

## **Welcome to the C.N.A. E-Bulletin Number 8 – April 1, 2005**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

In the first few issues, you might have noticed that some of the quotation marks came out as Greek lettering, with an A and E squished together to form one Greek character. The same could have happened two issues ago. We create our artwork in MS Word, copy it to the clipboard, open up our E-Hosting Website and copy it into the message. In the last issue and 3 issues ago, we took Dan Gosling's advice and copied it into Notepad first (which operates in Unicode) to remove the formatting and then copied it into the clipboard. That seems to have done the trick. That is one reason that Dan is the C.N.A.'s Associate Webmaster. If you find any incorrect characters in this and future bulletins, please drop us a note at [cnanews@look.ca](mailto:cnanews@look.ca) so we can figure out what happened.

This is our eighth C.N.A. E-Bulletin. Now that you have a good idea as to the content, we would like some feedback. For example, what did you like and what did you not like in past bulletins? What would you like to see? What do you think of its length? Have you memorized our e-mail address yet? It's [cnanews@look.ca](mailto:cnanews@look.ca). Bet we don't get even three responses!

And speaking of length, every bulletin so far has run exactly ten pages if you were to copy it into a MS Word file and print it out with .9" left and right margins. The feedback we have received from a couple of people is that the bulletins are a little long. A number of others said that because of the light-hearted and humorous content, the length is okay. You just cannot please all the people all the time! We have a lot of material on hand so we don't want to necessarily cut back at this time. Expect us to run between 8 and 10 pages in future issues.

### **WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH 20 TONS OF CHANGE – PART 3**

In Issue #4 (February 20), we told you about the tractor-trailer with 3.6 million 5-cent pieces on its way to New Orleans went missing. The \$180,000 worth of nickels, weighing 45,000 pounds, were not in the truck when it was recovered 4 days later at a truck stop in Fort Pierce, Florida. In Issue #5 (March 1) we told you about a truck full of beer that we Canadians stole.

In case you missed it in the press, it appears that the rest of the money...but not the beer...has now been recovered, in two places. First of all, a deposit of \$5,000 was made in Miami through a machine in a supermarket. Secondly, 3.6 million nickels were found buried four feet underground by FBI agents on a Miami-area farm. The coins were still in the original Federal Reserve Bags. The owner of the property and the driver of the transport truck are still missing.

There is no further word on any of the beer being found.

If you see someone making large purchases with nothing but nickels, call the cops! If you find the beer, call me!

### **LOTTERY TICKET BACKGROUND – PART 3**

In the last bulletin, we warned you that there would be another part about Mr. Edmonds who claimed to have purchased a winning \$250,000 lottery ticket and settled with the store owner for \$150,000 even though they said they did not steal it. He sued the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLGC) for \$100,000 he didn't get from the store owners. We know you are just dying to hear the rest of the story, aren't you?

No? Well, here it is anyway:

After three and a half years of fighting with the OLG, the 81-year old owner settled minutes before the jury was to begin deliberating. Details of the settlement were not made public but a smiling Edmonds said he was “very happy” with the outcome. When pressed, an OLG spokesman refused to reveal details of the settlement and how many tax dollars the case had cost. He also would not explain why they waited until the 11<sup>th</sup> hour to settle. Nor would he say whether Madam Justice Harriet Sachs’ ruling on Tuesday, that the Crown Corporation owes a duty of care to the public, had any bearing on the snap decision.

When Edmonds launched the civil suit against both parties, the lotto corporation filed a cross-claim against the store owners, arguing that if it had to pay any money to Edmonds it would seek to recoup it from the LaPlants. That counter-suit is still before the courts.

Guess what? Coby Variety, whose owners paid out \$150,000 without admitting to stealing the ticket in the first place, no longer sells lotto tickets!

### **A QUESTION OF MORALITY – PART 1**

Let’s assume that a bank machine gave you an extra \$20. Would you return the money to a teller or, knowing that the cameras cannot tell exactly how many notes were dispensed, you kept it. Send your thoughts to [cnanews@look.ca](mailto:cnanews@look.ca) and we will publish the best...as well as the actual...answers in the next issue.

### **CUSTOMER OF THE WEEK/ PHONE CALL OF THE WEEK**

By Tony Swicer

Over the past 5 years we have had a segment in my talks at the local club meeting called “customer of the week” or “phone call of the week.” These are true stories of people who have called or come into the coin shop. I am not making any of these up. The following is a compellation of a few of those stories. More will follow in future issues.

