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MEETING NOTICE

DATE : Wednesday, February 12, 1997

TIME : 7:00 P.M. SHARP!

PLACE: COMPUSMART, 16810 - 104A AVE.

PROGRAM : UPDATE ON 'NUMISMATIC SITES ON THE INTERNET'. DUE TO THE RAPID GROWTH OF THE INTERNET, WE WILL SPEND A WHOLE EVENING LOOKING AT WHAT IS AVAILABLE AROUND THE WORLD, IN THE WORLD OF NUMISMATICS ON THE NET!

FEBRUARY AGENDA

Once again, we will be having a special meeting away from the Museum and visit the Internet auditorium at CompuSmart. Members are requested to be at the store no later than 7:00 p.m., as we must be out of the facility by 9:00 p.m. Last year's presentation was on the use of the Internet in general, with Dan touching on numismatics. With the huge explosion of Web pages and Net Sites available to view, we will be touching on all aspects of numismatics and visiting sites all over the World! Members are encouraged to come early and have a bite in the Cafeteria. Coffee will also be available from the Cafeteria. Members are also encouraged to bring their friends and family to view this informative and interesting session. See you there!

FEBRUARY COIN SHOW CANCELED

We have been advised by the Edmonton / Calgary International Coin & Stamp Shows, that they will not be held in February as previously announced. Also, all the shows by John Weisbrich who was running the shows, are on hold indefinitely. Because of this announcement, the Edmonton Numismatic Society will be holding one or possibly two shows in 1997. The reason the Club has not held annual shows for the past several years or so, have been due to the 4 or 5 shows held in Edmonton by the above and Westex. Dealers had been lined up to do these various shows across Western Canada, and a separate Club show would be too much for our market. With the above announcement, we feel we can once again put on a Club show, provided the local dealers support us as well as the dealers from the above shows. Watch for more information in this, as well as next month's newsletter.

1997 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - FINAL NOTICE

Many members have renewed their membership for 1997, and to you all we thank you for your continued support. However, there are several members who have probably forgot to renew their memberships for one reason or another. To you I address this note. In order for the Club to put on a successful Convention in 1998, we need membership support. This is a large, and can be a very rewarding venture that comes around only once in a long time. (19 years in this case) Join the club so you can get involved. The costs have not gone up in years, and barely cover the cost of producing the newsletter. We have a great program of educational speakers and topics lined up once again this year, and we encourage you to show your support by renewing your membership today!

NOTE: MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

**Watch for information on
the Edmonton
Numismatic Society
'Coin Show'.**

"Dues are now past due"

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

January saw 16 brave soles challenge the elements and meet at the Provincial Museum. Joe welcomed everyone back from the holidays. Several members were out of town for the holidays and made it back safely. Joe reminded those in attendance, that with only 1 1/2 years to the CNA in Edmonton, work on the committees will continue in earnest, and planning will be on a regular basis this year. The Hotel has been secured and the medal design contest is in the works. Many other details have yet to be initiated and finalized. The Executive has 2 additional Directors this year to help out with the planning. An executive meeting will be held shortly to kick off the planning.

A discussion ensued about the cost of 1997 mint sets. The price increases over the past few years have been considerable, and this years increase is no exception. How long does the Mint think numismatists and the public will keep paying for these overpriced sets? Only time will tell. Mike presented a copy of the latest issue of the Worldwide Bi-Metallic Collectors Club newsletter, with a comprehensive listing of bi & tri-metallic coinage, to the members as information.

The members were advised of the cancellation of the February Coin show at the Westwood Inn. The ENS will contact John Weisbrich to find out what his intentions are for future shows. Due to this information, a discussion ensued on the Club putting on a show. Members suggested ideas to allow local dealers to put on a show, with the main thrust being to reduce the table cost. The Executive will look into options that we could take to put on a show.

Joe then introduced Dan who was introducing a computer presentation obtained over the internet, on 'Japanese Paper Money'. Written handouts were prepared and given to those in attendance, with the photographic images projected onto an overhead screen using the computer to generate the images. This interesting and informative presentation was prepared by Dan and his work in setting it up was appreciated. Due to the length of the discussions on a coin show and the length of the presentation, the video for the evening was not shown. The attendance draw for a 1966 mint set was won by Jules Rach. Thanks are extended to John Callaghan and Dan Gosling who brought snacks and drinks for the members.

