

# The Shoreline

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Looking down on the  
November bourse floor.

Photo by Mike Souza



## The North Shore Numismatic Society

a non-profit society working for the advancement  
of numismatics at all levels.

Membership is open to everyone.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each  
month.

**NON-MEMBER DROP-INS ARE WELCOME!**

Meetings Include:

- A Numismatic Presentation
- Show & Tell
- A Numismatic Auction
- Refreshments & Great Fun!

**A Quick listing of our 2025 NSNS Shows:**

- Feb 22nd
- May 10th
- September 13th
- Nov 22nd



## **Editor: Eugene Simms - My Two Cents Worth.**

It has been a few years since our last newsletter and I'm hoping to rectify that with what I hope is a new beginning. I took on the job of Editor of our club newsletter "The Shoreline" from our club founder Ray Mah around 2003 or 4, after about ten years of producing the newsletter, working full-time, and everything that goes with family life, I suffered from, for lack of a better word, burnout. I decided to step back and take a break from the newsletter. Little did I think the break would last as long as it did. After a couple of false starts along the way I'm hoping the time is right to again put on my Editor's hat and give it another try, get back into what I'm hoping will again become a labour of love as in the past. The goal is to make the Shoreline a regularly scheduled publication for your reading enjoyment.

In this issue I have included a couple of articles based on "Show & Tell" items from our club's past meetings, plus new material that I think you will enjoy.

**Shows:** As you all know, with Mike's efforts the tables for our shows are usually sold-out with a waiting list for tables. Building on the success of the shows, we are hoping to add another room dedicated to postcard collectors. This we hope will bring more paying customers through the doors, benefiting dealers and our club.

## **President's Message - Michael Souza**

Thank-you to Gene Simms for renewing his interest in the Shoreline newsletter, it as been missed and will again be an assist to our members.

It is that time of the year again and I would like to extend to you and your family Best Wishes for the Holiday Season and a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Since the last newsletter in 2022, the club continues to be strong. During the COVID pandemic, the club held virtual meetings on Zoom. With the easing of COVID restrictions, we began to hold in-person meetings again in September 2022 and now only hold in-person meetings. Our membership continues to grow with ten new members in 2023 and four in 2024. There has also been a significant increase in subscribers to our email list which is used to advise of upcoming meetings and shows.

Club Member Peter O'Reilly suggested we try a 50/50 draw at our club meetings, and this was successfully introduced in September 2023. It is now a regular part of our meetings. Thank you, Peter.

Starting in 2023, we held three Coins, Stamps and Collectibles Show and increased that to four shows in each of 2024 and 2025. The shows have been very popular with bourse tables selling out two to three months ahead of the show. At the May 2025 show, we will be assisting the Vancouver Postcard Club to hold a show in conjunction with our show at Nikkei. This show will increase the number of dealers and offer another collectible genre to the public.

On a community level, the club continues to donate a significant portion of our show profits to support the Vancouver Food Bank, the Union Gospel Mission, and the BC Children's Hospital Foundation each year. In addition, the club also sends donations to the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association's Youth Program to promote the hobby among the younger generations. In April 2024, the club also assisted a local church in Port Coquitlam to organize their first Collectibles Show. It proved quite successful, and plans are being made to do the same in 2025. Overall, the club is doing very well and if anyone has any suggestions on how to improve our meetings or shows, we would like to hear from you.

## **New Members:**

We would like to welcome the following new members that joined in 2023 and 2024:

Jim Barrett - Daniel Basso - Jim Bradbury - Benjamin Chhoa - Alexis Choa (Junior Member)  
Bob Dewhirst - Martin Gnos - Vesna Golac - David Miller - Francois Morel - Gary Schmitz -  
Chris Styles - Stephen Veness - Debbie Wutzke & Melvin Zamis.

## **November 12th - Meeting in Review:**

The Nov. meeting was held in the Multipurpose Room at the Bonsor 55+ Senior Centre. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the meeting started at 7:00 pm. A Reminder, the meetings are open to members and non-members, bring a friend, everyone is welcome.

An excellent turnout of 37 members and guests. With 3 new member applications being received at the meeting, Michael (Jim) Cleary, Josh Thalen and husband and wife team Darrick & Lydia Tisseur.

Cookies & refreshments were supplied by the club and supplemented by my beautiful wife, Wendy. The fresh baked chocolate chip cookies were a big hit with everyone. The four dozen disappeared so quickly I didn't even get to try one. Thanks darlin for trying to keep me and everyone will rounded.

