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President's Message by Scott Loos

March Madness is officially arrived in the Northwest ... and I am not just referring to basketball (although I did just watch my old Alma Mater Gonzaga do away with Virginia in NCAA action ... Go Zags!!!). But really folks, it is also March Madness (in the coin sense) right here in the Northwest. The month started off with the Grays Harbor club show in Aberdeen and was followed the next weekend with the Tacoma-Lakewood club show. Coin show action continues with the Kirkland/Eastside show on St. Patrick's day, the three day Tacoma Dome show March 23-25, and finishes the month off with the Albany Club show March 31-April 1 down in Oregon.

Talking about shows, it is not too early to start planning on attending the PNNA Convention in Tukwila, Washington the weekend of May 4-6, 2001. The convention team is working very hard to fill up the bourse with many dealers specializing in U.S. Coins, Antiques, Tokens, Medieval, World Coins, Currency, Medals, Books, Exonumia and Supplies. We have sold 58 tables to date and hope to fill several more over the next few weeks. The only thing missing is - YOU!!! For this show to be a success and for the show committee to bring you an even bigger and better show next year, we need all of you to attend the convention and its associated events and pick up some items for your collection. If we all work together and show the dealers that the region will support a major show of this magnitude (through your attendance and \$\$\$), we can attract more national dealers to future conventions.

While attending the convention - please attend one or more of the Numismatic Theatre presentations. Our highlight this year will be Bob Hoge, the curator of the American Numismatic Association museum. Bob will be flying in from Colorado Springs to talk on "An ANA Museum for the 21st Century." Bob will also be available at the ANA table on Saturday to provide authentication services. Other presentations include Del Cushing on "NW

Exonumia," Gordon Dickie on "Storied Ancient Coins - an Introduction to Ancient Numismatics," and Joseph Kleinman will host an Ancient Coin Grading Seminar and a presentation on cleaning ancient coins. For those of you with specialized collecting interests (or if you just want to find out more information), there will be regional meetings of The Conder Token Collector's Club (CTCC), The Numismatic Bibliomania Society (NBS), and a combined meeting of the Early American Coppers Club (EAC) and the Colonial Coin Collector's Club (C4). Please look for more information and presentation times in this issue as well as on the PNNA website at www.pnna.org.

Finally, please consider attending a local club meeting if you are not already doing so. Lisa and I have had the opportunity to attend several meetings since we moved over here and are constantly surprised by the breadth and quality of the presentations. Last night we were treated to a fascinating presentation by Steve Cox on "The French Banknotes of Algeria and Tunisia" at the Seattle Coin Club. The presentation featured Steve's exhibit that won 1st place in class and Best New Exhibitor at the ANA convention in Portland. Club meeting times and locations can be found on the PNNA's web site at www.pnna.org.

That's all for now ... see you at the convention in Tukwila!!!

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Bob Everett Memorial Award

The committee for this award needs nominations immediately. Nominees need not be members of local or other clubs, but must have demonstrated a commitment to numismatics in the Pacific NW. Send nominations to Joe Boling, Tom Sheehan, Bill McKivor, or Ken Hill.

NCW Program Continued

The PNNA board has made the annual National Coin Week contest among member clubs a permanent program. The NCW theme for 2001 is "Faces of Time." The awards are \$100-\$75-\$50 for the top three club efforts (the Olympia Coin Club has won for the past several years — can't some other club dethrone them?). 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. Remember that the ANA also gives awards for NCW promotion excellence. If your club belongs to the ANA, submit a report to the Education Department to be considered for this award.

Exhibits at the 2001 PNNA Convention

Exhibits must be in place by noon on Saturday 5 May to be eligible for awards, which will be announced later that day (or evening, if there is a banquet). 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 27 April so that those cases can be available. Use the form enclosed 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 the same year.

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 (not included here to save postage), 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.

PNNA Members Make Their Marks

At the FUN convention in January, Ken Hill and Joe Boling each won their class in exhibiting (Ken in errors, Joe in medals). At the ANA convention in Salt Lake City this month, Ken won the best in show award with his exhibit of a 12-piece US gold type set with die varieties (Joe was chief judge, so did not exhibit). This is the second time that Ken has won the top award at a national convention (he also won in New York in August 1997). Congratulations, Ken!

