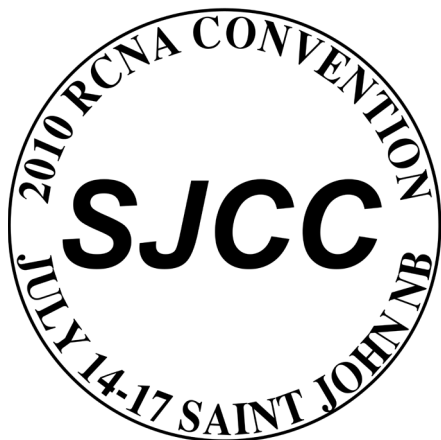


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Break and Enter at Fundy Coins

While most of Saint John had shut down because of a fierce spring blizzard, Fundy Coins and Collectables became the victim of a break and enter. The thieves smashed a front window to gain entry and targeted a case full of paper money. Police didn't realize anything was taken until owner Steve Small responded and surveyed the damage.

Collectors' Show

Time for our annual Collectors' Show is quickly approaching. In conjunction with the Saint John Stamp Club, it will be held at the Howard Johnson Fort Howe. The date set is May 25th, 2014 from 9:30am to 3:30pm.



Eight foot tables are available at a cost of \$40 and the bourse categories are coins, stamps, sport cards, military, and misc collectables. There will be approximately 50 tables, available on a first-come, first-served basis. Last year's show was a big hit and we look forward to even more success this year.

Anyone able to volunteer should contact Tom Craig for more information at ycart@rogers.com or 506-650-0669

Steve closed the store around 2pm due to the blizzard and the crime occurred around 3pm. It would appear the crooks were familiar with the store and knew what they were going to take.

An article on the crime, with video, can be seen by copying the following link: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/collectibles-stolen-from-saint-john-store-during-storm-1.2589444?cmp=rss>.

There was surveillance video in the store at the time of the crime, but the perpetrators seemed to keep their face from the camera.

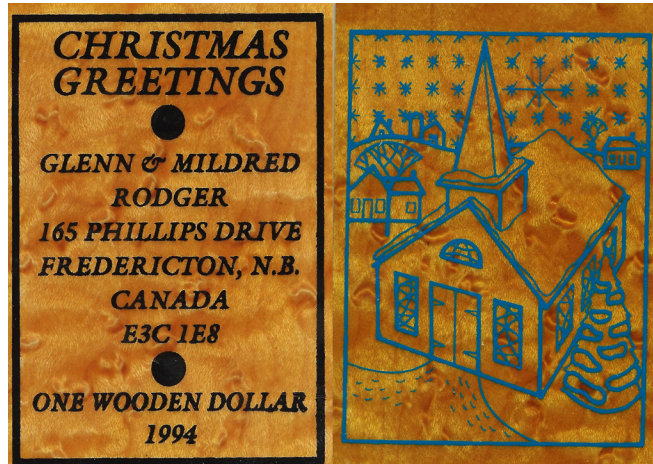
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His book states that the 1989 Christmas flats were distributed to all the members of the Atlantic Provinces Wooden Money Association. I'm not sure if this continued beyond the 1989 edition.

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Christmas Greetings 1994 Wood

[Cool Auction Finds - Christmas Greetings Woods](#)

by [Kevin Day-Thorburn](#)

There's always interesting items in the Saint John Coin Club's meeting auctions, which are usually held right at the end of the evening. The auction is made up of donated items and the proceeds go to the club.

At the March meeting, Steve Small employed the "bid first, ask about the item later" strategy and won a pair of really nice woods issued by Glenn and Mildred Rodger of Fredericton, NB.

The first is dated 1994, wishing Christmas Greetings, with a denomination of one wooden dollar. Even those with no interest in woods will know that the normal "value" is five cents, giving rise to the wooden nickel name. This wood is particularly attractive, being varnished with a rich, beautiful wood grain pattern. The other side of the wood has a winter church scene in blue. The 3rd Edition of *Wooden Money of Atlantic Canada* (1996), by Glenn Rodger and David Taylor, says there were 150 of these issued. The ink is blue and black and 64 by 89 mm.

The second wood is dated 1996 and wasn't listed in the catalogue. Was there ever a 4th edition printed? It is the same size with Seasons Greetings in Red ink and a Christmas gift/toy design in green ink on the other side. It looks like it could be balsam wood. Judging by previous issues from Glenn and Mildred, they likely number somewhere between 150 and 200.

