

Welcome to the C.N.A. E-Bulletin Vol. 2, No. 15 – May 20, 2006

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INTRODUCTION

We are very pleased the way things are developing for the upcoming 2006 C.N.A. Convention scheduled for July 20-23 in Niagara Falls, Ontario. The committee has done a bang-up job in organizing a full program of events, assembling material for the various registration kits, planning meetings and tours and otherwise assuring that everyone will have a great time. If you are a member of the C.N.A., the May Journal has a lot of material published about the show, with more to follow in the June and July/August Journals. But quite a bit of the material published here is different than in the CN Journal. As well, this E-Bulletin is going to well over 1,000 non-members, so we thought we would publish this special 2006 C.N.A. Convention Issue. Because so much is happening, we will publish Part Two in another C.N.A. E-Bulletin on May 25 before reverting to our usual columns about unusual happenings in the June 1 issue.

INVITATION

From John Regitko, General Chairman: "The Convention Committee is pleased to invite you to attend the 2006 C.N.A. Convention scheduled for July 20 - 23 at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel, 6755 Fallsview Blvd., Niagara Falls, Ontario. We have planned a rather full schedule and we are pleased to publish the program of events, registration form, hotel room reservation details and details on draws and meetings. Because this bulletin is going to both seasoned convention-goers as well as beginners, we are including basic details to assure that everyone reading this fully understands what conventions are all about.

We are so thrilled that so many specialty groups are participating, either by holding their annual meeting or manning information tables. As well, the Royal Canadian Mint will have agreed to an unveiling during the Convention.

We look forward to receiving your registration soon and meeting you at the 2006 C.N.A. Convention!

THE LARGEST CONVENTION IN THE 55-YEAR HISTORY OF THE C.N.A.

In total, the 2006 C.N.A. Convention will be the largest convention ever held by the C.N.A.

- The largest bourse of any C.N.A. Convention in the last 25 years
- The second-largest bourse of any C.N.A. Convention in its 55-year history!
- More draw prizes than at any previous C.N.A. Convention!
- More give-aways at meetings than at any previous C.N.A. Convention!
- More activities than at any previous C.N.A. Convention!
- Probably as many spousal activities than at any previous C.N.A. Convention!
- More young numismatist activities than at any previous C.N.A. Convention!
- The largest foyer filled chock-full of activities than at any previous C.N.A. Convention!
- The most numismatic content of any previous Main registration kit!
- The most numismatic content of any previous Young Numismatist registration kit at!
- The most content of any previous Spousal kit!

NIAGARA FALLS

- NIAGARA Falls is host to the 2006 C.N.A. Convention on July 20 - 23, 2006
- NIAGARA attractions are highlighted during one of the Spousal Tours

- NIAGARA-on-the-Lake is another scheduled tour
- NIAGARA's Inniskilin Wine is our supplier of choice
- NIAGARA Brewing Company brand beer will be served at the President's Welcome Reception and Post-Banquet Reception
- NIAGARA souvenirs will be included in the C.N.A. Convention registration kits: casino chips, video arcade tokens, trade dollars and much more
- NIAGARA Casino souvenirs in the Registration kits will include a deck of playing cards, casino tokens, even a pair of dice from the Niagara Fallsview Casino.

ACTIVITIES AT 2006 C.N.A. CONVENTION

"SO MUCH TO DO - SO LITTLE TIME!"

The Canadian highlight of the numismatic year is the annual C.N.A. Convention, which has been held annually in various cities across Canada since 1954. The Convention is Canada's oldest continuing numismatic event where people with a common interest come together. This summary includes background on the many enjoyable activities that are in store for you when you attend the 2006 C.N.A. Convention in Niagara Falls on all or part of July 20 to 23. With 52 previous conventions under its belt, the C.N.A. has learned a few things about running successful conventions, so that when you arrive, whether as a pre-registered guest intending to stay for most of the convention or as a daily visitor, we are very confident that you will enjoy yourself.

In my close to 50 years of attending coin shows, I have met many wonderful fellow collectors that make this hobby so much fun. However, nothing beats the enjoyment one has at the national coin convention because we offer things no one else does.

REGISTRATION

When you first arrive and check into the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel & Convention Centre and proceed to the convention registration desk on the 2nd floor, you will be greeted by volunteer members of the convention committee. You can register, or pick up your registration kit if you pre-registered. Or you might just wish to come on a daily basis by paying the nominal daily admission price. We do recommend that you register by mail to assure that we are not sold out of kits or souvenir medals.