1. A man calls and he has a note from 1850 with the word “copy” on it. He said a pawnshop told him it was printed in 1850 with the word copy on it. They sold it to him.
2. A lady comes in the shop with a state quarter album. All the quarters looked beat up. She pounded all the coins in with a hammer. So much for condition.
3. A lady comes in with a cigarette and an iced tea. We asked her to put out the cigarette and then she knocks over her iced tea on the floor. All her coins are in a mess. She had total junk that she kept in a safe deposit box. The box cost more than the coins were worth.
4. A lady calls and says, “I have some Indian cents, what are they worth?” I said, “How do you know they are real? She says,” they are real, I dug them out of the burial mound myself.”
5. A lady calls, “I have a buffalo nickel and its in excellent condition, excellent condition, what is it worth?” I said what is the date on it? She says, I don’t know its worn off.
6. An older lady comes in with silverware, plates, and pins. Everything is priced. Ray says, what are these prices? The lady says, I watch antique road show and I got my prices from there. I took 10% off so that you could make something. Ray looks at everything, it’s all plated and worthless. He says no thank you.
7. An older man comes in with our newspaper ad. He says, “do you buy gold dollars?” I said we buy old gold dollars. He pulls out a Sacagawea dollar to which I replied that he could get all he wanted of them at the bank. He then left.
8. A lady asked, “when did they stop making old coins?”

9. A lady calls and asks what we pay for silver coins. I said 4 times face value. About an hour later she calls back and says another shop offered her 3.65 times face. She says she would rather deal with us, so could we match his price? I said OK.
10. I sell a customer a 1948 Mexican silver coin when he says, "you know silver is scarcer than gold." I'm saying to myself, silver is \$6 an ounce and gold is \$400 an ounce, I know which is scarcer.
11. A lady called and said that she had bleached all her coins and they turned black. She asked, "how do I clean them?" I said "no way" and hung up.
12. When the auto mechanic in Utah supposedly lost a 1943 copper cent and it was all over the news, here was one of the calls. A man calls and says he has a 1943 penny. Ray says, is it gray or brown? The man says, "how do you tell the difference?"
13. A lady calls and says she has coins for sale but they are too heavy to bring in, could I come to her home to look at them. I asked her if the silver dollar books were filled, including the 1893-S, 1889-CC, and the 1895s. She said the books were full so I went to her home. When I got there, the silver dollar books were full of all 1921 Morgan dollars upside down in the slots. Nothing was in order and nothing was rare. I said to the lady that nothing was in order or rare. She says, "Well someone must have switched the coins because my husband would never do that. Oh, by the way, did I tell you we lost 12 million dollars with Lehman Brothers?" I said no. Anyway, everything came to \$810. She says, "sorry, I need a thousand." I said goodbye, and left.
14. A guy comes in with a 1899-O Morgan dollar. He says it must be worth a lot because he didn't see it listed on e-bay. I said the reason its not listed on e-bay is because it's so common. He then tells me he has one of those 1976 Israeli coins, "you know that was when the US gave Israel its independence" I said, "OOOH YEAH!"
15. A guy calls and says that he would like to enter into negotiations with us to sell 2 pennies, a 1940 and 1944. He explained that he had seen where a penny had sold for \$60,000, and he wanted to sell his. Ray says, you can buy those dates for a dollar a roll, how many do you want? The guy says, "Oh no, I just want to sell mine". Ray says, "good luck."

### **THE ROYAL CANADIAN MINT**

In the last issue, we praised the Royal Canadian Mint and suggested you drop a note to them if you think they have done much lately for getting people to look at and appreciate the coins. The last issue of the Mississauga-Etobicoke Coin Stamp and Collectibles Club (MECSCC) states, in part: "Our guest speaker at this month's meeting was Bob Wilson. Bob's topic was 'The good, bad and indifferent.' Bob handed out a copy of an article that appeared in a recent issue of Canadian Coin News written by Geoff Bell. Bob's purpose of discussing the article was to stimulate discussion amongst the members about what parts of our hobby are good, bad or indifferent. There was much discussion from most of the floor and each member had an opportunity to raise or add his opinion regarding this hobby. Most felt that the RCM was doing a better job than in previous years and that the melting of unsold product should help collectors of mint products in the long term. Most also felt that Coin shows of late were well run and extremely well attended."

