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President's Message

by PNNA President Danny Bisgaard

At the Tukwila convention, new officers and board were inducted to lead the PNNA over the next two years. Here is your new Board for the 2014-2015 term:

Officers - Danny Bisgaard as President, James Reinders as Vice-President, John Brown as Secretary, Scott Loos as Treasurer and Lisa Loos continues as Past President. Board - Kevin Charbonneau, Gawain O'Connor, James Free, Mark Gruner, Rick Schulz, Dan Vornbrock, John Brown, Ed Fischer, Dennis Reed, Ron Engholm and Tony Kalt.

I want to personally thank the membership for their confidence in the new Board and to welcome new Board members James Free, Tony Kalt, Dennis Reed and Ron Engholm. In addition, I want to personally thank outgoing Board members William McKivor, Jesse Torres, Dennis Stevens and Dale Reubish for their past service.

Please refer to the PNNA website for a list of the annual award winners that were presented at Tukwila. We so appreciate the member's involvement in the numismatic hobby we all love to participate in.

The spring PNNA convention was held this past May. Interest continues as we watch the volatile metals market. We had steady crowds all three days. Thanks to all the volunteers and to the convention committee - we continue to need more volunteers. Thank you to Kevin Charbonneau and his team as well as Tony Kalt who assisted Walt during the YN treasure hunt. Again, thanks to all of you that spent endless preparation and labor hours in making the convention a success.

The Puyallup Fair is just around the corner (Sept. 5-21). We need volunteers to staff the table at the Fair. We use this opportunity to continue to educate the public about numismatics as well as a recruiting tool. Rick Schulz, Puyallup Fair Coordinator, has begun visiting local clubs to solicit volunteers. The Board encourages you to participate and sign up for a shift or two. By the way, the Fair has great entertainment in the evening. Please contact Rick at richardf53@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer.

Refer to last quarter's edition for contact information for the need of volunteers for the ANA show scheduled in March 2015. In addition, thanks to Ed Fischer and his team for the final production of the ANA medal. Sales continue and medals are available for purchase. (See the PNNA website to place an online order.)

Projected Board Meeting Dates and Locations:

- July 12, 2014 at Spiffy's Restaurant near Chehalis, I-5 milepost 68, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Oct. 11, 2014 at the PNNA-Willamette Annual Convention, Doubletree Hotel, Portland, OR
- Jan. 17, 2015 Boeing Show, Kent Commons
- May 2, 2015 Tukwila Annual Convention, Tukwila Community Center, Tukwila, WA

The Board serves at your pleasure - please contact any one of us with your suggestions. We want to grow this organization and we want to better educate our members on the subject of numismatics.

Have a great "numismatic" summer - consider attending the ANA World's Fair of Money in Chicago (Aug. 5-9; see www.worldsfairofmoney.com for more information), the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association convention in Ontario, Canada (Aug. 13-16) and the Florence Money Show in Florence, Oregon (Aug. 16-17).

Danny B.

PNNA Officers and Directors 2014-2016

President - Danny Bisgaard

Vice President - James Reinders

Secretary - John Brown

Treasurer - Scott Loos

Directors - Lisa Loos (Past President), Kevin Charbonneau, Gawain O'Connor, Ron Engholm, Ed Fischer, James D. Free, Mark Gruner, Tony Kalt, Dennis Reed, Rick Schulz, Dan Vornbrock.

Appointed Positions

Dealer-Director - vacant

Editor/Webmaster - Eric Holcomb

PNNA 2014 Annual Awards Summary

by Danny Bisgaard

The following presentations were made at the 2014 Tukwila convention, May 2-4, 2014.



Presidential Awards – Mike Labosier (right in photo) receives a PNNA Presidential Award from Danny Bisgaard (left). Mike just stepped down from his position as PNNA board member and secretary.



Rick Schulz (left), PNNA board member, Puyallup Fair coordinator and designated “penny squisher,” received a PNNA Presidential Award from Danny Bisgaard (right).



Nina Nystrom Memorial Award – James Free (right), Salem Numismatic Society president and new PNNA board member, received the Nina Nystrom Memorial Goodwill Ambassador Award from PNNA president and award committee chairman Danny Bisgaard (left).



Bob Everett Memorial Award – Bill McKivor (right), long-time PNNA Director and British token and medal dealer (among other activities), received the Bob Everett Memorial Award from PNNA president and award committee chairman Danny Bisgaard (left).

Literary Awards – James Free accepted the PNNA’s literary award for best club newsletter on behalf of the Salem Numismatic Society.



Ron Engholm (right), Salem Numismatic Society member and new PNNA board member, received a 2nd place literary award for an article in *The Nor'wester* from PNNA president Danny Bisgaard (left). The 1st place award went to Mark Benvenuto.



National Coin Week – Dennis Reed (right) accepted the PNNA’s National Coin Week award on behalf of the Olympia Coin Club. Presenting the award is PNNA President Danny Bisgaard (left).

