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## President's Message *by Larry Gaye*

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It's that time of year again. The Second Annual Willamette Coin Club/PNNA Mini-Con is just two weeks away as of the writing of this missive. We are all very excited about it and are still getting requests for dealer tables. This is good, that's why God invented the waiting list. The advertising is in awaiting publication. Security is arranged, the electrician is just waiting to plug in his wears and the dealers are chomping at the bit. The Willamette Coin Club is firing up their prodigious convention machine which will meet at 12:00 High on Friday the 13 to set up the bourse floor. Steve Cox has once again produced some beautiful commemorative script for sale as a fund raiser. The Mini-Con will be open to the public on Saturday, October 14 and Sunday, October 15, 2006. An extensive advertising effort is underway to bring in the locals and not-so-locals we hope to see.

There will be three educational events for mini-con goers. On Saturday, October 14 from 12:30 until 4:00 or so, WCC member and Scout Master extraordinaire James Reinders will be conducting a Scout Merit Badge program which will involve 40-50 Scouts from the Portland area. Jim does a superb job of education which includes the nuts and bolts of collecting, but also teaches them how to act on the bourse floor. The dealers love to see the scouts come; it really adds a "buzz" to the floor. It also brings Scout parents in.

The second event will be a Sunday Numismatic Theatre schedule which will run from Noon until it's conclusion at 3:00 PM. Three presenters are scheduled to present informal discussions on subjects of their choice.

Our third component is non-competitive numismatic exhibits for the public to enjoy. This format works well in that members are more likely to bring out their specialties and not worry about how the exhibit is judged. Several of the numismatic theatre presenters will be using the items they have exhibited as spring boards to their presentations on Sunday.

Once again, Scott and Lisa Loos have done a fantastic job putting together the bourse with an excellent cross section of dealers. We are very fortunate to have them and all the members and volunteers who pitch in to make this a most excellent event. Special thanks goes out to our host, the DoubleTree Hotel at Lloyd Center. They roll out the red carpet for us; our event coordinator Julie Kowitz does a fantastic job at making us feel welcome.

Come and join us in Portland and see for yourself. We are waiting for you all with open arms and lots of coins to look at!

There will be a PNNA Board meeting at the Portland Mini-Con on Saturday, October 14 following the 6:00 PM bourse closing. The location will likely be in the Hospitality Suite at the DoubleTree Hotel.

## PNNA Officers 2006-2008

**President** - Larry Gaye

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### Appointed Positions

**Dealer-Director** - Norman Mikat

**Editor/Webmaster** - Eric Holcomb

## PNNA Dues

PNNA membership dues are payable annually at the beginning of the year. It's not too early to send your 2007 dues to the newly-elected secretary as listed above. Reminder notices will be sent with the next newsletter for those who haven't paid by December.

For those of you who prefer to use PayPal, a new PNNA PayPal e-mail will be announced shortly. Watch the PNNA website for more information.

## Fall Convention Dates/Times

Dealer set up:

Friday, October 13th, 3:00 - 6:00 PM.

Public entry:

Saturday, October 14th, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM.

Sunday, October 15th, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Clinic:

Sunday from 12:30 - 3:30 PM.

## Puyallup Fair Thank-You!

It's Over! – The PNNA sponsored the annual coin exhibit and information table in the Hobby Hall from September 8-24, with assistance from several local coin clubs. We had handouts including magazine copies, event calendars, a coin club list and coins for junior collectors! We had good weather for most of the Fair, good attendance, and a successful presence in the Hobby Hall! Thank you to all who participated, including the following Puget Sound clubs: Boeing Employees' Coin Club, Olympia Coin Club, Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club, Seattle Numismatic Society and the new South King County Coin Club.

No volunteer is knowledgeable about all aspects of numismatics – if your question wasn't answered or if you were unable to attend the Fair, please e-mail your question to [info@pnna.org](mailto:info@pnna.org), and it will be directed to a local expert for a response.

