



Champlain Coin Club Bulletin

Serving collectors in Orillia and surrounding area since 1962

MONTHLY MEETINGS 1st Thursday 7:30 P.M. (except July and August)

St. David Anglican-Lutheran Church Basement

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THE BULLETIN FOR JANUARY 2021

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bob Durrant



Happy New Year!

Greetings friends and fellow numismatists! The past year has been very frustrating because of COVID19 but we seem to have kept the club business going strong. Thanks to support from our members here is a list of our activities and accomplishments in 2020.

Jan – Grading Workshop (Bill and Murray)

Feb – Finalize new badges and banner

Mar – Unveiling of new banner and delivery of badges. Preparation for Scouts meeting.

Apr – Cancelled Scouts meeting (COVID-19)

May – 1st design for our 2022 design submitted.

Jun – Clubs 58th Birthday

Sep – Club meeting held at president's home and 1st meeting held during a local tornado!

Oct – Held our 1st online zoom meeting. Decided no dues for Sept 2020 to June 2021 for current paid members.

Nov – Welcomed guests from Kitchener Waterloo Coin Club.

Dec- Congratulate Murray Smith for stepping up to VP role and Chris Liantzakis for taking on the membership role.

The new year brings hope with the COVID-19 vaccine and thoughts of returning to near normal. As we currently find ourselves in lockdown during the second COVID wave we will continue to have ZOOM meetings online. I encourage everyone who can to join so we can continue sharing our passion. Once the weather gets better and the pandemic situation allows, we will plan an outside meeting together in the spring.

Stay safe and stay well,

Bob

Our Next Meeting

January 7th – Zoom Meeting

Zoom details will be sent to members via email. Zoom can be used on personal computers as well as mobile devices. If you are unable to join by Zoom you can call in via telephone.

Meeting line will open at 6:30 pm and begin promptly at 7:00 pm



Stay in touch with your club!

Email
champlaincoinclub@gmail.com

Check out our website
www.champlaincoinclub.com

News of the December 2020 Meeting



By Doug McGarvey

Attendance: 6 Guests: 1
50/50 Draw: \$0.00 Draw tickets: \$0.00
Auction: \$0.00 Membership dues: \$0.00

December's meeting was another virtual meeting hosted on Zoom and opened at 6:45 pm for social chat as attendees signed in. We again had Peter Becker from the Waterloo club as our online guest.

The meeting was opened by President Bob Durrant at about 7:15 welcoming our members and guests. Secretary/Treasurer Doug McGarvey read the minutes of the November meeting which were adopted as read by Murry Smith and Bill Beattie. Doug also read out the December birthdays which included Ken Booth, Andy Bishop, Carol Casselman, Mike Shotesbury and Connie Simo. Bob Durrant congratulated Murry Smith and Chris Liantzakis for taking the positions of Vice President and Membership Secretary respectively.

Bill Beattie mentioned he would be collecting coins for ICCS grading in January which is also in the club bulletin. He is the main contact for submissions. Local drop off points as before will be setup. If you need supplies you can contact Bill also. Murray Smith motioned that we should obtain a Canadian coin news subscription for the

club to distribute in the monthly draw prizes. A vote was taken and the motion passed that the club would pay for a monthly subscription which would be sent to Doug McGarvey's home and then used as prizes when we can have physical monthly meetings.

Our newest member Judy Blackman from the Waterloo Coin Society has contributed two articles for our monthly bulletin. She also advised us to add three email addresses to our membership distribution so that we have a chance for recognition as some of the organizations we belong to give awards for newsletters. Our call for design submissions for our 60th anniversary medallion was mentioned in the Canadian Coin News.

Rob Durrant did a presentation on the Dominion of Canada Bank Notes. It was noted that there were three issues of the 1900 four dollar note. Interestingly the first issue dated 1900 had the centre vignette showing the American locks at Sault Ste. Marie. This was changed to the Canadian locks in the 1902 issue. It was reissued again in 1911.

President Bob Durrant closed one of the shortest meetings that can be recalled by this writer by wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

Upcoming Club Meeting & Activities



Jan 7th — Zoom meeting – **Medals, Tokens and Paper Money of HBC**

Feb 4th — Zoom meeting – Decide in monthly meeting this week

Mar 4th — Zoom meeting – TBA

Apr 1st — Zoom meeting - TBA

Did You Know?



