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President's Message

by PNNA President Lisa Loos

I hope everyone had a joyous and happy holiday!

The PNNA ended 2010 with three very active events. The October PNNA/WCC convention in Portland was well attended and seemed to have a strong buying public. James Reinders, Outreach Chair, coordinated another outstanding Scouting Clinic. Of course it would not have been successful without the assistance of his daughter, Katie, who gave an outstanding presentation. For her efforts, I gave her a President's Award. November saw two great shows beginning in Everett and continuing with Salem. Everett had a new venue this year which seemed to be better attended and preferred by many dealers. Salem held their annual Thanksgiving weekend show, again very well attended by the public even though Oregon and Oregon State were both playing key football games on Saturday!

Now that the New Year is upon us, we have three activities that we can all enjoy. First is the Greater Tacoma Coin Show held at the King Oscar in Tacoma, January 8-9, followed by the Boeing Employees Coin Club show held at Kent Commons January 15-16. Finally we have a Counterfeit Detection Seminar, held in conjunction with the ANA, at the Courtyard Marriott in Tukwila, WA, January 22-23. (Pre-registration is required for this event.) These three activities should help all of us get back into the swing of numismatic thoughts after all the great holiday feasts and festivities.

Looking forward to another good year, and to seeing everyone at some time!

All the best, Lisa.

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PNNA Awards

Bob Everett Memorial Award

The awards committee is made up of Danny Bisgaard (Chairman), Gawain O'Connor and Bruce Wonder. In addition, the past five winners of the Bob Everett Memorial Award (Richard "Dick" Cowley, James Reinders, Scott Loos, Walter Ostrombecki and Larry Gaye) make up the committee to select the winner for 2011.

The award is usually presented at the April annual convention (if the honoree is present). The recipient does not have to be a member of the PNNA; he or she need only be someone who has promoted numismatics in the Pacific Northwest during the 2010 calendar year.

Please send your nominations (name and achievements that merit receipt of the award) to one of the above five members that make up the selection committee. In addition, nominations for the award could be sent to the PNNA awards committee or the secretary for forwarding to the selection committee.

Deadline for nominations is April 1, 2011.

More information is available on the PNNA website at <http://www.pnna.org/awards/everett.html>.

Thanking all of the membership for taking the time to submit nominations for this important award.

PNNA National Coin Week Contest

The PNNA sponsors an annual contest whereby local clubs can win monetary awards for promotion of National Coin Week. Each year the ANA selects a theme for NCW to suggest different ways to promote the hobby.

The ANA announced the 2011 theme: *Blue, Gray and Greenbacks*. The weeklong celebration of coins and currency will commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Civil War and the numismatic changes during the conflict, which began at Fort Sumpter, S.C. on April 12, 1861.

The 88th annual National Coin Week will be April 17-23, 2011.

Local clubs should take this opportunity to enhance their club treasury by preparing an eye popping exhibit and display it in their local community.

Local clubs that do participate should send their information to the attention of Danny Bisgaard, c/o Skip Caldwell, PO Box 2051, Salem, OR 97308. Information should include pictures of the display and a written narrative on where the display was placed as well as other activities the club did to promote NCW.

Deadline for information is April 30, 2011.

Let us increase the activity! Olympia Coin Club has been the winner the last few years.

PNNA Literary Award for Best Club Newsletter

The PNNA sponsors a new annual contest whereby local clubs can win awards (yet to be determined) for best club newsletter.

Criteria for judging will be as follows (may be adjusted): Content and layout of the 2010 club newsletters, use of graphics, outstanding articles presented by adults and YNs, and creativity in the distribution of the club's newsletters.

Clubs should submit their 2010 club newsletters to the committee for evaluation.

Local clubs that do participate should send their information to the attention of Danny Bisgaard, c/o Skip Caldwell, PO Box 2051, Salem, OR 97308. In addition, electronic newsletters can be submitted to d.bisgaard@comcast.net.

Deadline for information is April 1, 2011.

We look forward to seeing what the local clubs are doing in getting the word out about their club's activities, and articles that help educate all of us!

