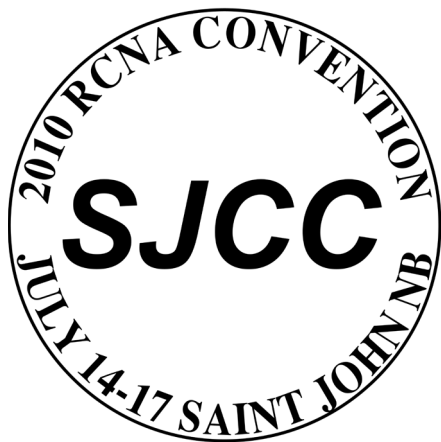


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## Saint John Coin Club

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### 2010 Rothesay Municipal Medal

by Kevin Day-Thorburn

The town of Rothesay, New Brunswick issued a medal in 2010 commemorating 150 years of its naming. This affluent town, a suburb of Saint John, was named in honour of King Edward VII, then the Prince of Wales and Duke of Rothesay. I first came across the listing of one

### The Tree of Time

by Tom Craig

The subject of this writing is about a medallion that I recently found during my travels. The sheer size of this is what grabbed my attention. The medallion is 76 mm diameter (3") by 7 mm thick. The weight is 247 grams or 7.9oz(!) and it is solid bronze.

The literature that was found with it indicates that it was made by the Franklin Mint in 1973. It is called "THE TREE OF TIME." The reverse side has the 12 months of the calendar year of 1973. The obverse side shows the picture of the tree with the various season indicated. The medallion was designed by Clayton N. Blaker. This medallion was made in sterling silver and bronze. Each medallion is oxidized to give a special finish that allows handling without damaging the finish.

Here is the shortened version of information given by the designer of the medallion:

A calendar containing original art of exceptional beauty, lasting longer than one year. It can last for centuries. "The Tree of Time" is the subject of the Franklin Mint's first calendar/art medallion. This highly original graphic treatment on the subject of time gives the calendar a poignant and profound appeal. The distinguished American medallist, Clayton Blaker, developed his theme after considering and rejecting many possibilities. Suddenly a "tree" as a symbol of time seemed valid. A tree is a "natural clock" which tells us the time of the seasons. Blaker's sculpturing of the tree is abstract. The trunk is a single entity, but the branches are divided vertically.



2010 Rothesay Medal

on eBay some time ago, then managed to acquire a copy of my own from the Coin Cabinet in Moncton just recently.

The 38mm medal was designed by Mary Jane Banks, Rothesay's Town Clerk who graciously provided me with much of this information, and Charles Jensen, Director of Recreation and Parks. A large "150 Years" is located in the centre of the obverse, with "Rothesay - New Brunswick - 1860-2010" around the perimeter.

On the reverse is the Rothesay coat of arms with the town motto, "Quinque luncta In Uno" above, which means "five united in one," representing the five communities that were amalgamated in 1998: East River-side-Kingshurst, Fairvale, Renforth, the local service district of Wells, and the Town of Rothesay.

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## Rothesay Medal con't

The unique coat of arms contains some interesting symbols for these communities. The apple represents Appleby's Wharf and the shipbuilding history of East Riverside-Kingshurst and the rowing history of Renforth is represented by the oars. The wavy centre is the Kennebecasis River and the nautical reef know symbolizes the shipbuilding history of Fairvale, while the heraldic symbols for fountains represent Wells. The large ostrich feather symbolizes the Prince of Wales.

The medal is made of an unknown metal, plated in 24 karat gold with an extra quality polish by a firm in China. There were 302 medals issued.

Additionally, 500 commemorative lapel pins were issued with the coat of arms and "Rothesay 150, 1860-2010" below.



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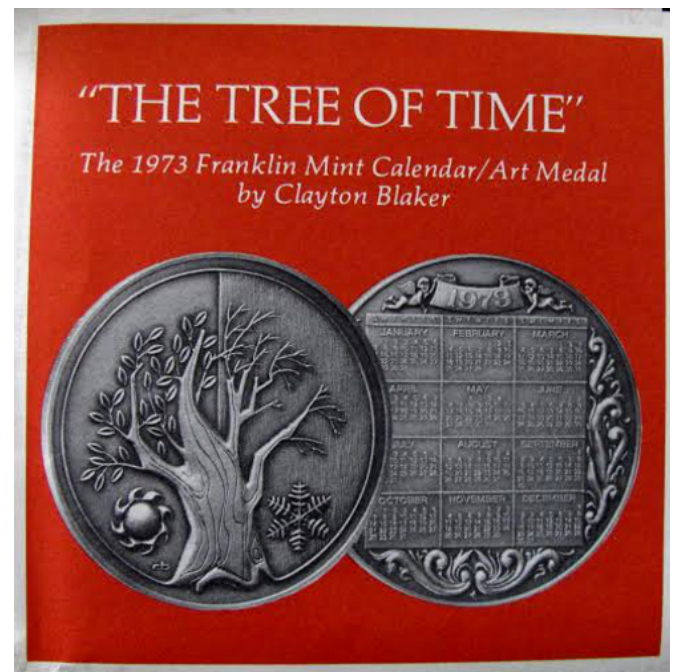
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## Tree of Time con't

The branches on the left bloom with leaves. Those on the right are bare. A radiant sun shines on the left. A stylized snowflake appears on the right.