THE WORLD OF BI-METALLICS CATALOGUE ISSUED

The ENS has received a copy of the latest issue from the Worldwide Bi-metallic Collectors Club (WBCC). This 6 page, double sided issue contains the complete known listing of bi-and tri-metallic coinage. The WBCC has largely been formed over the internet, probably the first club of its kind to do so. We have received permission from the WBCC Focal Point, Martin Peeters to reprint the catalogue for our members. Copies can be obtained at February's and March's meetings. If you would like an original copy or more information on the WBCC, you can contact Martin Peeters via e-mail at : martinp@concepts.nl or by mail at:

Martin Peters

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Netherlands

The cost for the catalogue is \$2.00 US funds.

NEW MEMBER

The following application for membership in the Edmonton Numismatic Society has been received. Should there be no objection, he will become a member in good standing.

Marvin Berger, Edmonton #217 (Rejoined)

Welcome back Marvin, and we hope you will enjoy the Club with it's new name and varied program.

EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD FEB. 4

The first meeting of the 1997 Executive was held on Feb. 4th at Joes. The agenda included planning for the proposed upcoming show in the spring, and if time permitted, planning for the CNA. Minutes of the meeting are as follows:

- A decision was made to have a spring show, on April 12 & 13
 - The location will be the Convention Inn (same as our '98 show)
 - advance tickets will be \$1.00, \$2.00 at the door. Door prizes will be drawn for. Club displays will be on view for the public.
 - Stamp and other collectibles will be solicited as well as coin dealers
 - Due to the low cost, dealers will be required to provide their own lighting and cases, if required.
 - Table costs will be \$90 for the first table, \$65 for the 2nd & subsequent tables. Tables will be sold on a first come, first served basis, and will be limited to approximately 30 tables.
- Dealer information packages will be available by mid February, for local dealers. Out of town packages will be sent by mail.

ENS ANNOUNCES ITS 1997 COIN SHOW

Due to the cancellation of the Edmonton International Coin & Stamp Shows, the Edmonton Numismatic Society has decided to fill the numismatic gap by putting on their own show this spring. The show will be held on Saturday & Sunday, April 12 & 13. See the poster at the end of this newsletter for more information. Details on table bookings will follow in due course.

WEB NEWS - FROM THE WBCC - NEWSLETTER #24

An interesting story posted by Rod Sell, Australia, tells of an article in a web newsgroup, of a prototype for America's first post-Colonial coinage. The 1792 bi-metallic coin, one of only 4 struck, has been found in the collection of a Nigel Willimott, 60, an electrical technician from Essex, who was given the coin in a pub. The "silver centre cent" has a copper piece worth a quarter of a cent, with a silver plug worth three-quarters of a cent. It had been in his collection for several years and only found out about the value of the coin after getting them evaluated. This highly sought after coin, is valued at over £15,000. Andrew Litherland, head of Phillip's Auction house, London, said "For a coin of such importance to turn up this way is surprising."

Posted by Tony Clayton - tony@clayton.demon.co.uk
Off the NW coast of Europe

SEE YOU ALL AT COMPUSMART ON THE 12TH!

EDMONTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY - 1996 FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME 1996

Memberships	\$619.00
Club Donations	\$97.00
Coffee Fund	\$22.74
Draws	\$40.75
Breakfast (May)	\$236.00
June White Elephant	\$578.00
Auction	\$6.00
Breakfast (Nov.)	\$200.00
Canadian Cancer Society (Wray Eltom)	\$65.00
Archives	\$10.00
TOTAL INCOME 1996	\$1,874.49

EXPENDITURES 1996

Canadian Association of Token Collectors	\$15.00
Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors	\$10.00
Canadian Paper Money Society	\$25.00
Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society	\$20.00
American Numismatic Association	\$48.65
CNA 1997 Dues	\$30.00
Alberta Registry (Society Status)	\$40.00
Alberta Treasurer (Society)	\$50.00
Post Office Box Rental	\$69.55
Door Prizes	\$39.00
Alberta Treasurer (Corp. Registry)	\$8.00
Office supplies	\$16.03
Christmas party supplies	\$20.00
Postage	\$482.54
Museum Rental	\$304.92
Newsletter & Printing	\$115.00
Breakfast (May)	\$228.66
Breakfast (Nov.)	\$141.59
CNA 1996 Delegate sponsorship	\$500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2163.94

TOTAL PROFIT (LOSS)	(\$289.45)
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Victory at Syracuse

Is this the most beautiful coin?



