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Event Update



The results are in for the 1st Annual 'Christmas of Hope' Antique Extravaganza and Road Show – and they exceeded all expectations. This event was proudly presented by FinePoint Antiques, North Nanaimo Town Centre and the BC Cancer Foundation with over \$7,000 raised to benefit cancer research.

Throughout the entire mall there were 65 antique dealers and 140 tables full of outstanding antiques and collectibles. The turnout was unbelievable and the mall was swarmed with people for this exciting 3-day event. The Road Show portion proved very popular, as the team of appraisers were kept busy all day.

A special thanks to all the appraisers, the Nanaimo North Town Centre management and all the contributors who went out of their way to make this a stellar event – to be bigger and better next year. Get involved with the BC Cancer Foundation by contacting Zoe Campbell at 250-729-8869 or zcampbell@bccancer.bc.ca.

Upcoming Events

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SALE

Now through January 3, 2009 at FinePoint Antiques



All of the dealers in our consortium have so much Christmas Spirit they have decided to share it by having a Mega Sale with up to 50% off many fabulous items. The old store front across the hall is filled with a fine selection of antique furniture to accommodate this fabulous sale. As always, our store inventory is very diversified for everyone's taste and we have many interesting gifts from Christmas past waiting to be heirlooms in a new home.

JAZZ, JAZZ AND MORE JAZZ

Sunday, January 25th at 7:00pm
Lighthouse Bistro, Anchor St, Nanaimo

A Jazz venue not to be missed! Ross Taggart is one of the most sought after jazz saxophonists both nationally and internationally and he will be accompanied by Pat Coleman on guitar, Ken Lister on bass, and Geoff Bowen on drums on this special night. Tickets are \$18 available at FinePoint Antiques, Fascinating Rhythm, Music Max or online at www.quadwrangle.com.



To be kept abreast of upcoming Jazz events in Nanaimo, drop an email to quadwrangle@quadwrangle.com with 'Upcoming Jazz' in the subject line.

Feature Article

COLLECTING CANADIAN MILITARY BUTTONS

Do you ever wonder what the button insignias on Canadian military uniforms represent?



Buttons, like cap and collar badges are unique pieces of art that usually represent the pride of the regiment or corps. There are literally thousands of buttons that have been issued to the Canadian Military and here are a few basics to help you identify them. As a matter of interest the same general rules apply to Canadian Police and Railway buttons.

Most buttons issued to the Canadian Army and Militia Regiments have the word 'Canada' on them along with an acronym to represent the regiment or corps, i.e., R.C.M.P for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. If the word Canada or a 'C' initial in the title is not on the button, it is probably of British origin and the identification is a more involved project.



There are 3 crowns that are notably different and used to date the age of certain period buttons.

1. Victorian Crown

Buttons issued during the reign of Queen Victoria up to 1901 had her crown on the top of the insignia.



2. King's Crown

Buttons issued after Queen Victoria's death during the reign of King Edward VII, George V, Edward VIII, and George VI had a notably different crown above the insignia.



3. Queen's Crown

After the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953, the crown on top of buttons was change once again.

For those who want to collect Canadian buttons, they are reasonably priced and display beautifully. If you have a button that you need help identifying send an email with a photo and we will help you with the identification process.

Here are a few websites that will be of interest to button collectors as well as history buffs.

Canadian Military Police Virtual Museum

www.mpmuseum.org/bar.html

Antiques in Canada

www.antiquesincanada.com

A Button Collector's Book List – originally compiled by Mr. Keith Golden, with Additions and Purchase Links

www.geocities.com/Area51/Realm/1695/Goldenbooks.html