



The NOR'WESTER

Published Quarterly by the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association

PNNA is a non-profit corporation registered in the State of Oregon.

http://www.money.org/club_pnna_index.html

Joe Boling, Secretary
P.O. Box 4718
Federal Way, WA 98063
Phone 253-839-5199
Fax 253-839-5185
e-mail joeboling@aol.com
PNNA dues this year are:
Individual — \$5.00/year
Life — \$100.00
Family/Club — \$7.50/year

Second Quarter

1999

April-May-June

President's Message by Tom Sheehan

We have four events in the near future that attention should be paid to.

- The PNNA convention in Portland is scheduled for Friday and Saturday April 2-3. You all should plan to attend. This event is always fun for me because I can visit with my collecting friends who I don't see at other shows and there are always dealers in attendance who only come to the PNNA. Also there are top quality displays that add to my numismatic knowledge.
- The Counterfeit Coin Seminar in Seattle has had a great response. There is still room if you haven't registered. Fifty students have sent in their deposits and the instructors are excited to have such a large group. If you can't attend the whole seminar you may want to attend the public lecture on Friday evening. J.P. Martin will lead us on a VIP tour of the Denver mint. Those of you who have met J.P. know that he is a very entertaining and knowledgeable speaker. Anyone who would like more information on the seminar or the public lecture can contact me via email (twsheeh@ibm.net) or call (206)546-5599.
- Larry Gaye and Larry Rowe have been working on the art exhibit that will be in Portland following the convention. This event promises to help us carry our numismatic hobby to a whole new group of collectors. On display will be works from dozens of artists who have made use of money as a topic. One of the artists you may have heard of is J. S. G. Boggs, but there will be many others as well. Plan on attending the exhibit, which will run in downtown Portland for a month starting on May 6th. (See calendar on page 6.)
- I just received an application in the mail for the ANA summer seminar. I plan to attend and hope others of you consider it too. There are 30 classes offered this year on everything from coin grading to U.S. Tokens. There is room only for 300 students and the classes fill up very quickly. (See story on page 5.) If you didn't

receive an application from the ANA you can call (800)367-9723 and ask for one to be mailed to you.

Looking forward to seeing you at one of the above events!

NEW ADDRESS FOR PNNA

Joe Boling was notified 1 February that his postal station would close 17 February. The new address for the PNNA, the University Coin Club, and other organizations in which he holds office is:

**PO Box 4718
Federal Way WA 98063-4718**

This is a new box number and a new ZIP code. Telephones and email remain unchanged as listed above.

Dues are Past Due — and are Going Up!

PNNA dues are assessed annually in January. If your address label is highlighted, you have not yet paid for 1999 and this will be the last issue of the *Nor'wester* that you will receive. Individual dues are \$5; family groups and clubs are \$7.50. Starting in 2000, all dues levels are doubled; individual will be \$10, family/club \$15, and life member \$200. *Take advantage of the current life member dues by sending \$100 in 1999 to convert to life membership.*

PNNA Officers (1998-2000)

President	Tom Sheehan
1st Vice-Pres.	Bill McKivior
2nd Vice-Pres.	Larry Gaye
Secy./Treas.	Joseph E. Boling
Past President	J. Eric Holcomb
Directors	Richard Billings, Del Cushing, Marge Farnam, Robert Hall, Paul Longcrier, Scott Loos, Alex Pancheco, Larry Rowe, Robert Steinegger, and Bruce Wonder.
Dealer-Director	to be appointed

NCW Program Continued

The PNNA board voted to continue the award program for club efforts to publicize National Coin Week. The NCW theme for 1999 is "Treasure from Change," and is intended to emphasize the changes in circulating coinage that will be obvious this year as the 50-states quarters start to be released.

The awards are \$100-\$75-\$50 for the top three club efforts. The annual theme does not have to be part of your effort; if you have an already-established program for promoting coin collecting in your community that does not refer directly to the annual NCW theme, it is still acceptable for consideration. Send a report of your club's efforts to Larry Rowe at PO Box 61621, Vancouver, WA 98666 not later than 31 May.

Exhibits at the PNNA Convention

Exhibits must be in place by noon on Saturday 3 April to be eligible for awards, which will be announced at 4:00 PM. We would prefer to have your exhibits in place on Friday, so that visitors to the convention can view and learn from them. If you want to use PNNA cases, you must send an application to Larry Rowe by 25 March so that those cases can be available. Use the form in the last *Nor'wester* to apply for exhibit space and exhibit cases (send to Larry Rowe, PO Box 61621, Vancouver, WA 98666; phone 360-573-9827; email medalman@paclink.com). Remember that the PNNA best of show winner receives \$200 in assistance to take the winning exhibit to the ANA anniversary convention in Chicago in August.