## **November Program:**

If I thought the value of the Canadian dollar is low, the PowerPoint put on by Mike was a real eye opener. The program entitled "Paper Money of the German Weimar Republic – 1920s – Hyperinflation". The rapid decline in value of the Mark, illustrated through banknotes put me straight and reassured me that our lowly loonie may not be in such bad shape after all.

A brief program synopsis: By July 1922 prices in the German Weimar Republic had risen by some 700 percent, and hyperinflation, with too much money chasing goods that were far too scarce. The government had to print million-mark notes, then billion-mark notes. By November 1923 one U.S. dollar was equivalent to 1,000 billion (a trillion) marks[1].

One of my favorite stories from the presentation was about a man who had forgotten his wheelbarrow full of bank notes outside and when he returned, found the money still there and the wheelbarrow stolen. The program was prepared by Jeff Wilson of the Halifax Regional Coin Club, and we thank him and the club for sharing it.

The 50/50 draw was for a healthy amount of \$25 to the winner, and \$25 into the club coffers..

As you can see from the list of this months door prizes, Mike has been keeping up the clubs quest to keep the prizes at a higher level. The members involvement and the higher tickets sales prove the efforts are paying off. Keep up the great work Mike. A couple of the members were more than happy to take home two prizes each from the following;

- Bavaria 1905 Prinz Regent Leipold Medal / \$90
- Canada 1994 Double Dollar Proof Set "Dogsled Team" / \$39
- Canada 50 Cents 1919 VG / \$32
- Canada Specimen Set 1998 / \$20
- South African 1997 9-coin presentation set / \$12
- Transnistria 1993 50 Rubles UNC / \$8
- Canada BC-55b-i 1986 \$2 Thiessen-Crow ERG Prefix AU / \$6
- Jordan 1984 100 Fils / \$5

## **Coins, Stamps and Collectibles Show:**

Mike reminded everyone the upcoming show was already sold out, and reminded everyone to book their tables early, so you won't be disappointed.

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The November show was the best we've had this year. It was busy from 9:30 am until around 2 pm with a crowd waiting outside before the show even started. We had two new dealers, new club member Josh Thalen, and Howard Engle (the Book Man) from Winnipeg. Howard is coming back to our May 2025 show.

### Here are the results of the show:

Bourse Revenue	\$2,480 (highest this year)
Admission Revenue	823 (274 paid attendees - highest this year)
Total Revenue	\$3,303
Hall Rental	\$1,296
Insurance	31
Advertising	76
Security	169
Miscellaneous costs	51
Total Expenses	\$1,623
Net Profit	\$1,680 (highest this year)

Thank you again to the following volunteers: Gene Simms, Owen Wright and David Mitchell.

During the show, we added an additional five subscribers to our mailing list.

The response to the February 22nd, 2025 show has been overwhelming and the show is effectively sold out.

From the few people I was able to canvass, five heard of the show from Facebook, so thank you again to Matthew Maybee for suggesting that we try placing the ad. According to Matthew, 55 people replied to his Facebook posting and for future shows, I would recommend we continue advertising on Facebook.

### Christmas Meeting:

This is a reminder that the North Shore Numismatic Society Christmas meeting is on Tuesday, December 10, 2024. The meeting is being held in the Multipurpose Room at the Bonsor 55+ Senior Centre across the parking lot from the Bonsor Recreation Centre Main Building. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the meeting will start at 7:00 pm. The meeting is open to members and non-members, so everyone is welcome.

Instead of a program, this meeting is an opportunity to get together with your fellow collectors for food and refreshments. Please note that liquor is NOT permitted on the premises. To make it a successful evening, please bring some finger foods or snacks to share with the others. If you plan to bring something, please email me at [coinsns72@gmail.com](mailto:coinsns72@gmail.com) with your contribution. The club will provide the plates, napkins, utensils and whatever else is needed. Thank you in advance to everyone that will contribute something to the party.

### Four Silver 1 oz. Maple Leaf Draws:

There will be four (4) separate draws to win one of four silver 1 oz. Silver Maple Leaf coins. Winners of the maple leaf coins are still eligible for the Pandora's Box Draw.

### Pandora's Box Draw:

The highlight of the meeting is our traditional Pandora's Box draw. For those that are not familiar with this draw, please note that only paid-up members are entitled to participate. If you are not a member but you wish to participate, you may join the club that night for \$15 and your membership would be extended to the end of next year.