Did you know that Florence in Italy was the first city to mint its own gold coins? It happened in 1252. The Fiorino became known as the Florence, and then the Florin.

Reminder for ICCS Coin Certification Submissions Submit by Jan 16th, 2021

We have set the deadline date as January 16, 2021 to submit your coins with your completed form, cheque, or cash for the total amount.

Please advise Bill Beattie so we can arrange for your delivery to a local club member as before. The uncertified coins will be delivered to ICCS in the later part of January and the certified coins will likely be available to pick up in early April 2021.



Champlain Coin Club Celebrates 60 years in 2022

This is a reminder for our members and friends to submit your ideas and designs to mark our 60th anniversary in 2022. In 2017, we marked Canada's sesquicentennial with a medal featuring the club's namesake Samuel de Champlain. Using the 2017 design as the obverse die, we are looking to you for the reverse design to commemorate our 60th anniversary.

Submission instructions:

Please submit all questions, ideas and artwork to champlaincoinclub@gmail.com

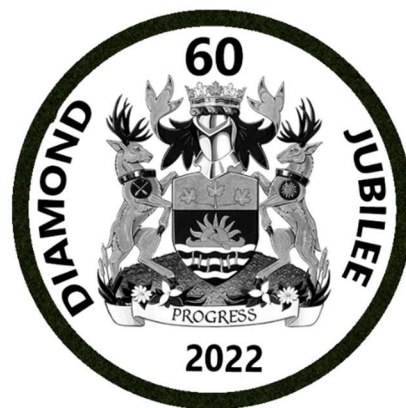
You do not have to be an artist to submit what you have. Please send us your thoughts and ideas today!

Our Latest Anniversary Medal Submission (on right)

Our latest submission features Orillia's coat of arms with the words Diamond Jubilee and the year 2022. The club's logo as shown above will be on the other side of the medal. This is a nicer version than that used for the Orillia trade dollar.



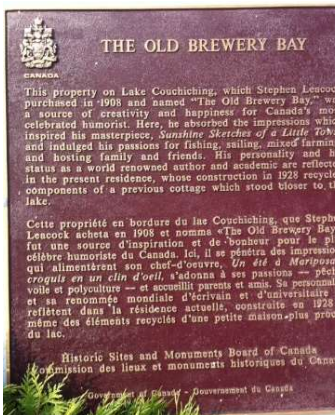
Orillia Trade Dollar



Some of the Leacock Numismatic & Philatelic Pieces

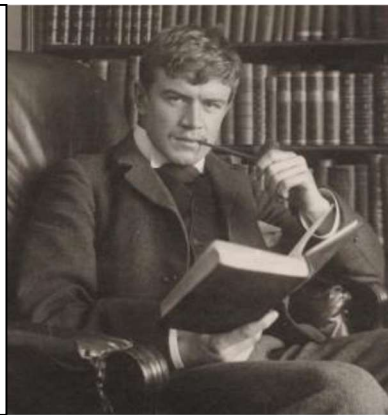
by Judy Blackman, Champlain Coin Club Member, FONA, KStE

Recently, I read an article about the Orillia citizens having little connection to the Leacock Museum lands; however, the property does attract a certain amount of tourists each year. Orillia has had many noted individuals residing in the area over the years, several noted politicians (like Ontario's Lieutenant-Governor Leslie Frost) and war veterans (such as Chief Yellowhead), journalists (e.g. Pete McGarvey), and sports players and coaches (like Walter Henry and Rick Levy), but lots of entertainment industry folks such as Gordon Lightfoot, and many directors, actors, writers, and artists — no wonder there's a Festival of Arts and an annual award-giving of the Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal of Humour (instituted in 1946 by the Stephen Leacock Association Foundation).



The Leacock property (Mariposa, Old Brewery Bay) is designated by the Government of Canada Historic Sites & Monuments Board.

Right is a photo of Leacock enjoying his new home in 1928.



