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INTRODUCTION

It is that time of the year again, when I have the opportunity to put on two hats at one time: editor of the C.N.A. E-Bulletin and general chairman of the 2007 C.N.A. Convention. I should point out that both positions are strictly volunteer

This bulletin is intended to entice you to consider attending the 2007 C.N.A. Convention scheduled for July 11 to 15. at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel & Convention Centre, 6755 Fallsview Boulevard, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Hopefully, you will decide before too long that you would be missing a lot of fun if you did not attend Canada's largest coin show. With 75 bourse tables, the good mix of bourse, exhibits, meetings, hospitality and friendship are just right as far as I am concerned since it enables everyone to enjoy the fun and fellowship that is so evident at C.N.A. Conventions. Hopefully, I will meet many of you at the Convention, some of you for the first time.

MY TRIP TO THE 2006 C.N.A. CONVENTION

Following is a letter from the winner of the "I Want to Go to the CNA Convention" Contest. An eleven-year old collector of Bank of Canada notes, she is a member of the Canadian Numismatic Association, Ontario Numismatic Association, City of Ottawa Coin Club, Les Apprentis Numismates, and Club Numismatique Castor Valley Numismatic Club.

By Christine Guyatt-Woodland

Last summer, I took my family to the CNA 2006 Convention in Niagara Falls, Ontario. That's right, I took my parents! How did I do this? It was because I won the "I Want to Go to the CNA Convention" contest, and first prize was an all-expenses-paid trip to the Convention. To win the trip, I had to submit five questions I would ask the President of the Royal Canadian Mint if I could meet him. My five questions were chosen as the best ones and my parents and I were off to Niagara Falls for four days.

This was my first convention. It was a lot of fun and we did lots of activities. For the grownups, there were coin dealers from everywhere across Canada and the United States and lots of displays of coins and money. For the kids, there was a treasure hunt where you had to find small stickers with a maple leaf on them at each dealer's table. When you found one, the dealer would give you a prize of a coin, a token, or a banknote. When you found all sixteen of them, you got to keep all the prizes, plus you were given special auction money that you could use to bid on items at a "kids only" auction. At the auction, I bid on, and won, several coins and banknotes.

My parents and I got to meet Mr. Ian Bennett, the president of the mint, while I asked him my five questions. He was really nice to talk to, and he answered all my questions completely. At the end of the meeting, he gave me a beautiful watch with a gold and silver 1-cent coin as the watch face. I also had my picture taken with Mr. Bennett and Mr. Charles Moore, the President of the CNA, with a large-size image of the new 2-dollar coin that has the Mint's logo on it. I also met Katie Heinrich, the second place winner in the contest, and her family from Ohio.

Overall, the CNA 2006 Convention was a great time for me and for all kids. If you registered early, you got a great package with tons of neat numismatic items, coins and books. The Treasure Hunt, the auction, and the displays were really interesting. There were also special breakfasts, lunches, and dinners. And on top of that, I did lots of tourist activities, like seeing Niagara Falls, going to Marineland, and eating at some neat restaurants. The CNA Convention is in Niagara Falls in 2007, and in 2008 it will be in Ottawa, where I live, so I hope I will see some of you there!

INVITATION FROM THE GENERAL CHAIRMAN

From John Regitko: "On behalf of the Convention committee, I would like to invite you to attend the 2007 C.N.A. Convention in Niagara Falls. It will be held at the same location as in 2006. Following the huge success of last year's convention, we are planning to continue with ALL activities and adding some additional ones.

And to assure that things will run smoothly, most of the committee from last year that helped make it such a success has again volunteered to serve in the same positions.

Many attendees filled in a questionnaire on what they would like to see changed or added. Based on those responses, we are implementing the following:

- the Hospitality Suite will not only be larger, but is also located at the very end of the floor to assure complete privacy for our group for the President's Welcome Reception, the Post-Banquet Reception, the additional "Early Bird" Reception being planned, and the hospitality suite that will be open Friday to Sunday.

- we have enlisted the assistance of the official historian for the City of Niagara Falls and the Niagara Parks Commission, Sherman Zavitz, to serve as our tour guide for the two tours being planned.

- all submissions in the Coin Kids "Design Your Own Coin" contest will be displayed in the convention foyer. Ballots will be included in main and spousal registration kits and handed to all daily admissions. The top three winners will receive worthwhile numismatic prizes.

- a PA System in the bourse room and convention foyer will keep visitors informed as to meetings, the start of auctions and possibly hourly draw numbers.

