

Welcome to the C.N.A. E-Bulletin Number 20 – September 20, 2005:

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INTRODUCTION

I still remember so well when I first signed up with an Internet service provider. Other than my main e-mail account, I set up accounts for my wife, for the Ontario Numismatic Association when I was involved with that fine organization and, currently, four different e-mails for the C.N.A. and one for another non-profit organization. Of course it was dial-up.

Three weeks ago, I called my ISP and ordered up high speed. My access codes were changed almost immediately, something I found out the hard way when I tried to access my e-mail. I received my modem and the disk with new software a number of days later. Right at that time, I got such a headache that was the most severe I ever had in my life. Stubborn people do not rush to a doctor or the emergency department of a hospital right away but first wait a few days in agony (what did they say the average wait time is in a hospital these days?). This prevented me from taking my computer in for the installation of an Ethernet board required for high speed. This was followed by a pre-planned trip to the site of the 2006 C.N.A. Convention before I could finally install the required card and new software to be able to access my ISP.

I offer this information to explain why you did not receive the C.N.A. E-Bulletin for a while. My only question is: Did you miss me?

WE HAVE MAIL

From Donn Pearlman: "Just saw your latest reference to the Nigerian e-mail scams in the August 20th issue of the C.N.A. E-Bulletin. My 'Pearlman's Perspectives' column in the October issue of the ANA's Numismatist magazine takes a look at those tempting messages, and asks readers to consider if they'd respond differently if the e-mails focused on alleged numismatic deals."

From Pete Irion: "Thank you very much for your continued efforts on publishing the CNA E-Bulletin. It is wonderful and I really appreciate your hard work."

From Pat Turner:" Please let me add my voice to those who write to tell you how much they enjoy your E-Bulletins. Great stuff!"

From Dany Rothfeld: "Re your masterpiece. I am enjoying reading your masterpiece every week! Keep up the GREAT work. The part we love the most at Liberty Coins in Lansing, Michigan, is the dealers' stories. I was showing them the list, and enjoying the stories together. I have a suggestion. To continue the list going, maybe you can solicit other dealers for their own stories, so we can all enjoy them!" (Rothfeld is a governor of the Michigan State Numismatic Society) – We have received eight additional entries from Tony Swicer which are published below. Let's hear from others about their humorous telephone calls and conversations. The C.N.A. Executive Secretary has also prepared a number of telephone conversations to C.N.A. headquarters which he will share in future issues of this bulletin.

THE FINAL WORD

A few issues ago, we published e-mails about our use of the word "wife" when referring to a non-collecting spouse. We give the final word on the subject to Gail Baker, Numismatic Outreach Developer for the American Numismatic Association, who explains very well what this

whole issue is about: "No one had any problem with the term WIFE – the problem is ASSUMING that all numismatic spouses are WIVES! Today more and more women are joining the hobby – and wouldn't it be nice to encourage this instead of ignoring them?" Enough on the subject!

And speaking about people who have taken your editor to task, did you read that Canadians are the fourth worst grumblers in the world, while Americans rate fifth.

Hey, Canadians finally beat the Americans at something! Oh, please, no letters from Canadians about that statement. Remember, if you e-mail to complain, you will just be proving the accuracy of the study.

CUSTOMER OF THE WEEK/ PHONE CALL OF THE WEEK

In Issue # 18 of August 10, we published the final installment from Tony Swicer...or so we thought. We are pleased to publish eight additional submissions, which brings the final total to 117.

