

# CONVENTION COMMUNIQUÉ DU CONGRÈS

## 2017 RCNA Symposium

The Royal Canadian Numismatic Association invites you to this year's Educational Symposium. Continuing in the two-day expanded format, this year's symposium will consist of ten leading numismatists presenting a wide range of topics for your pleasure and knowledge.

As the Canadian collector becomes more sophisticated the demand for numismatic education becomes stronger. For everyone attending the 2017 Convention, the RCNA is proud to offer you this leading educational event. It is an opportunity to connect with people passionate about this hobby and eager to share their knowledge making your numismatic experience that much greater. Remember, knowledge is power!

Scott E. Douglas

### Wednesday July 19

1:00 p.m. - Paul Petch:

***“Wonderful Things” Dora de Pédery-Hunt’s personal art medal collection; all of the pieces being made by other medallists from around the world.***



Paul Petch has been a collector since 1958. His interests ranged from decimal coins to pre-Confederation tokens, numismatic literature and, more recently, art medals. He has been active in Toronto coin clubs, serving as North York Coin Club president for six years and as its newsletter editor for eighteen. He also served as an executive

member of the ONA, and of the RCNA.

Paul has worked on the organizing committees for ONA, and RCNA conventions. In 2003, he was nominated to serve on the J.D. Ferguson Historical Research Foundation. Paul was honoured by the North York Coin Club, with a life membership; by the ONA, in 2000, with the Award of Merit; and by the RCNA, in 2002, as a Fellow. He is a member of the ANA, from 1968, the Numismatic Bibliomania Society, since 1990, the Medallist Art Society of Canada (MASC), the CATC, CPMS, CTCCC, and CCCC.

Paul has contributed his computing, digital publishing, layout and design skills and his interest in Canadian numismatics to documents for the CPMS Note Registry, the *Correspondence Course Part II* and the *Canadian Numismatic Bibliography*.

2:00 p.m. - Lloyd Chan:

***Jolly Sixpence: A Personal Journey in Numismatics and Culture***

Lloyd Chan has a BS in Chemistry and Food Biochemistry and an MS in Food Science.

Lloyd retired three years ago after a 21-year-career teaching high school science. He has also worked in law enforcement, winemaking, malting and brewing, and computer programming.

Lloyd has been collecting since the age of 10. He began with whatever was of interest to him at the time, but world coins and US type coins had a special place in his collection.

In 2008, he became interested in organized numismatics and is currently a member of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association, Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors, the Ontario Numismatic Association, American Numismatic Association, Vallejo Numismatic Society, Fairfield Coin Club, Diablo Numismatic Society, CSNA and the NCNA.

His current interests are in ancient 2nd century Greek, and Roman Imperial coins, US type coins and coins from the 17th to 19th centuries.

3:00 p.m. - Alexander Chamberlain:

***Major Errors in the U.S. Flying Eagle and Indian Head Cent Series***

Alexander “Xan” Chamberlain has had the numismatic bug for 47 years, starting from age 10. His favorite collectable coins are Mint Errors, and he has built two NGC Custom Registry Sets available for anyone to view. Xan is retired from a career in Silicon Valley, California, which spanned 32 years in High Tech pricing. Besides his numismatic hobby, he keeps busy buying and selling on eBay, where he’s garnered over 7,000 positive feedbacks.



4:00 p.m. - Brian and Geoffrey Bell:

**Why Auction Your Collection?**

You can sell your collection to another collector. You can sell your collection to a dealer. We believe selling your collection through auction is the best way to go. We will give you all the benefits derived from auction and answer all your questions.



Geoffrey Bell is a Past President of the RCNA, CPMS and a Fellow of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society and Royal Canadian Numismatic Association. He has received the Paul Fiocca award, the Ferguson gold medal and the Royal Canadian Mint silver medal for education. He was the numismatic expert on the

*Canadian Antique Roadshow* on CBC Television.



Brian Bell is owner of "The Coin Cabinet" in Moncton, NB, the largest coin store in Atlantic Canada. He is CEO of Geoffrey Bell Auctions, Canada's leading coin auction house. He and his wife Dawn have sold some of Canada's outstanding numismatic collections. Brian can be seen at most of Canada's coin shows where

he accepts consignments and meets clients.

**Thursday July 20**

1:00 p.m. - Howard R Engel :

**Bert Koper (1899-1963), Canadian Numismatic Pioneer**

Howard R. Engel began his coin collecting experience in 1967 as a Centennial project when his father gave him travel change from Cuba, Jamaica, Mexico and the United States, plus a few George VI Canadian decimal coins. Fascinated by their history, beauty and educational value, Howard eagerly began to fill in the holes of Whitman Canadian



coin albums, which he still owns. Soon tiring of awkwardly asking to look through relatives' change for that elusive 1938 Canadian nickel and other scarce items, he discovered he could find a lot more mostly out-of-reach rarities at local dealers of which there were many in his home town of Winnipeg in the late 1960s and early 1970s. He eventually acquired several books and delighted in poring over his blue hardcover 1970 Charlton catalogue. He distinctly recalls wistfully saying to himself when he looked up Canada's first gold coins, "I'll never get one of those". In the spring of 2013, after a 38-year hiatus from active collecting, he stumbled on a Royal Canadian Mint ad in *Maclean's* announcing the availability of those gold coins. Incredulous, he confirmed a dream coming true at the Winnipeg Boutique and snapped up their last one.