So, it seemed fitting from a numismatic-philatelic standpoint, to focus on Stephen Butler-Leacock (born Dec. 30, 1869, Swanmore, Hampshire, England—died March 28, 1944, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, age 74), an internationally popular humorist, educator, lecturer, economist, political scientist, polygot (proficient in English, French, German), and author (published

He said, “When I build my house, I shall make it very plain but at the same time very large. It will become a charming English place. I’m tired of cities and people. It’s a case of goodbye proud world, I’m going home.”

Many buildings in Canada are named after Stephen Leacock (for example in Ottawa, and Montreal, as well as other places). Hence you will find tokens, stamps, and first day covers herein.

Leacock was born to Walter Peter (“Pete”) Leacock (1844 England -1934, Sutton, Ontario) and Agnes Emma Butler-Leacock (1844-1934), and Stephen was the third of his parent’s eleven children which includes his famous sister Dr. Rosamond Mary Butler-Leacock (1884 England-1949 Calgary, Alberta). His family immigrated to Canada on account of banishment from manor house and settled on a farm near Toronto.

In 1941 Leacock wrote a story about his uncle for the Readers’ Digest. From this story we learn, that when Leacock was just six years old in 1876, his family settled on an isolated farm (Township of Georgina), more than 50km from a town or railway station. His father’s brother, E.P. (Edward Philip Leacock) who was a world-traveller, came to live with them. By 1878, E.P. was very involved in Canadian politics. After losing to John A. Macdonald, E.P. went to Manitoba (which was just starting to open up) with his drunkard brother in tow after selling off his farm, stock and machinery at a loss, leaving his children behind at school and abandoning his family. The brothers hit Winnipeg at the right time (1880s) when growth was abounding. E.P. built a large house on the banks of the Red River, was President of a bank (that never opened), head of a brewery (for brewing the Red River), Secretary-Treasurer of Hudson’s Bay Company (HBC) and the Arctic Ocean Railway (which had no tracks), was an MPP of Manitoba (was beat out by John Norquay for Premier).

The Manitoba boom crashed in 1882 and Leacock's father was wiped out in a day, but not his brother E.P. who covered up his bankrupt position by using credit and moving funds around, and by traveling to avoid collectors, and this bought him another six months, before he would leave Canada.

E.P. continued his Western Canada adventures, returning to Ontario only once (Toronto), and eventually returning to England to live off a weekly payment from a family trust. Eventually he became the manager of a monastery in England, and his efforts benefited the monastery with a substantial payment from the government. He passed away at the monastery in some year after 1921 which is the last year Leacock had contact with his brother.

It was Leacock's maternal grandfather (Reverend Stephen Butler) who ensured Stephen was educated through elite private schooling, by in 1891 Stephen earned his first degree (B.A.), and by 1903 he had a Ph.D. in economics and political science. This is the same year he began his tenure with the McGill University in Montreal, which led to him



becoming the head of the Economics & Political Science Department in 1908, a role he served in until his retirement. Leacock was first published as an author in 1894, and his last book while living was published in 1942. Two of his books were published posthumously (1945-1946). He was also published in numerous magazines and news media throughout his career. Leacock is most popularly known for his "Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town" which led to an adaptation for a TV series in 1952 and 2012. In 1937 he was awarded two prestigious Canadian awards, the Lorne Pierce medal and the Canada's Governor General's Award.

Two-sided grave marker, churchyard cemetery, Sutton, Ontario. Same church Leacock's grandfather was Reverend.

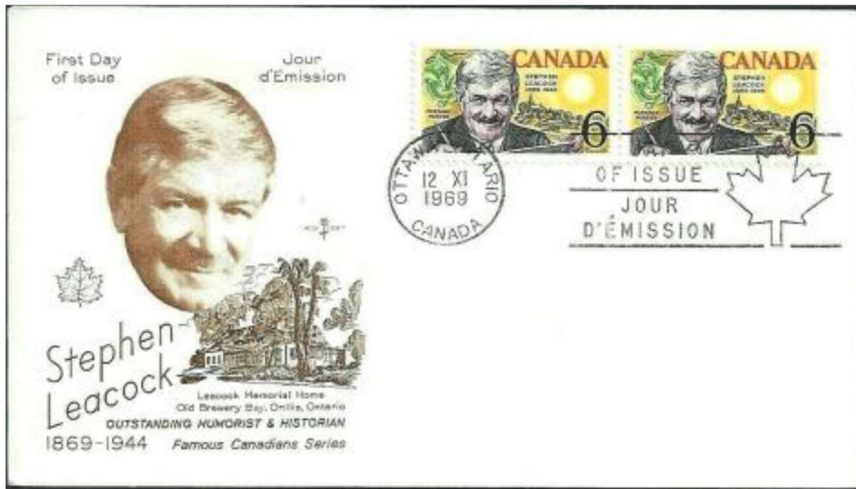
Despite being abandoned by his father, Leacock married the Reverend's daughter, Beatrix Maude Hamilton-Leacock (1879-1925, age 46), in 1900, and they had one son (Stephen Lushington