Summer Seminar Scholarship Awards

The PNNA is offering two full one-session scholarships for an adult and a YN (Young Numismatist) collector to attend the 2011 ANA Summer Seminar, held on the campus of The Colorado College in beautiful Colorado Springs, CO. Session I dates are Saturday, June 25, to Friday, July 1; session II, Saturday, July 2 to Friday, July 8, 2011. Summer Seminar is an opportunity for numismatic scholarship and camaraderie offering students a wide and varied selection of week-long courses suited for anyone from the curious beginner to the most advanced numismatist. The scholarship includes tuition for the class of your choice, a room in Loomis Dormitory (double occupancy), all of your meals (on campus meal plan included in tuition) and airfare reimbursement (up to a maximum value of \$1,000; \$1,050 for the YN Scholarship due to a mandatory side trip). YNs ages 13 to 22 stay in a Colorado College dormitory with a group of experienced chaperons and mentors. Along with attending classes, YNs participate in a variety of special activities and events. The winner will be either an Adult or YN collector that is a member of the PNNA and completes the application. If you are not a current member of the PNNA – please submit \$10.00 dues with the application (\$5.00 YN dues). Deadline for receipt of scholarship applications will be April 1, 2011.

Application forms are available online at www.pnna.org, or from a PNNA officer, or at certain coin shows and club meetings. Please submit completed applications to: PNNA Scholarship Program – Attn. Danny Bisgaard, c/o Skip Caldwell/S.N.S., PO Box 2051, Salem, OR 97308.

Summer Seminar class listings are available by contacting Danny Bisgaard, phone 503-588-8162, E-mail d.bisgaard@comcast.net, or visit the ANA website, www.money.org.

PNNA Club Rep Program

by PNNA Director Rick Schulz

I just want to add my progress on the PNNA Club Representative Program. A letter has been sent to all PNNA member clubs introducing this new program. We're asking local clubs to select one of their members to act as a liaison between their club and the PNNA. Similar to the ANA Club Rep program, each PNNA rep will be asked to keep the PNNA updated on their club's activities, changes in club officers, current contact information, and meeting time and place. The PNNA will keep club reps informed of all upcoming events and services.

We believe the PNNA Club Rep program can also facilitate communications between clubs. Reps will be invited to a "get together" of some sort during the annual PNNA convention in Tukwila, WA.

We believe an active PNNA Club Representative Program will help to make the PNNA an association for collectors as well as dealers.

If you have any questions about the PNNA Club Representative Program, or any suggestions, please contact the program coordinator, Rick Schulz, via e-mail, richardf53@yahoo.com, or phone, 253-535-0690.

Exhibits at the 2011 Convention

Now is the time to build your exhibits for next spring's PNNA convention in Seattle (Tukwila). There is also an opportunity to show exhibits at the Boeing Employees show (January); use this show as a proving ground for your entries. Don't forget that the best exhibitor at the PNNA spring 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 Chicago, August 16-20, 2011).

If you need more information about numismatic exhibiting at a PNNA convention, see the PNNA website at <http://www.pnna.org/exhibits/exhibits.html>, or contact PNNA chief judge [Eric Holcomb](mailto:Eric.Holcomb).

Mt. Hood National Forest Quarter Launch Event

This event was held Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at the World Forestry Center in Portland, Oregon.

The ceremony included a coin exchange at which members of the public had the opportunity to swap their currency for \$10 rolls of Mount Hood National Forest quarters at face value. Children 18 years old and younger received a free quarter to commemorate the event. Those unable to attend were able to view a live broadcast of the ceremony at:

<http://www.americathebeautifulquarters.gov>.

No photos of the event were submitted to the PNNA. If you have a report or photos, they can still be considered for use on the PNNA website.

EAC Convention

The annual Early American Copper convention will be in Portland, Oregon at the Doubletree Hotel, 1000 NE Multnomah (the same location as the PNNA/Willamette fall show, except it will be in the hotel rather than the garage area), May 12-15, 2011.

Early American Coppers (EAC) is a 1,300 member national numismatic club devoted to the study and collection of U.S. half cents and large cents and all U.S. colonial coppers.

This is the first time in EAC history that the annual convention has been held in the Pacific Northwest.

PNNA Convention

The 62nd annual PNNA convention will be held April 8-10, 2011 at the Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave S, Tukwila, WA. For more information, see the PNNA website, the 2nd Quarter convention edition of *The Nor'wester* (when published in March), or contact convention chairman Michael Labosier, pnnasecretary@gmail.com.

Also contact Mike if you have any suggestions about the education programs / numismatic theater at the convention, and/or if you are willing to give an educational program.

