

Welcome to the C.N.A. E-Bulletin Vol. 2, No. 25 – September 20, 2006

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INTRODUCTION

If you are a member of the C.N.A. and you received the July/August and September issues, you would have read a lot of good things about the 2006 C.N.A. Convention. If you subscribe to Canadian Coin News, World Coin News, Coin World, Numismatic News or some of the other publications, you would have also read about the Convention. If you are a member of a local Canadian coin club, the ANA or ONA, or the specialty publications such as CPMS, CAWMC or CATC, they were also quite generous in their coverage of the convention. Although a number of you attended the convention, either for all or some of the time, most of our 1,800-plus recipients did not. We are so pleased over the outcome of the Convention that we wish to take this opportunity to thank the many participants.

First of all, the convention was about the collector. You could acquire additions to your collection; attend meetings; participate in the educational seminars; set up competitive exhibits; rub shoulders with many dealers and collectors; meet dignitaries from the Royal Canadian Mint and Bank of Canada; speak with representatives of local coin clubs and regional/national associations; cheer on the winners in the competitive exhibits and other awards; mingle at the receptions and in the hospitality suite; taste the food at the organized activities or in the many restaurants located in or near the hotel; go sight seeing; relax in their room and more.

Secondly, it was about the dealer. With three days of prime selling time, they had the opportunity to show off their wares, entice collectors to add items to their collections, add new names to their customer database and also participate in the social programs that were held after the bourse closing.

Another group we catered to were the spouses. Although some were also collectors, most attend because of the fun and fellowship, organized tours, spousal breakfast gatherings, mingling with other spouses in the hospitality suite, enjoying the food. They participated in the hourly door draws. They also found a number of items to add to their collection that were sprinkled amongst the numismatic items in the bourse room, such as the odd bit of jewelry, watches, militaria, stock certificates, post cards and more.

A fourth group were the young collectors. They enjoyed the contents of the special registration kits. They participated in the Treasure Hunt for free coins. They held their own meeting. They bid in the special Coin Kids Auction with free auction money. They frequented the hospitality suite. They bought supplies at below wholesale. Their parents were pleased.

Finally, the fifth group was the volunteers. Any good convention is only possible with good volunteers. And with the committee we had, how could we fail? They all went beyond the call of duty. The bourse was the second largest in C.N.A. history. The exhibits overflowed into the Convention foyer which, unfortunately, changed our plan of having the phenomenal exhibits of Hubert Grimminck on display. What a predicament! Either turn down competitive exhibits or renege on the commitment to a friend and hope that he will display it the following year instead.

The Coin Kids Committee...well, we just can't say enough good things about them. They organized the Treasure Hunt, the Coin Kids meeting, donation auction, supplies sales table and manned the Coin Kids Information Table.

The hospitality committee that did such an outstanding job on the spousal breakfast gatherings and the hospitality suite also manned the registration and daily admission tables. I am sure that everyone that had dealings with them will agree that their charm and smiles made attendees feel welcome.

All that planning. All that work. And you know what they receive for their trouble? A medal. Mention by name in part two of the special post-Convention issue.

And the satisfaction that they participated in one of the biggest Conventions the C.N.A. has ever held!

Then there was the staff of the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel & Convention Centre. Of all the hotels I have dealt with going back many, many years (as owner of T.I.C.F., chairman of two previous C.N.A. Conventions, as a member of convention committees numerous other times, or simply as an attendee at numerous conventions), there has never been a more accommodating team to work with.

It is to all these people that we dedicate this special Post-2006 C.N.A. Convention issue.

C.N.A. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The following was printed in the September 2006 CN Journal.

By Chuck Moore, C.N.A. President

Whether you were a dealer or a collector attending the convention, you made the convention the success that it was. Although we salute everyone that was involved, this bulletin is dedicated to those people that helped make the convention run reasonably smoothly: the volunteers!

The Niagara Falls 2006 annual Canadian Numismatic Association convention can be summed up in two words. Outstandingly successful!!