Leacock, 1915-1974, age 79) whose growth was stunted from an early age due to the lack of a growth hormone. Leacock's father would return to Ontario as some point and rejoin the family in Sutton. The relationship between father and son was a conflicted one. Leacock was widowed for three years before opening his house in 1928 in Orillia. Leacock died of throat cancer in 1944 and is buried in St. George the Martyr Churchyard, Sutton, York Region, Ontario.

Canada Post Ref. 504 Block of 4, (1969 6-cent stamps printed by British American Bank Note, Ottawa), 1869-1944 First Day Cover (FDC) "Comemorating the birth of Stephen Butler Leacock, B.A., Ph.D., Humorist Historian and Economist" (F1729) sold at Collector Bazar for Rs 40.00 (equivalent 0.70 CAD) (i.e. Indian Rupee converted to Canadian Dollar). Mailed from Ottawa, Ontario, to Bombay, India, postal cancellations at both ends. Note the error on this FDC. The word "Comemorating" should be "Commemorating".

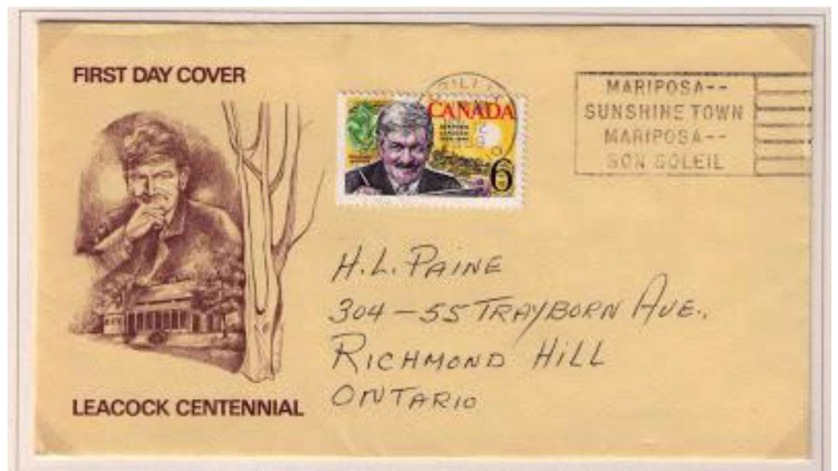


The stamp was designed by George Sarras Fanais based on a photograph by Yousuf Karsh (shown here); and the portrait was engraved by George Arthur Gundersen.



The official FDC reads "OUTSTANDING HUMORIST & HISTORIAN FAMOUS CANADIANS SERIES" as also shown here. Another is shown with the Mariposa postal mark for Leacock centennial (courtesy of PostalHistoryCorner).

There's about ten more different Leacock FDCs you can research.





This is the angle the image portrays on the token. Below are views from other angles.



Front (north) elevation of The Stephen Leacock House. Stephen photograph, 1928, Leacock Museum Archives (Public Domain)



Leacock standing in canoe beside his boat-house.



Stephen Leacock casting into the Old Brewery Bay, (May 5, 1946, image, now Public Domain)



The Stephen Leacock house is now part of the grounds of the Leacock Museum, 50 Museum Drive, Orillia, Ontario. The architect-designer Leacock engaged for the build of the house, was Kenneth Furby Noxon (1900-1979) of Wright & Noxon (a partnership between Noxon and Bruce H. Wright, which was dissolved in 1932).

Leacock designed Mariposa as a Colonial-style, symmetrical, two-story, H-shaped plan, summer house (3km from the Town's centre) with French windows, to honour his English roots.