"This was the greatest Hellenic action that took place during this war, and in my opinion, the greatest action that we know of in Hellenic history.....to the victors the most brilliant of successes to the vanquished the most calamitous of defeats; for they were utterly and entirely defeated; their sufferings were on an enormous scale; their losses were, as they say, total; army, navy, everything was destroyed, and, out of many, only few returned. So ended events in Sicily.

"When the news reached Athens, for a long time people would not believe it, even though they were given precise information from the very soldiers who had been present at the event and had escaped; still they thought that this total destruction was something that could not possibly be true. And when they did recognize the fact, they turned against the public speakers who had been in favour of the expedition, as though they themselves had not voted for it, and also became angry with the prophets and soothsayers and all who at the time had, by various methods of divination, encouraged them to believe that they would conquer Sicily. They were feeling the stress in every department and on every front and now, after this last blow, great indeed was the fear that beset them and the consternation."

....Thucydides, The Peloponnesian War
VII, VIII

With these vivid passages Thucydides, the Athenian historian, described the total victory of Syracuse and the despair in Athens.

In celebration of their liberation from the invading fleet and army of Athens, the city of Syracuse issued the famed Victory Dekadrachms, large silver pieces, considered to be among the most beautiful coins of all time. The dekadrachm pictured was designed by the engraver, Kimon, whose few surviving works stamp him as one of the finest of medallistic artists.

One side displays the charioteer with four prancing horses. Above, the winged figure, Nike, approaches to crown the driver with a laurel wreath, symbolic of victory. Below the horses, a helmet, shield, cuirass and greaves represent the captured trophies of the fallen Athenians.

The other side of the dekadrachm has a charming head of the sea-nymph, Arethusa, perhaps a life portrait of a captivating young daughter of the Syracuse nobility. The girl-goddess wears a netted cap, a pendant earring, and necklace. Around her portrait swim frolicking dolphins.

ADVANCED COLLECTORS SHOULD ADVISE BEGINNERS ON SUITABLE
NUMISMATIC COLLECTABLES OF INTEREST TO THEM

by Jerry Remick

Advanced collectors in our coin clubs should advise beginners on suitable numismatic collectables of interest to them for their hobby, preferably a primary and a secondary series of collectables.

This includes informing new collectors about the necessary reference book(s) and any specialized association in their field of collecting, as well as the various types of numismatic pieces available.

This is especially important today for junior members, due to their limited incomes now and in the future. Remember, our junior members are not going to have the job security many of us had or now have. Also, it will be more difficult for a junior member to find even a temporary job, than it was for those of us now 30 years old or more. In addition, junior members, once in the workforce, are going to have to make their own pension fund through RRSP's, as government pension funds will not provide for them in the same way it is providing for pensioners today. Our junior members of today will be faced with both a life of income uncertainty and of less disposable income for a hobby, than many of today's senior collectors now enjoy. So, young members need to start now with one or more numismatic series that are interesting and inexpensive and that they can continue with in later life at a modest expense.

Rather than start with a date collection of Canadian small cents, nickel 5 cent coins, silver dollars, etc. I suggest starting with a type collection of Canadian decimal coins, as it gives the new collector a good overall view of our decimal coinage 1858- to date. Start with one or two denominations or the type coins of one British monarch. The 1 cent, the five cent, nickel dollar or bronze aureate dollar are a good selection of type series from which the beginner can make his choice. After the type coins of one denomination are completed, the collector can start on another denomination. From 1858-1997, there are only 142 Canadian decimal currency type coins. The type coins necessary for such a collection are listed in my 1995 booklet "A GUIDE TO TYPE COLLECTIONS OF CANADIAN DECIMAL COINAGE, INCLUDING PROVINCIAL COINS", available at \$7.00 postpaid (a 30% discount on the \$5.75 retail price is allowed clubs and dealers) from Les Editions St. Eloi Inc., Box 103, Sainte Julie, Quebec, J3E 1X5.