- since the Educational Symposium will bring some people in starting Wednesday, we will open the hospitality suite on Wednesday from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for a Registrants "Early Bird" informal get together. Complimentary coffee, tea, soft drinks and snacks will be served, along with a full complimentary bar.

- the C.N.A. President has again consented to host the President's "Welcome" Reception on Thursday evening, featuring a full complimentary bar. All registrants and bourse dealers are invited to attend.

- we will have on hand a quantity of numismatic supplies (i.e. 2x2s, 2x2 double flippies, plastic holders for paper money, 3-ring binder sheet holders for 2x2s and paper money, coin wallets, etc.) for sale exclusively to junior collectors at best wholesale pricing.

- complimentary bottled water will be available to all registrants, daily admissions and dealer personnel. Coolers will be placed in various locations inside the bourse room. Just help yourself.

- if you do not spend considerable time reviewing all the activities in the convention foyer, you will be missing a huge part of the convention. You will find the Coin Kids information table in this area; some of the competitive displays (others are on the stage level inside the bourse room); specialty group information tables manned by knowledgeable staff; a relaxation area; non-competitive displays; the Jim Charlton awards medals; part two of the late Earl Salterio's scrapbooks; submissions from juniors in the "Design your Own Coin" contest (along with a ballot box for your vote of the best displays); a display of "Awards of the C.N.A." that will include actual examples of the various awards; a large display of "Coin Designers I Have Known" (featuring paintings, submissions to the RCM for judging, greeting cards, unique hand-painted wooden nickels, postage stamps, duck hunting stamps and more); the banquet draw prizes; and the auction material that will be included in the Coin Kids Auction so juniors can decide what they might wish to bid on. The Bank of Canada and Royal Canadian Mounted Police will set up a major display of counterfeit money. The Royal Canadian Mint has been invited to set up a display of the \$1 million gold coin. The various "guessing contest" bowls and ballot boxes will also be located in the convention foyer.

REGISTRATION OFFERS MANY BENEFITS

The Main Registration Kit is available for \$50 to current CNA members (\$85 to non-members, which includes a one-year membership in the C.N.A.). Restricted to a quantity of 150, the main registration kit will include, but not limited to, the following:

- Entry to the bourse room over three days not only during public hours, but also during "Registrant's Preview" prior to its opening to the general public on both Friday and Saturday
- Unlimited visits to the hospitality suite over three days
- Copper 2007 Convention souvenir medal
- 12-pocket wallet filled with casino chips (different than in last year's registration kit)
- Trade dollars of Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake
- Registrant souvenir ribbon
- Admission to the "Early Bird" reception on Wednesday
- Admission to the "President's Welcome" reception on Thursday
- Admission to the Royal Canadian Mint Reception on Friday
- Entry in the "In Attendance at Meetings" draw for \$50 bourse coupons (just for registering and being in attendance at meetings).
- Charlton Colonial Token catalogue, 5th edition
- 2006 Charlton Canadian government paper money catalogue
- Souvenir program booklet
- A folder filled with colourful so-called Hell Banknotes
- Royal Canadian Mint folders for circulating commemorative coins
- Ticket for hourly draws for RCM 2000 "Niagara Falls" Oh Canada sets
- Ticket for three entries in the "Guess the Number of Tokens in Bowl" contest for a RCM 2003 \$20 silver "Niagara Falls" hologram coin in original wooden case of issue
- Free parking in hotel parking lot across from the Convention hotel
- Complimentary bottled water
- And much, much more
- **PRE-REGISTRANTS ONLY** will receive a special low-mintage 1/2 ounce silver medal donated by C.N.A. President, Charles Moore. Struck in proof with frosted high relief, the obverse features Hercules as depicted on the "Wildman" Thalers of the German state of Saxony, 17th and 18th century. The reverse features the President's name, title and the years

he has served as President.

The Spousal Registration Kit, selling for \$40, is limited to 50 and is only available as an add-on to the main registration kit. It includes the following:

- Entry to the bourse room over three days, including during Preview
- Unlimited visits to the hospitality suite over three days
- Registrant souvenir ribbon
- Admission to the "Early Bird" reception on Wednesday
- Admission to the "President's Welcome" reception on Thursday
- Admission to the Royal Canadian Mint Reception on Friday
- The current Charlton Catalogue of Royal Doulton Collectables (retailing for \$39.95)
- Souvenir program booklet
- Royal Canadian Mint folders for circulating commemorative coins
- Admission to Saturday Continental Breakfast Gathering
- Ticket for 3 entries in "Guess the Number of Tokens in Bowl" contest for RCM 2003 \$20 silver "Niagara Falls" hologram coin
- Ticket for hourly draws for RCM 2000 "Niagara Falls" Oh Canada sets
- Reduced pricing on both Friday and Saturday tours
- A number of folders from the Royal Canadian Mint issued to hold Canadian circulating commemorative coins
- Complimentary bottled water
- And much more