By Tony Swicer

1. "Do you buy Wisconsin quarters?" I said no. He says that he has the error quarter that was in the news. I asked, "What exactly is the error?" He says, "I don't know, but I have it!"
2. A gentleman calls on the phone: "What do you pay for 40% Blue pack Ike dollars?" I said \$3 each. He says, "Well I guess they are not worth anything, I'll just spend them". I'm thinking to myself, I just offered you \$3 but you are going to spend them for a dollar. Is this guy crazy?. I said "have a nice day. Goodbye!"
3. A lady comes in with a 1 oz. gold Kruggerand. She asked what we were paying per ounce. Ray says \$439. She hands him the coin and says, "That's 10 ounces". Ray says, "No that's 1 ounce." She says, "Look on the coin, it says 10 z." Ray says, "No, it says 1 oz." He then showed her a 10 ounce bar to make her understand.
4. We ran a coin-buying ad in the local paper with all prices clearly spelled out. A man comes in with 3 silver dollars, 1890, 1921, and 1923. I quoted him \$8, \$5 and \$5, just like the ad stated. He showed me a copy of the ad and asked why we were not paying \$1000, pointing to the 1795 dollar price. I said, "Well, that's because you don't have a 1795 dollar. You have a 1890, 1921 and 1923, and if you look at the price for those dates in our ad, you will see \$8, \$5 and \$5." He left.
5. Ray gets a phone call: "Do you buy coins? Yes we do, what do you have? I've got a lot of two headed coins. Ray say, "Like what?" The customer says, "A 1939 US silver dollar." Ray tells him that the US did not make a 1939 silver dollar. He says, "You don't know very much about coins, do you?" Then he hangs up.
6. A lady comes in to sell about a \$1000 in silver bars. She says that her brother is in jail in Thailand and she needs the money for bail. We don't ask questions, we just try to make dreams come true!!!
7. A lady comes in with a gold bracelet that she wants to sell. She told me it was originally \$1600, marked down to \$600. I weigh it and it's worth \$60 in gold. What a mark up some jewelry stores hav!
8. A gentleman offers us some gold eagles and says, "Maybe you can get these graded a high grade and make money." Ray says, "They are bullion, grading bullion is an oxymoron."

Our collective "Thank You" to you, Tony Swicer! We enjoyed your submissions!

ATMs PART ONE - BANK ATM's CONVERTED TO STEAL ID

A team of organized criminals are installing equipment on legitimate bank ATM's to steal both the ATM card number and the PIN. The team sits nearby in a car receiving the information transmitted wirelessly from equipment they install on the front of the ATM.

The equipment used to capture your ATM card number and PIN are cleverly disguised to look like normal ATM equipment. A "skimmer" is mounted to the front of the normal ATM card slot that reads the ATM card number and transmits it to the criminals sitting in the car.

At the same time, a wireless camera is disguised to look like a leaflet holder and is mounted in a position to view ATM PIN entries looking down on the keypad as you enter your PIN.

The thieves copy the cards and use the PIN numbers to withdraw thousands from many accounts in a very short time directly from the bank ATM.

ATMs PART TWO – CSI EPISODE FEATURES ATM THEFTS

A couple of days after reading the above about the ATM scam, a re-run of an episode of CSI: Crime Scene Investigation was shown on the Spike Network that covered exactly that scenario. The equipment was shown in operation and, as you would expect on CSI, they caught their man.

ATMs PART THREE – ROBBER TRIES TO SMASH BANK MACHINE

A crowbar-toting robber tried to smash his way into a bank machine at a local Toronto variety store early one morning last week. A man entered Super Khorak Fine Foods on Yonge Street, south of Steeles Avenue, at 4:45 a.m. He was wearing a disguise and carrying a crowbar. He ordered the 23-year-old employee to the floor, then tried to break into the bank machine. He failed, and fled empty handed.

We're willing to bet a dozen double-double Tim Hortons coffees and a box of Timbids that it won't be long before he is apprehended, what with a description that included a height of up to six-feet six-inches, 285 pounds, blue eye and blond hair.

BLUENOSE HOME UP FOR SALE – PART TWO

In C.N.A. E-Bulletin Number 5 of March 1, we mentioned that a large section of the Lunenburg, Nova Scotia waterfront, including the yards where the famed schooner Bluenose that has appeared on the Canadian 10-cent piece since 1937 was constructed is up for sale. The town of about 2,000 on the province's south shore is a United Nations heritage site, because it was the first British colonial settlement in Nova Scotia outside of Halifax and is a trove of architectural history. The UN called it the top surviving example of a British colonial settlement in North America. The owners had listed more than 20 buildings up for sale with a price tag of about \$9.5 million. We suggested that if you like to see numismatic history preserved and you have \$9.5 million to spare, along with probably another \$20 million for repairs and upkeep, they're waiting for your call.

It looks like someone was listening, because the Province of Nova Scotia has agreed to loan a non-profit community group \$5.5 million to purchase the 22 buildings. It is expected that the aging buildings will be resold to ship builders, ship operators, fishing companies, and possibly a sailing academy.

It would appear that Clearwater Seafood, the company that owned the properties, understood their historical value, since they did not sell it to one of the other three bidders, with one offering \$600,000 more than the asking price of \$9 million.