Later on, once the collector has the overall view of our decimal coinage from 1858 to date, he may decide to specialize in a date collection of one denomination of the Canadian decimal series or all the date coins issued during the reign of one British monarch.

A secondary collection should be recommended to beginners, in order to give them some contrast to the Canadian decimal series. Some secondary collections of different kinds of Canadian numismatic pieces include government banknotes, municipal trade tokens and trade notes, merchants' tokens, municipal and provincial medals, numismatic club medals, etc. Such a collection can be limited to pieces from the collector's home province or territory or even his home municipality.

Some other small secondary collections of Canadian numismatic material are as follows: A type collection of Newfoundland's 20 type coins is very worth of consideration. See my booklet cited above for a listing of the type coins of Newfoundland. Others include a type collection or date collection of the coins and tokens issued by the Province of Canada (dated over the period 1842-1859) or the regal tokens of Nova Scotia (dated over the period 1823-1856) and those of New Brunswick (dated 1843 and 1856). Each token for the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia series just cited, has a portrait of a British monarch. There are of

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course the short series of decimal coins issued by New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, which should interest those living in these provinces.

An expensive secondary collection, but one which can be spread over a lifetime, is a series of one of each differently designed \$1.00 banknote issued by the government of Canada.

Going farther afield from Canada, there is a collection of one banknote from each country now issuing them, or one coin from each country now issuing them, which can be broadend out later to include countries that once issued their own banknotes or coins, but no longer do so.

An excellent secondary collection is a topical or thematic collection, including such topics as rulers, coats of arms, native peoples, animals, or a single animal, reptiles, churches, maps, sports, industry, farming, trains, etc. There is a vast array of Canadian and worl coins, banknotes, tokens, medals, and scrip, which show one's chosen topic. A thematic or topical collection is very popular with stamp collectors, but has not, unfortunately, caught on with coin, token, medal, or banknote collectors. Of course, one may limit his topical numismatic collection to one numismatic field such as coins or banknotes.

For more details, including check lists, on some of the various collections mentioned above, please refer to my articles published in 1995 and 1996 issues of this publication.

A few basic reference books, covering the above mentions collections are:

THE CHARLTON STANDARD CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN COINS, edited by W.K. Cross 1995. The Charlton Press, Toronto.

COINS OF CANADA, by J. A. Haxby and R. C. Willey, 1996, Unitrade Press, Toronto.

THE CHARLTON STANDARD CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT PAPER MONEY, edited by W. K. Cross, 1996, The Charlton Press, Toronto.

THE CHARLTON STANDARD CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN COLONIAL TOKENS, edited by W. K. Cross, 1995, The Charlton Press, Toronto.

STANDARD CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN MUNICIPAL TRADE TOKENS & NOTES, by Serge Pelletier, 1993, Les Editions St. Eloi, Sainte, Julie, Quebec.

STANDARD CATALOG OF WORLD PAPER MONEY, MODERN ISSUES 1961-1996 VOLUME THREE, by Colin R. Bruce II and George S. Cuhaj, 19 6, Krause Publications, Iola, Wisconsin.

COLLECTING WORLD COINS....A FULL CENTURY OF CIRCULATING ISSUES (1895-1995), by Chester L. Krause and Clifford Mishler, Krause Publications, Iola, Wisconsin.

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MONEY

by JOE CRIBB

Collecting coins

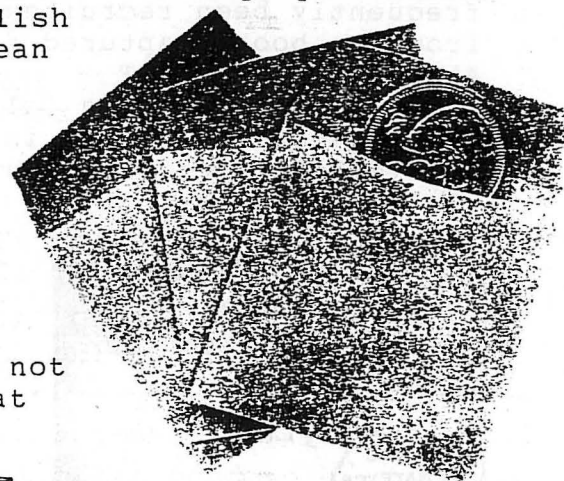


The designs and inscriptions on coins provide a fascinating view of the world's history. They reveal many things about the emperors, kings, and queens who issued them, as well as the traders and ordinary people who used them. Anyone can make their own collection, and one of the most interesting ways is by theme; collections featuring horses, boats, trees and birds, etc.