## ANA Exhibit Report by Joseph Boling

Seven PNNA members served as judges at the Denver World's Fair of Money, where four PNNA members were exhibitors. Ellis Corets won second runner up for best of show with his exhibit "The State of Israel Anniversary of Independence Commemoratives 1958-1980," which also won the Judaica class. J. Eric Holcomb won second place in the tokens class for "A Brief Introduction to Conder Tokens." John Wilson won the obsolete paper money class with "Scovill Manufacturing Co.," with Corets taking third for "Original Stock Certificate of the Second Bank of the United States." In US gold coins, Kenneth R. Hill took second place with "An Oregon Exchange Company 5D. Gold Piece." Corets won the modern mint medals class with "The Fossil Collection."

The next opportunity to exhibit at the national level is in Charlotte, NC, 16-18 March 2007. The next World's Fair of Money® will be in Milwaukee, WI, 8-12 August 2007.

## 2007 PNNA CONVENTION

After another successful convention in Tukwila in April, the PNNA will hold its 2007 convention in the same facility on the weekend of 13-15 April 2007. Dick Billings will again serve as general chairman for 2007. Dealers who wish to receive a bourse application should contact Scott Loos at PO Box 2210, North Bend, WA 98045, phone 425-831-8789, or E-mail [scottloos@msn.com](mailto:scottloos@msn.com).

## Exhibits at the 2007 PNNA Convention

Now is the time to build your exhibits for next spring's PNNA convention in Seattle (Tukwila). 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 Milwaukee in 2007).

## WASHINGTON Quarter Design

The Washington State quarter will be released in 2007. The U.S. Mint created three designs, and the public vote took place in April 2006, after which Governor Gregoire considered the results of the vote in selecting a winner. The results of the public vote and the winning design can be found online at :

<http://www.governor.wa.gov/quarter/>

We're all looking forward to seeing the Washington State quarters in the spring of 2007!

## Willing to Answer Half-Cent Questions

David Consolo, a PNNA member living in Ohio, would like to suggest that "anyone in our club who has a question on Half Cents ... be willing to contact me. I am passionate about these 'little sisters,' and would love to be used as a source of information."

David Consolo

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## Sale of Olympic Participation Medals Completed by Eric Holcomb

I was fortunate to have recently had the opportunity to sell on eBay a large consignment of Olympic participation medals (OPM's) from a major dealer who was in the process of leaving the Northwest.

I like to call these the "lesser-known" Olympic medals — they are not shown on TV like the winners' medals, but they are more common and collectible because every athlete and official receives one.

Participation medals have been awarded for all modern Olympic Games since 1896; 1900 was a special case because the medal was also awarded for other functions at the 1900 Paris International Expo.

Sometimes other participants such as coaches, volunteers and dignitaries also receive medals, but in recent years volunteers have often received a different medal (e.g., smaller version, different color, etc.).

The OPM's have a great variety in size, weight, design and even shape (not all are round). Modern medals have more variety than the older medals, which are generally more classical in design. Most OPM's are bronze, but we also find steel and nickel alloys, for example. See the website [www.opmedals.com](http://www.opmedals.com) for images of the medals, or consult one of several available reference books on Olympic coins and medals.

Winter Games medals are sometimes larger and nicer than Summer Games medals because fewer need to be made (2,500 athletes vs. 10,000).

There are copies out there of some of the OPM's and winners' medals, and there are also numerous other Olympic medals and coins, but most are easy to distinguish from the medals actually awarded at the Games.

OPM's are very collectible worldwide. There is a reasonable supply of most of these medals since awardees sometimes decide to sell or trade their medals. Prices generally start at about \$100. The 1904 St. Louis medal is the most expensive (\$17,500 or more), although the first Winter Games medal (1924 Chamonix, France) is not far behind. A complete set is definitely an expensive collecting project!

The medals often show some evidence of handling since they were awarded to non-collectors; but most are in fairly decent condition (EF or better).

The medals generally included packaging such as a hinged case or box, which adds significantly to the value. Original packaging is hard to find for the earlier Olympic Games medals, especially pre-WWII. For the newer medals, not having the original packaging will detract from the value.



*The Olympic Participation Medal from the 2002 Salt Lake City XIX Olympic Winter Games.*

## 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 buying Washington State Nationals. CASH PAID!!

Life Member

ANA, ANS, SPMC and PNNA

P.O. Box 1477, Edmonds, WA 98020

Phone — 206-949-COIN(2646)

(If Tom is out please leave name and phone number.)