There is another and less obvious element to "The Tree of Time," its roots extend in a circle which forms the boundary of the entire sculpture.

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## Unusual Finds

by Tom Craig

In August, the giant flea market is held in Sussex, NB each year. In the last 25 years I have always missed it for one reason or another. This year, I made it on opening day. Of course I was looking for numismatic material or other items of interest. I did find three items that were of interest to me. This is the first one, a giant paperweight from Rice University! Of course I asked myself; how did this get here?

The item contains a seal of the Rice University on the face and its weight is 488 grams or 15.7 ozs! It would appear this item was given out or earned, to certain students as it contains markings on the edge, "PRESIDENT'S CLUB." From that I would assume it was not all that common. The back side of this item is lined with green felt cloth.

Here is what I was able to learn about that item: Rice University is located in Houston, Texas, USA. The campus is located on a 300 acre site with lots of natural trees and surroundings. The local web site offers the best explanation of its history and values.

Rice Traditions: School colors—Blue and Gray

Rice Academic Seal and Logo:

The academic seal of Rice University was designed in 1912 by Mr. Pierre de Chaignon la Rose of Cambridge, Massachusetts, who combined the main elements of the arms of sixteen prominent families bearing the names of Rice or Houston. Owls of Athena-symbolic of wisdom-were chosen for the charges.

The Athenian owls on the Rice seal were patterned after a design found on a small, silver tetradrachmenon coin dating from the middle of the fifth century B.C. And because Rice University was dedicated by its founders of the advancement of "letters, sciences and the arts" these words were incorporated into the seal.

The great Horned Owl is the school's mascot.

So you see, it is never too late to learn new information about our hobby. All it takes is one little item that you are curious about and try to research it to the best of your satisfaction.

Happy collecting!

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## Upcoming Numismatic Events

October 24, 2015 - Collectors' Show, Woodstock, NB, YMCA, 145 Connell Park Road

October 24 & 25, 2015 - Torex Coin Show, Toronto, Ontario

October 25, 2015 - Halifax Regional Coin Club Collectors' Show, Halifax, NS

November 21, 2015 - Geoffrey Bell Fall Auction, The Coin Cabinet, Moncton, NB

November 22, 2015 - Coin Cabinet Collectors' Show, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Moncton, NB

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**Next Meeting: October 20th, 2015**  
**Chateau Saint John, 369 Rockland Road,**  
**Saint John, NB 7pm**

Motion defeated with 3 in favour and 9 opposed. This topic will be explored further at the next meeting.

Jim announced that anytime during the winter there is a snow storm the meeting will be cancelled.

Tom made a motion that Kevin be given a donation of \$100 for the work put forth on the club's newsletter, seconded by Jim and passed.

Jim Jennex handed out his popular trivia contest. Paul Carvell and Steve Small were the winners.

Tom went over the exploration of finding a new venue for our collectables show, noting that there wasn't much found in the city that was affordable.

Jim Butler is to do a presentation on Richard the first next month.

There will be an election in the fall for the 2016 executive.

Members are encouraged to come early to the next meeting for a buy and sell session with pizza.

Tim Henderson will be at our November meeting to give a presentation about Saint John tokens.

Meeting adjourned.

Steve Small, sect.

**New commemorative \$20 note - Do you have one?**

## Minutes from the Saint John Coin Club on September 15th, 2015

Members present were 14.

Jim Young went over the newsletter and Kevin Day-Thorburn went into detail on how all is proceeding.

We had a minute's silence to remember Don Gillis who passed away over the summer.

Kevin, the RCNA's new area director for New Brunswick and PEI, presented George Murray with a certificate to acknowledge 25 years of membership in the RCNA.

Tom Craig read the financial report, noting an ad had been placed in the newspaper promoting the coin and stamp club meetings. The report was passed on a motion by George Murray, seconded by Lou Delvallet.

It was decided our December party would be held at the Mediterranean Restaurant again this year.

Tom brought up that the stamp club's attendance was getting weaker and discussed the possibility of the two clubs merging. This would not happen overnight. George made a motion that we dismiss this possibility now.