Scholarships – This year’s adult scholarship was presented to Scott McClaine, and the YN scholarship was presented to Ermin Chow. Both are attending the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs.

Once again, thanks go to the members that took the time to nominate or submit applications for these important PNNA awards. Your interest and continued education are the reasons these awards are made available to all of you.

More information about the various PNNA awards can be found on the PNNA website at:

<http://www.pnna.org/awards/awards.html>

Deadline for submission of material for 4th Quarter 2014 Nor'wester: September 15, 2014.

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Puyallup Fair Time!

I am sure most of you know, every year the PNNA sponsors a coin collecting display at the Washington State (Puyallup) Fair and every year the PNNA coordinator for this event is tasked with signing up volunteers to staff the display throughout the run of the Fair. Our coordinator this year is Rick Schulz. Most volunteers Rick signs up are from clubs in the Puget Sound area, generally from Olympia to Everett. Previously Rick reached out and signed volunteers from south of the Columbia River. This year he would like to continue to reach out to all PNNA member clubs. If any members of your local club are interested in working the Fair have them get in touch with Rick at the phone number or email address below.

So why would anyone want to travel a couple hundred miles just to go to a fair? It's not just a fair, it's The Fair. The Puyallup Fair routinely ranks as one of the top fairs in the country and occasionally ranks in the top five. And, everyone has fun in the Hobby Hall!

The Fair offers big name entertainment every night. There have been volunteers that have scheduled their shifts to coincide with the day their favorite entertainer is performing. Have fun at the Hobby Hall, see the rest of the Fair and enjoy the evening shows!

So, what are we asking of you? The coin collecting display consists of a large glass display case filled with coins, currency and other numismatic related items. Next to the case is a desk with enough area for two to three to sit comfortably. During the hours the Hobby Hall is open volunteers will greet visitors and answer their coin-related questions. We understand that nobody knows everything and you may have to refer visitors to other sources of information. Lists of local coin clubs and coin show calendars will be available to assist you. Your biggest job will be to play the penny game with the kids. If the kids can find their birth year in a tray of pennies they can have it all 2x2'd up as a

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souvenir. There will also be a tray of foreign coins for handouts.

So what do you get for volunteering besides interacting with scores of Fair goers? You get free passes to the Fair and free parking in employee lots. A few parking passes will be available for closer-in lots. If you sign up for any four-hour shift you'll have eight hours to do the Puyallup. A table top locking display case will be available at the Hobby Hall display so you can show off some of your own collection.

The Puyallup Fair runs from September 5 through September 21. Every day of the Fair we need to fill three four-hour shifts. Shifts run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering and having a lot of fun or just interested in

more information at this time contact Rick Schulz by phone at 253-535-0690 or by email at richardf53@yahoo.com.

If you're interested in what the Fair has to offer check out their web site, www.thefair.com.

By the way, Rick is also the PNNA Club Rep Program Coordinator, so also contact him if you would like information about that program.

PNNA-Willamette Fall Convention

Put October 11-12, 2014 on your calendars ... the 10th Annual PNNA/Willamette Coin Club Fall Convention and Coin Show will be here before you know it. This year will feature an expanded bourse, YN program and expanded exhibit area – more details will follow in the fall issue of *The Nor'Wester*.

Upcoming Board Meetings

See Danny Bisgaard's president's message on page 1. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the PNNA board to consider, please submit them to the president or secretary in advance of the meeting.

PNNA 65th Annual Convention, May 2-4, 2014 in Tukwila

The biggest annual coin show in the Pacific Northwest, sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association (PNNA) and now in its 14th year in Tukwila, was once again a big success, with strong attendance despite widely variable weather conditions ... warm Friday and cooler and rather wet Saturday and Sunday. Total three-day paid attendance was approximately 1,000.

In addition to bourse activity, there were exhibits, awards, numismatic theater and club meetings on Saturday, and a popular Young Numismatists (YN) program.

Juniors on the bourse floor were excited to have the opportunity to complete a set of numismatic items as part of the Young Numismatist (YN) "Treasure Hunt" game. Participation was excellent as always, with the program once again conducted this year by ANA President Walter Ostromecki.

A Boy Scout workshop was conducted on Saturday by James Reinders.

There were eight collector exhibits this year in 22 cases, the best turnout in years!

"Squished" or elongated cents were available as souvenirs, thanks to the PNNA's popular machine!

Sales began of the 2015 Portland ANA National Money Show commemorative medals.

Special thanks to Kevin Charboneau for serving as general chairman of the convention. This was Kevin's first convention as chairman, and he did a nice job.

The PNNA is pleased to announce that the association's annual convention will again be held at the Tukwila Community Center, May 1-3, 2015.