E-mail — [ThomasSheehan@msn.com](mailto:ThomasSheehan@msn.com)

*Deadline for submission of material for 1st Quarter 2007 Nor'wester: December 15, 2006.*

Please send ad copy to Eric Holcomb (e-mail [Eric@Holcomb.com](mailto:Eric@Holcomb.com)), and payment to the new PNNA treasurer. Call Eric (253-850-2996) for more information.

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)

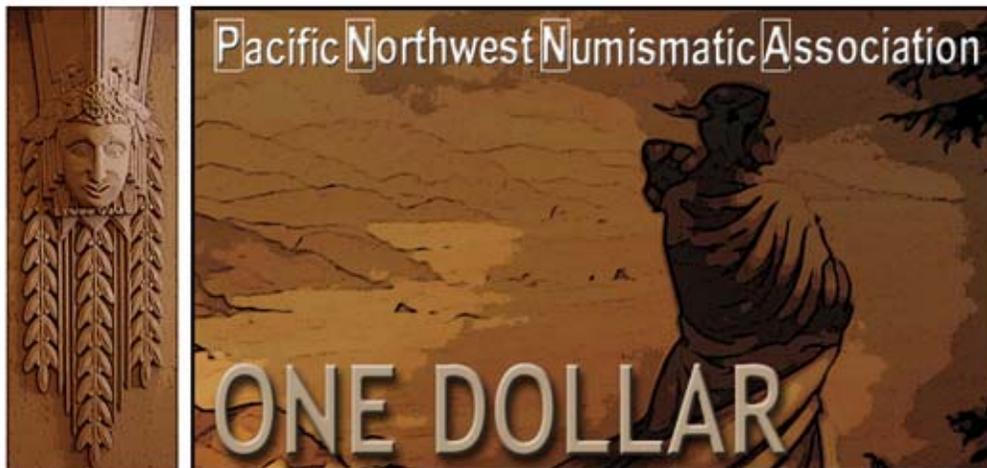
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Web advertising rates (per year on [www.pnna.org](http://www.pnna.org)):

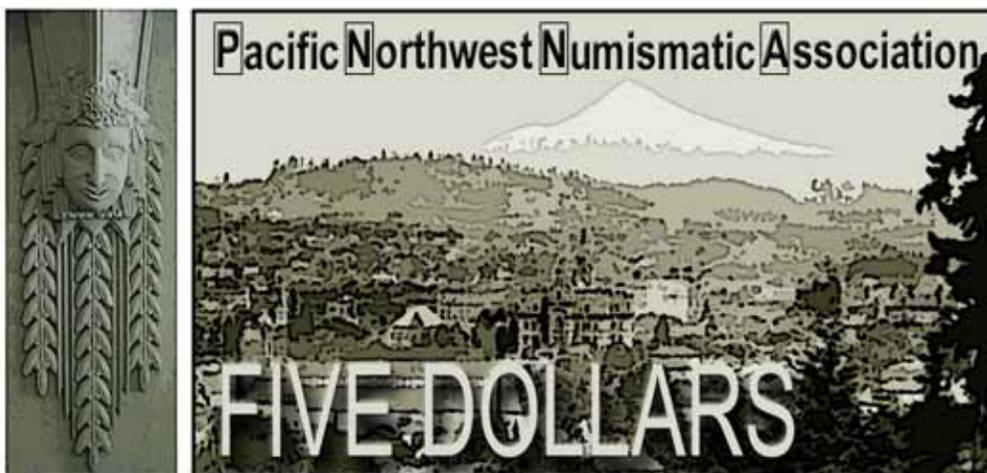
1-line web site listing — Free to members

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

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### PNNA Fall Convention Scrip

We are pleased to announce that PNNA member Steve Cox has once again designed “convention scrip” in \$1 and \$5 denominations for use at the PNNA fall convention (mini-con) in Portland. Steve began designing scrip for the Seattle Numismatic Society annual banquet a few years ago, using high-quality graphics and special paper, and first accepted the PNNA’s invitation to design scrip for the 2005 fall convention. The designs shown above for the face of each note are prototypes; we’ll see the actual final design at the convention!

Production quantities will be very limited, about 70 serially-numbered \$1 notes and 30 \$5 notes, like last year. If you wish to reserve notes in advance, please contact Eric Holcomb by e-mail at [Eric@Holcomb.com](mailto:Eric@Holcomb.com), or by phone at 253-850-2996. Notes are sold at face value, and are redeemable at the convention, although we’ve never had any notes redeemed — they are always collected instead!

