

Welcome to the C.N.A. E-Bulletin Vol. 2, No. 18 – June 5, 2006

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INTRODUCTION

Here is another installment of news about the upcoming C.N.A. Convention that we have not included in two previous C.N.A. E-Bulletins. This is without doubt the most publicity that has ever been sent out about any C.N.A. Convention, made possible by the Internet.

For anyone that has still not made up their mind whether to attend or not, there is not much more we can do except to ask what you would like us to do to convince you to attend next year - same city, same hotel.

C.N.A. APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

For the past number of years, you have seen yours truly sitting beside the C.N.A. President at C.N.A. Executive meetings, at the head table of the Annual General Membership meeting, taking minutes at the Club Delegates Breakfast Meeting and manning the C.N.A. Information Table. All that will change at the 2006 C.N.A. Convention.

PAUL JOHNSON APPOINTED C.N.A. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Charles "Chuck" Moore, President of the Canadian Numismatic Association, is pleased to announce the appointment of Paul Johnson as the Association's new Executive Secretary. Paul Johnson began collecting coins in 1965, joining both the Canadian Numismatic Association in 1972. Currently, he is a member of about 30 numismatic associations and has been a Life Member of the C.N.A. since 1978.

Paul has held several elected and appointed positions in the C.N.A. including Second Vice-President, Ontario Director and Finance Chairman. Paul is currently the Education Committee Chairman and has served in that position since 1991. He has coordinated numerous book projects and was the Editor of the first CNA Numismatic Correspondence Course released in 1995 as well as the second one, which was launched at the 2005 CNA Convention in Calgary. He served the CNA as Junior Director (1972–1974), Club Services Chairman (1975–1978), Finance Committee Chairman (1977–1983), Ontario Director (1977–1979), Second Vice President (1979–1981) and Toronto area Director (1981–1987). Paul was an exhibit judge at most CNA Conventions from 1979 to 2004. He received the J. Douglas Ferguson Gold Medal Award in 1995, the CNA Fellow Award in 1997, the CNA Great Distinction Award in 1997 and the CNA Presidential Award in 2005. He has served on many CNA Convention committees, including 2006 (Niagara Falls) as Program Chairman and Exhibit Chairman.

He served the Ontario Numismatic Association as Head Exhibit Judge from 1997 to 2006 and as Award of Merit Committee Chairman from 1991 to 1999. Paul received the ONA Award of Merit in 1985 and the ONA Fellow award in 2001. He has held ONA Life Membership since 1983.

Paul joined the American Numismatic Association in 1972, the year he also received the ANA Outstanding Young Numismatist award. He also received the ANA Presidential award in 1995. In 1996 Paul received the title of MASTER NUMISMATIST for completing the ANA Numismatic Diploma Program.

Paul has been an active exhibitor at coin shows since 1967 and has received numerous Best of Show awards including two at past CNA Conventions 1975 and 1977. He has exhibited competitively in every Canadian province except Newfoundland and has exhibited in 25 different states of the United States since 1973.

He has been a writer, exhibitor and speaker at numerous numismatic functions throughout Canada and the United States during his 40 years in numismatics. Paul has served on the executive of the North York Coin Club over a 20-year span as Vice President, Director and Program Chairman, receiving a Life Membership in 1998. He was also on the executive of the Peterborough (Ontario) Coin Club from 1966 to 1971.

His 33-year background as a General Accountant, Financial Analyst and Cost Accountant in the manufacturing and service industries will serve him well in his new position. Paul is married to his wife Mary-Ellen and they have a nine-year-old daughter Laura.

If you are thinking of joining the C.N.A. or wish information on the C.N.A. correspondence course, other than going to www.canadian-numismatic.org, Paul can be reached during normal business hours at the C.N.A. Executive Office, 5694 Highway #7 East, Suite 432, Markham, ON L3P 1B4, telephone (647) 401-4014, fax (905) 472-9645 or via e-mail at cnainfo@rogers.com.