The house had a steeply pitched, hip roof and dormers, three second-storey balconies, rear-elevation sunroom with glazed roof, and four tall red-brick chimneys. He incorporated materials from his original 1908 cottage.

Other features include: a croquet-playing broad space on front lawn, hedges, a wooden arbour, a beautiful rose garden, catalpa flowering plants, broad lawns, lush gardens, amazing lake views, rear garden sundial, sheltered forest, pebbled pathways, doves and loons and other wildlife, double rows of Cedars, a boathouse (where he had his morning tea at sunrise and did most of his writing), and a thick woodland of Maple and Oak trees. From his back lawn, he created narrow trails through the woods, including a private path from the servant's quarters (cottage) between Mariposa and Moose Beach. His favourite chair in his library was positioned so Leacock could keep an eye on his guests, while his library chair was situated so he could monitor the servants in the pantry via a dining-room mirror.

Leacock resided here for sixteen years until his death in 1944. The 30-acre lakeside estate was left to his namesake infirm son, who later sold it. It was eventually recovered by the municipality, and eventually fell under the Federal government's program.



Interesting note: One of the club members helped his father, Pete McGarvey, with his published book about the Leacock House.



1867-1967 Orillia Centennial medals silver #69 and bronze, an auction lot that was listed in original holders and boxes.

Regarding the images: 1867-1967 bronze, 41 mm x 3 mm, Orillia Centennial, issued by ODCC, obverse shows Statue of Samuel de Champlain, with legend "ORILLIA CENTENNIAL CANADA 1867-1967 SAMUEL DE CHAMPLAIN COUCHICHING PARK "ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF PROGRESS"; and the reverse shows the Orillia Coat of Arms at the top and below it the home of Stephen Leacock

(Mariposa, Brewery Bay), with the legend "THE SUNSHINE TOW THE HOME OF STEPHEN LEACOCK OLD BREWERY BAY."



This 1925 monument has been missing from the Couchiching Beach Park having been removed on the recommendation of a committee in 2018. In July 2020, the scheduled re-installation was postponed, with the recommendation that only the bronze Champlain statue would be re-installed as part of a four-step plan, with the other portions returned (after refurbishing) in the future. However, another postponement has occurred, to allow time for the First Nations, Missionary, and Fur Trader statues to be subject to further consultation with First Nations. This monument along with others in parts of Canada, are part of a controversy, and might never be returned but housed in storage under Parks Canada indefinitely.



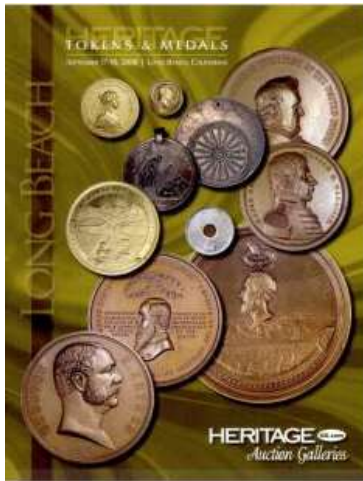
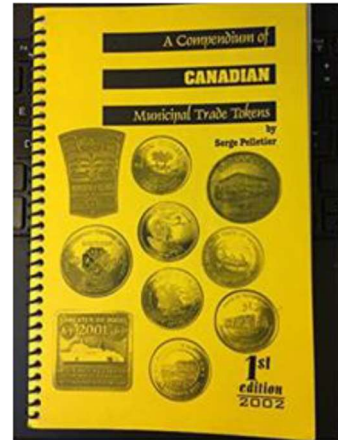
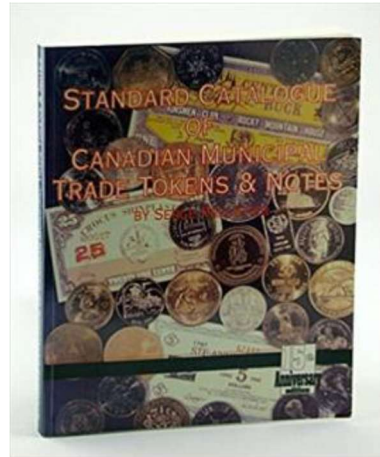
[Note: the author is not expressing any opinion on this subject, only relaying facts in the news.]