Eric will also update the PNNA online memorabilia catalog (<http://www.pnna.org/catalog/index.html>) this fall to include the 2005 and 2006 souvenir scrip, as well as the wooden nickels and tokens from the annual spring convention. If you run across any PNNA memorabilia that’s not in the catalog, please let us know!

## American Numismatic Association News

### World's Fair of Money®

This ANA event, the biggest of the year, was held August 16-19 in Denver, CO, and a number of us from the Northwest were in attendance. The event was not as well attended as most other recent ANA summer conventions, but those who did attend enjoyed the bourse, exhibits, education programs and the like. You can read the ANA press releases about this event on the ANA website ([www.money.org](http://www.money.org)).

### Las Vegas Show Features ANA Educational Programs, King of Siam Set

Three intensive educational seminars and a display of the legendary King of Siam proof set will highlight the second annual Las Vegas Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Show, sponsored by the American Numismatic Association (ANA).

The show will be open to the public, Friday, October 27, to Sunday, October 29, in the Grand Ballroom of the world famous Riviera Hotel and Casino, 2901 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, Nevada.

"Immediately prior to the opening of the show, the ANA School of Numismatics will offer three separate, two-day seminars for collectors and dealers to sharpen their skills and learn the intricacies of detecting counterfeit U.S. gold coins, collecting U.S. paper money and the fundamentals of grading U.S. coins," said Lane Brunner, Ph.D., Director of Numismatic Outreach for the ANA.

More than 100 dealers will have tables at the show, and Bowers and Merena of Irvine, California will conduct a public auction of rare coins and paper money as the official auctioneer of the show.

The fabled King of Siam proof set was last seen in Las Vegas seven years ago when it was displayed at the grand opening of Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino in 1999. The world's most famous coin set was originally presented as a diplomatic gift on behalf of President Andrew Jackson to the King of Siam (now Thailand) in 1836.

The set was purchased last year for \$8.5 million by well-known professional numismatist, Steven L. Contursi, President of Rare Coin Wholesalers of Dana Point, California, who will display it at the Las Vegas show. Among the 11 gold, silver and copper 19th century United States coins in the set is one of the 15 known 1804-dated U.S. Draped Bust silver dollars.

The three ANA seminars will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, October 25 and 26. The fee for each class is \$445, and a \$100 discount is available for ANA members. For additional information and to enroll, contact the ANA Numismatic Outreach Department at (800) 367-9723 x 169 or at [seminars@money.org](mailto:seminars@money.org).

The Las Vegas Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Show will be held in conjunction with the Las Vegas Antique Arms Show™ and Steel Classics™.

Admission is free to ANA members with proper identification. Admission for non-ANA member is \$15 per day or \$35 for a three-day pass. A \$5 discount coupon is available online at [www.LasVegasCollectibles.com](http://www.LasVegasCollectibles.com). Children ages 11 and under are admitted free.

### ANA Announces 2007 National Coin Week Theme Contest

The ANA is holding a contest to decide the next theme for National Coin Week, April 15-21, 2007. This contest is open to everyone, with the top three themes announced in early December. Winners receive the following prizes:

- First place – a one-ounce American Buffalo 24-karat gold bullion coin.
- Second place – a one-half-ounce gold American Eagle bullion coin.
- Third place – a one-fourth-ounce gold American Eagle bullion coin.

All coins are certified and graded by the Numismatic Guaranty Corporation, the official grading and authentication company of the ANA.

Each year during the third week of April, the ANA celebrates National Coin Week with exhibits, presentations and other activities at civic centers, libraries, and schools to let the world know about the joys of collecting and studying coins, paper notes, and other forms of money. Each National Coin Week has a theme chosen to engage people in learning more about money's role in culture, art, history and science. The theme for 2006, *A Penny Saved is a History Learned*, celebrated the accomplishments of Benjamin Franklin and his contributions to numismatics.

The deadline for submissions is November 1. Anyone interested in participating should send their theme and, in 100 words or less, the reason why it should be selected as the theme for the 2007 National Coin Week. Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number, age, e-mail address and ANA member number (if applicable).