If you are a dealer who would like to advertise in the convention edition of *The Nor'wester*, or if you would like to advertise on the PNNA website, please contact editor Eric Holcomb, eric@holcomb.com. Online website listings at http://www.pnna.org/info/member_links.html are free to PNNA dealers!

PNNA/Willamette Convention, October 22-24, 2010 in Portland

Kids Lead Way at October Portland, OR Show

Adults keep keen eye on dealer gold and silver stocks!

by Walt Ostromecki, drwaltomfl1@earthlink.net

Youth, family and beginning collector education and fun-zone activities were again the most popular feature and draw of the 6th annual Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association (PNNA)-Willamette Coin Club show and “mini-con” held October 22-24, 2010 in Portland, OR.

While the youth were enthusiastically pursuing coins through a number of different fun, exciting and educational numismatic events all three days (coordinated by PNNA member and ANA Governor Walt Ostromecki), adults were snapping up better grade silver and gold U.S. type coins and bullion at a record pace according to dealer Dennis Reed, owner of Lacey Rare Coins, WA. “I certainly couldn’t tell that there was any sign of an economic recession. On the contrary both the general public and veteran hobbyists were eagerly snapping up silver coins!”

Bourse Coordinator Scott Loos observed, “there is no ailing economy at this coin convention. Visitors are hungry for coins and currency of all types. It’s a numismatic dealer’s paradise reminiscent of the hobby’s golden glory days of the 1970-80’s. And, there is another upside for attendees as we have an outstanding educational set of components geared toward enticing first time visitors, youth and others to become the next generation of collectors –thanks to Larry Gaye, Gene Wiley, the Reinders Family and Walt Ostromecki.”

Youth and families had an opportunity to enjoy the convention and hobby by participating in a daily FREE educational 12-stop Coin Collecting Money Hunt; thrice daily “Coin Basics” and “Coin Collecting 101” public forums, a Saturday Girl Scout “Fun With Money” patch session facilitated by 14-year-old Katie Reinders, and a Saturday Boy Scouts of America Coin Collecting Merit Badge Workshop conducted by scout leader and collector, James Reinders. In all about 70 scouts plus their leaders came, enjoyed and went away “numismatically enriched.” “This is the bottom line of what the PNNA and Willamette Coin Club are all about,” commented PNNA President, Lisa Loos.

A fine array of excellent quality numismatic exhibits graced the center entry walkway of the convention site. Exhibit Chairman and Chief Judge, Eric Holcomb, noted, “many show attendees were seen closely

‘oohing and ahing’ over the displays.” When all was said, judged and done, it was a young Katie Reinders who walked away with first place overall honors with her four-case exhibit, *Happy Birthday Oregon: The Official Centennial Emblem as represented on tokens and medals of 1959*. (First case shown in photo.) Coming in second was none other than her father, James!



What was the one single “hottest coin” sought after at the show? The 2010 Boy Scouts of America \$1 commemorative clad and silver coins. The U.S. Mint’s 350,000 total mintage sold out within days of its release. Those dealers who had some of these beauties in their inventory cleaned up sales wise. Dealer Joe Weber from Washington State completely sold out his small hoard of 35. “I made a good profit off each. Demand was extremely high and there was absolutely no need to discount on these gems.”

For more information on the PNNA-Willamette show activities, visit www.pnna.org.



Photo: Walt Ostromecki conducting the “Deal or No Deal” game activity.

Youth (ages 9 and up) had the opportunity to play “Deal or No Deal - the Numismatic version” for taking home one of 22 US prizes, everything from 1, 2, 3 cents to nickels, silver dimes, quarters and halves to the top prize of a silver dollar. A pre-qualification test was required. The subject of this year’s quiz dealt with foreign currency country identification. Parents were permitted to assist their children in this learning experience.

PNNA Board Meeting Minutes

23 October 2010, Portland, Oregon

Members in Attendance: Lisa Loos, Danny Bisgaard, Michael Labosier, Scott Loos, Mark Gruner, Gawain O'Connor, James Reinders, Dale Reubish, Rick Schulz, Bruce Wonder.

Members Absent: John Enges, Larry Gaye, William McKivor, Dennis Stevens, Dan Vornbrock.

Guests/Committee in Attendance: Eric Holcomb, Walter Ostromecki, Owen Gruner.