FREEDOM TOWER LEGAL TENDER ADS MOVE TO CANADA

You must have seen the ad on TV or read about it. Those ads that promise you a legal tender coin made from silver miraculously found in a bank vault from Ground Zero. The ads that the U.S. Government has decreed are misleading.

Well, they have found their way unto Canadian TV, with a Toronto mailing address and a Canadian telephone number for placing orders with credit cards.

Naturally, the ad embellishes the appeal, such as mentioning that it is legal tender, is clad in pure silver that was miraculously found in a bank vault from Ground Zero, that is marked down from the original price of \$49.95 to only \$19.95, that a limit of 5 coins is strictly enforced (to make them even more appealing) and beautiful color graphics.

The ad also reveals a few things that are not exactly appealing to a purchaser, especially a coin collector. For example, the ad states that the coin is CLAD in 71mg of pure silver (I would figure out how many cents the precious metal in the coin is worth, but they don't give the size); that it is legal tender alright...in the Cook Islands; that it does sell for \$19.95...plus shipping & handling, plus applicable taxes, that all figures are in U.S. funds; and an admission that it is "Not affiliated with the U.S. Mint."

CO-WORKERS IN FIGHT OVER \$14 MILLION LOTTERY WIN

Little did we realize that when we began to give you some background on lottery tickets that we would continue to discover unusual information to keep you entertained. Now that we have milked the story of the Ontario Lottery Corporation's handling of a \$250,000 ticket, here is another recent example the trouble someone can get into when they are involved with a winning ticket.

Nine employees of a Mission, British Columbia, A&W Restaurant won \$14,507,724 in the August 20 Lotto 6/49 jackpot. However, they were unable to claim it because two other employees had filed a formal complaint, stating that they helped pay for the winning ticket by their regular weekly contribution of \$2 to buy tickets, but have no proof. It was not stated in the memo that crossed our desk why they were denied a share by the others. (We do recall reading some years ago that two employees of a company were away from work and failed to put their money into the weekly pot as they had done for years. When that week's numbers came up, the other employees took the attitude that if you didn't pay your money up front, you didn't participate that week and, therefore, had no right to expect any of the winnings.)

Eleven equal shares would be \$1,318,884, which is \$293,085.30 less than if it were to be split nine ways.

The two women have hired a lawyer to explore their options, and the B.C. Lottery Corporation is investigating their claim. A spokesperson for the lottery corporation stated that it is not their place to decide who is in the group and suggests that a lottery group agreement, available on-line, could have prevented the dispute.

Ever on the look-out to bring you the news involving money, expect another installment in the near future.

C.N.A. EDUCATION CHAIR TO PARTICIPATE IN CSNA SYMPOSIUM

Hobby promoter extraordinaire, Stan Turrini, tells us that the California State Numismatic Association has scheduled an educational Symposium on Saturday, October 29 at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum located at 734 Marin in downtown Vallejo, California. Hosted by the Vallejo Numismatic Society, it will feature four speakers, exhibits, tours of the Museum and more. There is no admission charge or advance registration required. Even the parking is free.

The four speakers are Robert Sather ("Norse-American Centennial Meals and Memorabilia"), Phil Iversen ("Circus Comes to Town: Ringling Brothers Collectibles"), O.L. Wallis ("Admiral Dewey: Victory at Manila and his Collectibles") and Paul Johnson, Chairman of the C.N.A.'s Education Committee ("Forty Years Extolling Coin Friends and Canadian Numismatics").

Potential exhibitors and people wishing other information (such as hotel accommodation) are asked to call Stan at (707) 246-6327 or EMPEROR1@juno.com. While you are at it, ask him for details about the Diablo Coin Club's Contra Costa Coin Show on November 27 and the Nor-Cal VI Coin Show on December 3 and 4 in Fremont, California.

BRITAIN'S GREAT TRAIN ROBBER DETECTIVE DIES

In the past two C.N.A. E-Bulletins, we wrote about the \$83 million stolen from a Brazil bank. We mentioned that the bank robbers' take is more than the amount stolen by Britain's Great Train Robber, Ronnie Biggs, who later escaped from prison, fled to Brazil and lived in the country for 35 years. Biggs and 11 other gang members robbed a Glasgow-to-London mail train in 1963 and made off with 2.6 million pounds – equivalent to more than \$64 million today. Biggs, now 75, returned to Britain four years ago and is completing a 30-year sentence for the robbery.

