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President's Message *by Scott Loos*

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With summer gone and fall just around the corner, it is time once again to fall back into the usual mix of coin shows, club meetings and collecting. The summer was very busy with our trip to the ANA Summer Seminar ... 450 students over two weeks of nonstop numismatic education, fun and fellowship ... and topped off with one of the best ANA conventions in recent memory. The bourse floor was packed, business was brisk and numismatic opportunities abounded - including the chance to see all five 1913 Liberty nickels!!! Here are a few updates on upcoming PNNA projects.

PNNA Convention — The 2004 convention will be held April 23-25, 2004 at the Tukwila Community Center. The bourse floor is almost sold out (just two tables remaining) and will feature a larger ancient / foreign section in addition to a great selection of U.S. dealers. We are also looking at bringing in an exciting slate of speakers — look for more details in *The Nor'wester* as information develops.

PNNA Scholarship Program — 2004 scholarship applications to the ANA Summer Seminar will be available with the next issue of *The Nor'wester* (as soon as ANA finalizes the class listings).

PNNA Seminar Series — TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!! The PNNA and ANA are co-sponsoring two separate seminars the weekend of October 24-26, 2003 to be held at the Tukwila/SeaTac area Courtyard Marriott Hotel. Attendees will have their choice of either "Grading U.S. Coins" or "Ancient Roman and Byzantine Coinage." Seminar tuition is \$350 for the grading class and \$325 for the Roman and Byzantine class. A \$25 discount will be offered to PNNA members and an additional \$25 discount will be offered to ANA members. Both seminars include lunches and beverages for all three days. Seminar students will receive ANA certificates of completion for each class — furthermore, the "Grading U.S. Coins" class will fulfill the ANA Numismatic Diploma grading requirement. For more information and a seminar flyer, please contact Scott Loos. The seminar registration forms

can also be found on the ANA website, www.money.org (under the education listings).

Coins in the Classroom — For those of you who are middle school teachers (or know of one who may be interested), the ANA is sponsoring an expense-paid opportunity to the first 25 qualified applicants to attend their "Coins in the Classroom" class in Clearwater Beach Florida over the year-end holiday break. See the ANA News on page 5 for details.

The PNNA board is also interested in hearing other ideas and suggestions for programs that we can undertake in the future. Please feel free to contact me any time.

PNNA Board Meeting Schedule

- October 18 at the Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club Show in University Place (at the close of bourse hours).
- January 17 at the Boeing Employees Coin Club Show in Kent (at the close of bourse hours).
- March 27 at the ANA Convention in Portland. (Before the bourse opens — time and location pending availability and scheduling with ANA).
- April 24 at the convention in Tukwila. Board meeting at 8:00 AM and General Membership meeting at close of bourse at 6:00 PM.

That's all for now...

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WOO-HOOO THE PUYALLUP

The PNNA again sponsored a coin collecting table and exhibit at the Puyallup Fair, 5-21 September 2003. Several Puget Sound clubs volunteered to sponsor one or more days of the fair by staffing the table. Thank you to all of the clubs and individuals who assisted.

Bob Everett Memorial Award

It is time to nominate individuals to receive the Bob Everett memorial award in 2004. If you know of someone who has made valuable contributions to numismatics in the Pacific Northwest, please send secretary Boling a statement describing the individual's work. (See address on page 1.)

Boling's Ride for Multiple Sclerosis

PNNA secretary/treasurer Joe Boling was able to collect over \$1,600 in pledges from those who supported his two-day bicycle ride to benefit the National MS Society (in honor of longtime PNNA stalwart Marge Farnam). Many of those pledgers were PNNA members — thank you to all who assisted.

Exhibits at the 2003 ANA Convention

Fifty-nine exhibitors showed ninety-four competitive exhibits at the Baltimore ANA convention; two were from PNNA members. Eric Holcomb entered an exhibit titled *George Washington Large & Small Eagle Cents from the Eliasberg Collection*, and Ken Hill showed *A 1919 Buffalo Nickel with Multiple Errors*, winning second place in the errors class.

PNNA officers or members Ken Hill, Eric Holcomb, Scott Loos, Tom Sheehan and Joe Boling served as judges in Baltimore.

