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President's Message

by PNNA President Danny Bisgaard

Hopefully, some of you got to attend the Salem Coin Show in Salem, Ore. Brisk activity was reported. No snow this year, but attendance was smaller than last year. Thanks to Rick Schulz for transporting the penny squisher machine to Salem. We now have a policy in place for PNNA members and PNNA clubs when using the machine. Contact Rick at richardf53@yahoo.com if you want to use the machine.

One of the great benefits of being a PNNA member is your membership allows you to apply for the annual scholarship to the ANA Summer Seminar, as well as being nominated for the various awards PNNA annually hands out. Please check the website and other articles in this edition of *The Nor'wester* to learn about the awards.

Watch your mailbox for important information concerning the awards ceremony in Tukwila in May 2015. As a result of PNNA turning 75, the Board has voted to do something special to honor such a momentous occasion.

Another round of thanks to Larry Gaye and all the Willamette Coin Club members who volunteered for the Portland Show (October 11-12 at the Doubletree Hotel). Next year, Larry turns the convention over to Ed Fischer. I know I speak for every member in thanking Larry for his years of dedicated service in making the Portland show a success.

As the Board gets ready to meet this winter, we continue to need the memberships' help:

As we continue to mention, the Northwest has been honored by the awarding of the A.N.A. National Money Show in Portland, Oregon, March 3-7, 2015. [The show officially opens on March 5, but check out the pre-convention classes and activities.] Please contact me (d.bisgaard@comcast.net) or refer to the second quarter 2014 newsletter if you are willing to serve as an ambassador or know young folks who can serve as pages. We are down to the last 60 days and everyone needs to step up to make this event a hit for the Northwest!

Kevin Charbonneau (kcharboneau58@comcast.net) has volunteer opportunities for the PNNA convention in Tukwila, Wash., May 1-3, 2015. Your participation takes some of the workload off the convention committee.

Projected Board Meetings Dates and Locations:

January 17, 2015 Boeing show, Kent Commons

May 2, 2015 Tukwila Annual Convention - Tukwila Community Center (7 a.m. board, 6 p.m. membership, awards and 75th anniversary party time?)

Summer Meeting - Date and location TBD.

Have a great "numismatic" winter – consider attending the Boeing Show in Kent, Wash. (Jan. 17-18), FUN Show in Orlando, Fla. (Jan. 8-11), McMinnville Club Show in Lincoln City, Ore. (Feb. 14-15) and last but not least the ANA National Money Show in Portland, Ore. (March 5-7). Check the calendar section of the PNNA website for locations and other shows in your area.

Hope each and every one of you has a great holiday season!

Hope to see many of you this winter in Kent.

Danny B.

PNNA Dues / Newsletter Access

PNNA membership dues are payable annually at the beginning of the year. If you haven't paid, please send your 2015 dues to Scott Loos, PO Box 2210, North Bend, WA 98045. Reminder notices will be sent in March (or early April) along with the 2nd Quarter 2015 convention edition of *The Nor'wester*.

For those of you who prefer to use PayPal, the PNNA PayPal email is sales@pnna.org, and there are payment buttons available on the PNNA website (click on "Membership"). If you would prefer to receive your newsletters by email and/or web access, please notify Eric Holcomb, or simply select the desired option on the PayPal page. You save \$5.00 per year with this option.

PNNA Awards

Nominations for any of the following PNNA awards should be sent to the attention of Danny Bisgaard, c/o Skip Caldwell, PO Box 2051, Salem, OR 97308, or email Danny at d.bisgaard@comcast.net, unless otherwise noted in the award description.

The PNNA awards committee is made up of Danny Bisgaard (chair), Dennis Reed, Ron Engholm and Lisa Loos.

Bob Everett Memorial Award

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

The past five winners of the Bob Everett Memorial Award (Richard "Dick" Cowley, Mike Labosier, Lisa Loos, Rick Schulz and Bill McKivor) make up the committee to select the 2014 Everett Award winner.

The cash award will be presented at the May 2015 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 2014 calendar year.

Please send your nominations (name and achievements that merit receipt of the award) to one of the above past 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, 2015.

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

Nina Nystrom Memorial Goodwill Ambassador Award

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

The PNNA sponsors an annual award patterned after the former Krause Numismatic Ambassador Award at the national level, and recognizes individuals who have served as "ambassadors" for the hobby of numismatics in the Pacific Northwest.

Winners are selected by the PNNA President, who need not make an award every year.

Nominations should include a narrative describing and giving examples of the person's role in serving as an "ambassador" in the Pacific Northwest.

Deadline for nominations is April 1, 2015.

Presidential Award

Detailed information is available on the PNNA website at http://www.pnna.org/awards/presidential_award.html.

The PNNA sponsors an annual award patterned after the ANA Presidential Award at the national level. Individuals may be recognized for a range of contributions to the hobby in the Pacific Northwest during 2014.

Winners are selected by the PNNA President, who need not make an award every year.

Nominations should include a narrative describing and giving examples of the person's role in serving the hobby in the Pacific Northwest.

Deadline for nominations is April 1, 2015.