Britain's Great Train Robbery is in the news again. Jack Slipper, the detective who pursued Biggs across two continents, has died on August 24 at age 81.

The retired detective, known as "Slipper of The Yard," tracked down Biggs after he escaped from prison in 1965 after serving 15 months of a 30-year sentence, fleeing to France where he underwent plastic surgery and spent some time in Australia before fleeing to Brazil, via Panama. Slipper tracked him down after he had been in Rio de Janeiro for four years. By that time, Bigg's girlfriend was pregnant, and he escaped extradition because Brazilian law protects the father of a Brazilian child from extradition. He was finally returned to Britain in 2001 and remains a prisoner in London.

Slipper was also involved in probing the theft of 12-million British Pounds from the Bank of America in the early 1970s.

NEW CLUB MEDAL ISSUES

The Vallejo Numismatic Society is accepting order for its "Rupture Duck" issue. The medal is available in either .999 fine silver or bronze, with each issue in either bright proof or antique finish, making a total of four different medals. The issue honors the World War I "Ruptured Duck" and the 60th anniversary (1945-2005) of the conclusion of the Second World War. The "Ruptured Duck" was a term given by returning Second World War veterans to a metal lapel pin that they could wear if honorably discharged for service between 1939 through 1945. The "Duck" was actually an eagle. The silver medal in either finish is \$20 and the bronze in either finish is \$5. A nominal charge of \$3 applies for postage within the Continental U.S.A., \$6 to Canada. Make checks payable to "Vallejo Numismatic Society" and mail to Dr. Rodney Baker, 240 Fernwood Way, Dixon, CA 95629-3721.

The Fairfield Coin Club is accepting orders for its "Benjamin Franklin" medal, in either .999 fine silver or bronze in antique finish. The issue commemorates the 300th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, one of the founding fathers of America when he was not working as a printer, author, inventor and statesman. The issue also commemorates the 16th annual Fairfield Coin Show which was held on September 18. The antique silver medal is \$23 and the antique bronze is \$4 each. A flat \$3 shipping charge applies to a U.S. address, \$6 to Canada. Make checks payable to "Fairfield Coin Club" and mail to Dr. Rodney Baker, 240 Fernwood Way, Dixon, CA 95629-3721.

FORMER SITE OF EMANUEL HAHN SCULPTURE TO BE REBUILT

Some time ago, I took my camera to the Guild Inn located near the Bluffs in Scarborough, at the east-end of Metro Toronto, to locate a sculpture that I had seen in the video "The Story of a Sculptor - The Life of Emanuel Hahn" (see following column). Hahn is the designer of a number of Canadian coins, including the 1935 Silver Jubilee silver dollar, 1939 Royal Visit silver dollar, the caribou on our 25 cent reverse and the schooner on the 10 cent reverse. He also designed official Canadian Royal Visit medals and a number of Canadian National Exhibition awards presentation medals and plaques.

I had previously taken photos of some of his other works located in Toronto that appear in the VCR tape available for borrowing from the C.N.A. Audio Visual Lending Library. This includes the huge sculpture of Sir Adam Beck in the median of University Avenue, another sculpture a few blocks north, a plaque featuring the schooner Bluenose (similar to what he designed for the Canadian 10-cent piece) near Front and Church Streets, a life-size sculpture of Olympic rower Edward Hanlan on the Canadian National Exhibition grounds (since moved) and others. In the huge 33-hectare field behind the Inn, there were Roman columns, Greek sculptures and much more. Right in the middle of these wonderful works of art, sitting by itself in a grass field, sat the head of a horse sculpted by Emanuel Hahn from a solid block of stone. His etched signature is still visible after so many winters of snow and ice and summers of sun and heat. It stood the test of time well, without any protection whatsoever.

The Inn was closed down shortly after my visit. Recently, Scarborough Community Council came to the conclusion that the best way to preserve the heritage of the Guild Inn was to tear it down and start over. They voted unanimously to support a developer's proposal to knock down the existing hotel, which the city's historical experts say is beyond repair, and build a \$40 million, 167-room hotel on the same site. The property passed on to the Toronto and Region Conservation authority in 1978 before the Clarks died. The developer would lease 2.75 hectares of the site, with the rest remaining as a public park.