2004 PNNA CONVENTION

After another successful convention in Tukwila in April, the PNNA will hold its 2004 convention in the same facility on the weekend of April 23-25, 2004. Dick Billings will again serve as convention general chairman for 2004.

Exhibits at the 2004 PNNA Convention

Now is the time to build your exhibits for next spring's PNNA convention in Seattle. There are also opportunities to show exhibits at the Everett show (November) and the Boeing show (January); use these shows as proving grounds for your April entries.

Don't forget that the best exhibitor at the PNNA convention earns \$200 toward the expense of taking the

winning exhibit to the ANA summer convention in the same year (the ANA will be in Pittsburgh in 2003).

Any club that wants a program on exhibit-building should contact the PNNA secretary at the address/phone in the masthead.

Exhibits at the ANA 2004 Spring Convention (National Money Show)

The ANA "early spring convention" (National Money Show™) in 2004 will be in Portland, Oregon. The dates are 26-28 March (Friday-Sunday). If you are interested in exhibiting there, write to ANA headquarters (attention Barbara Olson) and request the exhibit rules and application. The case limit for spring shows is completely different from summer shows (up to fifteen cases if you show only one exhibit), which provides an opportunity to show the large exhibit you have always had in the back of your mind. Don't delay - the exhibit application deadline will be in late February.

Please Update Your Club and Coin Show Information

If you are a member of a Northwest coin club, please verify that your club's contact information is correct on the PNNA website (<http://www.pnna.org/clubs.html>) as well as on the ANA web site for ANA member clubs (<http://www.money.org/clublist.html>). If the contact information is not correct, please let Eric Holcomb (e-mail Eric@Holcomb.com) know about it! Eric is the PNNA webmaster as well as the ANA Regional Rep, so he can help you update the information!

Likewise, if your club or organization is hosting a coin show or special event, and the event isn't listed (or is incorrect) on the PNNA event calendar (<http://www.money.org/calendar.html>), please let Eric know about it! Del Cushing will continue to be the official contact for the printed version of the calendar (see page 6), however if you don't also notify Eric by e-mail, your event may not appear on the PNNA website for up to three months! To request an ANA calendar listing in *Numismatist* magazine, please see the on-line form at <http://www.money.org/calendarofeventsform.html>

Best Wishes, Del

We extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Del Cushing as he enters heart surgery the last week of September. We thank Del for his many years of service to the PNNA, including his efforts in editing and mailing *The Nor'wester*, and maintaining the coin show calendar.

The Nero you do not know

by Joseph Kleinman

Many of us consider the Emperor Nero to be one of the most evil men ever to march across the stage of world history. Right up there with Hitler, Stalin and our present day adversaries in the war on terror. But if we take an objective view and look at the facts, we come to the conclusion that history doesn't support all the bad press that is heaped upon the head of Nero.

Before going into some specifics associated with the career of Nero let's begin with his background and early education. Nero was a Roman Patrician and as such received a liberal education. In particular he was schooled in philosophy and law and studied the classics in both Latin and Greek. He was an accomplished athlete, artist and actor. In fact, it was his artistic activities that caused the nobility of Roman society to ridicule him.

Suetonius, in his Lives of the Twelve Caesars, reports that he had a deep booming voice that would have required good training and much practice. He came to the throne in AD 54 at the age of 16. Early in his reign he improved the economy, reduced taxes and was generally kind and generous. The young emperor was even interested in the artistic merit associated with the coinage issued by his mints and did much to improve its style.

The two most dastardly and cowardly acts attributed to Nero was his starting the Great Fire of Rome in AD 64 and then blaming the Christians for the blaze in order to shift suspicion away from himself. Let's examine those charges. In the first place, Nero wasn't anywhere near the city when the fire broke out, but at his villa 35 miles away. When he received the news he rushed back to the city and made every effort to have the fire extinguished. Then he organized aid for the victims after the blaze was put out. At that time there were few Christians in Rome and the ones that were there were considered to be Jewish. Nero at the time was married to Poppaea, a woman who was well disposed to the Jews so any policy established against the Christians would have been opposed by Poppaea whom Nero loved. Additionally, there is no mention of a Christian persecution in the writings of Josephus, a Jewish Historian and a contemporary of Nero. Most importantly, there is no mention of a Christian persecution in any of the New Testament writings. Perhaps the only New Testament reference to Nero may be found in The Book of Revelation written by written by the Apostle John who mentions "The Beast." This reference may be associated with the first Jewish War against Rome which broke out in AD 66, two years before the death of Nero.