The complete exhibit application is four pages long, just like ANA's. Pages 2-4 are only needed if you intend to have someone else place or remove your exhibit or if you are a multiple winner of first place awards at previous PNNA conventions. If you think you need the last three pages, ask for a complete copy of the rules from the secretary at the address in the letterhead. There are several references to specific parts of the rules in the application; if you have a copy of the ANA rules, you can determine what those references are without having the PNNA rules in hand.

Bob Everett Memorial Award

The first recipient of the Bob Everett Memorial Award will be selected by the awards committee and announced at the PNNA general membership meeting at the convention on Saturday, April 3. The monetary value of the award will also be announced at that time.

Credit Where Credit Is Due

The treasurer has a \$5 balance error; someone paid dues that were received during the period 12-16 February, but did not receive credit for them. The \$5 was deposited in the bank but there is no corresponding entry on the financial records nor on the membership data base. Paul Johnson joined and Dr. Regan Shea renewed during that period and received credit. Will the other person who paid \$5 during that period please contact Joe Boling?

Numismatic Theater Speakers Wanted

The PNNA and the Willamette coin club are seeking speakers for the Numismatic Theater at the PNNA convention in Portland, April 2-3. To volunteer, contact Larry Gaye or Bill McKivor. Your help is greatly appreciated.

PNNA Speakers List

- Joe Boling — Will travel up to 50 miles and speak about: 1) Japanese numismatics; 2) Seattle national banknotes; 3) Exhibiting/judging.
- Larry Gaye — Will travel 50 miles and perhaps more to talk about Byzantine coins, and Coins of the Bible.
- Paul Longcier — Will travel up to 50 miles to speak about: 1) U.S. 20th Century coinage; 2) Early British milled Queen Anne coins; 3) Colonial numismatics.
- Alex Pancheco — Will travel up to 30 miles and maybe more to speak about: 1) Tokens, Medals, World's Fair exonomia; 2) Russian and Siberian copper coinage; 3) U.S. Barber Coins.
- Tom Sheehan (206-546-5599) — Will travel 50 miles and perhaps more to speak on: 1) Panic scrip of 1907; 2) Numismatic Literature; 3) Numismatic collecting in general and the ANA.
- Bruce Wonder — Will travel up to 50 miles and speak about: 1) World Coins, 1500-1918; 2) World Tokens and Medals; 3) Numismatic Reference Books.

The above listed people can be contacted directly or through the PNNA Secretary. Anyone who is looking for speakers for a meeting, *even if it is not a numismatic event*, might want to contact one of us. We can talk to senior citizens, Elk clubs, school groups, etc. We often can fill in on short notice when you need entertainment for the evening. — Tom Sheehan.

J.P. Martin to Lecture at UW

On Friday night March 26th at 7:30 PM J.P. Martin will have a public lecture in conjunction with the Counterfeit Coin Seminar. This will be free to all interested parties and will be on campus at the University of Washington. (Tentative location: Savery Hall. Confirm with Tom Sheehan, or look for signs on campus.) The topic will be J.P.'s VIP tour of the Denver mint. He was able to get down on the floor and actually talk to the workers during production. I am sure that many people would look forward to hearing about the operation as well as having the opportunity of meeting J.P. in person. He is a principal in the new Independent Coin Grading company which is a co-sponsor of the counterfeit seminar. He is a senior grader with them and was the chief authenticator at the American Numismatic Association for many years.

Other Numismatic Sites on the Web

ANA — <http://www.money.org>

Coin Universe — <http://www.coin-universe.com>

U.S. Mint — <http://www.usmint.gov>

New Exhibit Added To ANA Web Site

One man's attempt, nearly a century ago, to revive the silver mining industry is retold in the newest exhibit mounted on the ANA's World Wide Web site (www.money.org). Joseph Leshner was a miner in Colorado who privately produced octagonal medals between 1900 and 1901 for use by businesses in Colorado. Leshner lived in Victor, a gold mining community near the town of Cripple Creek. He called the silver pieces "referendum dollars" so no one would have to accept them against their will. However, he hoped their use would create a demand to reopen the silver mines, most of which had closed after the government stopped buying the precious metal in 1873.