The board meeting was called to order by President Lisa Loos shortly after 6:00 PM at the Lloyd Center Doubletree Hotel, Portland, OR. Lisa introduced and welcomed the guests noted above.

Secretary's Report – Mike called for any changes or corrections to the July 10, 2010 minutes as published in the Fourth Quarter 2010 *Nor'wester* and on the PNNA website. The minutes were approved as published (Bruce/Danny). James Reinders requested that a current list of committees and their members be issued. The committee assignments are listed after these meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report – Scott reviewed the PNNA's financial position through September 30. Total revenues for the nine month period totaled \$44,045, with \$36,000 of that attributable to convention income. 2010 expenses through September 30 were \$34,092. Convention expenses accounted for \$25,000 of the total. The Association held cash of \$68,349, including \$4,173 held for future Token Congress use. The cash was invested mostly in CDs and a money market account. The September 30 general fund balance stood at \$56,797, with an additional \$11,552 held in the Life Member and Bob Everett Memorial funds. The Treasurer's report was accepted by the board (Mark/Mike).

Committee Reports:

Education – Scott reported that the ANA and PNNA will co-sponsor a two day seminar to be held at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel in Tukwila, January 22-23, 2011. The course "Introduction to Counterfeit Detection of United States Coins" will be led by Mary Sauvain, one of the foremost authorities on counterfeit detection. The course fee is \$298 per person, with a discounted rate of \$198 for those who are both ANA and PNNA members. Expected enrollment is between 20 and 30 participants. Any profits from the seminar will be split 50/50 between the ANA and PNNA. Flyers promoting the course were available to attendees of the fall convention in Portland.

The board discussed a suggestion that some of the money not used for Summer Seminar scholarships this

past year be made available for scholarships to the ANA/PNNA seminar. A motion to authorize funding for a minimum of two and a maximum of five full scholarships to the seminar at the \$198 rate was approved (Scott/Danny).

Convention – Scott reported that attendance seemed good during the first day of the fall convention. A brief discussion of the convention followed. It was noted that the co-sponsoring Willamette Coin Club retains all of the convention profits. Dates for next year's fall convention will be October 22-23, 2011. This will avoid conflict with the new ANA fall show, to be held in Pittsburgh the prior week. The board then discussed the importance of avoiding conflict with the national shows as much as possible when scheduling local and regional shows, to enable a wide variety of dealers to attend the smaller shows. Mike and Scott then commented on plans and ideas for next year's PNNA annual convention, to be held April 8-10 in Tukwila.

Publications – Eric discussed ideas to improve the PNNA website. Suggestions included adding video content and more information about committee activities. Eric also appealed for a higher volume of current articles in *The Nor'wester*. The changes would increase the value and appeal of the website, but would require more of a time investment by board members and others to keep the content fresh and interesting. It was also suggested that PNNA members be encouraged to forgo the printed copy of *The Nor'wester*, and to instead access the quarterly publication via the website. This would provide cost savings to the association and enable more efficient distribution. Separately, it was noted that Dale is currently coordinating the distribution of show calendars to dealers in various regions.

Outreach – Rick served as coordinator for the PNNA's participation at the 2010 Puyallup Fair's Hobby Hall. Rick reported that all volunteer time slots were filled and that more than 5,000 coins were distributed to visitors. Lisa commended Rick for the fresh look of this year's display at the Fair. Rick volunteered to again serve in this role in 2011.

James reported on YN activities. 35 Girl Scouts and 40 Boy Scouts attended the fall convention. James then led a discussion of other outreach ideas to help the PNNA connect with the clubs, YNs, and also older members of the community who, beyond a possible interest in numismatics, may need help with coins to sell or with estate planning where a coin collection is involved. Walter Ostromecki noted that the ANA has two tapes available on estate planning. Also discussed was the possibility of sponsoring YN activities at next year's Boeing Employees Coin Club show, which would be a new venue for YN outreach. James will

follow up with Greg Smith, who now serves as bourse chair for that event.

Awards/Scholarships – Danny reported that nomination information for 2011 PNNA awards and scholarships will be issued in December. (See page 2.)

Exhibits – Eric served as chief judge for competitive exhibits at the fall convention. He reported that the awards were as follows:

1st Place – *Happy Birthday Oregon: The Official Centennial Emblem as represented on tokens and medals of 1959*, by Katie Reinders.