Next PNNA Board Meeting

The next meeting of the PNNA board will be at the annual convention on Saturday 5 May 2001 or Sunday 6 May 2001, immediately following the annual general meeting. Look for the time and location in the convention program or on the website.

PNNA members are welcome to submit ideas for educational activities or other events in advance of scheduled board meetings.

www.pnna.org Going Strong! PNNA Collection Photos Added!

The PNNA's new home on the World Wide Web, www.pnna.org, is now experiencing an average of over 40 visits per day, and continues to grow! The latest major addition is a complete photo gallery and description of the PNNA's collection of convention memorabilia from 1946 to date.

Help us become an even better resource by contributing articles about your area of numismatic expertise. Submissions will be considered for possible use on the website and in *The Nor'Wester*. Send your material in electronic form to eric.holcomb@pnna.org or webmaster@pnna.org or EHolc48@aol.com.

2001 Dues Are Past Due!

PNNA dues are assessed annually in January. If your address label is highlighted, you have not yet paid for 2001 and this will be your last issue of *The Nor'wester*. Individual dues are \$10; family groups and clubs are \$15. Life membership costs \$200.

Olympia Coin Club Reinvests National Coin Week Display Contest Winnings

Every April for the past four years the Olympia Coin Club has set up a display in the local library for National Coin Week. Each year the club has submitted its entry to the PNNA for consideration in the PNNA's National Coin Week Display Contest and each year the club has won the \$100 first prize. This year, the club decided to "reinvest" its winnings by fostering collecting in the local schools.

The club organized a "Design a State Quarter Contest." The contest was open to 5th graders in selected schools. The students were to create a design that they thought would best represent Washington on its state quarter in 2007. What was the incentive for them to submit a design? How about a \$100 savings bond to the winner from each school!

The club contacted 3 schools to submit entries. Club members gave presentations at the schools using the video "The Story of Money" and discussing symbolism used on early US coins and currency to kick off the contest. The entries were picked up two weeks later for judging and the winning designs were posted at the club's annual coin show.

Over 100 designs were submitted. Originality, creativity, and symbolism were the main judging points. Many of the submissions showed just how creative 5th graders can be and several demonstrated excellent use of symbolism. Picking a winner from each school was a challenge.

The Olympia Coin Club feels that this is an excellent way to promote coin collecting in the community and provides the student with the opportunity to possibly have their design immortalized on a coin. We intend to continue this contest until the design for the Washington quarter is selected. We think that by doing this, we are being good stewards of the PNNA's prize money and investing in the future of our hobby.

If any other clubs are interested in doing a similar program in their community we would be more than happy to share our materials and contest rules. Contact the Olympia Coin Club at PO BOX 2773, Olympia, WA 98507 or email rmurphyrmis@home.com or cowleyp@home.com.

Ptolemy King of Egypt by Joseph Kleinman

As numismatists, the related subject that can never be avoided is that of history. Like it or not history is interconnected with the study of currency and medals.

This is especially true of ancient numismatics. Some of us got into the hobby as a consequence of our love of history coupled with a desire to own objects from those distant times. Many of us decided to collect ancient coins because of their tremendous eye appeal and then went on to study the historical events associated with our treasures.

As we look at the head of King Ptolemy I of Egypt let us consider the man and his accomplishments. Ptolemy was a boyhood friend of Alexander the Great and became one of his most trusted generals. He distinguished himself in Alexander's conquest of the Persian Empire and later became Satrap of Egypt in 323 BC. In 305 he took the title of King and later associated his son with him in his reign. The kingdom he established was stable and prosperous.

To King Ptolemy goes the credit for establishing and beginning the construction of the Great Library at Alexandria which was completed by his son Ptolemy II. This was no ordinary library as we moderns understand the meaning of the word. Although it may have contained as many as half a million volumes, it was also a museum and zoo as well as what we today would call a research laboratory. Some of the greatest minds of the ancient world worked there. People such as Euclid, Heron and Claudius Ptolemy the geographer and astronomer as well as Archimedes. And what of the work being done? All manner of science and mathematics, machines using gear trains were built, steam engines and jet engines were experimented with. Work in biology and medicine was advanced. Additionally, ancient texts were faithfully copied and translated. Most importantly, and what effects us to this day, Jewish scribes were employed in translating the Hebrew scriptures into the Greek language. Had that not been done, the missionary journeys of Saint Paul could not have taken place.