Having had the pleasure of viewing the many sculptures, I was pleased to read that plans call for the preservation of the artifacts the Clarks rescued from buildings about to be demolished in and around the city. I assume that would mean that Hahn's "Horse of World War II" will continue to be available for viewing by numismatists interested in the background of our coin designers.

HAHN PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO C.N.A. MEMBERS

"The Story of a Sculptor - The Life of Emanuel Hahn." *Produced by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.* Length 37 minutes.

The "air print" of a 16mm black & white film on the life of the late Emanuel Hahn was rescued from imminent destruction a number of years ago when John Regitko stumbled upon it on a "to be destroyed" list at the Toronto Film Lending Library. A fund-raising effort produced funds to eliminate the scratches in the film and improve the quality of the sound, and then produce a

negative from which a number of 16mm copies were made (credits of the donors were added to the film strip). With the popularity of VCRs, one of the good 16mm copies was reproduced on VCR tape. The quality has, fortunately, been maintained in the transfer.

His non-numismatic accomplishments include a number of Canadian postage stamps dealing with wildlife. He also sculpted memorials, monuments and utilitarian headstones. The Sir Adam Beck monument, a tribute to this pioneer of electric power, which he sculpted in 1926, stands at the foot of University Ave. in downtown Toronto, close to another 3 of his sculptures.

His love for Canada and the outdoors is evident in the works shown in the film: geese, beaver, moose, Eskimo children, explorer Whilhelmer Stefenson and wildlife lover Jack Miner. His study of an Indian warrior is displayed at the National Art Gallery in Ottawa. He also loved to sculpt religious figures and headstones. His wife, the late Elizabeth Wynn Wood, a frequent speaker at the Toronto Coin Club and well-known sculptress, is also immortalized in one of his works.

His daughter Quennifer Brown of Ft. William and now living in Orillia, Ontario, is interviewed in the film. A touching, well-written presentation that will be enjoyed by all. We rate it "excellent."

For background on Emanuel Hahn, go to collections.ic.gc.ca/sculpture/text/hahn .

For a listing of all VCR tapes as well as audio visual slide presentations available from the C.N.A. Audio Visual Lending Library, go to www.canadian-numismatic.org.

IT'S A SMALL WORLD SOMETIMES

During a recent vacation to the East Coast by John & Monina Regitko, they stopped for a barbecue at one of the road-side rest stops in the heart of the Province of Quebec. They began talking to the people occupying the picnic table beside them. They found out that they lived within blocks of each other in North York. When John was asked what he did, he produced his business card that stated he was Executive Secretary of the Canadian Numismatic Association. John was asked if he knew who Emmanuel Hahn was? John began to rattle off the coins that Hahn designed. The gentleman than told him that his cousin is married to Emmanuel Hahn's daughter. "Let me tell you their names," John responded, "Emmanuel Hahn's wife was Elizabeth Wynn Wood, also a sculptress. Their daughter is Qennefer Brown of Fort William. Hahn made his own tools for sculpting, and gave his trade-marked little Eskimo boy statues he sculpted to his friends." "Amazing," the new-found friend said, "How do you know that?" John then told him about the VCR tape program available from the C.N.A. Audio Visual Lending Library entitled "The Story of a Sculptor."

John also told him about the time that the tape, first shown on TV on the CBC network, was unveiled at a Toronto International Coin Fair attended by a slew of the gentleman's relatives whose presence was arranged by C.N.A. life member Ron Zelk. The event was captured by cameras belonging to C.N.A. members George Fraser and Terry O'Brien.

A telephone call from Qennefer Brown revealed the fact that she used to own a copy of the film that she obtained from the CBC, but it was stolen. All's well that ends well. John is happy to replace it for her after all these years.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Gary Braunwarth, Stan Clute, Neil Probert, Pat White and Lou Vesh who were awarded Past President's Awards by the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors for their work for

that group. The presentations were made at their annual meeting held in conjunction with the C.N.A. Convention in Calgary.

To Al Munro and Norm Belsten, who were presented with Honourary Life Memberships from CAWMC for their life-time contribution to the group.

To Al Munro who was installed as President of CAWMC at their meeting in Calgary. He will continue as their Secretary/Treasurer, now that his commitment as Chairman of the 2006 C.N.A. Convention has been fulfilled.