There were more main and spousal registrants than at any annual convention in the history of our association. Each registrant received a kit containing an outstanding assortment of numismatic books, tokens and souvenirs, the best I can remember since I started attending conventions in 1969. There were over 100 cases of exhibits, second only to the Ottawa 2003 convention. The bourse was the largest since the 1981 Toronto convention, with over 70 tables offering an outstanding assortment of Canadian and world coins, tokens and paper money. The banquet was over subscribed and additional tables were needed. The President's pre-convention and post-banquet parties overflowed into the hotel hallway, with as many participants outside the party room as in. Over 240 Association members and guests attended the Royal Canadian Mint reception, the largest number since the Mint started hosting receptions three decades ago. And, of course there were outstanding draw prizes, educational seminars, a coin grading and preservation workshop and tours. Two founding meetings were held for specialty collector enthusiasts, namely the Newfoundland enthusiasts club and a new error collectors club.

On behalf of the Association I want to thank John Regitko, the convention Chairman for his tireless, utterly indefatigable and outstanding work on behalf of the C.N.A. Not only did John work overtime and weekends on the convention, he also worked full time as the C.N.A. Executive Secretary for most of the past year as well as spending time as editor of the C.N.A. E-

Bulletin. His dedication to the C.N.A. has been recognized in the past, but your President has worked closely with John for the past three years, and there is no individual more dedicated to the success of our Association than John.

I also wish to thank Peter Kostyk, the Co-Chairman and Dick Dunn, the Bourse Chairman for their outstanding work. Peter was our essential on the scene contact, and Dick successfully organized the largest bourse in over two decades. And, of course, both 'volunteered' their spouses to assist.

Our annual convention will not run successfully without a large number of volunteers and on behalf of the Association I want to personally thank all who worked to make the convention operate with flying colours.

Our Association does not always recognize individually the volunteers that work to make our conventions (and, yes, our Association) so successful.

As a past exhibit judge, I believe that one of the highlights of the annual C.N.A. Convention is the exhibits, both competitive and non-competitive. This year both were superb. Once again the Bank of Canada National Currency Collection displayed an outstanding paper money exhibit. And thank you to all who exhibited competitively this year.

Often unmentioned are the Exhibit Judges, who review in detail the exhibits and award medals and ribbons to the finest exhibits in a number of categories. So, thank you to exhibit judges Graham Esler, Geoffrey Bell, Ian Graham, Dr. John Temple, Ted Leitch, Rick Craig, Len Buth, Chris Faulkner, Dick Dunn, Bill Kamb, Phil Carrigan and Geraldine Chimiri-Russell. And a special thank you to Tim Henderson, for his superb organizational work. Tim has accepted the position of Medals and Awards Chairman, and in the future will be in charge of all aspects of awards medals and plaques. Tim has served nearly 25 years as an area director and I thank him for his dedication to our hobby and our Association.

Thank you to Paul Johnson, the Exhibit Chairman and Education Chairman. Paul also had double duty as the Association's new Executive Secretary.

Thank you also to Dr. Marvin Kay, the Pre-Registration Chairman and to Paul Fiocca, Souvenir Program Booklet Chairman. And thank you to Paul Petch, the logo and medal design Chairman and Roger Fox for his excellent signs that he donated to the Convention.

Thank you to Monina Regitko who not only was the convention Treasurer, but recruited a number of spouses to work at the registration desk and daily admissions desk as well as arranging the details of the Pre-Convention President's Welcome Reception. And a special thank you to all the spouses who worked throughout the convention at a variety of tasks. And another special thank you to Geoff Bell, who served again this year as the banquet Master of Ceremony.

Many others volunteered and worked at the convention. You will all be recognized in the next Journal in the convention chairman's summary.

As President of the C.N.A., I am proud to recognize a number of achievements and milestones each year in Canadian numismatics. At the annual General Meeting at the convention, I presented plaques of congratulations. It was an unusual year and many clubs achieved milestones. I was pleased to recognize the following club anniversaries: Scarborough Coin

Club's 30-year anniversary; Oshawa District Coin Club's 45-year anniversary; Stratford Coin Club's 45-year anniversary; North York Coin Club's 45-year anniversary; and Nickel Belt Coin Club's 50-year anniversary. For all of the past and present executive members of the mentioned clubs, I extend my congratulations and personal thank you for your dedication and promotion of our hobby. You are the heart and soul of Canadian numismatics. There are also several other clubs that are achieving milestones and I will recognize them in a future President's message.