The Young Numismatist Registration Kit is available to anyone 16 years of age or younger. Limited to a quantity of 50, it contains:

- Convention copper souvenir medal
- Entry to the bourse room over three days, including during Preview
- Unlimited visits to the Hospitality Suite over three days
- Charlton Colonial Token catalogue, 5th edition
- 2006 Charlton Canadian Government Paper Money catalogue
- 2006 Charlton Coin catalogue
- \$40 in Coin Kids Auction Dollars for use during the Coin Kids meeting on Saturday for bidding in the Coin Kids Auction
- Tickets for three guesses the "Guess the Number of Tokens in Jar" contest for juniors only for \$50 in Coin Kids Auction Dollars
- 12-pocket wallet containing Niagara Falls trade dollars and more
- Proof dollar from the Royal Canadian Mint
- Commemorative holders from the RCM
- \$5 Coupon good in the bourse room on any purchase
- Crisp uncirculated Canadian \$1 note
- Ticket for 3 entries in "Guess the Number of Tokens in Bowl" contest for RCM 2003 \$20 silver "Niagara Falls" hologram coin
- Ticket for hourly draws for RCM 2000 "Niagara Falls" Oh Canada sets
- A few surprises
- And much, much more

DAILY ADMISSIONS

There are obvious benefits to "signing up" as a registrant for the convention. However, we have not forgotten the casual collectors that will visit the Convention for a day only and chooses not to register. We have established a daily admission charge of \$5 per day, which entitles you to the following:

- Admission to the bourse/exhibit room for the day (with unlimited in & out privileges)
- Souvenir program booklet
- Free draw ticket for the hourly draws for a "Niagara Falls" 2000 Oh Canada souvenir coin set struck by the Royal Canadian Mint
- Ticket for 3 entries in the "Guess the Number of Tokens in the Bowl" contest for RCM 2003 \$20 silver "Niagara Falls" hologram coin in original wooden case of issue (you do not have to be present to win - it will be mailed to you following the convention)
- Two commemorative coin folders from the Royal Canadian Mint as long as supplies last
- Complimentary bottled water

THE HISTORICAL TOUR

A historical tour is planned for Friday, July 13. Ticket holders will be picked up by bus at 10:30 a.m. and dropped off about 3:00 p.m. The total cost is only \$35.00. This includes admission to Lundy's Lane Historical Museum, admission to Fort George, bus transportation, stop-overs at the Floral Clock and the Giant Whirlpool and Gorge and the services of a tour guide (Mr. Sherman Zavitz is a licensed tour guide and the official historian for the City of Niagara Falls and Niagara Parks Commission. The following two columns provide some background on the two main attractions:

TOUR OF LUNDY'S LANE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Lundy's Lane Historical Museum was established in 1961 by the Lundy's Lane Historical Society and opened in the Mackenzie House. The next year the Museum was turned over to the newly amalgamated City of Niagara Falls. In 1970 the Museum moved to its present home. This handsome two-story limestone building was erected in 1874 on the site of the Battle of Lundy's Lane and served as the Stamford Township Hall. In its early days, the building's basement housed the Drummondville Fire Department. The Museum's collection includes a significant collection of War of 1812 artifacts as well as historical prints of Niagara Falls, period china, postcards and a variety of artifacts relating to all aspects of the founding and development of the City of Niagara Falls. In 1974, the building was designated as a Historical Building under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Sherman Zavitz, our tour guide, is a member of the governing board. Up to an hour will be allocated to view the exhibits housed in the two-story historical building. For details about the exhibits, visit www.niagarafallsmuseum.ca/gallery.

The bus will then take you along the Niagara River and stop at the famous Floral Clock (the largest clock of its type in the world, made of thousands of plants and flowers); the breathtaking Giant Whirlpool and Gorge in the Niagara River (where the falls used to be 5,000 years ago); and, time permitting, an all-too-short stop at the Botanical Gardens. All three places offer great photo opportunities. A stop at a reasonably-priced family restaurant (you are responsible for the cost of your own lunch) will be made before traveling to historic Fort George, located at Niagara-on-the-Lake, for a tour of the Fort starting at 2:00 p.m.