So here we have the beginning of many stories going in many different directions all starting with a small object that any of us can own.



Silver tetradrachm of Ptolemy I issued by his son.

You can't win if you don't try

by Ted McCann

Although I've been a collector of Historical Medals and related reference materials for nearly 30 years, I hadn't considered what additional pleasure my hobby interest could provide by placing some of my collection on exhibit. I had been to a number of coin shows over the years where collectors had placed some part of their collection on exhibit. I had marveled at the way the items were presented. I thought that it must take some special talent to be able to assemble an exhibit. Then at one of the shows about 20 years ago one of the exhibitors whose display I was admiring asked what I thought of his exhibit. I told him that I thought it was beautiful. I said I've been collecting for a number of years and had never exhibited any part of my collection as I really didn't think I could do anything like that. He said how do you know if you don't try. He went on to point out some of the basic things that go to make up an exhibit such as research needed for a good narrative describing the items in the exhibit, how the items should be placed in a case, the kind of background and color scheme and how to determine a title for the exhibit. He gave me a blank judges grading sheet as a guide and suggested that I should try to put up an exhibit of some of the items in my collection at the next show I would attend.

My first effort failed utterly, but the judges sheets gave me the kind of criticism needed to overcome the areas of failure. My next effort consisted of two exhibits, of which one placed first with the other placing second in their categories. I was elated as I had assumed that if I received even a third place on one of my exhibits, I would have done well for a second effort. So, don't let a first attempt failure dissuade you. Use it as a learning tool and try again. Now, I had the bug and could hardly wait for the next show so that I again might enter one or more exhibits. I spent the next six months, off and on, preparing and re-preparing more exhibits. I had friends and relatives review them. I must have changed them a dozen times before saying to myself, "that's it." It all paid off as all of the three exhibits won first place and one took "Best of Show."

Over the past years I have accumulated a number of first place and Best of Show awards for exhibits I have placed in local and regional shows. Now I try as often as possible to encourage other collectors to place exhibits. It goes without saying that you have to try and try again. With each effort you do a little better and the better you do the better you want to do. How-

ever, first you have to try. You must make the effort. I know that if you can do it anyone can do it. So, come on all you collectors place an exhibit in the next coin show you attend, let the rest of the collectors and exhibitors see how knowledgeable and proud you are of your collection. You will have the pleasure of doing it and those who view your exhibits will have the pleasure of seeing your exhibits. Trying and trying again are the first steps to winning. Let's do it!!

Classified Ads

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.

Tom Sheehan is eager to find any printed information, letters, photos or other memorabilia that has to do with some old time members of the PNNA. Tom is looking for information on Paul Fouts, C.C. Saeman and Jack Koch. Tom is planning a display and would appreciate any background information on these people that other members can provide.

P.O. Box 1477, Edmonds, WA 98020

Phone (Edmonds) — 425-672-1334 (if Tom is out please leave name and phone number)

E-mail — twsheeh@attglobal.net

Deadline for submission of material for 3rd Quarter 2001 Nor'wester: June 23, 2001.

Send ad copy to Eric Holcomb (e-mail EHolc48@aol.com), and payment to the PNNA secretary/treasurer. Call Eric Holcomb at 253-850-2996 for more info.

Advertising rates (per issue) are:

\$4.00 (1 column inch; no oversized text)

\$7.50 (1/8-page)

\$10.00 (1/6-page)

\$15.00 (1/4-page)

\$25.00 (1/2-page)

\$45.00 (full page)

Full page color — price on request

Web advertising rates (per year on www.pnna.org):

1-line web site listing — Free

\$10.00 (sponsor page ad; business card size)

Minutes of PNNA board meeting

20 January 2001, Kent, Washington

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Loos at 5:30pm. Present were secretary/treasurer Joe Boling, directors Richard Billings, Del Cushing, Eric Holcomb, Bill McKivor, Larry Rowe, Tom Sheehan, and Bruce Wonder, and members Les Copan, Mary Cushing, Lisa Loos, Jim Payne, and Kathy Rowe. Moved and seconded (Rowe/Wonder) to approve the minutes of the 26 August meeting as published. Passed.

Eric Holcomb reported on the status of the web site. We are getting about 25 hits per day. It is costing \$15/month. After discussion, moved/seconded (McKivor/Sheehan) to limit ads [business card style] to a sponsor page. Passed. Discussion of cost of ads centered around \$10/year per ad initially. Ads will be available only to members. Holcomb reminded everyone that we still need more content for the site.

