

Louise Graham Memorial “Club of the Year” Award

Year Awarded For The Year: 2015

Award Recipient: South Wellington Coin Society (SWCS)

Date Award Presented: July 23rd, 2016

(RCNA Convention, Ottawa, Ontario)

Award Accepted by: Scott E. Douglas, SWCS President



South Wellington Coin Society (SWCS) was founded in 1997 and will celebrate its 20th Anniversary in April 2017. Four of the original six founding members are still active in the club today: Robert (Bob) Zmija (who celebrates his 95th Birthday in November 2016, his son Anthony (Tony) Zmija, Mike Hollingshead and Scott Douglas. The club just added its 51st member at its August 2016 meeting.

SWCS's first priority is numismatic education in a fun and courteous atmosphere, building life-long fellowship. SWCS has many firsts in the hobby, whether it be by way of two websites (one public, one members only), educational topics, educational mall days, two coin shows a year, paying for member's education in numismatics, hosting educational symposiums, unique draws, and giving back regularly to the community (both numismatic registered charities, and other charitable causes such as food and fundraisers for the Food Bank). The club has also issued medals and scrip, and supported the costs to published books of numismatic articles.

The club executive includes a Youth Director and a Community Liaison, in addition to the Officers and other Board Directors. SWCS's newsletter the *Wellington Circular* has been recipient of the *RCNA Local Newsletter Award*.

Several of SWCS members, are speakers and exhibitors at other numismatic clubs and organizations' meetings and events; and the club has members serving formally at the Provincial and National levels of the numismatic hobby.

The *Louise Graham Memorial “Club of the Year” Award* was established in 1986 to honour the memory of RCNA (formerly CNA) General Secretary from 1954 until her retirement in 1971. The award is offered annually to RCNA member club having made the most significant overall achievement on behalf of its members and of the hobby. The club is judged on the basis of topics at meetings, originality of initiatives, educational and numismatic promotions, coin shows and consistency of meetings. A panel of judges announces its decision at the following Annual RCNA Convention. The club that wins this competition receives a silver Louise Graham Award medal and \$250. The presentation is made at the Convention banquet.



Dan Gosling photo of Brett Irick presenting the Louise Graham Memorial “Club of the Year” Award to South Wellington Coin Society President Scott E. Douglas.

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