



# Champlain Coin Club Bulletin

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

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## THE BULLETIN FOR FEBRUARY 2021

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bob Durrant



Greetings friends and fellow numismatists!

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. Now that the middle of the winter is finally here, things are getting brighter now that the hours of sunlight are getting longer. After a year of social distancing and isolation we need the membership to step up and submit their ideas for our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary medallion, club direction and proposals of where we want to have our meetings when the pandemic eases up. Looking forward to your collaboration and effort to determine our destiny!

As this our club is moving into its 59<sup>th</sup> year and ahead of our anniversary, we will be remembering how we started, our highlights and our achievements over the years. We are looking for stories from the past and looking to our long-time members to bring some of those memories forward for us to read and enjoy.

To get you motivated there seems to be a bit of a renewal across clubs. Because of the switch to online meetings, clubs across this nation are connecting with others like never before. The ability to attend other meetings across the country where it was impossible before, have allowed the passion and fellowship of our hobby to grow. Please get out there and check it out.

Hope with the COVID-19 vaccines and thoughts of returning to near normal mean we will be able to get together in person again soon.

Stay safe and stay well,

**Bob**

## Our Next Meeting



**Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>,  
2021**

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

Zoom details will be emailed to  
members with the newsletter  
distribution.

### **Presentation:**

### **Centennial Collectibles**

by Peter Becker

Secretary Treasurer and Charter Member of  
the Canadian Centennial Collector's Club  
(CCCC)



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## News of the January 2021 Meeting



By Doug McGarvey

Attendance: 7            Guests: 2  
50/50 Draw: \$0.00    Draw tickets: \$0.00  
Auction: \$0.00    Membership dues: \$0.00

President Bob Durrant welcomed the members and returning guests.

Secretary/Treasurer Doug McGarvey's minutes of the December meeting were adopted as read by Chris Liantzakis and Bill Beattie.

Doug was the only member celebrating a birthday in January.

After Bob opened the floor to members, Bill Beattie talked about the South Wellington Zoom meeting's presentation about different coin shapes. Highlighted was the recent redesign of the UK £1 coin to a bi-metallic 12-sided shape to address counterfeiting of the previous round design.

Bob proposed including buy and sell ads in our newsletter from our members as a way to get more members involved and interested.

Bill gave us an update on the ICCS submissions and mentioned he already has 104 items. The deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> of January and the coins should be graded and returned in April.

Peter Becker was impressed with Rob Durrant's design for our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary featuring Orillia's coat of arms. Doug addressed Chris's question about the selection process and said it would be the same process as our Canada 150 medallion where members reviewed and voted on the

design through email. The deadline is the end of May 2021. The medallions will be minted by the Mississauga Mint and prices yet to be determined.

Chris updated us on the upcoming new vertical 5-dollar bill and thinks Terry Fox may be the front runner.

Bob Durrant mentioned that the annual Scout Night will be cancelled for a 2nd year.

Bill asked members about the best approach to collecting world coins. Bill found information on the Numista and NGC website to identify and value coins. Jeff Wilson mentioned that Numista can be also used to catalogue your collection.

Bill suggested that the USA is the best place to start a collection of foreign coins as their coins circulate with ours. This led to a discussion about Whitman albums in which Jeff highlighted an article from the latest American Numismatist.

Peter Becker said he would do a presentation on Centennial Medals for February's meeting and said with using Zoom, clubs could now easily share presentations as well as meetings.

Rob Durrant thanked Judy Blackman for her article on Leacock featured in our January newsletter.

Brent Mackie gave us his presentation about Taiwan Covid-19 stimulus vouchers.

Rob Durrant presented London Numismatic Society's history of Hudson Bay Company tokens and script.

President Bob Durrant closed the meeting after the presentations.



## Upcoming Club Meeting & Activities



**Feb 4th** — Zoom meeting – Centennial Collectibles by guest speaker Peter Becker

This is also our “Hobby, Mystery Object and Favourite Coin” night

**Mar 4th** — Zoom meeting – Pre-Confederation Copper Coinage of Upper Canada

**Apr 1st** — Zoom meeting - TBA

## Centennial Collectibles – Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Presentation

Guest Speaker Peter Becker



Our guest presenter for the Feb 4<sup>th</sup> meeting is Peter Becker. Peter is the current Secretary Treasurer and Charter Member #4 of the Canadian Centennial Collector's club (CCCC) which was formed in 2014. His collecting interests focus primarily on Centennial material (including Canada 125 and Canada 150) club medals, banknotes, bullion, proof coins and whatever else happens to catch his eye.