Moved/seconded (Rowe/Sheehan) to nominate Arthur Fitts for ANA governor. Passed. Moved/seconded (Holcomb/Sheehan) to nominate John Wilson for ANA president. Passed. Moved/seconded (Wonder/Sheehan) to nominate Alan Herbert for ANA VP. Passed.

Moved/seconded (Holcomb/Cushing) to donate \$50 to the ANA for the spring convention. Passed. Moved/seconded (Rowe/Holcomb) to donate \$500 to the ANA building fund. Passed.

Show report: we have sold eleven double and 22 single tables out of 72 available. We expect to sell out by mid-April. An area of concern is decorating service; Rowan is available, but they want to furnish their own tables. Cost would be \$2500-3000. We may need to pay about a 10% premium for clearing the hall by midnight Sunday; we would save money if we can wait until noon Monday. We are not planning to have lateral separator between adjacent tables. Security will be coordinated by Billings; the minutes of the previous meeting, that named Cushing/Rowe doing this task, are not accurate. Larry Rowe will take care of security during the convention, if the contract is already set up by Billings. We will hire for two guards 24 hours. The floor will be open to dealers at 8:00am Friday; to the public from noon-6:00pm Friday, 10:00-6:00 Saturday, 10:00-4:00 Sunday; and to dealers an hour earlier Saturday and Sunday. We want to have dealer hospitality during the hour before public admission each day. Larry Rowe will be exhibit chair, Bill McKivor education, and Mary Cushing/Kathy Rowe/Lisa Loos will handle hospitality.

Education report: Bob Hoge will come from ANA to speak and will bring an exhibit (we pay airfare, and he will stay with Boling). We will encourage other clubs to have meetings at the convention also (NBS, PAN, etc). We also have to have the PNNA annual meeting Saturday morning. Moved/seconded (McKivor/Holcomb) to order 1000 show woods. Passed. Bill McKivor has located Teresa Darling's mailing list; we will use it for soliciting dealers. We will also try to get attendees to sign in and provide addresses for future mailings. We have run out of award plaques. What do we want to give this year? A suggestion is to use Al Schy's products. [This was later settled on.] The meeting adjourned at 6:44pm.

ANA National Money Show is Great!

The ANA National Money Show in Salt Lake City, Utah, was spectacular. More than 9,800 people came through the doors of the Salt Palace Convention Center from March 8 to 10 to trade with 700 of the nation's top dealers of rare coins and paper money on the sold-out bourse; see the outstanding exhibits, including the "Ship of Gold"; attend excellent educational presentations; witness the auctioning of a 1913 Liberty Head nickel; play the ANA's Treasure Trivia Game; and obtain an autograph from United States Mint Director Jay W. Johnson.

"The show was just great!" says ANA President H. Robert Campbell, who also served as general chairman of the event. "It ranks up there as one of the best ANA spring conventions we have had. My committee and the ANA staff put in a lot of work preparing for the show."

KSTU-TV conducted live news broadcasts from the show on opening day, focusing on the many highlights, including the "Ship of Gold" — a \$20 million display of California Gold Rush treasure recovered from the 1857 wreck of the S.S. Central America. (The exhibit was presented by the California Gold Marketing Group and will be displayed this summer at the ANA World's Fair of Money in Atlanta, Georgia.)

Television and newspapers also produced extensive coverage of the sale of the finest example of the famed 1913 Liberty Head nickel offered by ANA auctioneer and convention title sponsor Superior Galleries of Beverly Hills, California. The piece sold for a record \$1.84 million to well-known sports agent and rare coin dealer Dwight Manley of Newport Beach, California, who also is one of the principals of the California Gold Marketing Group. Superior reported total gross sales of \$4,244,890 from the two auction sessions.

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, ANA or CNA sponsored or co-sponsored.

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MAR 23-25 PACIFIC NORTHWEST COIN, CURRENCY & BULLION SHOW, Tacoma Dome, I-5 Exit 133, Tacoma, Wa.

MAR 31-APR 1 MID-VALLEY COIN CLUB SHOW, Alterra Villas of Albany, 1565 Davidson St. S.E., Albany, Ore.

APR 1 SPRING BELLEVUE COIN SHOW, Bellevue Inn, 11211 Main St., Bellevue, Wa.