Orillia Sunshine Dollar: This trade token is 32 mm, has a reeded edge, was issued 1978 (demonetized 9/15/78), and listed in Serge Pelletier's catalogue as Pel#ON83, and in the online Token Catalog it is TC-380872. There were 25,000 struck in nickel and 50 in silver. The obverse has the Orillia Coat of Arms, and the legend "CITY OF ORILLIA • 1978 • VALUE OF ONE DOLLAR IN ORILLIA EXPIRES SEPT. 15, 1978". The reverse is a bust of Stephen Leacock (in his older years), with the legend "SUNSHINE DOLLAR • STEPHEN LEACOCK • MARIPOSA."



This Sunshine Dollars set (1978 and 1979) is was listed as lot 1200 in an AAO “Coins- Stamps Paper Money Private Collection KELSOBID.COM Online Auction 23 December 2020. As noted on the card, the Sunshine Dollars are issued by the Orillia & District Chamber of Commerce. The tokens are no longer issued (as a CIP program for merchants to attract customers), has been implemented for some time now.



Evidently some members of the municipal government and / or chamber of commerce, were either gifted, or allowed to order gold Sunshine Dollars. The HNAI Medals and Tokens Long Beach Auction Catalog #1100 edited by Mark Van Winkle (Heritage Auctions www.ha.com), in the section listing gold coins and tokens, has a lot 28888 (page 113) which reads, “1979 Orillia, Ontario, Canada, Gold Trade Piece. SP66 ICCS. Pelletier-ON98, Original mintage:2, SUNSHINE DOLLAR, 28 g, .999 fine gold. However, no image is shown, and I could not locate one online



Today the Orillia Opera House is a municipal building. The original Opera House opened in 1895 having been designed by Gordon & Halliwell Architects (Toronto) and costing \$25,000 to build, which delayed three municipal buildings, a farmer’s market, and the jail. These two images from 1900-1910 circa, show there is an error in the token design. The position of the right tower is off, the windows are incorrect on the left tower, and the back tower is missing altogether. The center face is also missing between the two front towers. The design of the roof is wrong as well.

Internet and Numismatics (by VP Murray Smith)

For coin collectors, the internet can be a valuable research tool. It helps us gain information quickly, but we must be able to pick out factual material rather than opinion.

Two sites that offer relevant material for collectors are:

a. <http://www.mint.ca>

This site has current coins from the Royal Canadian mint plus a large selection of helpful categories. The “meet the artist” site contains work done by two local artists: Arnold Nogy and Tony Bianco.

b. <http://www.moderncoinmart.com/info-vault/articles>

This U.S. site has an interesting group of helpful and informative categories that would be useful for beginners and advanced collectors.

If you find a useful and informative site on the internet, please send the site-information, address to the newsletter publisher.

Numismatic Trivia – Canada’s First Coins (Answers below. Do not cheat!)

1. What year was Canada’s first 25 cent minted?

- a) 1858
- b) 1870
- c) 1876

2. What year was Canada’s first 5 cent nickel minted?

- a) 1858
- b) 1870
- c) 1922

3. What year was Canada’s first coloured Loonie dollar minted?

- a) 2011
- b) 2020
- c) 2008

4. What year was Canada’s first gold coin minted (has Canada on it)?

- a) 1967
- b) 1865
- c) 1912

5. What year was Canada’s first commemorative coin minted?

- a) 1935
- b) 1939
- c) 1967

6. What year were Canada’s first coins minted at the Royal Canadian Mint?

- a) 1908
- b) 1911
- c) 1858

7. Who was Canada’s first coinage engraver and designer?

- a) W.C. Lyon
- b) L.C. Wyon
- c) Emanuel Hahn

8. What year was Canada’s first tombac coin minted?

- a) 1943
- b) 1941
- c) 1942

9. What year was Canada’s first commemorative 1 cent minted?

- a) 1967
- b) 1992
- c) 2002

10. What year was Canada’s first Loonie dollar minted?

- a) 1996
- b) 1987
- c) 1986

Answers – Canada’s First Coins

Answers to the above: 1) b 2) c 3) b 4) c 5) a 6) a 7) b 8) c 9) a 10) b

COMING EVENTS FOR Winter 2021

Listings are courtesy of Canadian Coin News

Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, many shows, auctions, club meetings and other numismatic events are being cancelled. For the most up-to-date information, visit CCN's online 'Events' listings at canadiancoinnews.com/events or contact event organizers.