See more photos and reports, including Walt Ostromecki's report, on the PNNA website at:

http://www.pnna.org/convention/spring/convention_report_2014.html. (Some of the award photos and captions also appear on page 2 of this newsletter.)



This year's keynote speaker was Howard A. Daniel III. Howard is the author of the *Lao Coins and Currency* catalog (which he's holding in the photo), and spoke about this interesting topic.

See Howard's article on pp. 8-9.

2014 Convention Exhibit Report

The following are the results of this year's competitive collector exhibits at the Tukwila convention.

Competitive Exhibits

Class 1 - United States and Canadian Coins

1st Place — Thomas A. Tullis — "1937 Roanoke Island (North Carolina) Anniversary Half Dollar."

Class 2 - United States and Canadian Paper Money

1st Place — Anthony Kalt — "Courtesy Autographs."

2nd Place — Tom Sparks — "Short Snorters of Significance to Washington State."

Class 3 - Tokens, Medals and Decorations

1st Place — Charmy Harker — "Penny Potpourri."

Class 4 - World Coins and Paper Money

1st Place — Gerald R. Williams — "India: 550 BCE-480 AD, Cyrus 'The Great' through the 'Golden Age.'"

2nd Place — Kevin Au — "18 Dimes to the Dollar: Gresham's Law at Work in 1920's China."

3rd Place — Tom Sparks — "Lee Moyne Mark (World War II) Short Snorter."

Class 5 - General or Specialized

No entries.

Class 6 - Pacific Northwest Numismatic Material

No award.

Best Tokens and Medals

C.E. "Hepp" Heppner Memorial Award

Charmy Harker (see Class 3 above).

Best of Show

Byron F. Johnson Jr. Memorial Award

Charmy Harker (see Class 3 above).

People's Choice Award

No award.

Exhibit Committee and Judges:

Judges: Danny Bisgaard, Del Cushing, James Reinders and Tom Sheehan. Chief Judge: Eric Holcomb. Exhibit Chairman: Dan Vornbrock.

For exhibit photos, see the PNNA website at http://www.pnna.org/exhibits/exhibits_completed.html.

Congratulations to all winners. They will receive awards for their winning entries. Why not consider an exhibit yourself at next year's Tukwila convention, or at the fall show in Portland?

PNNA Board Meeting Minutes

3 May 2014, Tukwila, Washington

Members in Attendance: Danny Bisgaard, President; Lisa Loos, Past President; James Reinders, Vice President; Michael Labosier, Secretary; Scott Loos, Treasurer; John Brown, Director; Mark Gruner, Director; William McKivor, Director; Gawain O'Connor, Director; Rick Schulz, Director; Dan Vornbrock, Director; Eric Holcomb, Editor, Webmaster and Membership Coordinator.

Members Absent: Ed Fischer, Director; Dale Reubish, Director; Dennis Stevens, Director; Jesse Torres, Director.

Guests in Attendance: Kevin Charboneau; James Free; Larry Gaye; Wendy Gruner; Walter Ostromecki.

The board meeting was called to order by President Danny Bisgaard at approximately 8:00 a.m. Danny welcomed the board members and guests.

Secretary's Report: Danny called for any changes or corrections to the minutes of the January 18, 2014 board meeting. The minutes were approved with no changes (Lisa/Mark). Mike had no club correspondence to report.

Treasurer's Report: Scott reviewed the PNNA's 2014 financial results through April 30. Revenues for the four month period totaled \$24,225 with \$23,182 of that attributable to convention income. Total expenses of \$17,948 included convention expenses of \$11,303 and a \$2,050 relating to the 2014 ANA Summer Seminar Scholarships. The club held cash of \$78,963 at April 30 – \$59,708 invested in money market accounts and the rest held in checking accounts. Fund balances included \$66,010 held in the general fund, \$5,170 in the life member fund, and \$7,784 in the Bob Everett Memorial fund. The Treasurer's report was accepted by the board (Bill/Mark).

Committee Reports:

Convention – Kevin Charboneau reported there were 300 paid admissions on Friday afternoon, the first day of the Tukwila show. Kevin then mentioned a few comments he had received during the show's first day. Danny asked that all feedback be summarized for consideration in planning future conventions.

Exhibit – Dan and Eric reported very good participation in this year's Tukwila show exhibits, and noted that two judging teams would evaluate the exhibits for awards.

Membership – Lisa reported that she had recruited two life members who were regular early-bird attendees to PNNA shows. She then led a brief discussion of five criteria that the membership committee will propose as

requirements to establish any new PNNA awards named in memory of an individual. Any new awards would require board approval. Lisa will bring a proposal to the July board meeting for review and discussion.

Outreach – James expects a few scouts to attend a scout clinic at the Tukwila convention. Rather than offering clinics at the fall convention, James will instead promote sessions to be offered at the 2015 ANA National Money Show to be held in Portland. Rick will resume his efforts to implement a PNNA Club Rep program, using a new approach.