APR 7 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave No., Kent, Wa.

APR 7-8 VANCOUVER NUMISMATIC SOCIETY ANNUAL COIN SHOW, Oakridge Auditorium, 41st & Cambie Street, Vancouver, B.C.

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

APR 13-14 WILLAMETTE VALLEY COIN CLUB SHOW, Doubletree Inn, Lloyd Center, Portland, Or.

APR 15-21 NATIONAL COIN WEEK. Theme: "Faces of Time."

APR 21-22 BELLINGHAM COIN & STAMP SHOW, Ferndale Band Boosters Building, Exit 262 off I-5, 5330 La Bounty Dr, Ferndale, Wa.

APR 29 NORTH WEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, King Oscar Motel, 88th & So. Hosmer, Tacoma, Wa.

MAY 4-5-6 PACIFIC NORTHWEST NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION, Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave. So., Tukwila, Wa.

MAY 12 ISSAQUAH-EASTSIDE COIN SHOW, Holiday Inn, 1801 12th Ave. NW., Issaquah, Wa.

MAY 26-27 GREATER TACOMA COIN SHOW, LaQuinta Inn, I-5 & Portland Ave., Tacoma, Wa.

MAY 26-27 SRINGFIELD-EUGENE COIN, CURRENCY & TOKEN SHOW, 2777 Centennial Blvd., Eugene, Ore.

JUN 9 KIRKLAND-EASTSIDE COIN SHOW, Kirkland Best Western Inn, 12223 NE 116th, Kirkland, Wa.

JUN 30 – JUL 1 VANCOUVER COIN EXPO, Marshall Recreation Center, Exit 1C off I-5. 1009 McLoughlin Blvd., Vancouver, Wa.

JUL 8 SUMMER BELLEVUE COIN SHOW, Bellevue Inn, 11211 Main St., Bellevue, Wa.

JUL 14-15 NORTH WEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY'S 15th ANNUAL CONVENTION, Marshall Recreation Center, Exit 1C off I-5, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd., Vancouver, Wa.

JUL 21 OLYMPIA/SOUTH SOUND COIN SHOW, VFW Hall, 2902½ Martin Way, Olympia, Wa.

JUL 26-29 CANADIAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION, Quebec City, Quebec.

AUG 2-5 ATLANTA "PRE" COIN SHOW, Gwinnett Civic Center, Duluth, Georgia.

AUG 8-12 ANA World's Fair of Money®, Atlanta, Georgia.

AUG 25-26 WASHINGTON STATE 22nd ANNUAL COIN SHOW, LaQuinta Inn, I-5 & Portland Ave, Tacoma, Wa.

SEP 7-23 PUYALLUP FAIR (PNNA-sponsored coin exhibit in Hobby Hall).

SEP 7-9 PACIFIC NORTHWEST COIN, CURRENCY & BULLION SHOW, Tacoma Dome, I-5 Exit 133, Tacoma, Wa.

SEP 8-9 NORTH SHORE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY COIN EXPO., North Shore Recreation Center, No. Vancouver, B.C.

SEP 15 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. No., Kent, Wa.

SEP 15-16 OREGON STATE 8TH ANNUAL COIN SHOW, Holiday Inn, Portland Airport, Portland, Or.

SEP 16 NORTH WEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, King Oscar Motel, 88th & So. Hosmer, Tacoma, Wa.

OCT 13 KIRKLAND-EASTSIDE COIN SHOW, Kirkland Best Western Inn, 12223 NE 116th, Kirkland, Wa.

NOV 3-4 TACOMA-LAKEWOOD COIN CLUB SHOW, LaQuinta Inn, I-5 & Portland Ave. Tacoma, Wa.

NOV 10 ISSAQUAH-EASTSIDE COIN SHOW, Holiday Inn, 1801 12th Ave. NW., Issaquah, Wa.

NOV 17-18 EVERETT COIN CLUB 41st ANNUAL SHOW, Normanna Hall, 2723 Oakes Ave., Everett, Wa.

NOV 24-25 THE HOLIDAY COIN SHOW, LaQuinta Inn, I-5 & Portland Ave., Tacoma, Wa.

NOV 24-25 SALEM COIN CLUB-COIN & STAMP SHOW, Red Lion Hotel, 3301 Market St., Salem, Or.