After leaving the subway to walk to the meeting place, you had to contend with teenagers walking five abreast, spitting on the sidewalk and aggressive panhandling. At the meeting, you met the selfish cellphone yakker.

Or if you drove to the meeting, you came across the road hog and the kamikaze cyclists.

We have given you a few examples of the things you can encounter going to the meeting. We want to hear from you about some of the things you have encountered at coin club meetings, coin shows, in dealer shops or on the telephone when ordering merchandise from a coin dealer. Here is one to get you started: You visit a local coin shop where you are met by the inattentive sales clerk who is busy on the phone obviously talking to his girlfriend. Or, even worse, the pushy salesman.

Send your pet peeves to [cnanews@look.ca](mailto:cnanews@look.ca) and we will see if we can clean them up for publication. The best ones will receive collectible catalogues donated by Charlton Press.

## **POPULAR SHOW MOVES TO RAMADA PLAZA HOTEL IN HAMILTON**

Show organizers for the popular CAND Show have announced that they are moving to the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 150 King Street East (Level P3), Hamilton, Ontario. The Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers' membership consists of some of the finest professional dealers from Canada and the U.S.

Their next show is coming up on January 28 – 30, 2005. Dealer set-up is on Friday from 2:00 p.m. Auction viewing starts at 4:00 p.m. The show opens to the public on Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Jeffrey Hoare Auctions is holding numismatic auctions on Saturday, and a military auction on Sunday.

One of the popular features is the Young Numismatist Table where young collectors can purchase coin supplies, catalogues and numismatic material at give-away pricing of up to 90% discount.

Admission is free if you bring along \$4 or more worth of donations in non-perishable food items (\$2 for seniors) for the Hamilton Food Bank. Otherwise, the admission charge is \$4 for adults, \$2 for seniors. Young collectors are free.

CAND has made available a complimentary information table to the C.N.A. to promote membership in the Canadian Numismatic Association. Come to the show to meet various members of the C.N.A. Executive, including the President and Executive Secretary.

For information on the show or for bourse table information, contact Terry McHugh at (905) 318-6458 or at [info@cand.org](mailto:info@cand.org).

## **C.N.A. PAST-PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF SECURITY AT TALL SHIPS GALA**

Geoff Bell, Immediate Past-President of the C.N.A., was quite involved with the visit of the Tall Ships Visit to Halifax, Nova Scotia this past summer. He was responsible for the 500-or-so volunteer security personnel during the busy afternoon shift, taking care of medical emergencies, lost children, thefts, lost and found, and the like. Not only did his team have to reunite children with their parents, but also grandparents with their children.

And what was his wife, Sylvia, doing while this was going on? She was responsible for her own group of volunteers, registering about 700 people each day for 5 days to take care of uniforms, cooking and feeding the volunteers, filling vacancies when people did not show up for duty, and so much, much more.

Tall Ships came from virtually all over the globe. One of the ships that was present was Eagle, manned by trainee sailors from the U.S. Coast Guard. Visitors to the ship received an aluminum token. One side of the token featured the United States Coast Guard logo surrounded by the words "GOCOASTGUARD.COM – 1-877-NOW-USCG" around the perimeter. The other side featured the Tall Ship Eagle in the center, with the wording "U.S. COAST GUARD. BARQUE EAGLE – AMERICA'S TALL SHIP" around the perimeter.

Visiting the Website for the U.S. Coast Guard and other related sites to see if the medal was available via order led me to [www.store.yahoo.com/priorservice](http://www.store.yahoo.com/priorservice). Clicking on the only link that made sense, "Challenge Coins," it took me to a whole pile of so-called "coins" in bronze, but not the token obtained in Halifax. If you wish to obtain one of the medals handed out in Halifax, you

will have to go to [www.fieldtrip.com/ct](http://www.fieldtrip.com/ct) to find out when Eagle is moored in port at New London, Connecticut and when visiting hours are, then go visit them.

A few statistics about Eagle: it is 295 feet long and can go up to 17 knots, To maneuver it under sail, the crew must handle more than 22,000 square feet of sail and five miles of rigging. Over 200 lines control the sails and yards. Its steel hull is four-tenth of an in thick. It carries a training complement of 12 Officers, 38 crew and 150 cadets. It is the largest Tall Ship flying the Stars and Stripes and the only square-rigger in U.S. government service. It is the seventh U.S. Coast Guard cutter to bear the name in a line dating back to 1792. The ship was built in 1936 by the Blohm and Voss Shipyard In Hamburg, Germany, and commissioned as HORST WESSEL, one of three sail training ships operated by Nazi Germany to train cadets for the growing German Navy. Early in World War II Eagle was converted to a cargo ship, transporting men and supplies throughout the Baltic Sea. Following World War II, it was taken as a war prize by the United States and a U.S. Coast Guard crew -- aided by the German crew still on board -- sailed the tall ship in 1946 from Bremerhaven to its new homeport in New London, Connecticut. For the full story, visit [www.cga.edu/eagle/eagle](http://www.cga.edu/eagle/eagle) .