“I WANT TO GO TO THE CNA CONVENTION” CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

We previously announced a contest for young collectors for an all-expense trip to the 2006 C.N.A. Convention in Niagara Falls. Dozens of entries were received from young collectors. Judging was conducted by a committee consisting of the President of the C.N.A., the outgoing Executive Secretary and the Incoming Executive Secretary. The junior selected by the judges to receive the Grand Prize on the basis of the five questions they would ask the President of the Royal Canadian Mint is Christine Guyatt-Woodland of Vernon, Ontario. She is an eleven-year-old grade 5 student at Castor Valley elementary School where she is a member of their coin club (C.N.A. members can refer to page 98 of the March 2006 issue of the CNA Journal for a photograph and article about the club). She is a member of the C.N.A. as well as the Ontario Numismatic Association and the City of Ottawa Coin Club.

John Regitko made the announcement on May 29 at the meeting of the City of Ottawa Coin Club. He presented Christine with the following prize package worth over \$1,200.

- transportation allowance to Niagara Falls and return
- four nights stay at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel
- Coin Kids registration kit
- silver convention souvenir medal
- banquet ticket
- ticket to the Club Delegates Breakfast meeting
- \$100 coupon good in the bourse room

She will meet with the President of the Royal Canadian Mint to personally ask the five questions.

The runner-up is Katie Heinrich of Cleves, Ohio, age 14, is the editor of the Cincinnati Numismatic Association bulletin and has earned a Girl Scout Silver Award for her planning and involvement in a program for young numismatists. She will receive a Coin Kids registration kit, silver convention souvenir medal, banquet ticket, ticket to the Club Delegates Breakfast meeting and a \$100 coupon for spending in the bourse room.

NIAGARA HISTORIAN TO ADDRESS C.N.A. BANQUET

Mr. Sherman Zavitz, official historian for the City of Niagara Falls and the Niagara Parks Commission, has consented to be the keynote speaker at the Banquet of the 2006 C.N.A. Convention. His presentation is entitled "Niagara Falls: The Weird and the Unusual."

Mr. Zavitz, born in Welland, Ontario, has been a resident of Niagara Falls for 46 years where he was an elementary school teacher for 35 years, retiring in 1995.

He is a past president of The Lundy's Lane Historical Society, a past chair of the Niagara Falls Board of Museums and was the Chair of the City of Niagara Falls Centennial Book Committee. He has written a weekly column for the *Niagara Falls Review* since 1993, featuring subjects of local historical interest (Niagara Then and Now, A Niagara Note, A Picture from the Past). He has also written five books: "Niagara Then and Now," "Niagara Falls Then and Now" and "It Happened at Niagara" Series 1, 2 & 3). Some of the books will be made available in the door draw.

THE 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 July 21 during the 2006 Canadian Numismatic Association Convention in Niagara Falls. In the future, all new circulation and collector coins produced by the Royal Canadian Mint will proudly bear the Mint Mark.

THE 2006 C.N.A. CONVENTION SOUVENIR MEDAL

One hundred years ago, in 1906, the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, the first public hydro-electric company in Canada, was formed when the Ontario Legislature passed the Power Commission Act establishing the then Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario (HEPC). The governor of Ontario, Sir James P. Whitney, appointed Adam Beck its first Chairman, a position he held until his death in 1925.

SIR ADAM BECK

Sir Adam Beck was a prosperous London, Ontario, manufacturer, who was simultaneously the Mayor and the Conservative member of the provincial Legislature (which was then permitted). Given Ontario's water power resources at Niagara, Beck was an early champion of municipal and provincial electric power ownership to spur economic development. When his party won the election of 1905, the time was right for Beck to implement his conviction that power from Niagara Falls should be available at cost to Ontario municipalities. In the government of Conservative Leader, James Whitney, Beck became "Power Minister" and chairman of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, the world's first publicly-owned utility. Its initial project was to build a 110,000-volt transmission line from Niagara Falls to carry power to southwestern Ontario municipalities, including Toronto.

In 1914, Beck was knighted by King George V for services rendered to the Commonwealth of Canada, specifically for his promotion of electricity. Sir Adam served as Chairman of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario until his death in 1925 and was instrumental in developing the 450-megawatt Queenston Chippawa power station at Niagara. At the time, this was the largest power station in the world. In 1950, this station was renamed Sir Adam Beck I in his honor.