Registration includes admission to the bourse for the full duration of the show, unlimited number of visits to the hospitality suite where you can throw your feet up and enjoy complimentary coffee and snacks, a special souvenir medal to commemorate the convention, a reception hosted by the Royal Canadian Mint, the President's Welcome Reception, souvenir booklet, registration kit with many souvenir items and lots more.

Spousal registrations are also available and include, among other things, seven collectibles catalogues by Charlton Press (including the popular Royal Doulton Figurines), admission to two continental breakfast gatherings (Friday and Saturday mornings) open to Spousal Registrants only, admission to the Royal Canadian Mint Reception and unlimited visits to the hospitality suite. We are so pleased with the contents that we are offering a full money-back guarantee if you are not completely satisfied when you review the contents after you pick up the kit.

Special Young Numismatist Kits will also be available. The contents have to be seen to be fully appreciated. No wonder we are also offering a full money-back guarantee.

A registration form is available from the "2006 Convention" link at www.canadian-numismatic.org or wait until Part Two of the Special C.N.A. Convention Issue of the C.N.A. E-Bulletin to be published May 25.

BOURSE

Dealers from across Canada and parts of the United States occupying over 70 bourse tables will be at the Convention with a great variety of numismatic material. Admission to the bourse is by registration or daily admission. Note that registrants are allowed entry one hour before the general public on Friday and Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

AUCTION

Each year, the Canadian Numismatic Association appoints an official auction house to conduct an auction at the annual C.N.A. Convention. Mail bids are accepted by the auction house prior to the Convention, with floor bidding taking place at the various sessions during the Convention. Viewing of the auction material takes place during the convention up to the start of each auction session. Auctions are scheduled for Friday (1:00 p.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m.), and Saturday (1:00 p.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m.) A catalogue listing the auction material from all sessions will be available for viewing at the Diverse Equities website at www.diverseequities.com. If you wish a hard copy, please contact them at stan@diverseequities.com or telephone (403) 230-9321.

ROYAL CANADIAN MINT TO UNVEIL NEW MINT MARK

The Royal Canadian Mint is preparing to officially unveil a new Mint Mark, a symbol of the Mint's reputation for high quality and innovation. The Mint Mark will be officially presented on Friday, July 21 during the 2006 C.N.A. Convention. In the future, all new circulation and collector coins produced by the Royal Canadian Mint will bear the Mint Mark. We will publish further details shortly.

AWARDS

A number of prestigious awards will be presented at various functions at the Convention. These include the following:

Local & Regional/National Newsletter Awards - for the best newsletter published by a local coin club, as well as for the best newsletter published by a regional or national association. Winners are announced at the Club Delegates Breakfast Meeting by Bill Waychison, C.N.A. Club Services Chairman. The awards consist of a wall plaque for both the editor and organization.

"Fellow of the C.N.A." Award – awarded to up to 3 members of the C.N.A. annually who have performed a worthy service judged to be of a direct benefit to the Association. It authorizes recipients to use the letters "F.C.N.A." following their name. Tim Henderson, Chairman of the C.N.A. Awards Committee, will present the awards.

J. Douglas Ferguson Award - for the living numismatist named as having made the greatest contribution during the year to the advancement of numismatics in Canada, by research or writing, publishing, or by any other means; and who had not previously won the award. Mr. Ferguson set up an independent Board of Award with C.N.A. representation for the award administration. The award includes a citation and a special uniface presentation "gold" medal. It is awarded at the Banquet by Ron Greene, Chairman of the Foundation whose name it carries.

Jerome H. Remick III Literary Award - given annually to the author of the best numismatic article published in a local Canadian coin club newsletter during the previous calendar year. The award is an engraved portrait style bronze medal donated to the C.N.A. by the late Jerry Remick.

Louise Graham Memorial Club of the Year Award – presented to a C.N.A. member club to acknowledge the club having made the most significant overall achievement on behalf of its members and of the hobby in the previous calendar year. Clubs entering this competition provide reports of their activities during the previous calendar year. These are judged for topics at meetings, originality of initiatives, educational and numismatic promotions, coin shows and consistency of meetings. The award consists of a suitably engraved silver medal and a cheque in the amount of \$250.00.

The Jean Bullen Award - for the best exhibit of Canadian coins displayed by a member at the C.N.A. Convention. At her passing, Jean Bullen made a financial bequest to provide an award for the category she had favored most - one in which her outstanding Canadian collection frequently took 1st place, and often “Best of Show.” The prize is a portrait style bronze medal, suitably engraved on the reverse. It is presented to the winning exhibitor at the Convention banquet.