The virtual exhibit on the ANA's Web site shows Leshner medals from private collections, including many pieces from Adna G. Wilde Jr., considered the foremost expert on Leshner dollars. The text for the exhibit is a recently updated version of a feature article Wilde originally wrote for *The Numismatist* in November 1978.

Due to space limitations, an ANA Money Talks radio script does not appear in this issue. Complete scripts can be downloaded from the ANA ftp site: [ftp.money.org/ana](ftp://ftp.money.org/ana).

Two Digits for a Date

*(To the tune of "Gilligan's Island," more or less.
Author unknown.)*

Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale
Of the doom that is our fate.
That started when programmers used
Two digits for a date.
Two digits for a date.

Main memory was smaller then;
Hard disks were smaller, too.
"Four digits are extravagant,
So let's get by with two.
So let's get by with two."

"This works through 1999,"
The programmers did say.
"Unless we rewrite before that
It all will go away.
It all will go away."

But Management had not a clue:
"It works fine now, you bet!
A rewrite is a straight expense;
We won't do it just yet.
We won't do it just yet."

Now when 2000 rolls around
It all goes straight to @#%&,
For zero's less than ninety-nine,
As anyone can tell.
As anyone can tell.

The mail won't bring your pension check
It won't be sent to you
When you're no longer sixty-eight,
But minus thirty-two.
But minus thirty-two.

The problems we're about to face
Are frightening, for sure.
And reading every line of code's
The only certain cure.
The only certain cure.

(key change, big finish)

There's not much time,
There's too much code.
(And Cobol-coders, few)
When the century is finished with,
We may be finished, too.
We may be finished, too.

Eight thousand years from now I hope
That things weren't left too late,
And people aren't then lamenting
Four digits for a date!
Four digits for a date!

Minutes of PNNA board meeting — 16 January 1999, Kent, WA

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Sheehan at 5:04 PM. Present were vice presidents Larry Gaye and Bill McKivor, secretary/treasurer Joe Boling, past president Eric Holcomb, directors Richard Billings, Del Cushing, Marge Farnam, Paul Longcrier, Scott Loos, Alex Pancheco, Larry Rowe, and Bruce Wonder, and members Don Farnam and Helen Young.

Moved (Rowe) and seconded (Cushing) to approve the minutes of the 21 November board meeting as published. Passed.

Boling distributed the yearend financial report [PNNA members may request a copy from the treasurer].

President Sheehan is still working on the appointment of a dealer-director.

Larry Gaye and Larry Rowe described some of their ideas for the PNNA exhibit at the "Seeing Money" art show. At this time the PNNA's involvement in addition to the exhibit has not been defined.

The Bob Everett award committee has received no nominations, although the committee members have some ideas of their own.

Boling reported that several people during the current dues renewal season have commented on the PNNA dues being too low. Moved (Gaye) and seconded (Rowe) to increase the PNNA dues beginning in January 2000 to: individual \$10, family/club \$15, life \$200. Passed.

Moved (Rowe) and seconded (Billings) to nominate Bill Horton and Arthur M. Fitts III for ANA governor and Bob Campbell for ANA president. Passed.

Moved (Farnam) and seconded (Pancheco) to award honorary life membership to Eric Holcomb in light of his service for two terms as PNNA president. Passed. [HLM25]

Moved (Farnam) and seconded (Holcomb) to award honorary life membership to Joe Boling in light of his five years' service as secretary and three years' service as treasurer. Passed. [HLM26]

Tom Sheehan suggested that the PNNA make a donation to the ANA/ANS counterfeit symposium to be held in Seattle in March. After some discussion, no motion was made nor further action taken.

Moved (Farnam) and seconded (McKivor) to appoint Ashley Mearns as PNNA young numismatist (YN) coordinator, with duties to be defined by herself and the PNNA board. Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Minutes prepared by Joseph E. Boling.

Classified

Tom Sheehan will pay cash for numismatic libraries. He is also interested in buying old numismatic literature as well as medals of a commemorative or historic nature. Tom is also interested in taking those old auction catalogues off of your hands. Bring them to a PNNA meeting, or call Tom anytime at 206-546-5599 for an appointment. (e-mail twsheeh@ibm.net)

Next PNNA Meetings

The next meeting of the PNNA board will be at the annual convention on Saturday 3 April 1999, immediately following the annual general meeting (a breakfast meeting). Look for time and room in the convention program.

Your Advertisement Could Go Here !!