Demand for power after World War II led to the development of the adjacent Sir Adam Beck No. 2 GS.

Sir Adam Beck, who was appointed the first Chairman of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario exactly 100 years ago, is memorialized on the C.N.A. Convention medal issued as a souvenir of the convention held in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

The Niagara Falls Hydro-Electric Power Plant, designed by Nikola Tesla and financed by George Westinghouse, was finished in 1895. Tesla's induction motor revolutionized the industry and household appliances in the 19th and 20th century. It was proclaimed one of the ten greatest inventions of all times. Nikola Tesla developed polyphase alternating current system of generators, motors and transformers, which George Westinghouse bought.

Niagara Falls was the final victory of Tesla's Alternating Current (AC) Electricity over Edison's Direct Current (DC) Electricity. Niagara Falls marked a new era of electricity in the world. The electrification of America and the world has begun after Niagara Falls Power Plant.

In Toronto, there is a statue of Beck, sculpted by Emanuel Hahn, a well-known coin designer, on University Avenue at Queen Street West. The head of this statue appears on the convention medal, engraved from a photograph taken by C.N.A. member Paul Petch, who designed the medal.

EARLY BIRD DRAW FOR PRE-REGISTRANTS OF MAIN REGISTRATION KITS

To assist us in our planning, we are motivating people to register early by conducting a draw 30 days prior to the start of the Convention for all people registered at that time for a Main Registration. The draw prize consists of a refund of the \$50 registration fee, which will be presented to the winner when he/she picks up their registration kit at the 2006 Convention. It might "pay" for you to register early! In addition, we will also draw for a number of \$5.00 bourse coupons.

THE 2006 C.N.A. EDUCATIONAL FORUM

An Educational Forum will take place during the 2006 C.N.A. Convention. This Forum will be held on Saturday, July 22, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Two outstanding speakers have been selected to participate. There is no admission charge and no advance reservations are required. A Registrant's "In Attendance" draw will take place at the meeting for a \$100 bourse coupon (all Registrants are automatically entered).

Chris Boyer of Waterloo, Ontario, will speak on "Mountie Money" and Wendell Wolka of Greenwood, Indiana will speak on "Parallels in North American Banking: The Canadian-American Experience." The Moderator is Paul Johnson of Unionville, Ontario, Chairman of the C.N.A. Education Committee.

Full details are posted at www.canadian-numismatic.org/2006educational.php.

FOUNDING MEETINGS

In addition to the normal meetings held by CATC, CAWMC, CTCCC, MASC and CPMS, two groups of specialty collector enthusiasts have asked for meeting space at the Convention to determine if there is sufficient interest in forming new specialty associations. Both meetings are free to everyone, whether they are members of the C.N.A. or not or whether they are registered or daily attendees. No advance notice of attendance is required.

NEWFOUNDLAND NUMISMATIC ENTHUSIASTS MEETING

Bill Kamb, C.N.A. Area Director for Central U.S.A., has requested that we help promote and organize a meeting of anyone interested in having a new specialty group formed dealing with Newfoundland numismatics. Attendees at the meeting will be asked to determine if there is sufficient interest in forming such a meeting; whether they wish to operate with an elected executive or in the style of the S.O.B. Numismatists; what form and frequency any bulletin will take; plans re future meetings; etc. The meeting will be held on Friday, July 21, starting at 4:00 p.m.

Everyone attending the meeting will be eligible to enter a draw for the following prizes:

- a. A Canadian \$100 gold coin featuring Sir Humphrey Gilbert, the founder of Newfoundland
- b. A 1949 Canadian Silver Dollar, issued to commemorate the entry of Newfoundland into confederation.
- c. Two of the Newfoundland books published by the Ferguson Foundation.
- d. A draw for a \$20 silver hologram "Niagara Falls" coin issued by the Royal Canadian Mint
- e. Participation in a draw for everyone at the meeting that is registered at the Convention, for a \$100 bourse coupon good in the bourse room, in the "In Attendance at Meeting" draw.