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To participate in Pandora's Box, please bring a wrapped numismatic gift of at least \$15 value to the meeting. If you forget to bring a gift, there will be a limited number of pre-wrapped gifts available for purchase for \$15. It would be placed in the Pandora's Box and you will receive a numbered ticket in exchange. Husband and wife memberships have to bring only ONE gift and are entitled to only ONE ticket. During the course of the draw, you DO NOT want your ticket number to be drawn. If it is drawn, you are disqualified from winning the Box. The holder of the first ticket drawn gets a free membership for 2025. The holder of the last ticket wins the contents of the Box. Having won the Box twice in the past, I can tell you that it is a nice haul of numismatic items. The winner will be required to open all the gifts before the end of the meeting.

We will still have our usual Auction, 50/50 and Door Prize draws, so please remember to bring your floor submissions for the auction. Because of time constraints, submissions are limited to 5 per person. I only have a limited amount of change, so please bring SMALL bills and coins to pay for your successful bids.

### **December Auction:**

- 1 - Canada 1903 1 Cent - MS-60 Est. \$40 Res. \$20
- 2 - Canada 1986 1 Cent CCCS-MS-65 Est. \$15 Res. \$7
- 3 - Canada 1940 5 Cents - MS-63 - Est. \$65 Res. \$30
- 4 - Canada 1958 Silver Dollar MS-60 - Est. \$30 Res. \$25
- 5 - Canada 1902 25 Cents - VG-8 Est. \$20 Res. \$12
- 6 - UK 1912 3 Pence EF-40 Est. \$30 Res. \$15
- 7 - USA 1917S 5 Cents - VG-8 - Est \$40 Res. \$20
- 8 - India 1906 2 Annas F-12 - Est. \$15 Res. \$8
- 9 - Jersey 1891 1/13th Shilling F-12 - Est. \$40 Res. \$20
- 10 - Canada 2012 Test Coin Set Est. \$30 Res. \$15
- 11 - Canada 2004 Poppy Test Coin Set - Est. \$60 Res. \$30
- 12 - Canada 1968-72 PL Sets Est. \$32 Res. \$15
- 13 - Dominion of Canada 25 Cents - 1923 DC-24d - VF - Est. \$35 Res, \$20
- 14 - Dominion of Canada \$2 - 1923 - DC-26c - F - Est - \$190 Res. \$115
- 15 - Bank of Canada \$50 BC-26b - VF - Est. \$200 Res. \$120

If you wish to place a pre-auction bid on any of the above items, please send an email to

**[balmoralnu@shaw.ca](mailto:balmoralnu@shaw.ca)**

### **Door Prizes:**

- Canada 2022 Uncirculated Set of the Last Strikes of QEII (\$34) and Canada 2023 Uncirculated 6-coin Set of King Charles III (\$30) \$64
- Canada Specimen Set 2005 "Tufted Puffin" \$55
- Canada BC-55b 1986 \$2 Thiessen-Crow 3-digit Radar Note UNC \$35
- Canada Specimen Set 2000 "Path of Knowledge" \$30
- Canada BC-40a 1954 \$5 Beattie-Coyne (Modified Portrait.) VF \$18
- Canada 2024 100th Anniversary of RCAF in Folder \$17
- Canada 2005 Coloured Canada Day Beaver in Folder \$14
- Canada BC-56bA 1986 \$5 Thiessen-Crow FNX Replace. Note Fine \$8



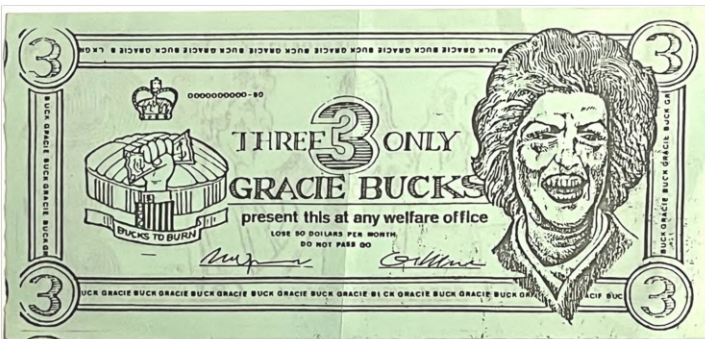
"Gracie's Finger".

Jim Green, the community organizer of the Residents' Association, told the media that 6,000 Gracie Bucks would be distributed to government offices when recipients pick up their social assistance cheques on the day they began to feel the impact of the new regulations. Moreover, the association's telephone number appeared on the note, indicating where to call in order to get help with social assistance problems.

Minister McCarthy is said to have seen the notes and laughed at them...