President’s Awards - It is the C.N.A. President’s prerogative to recognize individuals or corporations, for outstanding support of the Association. The special President’s Awards could consist of a special wall plaque or a uniface silver or nickel medal featuring the C.N.A. logo, suitably engraved for the occasion. They are presented either at the annual general membership meeting or at the Banquet, befitting the importance of the award.

OFFICIAL CONVENTION SOUVENIR MEDALS

Each year, the Canadian Numismatic Association strikes a very limited quantity of official souvenir medals commemorating the annual convention. They are struck in small quantities to assure they remain a very worthy...and worthwhile...collectible. They contain the official C.N.A. crest on the obverse, while the reverse features convention information such as convention date, city and an appropriate central design relevant to the Convention location. The copper medal is included in the Main Registration Kit. They are also available, on a first come, first served basis, at the Convention or via mail order in either silver (.999 fine) or copper. We expect that no more than 75 silver and 50 copper medals will be available for sale at \$40 and \$20, respectively.

DRAWS

Hourly Door Draws - Free draws for registrants and daily admittance guests will be conducted each hour for a 2000 “Niagara Falls” Oh Canada set issued by the Royal Canadian Mint.

Meeting Attendance Draws for Registrants - If you are in attendance at the various meetings and your registration number is drawn, you will receive a \$100 Bourse Coupon good for a purchase, without restrictions, from any dealer in the bourse room. As well, meetings where draws are normally held will include a 2003 “Niagara Falls” \$20 hologram silver coin from the Royal Canadian Mint.

Banquet Draws - Very worthwhile prizes are up for grabs in the complimentary draws at the banquet on Saturday evening. These include original submissions to the Royal Canadian Mint in coin design competitions, a free week-end stay at the convention hotel, hundreds of dollars worth of various collectible books donated by Charlton Press, free certification and grading of coins donated by the International Coin Certification Service (ICCS), posters of coin designs

autographed by successful coin designers, books authored by the banquet speaker, collector coins from the Mint and more. Items will be on display in the convention foyer on Friday and Saturday for viewing.

Early Bird Registrants Draw - A draw will be conducted 30 days prior to the convention for anyone whose main registration we have received up to that time. The prize is a full refund of their registration kit payment, a \$50 value, as well as a number of \$5.00 Bourse Coupons good in the bourse room.

Opening Ceremonies Attendance Draw - If you are in attendance at the opening ceremonies at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, you are eligible for one of two \$25 bourse coupons.

TOURS

The following bus outings are planned. The nominal cost charged to participating registrants covers the bus rental and admission to the activities specified. If the bus is not filled to capacity, the Convention underwrites any cost shortfall.

City Tour - a guided bus tour to Brock Monument, Laura Secord Monument, Floral Clock, Sir Adam Beck Power Generating Station, Whirlpool Lookout, Botanical Gardens, Horticultural Floral Greenhouses and, of course, the Falls is planned. The tour includes admission to Butterfly Museum, the world's largest Aviary (bird sanctuary) and, if time permits, a tour of the Sir Adam Beck Hydro Generating Station.

Tour of Niagara-on-the-Lake and Inniskillin Winery - Bus transportation, admission to Inniskillin Winery and complimentary wine tasting are included, as is a complimentary bottle of Inniskillin's finest. Luncheon during stopover in Niagara-on-the-Lake is the responsibility of participants.

COIN GRADING AND PRESERVATION WORKSHOP

There will also be a special all-day workshop on Thursday, July 20, that will feature Brian Cornwell on "Coin Grading and Counterfeit Detection" and Susan Maltby on "Coin and Paper Money Preservation." This is similar to their sold-out presentations that have been held at Humber College in Toronto. A nominal charge is made to cover the cost of room rental and handouts. Attendees from out-of-town can participate by planning their arrival a day earlier. Limited to the first 20 students that register for the course. Must be registered to participate. Full details will be published in Part Two of the C.N.A. E-Bulletin on May 25.

REGISTRATION KITS

Three registration kits will be made available:

Main Registration Kit - Restricted to a maximum quantity of 100, the main registration kits will include at least two 12-pocket wallets filled with special souvenir wooden nickels, casino chips and video arcade tokens from Niagara Falls and elsewhere, trade dollars, personalized memo pads, unusual items such as a colorful "Trudeau Dollar," and lots more. Must be seen to be appreciated.

