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President's Message *by Scott Loos*

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I hope that you have all had an enjoyable holiday season and wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year!!! There are two exciting numismatic events coming up during the next few months ... the first will be the ANA National Money Show March 26-28 in Portland and the second will be our own convention in Tukwila the weekend of April 23-25. Both venues will provide educational events, exhibits, club meetings, YN Programs and a wide variety of local, regional and national dealers. 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 sold out and we are now in the process of accepting names for the waiting list. The show 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 are now available (enclosed with this issue of *Nor'Wester*). PNNA is offering TWO scholarships this year - one adult and one YN (ages 13-22). Each package includes round trip airfare, seminar tuition and room/board on the campus of The Colorado College (approximate value of \$1,000). If you are interested in attending the seminar - please apply - someone is going to win the scholarships - it might as well be YOU!!! Please contact me for additional applications or seminar brochures (Class info is also available on the ANA website at www.money.org. Deadline for receipt of applications will be March 15, 2004.)

PNNA Seminar Series — The PNNA and ANA co-sponsored two separate seminars the weekend of October 24-26, 2003. Attendees had their choice of either "Grading U.S. Coins" or "Ancient Roman and Byzantine Coinage." Both seminars were successful and plans are underway for another seminar in the Fall of 2004.

YN "Design a Quarter" Contest — Aimed at the 5th and 6th grade levels, the "Design a Quarter" contest reached over 20 classrooms last year. The program, in participation with local coin clubs and collectors, will promote awareness of the 50 States Quarter Program and give the kids an opportunity to submit their designs of what they think should appear on our statehood quarters. Clubs will locate teachers/schools/classrooms willing to participate in the program, coordinate the delivery and pickup of quarter design sheets, provide a current statehood quarter for each participating student (additional prizes/materials can be distributed at club's discretion), judge each classroom's submissions to select a classroom winner, and finally submit the winning classroom designs to the PNNA for display and final judging at the PNNA convention in April. The PNNA will provide design sheets/design criteria, provide one silver eagle for the winning design from each participating classroom (limit of two classrooms per club - additional classrooms can be funded at the club's expense), provide exhibit space for the winning designs at the PNNA convention, and provide the grand prize of a 1/4 ounce gold eagle. Interested clubs should contact me at 425-831-8789 or via email at scottloos@msn.com for more information and to sign up for the program. Final designs must be submitted to PNNA no later than April 15, 2004.

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.

2004 DUES ARE DUE

PNNA dues are assessed annually in January. Please send your dues to the secretary, Joseph Boling, using the envelope enclosed, or send your payment to Joe electronically by PayPal at e-mail joeboling@aol.com (or by using the PayPal "subscribe" buttons on the PNNA website). Individual dues are \$10; family groups and clubs are \$15. Individual life membership is \$200 (there is no club or family life membership category). If you believe you are already paid for 2004, check the mailing label on this issue of *The Nor'wester*. Members not paid by convention time will not receive *The Nor'wester* after that date.

Exhibits at the 2004 PNNA Convention

Exhibits must be in place by noon on Saturday 24 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 17 April so that those cases can be available.

Note: a PNNA exhibit application will be published in March 2004. If you need an application sooner, please see the PNNA website, or contact the secretary at the address in the letterhead.

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, 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 PNNA application; if you have a copy of the ANA rules, you can determine what those references are without having the PNNA rules in hand.

Following are the exhibit classes used by the PNNA:

Competitive exhibits

Best-of-Show — Byron F. Johnson, Jr. Memorial

Best exhibit of tokens or medals — C. E. "Hepp" Heppner Memorial

Classified exhibit awards

Class 1 - United States and Canadian coins

Class 2 - United States and Canadian paper money

Class 3 - Tokens, medals, and decorations

Class 4 - World coins and paper money

Class 5 - General or specialized

Class 6 - Pacific Northwest numismatic material

Non-competitive exhibits

No specific awards

From Exhibit Chairman Larry Rowe:

Have you been planning your exhibit for the next PNNA convention? If not, now is the time to be thinking about that exhibit you always wanted to build and display. Use the Exhibit Application Form (see mes-

sage above) to reserve your display space and display cases. Send your forms to Larry Rowe, PO Box 61621, Vancouver, WA 98666 by April 17, 2004.