- *Date of issue:* October 1981.
- *Issued by:* Downtown Eastside Resident's Association (Vancouver, BC)
- *Print:* 15,000
- *Dimensions:* 157 mm x 76 mm. (Size may vary)
- *Colour:* black on light green paper.
- *Face value:* 1 Gracie Buck.
- *Serial number:* 00000000000-55.

The Gracie Three Bucks is a note from my own collection, and it is the only copy I have seen of this particular issue. I have not been able to find any reference to it in any of the usual publications or online. This leads me to believe this may be a scarce note.



The obverse of the Gracie Three Bucks is similar in design to the Gracie One Buck, with the same border and cartoon portrait of Grace McCarthy on the right. The only differences are: the ones having been replaced by threes, the serial number ends in 50 not the 55 of the Gracie One Buck. On the left the coat of arms is replaced with a cartoon drawing of B.C. Place Stadium with a crown above it, and in front a fist clinching dollars bills. The banner below is the same as on the Gracie One Buck stating, "Bucks To Burn".

The reverse is also similar in design to the Gracie One Buck, with the ones again having been replaced by threes. The design to the right is a different cartoon portrait of Grace McCarthy, this time grinning and holding, or withholding, a stack of bank notes, facing her is a woman holding a baby and a dejected senior citizen walking by. In the background are headstones. One with the letters C.I.P.

It is interesting to note that the address box on the bottom right is showing the address as 9 E. Hastings. On the Gracie One Buck it is 193 E. Hastings. This could be a copy error or an address correction. The current webpage shows the Downtown Eastside Residents Association Archives contact info address as 9 East Hastings.

The Gracie Three Bucks note appears to protest the money being spent on Expo 86, at the same time cuts were being made in social services, seniors programs, childcare, and the forced evictions

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from low income housing and the expropriation of land for the Expo site. Low rent buildings were brought down, only to be replaced with newer, more expensive hotels and apartments forcing displaced residents to try and find affordable housing elsewhere. The area that was most affected was the Downtown Eastside. Apart from the early eviction mentioned above, days before Expo 86 began, single-room occupancy (SRO) buildings in the Downtown Eastside kicked out more than a thousand low-income tenants in anticipation of the wealthier tourists to come. At the time, B.C.'s tenancy rules didn't apply to those living in SROs, many of whom were informed of their fate only verbally and given only days and some only hours to vacate. Homelessness spiked, while one man in his late eighties named Olaf Solheim was one of those people. He had lived at the Patricia Hotel for decades. He was only given one week's notice before being evicted. Although he found a new home, he became depressed, stopped eating and was dead within a month of his eviction. Speaking about his death Vancouver's chief medical officer John Batherwick said, "He'd been moved from where he was to a place he didn't want to be, and he simply lost his will to live, and he died." Solheim's death and the experience of other displaced people garnered international media attention. [1]

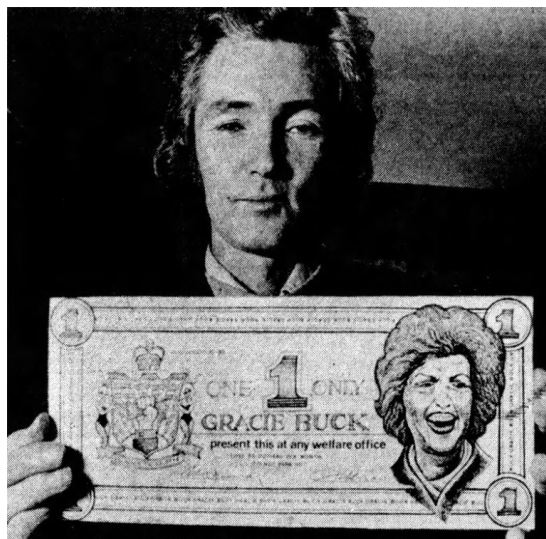
Although the note is not dated everything about it says it was printed around the same time as the Gracie One Buck note, October, 1981.

Both notes are printed on the same light green paper and appears to have been printed on an old style Gestetner type stencil drum printer. Before photocopiers took over the short run end of copy making, messy and relatively inexpensive machines called Mimeographs, Gestetners and others ruled the earth. Virtually every school, office, and union hall had one in the back room, usually surrounded by reams of paper and the unmistakable odor of ink and cleaning solvent. Both of the above types used prepared stencils and ink on a rotating drum. The stencils were originally produced with a pen or typewriter and later by machine. It is reasonable to think that the Downtown Eastside Resident's Association (DERA) would have had access to a similar type printer.