Keeping your coins clean and safely stored will make them nicer to look at and safe from corrosion. There are several things you should never do to your coins. Never use metal polish or a wire brush to clean coins--you will clean the designs right off them! Never store your coins in plastic envelopes; they may look nice when they are new, but after a while they get sticky and will ruin your coins. Never put your sticky fingers anywhere near coins, as this makes them dirty.

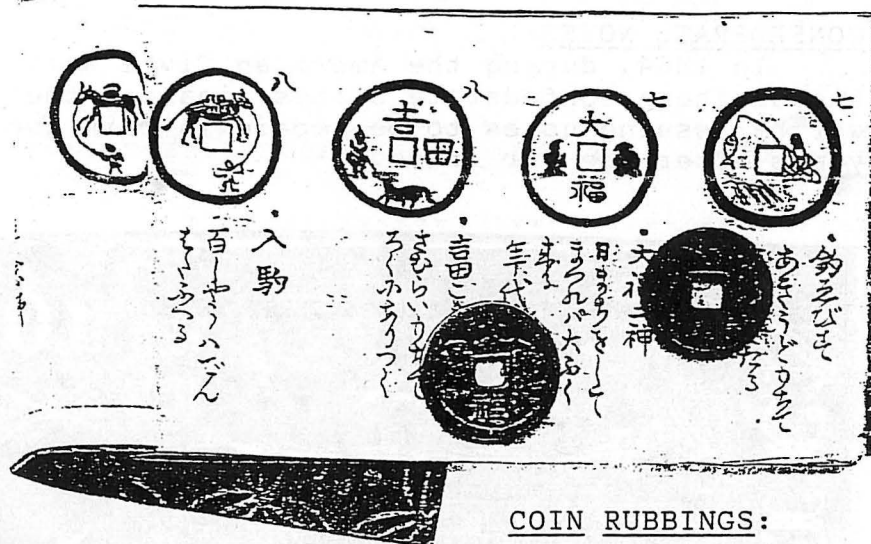
PAPER ENVELOPES:

Because paper envelopes do not contain any acid, which causes corrosion, they will not damage your coins. Another advantage is that you can make notes on the front of them.



RECORD YOUR COINS

You can make a catalogue of your own collection. A Japanese collector made this notebook record of his collection of Chinese and Japanese coins in 1812. He drew pictures of each coin and wrote down brief descriptions of them. Two examples of the coins he had are sitting on the book.



COIN RUBBINGS:

A useful and fun way to record your coins is by making rubbings of them;

you only need a pencil and paper. Put your coin on a firm surface, put the paper over it, hold the paper down, and rub the pencil lead on the paper over the coin. An image of the coin will appear.



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COIN TRAYS:

Plastic or mahogany wood trays are best for storing old precious metal coins. Do not use any other wood, or cardboard, as these will cause corrosion. The coins in the leather tray are the sort of coins that would have been owned by a wealthy person. Leather trays should not be used for storing modern non-precious metal coins, since the leather causes these to corrode. The coins in the plastic tray are more recent, and not very expensive.

Money in war

Throughout history, money and war seem to have marched along hand in hand. Money plays a large part in the preparations for war, since it pays for the necessary arms and buys the services of mercenaries, professional soldiers who will fight for any country that pays them enough. The hardships of war have led to the issue of new forms of money in cities under siege (cut off and surrounded by the enemy) as well as by governments that have run out of money. The same circumstances have also brought into circulation unofficial forms of money such as cigarettes. Too often money provides the reward for success in war; in the past, soldiers have frequently been recruited on the understanding that they would be paid from the booty captured from the enemy.