So let us add our compliments to the Royal Canadian Mint, as well as to the organisers of coin shows!

### **JACKPOT: OVERNIGHT MILLIONAIRES**

This bulletin is not just about collector money as you may have noticed. It is also about money, period. Like when you buy a lottery ticket and you win big.

So did you catch the program on The Learning Channel that showed the old and the new of 7 large lottery winners? Before the win, one was unemployed and received government assistance, Another worked at McDonalds, still another at a chemical plant. A few were in debt, with one even having his water and heat turned off. One admitted spending his last \$3 on lottery tickets. They lived in small, old houses with mortgages and were all single (maybe they dumped their partner after they won?).

They bought tickets in the Kentucky Powerball Lottery, Texas Lottery, California Lottery and other high-odds lotteries. One lady won \$91 million, The guy who won \$41 million had his water cut off previously because he couldn't afford to pay. Another figured out that he makes \$18,500 in interest every time he wakes up. One tells us not to accept the win all at once but rather \$211,000 a year for the next 26 years.

They all agree it's hell! Your friends beg you for money so you lose most of your friends. Stalkers become a problem. This they found out after they moved from their 900 square foot run-down home to a 9,800 square foot mansion with an enclosed in-ground swimming pool, Jacuzzi, Italian marble, and a view of the ocean. The lady needed a bigger place for her ten cats. One build a 24-car garage. The chandeliers cost \$85,000 each, except the gold leafed ones which were \$100,000, The antique Steinway piano was \$200,000. The one that only had one set of dishes bought eight sets at \$10,000 each. Statues were \$8,000 each, except for the hand-carved one from Italy that cost \$150,000 and the one of only two in existence for \$75,000 (the other one is in Disney World). The guy who bought the 200-year old gold figurines from Russia didn't want to tell us how much he paid for it.

One showed off his Rolls Royce, Lamborghini, Lexus, Jaguar, Oldsmobile and an Italian car which was number 99 of only 400 made. You should have seen the 67" plasma TV amongst \$600,000 worth of electronic components such as speakers in every possible location and computerized controls for lighting. Would you pay \$250,000 for a small statue? Would you if it was hand carved by a witch doctor? Or a Tibetan Monk? We did feel the collector with his 900 daggers and swords was a bit too much. And the two desks for \$160,000.

We did learn something from the program: a) you do not keep working at McDonalds if you win over \$40 million, b) the house you lived in all your life is no longer adequate, c) only single people win, and d) and your wife thought you had expensive taste with your meager coin collection.

#### **WANT AD**

Although it is absolutely not our intention to publish ads in the C.N.A. E-Bulletin, the following is included as a public service:

FOUND: Lipstick in front seat of my car. Owner can have it back by paying postage. If she will explain to my wife how lipstick got into car, I will pay the postage. Contact John at C.N.A. Hurry!

#### **APRIL A GOOD TIME TO SCHEDULE HANDICAPPED COIN MEETING**

January is your clubs annual meeting, with year-end financial reports, membership reports, elections if you didn't do it in December. February is Valentine Meeting month. So what are you planning for your April meeting?

May we suggest a Handicapped Coin program. Members can bring all their well-worn and scratched coins and speak about everything except rarity and value. For example, its history,

unusual way it was acquired, the beautiful engraving, the reasons for the design, etc. No professionally graded coins allowed!

Maybe we can even have a prize of a makeover to the worst-looking coin at the meeting, just like on those so-called "reality" shows on TV, where someone can buff it up and make it nice and shiny and put it into a holder and claim it is a Poor Man's BU coin.

If you call it Handicapped Coin Meeting, maybe it will qualify for a federal grant? Can a United Nation Year of the Handicapped Coin be far behind?

Hey, what's the date today? Don't tell me this is just an attempt at some April Fool's humor?

### **STILL NO BILLIONAIRE COIN DEALERS AMONG WORLD'S RICHEST**

Once again no name stood out amongst the world's richest people that can be identified as a coin dealer, or a coin collector who made terrific investments. Although we recognized Bill Gates and Warren Buffet, do you know who Lakshmi Mittal, the world's third richest person? Mittal quadrupled his net worth by \$18.8 billion to \$25 billion, climbing from 62nd place last year to number 3 this year. Martha Stewart became a billionaire while she was vacationing in jail.