The glossy black ink on both notes reminded me of my early 70's high school days printing the school newspaper on an old Gestetner printer. The print always had that same glossy look to the ink that the Gracie notes have.

[1] <https://bcantoldhistory.knowledge.ca/1980/expo-86>

[2] <https://canadaehx.com/2022/10/25/expo-86/>



**RICHARD POOLEY with GRACIE BUCK . . . "currency" is campaign against welfare rules**

*Richard Pooley, secretary of the Downtown Eastside Residents' Association with a Gracie Buck.*



## NSNS April Meeting "Show & Tell"

### "The eyes and ears of the RCAF"

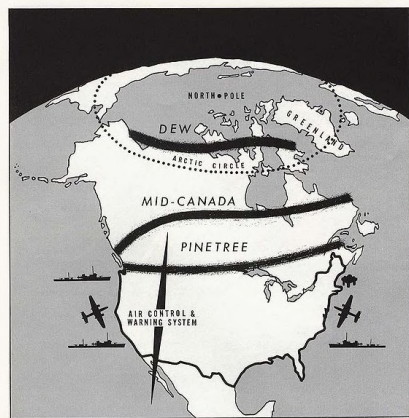
Club members Jamie used the picture below as his show & tell item at the April NSNS meeting. The picture features his mother June at around 18 or 19 years old and a unidentified man leaning over a map table in a lower war room. She does not remembers the exact location, just a lot of steps going down to get to it, and it that it was located on the Vancouver side of the old Granville Street Bridge.



**June holding the picture of herself and an unknown person when she worked with the Ground Observers Corp (GOC) as a unpaid volunteer Plotter.**

June recalled being recruited at the PNE, RCAF display & exhibit. She was trained and worked with the Ground Observers Corp (GOC) as a unpaid volunteer plotter. She wore a head set into which was relayed information from a walkway above where they are standing in the picture and used a plotting rod to move subs, warships, merchant and cargo ships around map table. The tactical map was all grided out with numbers and covered an area from Burrard Inlet all through Georgia Straight and the surrounding mountain terrain. With a little online research we were able to piece together Junes story with the following information.

During the Cold War period, the threat of nuclear attack on North America by manned bombers from the U.S.S.R. was taken seriously. Air defence radar stations, staffed with American and Canadian personnel, were set up in three systems across Canada to detect incoming Soviet bombers.



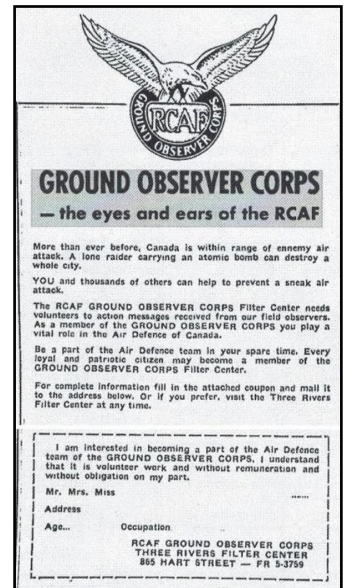
*Three lines of radar stations were established in the 1950s and 60s to detect a Soviet bomber attack on North America.*

In addition to the radar networks, a manual backup system called the Ground Observer Corps (GOBC) was created in 1951 and remained in operation until 1964.

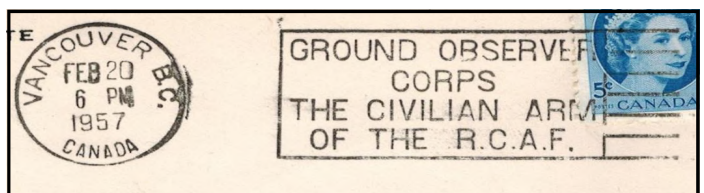
The GOBC was a reporting system consisting of a network of observation posts across Canada manned by over 50,000 unpaid civilian volunteers who observed and reported aircraft movements. Reports were forwarded to "Filter Centres" which verified the information and passed it on to Air Defence Command.

### GOC Recruiting Ad

At a time when nuclear war was considered a real possibility, the Ground Observer Corps gave anxious citizens an opportunity to do something they thought would help protect Canada. The recruiting ad shown to the right, appealing to loyalty and patriotism, help explain why so many thousands of Canadians from all walks of life volunteered to act as "the eyes and ears of the RCAF".



The property identified in the image above as Vancouver's Civil Defence Training HQ was originally occupied by NeoLite - a neon sign company. [1] The space was only a temporary site for the civil defence HQ from 1951-1953 mainly because the real estate was needed by the new Granville Bridge (some of the concrete of which is visible in the foreground of the photo).