2nd Place – *Examples of 17th Century Medallion Art on Schauthalers and Triple Talers*, by James Reinders.

3rd Place – *Minting Errors: Three Strikes and other Three Errors*, by James Reinders.

Eric then led a discussion of the need to better promote exhibiting.

Other Business:

Lisa suggested that the board may want to revise and tighten the display case rental agreement, and explained how the current agreement could allow for unintended uses. Lisa and Dennis will follow up and report back to the board. Lisa also suggested the possibility of a club literary award. This will be further considered at the January 2011 board meeting.

Rick promoted the idea of establishing a club representative program within the PNNA to increase interaction and communication between the PNNA and its member clubs. This may help the clubs by making them more aware of the benefits available to them through their PNNA membership, and would help the PNNA to learn more about what is working well at the club level. Walter Ostromecki noted his positive experience with the ANA club representative program. After much discussion, the board approved a motion to establish a PNNA club representative program to create a liaison between the PNNA and the clubs (Rick/Scott). Rick will head up this effort. (See page 3.)

Walter Ostromecki announced his candidacy for Vice President of the ANA in next year's ANA Board of Governors election.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Michael Labosier, Secretary, Recording

Upcoming Board Meeting

The next meeting of the PNNA board will be on Saturday, January 15th at 5:00 PM at the Kent Commons in Kent, WA at the annual Boeing Employees Coin Club show.

PNNA Committees (2010-2012)

Education — Scott Loos (Chair), Gawain O'Conner, Mark Gruner

Membership — Dennis Stevens (Chair), Bruce Wonder, James Reinders, Dan Vornbrock

Convention (Tukwila) — Michael Labosier (General Chair), Scott Loos (Bourse Chair), John Enges

Convention (Portland) — Larry Gaye (Chair), Danny Bisgaard

Publications — Dale Reubish (Chair), Mark Gruner, William McKivor

Outreach (YNs) — James Reinders (Chair)

Outreach (Puyallup Fair) — Rick Schulz (Chair), Dennis Stevens, John Enges

Awards — Danny Bisgaard (Chair), Bruce Wonder, Dennis Stevens

Exhibits — Dan Vornbrock (Chair), Gawain O'Conner, John Enges

Election — William McKivor (Chair), Michael Labosier, Rick Schulz, Dale Reubish

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Numismatic Museum Quests — this time we learn coins are hard to find in India for everyone, by James Reinders, collector and traveler

A few years ago it dawned on me that I could combine my excessive business travel with the hunt for numismatic museums to view and adore. I've delighted in my visits to a few and found some closed or missing, and almost always had an adventure in doing so. I'll try to blend the adventure in with the facts about the museums and their collections as well. With this installment, I'll share a "MISS" so I don't leave the impression this is easy.

On September 26, I found myself in Bangalore India. According to the web, the Government Museum on Kasturba Road is divided into eighteen galleries with one gallery being a numismatic gallery. As I found out, the web is full of misinformation.

As luck would have it, the Museum should be a 15 minute walk from my hotel. The night before, my taxi driver was kind enough to point the museum out to me as he drove me to my hotel at 4 am. My flight was supposed to land at a little past midnight, but monsoon season rain showers had us circle for an hour, then fly to Chennai for more fuel, and return when the rains had passed. Distance and time-wise, this was equivalent to having to circle Portland and then land in Seattle for refueling before finally landing in Portland. Tacked onto the end of a 10-hour flight from Frankfurt, it lengthened a long day that had started in Portland.

I had a map that I had printed at home from Google. Not trusting it to be completely accurate, I tried to get the hotel concierge to give me independent directions. Failing that, I tried unsuccessfully to have her to comment on my map. Instead, the hotel concierge gave me confusing verbal directions and had a bellhop walk me out the front door and point how to go out the back entrance to the hotel. They were amused that I wanted to walk but confirmed it was very walkable. Only tourists would take a cab and they figured I would act like a tourist. No, I prefer adventure and a little exercise.

Like all of India, the facts about Bangalore are easier to explain than the experience of visiting it. Bangalore is known as the Silicon Valley of India because it is India's leading IT exporter. Like many other high-tech companies, the company I work for, Intel, has operations in Bangalore. That has brought me to India once or twice a year for six years now.