PNNA National Coin Week Contest

Detailed information is available on the PNNA website at http://www.pnna.org/awards/ncw/ncw_awards.html.

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 has announced the 2015 theme: "Building Tomorrows: Inspiration and Innovation at World's Fairs." The 92nd annual National Coin Week will be April 19-25, 2015.

Local clubs should take this opportunity to enhance their club treasury by preparing an eye-popping exhibit and display it in their local community. Please send information including 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, 2015.

Let us increase the activity! The Olympia Coin Club has won this award 11 times, with no other club ever placing first!

PNNA Literary Award for Best Club Newsletter

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

The PNNA sponsors an annual contest whereby local clubs can win awards for best club newsletter. Awards will be presented in May 2015 for the three best newsletters of 2014.

Criteria for judging will be as follows: The submitted newsletters will be judged on the basis of the over-

all quality of their content. Specific aspects that will be considered include layout, use of graphics, inclusion of informative articles by club members, specific contributions by and for YNs, and evidence of creativity, both in content and in methods of distribution.

Clubs should submit a sample of three of their 2014 club newsletters to the committee for evaluation.

Local clubs that do participate should send their sample newsletters to the attention of Danny Bisgaard. Samples may be submitted via email and/or websites in any standard format such as PDF, HTML or Word.

Awards will be \$100 for first (club to receive a plaque and PNNA perpetual plaque), and certificates for 2nd and 3rd.

Deadline for submissions is February 1, 2015.

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

Best News Article Published in *The Nor'wester*

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

The PNNA sponsors an annual contest whereby members can win awards for the best article published in *The Nor'wester*. Awards are to be presented in May 2015 for the three best articles published in the 2nd-4th quarters of 2014 and the 1st quarter of 2015.

Criteria for judging will be as follows: The submitted articles will be judged on the basis of the overall quality of their content. Specific aspects that will be considered will include subject, useful information to members and quality based on adult or YN submission.

PNNA Editor Eric Holcomb will submit nominations for the awards (by April 1) to the awards committee. Eric will take into account recommendations received from PNNA members before the deadline.

Members that do participate should send their articles to Eric Holcomb (eric@holcomb.com) by the quarterly deadline. Please note that publication of articles cannot be guaranteed, or may be delayed. Articles are subject to editing for grammar, clarity or other reasons.

Articles from PNNA officers/committee members about PNNA business are not eligible for the award.

We look forward to reading the interesting articles submitted by members that help educate and entertain 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 2015 ANA Summer Seminar, held on the campus of The Colorado College in beautiful Colorado Springs, CO. Session I dates are Saturday, June 20, to Thursday, June 25; session II, Saturday, June 27 to Thursday, July 2, 2015.

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 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 dues with the application. Deadline for receipt of applications will be March 1, 2015.

An application form is included in this newsletter, or is available online at www.pnna.org, or from a PNNA officer, or at certain coin shows and club meetings. Summer Seminar class listings are available by contacting ANA or online at www.money.org. Questions can be directed to Danny Bisgaard, 503-588-8162, or email d.bisgaard@comcast.net.

Ray Kaskey to Appear in Portland

After much negotiating and pleading we have worked out the details that will bring Ray Kaskey to the ANA National Money Show in Portland. Mr. Kaskey is the designer and artist behind the creation of *Portlandia*, the statue perched high above the streets of Portland.

Mr. Kaskey has graciously given permission to use the image for the 2015 show medal. In working with Northwest Territorial Mint, we have created a medallic piece of art that the convention can be proud of.

Details of Mr. Kaskey's visit are still being worked out, but plans thus far include his attendance at the ribbon cutting and daily availability to meet the public. Maybe even grab a photo or autograph. He has spoken kindly of the hospitality the Portland folks have shared and the warmth of his Northwest friends.

Come on down and meet this world-class artist in person. It will be a treat.

2015 PNNA Spring Convention

Save the dates! The 66th Annual PNNA Spring Convention will be held at the Tukwila Community Center May 1-3, 2015. The Spring Convention has a rich tradition as the oldest and largest annual coin show in the Pacific Northwest. In addition to the 85-table bourse, offerings will include a Young Numismatist treasure hunt, Boy and Girl Scout programs, hourly door prizes, and Numismatic Theater presentations. We look forward to seeing you there!

Also, we are looking for additional volunteers to assist with the important behind-the-scenes work that contributes to the show's success. If you can help, please contact General Chairman Kevin Charbonneau at kcharbonneau58@comcast.net.

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. One-line website listings at http://www.pnna.org/info/member_links.html are free to PNNA dealers!

More information about the convention will be posted on the PNNA website, and will appear in the 2nd Quarter convention edition of *The Nor'wester*.

Exhibits in Portland

Good news for collector exhibits at the ANA National Money Show in Portland, March 5-7, 2015. I requested and received an extension of the deadline to apply for an exhibit; it's now Friday, January 30 instead of Friday, January 23. Thanks to Rhonda Scurek and Jennifer Croak at the ANA for agreeing to this change.