TOUR OF FORT GEORGE

Build over 200 years ago by the British Army, Fort George had a colourful past. As the main headquarters of the British army in southern Ontario, it was the headquarters of Isaac Brock at the beginning of the War of 1812 and the scene of bloody battles during the War of 1812 as Canadians from diverse backgrounds banded together to defeat several American invasions. The United States declared war on Britain on June 18, 1812 and became bent on capturing Canada to add to the new republic. On October 18, 1812, a large U.S. army invaded at the little village of Queenston. Brock's army counter-attacked. During the 12-hour battle, the American

army was defeated but Brock was killed by a sniper's bullet.

In May of the following year, the Americans again attacked at Niagara. Fort George's buildings were destroyed by an artillery bombardment. They overwhelmed the small defending force, capturing the ruins of Fort George and the surrounding town. In December, pressed by a revitalized British and Canadian force, the Americans abandoned Fort George and Niagara, destroying the town as they retreated. The British re-occupied Fort George and continued to garrison Niagara for the next 55 years, after which the complex became a military base for the fledgling army of the Dominion of Canada. The Canadian army continued to use the site until 1965. The buildings of Fort George were reconstructed in the 1930s to commemorate the important history represented by the site.

A visit to the site allows you not only to hear about history, but to actually experience the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of a garrison in the early 19th century. You can watch soldiers perform drill or listen to the music of the fife and drum corps as both prepare for battle on the Niagara frontier. Starting at 2:00 p.m., you will have 45 minutes to tour the Fort, followed by a 15- minute demonstration by guards in period costumes conducting activities typical of the garrison prior to the war. The bus will leave the Fort at 3:00 p.m. and drop everyone off at the convention hotel at 3:30 p.m.

BUS TOUR OF THE NIAGARA AREA

A tour OF Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-lake is planned for Saturday, July 14. Ticket holders will be picked up by bus at 11:00 a.m. and dropped off about 5:00 p.m. The total cost is only \$30.00.

A bus with a tour guide will take you first to the brink of the Falls and Table Rock House Souvenir Shop for a 30-minute stopover. Next is a tour of Upper Niagara River where you will see the marooned scow, upper control dam, Dufferin Islands and Sir Harry Oakes Estate, stopping off at Mount Carmel Chapel for 15 minutes where you will see the beautiful stain glass windows and wood carvings inside the shrine and browse through their gift shop.

Another of the stopovers is the Welland Canal Locks and Museum that was opened in 1990. You will get a close look at the ships from around the world passing through and visit the Gift Shop featuring many gifts with a nautical theme. In 1998, the Lacrosse Hall of Fame and Museum was also opened in the complex.

During your visit to Niagara-on-the-Lake, you will have time to explore the first capital of Upper Canada during your leisurely self-guided walking tour, enjoy lunch in one of the quaint restaurants (you are responsible for your own lunch) and pick up souvenirs in the many antique and souvenir stores that line the streets.

Other stopovers are the F/X Chocolate Factory where they will explain how chocolate is made and offer free sampling, and Vincor Niagara outlet for complimentary wine tasting of wines from four area vineyards. You will be dropped off at the convention hotel around 5:00 p.m.

BEING A NUMISMAPEST

by Tony Hine

I confess to being a numismapest.

I have been a coin collector for forty years, and have tried to encourage my three children and many nephews and nieces to collect coins.

At times my encouragement to collect coins has been fairly passive and benign. I have long believed that a proof silver dollar was a suitable gift to celebrate a new arrival, and many of my nieces and nephews were so commemorated.

But as my own interest in the hobby has been rekindled, I have more proactively attempted to drum up enthusiasm. My kids are generally indulgent, even though my photography hobby now has them reluctant to ride in small planes. They find it too windy to sit behind me when I put down the window to take pictures. But my coin collecting meets skepticism. My son asks: "Why spend money to buy money?" If there was a numismatic hold-up game for PS-3 with weapons and car-chases, he is more likely to get interested.

With some reluctance, my youngest daughter has agreed to accompany me to a hotel weekend in Niagara Falls, only half realizing that a coin convention is involved. But my attempts to get her younger eyes to help me inspect the "As" in CANADA on my 1872 and 1874 quarters are consistently postponed.

Maybe a good time in Niagara Falls will convert my daughter to an enthusiast.

CONVENTION INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET

The C.N.A. Website contains the program of events, registration form, hotel room reservation form and much more. Go to www.canadian-numismatic.org/conventions.php.

CONCLUSION

You can see from the above teaser information that plans are well on the way to assure another successful convention in 2007.

Look for a regular C.N.A. E-Bulletin on Friday which will include my brush with fame, thanks to Associated Press. In part two of a Special C.N.A. 2007 Convention Issue next Tuesday, we will provide a little more insight into the upcoming C.N.A. Convention.

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