Education – Scott has approached John Kraljevich to conduct a seminar to be offered in September 2014.

Elections – Danny noted that the PNNA board election results would be announced at the annual membership meeting that evening. He then shared that as the result of a write-in campaign, John Brown had agreed to serve as Secretary, and that all board positions would be filled. Danny asked Mike to assist John in transitioning the Secretary's duties.

Publications – Danny thanked Rick and Eric for stepping in for Dale to keep the show calendars current.

Awards/Scholarships – Danny announced that award certificates were ready to be given to the winners who would be announced at that evening's membership meeting. As decided earlier, the winner of the Bob Everett award will now be given a plaque to keep as well as having his/her name added to the perpetual award plaque.

New Logo/ 75th Anniversary – In Ed's absence, Eric provided an update on ideas for a special logo to be used during the PNNA's 75th anniversary year (2015). The logo would likely be used as the reverse design for the 75th anniversary medal. This will be considered further at the July board meeting. Danny clarified that the obverse of the PNNA anniversary medal would be different from the *Portlandia* design that was used for the Portland ANA National Money Show. A design similar to the voyageur shown on Canadian silver dollars is under consideration for the PNNA anniversary medal, though no final decision has yet been made.

Old Business:

Penny Press Machine – Danny thanked Rick for all his work in managing the use of the club's penny press machine and for coordinating the production dies for designs prepared for various PNNA and member club events. The squished pennies have been a big hit at these events, and collectors of elongated cents have shown much interest in collecting them.

Travelling Display – Kevin and Rick will update the list of coins received and additional coins desired for the travelling display. Rick noted that the display was unable

to be set up at the Tukwila convention this year, due to lack of space. He suggested that the board ensure room is available for the exhibit at all PNNA conventions.

Life Memberships – The board approved a proposal (Lisa/Scott) to award an honorary PNNA life membership to Dick Billings in recognition of his many years of service to the club. The board considered this a special case, and asked the membership committee to propose criteria to be applied to future honorary life membership awards. Currently, only past presidents of the PNNA normally qualify for this recognition. Also, Lisa reported that the Willamette Coin Club has agreed to extend free admission to PNNA life members at the PNNA fall convention shows they co-sponsor.

New Membership Flyer – Lisa provided updated membership flyers for use at the Tukwila convention. She will send Eric an electronic copy to facilitate future updates.

Voting Participation – Danny commented that 64 ballots had been voted in the current PNNA election. This is a low participation rate, but is comparable to experience in recent elections.

2015 ANA Show in Portland – Danny held a meeting of the PNNA planning committee for the 2015 ANA show during the Tukwila Convention. ANA President Walter Ostromecki attended.

Summer Seminar Scholarships – Danny noted that both the adult and YN PNNA scholarships to the ANA Summer Seminar were awarded this year, and that both recipients would be attending the seminar for two weeks. The board continues to consider the possibility of increasing the Summer Seminar scholarship award amounts in light of the program's increasing tuition costs.

Exhibit Awards Research – Dan plans to add a People's Choice Award, but has not yet implemented the idea. He confirmed that exhibit awards would be obtained from a new source to improve timeliness.

Penny Press Agreement – Rick has not yet completed the penny press agreement form to be used when the machine is loaned out to member clubs. He will complete the agreement soon, and circulate it to the board for review and approval.

New Business:

2014-2016 Committee Assignments – Danny distributed a list of committee assignments for the new board term.

Life Membership Cards – The board will consider issuing special membership cards to PNNA life members. Danny circulated some examples used by other clubs.

Purchase of Additional Display Cases – Scott explained the need for additional display cases given heavy use of the club's current inventory for dealer rentals at PNNA conventions and member club events. The board approved a proposal by Scott to purchase up to 25 additional cases (Mark/Bill).

Other Matters – The board briefly discussed the idea of issuing permanent dealer badges for use at PNNA shows, similar to the ANA's practice. No decisions were made, and the matter is likely to be explored further at the July board meeting. James reported that the ANA's new website, to be unveiled later this year, will provide space for member clubs' postings. The PNNA should consider how this opportunity might best be used to benefit the club. Danny thanked Bill and Mike for their service as they retire from the board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Michael Labosier, Secretary, Recording

PNNA Membership Meeting Minutes

3 May 2014, Tukwila, Washington

Current Board Members Present: Danny Bisgaard, President; James Reinders, Vice President; Scott Loos, Treasurer; John Brown, Secretary; Mark Gruner, Director; Gawain O'Connor, Director; Lisa Loos, Director; Rick Schulz, Director; Dan Vornbrock, Director; Dennis Reed, Director; James Free, Director; Ron Engholm, Director; Tony Kalt, Director; Kevin Charboneau, Director.

Current Board Members Absent: Ed Fischer, Director; Dennis Stevens, Director; Scott McLaine, Director.