Peter's involvement in numismatics carries over to about a half dozen or so clubs and several associations/societies but his primary focus is with the Waterloo club where he has been on the executive since 1990 serving in various capacities such as newsletter editor, president, and secretary.

All the CCCC meetings are held at the ONA and RCNA annual Conventions as they are a small group of around 30 members with a quarterly newsletter. New members are welcome anytime and annual dues are only \$10 or \$12.50 for a family membership.

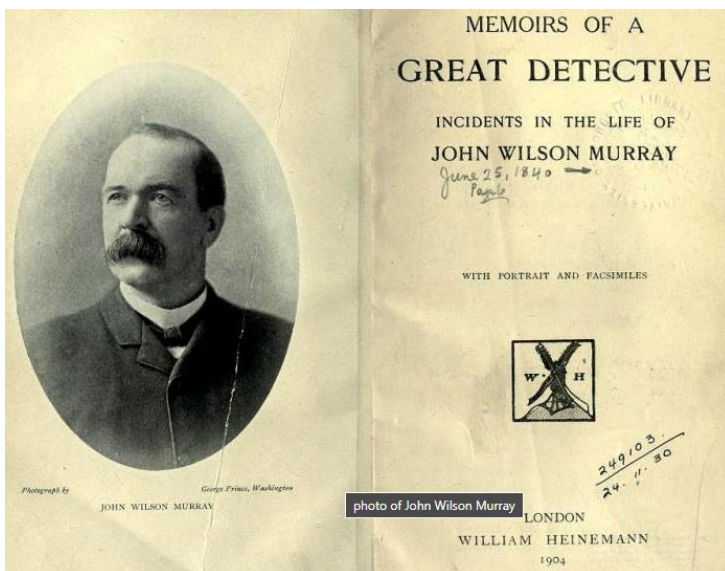
The presentation is a short introduction to Centennial collecting that was produced by Brian Thomson combining parts of various presentations that were shown previously as a promotional tool for the club. In 2018, Peter had visited three area clubs who invited him to their meetings and the presentations were well received. With meetings shut down and the Canada 150 hype over, Peter thought it would be fun to revisit the presentation and conduct it at a few club meetings via Zoom that he would never have thought possible to do before.



To get a glimpse on the scope of Centennial collectibles your readers and members may wish to view the video that was produced by Jeff Fournier prior to the inauguration of the club.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FPxq1WqzGzg>

## Did You Know?



### Toronto's Million-dollar Counterfeiting Scandal and the Great Detective

In 1880, Edwin Johnson was convicted of putting more than \$1 million in counterfeit notes into circulation. Considered the greatest counterfeiter of his day, he was arrested by Ontario's first full-time police detective, John Wilson Murray, who was the inspiration for the fictional Detective **William Murdoch** of the popular **Murdoch Mysteries** TV series.

John Wilson Murray's 1904 autobiography, *Memoirs of a Great Detective*, tells the sensational story of how he nabbed the notorious engraver of a great number of phony bank notes circulating in the Ontario economy.

You can continue reading here

<https://www.bankofcanadamuseum.ca/2020/07/johnsons-counterfeits/>



## 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](mailto:champlaincoinclub@gmail.com)

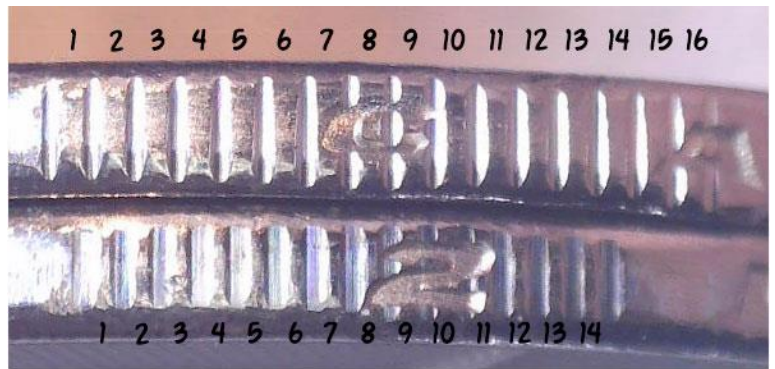
You do not have to be an artist to submit what you have. Please send us your thoughts and ideas today!