The coin illustrated is a silver Denarius showing Nero and a Jupiter reverse. The picture of a good artist gone bad.



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ANA'S Baltimore Show is Historic!

The ANA World's Fair of Money® 2003 in Baltimore was one for the history books. The show attracted more than 13,000 people to the Baltimore Convention Center, July 30-August 3, and opened with the announcement that all in attendance would have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see all five known specimens of the 1913 Liberty Head nickels on display for the first time in more than 80 years. The coins were produced 90 years ago under mysterious circumstances when the United States Mint was changing from the Liberty Head to the Buffalo design. ANA Executive Director Christopher Cipoletti made the announcement at the show's opening ceremonies on Wednesday, July 30. Four of the five coins were scheduled to be exhibited at the show. The fifth specimen disappeared 41 years ago when its owner, George O. Walton, died in an automobile accident. California sports agent Dwight Manley, Legend Numismatics (of Lincroft, New Jersey), the Smithsonian Institution and the ANA Money Museum each agreed to loan their respective 1913 Liberty Head nickels for the exhibit. However, hours before the convention opened, relatives of the late George Walton brought their piece forward for authentication. Told in the 1960s that their rarity was one of many altered-date coins produced over the years, Walton's relatives kept the piece closeted for four decades. They brought it out of hiding when a nationwide search for the missing genuine specimen was begun in late May by Bowers and Merena Galleries, official auctioneer for the ANA show. The firm offered a minimum of \$1 million for the coin's return and sale.

Two lengthy and exhausting examinations of the Walton coin began Tuesday morning, July 29, and continued late into the night. At 12:15 a.m. Wednesday, after comparing the Walton piece with the other four specimens, the fifth 1913 Liberty Head was declared genuine by authenticators Paul Montgomery and Mark

Borckhardt of Bowers and Merena Galleries, and experts John Dannreuther, Jeff Garrett, David Hall and Fred Weinberg. Word of the historic exhibit spread quickly, with stories carried by the Associated Press news wire service, NBC's Today Show, CBS radio, National Public Radio's All Things Considered, as well as Baltimore and Washington, D.C., area newspapers, television and radio stations. (An extensive media advertising and publicity campaign for the convention was orchestrated by the ANA Public Relations Department and Minkus & Pearlman.)

Long lines of convention attendees waited patiently every day of the show to see the display produced by ANA Museum Curator Lawrence Lee. The exhibit case included a list of owners, a vintage leather case that once housed all five of the coins and other material related to these numismatic rarities. A special exhibit case was provided by Diamond International Galleries of Timonium, Maryland, which also mounted a \$3 million display of paintings and sculptures depicting Disney's famous cartoon character Scrooge McDuck in money-related themes. The artwork, brochures about the Liberty Head nickel exhibit, posters and a limited-issue reprint of a 1940s Donald Duck comic book were provided by Diamond International and Gemstone Publishing.

Nearly 400 individuals joined or renewed their membership at the convention, and the ANA sold more than 1,000 "World Mints Passports," which offered attendees the opportunity to collect coins from 15 countries at the show.

Dealers were active throughout the convention, as people bought and sold coins, paper money, tokens and medals. ANA Library and Museum Services staffs were busy with book signings, reference help and numismatic valuations. The United States Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) displayed its \$1 Billion Exhibit, which includes examples of \$100,000 bills. Also exhibited for the first time in Baltimore were sheets of the new, more colorful \$20 bills that will begin circulating this fall. BEP Director Thomas Ferguson spoke about the new bills at one of six news conferences at the show, where representatives from the mints of France, Japan, Singapore, United Kingdom and the Athens 2004 Olympic Games Coin Program talked about their new products. The British Royal Mint, in conjunction with New Zealand Post and New Line Cinema, launched The Lord of the Rings coin program at the show. Henrietta Holsman Fore, director of the U.S. Mint, conducted an open forum to gather collector and dealer input, and spent hours signing souvenir cards. The recently organized Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee held an open meeting, where

members discussed the designs of upcoming State quarters and the new Jefferson nickel.