Guests: Walter Ostromecki, ANA President; Wendy Gruner; Charmy Harker; Cindi Snow Ray; Gerald Williams; Kevin Au; Dick Billings; Thomas Tullis; Glenn Holsenbake.

The membership meeting was called to order by President Danny Bisgaard at 6:20 p.m., and Danny welcomed several guests present.

Danny commented that voting results were quite low for the new PNNA board of directors for 2014-2016. The new board members were presented, and those leaving the board were recognized for their contributions in the past. They included: Bill McKivor, Director; Dennis Stevens, Director; Dale Reubish, Director; Michael Labosier, Past Secretary; Jesse Torres, Director.

No report was done on the future PNNA medal designs for 2015 due to Ed's absence. Danny hoped they could be finalized by the next meeting in July.

Danny emphasized the need for volunteers for the ANA Show in Portland next March in several areas such as pages and ambassadors. A guest (Charmy Harker) recommended that pages create business cards to pass out with contact phone numbers to assist in connecting with dealers when needed.

Danny announced an upcoming class presented by Eric on creating winning exhibits to be held in Salem on Sept. 28 from 1-4 p.m. Eric commented that there were 22 cases at this May show, and because the purchase of more cases was approved, we could have up to 36 cases for the Tukwila PNNA show next year.

Seven awards were given in four of the six exhibit classes this year. (See page 4 for a list.) They will receive their awards at a later date.

James Reinders discussed the new ANA website planned to appear in late June/early July. It will have an area for local club information, and James encouraged clubs in our area to contribute.

Danny recognized Dick Billings for contributing so much to the PNNA with a lifetime membership.

ANA President Walter Ostromecki presented two ANA Presidential Awards to Dennis Reed and Mark Gruner for their continuing contributions to Numismatics. Rick Schulz and Howard A Daniel III both received a Presidential "Numismatic Points of Light" award from Walter at the Tukwila PNNA show.

Danny presented a set of two ANA medals commemorating the upcoming ANA Money Show in Portland, Ore. next March to Walt for the ANA Museum.

Danny also announced that two scholarships (one adult and one junior) have been awarded for this summer's numismatic school held at ANA Headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colorado. A literary award for best club newsletter plus \$100 was presented to James Free, President of the Salem Numismatic Society. Awards for best articles written in *The Nor'Wester* went to Mark Benvenuto with \$50 for 1st place and to Ron Engholm for 2nd place. Dennis Reed accepted the award for National Coin Week for the Olympia Coin Club. Four Presidential Awards were presented to the following individuals for their personal accomplishments and contributions.

Gene Henry – Donations of Washington Commem. medals and to the traveling display.

Michael Labosier – Past convention chair and as outgoing secretary.

Scott McLaine – Cent donations for the elongated coin machine.

Rick Schulz – Organizational management of the elongated coin machine and traveling display.

The Nystrom Award was presented to James Free as a goodwill ambassador, and the Everett Memorial Award with \$250 was given to Bill McKivor.

Danny asked for any final comments or questions. Cindi Snow Ray with ANACS thanked everyone for another great show. Gerald Williams suggested that voting forms be made available for the People's Choice Award for best exhibits. Those forms are planned for sometime in the future.

Meeting was adjourned by President Danny Bisgaard.

Recorded by John Brown, Secretary.

Thank You

by *Dennis Reed, newly elected PNNA Board member.*

President Danny and PNNA Board,

At the PNNA open meeting I received the ultimate "surprise of my life," the National President's Award given by none other than our ANA President Walter O. Thank you very much!

Words cannot express my surprise as Walt began telling you all about the achievements of the person getting the award and I wondered who could it be? I am really flattered, and completely surprised that he thought so much of me to give this award. I've never been so humbled except when I was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship award in Lions. (A Melvin Jones Fellowship award is one of the highest awards in Lions for community service!)

I hope that by the membership electing me to the PNNA Board I can live up to this standard and continue to promote the hobby of coin collecting and membership in not only our national organization the ANA but the PNNA as well. This was the biggest surprise and one of the most wonderful moments of my life!

I truly thank President Walter, and all of you for supporting me.

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Lao Coins & Currency

by Howard A. Daniel III

I had the pleasure of speaking at the most recent PNNA Convention about my latest catalog; *Lao Coins & Currency*. It covers the financial instruments of the Lao people from the 16th century to date, and some related medals and other pieces.

My interest in Lao began in 1964 when I was in the Army and stationed on Okinawa. An Air Force NCO, John Novak, talked me into collecting and writing about Southeast Asia numismatics. It took him awhile to convince me but I quickly dug into the area and disposed of my U.S. coins and paper money.

I was stationed in Southeast Asia from January 1966 to August 1970, and again in December 1971 to January 1973. I worked mostly within several intelligence activities and my backup site was in the JUSMAG Compound in Bangkok. Most of my numismatic time during those years was in Bangkok.