Deadline for submission of material for 3rd Quarter 1999 Nor'wester: June 10, 1999. Call Eric Holcomb at 253-850-2996, or e-mail to Eric at EHolc48@aol.com

Advertising rates are \$7.50 (1/8-page), \$10.00 (1/6-page), \$15.00 (1/4-page), \$25.00 (1/2-page), and \$45.00 (full page). Send ad copy to Eric Holcomb, and payment to the PNNA secretary/treasurer.

phone 719/632-2646

American Numismatic Association News

www.money.org

New ANA Regional Coordinator — Scott Loos of Spokane, Washington, has been named the ANA regional coordinator for Region 7, which comprises Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. ANA President Anthony Swiatek made the appointment on the recommendation of Walt Ostromecki, national coordinator for the ANA's Representative Program. "Scott, who served as an ANA district delegate for five years, is enthusiastic about his new appointment and brings a wealth of talent to his new job," Swiatek says.

An accountant and part-time coin dealer, Loos says, "I am committed to expanding the collector base through numismatic education and young numismatist development. These are my goals for the region, our hobby and the ANA Representative Program."

A life member of the ANA, Loos has served as past president, secretary and treasurer of the Inland Empire Coin Club in Spokane; and two terms as director of the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association. He also is an ANA certified exhibit judge.

Loos replaces Tom Sheehan, who "did a fine job of building hobby fellowship and opening communication lines between the ANA staff and members in Region 7 for nearly 10 years," Ostromecki says.

Sheehan says, "I think it is time to relinquish my post as regional coordinator. My interest in numismatic has not waned nor has my devotion to the ANA, however, I decided to actually spend more time with coins and medals. I also want to try my hand at dealing in coins and promoting modern medallic art."

1999 NCW Theme: "Treasures in Change" — The 50 States circulating commemorative quarter program is helping the ANA celebrate the 76th National Coin Week, April 18-24, 1999. "The launching of the commemorative quarter program by the United States Mint offers a wonderful opportunity to focus attention on *Treasures in Change*, the theme for the 1999 National Coin Week," says ANA Education Director Gail Baker Kraljevich. "National Coin Week offers a special time to educate the public about the hobby of numismatics, where everyone can hold history in their hands."

Register Early for Summer Seminar — Students should register early for the 30 classes being offered at the ANA's 31st Annual Summer Seminar, scheduled for July 10-16, 1999, at the ANA on The Colorado College campus in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The popularity of the week-long conference remains strong, so again the ANA is capping enrollment at 300 and limiting some classes. This attendance limit will help maintain the program's integrity, according to ANA

Education Department Director Gail Baker Kraljevich.

The 1999 feast of Summer Conference courses, including 5 new offerings, will be served up by experts in their fields, allowing students to benefit from the experience of some of the best-known names in the hobby. Among the new classes are two based on Colorado themes: "Numismatic Treasures of Colorado" with Ed Rochette, an expert on Colorado lore, and Don Kagin, an authority on Territorial gold, and "Exploring Colorado's Ghost Towns" with Mark Hotz. Also featured is "Preparing a Competitive Exhibit" with awarding-winning exhibitors Gerald L. Kochel, John Eshbach and Joe Boling, who also is the ANA's chief judge.

ANA Initiates "Circle of Friends" Oral History Project — Chester L. "Chet" Krause, founder of Krause Publications, is the first interviewee invited to participate in the ANA Library's oral history project, "Circle of Friends."

"Oral histories are one way of preserving the history of the hobby," ANA Librarian Nawana Britenriker said. "Accordingly, the Library has initiated this extensive project. "The recent visit of Chet Krause at ANA headquarters in Colorado Springs (Colorado) gave us the perfect opportunity to begin the program at this time." Audio tapes of these conversations will be available to ANA members through the Library's normal circulation policy (members pay only postage and insurance for use of the tapes). They also will be added to the ANA's web site (www.money.org).

ANA Candidate Forum at Sacramento Town Hall Meeting — Candidates for the ANA Board of Governors will participate in a question-and-answer forum at the ANA's 1999 National Money Show in Sacramento, California, March 12-14. Each of the candidates at the forum will be given an opportunity to make an opening statement before questions are accepted from the hobby press and the floor. ANA members eligible to vote will receive their ballots by mail in June.

ANA Launches New Intern Program — The ANA has launched a new Intern Program that will allow two numismatic enthusiasts an opportunity to work approximately 10 weeks this summer at Association headquarters on the campus of The Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Beginning June 5, 1999, interns will have an opportunity to assist with many programs and activities at the ANA. These may include collection management activities in the Library and Museum; organizing archival material; conducting in-depth research; and/or lending a hand in the area of public information service.