To Debbie Alves and her husband, Robert, belatedly, on the birth of a baby girl on July 25, a sister to Kyle, age 8.5 years. Madysyn Katelin Alves weighed 7lbs 6.5 ozs. at birth. Mother Debbie has been employed at Trajan Publishing since March of 1994. She started out in data entry for Trajan's 7 magazines: Canadian Coin News, Canadian Stamp News, Canadian Sportscard Collector, Antique Showcase, Collectibles Canada, Les Heroes du Hockey and Les Monnaies. Four years ago, she became a supervisor of the Circulation Department and also does accounting work. She admits that she does not collect any of the above items, but is a collector of anything Elephant.

BEST WISHES

To Robert Porter for a speedy recovery from a stroke. Bob is a recipient of the 'Fellow of the O.N.A.' Award and an honorary member of the North York Coin Club.

YOUR PRIVACY AND THE C.N.A. WEBSITE

For those of you who have been added to our e-mailing list recently, we wish to recap a portion of the C.N.A. privacy policy as it applies to our Website:

You can visit our Website at www.canadian-numismatic.org without telling us who you are or revealing personal information about yourself. We do not collect any information whatsoever when you visit the Website. If you choose to contact us via the e-mail addresses appearing on the Website or through the "Submit" button on the web pages as a result of your visit, we will only use it to respond to you.

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DYING WITHOUT A WILL CAN COST YOUR DEAR ONES DEARLY

In a brief article in the Globe & Mail under the heading of "Estates" and sub-headed "Tax Matters," Tim Cestnick, a tax specialist and author of "Winning the Tax Game 2005" and "The Tax Freedom Zone," states that failing to prepare a will may save you legal fees in the short term, but could cost your family later. He lists five key drawbacks to dying intestate:

1. Provincial laws dictate who gets what. Your spouse doesn't automatically get it all if you have any children.
2. You'll pay more tax when you die.
3. Delays will result. The court will have to appoint an administrator of your estate. This takes time and will delay the distribution to your heirs, and can lead to family feuds.

4. Extra costs are guaranteed. The expenses of your estate will increase with additional legal costs, especially if each family member hires their own lawyer. Also, money owing to minors must be paid into court and held there, which can cost legal and other fees.
5. A judge will decide on guardians, since you forfeit the right to decide who should look after minor children when you're gone.

It makes sense for you to have a will!

COLD COMFORT

As we all know, summer months can produce heat that not only makes you sweaty, but sometimes downright irritable. People have been known to try all kinds of ways to keep their cool, but we think the San Diego Health Authority has come up with a new one. They recommend putting your underwear in the refrigerator so that they comfort and "cool" you when you put them on. So when you check into the hotel at a coin convention, be sure to ask for a room with a refrigerator.

We think it sounds reasonable. Sort of like carrying around ice cubes in your pants!

NOW WE KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THOSE SUSAN B. ANTHONYS OR SAGUWAYS

We stumbled across an interview on TV the other day about the CN Tower, the world's tallest free-standing structure. The CN Tower's spokesperson (see, we didn't say spokesman), appearing on the program "Urban Insider" on Rogers Cable TV, stated that it would take a stack of 283,054 Loonies (that's Canadian one dollar coins for those of you who have just woken up after a Sleeping Beauty-type sleep or just got out of prison) to match the height of the CN Tower.

Now we know how we can use up some of those Susan B. Anthonys that nobody wants. Or the Saguways, take your pick.

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR COINS AND MONEY

Four ways you make yourself feel secure when travelling to a coin show:

Using tiny padlocks or twist ties to fasten all your zippers

Wearing a money belt under your pant

Hiding your documents under the mattress (nobody will think of that!)

Swaying from side to side while standing so nobody can cut your backpack

ALGONQUIN VISITOR CENTRE SELLS COIN DESIGNER POSTERS

Along Highway 60 that cuts through Algonquin Park a couple of hours north of Toronto, there are a number of things to see and do. For a numismatist, there is the Algonquin Visitor Centre that features huge wall paintings of outdoor scenery and wildlife by coin designer Tony Bianco. The same scenes have also been available in posters for a number of years in the park's bookstore.

Tony Bianco designed Canada's \$2 coin with the polar bear and two cubs dated 2000, also known as the Path of Knowledge coin.

During a recent trip, we found out that Bianco has three new posters on sale featuring seasonal themes. If you collect memorabilia of coin designers, check it out.

Incidentally, I inquired why the fourth season was not available but the attendants did not know.