I was very lucky to find the Lee Kim Guan shop in that city. It sold numismatic and philatelic pieces, and some catalogs. The first few times I was in the shop they could see from my haircut, I was just a GI on R&R and not a serious numismatist. Eventually, they did consider me a serious collector and researcher.

At that time, they had often hundreds of particular pieces for sale and I could go through bags of coins and stacks of notes looking for pieces to add to my research collection. As the years have gone by to today, the stacks and bags are gone and most pieces available are singles to only two or three of a piece.

I did not know exactly what I owned until after the war. I had been mailing everything to my mother in Florida via registered mail from embassy APOs in Southeast Asia, and elsewhere in the world, for about fifteen years. When I came back to the USA in 1973, I saw everything I owned for the first time.

I sorted down the pieces into each country and started cataloging them. When I saw that I had enough pieces and information in a particular series, I started

writing for the numismatic press and club and society journals. Then I started writing my catalogs.

My *Lao Coins & Currency* catalog is my seventh catalog and I am now working on my eighth, which is the second edition of my *Democratic Republic of Viet Nam Coins & Currency*. It will be followed by the second edition of my *Republic of Viet Nam Coins & Currency* catalog. I am now publishing one catalog per year.

I brought four Lao pieces with me for my talk. One was a 10 Kip replacement note from the Kingdom of Laos Series 1957A. There are only six known replacement notes for the entire series! I also brought a Pathet Lao Series 1957B 10 Kip copy printed in Prague for the communists to use in their "liberated" areas.

The CIA captured a cave in which contained most of the supply of Pathet Lao Series 1957B notes. They hauled them all back to Vientiane and decided to drop them over the "liberated" areas to upset the economy. It worked and Series 1957B was quickly replaced with Series 1968 notes.

I also brought a Series 1968 Pathet Lao 200 Kip note printed for them in Shanghai. It is a very nice and high quality note. Eventually, the CIA made a propaganda leaflet copy of this note and replaced a Lao temple on it with an image of Ho Chi Minh to indicate the Vietnamese were going to rule over them.

After leaflet drops, the Pathet Lao sent thousands of military personnel out to pick them up and take them from the people. It was very effective at upsetting the situation in the "liberated" areas, and the Pathet Lao and their Vietnamese allies spent a lot of time putting out new propaganda to reverse the situation.

If you ever come across a Lao piece that you want identified and/or authenticated, please send a photocopy to me at P.O. Box 626, Dunn Loring, VA 22027 or a scan at HADaniel3@msn.com. Never send the piece to me unless I request it. I hope I can return to speak at another PNNA Convention in the near future!

See the images and captions on the next page.

A visit to Newcastle Island by Gawain O'Connor

In Nanaimo Harbour, just off Vancouver Island in British Columbia, Canada, you will find Newcastle Island. It was named after Newcastle-on-Tyne in the north of England because of early coal mining.

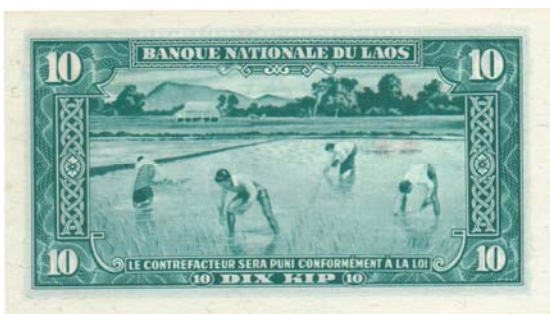
In 1869 sandstone quarrying began on the island to provide stone for the San Francisco Mint ("The Granite Lady"), including the six blank columns, each 27½ feet high. Originally there were to be eight columns, but two sank with the ship Zephyr in 1872. One was recovered from the wreck at Mayne Island, and can be seen on exhibit at Newcastle Island.

A passenger ferry from Nanaimo runs during the summer months. When you pay your fare at the dock, you receive a token for the return trip with a kangaroo image, because a trip on the harbour ferry is called a "hop" by the company. (See photo on page 12.) Dogs are allowed and can ride on the ferry for free.

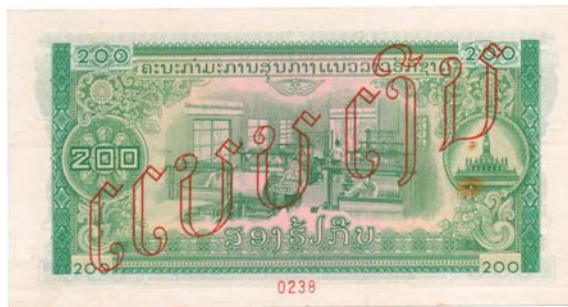
For more information, visit the park website, www.newcastleisland.ca.



Kingdom of Laos Series 1957A Replacement note with a Star instead of the block number and letter. It was printed in the USA. Only six replacements notes are known for all of the denominations in this series.