And you know all that furniture that you have been assembling on your own time from Ikea? Because Ingvar Kamprad from Sweden didn't have to pay workers to assemble it at his expense, we helped him get to number 6 (from 13 last year). The poor Wal-Mart family only took spots ten through 13 this year, down a few notches.

But who we felt sorry for is poor Bill who, even though he remained #1 for the eleventh year in a row, is worthless today than he was a year ago. Mind you, the drop was minimal, a measly \$100 million dollars, to \$46.5 billion. If the C.N.A. wasn't starting up its own fund raising drive for the Building Fund...and ongoing funding for educational and junior programs...we would suggest we send him a few dollars to help him out.

On second thought, 12 of the top 16 could be coin collectors. The 12 are over 60, of which 7 are in their high 70s and two are in their 80s. Just like the ratio at coin club meetings.

### **OUTLAWING RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS AT COIN CLUB MEETINGS**

Prayers cannot be said in schools. Nativity scenes and angels are forbidden in public places. Santa Claus cannot visit some malls in the U.S., and Christmas trees at City Hall squares are being eliminated. You must wish people a Happy Holiday because wishing someone a Merry Christmas might be offensive to someone. Ah, the benefits (or is it fall-out?) of trying to please everybody all the time!

Which makes us wonder: has your club, in its wisdom, proposed a program where members are asked to bring numismatic items with religious emblems or of religious significance and explain their significance to the religion or country involved, rather than "forbidding" the very mention of anyone's religious beliefs?

Incidentally, can we show a Widow's Mite or Forty Pieces of Silver in a Public Library display? Or coins of the Vatican? While we're at it, should we also ban coins dealing with International Women's Day or Fathers Day because someone might object to a group being singled out? Or New Year's Eve because it does not fall on the same day for everyone?

Where will it end?

## **THE DILEMMA OF USING GLUE OR TWO-SIDED TAPE ON MEDALS**

On Sunday, February 9, 2003, the Toronto Sun newspaper announced the availability of a free Leafs Medallions Album to anyone that purchased that day's paper. The album has a special page for the insertion of 24 medallions. To obtain the medallions, The Toronto Sun had to be purchased and a coupon clipped, one per day over a 24-day period. The coupon could then be redeemed, along with \$2.59 plus taxes each, at participating newspaper retailers, including Petro-Canada and Esso service stations, 7-11 Stores, Mac's, Beckers, Mike's Mart, Rabba Fine Foods, Hasty Market and other newspaper retailers. They could also be redeemed at the newspaper's head office in downtown Toronto.

Each daily coupon was good for a medallion of a specific player. For example, the first coupon, published in the Monday, February 10 of The Toronto Sun, was redeemable for the medallion of Mats Sundin, the next day for Bryan McCabe, etc. Twenty-three different players were available, plus one special heritage logo medallion. Good way to sell newspapers, especially to hockey fans, sports fanatics and numismatists!

An advertisement appearing in the newspaper on Sunday, February 9, 2003 recommended that if you wish to display your collection vertically, either as a stand-alone piece or in a frame...and this is a direct quote from the ad: "be sure to sufficiently secure the medallions using double-sided tape or an appropriate glue." We kid you not!

We wondered ever since how many people actually used double-sided tape and how they now look after two years? We also wonder where we could have obtained the "appropriate glue" the ad referred to. We would ask, but we have yet to find anyone that was willing to buy the newspaper every day for 24 days and pay \$2.59 plus tax for a medal, then go out and buy a roll of double-sided tape or bottle of glue to boot.

Boy, do we have a long way to go to educate people! We hope that the manufacturer of the medallions didn't suggest the use of tape or glue to the Toronto Sun and that it was a marketing-type at the newspaper.

Fast-forward two years.

With the purchase of the Toronto Sun newspaper on Sunday, January 30, 2005, everyone received a free medallion album for 22 medallions they would issue starting January 31, one per day for 22 days. All you had to do was purchase a newspaper each day for 50 cents (\$1.50 on Saturday, \$1.00 on Sunday) for 22 days, as well as the 22 antiqued bronze medals at \$2.99 each plus tax. Let's see, that would be a total of \$91.15. Even if you normally bought the Toronto Sun, the 22 medallions themselves would cost you \$75.65.

