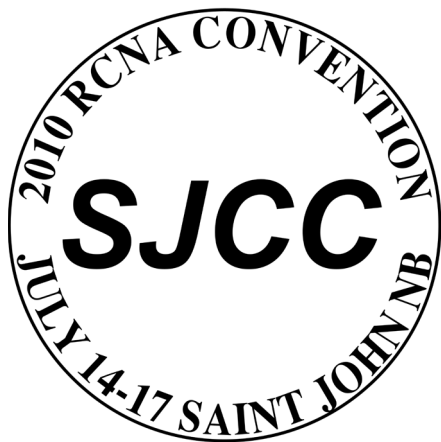


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## Saint John Coin Club

Our newsletter continues. Submissions encouraged. Contact the editor. Visit us at [www.sjcoinclub.com](http://www.sjcoinclub.com)

### Westminster Abbey 900th Anniversary Commemorative Medal

by Tom Craig

This medal commemorates the 900th Anniversary of the Consecration on the 28th of December 1065 of the new church of Westminster Abbey, which was built by King Edward the Confessor.

Although there had been a monastery on the site for several centuries, it was in a poor condition when the Confessor undertook its restoration. However, from the time of its rebuilding and endowment by him, Westminster Abbey was one of the greatest of the Benedictine monasteries of England. It has, since consecration in 1065, been essentially a royal Church, having seen all the coronations since William the Conqueror in 1066, and until recent times has been the burial places of Kings and Queens.

Today, the Collegiate Church of St. Peter at Westminster, to give Westminster Abbey its correct title, is known as a royal Peculiar of which the Sovereign is the Visitor. The Collegiate Church does not form any part of the Diocese of London or of the Province of Canterbury and the Dean is the Ordinary. The Dean and Chapter are, in fact, the successors of the Abbot and the Convent who were at least from 1222 outside the jurisdiction of the Bishop of London and the subject only to the Pope.

From 1540, when the monastery was dissolved, the Abbey Church has become increasingly the place where statesmen, military leaders, musicians, men of letters, and scientists or other great national figures are either buried or commemorated.

The Abbey is regularly the scene of great Services

### Saint John Medals Presentation

by Tom Craig

On November 17th, 2015 a special speaker was featured at our monthly meeting. It was none other than Tim Henderson of Florenceville, NB.

Tim has been collecting for many years. Like a lot of collectors, over time he has fine tuned his collecting interests. Some are out of the way items and some are mainstream. That's what makes this hobby interesting.



#### Tim Henderson presenting Saint John Medals

Tim has been invited to our monthly meeting to let us view one of his specialities, medals and collectable items from the Saint John area. One such item was "special awards" handed out to students of the local Saint John High School for achievements in math or sciences, etc. These medals were engraved in some cases and were made of silver. They were rather large in diameter at 45 to 50mm.

Another example of medals were the samples of 20 cent coins from NB that were reworked with the reverse and obverse completely removed and re-engraved with The International Exposition, Saint John NB.

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of national and international significance and from day to day it is thronged by visitors from all over the world, while the British people, regardless of creed, feel that it belongs to them all.

Primary among its activities, however, is the daily Eucharist, the daily Morning and Evening Prayer, as well as the great Sunday services, the unceasing offering of worship to Almighty God. To be a House of God is the raison d'être of Westminster Abby.

The heads on the reverse of the medal are those of ten persons who, throughout the nine hundred years, contributed in their various spheres---as Monarchs, Churchmen, Architects, Musicians, Schoolmaster---to the making of Westminster Abby as it is today.

**Edward the Confessor:** King of England. Born between 1002 and 1005, reigned 1042-1066. Rebuilt the old monastery in the Norman style and endowed it generously with lands in various parts of England. The new church was consecrated on Holy Innocents Day, 1065, only eight days before the King's death. He was canonized in 1163.

**Henry III:** King of England. Born 1207, reigned 1216-1276. Henry was pious and a patron of the arts. At vast expense he rebuilt the central part of the Abbey Church as it now stands. Henry also has a magnificent shrine built for Edward the Confessor, and the saint's body was transferred to it on 12th October, 1269.

**Henry Yevele;** Master Mason. Born about 1320-died 1400. The foremost English architect of the day; under his direction the old nave of the Confessor's church was replaced by the present one, though the design was based on the 13th century work. He also designed the tombs of Cardinal Langham and Richard II, and probably also that of Edward III.

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**John Islip:** Abbot of Westminster. Born 1464-died 1532; elected abbot in 1500. The last great abbot of Westminster and an able administrator. In the time Henry VII's Chapel was built, and he was also responsible for building the Jericho Parlour and the Abbot's Pew, as well as the chantry chapel which bears his name.