The official auction by Bowers and Merena Galleries of Mandeville, Louisiana, and Lyn Knight Currency Auctions of Overland Park, Kansas, realized nearly \$12.8 million. Among the nearly 5,300 lots offered, was a Class III 1804 Bust dollar consigned by ANA Governor-elect Don Kagin that sold for \$1,207,500 to Beverly Hills dealer Kevin Lipton. It was the first time one of these rarities was auctioned at an ANA convention.

At the Awards and Installation Banquet on Saturday, August 2, Charles J. Ricard, Charles N. Ricard and the Lighthouse Family were presented the Farran Zerbe Memorial Award for Distinguished Service, the Association's highest honor; the Albert L. Baber Family received the ANA's Lifetime Achievement Award; Ron Landis of the Gallery Mint Museum received the Numismatic Art Award for Excellence in Medallion Sculpture; the Dallas Coin Club was recognized for 75 years of club membership; and the Corpus Christi (Texas) Coin Club, Inland (Washington) Empire Coin Club and Long Island (New York) Coin Club celebrated 50 years of ANA membership. At the conclusion of the banquet, the newly elected ANA Board of Governors for the 2003-05 term was installed: President Gary E. Lewis; Vice President William H. Horton Jr.; and Governors M. Remy Bourne, Arthur M. Fitts III, Alan Herbert, Donald H. Kagin, Will Rossman, Barry Stuppler and John W. Wilson.

For additional ANA news, please see page 5.



*Entry to the ANA Baltimore convention exhibit hall, early on Saturday morning!
Note the new ANA logos.*

*For more photos, see:
http://www.pnna.org/ana_2003.html*

American Numismatic Association News

Middle School Teachers Offered “Coins in the Classroom” Course in Florida — The innovative new course for middle school teachers — “Coins in the Classroom” — introduced this year by the ANA, will be offered over the year-end holidays in sunny Clearwater Beach, Florida.

“Specifically designed to help middle school teachers augment their curriculum in social studies, mathematics and other related disciplines, this course was an amazing success at ANA’s Summer Seminar in July,” says Gail Baker, ANA director of education. The response was so strong, that the ANA is offering the expense-paid three-day course at the end of the year.

“No prior experience with coin collecting is necessary,” Baker adds. “The course demonstrates how the study of coins provides a special and easy link to various subjects. By examining why coins are made and how they are used, students gain insight into how societies exist and function.”

A teacher who took the course last summer said, “It was the best continuing education course he had ever attended.” Another teacher contacted the ANA to see about offering the program to his colleagues district-wide. A third teacher is using “Coins in the Classroom” for this year’s theme for his school’s newspaper. Middle school teachers taking the course will be involved in interactive discussions and workshops directed toward understanding how coins from ancient to modern civilizations in Europe, Asia and the United States can be used in several curriculum areas. They will have the opportunity to interact with teachers from throughout the United States as part of the ANA School of Numismatics.

Taught by Dr. Lane J. Brunner, a numismatist and professor at The University of Texas, the course is limited to 25 middle school teachers. Acceptance in the program includes tuition, four nights (December 29-31) at the Hilton Clearwater Beach Resort, daily buffet breakfast, transportation reimbursement up to \$300, a welcome reception and a New Year’s Eve gala. The ANA will work with participants to secure continuing education credits. Optional activities and excursions are available for spouses and children.

“All of the teachers who took the course last summer said they will use what they learned in their classroom and hope to attend Seminar again to learn more about numismatics,” Baker says. “The teachers have asked ANA to establish a list server so they can stay connected and share curriculum ideas—an idea we have embraced and should be operational later in September.”

The ANA will offer its “Coins in the Classroom” course again at the 2004 Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, Colorado. More than 20 courses and seven mini-seminars are offered during each of the two one-week sessions. Classes are held at the ANA and on the campus of Colorado College. Financial aid is available. For more information and an application for “Coins in the Classroom” in Florida, contact Gail Baker, ANA Director of Education, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903; phone 719-632-2646 ext. 153; e-mail education@money.org.

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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. Shows will occasionally be subject to changes or cancellations.