Have a great experience exhibiting at PNNA!

Exhibits at the ANA 2004 Spring Convention

The ANA early spring convention in 2004 will be in Portland. 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. APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 1 MARCH.

Exhibits at the ANA 2004 Anniversary Convention

If you want to exhibit at the ANA anniversary convention in Pittsburgh in August, ask ANA for an exhibit application now (see the information above about how to apply). THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 21 JUNE 2004.

New Policies at Washington Mutual Bank

I (your treasurer) received an insert in the last monthly PNNA savings account statement with zillions of new regulations. Of particular interest is one that says: "Effective immediately, safeboxes shall not be used for the storage of coin or currency." I called the telephone banking number to check this out. What they call safeboxes are, indeed, what the rest of the world calls safe deposit boxes. When I asked the reason for the rule, I was given a runaround that seemed to center on liability. Well, guess what - the bank is already not liable for anything, and they also have a rule limiting their non-liability to \$10,000. The contract for a box specifically tells the renter to acquire separate insurance. I then asked why jewels, stamps, sports cards, and other such items were considered OK, but not coins and notes. No reply. She promised to have the rule makers respond; so far, they have not. I recommend that you lodge strong objections to this asinine policy, and if not satisfied, remove accounts from WAMu. I am waiting to see what they have to say (if anything) to my telephone query.

2004 PNNA Convention

by Show Chairman Richard Billings

As we already announced, the show has been sold out for almost three months now at 101 dealer tables. We have started a waiting list. I am not certain how many names are on it at this date but I do know there are at least one or two. The program is still "gelling" and we're most anxious to get either the newly elected ANA President or Vice President here for the show. Judging from what I've been hearing from dealers and what I read about current shows, it looks like 2004 could be a banner for the numismatists. Of special interest to those of us who collect foreign coins, the show this year will have at least a half dozen dealers who specialize in foreign material. Because of the additional table we have added to the program this year (please don't ask how we squeezed it in), there will be some changes in the basic floor plan to better accommodate everyone, especially the exhibitors. I think everyone will find the new floor plan quite attractive and functional. Hope to see all you there!

Bob Everett Memorial Award

It's time for the committee to select a recipient for the Bob Everett award, to be announced (and hopefully presented, if the awardee is present) at the 2004 PNNA convention. The recipient need not be a PNNA member; s/he need only be someone who has promoted numismatics in the Pacific Northwest during 2003.

Please send your nominations (name and achievements that merit receipt of this award) to one of the committee members: Larry Rowe, Jim Paine, Eric Holcomb, Del Cushing, Ray Mah.

Call for Nominations by Larry Rowe

It is once again time to call for nominations for the next election. President Scott Loos has appointed me to serve as Election Chairman. Now is your opportunity to nominate someone to serve as an officer or director of PNNA. Any member in good standing may nominate any other member in good standing to run for office. Those whose names are submitted will receive a consent form to confirm their willingness to serve. Nominations are sought for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and for ten members of the Board of Directors. Carefully select your candidates and submit your choices by Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004 to Larry Rowe, PO Box 61621, Vancouver, WA 98666. You may also nominate by phone at 360-573-9827 or e-mail at medalman@pacifier.com. It's your organization, nominate those people you want to lead it for the next two years.

ANA/PNNA Seminar: October 24-26, 2003 Tukwila, Washington

Learning and understanding are the two essentials on the road to becoming a numismatist. Three days in October brought an opportunity to develop those essential skills to a group of twenty-five numismatists to the joint ANA/PNNA seminar from as far away as Toronto, Canada.

Two classes were offered. The first involved the sticky subject of grading United States Coinage. The second centered on the study of Roman and Byzantine coinage.

Grading is at best an inexact science and a concern for all collectors. Expert instructors Mary Sauvain and Jerry Bobbe kept the class on track viewing and handling many examples of raw and certified coins. By examining a coin carefully to determine what actual wear is and what is an attempt to artificially "improve" the appearance, the students learned how to avoid making an expensive mistake.

Understanding how to look at a coin is "job one" to quote the Ford Motor Company. Viewing a coin as a whole is the first step; before you pick up a glass look at the entire coin. You must determine the difference between the flow marks that are part of the minting process and hairlines caused by harsh and inexpert cleaning in order to be able to protect yourself as a collector or dealer from purchasing an impaired treasure.