COIN SHOW and EVENT CALENDAR

To list a show contact Del Cushing; P.O. Box 88984, Seattle, WA 98138-2984; Phone 206-244-1596. Highlighted shows and events are PNNA sponsored or co-sponsored.

MAR 20-21 TRI-CITY COIN CLUB SHOW, Hampton Inn, 486 Bradley Blvd, Richland, Wa.

MAR 21 BELLEVUE COIN & COLLECTIBLES SPRING SHOW, Bellevue Inn, 11211 Main St., Bellevue, Wa.

MAR 26-28 University of Washington, Seattle, Wa. Seminar: *Art, the Art of Forgery and Coinage*. Pre-registration required. See flyer in last newsletter.

MAR 27-28 MID-VALLEY COIN CLUB SHOW; United Steel Workers Hall, 13th & Jefferson, Albany, Ore.

APR 2-3 PNNA Annual Convention, Lloyd Center DoubleTree Inn, Portland, Ore. *PNNA general membership and board meetings.*

APR 10 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave No., Kent, Wa.

APR 11 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Eagles #1, Corson & Michigan, Seattle, Wa.

APR 17-18 BELLINGHAM'S ANNUAL STAMP & COIN SHOW, Ferndale band Booster's Building, 5330 LaBounty Drive, Ferndale, Wa. (I-5 freeway exit 262)

APR 18-24 ANA 76th National Coin Week.

APR 24 KIRKLAND-EASTSIDE COIN SHOW, Kirkland Best Western, 12223 NE 116th, Kirkland, Wa.

APR 24-25 VANCOUVER NUMISMATIC SOCIETY COIN & STAMP FAIR, Oakridge Centre Auditorium, 41st & Cambie Street, Vancouver, British Columbia

APR 25 COWLITZ COIN CLUB 32ND ANNUAL SHOW, AWPPW HALL, 724 15th Ave, Longview, Wa.

MAY 1 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. No., Kent, Wa.

MAY 1-2 CAVEMAN COIN CLUB SHOW, Jackson County Fairgrounds, Medford, Ore.

MAY 1-2 SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB SHOW, Masonic Lodge, 2777 Centennial Blvd., Eugene, Ore.

MAY 6 – JUNE 6 Art Show: *Seeing Money: A Unique Art Event of Uncommon Currency*, Portland Opera rehearsal space in Portland's Pearl District.

MAY 15 OLYMPIA/SOUTH SOUND COIN SHOW, VFW Hall, 2902½ Martin way, Olympia, Wa.

MAY 16 NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, King Oscar Motel, So. 88th & Hosmer, Tacoma, Wa.

MAY 22-23 GREATER TACOMA COIN SHOW, LaQuinta Inn, Portland Ave & I-5, Tacoma, Wa.

MAY 22-23 SALEM COIN AND STAMP SHOW, Black Angus Restaurant, 220 Commercial St SE, Salem Ore.

JUN 12 KIRKLAND-EASTSIDE COIN SHOW, Kirland Best Western, 12223 NE 116th, Kirkland, Wa.

JULY 10-11 NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDALS ANNUAL CONVENTION, Marshall Recreation Center, Vancouver, Wa.

JUL 11 BELLEVUE COIN & COLLECTIBLES SUMMER SHOW, Bellevue Inn, 11211 Main St., Bellevue, Wa.

AUG 8 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Eagles #1, Corson & Michigan, Seattle, Wa.

AUG 11-15 ANA World's Fair of Money®, Chicago, Illinois.

AUG 21-22 WASHINGTON STATE 20TH ANNUAL COIN SHOW, LaQuinta Inn, Portland Ave. & I-5, Tacoma, Wa.

SEPT 11 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave No., Kent Wa.

SEPT 10-11 NORTSHORE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY COIN EXPO, The Quay Hotel, No. Vancouver, British Columbia.

SEPT 11-12 NORTSHORE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY 25TH ANNIVERSARY COIN SHOW, North Vancouver Recreation Center, North Vancouver, British Columbia

SEPT 19 NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, King Oscar Motel, So. 88th & Hosmer, Tacoma, Wa.

SEPT 26 BELLEVUE COIN & COLLECTIBLES FALL SHOW, Bellevue Inn, 11211 Main St., Bellevue, Wa.

OCT 10 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Eagles #1, Corson & Michigan, Seattle, Wa.

OCT 16 KIRKLAND-EASTSIDE COIN SHOW, Kirkland Best Western, 12223 NE 116TH, Kirkland, Wa.