## 2019 2 Dollars Polar Bear With 14 and 16 Serrations

by Editor

Back in April 2020, a member of Coins and Canada found two varieties on the 2013 2 dollar coin with 14 and 16 serrations. Initially the reports of finding were mostly in eastern Canada.

Like the 2010 2 Dollars with 14 and 16 serrations on rim, the 2019 mintage seems to have the same characteristics.



From recent reports in the community, it seems the 16 serrations is the scarcest variety, instead of the famous 2010's 14 reeds. To date, collectors are reporting that only 15% are the 16 serrations type.

## Some Interesting Links (thanks Murray for asking last month)

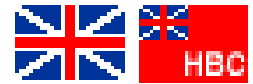
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# Orillia's HBC Fur Trading Post

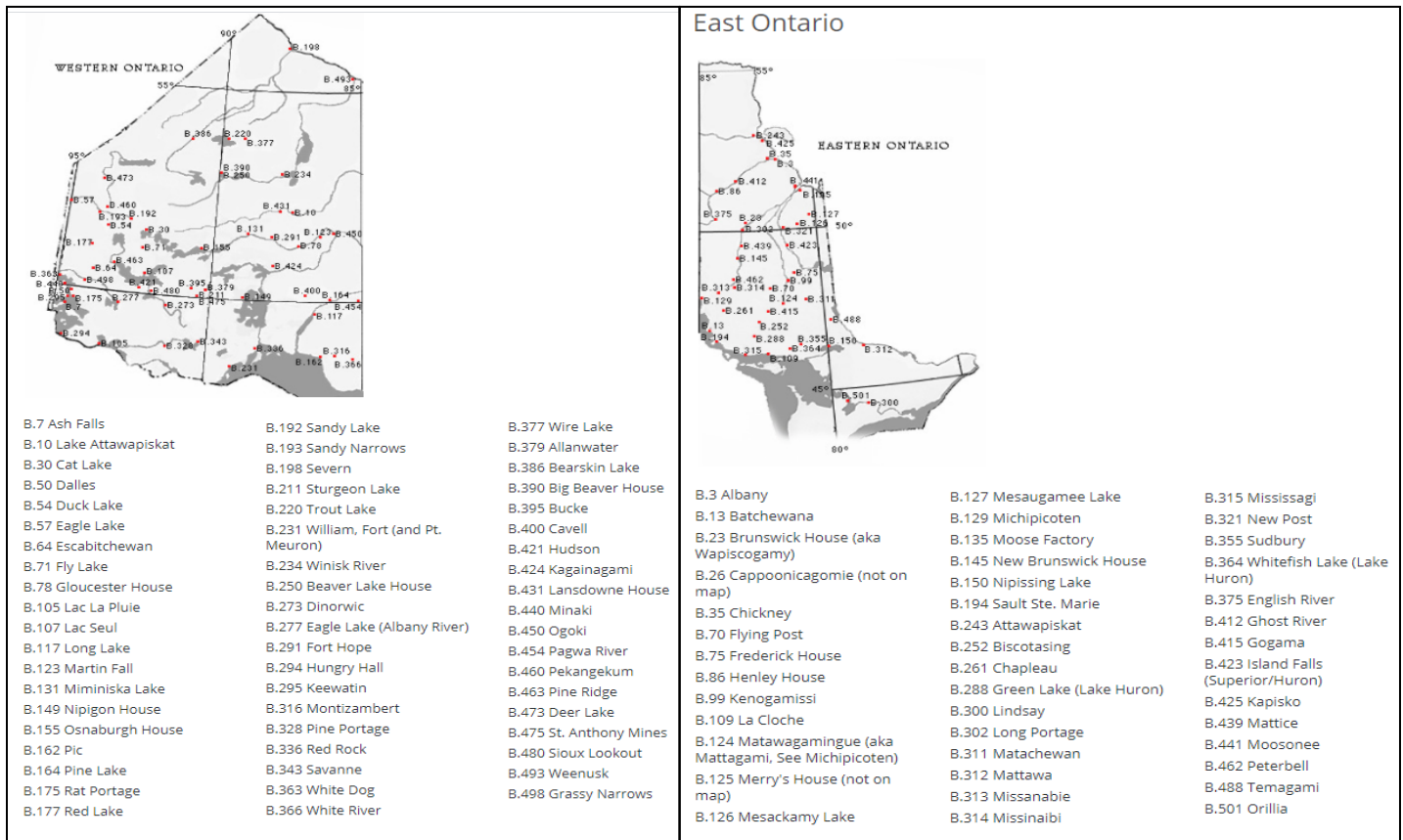


This information is derived entirely from Government of Canada websites and Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) historic records.