We note that the promo no longer states that to display your collection, you should use double-sided tape or "an appropriate glue." It now states that "if you wish to display your collection either as a stand-alone piece or in a frame, be sure to sufficiently secure the medallions using an appropriate adhesive." What, so they won't get damaged if they fall out of the holder onto the table?

Now we need some help. Can someone please explain what the difference is between "double-sided tape or an appropriate glue" and "appropriate adhesive" as stated two years apart?

We realize that hockey is a national Canadian institution which might create a demand for these medals. But we still have some sets issued by Esso and Sunoco years ago featuring Provincial flags, Provincial flowers or the patriotic set of Canadian Prime Ministers that we couldn't sell for 25 cents per medallion. We see them regularly in dealers' junk boxes for \$5 per set or less with no takers.

We wonder if this latest adventure into Canada's national pastime will fare better as an investment than the patriotic Prime Ministers or flags? Maybe we can trade some for Susan B. Anthony and Sacagawea dollars that are probably a better investment.

### **CANADA POST TOUGHENS ITS ADDRESS RULES**

According to information received through The Toronto Star, you better fill in the complete name of the sender if you expect your package, and even your letter, to be delivered by Canada Post.

Citing security concerns, Canada Post is insisting that all mail from outside Canada must bear the complete name and address of both sender and recipient or it won't be allowed into Canada. A spokesman for Canada Post said the postal service has increased its vigilance in screening incoming mail to enforce rules adopted by Canada Customs since June.

No one at Canada Post, apparently, has thought that someone might put a fictitious return address on the shipment!

### **MANAGEMENT OF BURLINGTON COIN SHOW TAKES WELL DESERVED REST**

After many years of managing the very popular Burlington International Coin Show, Nancy Meredith has retired from show business.

Nancy has been involved in the hobby for about 40 years. She lived in Burlington, Ontario when we knew her as Nancy Carnarvin. When she married Harold Meredith, they moved to Huntsville, Ontario. It must have been a challenge to operate such a popular show from a distance after that.

We will always remember the complimentary donuts and coffee, the low bourse table fee, the widest isles of any coin show we ever attended, the most back-up space for dealers in probably all of North America, free admission, free parking in the huge parking lot, the friendly greeting from Nancy, watching Harold laying the electrical cords and more.

We will miss the Show!

### **REUSEABLE POSTAGE STAMPS**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Canada Post for the free delivery of numerous bulletins that clubs send to us. Well, sort of.

There was a program on CFRB Radio, Canada's most listened-to radio station, about the legality of reusing postage stamps that have not been cancelled. The commentator's position, which the greatest majority of callers supported included lawyers, was that if a stamp is not cancelled, it can be reused. After all, if you have a stamp, how does anyone know if it was ever processed through the mails? We could have accidentally gotten some stamps wet and we therefore had to use glue to stick it onto the envelope.

So just keep putting on a quantity of low-denomination stamps on your envelopes. Chances are very good that with the new automated cancelling machinery, any stamps other than on the top row will be missed.

### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

by Mike Hollingshead, a Past President of the Ontario Numismatic Association, as published in Canadian Coin News.

“A good club offers a number of services to the collector. The most important of these is an education. This usually takes the form of a guest speaker or a slide presentation or video, often borrowed from the CNA or ONA (or another audiovisual lending library). A good presentation will last 20 to 30 minutes, short enough to maintain your avid interest, yet long enough to cover the topic. With our climate in mind, most clubs use audiovisuals in the months when bad weather might prevent a speaker from attending.”

### **ROYAL CANADIAN MINT RECEIVES COMPLIMENTS**

In my circle of friends, more and more positive comments are being made about the good work of the Royal Canadian Mint than we can recall in our 40-plus year involvement in the hobby. They have been receiving praise from all quarters about the commemorative coinage they place in circulation on themes that are dear to the hearts of most Canadians: the Poppy, the Queen Mother, the special dimes and quarters.

Now the Mint has announced that Terry Fox will grace Canada's latest circulating commemorative coin, 25 years after he asked for a dollar from each Canadian to support his Marathon of Hope. The coin, of which between 11 and 15 million will be struck, was unveiled March 14 at his alma mater, Simon Fraser University. It will go into circulation in April, coinciding with the 25th anniversary of Fox's Marathon of Hope. Fox, who had most of his right leg amputated because of bone cancer, left from St. John's on April 12, 1980, with a plan to run across the country to raise money for cancer research. A few months later, on Sept. 1, he was forced to stop just outside Thunder Bay when he was diagnosed with lung cancer. Fox had ran more than 5,300 km. He died June 28, 1981, at age 22. Since his death, more than \$360 million has been raised for cancer research in Fox's name.