Glenn, who passed away in March of 2007, was born in the Ottawa Valley and was a long time numismatist, especially dedicated to the collecting of wooden money.



Answers from March's Question Period with Jim Jennex

1. Books on the subject of numismatics
2. Vignette
3. Wampum
4. Tombac

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Fancy Serial Numbers

by Kevin Day-Thorburn

Last month I posted about finding silver in circulation, proving there are still obvious collectable coins to be found at face value. A similar way of turning an easy profit is by checking your bill for fancy serial numbers. Some examples of fancy serial numbers include radar or

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palindrome notes, repeaters, birthday notes, ladder and scrambled ladder notes.

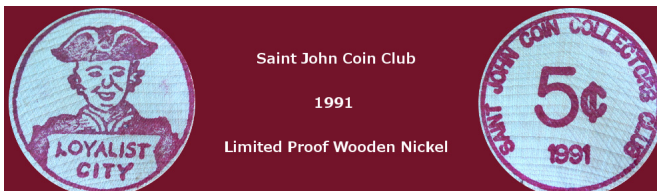
I don't really consider myself a paper money collector – or rag picker, as they were once referred to (can you call them that with the plastic money we have now?) – but I appreciate these pieces of higher denomination currency and love numbers, so I do try to check the numbers on those bill when I have a chance.

Recently, after being handed some US currency right here in Saint John, I came across the twenty in the photograph. Can you tell what is special about the number?

Almost immediately I noticed that it contained every number from 1 to 8, but all mixed up. I didn't have a clue at the time, but this is apparently called a scrambled ladder note type of fancy serial number.

“Cool,” I thought and put it on eBay where it sold for \$30 USD – as I mentioned, I don't collect them, but appreciate finding them for others.

Watch your money!



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Limited Proof Wooden Nickel

Bits and Bites

Hopefully Vice President George Murray is recovering nicely from a broken leg. We certainly miss his presence at our meetings.

Bob Bustin is eager to try out his metal detector in Florida. We hope we'll hear about some fantastic beach treasures found there.

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Upcoming Coin Shows

April 26, 2014 - Florenceville Collectors' Club - Y's Mens' Club, Connell Park, Woodstock, NB

May 25, 2014 - Saint John Coin and Stamp Clubs Collectors' Show - Howard Johnson Fort Howe, Saint John, NB

May 29 -30, 2014 - Geoffrey Bell Auctions - Toronto Coin Expo

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Saint John Coin Club March 18th, 2014 Minutes Summary

The minutes of the last minute were read and accepted.

The treasurer's report was given by Tom Craig and accepted by motion.

We've lost contact with the Halifax Regional Coin Club as it appears their mailing address was changed after the minutes we sent were returned undeliverable. There is still no word on the APNA.

President Jim Young spoke to a representative from the PEINA and they are doing very well.

Tom spoke about the coin show in Florenceville, which was attended by two other members. They had a good turnout and business was very good.

Vice President George Murray broke his leg in two places and will be out for some time.

Tom said that there will be a coin show in Fredericton April 5th, 2014.

Tom then discussed our show taking place May 25th at the Howard Johnson Fort Howe. He told us they were working on some outdoor signage for the event and there will be three door prizes. He will have more at a later date.

A slide show about the use of silver coins at the time of the Industrial Revolution was presented by Kevin and Tom.

There was coffee and an auction with thanks to everyone who donated material.

The meeting was called to a close.

Secretary Steve Small



Tom Craig and Dale Nicholson compare notes at the Florenceville Collectors' Show

Florenceville Collectors' Show by Tom Craig

A COLLECTORS' SHOW was held in Florenceville, NB on March 15, 2014. It featured items for sale like coins, cards and almost any other item you can think of.

Three people from the Saint John Coin Club attended the show. Tom Craig and Dale Nicholson purchased bourse tables and Dimitris Papadopoulos was also there to help.

The show was open to the public about 10:00 am. It was hosted by local people in that area, Gerald Sewell and Paul DeMerchant. The show attracted a large number of people despite the off and on again snow showers. All in all, it was a good day with lots of sales and bargains.

Can't wait until the next one in 6 month's time.



A busy bourse at the Florenceville Collectors' Show



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