Spousal Registration Kit - Will include a box full of collectibles catalogues - at least 7, including the popular Royal Doulton Figurines - and other material. So worthwhile that we are offering a no-questions-asked "full money back guarantee" on the kit.

Young Numismatist Registration Kit - Will contain a colonial token catalogue, token book, trade dollar catalogue, over a dozen different pre-1990s uncirculated Canadian cents from the 60s &

70s, a low-mintage 1926 Canadian 5-cent piece, video arcade tokens from Niagara Falls, 6 commemorative booklets from the RCM complete with the commemorative coins and much, much more. Only 50 kits will be available and we expect them to sell out fast once the contents are seen. They carry a full no-questions-asked money back guarantee.

BENEFITS OF REGISTRATION

In addition to the "worthwhile" contents of the registration kits, the following additional benefits are available to registrants:

- admission to Royal Canadian Mint Reception on Friday
- entry to the bourse prior to its opening to the general public
- unlimited visits to the Hospitality Suite over 3 days
- automatic entry in the "In Attendance at Meeting" draw for \$100 bourse coupons - just for registering and being at the meeting.
- a draw held 30 days prior to the Convention for all Main Registrants for a refund of the \$50 registration fee, with a number of secondary prizes of \$5.00 Bourse Coupons.

COIN KIDS ACTIVITIES

A group of volunteers have committed their time and talent to provide various programs for the young collectors:

Special Coin Kids Registration Kit - The registration kit specially assembled for the younger collector will contain a variety of items that we simply could not afford to include in the main registration kit. These kits will only be available to the first 50 registrations received from juniors.

Coin Kids Meeting - The meeting, organized by members of the C.N.A. Coin Kids Committee, will be of special interest to young collectors. Parents are encouraged to also attend as observers so that they can experience first-hand the fun & fellowship that can be had from the hobby regardless of age.

Coin Kids Treasure Hunt - Young collectors are encouraged to participate in the Coin Kids Treasure Hunt that will, upon successful completion, reward them with free coins, free auction dollars, a Coupon good for a \$5 purchase from any bourse dealer and more.

Coin Kids Table - When a young collector first arrives at the 2006 C.N.A. Convention, he/she proceeds to the special Coin Kids Table set up in the Convention lobby. There they will obtain their Coin Kids Registration Kit (whether pre-registered or new registrant), a Treasure Hunt package, the Treasure Hunt rewards upon successful completion of the treasure hunt, Auction Dollars for bidding in the Coin Kids Auction, and other free surprises. It should be noted that everything available at the Coin Kids Table is absolutely free, with the exception of the Coin Kits Registration Kit and the Coin Kids Correspondence Course 101 which are available for a nominal charge and whose contents must be seen to be appreciated.

Coin Kids Auction - Following the Coin Kids meeting, a special Coin Kids Auction will be held. Bidding is restricted to the free Coin Kids Auction Dollars that were obtained from the Coin Kids Table located in the convention lobby, in the following ways:

- \$40 in Coin Kids Registration Kit (which is the cost of the registration kit)
- \$16.50 if you are a member of the C.N.A. for 2006 or sign up at the convention (which is the cost of junior membership)
- \$10 in the Coin Kids package available to all juniors attending the convention
- \$10 upon successful completion of Coin Hunt

- \$20 at Coin Kids Meeting on Saturday if a parent is in attendance

FREE PARKING OFFERED TO 2006 C.N.A. CONVENTION ATTENDEES

While a charge applies when you park in the parking lot located beside the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel, special arrangements have been made for the complimentary parking - even if you do not stay at the hotel.

Anyone attending the 2006 C.N.A. Convention at the Sheraton Fallsview Casino should park in the parking area directly across from the back of the hotel on Stanley Avenue. This offer of free parking is available to all registrants and daily admissions, and is available whether you stay overnight at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel or not.

Note that anyone parking in the parking lot beside the hotel is subject to normal hotel parking fees, amounting up to \$10 per day, over which we have no control.

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Niagara Falls Coin Club, Niagara Falls, Ontario

Niagara Falls & Buffalo (New York) Coin Clubs

CONCLUSION

We hope you will be attending the Convention. If you need a bit more enticing, read Part Two of the Special C.N.A. E-Bulletin to be published May 25 that will also include a Program of Events, Registration Form, competitive exhibit details and more.

John Regitko
Your C.N.A. E-Bulletin Editor
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