Pathet Lao Series 1957B 10 Kip note, which is a copy of the Kingdom of Laos Series 1957A note. It was printed in Prague. Unlike the Series 1957A note, it has no planchettes and a large serial number font.



Pathet Lao Series 1968 200 Kip Specimen note printed in Shanghai. It has a Lao temple on the back right side. Issued 200 Kip notes are common but its specimen is difficult to find.



This is the CIA Propaganda Leaflet of the Pathet Lao Series 1968 with Ho Chi Minh's image replacing the Lao temple on the back right side. This leaflet is very rare.

ANA National Money Show

This important show, coming to Portland, Oregon, March 5-7, 2015, is just around the corner and we're looking for lots of volunteers for all kinds of jobs.

Rick Schulz (Washington) and John Brown (Oregon) are the Page Co-Chairmen. Specifically we are looking for Pages who will assist the staff and dealers as needed during the show. At the time of the show any individual volunteering as a Page must be **at least 13 years of age and no older than 22**. Each Page may help with setting up and tearing down after the show, taking food orders and delivering to the dealers, cleaning the glass on the dealers' cases when asked, passing out literature when directed, or assisting with other necessary tasks. It is understood that the Pages will not be officially paid for their efforts, but "tipping is allowed" for a job well done. Each page will wear an official ANA vest while on duty and wear a photo ID badge at all times on the bourse floor. Each Page is required to be an ANA member. If that poses a problem please let either Rick or John know, as we have our ways of helping out.

The following show schedule lists the times on what days that Pages are needed. Please indicate the days and hours you will be available for paging in the space below.

Day / Hours you will be available

Wednesday, March 4, 2015 (3 pm - 6 pm)

From: _____ To: _____

Thursday, March 5, 2015 (8 am - 6 pm)

From: _____ To: _____

Friday, March 6, 2015 (8 am - 6 pm)

From: _____ To: _____

Saturday, March 7, 2015 (8 am - 4 pm)

From: _____ To: _____

If interested please contact either:

(Washington) Rick Schulz at 1-253-535-0690 or richardf53@yahoo.com.

(Oregon) John Brown at 1-503-949-4381 or pnnasecretaryjb@gmail.com.

Before August we will gladly send you an application with all the details. Sometime around mid-August (after the Chicago ANA show is over) the application should be available through the ANA website at www.money.org. Questions may also be directed to: ANA Conventions, phone (719) 482-9849, email convention@money.org.

PNNA Membership Survey Feedback

by John Brown

In response to your comments, questions and suggestions we are addressing the following this quarter.

"More educational classes" – In preparation for the upcoming ANA/PNNA National Money Show in Portland next March, an educational seminar has been scheduled on how to create an effective show exhibit. One seminar will be held in Salem on Sept. 28th (Sun.) from 1-4 p.m. at the Willamette Valley Fire Hall, located at 300 Cordon Rd. NE, Salem, OR. Eric Holcomb, our exhibit chief judge, will be teaching the class which will be free and packed with all kinds of useful information. We have room for only 75 attendees, so if you plan to attend please contact either Eric at 541-647-1021 or John at 503-949-4381. For those of you in the Seattle area plans are still in the works for something similar to be held. We want this show to be a stellar event, so let's fill that exhibit area. Other educational seminars were presented on May 3rd at the PNNA Show in Tukwila. They included one on Colonial Coins, another by the Pacific Ancient Numismatists, and the keynote presentation by Howard A. Daniel III on Lao Coins & Currency. Please watch for details on upcoming educational opportunities in our future *Nor'wester* issues.

"Do you have a PNNA library" – The PNNA does not have a reference library for its members. Those of you who belong to the ANA should be aware that they currently have the very best numismatic library available anywhere in the U.S. It would be very difficult and expensive for the PNNA to duplicate what is already available to anyone. Check it out at www.money.org.

"Provide more website resources for those who specialize in various numismatic areas" – The PNNA website (www.pnna.org) currently has quite an extensive list of many of our members who focus on specific collecting areas. Go into the "PNNA Reference Section" for lots of worthwhile info., and also at the bottom of that link go to "PNNA Member Web Site Links" for lots more great references. If you would like to contribute an article or have your website listed, please contact Eric Holcomb, eric@holcomb.com.

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.