In February and March, 1957, the Vancouver Post Office used a slogan cancellation which promoted the GOBC. Vancouver was the only post office in the country that used the slogan.

# Barbados Polymer Banknotes

by Jim Kusnick



Barbados is a coral Island of 166 square miles and a population of 300,000. The island was named by the Portuguese who landed 1st in 1563. The British landed in 1624 and ruled uninterrupted until Nov 30, 1966, when it gained Independence. Barbados is a coral Island of 166 square miles and a population of 300,000.

Barbados New Banknotes went into Circulation on December 5, 2022. All 6 notes, the \$2.00, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00, \$50.00 and the \$100.00 went Polymer. Here is a look of the 6 notes.

Please note; Barbados (BBD) is tied in to the American Dollar i.e., \$1.00 US. is \$1.98 or \$2.00 dollars Barbados (depending on where you exchange the money).

**\$2.00** Blue, Face - Portrait of John Redman Bovell ((1855-1928) a scientist and agronomist who is credited with saving the sugar industry in Barbados), Back - Morgan Lewis Windmill in St Andrew.

**\$5.00** Green, Face - Portrait of Sir Frank Worrell (1924 - 1967) West Indies cricketer and Jamaican senator, Back - 3Ws Cricket Oval - Named for Frank Worrell along with Everton Weekes and Clyde Walcott, widely acknowledged to be the greatest cricketers to ever play the game.

**\$10.00** Brown Red, Face - Portrait of Right Excellent Charles Duncan O'Neal (1879 - 1936) was a Barbados physician, political figure and labor rights activist., Back - Charles Duncan O'Neal Bridge in Bridgetown.

**\$20.00** Purple, Face - Portrait of Right Excellent Samuel Jackman Prescod (1806 - 1871) became the first person of African descent to be elected to the Parliament of Barbados in 1843., Back - Parliament Building, Bridgetown.

**\$50.00** Orange, Face - Portrait of Right Excellent Errol Barrow (1920 - 1987) a Barbadian statesman and the first Prime Minister of Barbados. Born into a family of political and civic activists in the parish of Saint Lucy, he became a WWII aviator, combat veteran, lawyer, politician, gourmet cook and author. He is often referred to as the "Father of Independence" in Barbados. Back - Independence Square, Bridgetown.

**\$100.00** Brown, Purple and Blue-grey, Face - Portrait of Right Excellent Grantley Adams (1898 - 1971) a Barbadian politician. He served as the inaugural Premier of Barbados from 1953 to 1958 and then became the first and only Prime Minister of the West Indies Federation from 1958 to 1962, Back- Grantley Adams International Airport in the Parish of Christ Church. The persons on the face and the colours stayed the same, with some of the backs being changed.

When the bills are placed face down, in order, with the 2, 5, 10 at the top and 20, 50, 100 on the bottom, there is an outline of the island of Barbados.

Central Bank of BARBADOS has a web site with a lot more information.



**France - Banknote from resistance with Hitler being strangled - 1942.**

Some propaganda banknotes were produced by wartime partisan movements. Many of these notes were produced by the use of a pen, scissors, rubber stamp or small printing press. The Banknote featured here is the Bank of France 20 francs note of 1942. In Coins and Medals, December 1968, there is a photograph of the face and back of such a note and the text:

*Cutting up postage stamps and affixing parts of them to occupation banknotes was one way in which the French showed their objections to the Germans during the Second World War. Although it seems a childish action, anyone captured with such a note in his possession faced the death penalty. The face depicts France strangling AH. The back shows Mother France nursing her baby Petain.*

The note was cleverly defaced by cutting the AH portrait from the German stamps of 1941-43 and either pasting or inserting AH's head above and below the rope being pulled by the Breton fisherman. The appearance was symbolic of France strangling Germany. On the back of this same 20 francs note there is a vignette of two French women in traditional dress. One holds a smiling child. Patriots are known to have taken the head of Marshall Petain from the French stamps of 1941-42 and placed it on the body of the infant. It is unclear just how this was construed as an anti-Fascist symbol. However, the purpose was certainly to send a warning message to the French leader and pro-NSDAP collaborator, Marshall Petain.

In all, there are three known formats of the French propaganda banknote. They are found with the AH stamp alone, the Petain stamp alone, or both stamps on one banknote. This example is with just the AH stamp alone.