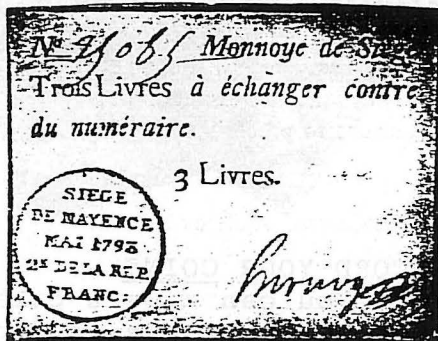
ALEXANDER THE GREAT

This silver coin (slightly enlarged) was made by Alexander the Great in 326 B.C. to commemorate his victory over an Indian king. The king is on an elephant.



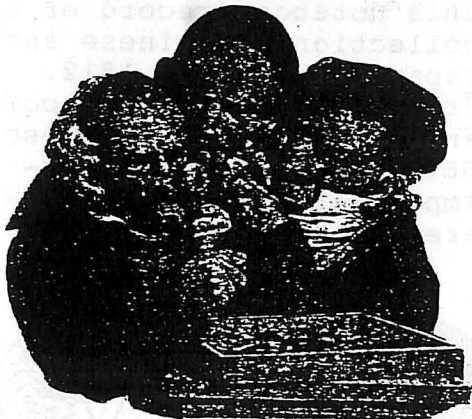
SIEGE NOTE

When a Prussian army besieged French revolutionary forces in the German City of Mainz in 1793, the French army issued "emergency" notes for use within the city. These notes were of French denomination.



CONFEDERATE NOTES

In 1864, during the American Civil War, the southern Confederate States financed the war by issuing notes to be repaid in coin two years after the war ended.



Studying coin details can be absorbing!



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CNA / NESA Numismatic Correspondence Course Goes to Second Printing

The CNA / NESA Correspondence Course is now into its second printing. Since the inception of the course in July, 1995, almost five hundred copies have been distributed to collectors throughout Canada, United States and some countries overseas. More than one hundred and seventy five collectors have completed the course and many more are at various stages of completion.

The second printing of another five hundred copies is now available for collectors to purchase. Any errors from the initial printing have been corrected and a special section within Chapter 1 has been added on the Canada \$2.00 coin. Some of the questions have also been revised to provide a better understanding for the student.

The course is a must for all collectors with any interest in Canadian numismatics. It includes twelve chapters on such subjects as Canadian circulating coinage, Canadian commemorative coinage, Canadian paper money, "extinct" Canadian coins, other forms of money, a detailed description on the coining process at the Royal Canadian Mint, tips on building your collection, housing and storing a collection, grading of Canadian coinage and a section on organized numismatics in Canada today.

Each of the twelve chapters include a series of fifteen questions, both short answer and multiple choice, which will serve to test the knowledge of the individual. Simply read the chapters at your leisure, complete the questions and return them to the CNA / NESA Course Administrator. The course includes more than two hundred pages of written material by many of Canada's well known numismatists. Dozens of supplementary photos are shown as well.

The course is an easy, self-help method of learning more about your hobby and at a cost that you can afford. Upon successful completion of the course, you will receive a special "Certificate of Achievement" and your choice of three numismatic books from a list of six titles. Paul Johnson indicates that collectors completing the course have been very enthusiastic and complimentary about both course presentation and content. Their comments were expressed on the Course Evaluation Form required at the conclusion of the course. This input is beneficial if the Canadian Numismatic Association decides to proceed with the development of an Intermediate course in the future.

Below is an application form to register in the CNA / NESA Correspondence Course. A cerlox bound edition is also available if you wish to have the volume as a library copy.

CNA / NESA Numismatic Correspondence Course

Please enroll me in the CNA/NESA Numismatic Correspondence Course. Enclosed is my cheque, money order or bank draft payable to the Canadian Numismatic Association.

Name : _____

Address : _____

CNA # : _____ **Phone :** _____

CNA members \$ 35.00

Non-CNA members \$ 45.00

Cerlox bound special Library edition *..... \$ 40.00

(* no certificate issued) These prices include all applicable taxes

Please forward payment to: The Canadian Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 226, Barrie, Ontario L4M 4T2 Canada.

Telephone : 1-705-737-0845 Fax : 1-705-737-0293

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Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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\$2.00 at the Door (16 & under FREE)
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