Mail, fax or e-mail your idea for a theme to:

American Numismatic Association  
National Coin Week Contest  
818 North Cascade Avenue  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903  
Fax: 719-634-4085, E-mail: [ncw@money.org](mailto:ncw@money.org)

The ANA is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to educating and encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. With nearly 33,000 members, the Association serves the academic community, collectors and the general public with an interest in numismatics. The ANA helps all people discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of programs including its education and outreach, museum, library, publications, conventions and seminars.

## 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.

### 2006

OCT 7-8 (Revised Dates) INLAND EMPIRE COIN CLUB'S 2005 FALL COIN, CARD & STAMP SHOW, Sons of Norway Hall, 6710 N. Country Homes Blvd., Spokane, WA

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

**OCT 14-15 PNNA-Willamette Coin Club 2nd Annual Fall Convention & Coin Show, Doubletree Inn, Lloyd Center, Portland, OR**

OCT 21-22 **Cancelled!!** GREATER SEATTLE AREA COIN SHOW, Lynnwood, WA

OCT 28 TACOMA-LAKEWOOD COIN CLUB SHOW, King Oscar Convention Center, 88th & So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

NOV 4 KIRKLAND-EASTSIDE COIN SHOW, Kirkland Baymont (formerly Best Western) Inn, 12223 NE 116th St, Kirkland, WA

NOV 10-12 **Cancelled!!** TACOMA DOME COIN & SPORTS CARD SHOW

NOV 11 (9AM-7PM) New Event! FIRST ANNUAL KING COUNTY COIN SHOW, Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave South, Tukwila, WA 98168

NOV 16-19 SANTA CLARA COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES EXPO, Santa Clara, CA

NOV 18-19 (Sat to 5, Sun to 3:30) EVERETT COIN CLUB 44th Annual Coin Show, Normanna Hall, 2725 Oakes Ave, Everett, WA

NOV 19 ROYAL CITY STAMP AND COIN FAIR, Executive Plaza Hotel, 405 North Road, Coquitlam, BC, Canada

NOV 25-26 THE HOLIDAY COIN SHOW, King Oscar Convention Center, 88th & So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

NOV 25-26 (10 AM-4:30 PM) **New location!** SALEM COIN and STAMP SHOW, 50th Anniversary Show, Oregon State Fairgrounds, 2330 17th St NE, Salem, OR

DEC 2 **New location!** OLYMPIA/SOUTH SOUND COIN SHOW, Comfort Inn, 1620 74th Ave SW, Tumwater, WA

DEC 3 (9AM-Noon) NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, King Oscar Motel, 8820 So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

DEC 9 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

DEC 10 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Eagles #1, Corson & Michigan, Seattle, WA

### 2007

JAN 6-7 GREATER TACOMA COIN SHOW, King Oscar Convention Center, 88th & So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

JAN 20-21 BOEING EMPLOYEES' COIN CLUB SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

JAN 27 OLYMPIA COIN CLUB SHOW, Comfort Inn Conference Center, 1620 74th Ave SW, Tumwater, WA 98501

FEB 10 KIRKLAND-EASTSIDE COIN & CURRENCY SHOW, Kirkland Baymont (formerly Best Western) Inn, 12223 NE 116th St, Kirkland, WA

FEB 10-11 OCEAN SHORES ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE SHOW, Convention Center in Ocean Shores, WA

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

FEB 15-17 LONG BEACH COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES EXPO, Long Beach, CA

FEB 17 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

FEB 24-25 MCMINNVILLE COIN CLUB SHOW, Chinook Winds Casino, 1777 NW 44th, Lincoln City, OR

MAR 3-4 GRAYS HARBOR COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES SHOW, South Shore Mall, Aberdeen, WA

MAR 10-11 TACOMA-LAKEWOOD COIN CLUB SHOW, King Oscar Convention Center, 88th & So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

**MAR 16-18 ANA National Money Show™, Charlotte, NC Convention Center**

MAR 23-25 **Cancelled!!** ANA National Money Show™, Sacramento, CA

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

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

**APR 13-15 PACIFIC NORTHWEST NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION (58th Annual), Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave. So., Tukwila, WA**

APR 15-21 ANA National Coin Week (83rd Annual)

APR 19-22 SANTA CLARA COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES EXPO, Santa Clara, CA