Is there any proof that these notes were circulated in wartime France? In Time, 4 September 1944 there is a letter from Private First Class Leslie Lieber (cut article included with this set):

***Take a good look at the enclosed French 20 franc note. It is one of the cleverest methods of subtle non-collaboration I can imagine. The French people who gave it to me said that millions of these were circulating around while the Germans were here ... The effect is produced by inserting a German postage-stamp***

***portrait of AH behind the French fisherman's rope.***

Years later, a second note was illustrated by Neil Shafer in an article entitled Bills by the Roll, in The Whitman Numismatic Journal, May 1968. Shafer told of purchasing a roll of 15 banknotes taped together and used as a short snorter during WWII. This was an informal membership card and souvenir that was carried to show where the owner had been and who he had met. As the owner traveled to more countries and was assigned to different units, he added more banknotes. His notes has dozens of signatures, one dated "January 28, 1945. Shafer states that when he inspected the roll at a later date he was amazed to find the infamous head of AH skillfully attached to the lower left corner of a French banknote:

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*The head is cut from a German postage stamp and at first glance it appears that Der Fuehrer' is being strangled by the fisherman's*

*rope - exactly the desired effect.*

The AH-stamp variety is known in two formats. First of all, they have been seen with the stamp cut into separate pieces and then pasted above and below the rope. A second specimen as is this example has the stamp inserted in two slits in the banknote, exactly as described by Lieber and Shafer.

After NSDAP Germany's successful defeat of France in 1940 and the resistance to AH basically all having retreated to England the French people found many ways to display their distrust and loathing of the NSDAP Dictator.

Here is an example "liberated" after D-Day somewhere in France by an American Officer, a Captain in the Infantry. This frame displays two French 20 Franc bank notes each displaying a fisherman drawing on a rope. In the lower example a portrait of The Fuhrer from a German postage stamp has been let into the banknote so it now appears that the French Fisherman is throttling or strangling AH. Also included in the display is a newspaper cutting from Time, 4 September 1944 from Private First Class Leslie Lieber.

Interestingly although the German obviously noticed it was a subject that was never addressed by them. Interestingly there is an inscription on one of the Notes in ink that reads:

**SOMEWHERE  
IN FRANCE 1944  
J. Wanninger  
Capt. Inf.**



## 11 of the world's most oddly shaped coins...

One of the most fascinating things about coin collecting is of course the design on the coin – **but what about the shape of the coin itself?** As minting technology continues to advance, coins are being struck in all kinds of exciting and innovative shapes.

Here's a selection of **11 unusually shaped collectable coins from around the world...**

### (1) A Soldier's Mark I steel helmet \$25 Coin.

In 2018 to honour the memory of all Canadians who served in the Great War, Canada's most unusual shaped coin yet: a replica of a soldier's Mark I steel helmet. The coin's extreme curvature and antique finish gives the helmet a realistic, battle-worn appearance - Lest We Forget.



### (2) The FIRST rugby coin of its kind...



To mark the Rugby World Cup in 2015, France issued the **first ever** coin shaped like a rugby ball.

The concave coins proved to be **extremely popular** with collectors world-

wide, with many keen to add a coin with such a unique pedigree to their collections.

### (3) A coin shaped like a country...

The Perth Mint regularly issue map-shaped coins, taking advantage of their country's unique and recognisable outline.

The first coin in the series featured the **Kookaburra** and was issued in **2012**. Since then there have been a variety of different animals to feature on the coin, with the most recent being the Dingo.



### (4) The 'Imperial Egg'...

This impressive looking coin boasts beautiful **enamelled colour** and a shimmering **gemstone inlay**.

The 'Imperial Egg' Coin is based on the work of Fabergé and proved to be **very popular** with collectors, especially during the Easter period.



# GENE'S THRIFT FLEA & STORE MARKET FINDS



Spirit of Nations



## BRITISH COLUMBIA

### Victoria BC, 1994 Commonwealth Games

#### Participation Bronze Medal by Birks

**Size:** 50mm, **Weight:** 56.2 grams

**Obverse:** Commonwealth Games symbol: a crown with the Commonwealth Games initials under it, surrounded by a pentagonal chain, which represents the Commonwealth's presence in the five Continents, XV COMMONWEALTH GAMES . 1994 . XV JEUX DU COMMONWEALTH / VICTORIA - CANADA / COMMEMORATIVE / COMMÉMORATIVE

**Reverse:** has the Spirit of Nations figure, created by Coast Salish artist Richard Krentz. This figure "stands on the world, holds a baby, and breathes the breath of life. The long, flowing hair represents the world's oceans and rivers connecting all nations, SPIRIT OF NATIONS - L'ESPIRIT DES NATIONS

**Edge marked:** BIRKS

The Victoria Commonwealth Games were held from 18th to 28th August 1994.