The Roman and Byzantine class was shepherded by instructors David Vagi and Larry Gaye. It was a true marathon examining these two coinages that spanned the period from the late third century BC to the death of the Eastern Roman Emperor Zeno in 491 AD. The coinage of the Byzantines began with the coinage reform of Anastasius I in 498 AD ended with the fall of the city of Constantinople in May of 1453, just forty years short of the European discovery of America. A thousand years of coins and types.

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Coin types, metals and mints were examined by the students. Examples from each time period were examined and discussed. One of the beauties of studying ancient coins is that they are easily handled without the fear of damaging mint state examples, as there are in reality very few mint state examples. Bronze coinage was the money of the people and wear is expected yet high condition is respected. It all circulated and that is part of the allure of ancient coinage, who han-

dled these wonderful artifacts.

These classes are always a super-charged way to take your hobby to a new level, meet new collectors and make new friends. Summer Seminar is coming, won't you join us?



Group photo of the US coin grading class.



Group photo of the Roman and Byzantine coin class.

One of the Worst
by Joseph Kleinman

In my last submission I shared some historical information associated with the Emperor Nero. Nero although by no means a sweetheart nevertheless had some redeeming qualities. This time I will introduce an individual who in my opinion was one of the worst emperors to ever govern the Roman Empire. He is known by the name Elagabalus. Elagabalus, however, is not his name — it is the name of the god he worshipped. The name he took after becoming emperor was Marcus Aurelius Antoninus, after one of the most pious and good emperors. This particular individual was a boy of 14 when his grandmother Julia Mesea, related to the Emperor Septimius Severus, initiated a coup against the then Emperor Macrinus. These events accord in AD 218. Once becoming emperor he and his family journeyed to Rome arriving in July of 219. Once there he began a career of vice and cruelty which

deeply offended the more conservative Romans. Among his more outrageous offences was his marriage to three different women of the patrician class one of whom was a Vestal Virgin. One of his wives was a noble woman Anna Faustina who was of the house of Marcus Aurelius and was reported to be between 35 and 45 years of age. So vile and gross were his amusements that they cannot be related in a publication of this nature but can be accessed by reading the ancient historians, one of whom is Dio Cassius. The 19th century historian S.W. Stevenson called Elagabalus “the most cruel and infamous wretch that ever disgraced humanity and polluted a throne.” As a consequence of his well deserved unpopularity, his grandmother persuaded him to declare his cousin Severus Alexander as Caesar. The young Alexander soon became popular with the army and Elagabalus tried on several occasions to have him assassinated. Finally in the year 222 the Praetorian Guard placed Alexander under their protection and murdered their emperor and his mother and threw their bodies into the River Tiber to the general rejoicing of the Roman World.

The coin is a Silver Denarius showing the emperor's bust and the naked figure of the sun god whom he worshipped.



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Del's Recovery

In the last issue of *The Nor'wester*, we extended our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Del Cushing as he entered heart surgery the last week of September. Fortunately Del has indeed made a speedy recovery and is now a regular attendee at coin club meetings again! You can see Del at the Boeing Employees Coin Club annual show in January. (See the calendar.)

American Numismatic Association News

ANA Hires Two Employees To Provide Creative Services to Members/Museum

As part of the recently announced re-organization and ongoing efforts to improve services to its 31,500 members, the American Numismatic Association has hired a Graphics Director and a Registrar/Museum Collection Manager, according to Christopher Cipoletti, ANA Executive Director.

ANA members and the general public will quickly see the work of the association's Graphics Director, Leslie Wigington, who has extensive experience in computer-aided design as well as journalism and public relations. "She will create consumer information brochures about numismatics, update and improve the ANA web site, and assist advertisers with designing their ads in the ANA's monthly *Numismatist* magazine," explained Cipoletti. "Her work will enhance all of the ANA publications we'll be producing for members and the general public, from the magazine to the convention programs to educational brochures."

