

OKANAGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



TREASURES IN THE SAND 2019

Thanks to everyone who helped out at this years event.
It was another successful day again.



Canadian 1911 Silver Dollar Brings \$552,000 At Auction

Story submitted by Ken Dewerson



Canada's 1911 silver dollar is unique in private hands. Now, it has new owners. Sandy Campbell, of Proof Positive in Nova Scotia, coordinated with Ian Laing, owner of Gatewest Coins in Winnipeg, to buy the coin for \$552,000 during Heritage Auctions' Aug. 15 auction at the American Numismatic Association World's Fair of Money in Rosemont, Illinois. That includes the 20 percent buyer's fee and barely topped the pre-sale estimate of \$500,000 and up. Campbell said that he had expected it to sell for much more than it did. "Ten minutes before the auction, I said to Ian 'we're not going to buy this coin.' ". But, despite sensing strong competition, Campbell and Laing secured the coin for the equivalent of \$734,000 Canadian. "We went in there with a plan to buy it," said Campbell. "I guess nobody else did. It went for a whole lot cheaper than we anticipated, which shocked us and everybody, I think."

The coin was sold as part of the [George Hans Cook Collection](#) of Canadian coins, which was reportedly built across 25 years. The [1911 dollar](#) is considered the greatest and most storied rarity in all of Canadian numismatics. This example of the 1911 George V silver dollar was once part of the famed Sid and Alicia Belzberg Collection, and this was the second time Heritage offered the coin. The coin is graded Specimen 64 by Professional Coin Grading Service. For the 2003 auction, the coin was graded Specimen 65 by PCGS and sold for \$690,000.

The type has been known as "the Emperor of Canadian Coins," after the half dollar from the same year was dubbed "the King of Canadian Coins." The other known 1911 silver dollar is part of the National Currency Collection in Ottawa, displayed alongside a single striking in lead, the former on loan from the Royal Mint Museum. The 1911 silver dollar is considered a pattern, since it was a proposed coin with no circulation strikes ever having been produced. All three examples of the 1911 silver dollar — two in silver, and one in lead — were struck in London before dies made at the Royal Mint were sent to Canada.

SEPTEMBER 2019 FIND OF THE MONTH

JEWELRY

			
1st - Rob Blackie 14K Ring	1st - Brett Johnson Amethyst Pendant	2nd - Paul Snider Tiny 10K Ring	3rd - Chris Bilocerkowec Blue Earring

COINS

		
1st - Paul Snider 1867 Italian 5 Cents	2nd - Brett Johnson 1936 USA Half Dollar	3rd - Wilai Bosowan USA Dollar

MISC

		
1st - Paul Snider 1859-1925 Garbage 10 Cents Token	2nd - Syd Birch Winthrop Trade Dollar	3rd - Maggie St. Hilaire Rubix Cube

OTHER GREAT FINDS



Winner of the “Non-Winner’s draw”
 (for entering an item in the Find of the Month,
 but did not win 1st, 2nd or 3rd)

Samantha Tarbet

The Find of the Month Standings as of SEPTEMBER 2019:

<p>Brett Johnson - 53 Paul Snider - 52 Chris Bilocerkowec - 30 Bryan Leguilloux - 29 Greg Degagne - 28 Rob Blackie - 25 Samantha Tarbet - 24 Syd Birch - 24 Wilai Bosowan - 21</p>	<p>Maggie St.Hilaire - 14 Michael MacKenzie - 10 Karen MacKenzie - 8 Hank Vodarek - 6 Carolynn Tennant - 4 Ralph Hodge - 4 Jim Tennant - 3 Carole Snider - 2 Joe Kasper - 1</p>
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Next OTHC Club Meeting - Tuesday, October 15, 2019 @ 7:00 pm in Penticton