2003

SEP 27-28 OREGON STATE FALL COIN SHOW, Holiday Inn (Ballroom) Portland Airport, 8439 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, OR

OCT 3-5 SACRAMENTO COIN EXPO, Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 "J" Street, Sacramento, CA

OCT 4 (9 AM - 3 PM) KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

OCT 4 SKAGIT VALLEY COIN CLUB SHOW, Cranberry Restaurant, Mt. Vernon, WA

OCT 4-5 CAVEMAN COIN CLUB COIN, CURRENCY & STAMP SHOW, Josephine City Fairgrounds, Grants Pass, OR

OCT 11-12 TRI-CITIES COIN, STAMP, CARD & JEWELRY SHOW, Hampton Inn, 486 Bradley Ave., Richland, WA

OCT 12 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Eagles #1, Corson & Michigan, Seattle, WA

OCT 18-19 TACOMA-LAKEWOOD COIN CLUB SHOW, University Place Community Hall, 37th & Bridgeport, Tacoma, WA

OCT 24-26 PNNA/ANA SEMINARS. CHOICE OF U.S. COIN GRADING OR ROMAN AND BYZANTINE COINAGE, TUKWILA, WA.

NOV 1 KIRKLAND-EASTSIDE COIN SHOW, Kirkland Best Western Inn, 12223 NE 116th, Kirkland, WA

NOV 8-9 INLAND EMPIRE COIN CLUB'S 2003 FALL COIN, CARD & STAMP SHOW, Sons of Norway Hall, 6710 N. Country Homes Blvd., Spokane, WA

NOV 14-16 PACIFIC NORTHWEST COIN, CURRENCY & BULLION SHOW®, Tacoma Dome, Tacoma, WA

NOV 22-23 EVERETT COIN CLUB 43rd ANNUAL SHOW, Normanna Hall, 2723 Oakes Ave., Everett, WA

NOV 29-30 THE HOLIDAY COIN SHOW, University Place Community Hall, 37th & Bridgeport, Tacoma, WA

DEC 6 OLYMPIA/SOUTH SOUND COIN SHOW VFW Hall, 2902½ Martin Way, Olympia, WA

DEC 7 (10 AM - 1 PM) NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, King Oscar Motel, 8820 So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

DEC 13 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

DEC 14 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Eagles #1, Corson & Michigan, Seattle, WA

2004

JAN 3-4 GREATER TACOMA COIN SHOW, University Place Community Hall, 37th & Bridgeport, Tacoma, WA

JAN 17-18 BOEING EMPLOYEES' COIN CLUB SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

JAN 29-FEB 1 LONG BEACH COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES EXPO LONG BEACH CONV. CENTER, LONG BEACH, CA

JAN 31 OLYMPIA COIN CLUB SHOW, VFW Hall 2902½ Martin Way, Olympia, WA

FEB 7 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

FEB 8 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Eagles #1, Corson & Michigan, Seattle, WA

FEB 14 KIRKLAND-EASTSIDE COIN SHOW, Kirkland Best Western Inn, 12223 NE 116th, Kirkland, WA

FEB 21-22 MCMINNVILLE COIN & STAMP SHOW, Spirit Mt. Casino, Highway 18, Grande, OR

MAR 5-7 PACIFIC NORTHWEST COIN, CURRENCY & BULLION SHOW®, Tacoma Dome, Tacoma, WA

MAR 6-7 GRAYS HARBOR COINS, STAMPS & COLLECTIBLES SHOW, South Shore Mall, Aberdeen, WA

MAR 13-14 TACOMA-LAKEWOOD COIN CLUB SHOW, University Place Community Hall, 37th & Bridgeport, Tacoma, WA

MAR 22 (Dealer Day) MAR 23-24 OREGON STATE SPRING COIN SHOW, Holiday Inn, Portland Airport Convention Center, 8439 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, OR

MAR 26-28 ANA National Money Show™, Portland, OR

MAR 27-28 BELLINGHAM COIN EXPO, Hampton Inn, 3985 Bennett Dr., Exit 258, Bellingham, WA

APR 10 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

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

APR 19-25 National Coin Week (81st Annual)

APR 23-24-25 PACIFIC NORTHWEST NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION (55th Annual), Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave. South, Tukwila, WA