The new Registrar/Collection Manager, Erik Heikkenen, will catalog, track and manage the extensive holdings in the recently remodeled Money Museum at ANA headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He earned a Masters Degree in Museum and Field Studies at the University of Colorado and for the past six years has served as either Curator or Assistant Curator at galleries and historical centers in Colorado and Minnesota. "His experience in museum and gallery exhibitions, collection management and administration will immediately help the ANA streamline its accessioning process of Museum items. Working with our local team of museum volunteers, Eric will be organizing and cataloguing our collection so that we can continue to use it in new exhibits, both in the Money Museum and in traveling exhibits that will be displayed at future ANA conventions around the country," said Cipoletti.

"The ANA is continuing to develop its programs for greater outreach to the membership. The ANA's membership has grown over the last year from approximately 29,500 members to more than 31,500 current members. With this membership growth, the Association will focus resources on programs to benefit the membership and bring information and education about numismatics to current and prospective members," he explained.

For additional information about the American Numismatic Association 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903, go to the ANA web site, www.money.org, or call (800) 367-9723.

Other press releases available on ANA web site:

- Library Officially Dedicated in Honor of Dwight N. Manley.
- "¡Viva la Revolución!" New Money Museum Exhibit Tells Story of Mexico's Revolution.

PNNA Officers 2002-2004

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Tom Sheehan is looking
for information on the panic scrip of
1893, 1907 and 1914 from anywhere
in the country. Tom is also interested
in Washington State Nationals.

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Deadline for submission of material for 2nd Quarter 2004 Nor'wester: March 10, 2003.

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

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

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.

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
PNNA board meeting on Saturday at 5:00 PM.

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

FEB 21-22 MCMINNVILLE COIN CLUB SHOW, Chinook Winds Casino, Lincoln City, Oregon

FEB 29 (9 AM - 1 PM) NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, King Oscar Motel, 8820 So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

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

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

MAR 13 STANWOOD COIN CLUB SHOW, Stanwood Senior Center, Stanwood, WA

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

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™, Oregon Convention Center, 777 N.E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., PORTLAND, OREGON

APR 3-4 VANCOUVER NUMISMATIC SOCIETY ANNUAL MONEY SHOW, Oakridge Centre auditorium, 41st Ave & Cambie St., Vancouver, BC

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 17-18 BELLINGHAM COIN, CARD & STAMP SHOW, Hampton Inn, Fox Hall, 3985 Bennett Dr., Exit 258, Bellingham, 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. So., Tukwila, WA

MAY 2 COWLITZ COIN CLUB ANNUAL SPRING SHOW, AWPPW Hall, 724 - 15th Ave, Longview, WA

MAY 2 (9 AM - 1 PM) NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, King Oscar Motel, 8820 So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

MAY 22-23 GREATER TACOMA COIN SHOW, University Place Community Hall, 37th & Bridgeport, Tacoma, WA

JUN 3-6 LONG BEACH COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES EXPO, LONG BEACH CONV. CENTER, LONG BEACH, CA

JUN 13 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Eagles #1, Corson & Michigan, Seattle, WA

JUN 18-20 PACIFIC NORTHWEST COIN, CURRENCY & BULLION SHOW®, Tacoma Dome Exhibition Center, Tacoma, WA

JUN 26 - JUL 9 ANA Summer Seminar (pre-registration and payment of tuition required to take courses), Colorado Springs, CO

PNNA Token for 2004 Convention

The PNNA will be striking a limited edition token for the upcoming PNNA 55th Annual Convention and Coin Show to be held April 23-25, 2004 in Tukwila. Similar to last year's program, pewter strikings of the token will be given out at the door (while supplies last) and silver strikings will be available for purchase (only at the convention) at the medieval coining demonstration. A limited number of sets will also be available (on a pre-order basis only) that will feature the token design struck in: pewter, bronze, silver and gold. Four coin sets (pewter, bronze, silver and gold) in a presentation box will be \$75. Three coin sets (pewter, bronze and silver) in a presentation box will be \$15. The set option will be the only way to obtain the bronze and gold strikings. Pre-order sets will be available for pickup at the convention or can be mailed for and additional \$5.00 postage/insurance for the four coin sets or \$3.00 postage/insurance for the three coin sets. To order sets, please contact Scott Loos at 425-831-8789 or via email at scottloos@msn.com. The deadline for ordering sets will be March 31, 2004.