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**(5) You'll be lucky to find one of these...**

You certainly won't find this **Four-Leaf Clover Coin** in a field, no matter how hard you look! Legend has it that Eve took a four-leaf-clover from paradise as a memento for the wonderful time she had spent there – they've been considered lucky ever since.

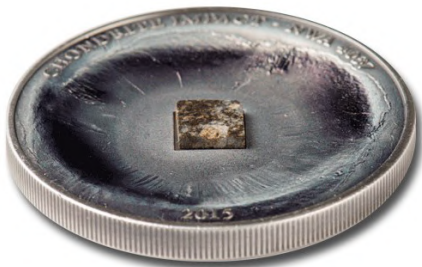
Struck in **gold to a proof finish**, this cleverly produced coin could certainly be regarded as lucky by collectors who have one in their collection – as it is now highly sought-after.



**(6) The Earth-shattering coin...**

The extra-terrestrial **chondrite** that has been set into the centre of this coin was sourced from a meteorite that crash-landed in **Morocco in 2005**. The space rock shattered into several pieces when it entered the Earth's atmosphere.

The coin itself has been struck in a **concave shape** to represent the crater in which the piece of meteorite landed.



**(7) Is it a coin or is it a bar? It's both...**

This rectangular silver coin-bar features one of the **world's most iconic landmarks – London's Tower Bridge**.

It's not often that you see coins minted in this shape as the 'bar' format is usually reserved for bullion.

This stunning coin boasts an **intricately detailed engraving** and tiny details can be seen on the Tower Bridge



**(8) The poppy-shaped remembrance coin...**

This coin's **unique shape** and **rich red printing** on the reverse takes inspiration from the **poppy**, which has become synonymous throughout the world as a symbol of **remembrance** and the charita-



ble work of **The Royal British Legion**.

Issued to commemorate the end of the First World War and to **Remember the Fallen**, the Poppy Coin is a significant issue that is **poignant to many**.

**(9) The coin that sold out in two days...**

This remarkable coin is shaped like the iconic **Canadian maple leaf**, and proved so popular that it sold out at the Royal Canadian Mint in just **2 days**.

Canadian Maple Leaf coins are some of the world's **most recognised Silver coins**. This issue takes the design to a whole new level and comes complete with a special wooden display case.



**(10) The coin that combines heaven and earth...**

Issued in China since 221 BCE, the Chinese Lucky Cash Coin features a **square hole** at its centre to represent Earth, while the circle symbolises heaven. This combination of heaven and earth make the coin a **symbol of harmony and prosperity**.

Chinese fortune-tellers would use cash coins, a tortoise shell, and their skill at numerology to tell the future. Because of their association with mystical prediction, these coins from China are thought to bring **good luck**.



**(11) And last but not least...**

The playful Russian '**Matryoshka Dolls**' first appeared in the late 19th century, now they've been immortalised on a silver coin.

This oval issue is displayed within special bespoke packaging which consists of **two traditional wooden nesting dolls** placed one inside the other – the coin and packaging are both something that I've never come across before!



## North Shore Numismatic Society

Are you looking for a Coin Club to join in Vancouver? Or just wanting to meet like-minded collectors in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere? We are a non-profit society working for the advancement of numismatics at all levels. Membership is open to all interested parties. (You don't have to be a member to attend)

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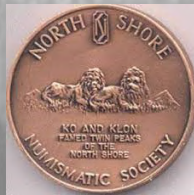
Our Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Bonsor Recreations Centre, 6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby, BC. Free Parking.

Upstairs in Multipurpose Room 2 in the Main Building.

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Chapter meetings at the Burnaby Public Library on Willingdon Avenue.

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Contact us at **604-314-4976** or [vacc@shaw.ca](mailto:vacc@shaw.ca)

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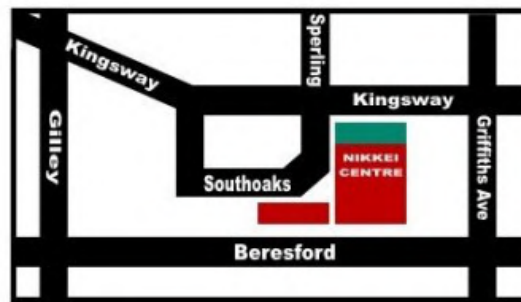
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