### **THERE REALLY IS A SANTA CLAUSE LIVING IN OTTAWA**

After hearing that the people who ordered rolls of poppy Quarters and Poppy sets and test tokens on the very first day they were available received them only at the beginning of December, we did not hold out much hope of receiving our order before Christmas.

No doubt the reason for the delay is that the staff at the Royal Canadian Mint have some real great winners on their hands, where demand is extremely high. We congratulate them on forecasting the demand that the Poppy would bring to the RCM.

Low and behold, our goods did arrive in plenty of time to place them not only under our own Christmas tree, but also in the stockings of friends and relatives. We wonder if our letter addressed to Santa Clause, c/o North Pole, postal code H0H 0H0 (no kidding!), had any effect?

### **NEW YEARS SUPERSTITIONS**

Okay, fess up. What New Years superstitions do you have?

We wound up at a New Years family gathering and just before midnight, I was told by various relatives to:

- a. rub a coin between my fingers
- b. wear a shirt with polka-dot design on it (the rounds signifies coins)
- c. pretend to stick paper money into my wallet

I was advised that by doing this, I would come into money. Each person was adamant that only their system worked. I have to admit that I was a bit skeptical, since everyone of the people has done this, by their own admission, year after year and were still waiting for it to work.

The conclusion is they did it, I did not. Let's see how each of us fares.

If you have heard of similar superstitions involving money and good fortune, drop us a note at [cnanews@look.ca](mailto:cnanews@look.ca) .

### **WHAT WOULD DEAR ABBY HAVE TO SAY?**

In a recent reprinted Dear Abby column, she was asked by a woman why her husband of one year could not forgive her after he caught her taking money out of his water jug turned piggy bank and spending it, even though she had her own water jug with coins. In her defense, she said that it was her intention to replace the \$250 face value as soon as she got a little bit ahead. Abby's response was that one of the secrets of a happy marriage is to learn to forgive each other. She suggested that sessions with the clergy that married them might be helpful, or a marriage counselor.

Let us ask you this: if your spouse raided your piggy bank that contained your change how would you react? But what if it was part of your coin collection that you hadn't gotten around to sorting yet? Could you ever forgive her if she was a little short and "borrowed" a couple of silver dollars? Or that 1909S VDB cent? After all, it looked worn and surely you must have some better ones somewhere.

### **FREE SERVICE TO CLUBS**

As a service to coin clubs, we will publish ads on any club medals, woods or other collectibles that they have for sale. There is no charge for this listing. All we need from you is to provide us with the details, including pricing and ordering details. If the list gets too long, we may have to favor C.N.A. member clubs.

### **HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR WIFE**

The following multiple-choice question by the Editor and Past President of the Ingersoll Coin Club, Tom Masters, appeared in their bulletin. Note that the article does not say if Tom is speaking about his own wife. He could just as easily have been writing about our wives. If you care to respond tongue-in-cheek, we will publish interesting comments.

After having invested much labor and time in constructing a really modern coin display board, you find that your wife refuses to have it installed anywhere but out in the garage. What would you do?

1. Explain the romance of numismatics to her
2. Tell her how much the coins are really worth
3. Take a couple of aspirins
4. Arrange to have her institutionalized
5. Have another look at the garage walls

### **RENEWAL TIME**

Just a reminder that your local coin club, the regional numismatic organizations, the national associations and the international groups are waiting for your renewals for 2005. And don't forget the C.N.A.

If you haven't done it yet, stop reading this bulletin and do it right now! Well, maybe not that fast!

### **C.N.A. PRIVACY POLICY**

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## **CONCLUSION**

This might be a longer bulletin than you should expect in the future, but we thought we should address content and privacy issues, as well as recognizing the people that have received major awards over the past while.

Length of the next bulletins will be determined in part by your input. We hope that we will hear from you about news that you become aware of, comments, funny numismatic stuff...anything that comes to your mind.

Until the next time!

Your C.N.A. E-Bulletin Editor

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