Belying the facts about a high-tech and modern city, walking in India give a different feeling. The blend of new construction and India is striking. The serious and very modern construction of tall buildings, and the beauty inside fine hotels, is not seen in official buildings, sidewalks or parks. Walking along a road is not for the faint of heart tourist; the sidewalks show no sign of a master plan or concern for pedestrians. Even the newest stretches of curb or sidewalk show no indication of any of the high-tech abilities of the city and all seem to be deteriorating immediately. Walking in a park or museum is a similar experience.

Cattle do indeed wander the streets seemingly oblivious to car horns and traffic surrounding them. Also on the street are skinny and skittish dogs. I've heard of temple elephants on streets too but I have never come across that myself. On the roads, motorcycles and auto-rickshaws far outnumber cars and trucks. Motorists, like most of the world outside North America, are very patient and accepting of vehicles and people mixing in any which way. Horns are friendly notifications from vehicles that they are close by, not signs of any form of road rage.

The people are very polite, even the mildly pushy street vendors and auto-rickshaw drivers who want very much to earn money from you. I was walking on the wrong street several times. I found that each time I tried to look at my map, I was offered assistance before I could fully open my simple folded piece of

paper. With encouragement and pointing from friendly locals, I did arrive at the museum.

Admission was four rupees for adults, which is about nine cents. I inquired if the museum did indeed have coins on display. The ticket sales person seemed to know nothing about the museum nor what I would find inside. Maps and guides, or even signs, did not exist. I decided to pay and risk it for nine cents.

I had mostly 100 rupee notes (about \$2) from the ATM, but I had a single ten rupee note which I presented to the man at the ticket sales window. He asked me if I had smaller change and expressed concern to find that I did not. Coins under 1 rupee are so seldom seen some people think they do not exist any more, and the 1, 2 and 5 rupee coins are so scarce that India reintroduced 5 rupee notes to help with a general coinage shortage in India and has imported over 2 billion one rupee coins from mints outside India to deal with a general currency shortage in India. While I sympathized, I could not help.

The ticket-printing machine needed a new paper roll, which took forever for him to install. He then tried to give me only a one rupee coin as change. When I insisted on the other five rupees change, I got a blank stare while I stood there waiting for a response. When I stepped to block the person behind me from buying a ticket around me, my additional five rupees quickly appeared with my thanks. Yes, it's only a dime of change, but it's the principle of it.

The museum had multiple rooms with artifacts and artwork with virtually no explanations in the exhibit cases, and no signage on the rooms or between the rooms. Cases of artifacts had informative signs like "elephant" next to a carved stone elephant. After 45 minutes, I had viewed every room but I had seen absolutely no coins. There were two medals in one case to admire and make your own guesses unimpeded by signage, but that's it. No "numismatic gallery." Every room had a guard, but every guard was puzzled when I inquired about my quest for coinage. Several were quick to tell me they knew nothing, but most took a special and deep interest in reading my printed description of their museum and the note about a numismatic gallery. Despite interest, they too said they did not know. The last guard, on the way out, told me someone might be in the main office.

Despite it being Sunday, I did find a very welcoming museum official in a back room. She eagerly waved me into her office and was genuinely please to have a visitor. She told me the museum did not exhibit its numismatic holding. She seemed puzzled that anyone should think that they had ever exhibited them and she apologized for not being an expert in what they actually had. I asked if there was any way for me to see them and she kindly told me "no, sorry." I also asked if any other museums in Bangalore had coin exhibits, and she was quite sure there were no other museums in Bangalore that might have coins on exhibit.

I left disappointed in not finding coins, but filled with the several hours of adventure wandering the streets and seeing Bangalore as it is. I went back to my hotel, a little hot and sweaty because it was muggy and about 29 degrees (mid-80s in Fahrenheit). I figured I'd sit on my balcony and scribble out this story on my laptop. As soon as I went to open my balcony door, torrential rains let loose. I stayed inside my room – enjoying being inside and admiring my good timing. It was not the sort of rain you'd want to be caught in even with the umbrella I had carried with me.

Believe it or not, I do have great numismatic collections to recommend that I have visited, but those will have to wait for future installments. You can cross Bangalore off your map (it's twice as far from the Pacific NW as Europe anyways). I'll recommend Madrid, Stockholm and some places in Italy in future installments. I'll also recommend holding off on Paris until late 2012 since they closed a favorite numismatic museum for renovation.