FEB. 7, 2021, PARIS, ON

Paris Coin Show, ****CANCELLED****

For more information, email pariscoinshow@gmail.com, Phone 647-403-7334. Website: www.pariscoinshow.com

FEB. 21, 2021, OSHAWA, ON

Coin-A-Rama,

Jubilee Pavilion, 55 Lakeview Park Ave. One day only, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., featuring paper money, coins, tokens, medals, books, supplies and many other items. The show also features a mini-auction at 2 p.m. plus free dealer and membership draws, new hourly public draws and free admission. Come out and look for that special item for your collection or for a gift. We're sure you'll find what you need. The show is sponsored by the Oshawa & District Coin Club. For more information contact Sharon MacLean, email papman@bell.net, telephone 905-728-1352. Website: www.oshawacoinclub.com

FEB. 27 – 28, 2021, TORONTO, ON

Winter 2021 Torex ****CANCELLED****

For more information contact Brian Smith, email brian@torex.net telephone 416-705-5348. Website: <http://www.torex.net>

MAR. 7, 2021, MISSISSAUGA, ON

Mississauga Coin & Stamp Show,

John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd. Sponsored by the Troyak Club, the Mississauga Coin and Stamp Show will be open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., with 60 tables and more than 30 dealers. There's something for everyone, with Canadian and world coins, stamps, paper money, tokens, medals, trade dollars, official mint products, hobby supplies, reference books and more. Free evaluations plus buying, selling and trading. Admission is \$5 (children under the age of 16 are free), free parking. For more information contact Les Plonka, email leszekp@rogers.com telephone 416-505-7999. Website: www.troyakclub.com

MAR. 13, 2021, CAMBRIDGE, ON

Cambridge Coin Show,

Cambridge Newfoundland Club, 1500 Dunbar Road Hours: Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission! Voluntary cash donations will be gladly accepted at the door in

support the Cambridge Self Help Food Bank. A portion of the show proceeds will be donated to the CSHFB and the R.C.N.A. to benefit the local community and help promote the hobby. Buy, sell, trade and have your collection or inheritance evaluated at over 50 qualified dealer tables with coins, paper money, tokens, medals, trade dollars, official RCM products, hobby supplies, reference books and more. Fully accessible with free parking and a convenient lunch counter. Sponsor/Affiliate: Waterloo Coin Society. For more information contact Brent Mackie, email coinshow@waterloocoinsociety.com. Website: www.waterloocoinsociety.com/events.php

APR. 9 – 11, 2021, BURLINGTON, ON

58th Ontario Numismatic Association Convention,

Holiday Inn Burlington Hotel & Conference Centre, 3063 South Service Rd. The 58th Ontario Numismatic Association Convention is coming to Burlington in April 2021. The previous year's show was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Be sure to come out and enjoy a new spring convention with another great line up of educational speakers, specialty club meetings and a free "Young Collectors" auction plus a discounted sales table for children aged 17 and under. Watch for more details over the next few months. For more information contact Robb McPherson, email robb4640@outlook.com, telephone 519-577-7206. Website: www.the-ona.ca

APR. 9 – 11, 2021, MISSISSAUGA, ON

Spring 2021 National Postage Stamp & Coin Show, Hilton

Mississauga/Meadowvale hotel, 6750 Mississauga Rd. Presented by Canadian Coin News and Canadian Stamp News, the National Postage Stamp and Coin Show features 50-plus professional coin and stamp dealers from across Canada. Highlights include a two day live "Premier Auction" by Colonial Acres; various seminars; and the Young Collectors discounted sales table and popular free youth auction on Sunday. Admission is \$4 on Saturday and free on Sunday. The show is open on Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Parking is free. For show updates, visit stampandcoinshow.com. For more information contact Mike Walsh, email info@trajan.ca, telephone 1-800-408-0352. Website: www.stampandcoinshow.com.