Some Club Members might not realize that Orillia was the home to one of the Hudson's Bay Company trading posts. The fur trade followed early Canadian canoe routes primarily the links of Fort-Rupert, James Bay, Ottawa River, Winnipeg River, Assiniboine River, and Saskatchewan River. The fur trade played a vital role in the development of the Orillia region in the 1700s and 1800s. In the late 1820's military authorities recognized the advantages of using the water transport route from Holland Landing to Orillia then by portage to Coldwater (just 14 miles from Orillia) and proceeding by water to Penetanguishene.

Hudson's Bay was named after explorer Henry Hudson who first sailed the bay in 1610. In 1670, the Hudson's Bay Company was officially declared and given access to Rupert's Landing, an area of about 7,770,000 km<sup>2</sup> and included the land along rivers that drained into Hudson's Bay. In 1673 HBC opened its first official fur trading post, Moose Factory (Southern Hub of James Bay). Many were opened from that point on at the mouths of major rivers. HBC appointed a chief factor (trader) and a council of officers for each post. Post journals and account books and basic policies were supplied by HBC officials in London, England, then implemented into Rupert's Landing as the model for the other posts.

HBC had many fur trading posts, and in Ontario alone there were 58 in Western Ontario and 43 in Eastern Ontario for a total of 101. Orillia was HBC fur trading post B.501-Eastern Ontario.



The Orillia trading post was established twice, the first was 1815 to an unknown date, and then a trading post was re-established 1862 to 1875.

Before 1821, Orillia was a congregating point for the Natives from earliest times, attracting many fur traders. The growth in trading drew HBC to the area, with it operating a trading post for seventeen years, with Thomas Goffatt serving as its Trading Post Master.

The British originally built the Orillia post for Ojibway-Lakes Huron and Simcoe Chief / Leader of the Deer Clan – William Yellowhead Musquakie (1769-1864, burial monument at St. James' Anglican Church, Orillia) and his tribal band who settled in Orillia after their British service in the War of 1812, and it flew the British flag. Later it became a Hudson's Bay Company post but the HBC records cover 1875 only, and it flew the HBC flag. HBC established a fur trading post in Orillia due to fear competition between the major fur trading companies. HBC's largest competitor was the North West Company, until HBC consolidated with their rival in 1821 at which time HBC reconciled the fur trading posts, as there was no point having two in the same area.



The Hudson's Bay Company tokens represented the unit of currency used in the fur trade for many decades. The largest—one "Made Beaver"—was equal in value to the skin on an adult male beaver in good condition. Smaller sizes represented one-half, one-quarter, and one-eighth of a Made-Beaver. One side of the brass token bears the Hudson's Bay Company's coat of arms and the other its value. Before these brass tokens came into use, a Made-Beaver was represented by a stick, porcupine quill, and ivory disc, a musket ball, or anything else agreed upon by trader and trapper. The trapper would be handed a number of units agreed upon—representing the value of his catch—and with these would make his purchases from the store of the HBC fur trading post. The tokens were designed by George Simpson McTavish of Albany Fort in 1854.

Although not applicable to the Orillia HBC Fur Trading Post, there were also HBC Promissory Notes. York Factory in Manitoba was the headquarters for the Hudson's Bay Company and the factory trading post. It was located on the southwestern shore of Hudson's Bay in north eastern Manitoba, at the mouth of Hayes River (about 120 miles southeast of the World Polar Bear Capital, Churchill). The HQ/Post was built in 1684 and used for the HBC business for more than 270 years. It was HBC Northern Development HQ from 1821-1873. Eventually HBC's HQ was moved to Winnipeg.