**Elizabeth I:** Queen of England. Born 1533-reigned 1558-1603. Queen Elizabeth is especially honoured at Westminster as the foundress of the present establishment as a Collegiate Church, which she created by Charter on 21st May 1560.

**Henry Purcell;** Organist of Westminster Abbey. Born 1658 died 1695. Perhaps the most famous English composer of his day. He was the organist from 1679 until his death.

**Dr. Richard Busby.** Head master of Westminster School and Canon of Westminster. Born 1606, died 1695. The most famous of the Head Masters, it was Busby's influence which gave the school its position as the leading English school in the late 17th and 18th centuries.

**Nicholas Hawksmoor.** Architect. Born 1661, died 1736. As Surveyor of the Fabric of the of the Abbey, an office to which he was appointed in 1723 following the death of his former master, Sir Christopher Wren. Hawksmoor designed the two western towers which were completed after his death.

**Arthur Penrhyn Stanley.** Dean of Westminster. Born 1815 died 1881. Appointed Dean in 1864. Through his writings and sermons, he aimed at creating the image of the Abbey as a comprehensive national church, an ideal which to a great extent has been attained.

**Eric Symes Abbott.** The present (at the time the medal was struck) Dean of Westminster, who was appointed in 1959.

The medal, commissioned by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster and struck by The Royal Mint. It was designed by Michael Rizzello. <>



## Coin Cabinet Collector Show

by Tom Craig

The annual fall coin show hosted by The Coin Cabinet took place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Moncton on November 22, 2015. This is the 29th year for this event. The event chairman was Michael Wilson who has organized this event for many years. Mike recently retired as the manager of the Coin Cabinet after a million years of service. From what I am told, Mike will be around our hobby for years to come.

The show featured several sellers of sport cards of all types, in addition to 11 dealers of numismatic material. Some of the usual dealers from Nova Scotia, Gerard Feehan and Citadel Coins, and Sandy Campbell of Proof Positive Coins were in attendance, as well as Brian Muir from Halifax. From New Brunswick there was Alan Dunn of Moncton, Don Olmstead from St Stephen, Ross Harris of Loyalist City Coins and Books, Jason Benjamin and Brian Bell of the Coin Cabinet, Fraser Frizzell of Hub City Coins, Don Morris of Gateway Coins and Collectables of Sussex, Steve Small of Fundy Collectables of Saint John, Al Penman with Military items of Saint John, in addition to a few others that were there as well.

The attendance was very good in the morning, with lots of deals going on, but the afternoon was a little slower. But, that's the way it goes at most shows. One thing I did notice was the winning lots from the Geoffrey Bell Auction held the night before were delivered to the various dealers and they all had smiles when they received the packages. It must have been a good night at the auction for sure.

The next coin show in our area is in March in Florenceville, NB, I believe. So until then, happy collecting!



**Collector Show action with the show's hostess. Visit the Members' section of our website for more photos.**

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The Reverse would have an outline of the buildings in question. A number were made with the dates around 1896.

Another item of interest was a collection of nursing medals that were worn on nurse's uniforms after graduation. The medal usually had the person's name and year of graduation on the back of the medal. Most were 10 K gold.

Tim also displayed medals from the Saint John Coin Club that were produced over the last 46 years, including the 1oz gold edition for each year when produced. Seeing these again brought back a lot of memories. Many other examples of medals were shown during the presentation and a fair number were never seen by the members before.

All in all, the presentation was first rate and very much appreciated; well done Tim. <>

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**Next Meeting: January 19th, 2016**  
Chateau Saint John, 369 Rockland Road,  
Saint John, NB 7pm

Tom mentioned that Anne Simons sends her regards.

Tom brought up the subject of ordering signs for our collectors' show in May.

Jim Jennex did his trivia quiz, which was very interesting with well thought out questions. Tim Henderson and Kevin were the winners.

Our holiday party is December 8th at the Mediterranean Restaurant and will be held in conjunction with the stamp club.

The Coin Cabinet collector show is Sunday, November 22nd in Moncton.

Tim Henderson presented some exceptional material with his presentation on Saint John medals.

Around \$100 was taken in by the auction, conducted by Jim Young.

Meeting adjourned.

Steve Small, sect.

## Minutes from the Saint John Coin Club on November 17th, 2015

The coin club meeting was held with the president in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved on a motion by George Murray, seconded by Jim Jennex.

12 members present.

Tom Craig delivered the Financial Report, which was approved on a motion by George, seconded by Kevin Day-Thorburn.

It was reported that the show in Woodstock was a success. Sales were brisk and the turnout was very good. Tom even won the door prize at the show.

Jim Young asked if anyone heard any information on the APNA, but there was no response.

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