His brother, Darrrell, suggests perhaps Canadians should call this Loonie the “Terry.”

### **WHAT TO CALL A CANADIAN \$5 COIN**

Canada's largest talk radio station, CFRB, featured a call-in program last week about the possibility of Canada introducing a \$5 coin (while, at the same time, eliminating the 1 cent and 5 cent coins). And what did the callers think was important to call in about during the time we managed to catch the program?

Nothing about the size of the \$5 coin. Nothing about the weight in a man's pocket. Nothing about the cost to the vending machine industry. Nothing about the cost savings because of their life expectancy in comparison to paper money. Nothing about who or what should be honored/celebrated.

Would you believe they were concerned about being accosted by panhandlers in downtown Toronto asking for “loose change” who, if they receive a new fiver every 15 minutes, would laugh all the way to the bank. Now we know what is important to people working in Toronto the Good!



Did anybody catch the program and can tell us what else was said?

### **BANK ROBBER LEAVES CHEQUEBOOK**

Evansville, Indiana police didn't need DNA or even fingerprints to track down a bank robber suspect – he left his cheque book on the teller's counter. Police arrested 63-year old Larry Heady at his home in Maceo, Kentucky, about 50 miles from Evansville.

Police say a man walked into a bank branch carrying a McDonalds bag and demanded money from a teller. He walked out with some cash, but left his cheque book. The cheques were printed with Heady's name and address.

Police say he is also a suspect in three other bank robberies in Kentucky.

### **WHO DO YOU MISS?**

The other day, we had a flashback on some of the people that we loved and respected in this hobby who have passed on. We thought of volunteer workers who helped make this hobby so popular, dealers whose honesty everyone respected and the people that made it fun to be involved.

Who was your favorite numismatist and why? Let us know at [cnanews@look.ca](mailto:cnanews@look.ca) in a paragraph or two and we will honor them in future bulletins.

### **C.N.A. ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR PUDDESTER AWARD**

C.N.A. Life Member Robert Puddester has donated a quantity of hard-cover books entitled "Medals of British India" as a reward to juniors, whether they are members of the Canadian Numismatic Association or not, who are active at the local, regional or national coin club level.

Although a number of juniors have already been recognized (Sabrina Boyer of Kitchener, Ontario was the first one), the C.N.A. is looking for additional nominations. We hope that you will e-mail your own recommendations to [cnainfo@look.ca](mailto:cnainfo@look.ca) since additional books are on hand for presentation. Please provide some background on the junior. If you know their mailing address or e-mail, please pass it on to us so that we can contact them. A certificate, signed by the President of the C.N.A. and the Chairman of its Coin Kids Committee, will also be sent to successful candidates.

The book is published by Spink and Son of London, England. It covers over 1,200 medals of the British Empire in India and Burma from 1750 to 1947 in 562 pages, with over 500 illustrations. Included are medals issued by, and on behalf of, Kings & Queens, Maharajahs, governments, viceroys, durbars, universities, colleges, schools, exhibitions, associations and societies, Royal Visits, Parsis, railways, jubilees, medical subjects, famous persons and rulers of princely states. Full details on the book can be obtained from [www.spink.com/asp/fullstockitem.asp?sale](http://www.spink.com/asp/fullstockitem.asp?sale).

### **SENIOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP RATE APPROVED**

At the last Annual General Membership Meeting held at the 2004 C.N.A. Convention, the C.N.A. membership voted in favor of a motion to establish a life membership fee of \$375.00 for members in good standing age 65 or over (the life membership rate for anyone younger than 65 remains at \$595.00).

All life membership applicants receive a Certificate, suitable for framing, attesting to their Life Membership status, as well as a metal membership card. Details at [www.canadian-numismatic.org](http://www.canadian-numismatic.org).

## **PUBLIC OBLIVIOUS TO SUSAN B. ANTHONIES**

A recent episode of the TV program Oblivious had its host, Regis Burns, ask an unsuspecting contestant how much a Susan B. Anthony was worth. She didn't know.

Regis provided the simple answer: "One dollar!" We don't know if he meant face value or numismatic value, but what's the difference?