Promissory notes were issued by HBC at York Factory for circulation in Rupert's Landing as currency was needed by the new settlers in the Red River Settlement. HBC's first promissory notes were sent to York Factory in May 1820. The



HBC headquarters, York Factory, Manitoba, 1853



promissory notes were issued in books containing 100 notes each. They were not put into circulation immediately, as George Simpson feared the settlers might hoard them. After 1824, promissory notes gradually came into circulation and eventually other denominations were added. Shipments were sent periodically from London (England) to York Factory (Manitoba) from 1820 to 1870, when the Dominion of Canada struck its first issue of coinage, the promissory notes were discontinued and withdrawn.

## Numismatic Trivia – General questions (Answers below. Do not cheat!)

1. The front side of a coin is called:
  - a) Face surface
  - b) The obverse
  - c) Bust image
  - d) Feature surface
2. Which of the following sequences is the correct one regarding the order of release for US one cent (penny) coins?
  - a) Flying Eagle, Indian Head, Lincoln "Wheat Ears", Lincoln "Memorial"
  - b) Large Cent, Flying Eagle, Lincoln, Indian Head
  - c) Flying Eagle, Large Cent, Lincoln, Buffalo
  - d) None of these is correct
3. Whose legendary likeness appears on more types of U.S. coins than any other?
  - a) Lady Liberty
  - b) George Washington
  - c) Mercury
  - d) Betsy Ross
4. What are "Proof" coins?
  - a) Coins minted as "rough drafts".
  - b) Coins minted each year as gifts for the President and Cabinet members.
  - c) Coins rejected by the mint's quality control office.
  - d) Coins minted from special materials and highly polished equipment for the purpose of collecting.
5. When attempting to determine the value of a classic coin you own, which of the following considerations will likely have the least impact?
  - a) Year of minting
  - b) Mint mark
  - c) Condition (grade)
  - d) The coin's previous owners
6. The best way to clean an old coin is:
  - a) Soaking them in silver cleaner
  - b) Pencil eraser
  - c) Coins should not be cleaned
  - d) Rubbing alcohol and a soft cotton swab
7. A "perfect" coin receives a score of:
  - a) 70
  - b) 10
  - c) 100
  - d) 121
8. A "slabbed coin" is:
  - a) A coin that has been incorrectly struck at the mint.
  - b) A coin that has been deformed by a novelty machine at a carnival or arcade.
  - c) A coin that has been graded by a grading firm and sealed in an air-tight capsule.
  - d) A coin that has become stuck to its display case.
9. What is a "raw" coin?
  - a) A blank metal disk which will eventually become a coin.
  - b) A coin that has become tarnished over time.
  - c) A coin that has never circulated.
  - d) An ungraded coin.
10. Which of the following individuals appeared on a U.S. coin, despite never having been elected President of the United States?
  - a) Sacagawea
  - b) Benjamin Franklin
  - c) All are Correct
  - d) Susan B. Anthony

## Answers – General questions

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

## 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](http://canadiancoinnews.com/events) or contact event organizers.

### FEB. 7, 2021, PARIS, ON

#### Paris Coin Show, **\*\*CANCELLED\*\***

For more information, email [pariscoinshow@gmail.com](mailto:pariscoinshow@gmail.com), Phone 647-403-7334. Website: [www.pariscoinshow.com](http://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](mailto:papman@bell.net), telephone 905-728-1352. Website: [www.oshawacoinclub.com](http://www.oshawacoinclub.com)

### FEB. 27 – 28, 2021, TORONTO, ON

#### Winter 2021 Torex **\*\*CANCELLED\*\***

For more information contact Brian Smith, email [brian@torex.net](mailto: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 [leszkep@rogers.com](mailto:leszkep@rogers.com) telephone 416-505-7999. Website: [www.troyakclub.com](http://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@waterloocoinssociety.com](mailto:coinshow@waterloocoinssociety.com). Website: [www.waterloocoinssociety.com/events.php](http://www.waterloocoinssociety.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](mailto:robb4640@outlook.com), telephone 519-577-7206. Website: [www.the-ona.ca](http://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](http://stampandcoinshow.com). For more information contact Mike Walsh, email [info@trajan.ca](mailto:info@trajan.ca), telephone 1-800-408-0352. Website: [www.stampandcoinshow.com](http://www.stampandcoinshow.com).