Also, as President of our Association, I was proud to recognize and present plaques of appreciation to individuals, associations and institutions for their ongoing support of the C.N.A. Plaques were presented to Mary-Anne Luzba and Bret Evans of Trajan Publishing, to the Royal Canadian Mint, the American Numismatic Association and the National Currency Collection of the Bank of Canada.

The Junior Program at this year's convention was superb, and I believe the best our Association has ever conducted. I must thank Fred Freeman of the C.N.A. Coin Kids Committee as well as our Western USA area director Michael Turrini, for traveling from California and bringing his California and New Jersey contingent. Not only did they work on the junior program, but volunteered to assist anyone requiring assistance at the convention. Their individual names will be recognized next issue. I presented a special plaque to Mathew Van Brunschot in recognition as the first graduate of the C.N.A. Canadian Coins 101 Course, the C.N.A. correspondence course for juniors. The C.N.A now has nearly 100 junior members, and a great deal of credit goes to Fred Freeman. Fred has accepted the position of Chairman of the Coin Kids committee and will continue to expand and promote programs for our junior members at conventions and throughout the year.

The Best Regional/National Newsletter award was presented to Societe Numismatique de Quebec and the Best Regional/Newsletter Editor award was presented to Pierre Minguy of the Societe Numismatique de Quebec. The Best Local Club Newsletter award was presented to the Mid-Island Coin Club of British Columbia and the Best Local Club Newsletter Editor award was presented to Wayne Jacobs of that club.

Both the Louise Graham Club of the Year Award and the Jerome H. Remick II Literary Award went to the Calgary Numismatic Society. This year's recipient of the J. Douglas Ferguson medal, the highest award in Canadian numismatics, was Harry James.

Was everything perfect? Of course not. Someone served me tea with cream instead of milk, and there were a few other minor glitches that were readily overcome, with one exception. There was a glitch with the admission to the Butterfly Museum and I understand from the convention chairman that a full refund has been mailed to everyone that participated in the City of Niagara Falls Tour.

Regardless, the 2006 Niagara Falls convention was still the BEST and MOST SUCCESSFUL Canadian Numismatic Association annual convention that I have ever attended.

Next year, we can do it all over again in Niagara Falls, with John Regitko again as General Chairman. The hotel's convention facilities are excellent, the service outstanding, the view of the Falls overwhelming. Perhaps in 2007 I'll find the time to tour Niagara-on-the-Lake, where I lived for nine years in the mid-1980s and early 1990s and where my children were born. If the 2007 C.N.A. Convention is anything like what we just experienced, there just might be another convention in Niagara Falls in a few years.

EXHIBIT AWARDS

Canadian Coins & Tokens

- 1st - Ron Greene - Con Jones & Don't Argue
- 2nd - Alan Roy - Leroux's Tokens and Advertised Books
- 3rd - Bob Graham - Tokens of Markdale, Ontario

Canadian Paper Money

- 1st - Bob Graham - A Selection of Notes of La Banque Nationale
- 2nd - Berhard Wilde - Bridging the Niagara Gorge
- 3rd - Ron Greene - Bank of Canada & Some Selected Issues

Canadian Medals

- 1st - Chris Boyer - 14201

Non-Canadian Coins & Tokens

- 1st - Bruce Benoit - Selection of Silver Reales Under the Reign of Phillip V
- 2nd - Colin Cutler - The Dawn of Chinese Money
- 3rd - Michael Turrini - Kissi Pennies

Non-Canadian Paper scrip

- 1st - Troy Carlson - The Canal Bank of New Orleans
- 2nd - Bruce Benoit - Just Checking - A Collection of Paper History

Non-Canadian Medals

- 1st - Jim Majoros - Medals of the Wright Brothers
- 2nd - Larry White - Glen Littrell Whooping Crane Woods