## **CANADIAN SCULPTURE CENTRE HOUSES MEDALLIC ART DISPLAY**

A recent issue of Behind the MASC, the newsletter of the Medallic Art Society of Canada, contained an announcement by their President, Susan Taylor, that the Society now has a permanent home for a medal display in the Canadian Sculpture Centre. The Centre is located at 64 Merton St. in Toronto (near Yonge St. and Eglinton Ave.) and welcomes visitors to review the display.

This permanent showcase presents an excellent opportunity for members to exhibit their medals for sale on an ongoing basis.

Equally impressive is that MASC is exhibiting the medals in three showcases especially designed and built for the inaugural MASC exhibit held at the Canadian War Museum.

Incidentally, MASC produced a catalogue from the exhibition they held at the National War Museum in 2002/2003, which can still be obtained, including a version that is signed by the artists of medals that were on display. Contact John Carolan at [newcar@sympatico.ca](mailto:newcar@sympatico.ca) for pricing.

## **IN PRAISE OF COIN DEALERS**

You have probably been reading about four Israeli antiquities collectors and dealers charged with manufacturing bible-era artifacts and selling them for millions of dollars over the past 20 years. The forgers would often use authentic but relatively mundane artifacts, such as a plain burial box, decanter or shard, and boost their value enormously by adding inscriptions, according to Associated Press releases. Two specific examples that were given were the purported burial box of Jesus' brother, James, and a stone tablet with written instructions by King Yoash on maintenance work at the Jewish temple.

Did it strike you that in all the articles, not a single mention was made of the fact that coins were involved? We think we have some very knowledgeable authenticators involved in our hobby to keep us honest!

And it wouldn't take them 20 years to expose forgeries, we bet!

## **SHOW BUSINESS**

APRIL 1 - 3, Kingston, ON – EONS Eastern Ontario Numismatic Show, Days Inn Convention Centre, 33 Benson St. Over 40 bourse tables. Hours: Fri. 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sat. 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Auction Sat. 7 p.m.

APRIL 2 - 3, Boucherville, QC - ANPB Association des Numismates des Philatelistes de Boucherville Annual Expo Show, School de Mortagne, 955 Blvd. Montarville. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 40 dealer tables of coins and stamps. Information from Andre (450) 632-4745. Web site: [www.anpb.net](http://www.anpb.net).

APRIL 2 - 3, Vancouver, BC - Vancouver Numismatic Society 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Money Show, Oakridge Centre Auditorium, 41st and Cambie. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Sat. Golden Anniversary Banquet; Sun. numismatic seminar. Information from Peter at (604) 228-9445 or [moogk@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:moogk@interchange.ubc.ca).

April 10, 2005 – Chatham, Ontario - Chatham Coin Club's Annual Show. Wheels Inn, Corner of #2 Highway and Keil Dr. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

April 15-17, 2005 - Dearborn, Michigan - Michigan State Numismatic Association 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spring Convention. At the Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, Michigan.

April 16-17, 2005, Sudbury, Ontario – Ontario Numismatic Association 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention, hosted by the Nickel Belt Coin Club. At the Radisson Hotel (formerly Ramada Inn), 85 Ste. Anne Road, Rainbow Outlet Centre, Sudbury, Ontario. The 50-table bourse is almost sold out, as are the majority of the registration kits, thanks mainly to the hard work of Gerry Albert, Show Chairman, and Tom Rogers, O.N.A. President. The silver medals, with the low mintage of 30, are sold out. Information from Gerry Albert at (705) 523-1778, Tom Rogers at (519) 451-2316, or email [trogers@sympatico.ca](mailto:trogers@sympatico.ca).

APRIL 16 - 17, Regina, Saskatchewan - Coin & Stamp Show, Best Western Seven Oaks Motor Inn, 777 Albert St. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$3 adults, 13-16 years old \$1, 12 and under free. Displays, door prizes. Hosted by Regina Coin Club. For more information, contact Paul Daniel at (306) 868-4528.

JULY 20-24, 2005 – CALGARY, Alberta - 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the Canadian Numismatic Association. Hosted by the Calgary Numismatic Society. Westin Hotel/Downtown, 320 – 4th Ave. SW, Calgary, Alberta. Bourse room open Thursday through Saturday, July 21 – 23. For full details, go to the C.N.A. Website at [www.canadian-numismatic.org](http://www.canadian-numismatic.org) and click on the link to the 2005 C.N.A. Convention. More details next issue.

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