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JUL 5 COIN FEST, King Oscar Convention Center, 88th & So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

JUL 12-13 NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY 29TH ANNUAL CONV. & AUCTION, Clackamas Banquet and Catering Center, 12 miles south of the Portland Airport, just off I-205

JUL 12-13 NwPlaza's Antique Coin Bonanza (2nd weekend of each month), 1413 C Street, Vancouver, WA

JUL 17-19 SO-CAL COIN and CURRENCY SHOW, Ontario Convention Center, 2000 Convention Center Way, Ontario, CA

AUG 2-4 PNG/ANA Numismatic Trade Show, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Chicago/Rosemont, IL

AUG 5-9 ANA World's Fair of Money®, Donald E. Stephens Conv. Center, Chicago/Rosemont, IL

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

AUG 13-16 RCNA Toronto convention, Delta Meadowvale Hotel and Conference Centre, 6750 Mississauga Road, Mississauga, Ontario

AUG 16-17 17TH ANNUAL FLORENCE COIN SHOW, Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., Florence, OR

AUG 23-24 TACOMA-LAKEWOOD COIN CLUB SHOW, King Oscar Convention Center, 88th & So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

AUG 30-31 NTCA ANNUAL TOKEN & MEDAL SHOW, Ramada Plaza Omaha, 72 & Grover St., Omaha, NE

SEP 4-6 LONG BEACH COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES EXPO, Long Beach, CA

SEP 5-21 WASHINGTON STATE (PUYALLUP) FAIR, PNNA-sponsored coin exhibit and info table in Hobby Hall

SEP 6-7 North Shore Numismatic Society Oakridge Stamp & Coin Fair, Oakridge Auditorium, 41st & Cambie, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

SEP 7 COIN AND CURRENCY SHOW, Clackamas Banquet Center, 15815 SE 82nd Dr, Clackamas, OR

SEP 7 (9AM-Noon) NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, King Oscar Motel, 8820 So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

SEP 12-14 LAS VEGAS NUMIS. SOCIETY FALL COIN SHOW, Palace Station Hotel, 2411 W Sahara, Las Vegas, NV

SEP 13-14 CAVE MAN COIN CLUB COIN, CURRENCY, TOKEN and STAMP SHOW, Josephine County Fairgrounds, Redwood Hwy., Grants Pass, OR

SEP 19-21 SANTA CLARA COIN & COLLECTABLES SHOW, Santa Clara Conv. Center, Santa Clara, CA

SEP 20-21 WASHINGTON STATE 34th ANNUAL COIN SHOW, King Oscar Convention Center, 88th & So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

SEP TBD TRI-CITY COIN CLUB SHOW, Hampton Inn, 486 Bradley Blvd., Richland, WA

SEP 26-27 NORTH BAY-SANTA ROSA COIN SHOW, The Flamingo Hotel, 2777 4th St, Santa Rosa, CA

SEP 27 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

OCT 11-12 PNNA-Willamette Coin Club 10th Annual Fall Convention & Coin Show, DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel, 1000 NE Multnomah Street, Portland, OR

OCT 12 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Rainier Hotel (formerly Holiday Inn), 1 South Grady Way, Renton, WA

OCT 18 OLYMPIA/SOUTH SOUND COIN & CURRENCY SHOW, VFW Hall, 2902 Martin Way, Olympia, WA

OCT 24-26 DENVER COIN EXPO, National Western Complex, 4655 Humboldt St., Denver, CO

OCT 25-26 Spokane Inland Empire Fall Coin & Stamp Show, Center Place, 2426 N Discovery Place, Spokane Valley, WA

NOV 8 (tentative) King County Coin Club Show, Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave. So., Tukwila, WA

NOV 14-15 SOUTH BAY-SUNNYVALE COIN SHOW, The Domain Hotel, 1085 El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, CA

NOV 15-16 EVERETT COIN CLUB Fall Coin & Stamp Show, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 12810 35th Ave SE, Everett, WA

NOV 16 North Shore Numismatic Soc. Oakridge Stamp & Coin Fair, Oakridge Auditorium, 41st & Cambie, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

NOV 22-23 THE HOLIDAY COIN SHOW, King Oscar Convention Center, 88th & So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

NOV 30 (9AM-Noon) NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, King Oscar Motel, 8820 So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

Coin Show Promoters

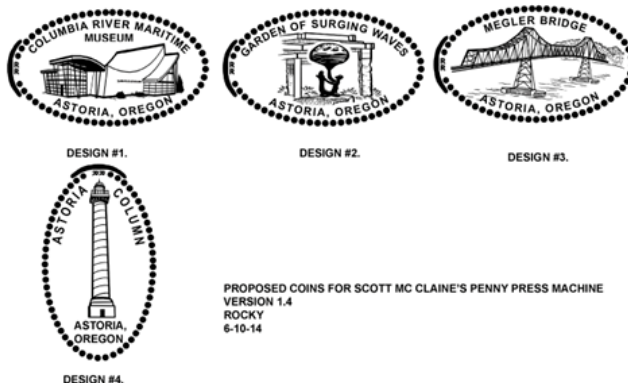
Please submit future show and event dates to Eric Holcomb as soon as possible for inclusion in the print and web editions of the PNNA calendar!! Thank you.

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Why is there a kangaroo on this Newcastle Island to Nanaimo Harbour (British Columbia) ferry token?

See the article “A visit to Newcastle Island” by Gawain O’Connor at the bottom of page 8 for an explanation.