Unlike his childhood foray into the hobby, Howard dived in with both feet into the all-important social aspect of the hobby, joining the Manitoba Coin Club (MCC) just prior to it hosting the 2013 RCNA Convention in Winnipeg, where he displayed his first non-competitive exhibit. He has entered competitive exhibits at other RCNA Conventions, and non-competitive ones at MCC shows each year ever since.

Howard served four years as MCC secretary and since 2015, as MCC Show Chair. He could only do this because of support, patience, understanding and partnership from his wife, Esther G. Juce, for whom he is most grateful. As their 25th wedding anniversary nears in 2017, Howard eagerly anticipates commemorating it with much silver.

2:00 p.m. - Ronald Greene :

**Money in British Columbia before the coming of the Railway**

Ronald Greene is a life-long resident of Victoria. He obtained a degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of British Columbia. Later, in his spare time he obtained another, a degree in Japanese Studies and French from the University of Victoria.

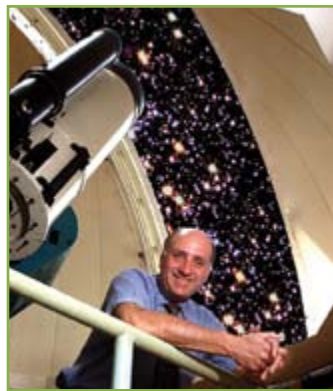


For over fifty years Ron has been an active researcher and writer of British Columbia's and Canada's numismatic history, publishing many articles, and a book on Greenwood and Phoenix. He edited R.C. Willey's *Dictionary of Canadian Medallists* and was the Project Director of the *Canadian Numismatic Bibliography*. He is a past president of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society, and of the Canadian Paper Money Society, a recipient of the J. Douglas Ferguson Award in 1986, the Royal Canadian Mint Medal for

Numismatic Education in 1991, and the Paul Fiocca Award in 2012. He was named A Fellow of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Society, in 2015. His book on *Carlo Gentile, Gold Rush Photographer, 1863–1866* is his second book. In 2016, it won the British Columbia Lt. Governor's Medal for Historical Writing. Ron is the cataloguer for British Columbia and Yukon tokens. He has spoken on a number of occasions at past Educational Seminar.

**3:00 p.m. - Harvey Richer :**

***A Few Things That You May Not Know About The Gold Coins of Newfoundland***



Harvey Richer was born in Montreal. He attended McGill University and then went on to the University of Rochester where he obtained a doctorate in astrophysics. He is currently a professor and the associate head in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of British Columbia. His research

focuses on observations with the Hubble Space Telescope, determining the properties of the oldest stars in the universe. In 2014, he was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Canada's most prestigious academic society.

His coin collecting interests date back to a very early age when he and his brother collected coins from circulation in the Montreal area. He recalls finding numerous Victorian silver coins in circulation. These were almost always well worn and no great rarities were discovered, but the thrill of finding 60-year-old coins in circulation left a lasting impression on him. Early on he was drawn to Newfoundland \$2 gold coins, particularly at some time in the late 1950s, after Montreal coin dealer Phillip Spier showed him a small hoard he had. Harvey recalls buying two of these in nice uncirculated condition, for \$20 each. In more recent times his collecting interests have focused on high quality gold, silver, and bronze coins of Newfoundland.

In 2013 he made his first trip to Newfoundland, where, with his son, he mainly explored the western part of the island. They climbed Gros Morne, hiked the Tablelands and in St. John's he made his first visit to the Provincial Archives at The Rooms as well as to Memorial University. From this trip he returned with numerous documents that formed the seed of a book on the gold coins of Newfoundland. He returned the following summer for an extensive visit, inspecting the Rooms' coin collection and spending considerable time with a historian at Memorial. In 2016 the book was completed and it will be launched at the RCNA Convention in Boucherville. His educational talk will be based on some aspects of the book.

**4:00 p.m. - François Rufiange and Jacques St-Arnaud :**

***Les Monnaies du Canada au temps de la Nouvelle-France***

– A talk delivered in French



Major (ret'd) François Rufiange was a senior aerospace engineer with the Royal Canadian Air Force. He became a collector as a young officer often travelling to Europe in the mid 1980s. In 2000, François completed both RCNA correspondence courses.

His first numismatic study was about the engaging 1943 "Victory" 5-cent coin by Thomas Shingles. François is a past president of the Ottawa Numismatic Society (six consecutive years).

Currently he is the president of the Association des collectionneurs du Grand-Lévis.

Over the years, he has acquired a keen sense on how to best teach others about the basics in numismatics. He has published a great number of articles over the years, and he is an accomplished numismatic photographer. He thoroughly enjoys public speaking and has presented a number of talks to various numismatic organizations and coin shows. François was made a Fellow of the Ontario Numismatic Association, in 2010.



Jacques St-Arnaud has been interested in coin collecting since 1971. Currently he specializes in colonial numismatics, with a main focus on Spanish and French royal coins introduced in Canada during the 17th and 18th centuries. He continues to collaborate with numismatists in Canada, the United States and France on King Louis' royal coinage

reference books. Recently, Jacques contributed his research to the master work on colonial coins of New France *French Coinage Specifically for Colonial America* by Sydney F. Martin, released in 2016. Last year, his ground breaking article "A 17th Century Intercontinental Money" appeared in *The Canadian Numismatic Journal*.

**Plan to attend the 2017 RCNA Symposium held Wednesday, July 19 and Thursday, July 20, in the *Iles Percées* A room of the Convention hotel. Everyone is Welcome!**