ERROR COLLECTORS ENTHUSIASTS MEETING

Henry Nienhuis will chair a meeting of error collectors enthusiasts to determine if there is sufficient interest in forming a group to promote their collecting interests. The meeting is scheduled for Friday July 21 at 2:00 pm.

The guest speaker, Bill English, is former President of the Coin Irregularity Association of Canada (CIAC). His presentation will make effective use of visual aids to explain how major errors can occur during normal production at the Royal Canadian Mint. He has given similar presentations throughout his extensive involvement in the numismatic error hobby.

After Bill's presentation, we will be conducting an open discussion on the future of this area of the hobby and will be looking for interest and support in forming a Canadian Error and Varieties Enthusiasts association.

Draw prizes will consist of a number of worthwhile Canadian coin errors as well as a \$20 silver hologram "Niagara Falls" coin issued by the Royal Canadian Mint. Everyone at the meeting that is registered at the Convention will also be eligible for a \$100 bourse coupon good in the bourse room, in the "In Attendance at Meetings" draw.

To better judge interest in forming an error association and to prepare for this discussion, we ask anyone interested (whether you plan to attend the seminar or not) to contact: Henry Nienhuis at fenix@rogers.com with your thoughts.

BANQUET ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BUFFET FIT FOR A KING

The buffet planned for the C.N.A. Banquet will feature five hot main selections: carved roast striploin, grilled salmon trout, lasagna, beef stroganoff and lemon herb chicken.

Cold dishes include a selection of deli meats, pate platter, international cheeses, poached salmon Bellevue with seafood salad, prime rib of beef Jardiniere, variety of eight appetizing salads, fresh international fruit, freshly brewed coffee and tea and Fun & Fellowship throughout.

The Sheraton Sweet Table is guaranteed to be irresistible to even the most calorie-conscious.

The prizes in the complimentary door draws will include:

- unique coin designer sketches that were submitted to the Royal Canadian Mint for judging for new Canadian coins by Raymond Taylor and Stewart Sherwood, but since they were not selected, the sketches were returned to the coin designers and donated to the draw
- a 2003 Niagara Falls \$20 Hologram Coin originally issued by the RCM at \$83.60 plus taxes & shipping
- complimentary week-end stay at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel
- one-year subscription to any of the Trajan Publishing publications
- color plates from the books "Attack on Pearl Harbor" and "First to Fly" autographed by David Craig
- line drawings of coins autographed by coin designers Dora de Pedery-Hunt, Stewart Sherwood, Raymond Taylor, David Craig and the late Donald D. Patterson
- a set of 60 different casino chips
- sets of Canadian Tire Corporation asterisk notes and special serial numbers
- other worthwhile prizes

Geoff Bell, a Past-President of the C.N.A. and currently Chairman of the C.N.A. Past Presidents Committee, has consented to be Master of Ceremonies. Major numismatic awards will be presented by Tim Henderson, Chairman of the C.N.A. Awards Committee, and William Waychison, C.N.A. Club Services Chairman.

REGISTRATION FORM

A registration form is available from www.canadian-numismatic.org/2006registration.php.

COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT APPLICATION FORM

An exhibit application form is available from www.canadian-numismatic.org/2006exhibits.php.

ACCOMMODATION AT THE CONVENTION HOTEL

If you have not booked your accommodation yet at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel & Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario, you should do so immediately to receive the special convention rate of \$169.00 Canadian funds, single or double occupancy. Quote group code CNA719. Telephone toll free 1-877-353-2557 or local 905-374-1077.

CONCLUSION

As of yesterday, we have received 80 applications for the main registration kits and 29 spousal registration kits. At this rate, we forecast a sell-out of the 100 main and 50 spousal kits. Tickets for most functions are also selling very well. The hotel has advised us that they have had to...again...increase our bedroom count to assure that our group is accommodated at the special rate, but they may not be able to do so again due to the popularity of the hotel. After all, this is July in Niagara Falls, one of the world's greatest destinations for vacationers. If you have not booked your room yet, we suggest you do so immediately.

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