Juvenile Exhibits by Persons Under 16 Years of Age

- 1st - Katie Henrich - Without the Grace of God
- 2nd - Nolan Benoit - Gung Hey Fat Choy - Happy New Year
- 3rd - Anna Heinrich - The Streets are Paved with Gold

BEST OF SHOW

Bob Graham - A Selection of Notes of La Banque Nationale

JEAN BULLEN AWARD

Best Canadian Decimal Coins Display - John Gruyich

LOUISE GRAHAM "CLUB OF THE YEAR" AWARD

Calgary Numismatic Society

BEST REGIONAL/NATIONAL NEWSLETTER AWARD

Societe Numismatique De Quebec

BEST REGIONAL/NATIONAL NEWSLETTER EDITOR AWARD

Pierre Minguy, Societe Numismatique De Quebec

BEST LOCAL CLUB NEWSLETTER AWARD

Mid-Island Coin Club

BEST LOCAL CLUB NEWSLETTER EDITOR AWARD

Wayne Jacobs, Mid-Island Coin Club

PRESIDENT'S AWARDS

(the following awards were presented by Charles "Chuck" Moore, C.N.A. President)

- Trajan Publishing Corporation (for their ongoing support)
- National Currency Collection of the Bank of Canada (for their ongoing support)
- American Numismatic Association (for their ongoing support)
- Royal Canadian Mint (for their ongoing support)
- Matthew Van Brunschot (the first graduate of the CNA Coins 101 Course)
- Mary-Anne Luzba (for her ongoing support involving the production of the CN Journal and the Convention souvenir program booklet)

J. DOUGLAS FERGUSON GOLD MEDAL AWARD

Harry James, St. Thomas, Ontario

NICKEL METAL COST AFFECTING THE C.N.A. CONVENTION

We know you have been reading about the price of precious metals (i.e. gold and silver) going up and up. But did you know what havoc is caused when the price of non-precious metals goes up?

The advantage of producing medals from copper or nickel or the variations such as cupro-nickel or German silver, is its low cost and, therefore, its attractive selling price. It enables coin clubs to produce souvenirs at an affordable cost.

When the price of non-precious metals goes up, you know what happens? In one word: Recycling!

Nickel is actually being recycled by some manufacturers of blanks. To the naked eye, there is no difference in appearance from the old stock of non-recycled blanks. The blanks are fed into the minting press and struck. To the naked eye, there is no difference in appearance from the medals struck with non-recycled blanks. It, therefore, makes no difference to the collectors.

Those of you that know about metallurgy know that when you recycle nickel, it becomes a bit harder than during the original go-round. That is not a problem for the minting presses as the pressure of striking can be adjusted accordingly.

The only time the final appearance of a medal is affected is if the following factors come into play together:

- a) the nickel is recycled
- b) it is a uniface medal
- c) the design on the one die is in 3D

So why are we including this information in the E-Bulletin that is dealing exclusively with all that happened at the 2006 C.N.A. Convention? Because the nickel presentation medals that were supposed to be presented to the second place winners in the competitive displays could not be presented. Neither could the nickel presentation medals to members of various committees that volunteered to make the convention the success it was. The blank side has the appearance of having acid stain the center part of the medal as if it was caused by a thumbprint, as well as an

outline on a portion of the outside of the “thumbprint” in the shape of a partial horseshoe. When the medal is engraved with a person’s name and reason for the award, you can readily see the “thumbprint” and “partial horseshoe.” This is known in the industry as “ghosting.”

We are told that a solution should be forthcoming shortly, at which time medals will be mailed to the recipients.

It should be noted that all 2-sided salable convention medals in copper and silver were not affected. Neither were the uniface medals in silver (which are awarded to 1st place competitive exhibitors in each category and other presentations, as well as to key convention committee members) or in copper (3rd place competitive exhibitors in each category).

CONCLUSION

You will forgive me if I sound soooo excited about the 2006 C.N.A. Convention. I did not want to make this bulletin too long, but there is so much more to tell. Our next bulletin will contain the usual...or should we say unusual...content. With your indulgence, we will present Part Two of the 2006 C.N.A. Convention summary in another special C.N.A. E-Bulletin shortly.

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