ALGONQUIN ART CENTRE OPENS

Twenty kilometers from the West Gate of the Park, on a small hill next to Found Lake, there sits a giant hollow sculpture made of stone. Created in 1953, this work of art was the original Park Museum. For the last two years this building has remained vacant, but opened again earlier this summer as the Algonquin Art Centre. The Centre's mission is to create the best wilderness and wildlife show in Canada with a range of art that speaks to the wide diversity of Park visitors. The entrance fee is a voluntary admission, with contributions put towards the enhancement of this "open-concept" project.

The Outdoor Gallery featured an Art Garden ("outdoor art composed of both natural and cultural mediums interspersed amongst a spectrum of local plant life," as the brochure says) and the Creation Station ("facilitated art activities stimulated the inherent creative genius that exists in everyone") where you can learn about nature through art with fun, educational exercises designed for all ages and skill levels.

The Indoor Gallery is composed of a boutique and three wings. Although all three wings, featuring original art by both well-known and up-and-coming artists, are well worth a visit, the South Wing is what interested the coin collector. It features paintings from a cross-Canada tour of parks by renowned wilderness artist, Tony Bianco entitled "Landmarks." It was on display until the end of August.

HOW TO PAY FOR YOUR PURCHASES

Here is one for you credit card collectors which Deborah Lynn Schnitzer submitted to Reader's Digest:

At the end of a marathon shopping trip, I fumbled in my pocket for my credit card to pay for a blouse. "I'll have to resort to this – I'm out of cash," I told the distinguished gentleman who was waiting on me. Noticing his surprised smile, I glanced down and realized that I had handed him the key card to my hotel room.

SHOW BUSINESS

September 23 - 25, Hamilton, ON – TNS The Numismatic Show, Ramada Plaza Hotel, 150 King Street East, level P3. Dealer set-up Friday from 2 p.m. Early bird admittance and show pass \$20. Public admittance Sat. and Sun. at 10 a.m. Adults \$4, seniors and young collectors \$2. Auctions by Jeffrey Hoare Auctions, Inc. Numismatic auction on Sat., militaria auction on Sun. Information from Terry MacHugh at (905) 570-2434 or rscoins@cogeco.ca.

September 24 - 25, Vancouver, BC - North Shore Numismatic Society's Coin Show, Oakridge Centre Auditorium, 41st and Cambie Street.. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 30 tables. Free admission, free hourly door draws plus a raffle for 4 other great prizes. Free parking. RCMP counterfeit display. Information from Lynn Balmer at (604)925-2070 or balmoralmu@aol.com or Owen Wright at (604)922-5077 or orpwright@telus.net.

September 25, Leamington, ON – Essex County Coin Club's 1st Annual Coin Show, Real Canadian Superstore, Community Room, 201 Talbot St.. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking, free admission. Information from Margaret Clarke at (519) 735-0727 or mclarke@wincom.net.

September 29 - OCT. 2, Bedford, NH - New Hampshire Coin and Currency Expo, Wayfarer Inn and Convention Center, Route 101. Web site: <http://www.nhcoinexpo.com>.

October 1, Guelph, ON – Waterloo Coin Society and South Wellington Coin Society joined annual coin show, Col. John McCrae Legion, 919 York Rd. Hwy#7. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Penny draw prizes, free parking, free admission. Information from South Wellington Coin Society c/o Lowell Wierstra, 8 Smart St., Guelph, ON.

October 1, Oshawa, ON - Oshawa & District Coin Club's Coin-A-Rama 2005, 5 Points Mall, 285 Taunton Road East. Hours 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free Admission. Free dealer draw, member draw, and public draw. Information from Sharon and Earl MacLean at (905) 728-1352 or papman@idirect.com.

October 1 - 2, Cheektowaga, NY - Buffalo Numismatic Association Coin Show, Father Justin's Hall. Hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 85 tables. Free parking. Refreshments on premises. Information from Lou Reshofsky at (716) 896-4919.

October 2, Tillsonburg, ON - Tillsonburg Coin Club's 43rd Annual Show, Mt. Elgin Community Centre, Highway #19 (south off 401), Mt. Elgin, ON. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Free admission. Hourly draws. Information from Wayne MacFarlane at (519) 842-6666.

CONCLUSION

The Jokers and Humour Group held a meeting at the Antibes Community Centre in North York, Ontario recently. No kidding, there is such a group.

Not a single mention of the humor in this bulletin was made during the whole meeting. And after re-reading some of the past issues, we know why!

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