COIN SHOW and EVENT CALENDAR

To list a coin show contact Eric Holcomb, Eric@Holcomb.com, phone 541-647-1021. Highlighted shows and events are PNNA, ANA or RCNA sponsored or co-sponsored. Shows will occasionally be subject to changes or cancellations.

2011

JAN 6-9 FLORIDA UNITED NUMIS. (FUN) 55TH CONVENTION, Tampa Conv. Center, Tampa, FL

JAN 8-9 GREATER TACOMA COIN SHOW, King Oscar Convention Center, 88th & So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

JAN 15-16 BOEING EMPLOYEES' COIN CLUB SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

JAN 22-23 ANA/PNNA Counterfeit Detection Seminar, Tukwila, WA (See PNNA website)

JAN 23 North Shore Numismatic Soc. Oakridge Stamp & Coin Fair, Oakridge Auditorium, 41st & Cambie, Vancouver, BC, Canada

JAN 28-30 SAN JOSE COIN CLUB SHOW, San Jose, CA

JAN 29 OLYMPIA COIN CLUB SHOW, Comfort Inn Conference Center, 1620 74th Ave SW, Tumwater, WA

FEB 3-5 LONG BEACH COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES EXPO, Long Beach, CA

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

FEB 12 KIRKLAND-EASTSIDE COIN & CURRENCY SHOW, Kirkland Baymont Inn, 12223 NE 116th St, Kirkland, WA

FEB 12-13 OCEAN SHORES ANTIQUE/COLLECTIBLE SHOW, Conv. Center, Ocean Shores, WA

FEB 13 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Holiday Inn, 1 South Grady Way, Renton, WA

FEB 19 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

FEB 19-20 MCMINNVILLE COIN CLUB SHOW, Chinook Winds Casino, 1777 NW 44th, Lincoln City, OR

FEB 26-27 COEUR d'ALENE COIN CLUB SHOW, Kootenai County Fairgrounds, Coeur d'Alene, ID

MAR 4-6 LAS VEGAS COIN CLUB SHOW, Las Vegas, NV

MAR 5 STANWOOD COIN CLUB SHOW, Stanwood Senior Center

MAR 5-6 GRAYS HARBOR COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES SHOW, South Shore Mall, Aberdeen, WA

MAR 10-13 Chicago Paper Money Exposition, Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL

MAR 12-13 TACOMA-LAKEWOOD COIN CLUB SHOW, King Oscar Convention Center, 88th & So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

MAR 12-13 (tentative) CALGARY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY COIN SHOW, Radisson Hotel, 2120 - 16th Avenue N.E., Calgary, Alberta, Canada

MAR 13 COIN AND CURRENCY SHOW, Clackamas Banquet Center, 15815 SE 82nd Dr, Clackamas, OR

MAR 17-19 ANA National Money Show™, Sacramento Convention Center, Sacramento, CA

APR 2-3 BELLINGHAM COIN, CARD & STAMP SHOW, Hampton Inn, Fox Hall, 3985 Bennett Dr., I-5 Exit 258, Bellingham, WA

APR 2-3 INLAND EMPIRE COIN CLUB'S SPRING COIN, CARD & STAMP SHOW, Center Place, 2426 N Discovery Place, Spokane Valley, WA

APR 2-3 VANCOUVER NUMISMATIC SOCIETY ANNUAL COIN SHOW, Oakridge Centre, 41st Ave & Cambie St., Vancouver, BC, Canada

APR 8-10 PNNA CONVENTION (62nd Annual), Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave. So., Tukwila, WA

APR 10 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Holiday Inn, 1 South Grady Way, Renton, WA

APR 14-16 SANTA CLARA COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES EXPO, Santa Clara, CA

APR 14-17 Chicago International Coin Fair, Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL

APR 17-23 ANA National Coin Week

APR 24 (tentative) COWLITZ COIN CLUB'S 43RD ANNUAL SHOW, AWPPW Hall 724 - 15th Ave, Longview, WA

APR 28-30 CENTRAL STATES NUMIS. SOCIETY ANNUAL CONV., Rosemont, IL

APR 30-MAY 1 (tentative) TRI-CITY COIN CLUB SHOW, Hampton Inn, 486 Bradley Blvd., Richland, WA

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