

# ALMOST CIRCULATED



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## Upcoming Events

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**A number of woods obtained on the RCNA bourse floor & in the CAWMC auction**

## How to Quickly Start a Wooden Nickel Collection

by Kevin Day-Thorburn, FRCNA

It's little wonder that so many become collectors of wooden money after meeting a wooden money collector. I recall during the heyday of wood collecting in Atlantic Canada (do you remember the Atlantic Provinces Wooden Money Association?) in the late 1990s I'd meet a number of new friendly faces that would come from all over the country to attend local and regional coin shows and hand out their latest personal wood. It didn't take long to amass a bit of a collection and since I already had that collecting disease, it became necessary to look for more woods to add. Participants in this genre of numismatics are often the most amiable and open people you'd meet anywhere and that's why the Canadian Association Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC, roughly pronounced "comic") meeting each year at the RCNA is one of the highlights.

Their annual meeting is a breakfast meeting, so you get to break bread, learn about the latest CAWMC news, participate in their spirited auction and always come away with a number of free woods. Seriously, if you attend without having ever heard of a wooden nickel, you'll have a collection when you leave.

Wooden money comes in a huge variety of shapes, sizes, and methods of manufacture. Some are produced professionally by companies such as James Williston's Canada Wide Woods. Others are done at home with rubber stamps or can even be hand painted works of art.

They can be round with various diameters, rectangle, square, hexagons, or practically anything you can imagine. Sometimes they're commemorating an event or special occasion (e.g. James' retirement or Norm Belsten's 85th birthday on August 28th (yes, writing this I now feel guilty for not wishing him a happy birthday!)). They can have a value. They can be issued as advertising for clubs or businesses. If you like a personalized touch, they can be signed (thanks president France Waychison). They can even be membership cards. They can be snarkily entertaining (see: How do you keep a wood coin collector busy all day? Turn over!) or can immortalize a favourite pet (see Roxy).

There are catalogues for wooden money (note Norm's piece, noting that "2018 marks 30 years of cataloguing & 50 years of collecting Canadian woods") and before you dismiss them as frivolous, they can definitely have value. Remember that "spirited auction" I noted? One wood closed north of \$150 dollars!



And, I'm only talking about woods that were found at this year's breakfast meeting in Mississauga. If you're thinking of venturing west for the 2019 RCNA in Calgary or planning to register for the 2020 event in Halifax, don't forget about the CAWMC meeting; you'll make friends and build a collection too.

**Woods I obtained by attending the CAWMC breakfast meeting at the RCNA convention in Mississauga this summer**

# NEXT MEETING

Chateau Saint John, 369 Rockland Road

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OCT 16, 2018
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Saint John, NB 7 PM

## SAINT JOHN COIN CLUB MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

President Day-Thorburn opened our September meeting at 7 PM, with the presence of twelve members and one guest, President Dan McCormick of the APNA

Secretary Jennex circulated typed minutes of our last meeting and they were adopted following a motion by Jim Young that was seconded by Paul Carvell

Treasurer Craig distributed copies of his report to the membership which were adopted following a motion by Jim Young that was seconded by George Murray

Old business on our club logo was initiated by our president, with voting following on the two preferred choices out of four recommendations

The four choices were: The Bank of N.B., The Three Sisters, The Loyalist Man, and the Marco Polo

The Marco Polo and the Bank of N.B. were selected to be placed on Social Media to be voted on by viewers of our web site, and President Day-Thorburn will arrange for the placement

Jim Young, seconded by Treasurer Craig, made a motion that the time frame for the voting be one month. The membership approved and our president said that he would have the voting operational by September 21st

Our president then spoke on his attendance at this year's CNA Convention in Ontario and explained that many attending dealers expressed concern over the inadequate security at Canadian Coin Shows

President Day-Thorburn and Treasurer Craig were named Fellows of the RCNA at this year's CNA Convention in Mississauga. They each received a certificate and a silver coin in recognition of their outstanding work and support of Numismatics in the Maritimes. By receiving these awards our recipients are authorized to use the letters FRCNA following their names. This is a very prestigious and well deserved honour for Kevin and Tom and our club. Since our Treasurer was unable to attend the APNA Convention, our President made an official presentation to him at this meeting

Treasurer Craig addressed the meeting on suggestions he had for recognizing our club's 60th Anniversary in 2019. He said that our annual Collectors' show will be held on May 26th, 2019 at the Kent Theatre building on Coburg Street, and that the APNA will give \$300.00 to a club that promotes a show as an APNA sponsored. If we agree to an APNA involvement, we should apply for this money ASAP, since only two monetary gifts are given out each year. Jim Young moved and it was seconded by John McMillan that we contact the APNA for this funding. The motion was passed and Secretary Jennex said that he would contact the APNA by letter and email. According to Treasurer Craig our club would be accountable for five or six hundred dollars if the APNA declined sponsorship. To assist expenses, we agreed with a suggestion to hold 50/50 draws at each meeting prior to May 26th, 2019. Bob Hutchinson, with friendly pressure from our treasurer, agreed to sell 50/50 tickets at our meetings. The first draw was held later during this meeting and \$18.00 was the share for our club.

The following suggestions on our next Collectors' Show was also provided by Treasurer Craig:

- that a reception at the Chateau Hotel Saint John be held in the evening prior to the show
- the hotel would set up a bar with a user pay format
- we would be permitted to supply our own food. The cost would be approx \$300.00 - \$400.00
- the hotel will supply the tables and be responsible for the clean-up

Dan McCormack addressed our meeting by providing updated information on the APNA. He said that there are currently 168 APNA members and that the 2020 RCNA Convention will be held in Halifax. He also congratulated Kevin and Tom for being awarded Fellows in the RCNA.

In response to a recommendation by the APNA president, Jim Young moved that our club be the nominating committee for the upcoming APNA elections. His motion was passed after being seconded by Treasurer Craig.

The need for club insurance was discussed and Jim Young moved that we obtain this insurance ASAP. This motion was seconded by Bob Dorcas and passed. Secretary Jennex agreed to expedite an application and payment to the ONA Insurance Chairman, Paul Petch.

A motion to compensate President Day-Thorburn \$200.00 to assist his expenses in maintaining our web site, was made by Treasurer Craig and passed after being seconded by Jim Young.

The following members were top finishers in our Numismatic quiz: Paul Carvell - 7 out of 10, Kevin Day-Thorburn - 6 out of 10, George Murray - 6 out of 10, Tom Craig - 6 out of 10. Paul and Kevin were the receivers of prizes.

Secretary Jennex won the attendance prize, a cased silver dollar, which was donated by Treasurer Craig.

Jim Young's auction realized \$69.50

Our meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 P.M.

Submitted by Jim Jennex, Secretary

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