However, the end of January isn't far away, and I encourage you to have your exhibit planning and application complete as soon after the holidays as possible! You'll still have February to work on building your exhibit in accordance with the title and other information on your application, and some changes are allowed. (Please consult with me if needed both before and after submitting your exhibit application.) See the ANA webpage at <https://www.money.org/numismatic-events/convention-exhibits> for the complete exhibit rules and other information.

Also keep in mind that all exhibitors and judges in Portland will receive a participation medal with *Portlandia* on the obverse, and an engraved appreciation message on the reverse.

Thanks and Happy Holidays,

[Eric Holcomb](mailto:eric@holcomb.com)

Portland Exhibit Chair

Exhibits at the 2015 Convention

Now is the time to build your exhibits for next spring's PNNA convention in Tukwila. In addition to the ANA show in Portland, there is also an opportunity to show exhibits at the Boeing show (January); use this show as a proving ground for your entries for both the ANA and the PNNA.

The best exhibitor at the PNNA spring convention earns \$200 toward the expense of taking the winning exhibit to the ANA summer convention the same year (the ANA will be in Chicago, Aug. 11-15, 2015).

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@pnna.org).

PNNA Officers / Directors 2014-2016

President - Danny Bisgaard

Vice President - James Reinders

Secretary - John Brown

Treasurer - Scott Loos

Directors - Lisa Loos (Past President), Kevin Charboneau, 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

Deadline for submission of material for 2nd Quarter 2015 Nor'wester: March 15, 2015. Note this is the annual convention edition.

Please send ad copy to Eric Holcomb (email Eric@Holcomb.com), and payment to PNNA treasurer Scott Loos. Call Eric (541-647-1021) for more info.

Advertising rates (per regular/convention issue) are:
 \$4.00/\$5.00 (1 column inch; no oversized text)
 \$7.50/\$10.00 (1/8-page; business card)
 \$10.00/\$12.50 (1/6-page)
 \$15.00/\$18.00 (1/4-page)
 \$25.00/\$30.00 (1/2-page)
 \$45.00/\$50.00 (full page)

Color pages in the convention editions, where available, may be charged at a higher rate.

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PNNA Board Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2014, Portland, Oregon

Members in Attendance: Danny Bisgaard, President; James Reinders, Vice President; Scott Loos, Treasurer; John Brown, Secretary; Mark Gruner, Director; Eric Holcomb, Webmaster; Lisa Loos, Director; Gawain O'Connor, Director; James Free, Director; Dennis Reed, Director; Ron Engholm, Director; Ed Fischer, Director.

Members Absent: Rick Schulz, Director; Dan Vornbrock, Director; Tony Kalt, Director; Kevin Charbonneau, Director.

Guests in Attendance: Sukcha Tanaka and Scott McClaine.

The board meeting was called to order by President Danny Bisgaard at 6:30 p.m. Danny welcomed the members and guests.

Secretary's Report: John reported on correspondence received from Jessica Mann with Coincircuit.com offering free advertising. Her email will be forwarded to Eric for review. Motion was made, seconded (Lisa/James R.) and approved to accept the minutes of the 7/12/2014 Board Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Scott Loos presented his report with total revenues of \$42,724.50, total expenses of \$49,211.63, and total cash balances of \$66,198.80 for the first 9 months of 2014. Motion was made, seconded (Mark/Dennis) and approved to accept as read.

Committee Reports:

Convention – Kevin was absent.

Exhibit – Dan V. was absent. Lisa noted that the exhibit awards were done. The exhibit training seminar done by Eric was held in Salem for the Oregon area with seven individuals attending on 9/28/2014. The corresponding seminar for the Washington area is planned in Everett on Nov. 4 per Scott L.

Membership – Lisa asked for new ideas for incentives for growing our membership. Danny noted that Ron E. has some good ideas to assist there.

Outreach:

YN/Scouting – James R. had nothing to report.

PNNA Club Rep Program – Rick was absent, and no report was presented.

Education – Scott L. reported on an upcoming exhibit seminar scheduled on Nov. 4 at 9 a.m. in Everett, Wash. Danny reported the seminar put on by Eric was held in Salem on Sept. 28 with seven attendees. Danny also said there may be a training session next spring for dealers on dealer safety.

Election – Danny reported nothing to be done until 2015. James F. has taken over for Bill McKivor as election chair.

Publication – Danny commented that he is helping get *The Nor'Wester* newsletter out, and all is going well. Eric suggested possibly putting out an extra promotional ANA show reminder sometime before next March. [This would not be a regular newsletter.]

Awards – Danny commented that no awards were currently in the works, but plans to present some in May 2015.

Logo/75th Anniversary – Ed reported positive comments on the new logo. Since NWT Mint doesn't do bimetal overlay he is currently looking for another production source [for the PNNA 75th anniversary medal]. Ed will have renderings for review in January.

Old Business:

Branding/Logo Renderings/Medal Bids – No additional comments were made.

Elongated Cent Machine – additional designs – Danny noted that no dies were cut for this show so Rick didn't bring the squisher from Washington. Danny presented the new die design for the upcoming Boeing show which was approved by the PNNA Board. Danny will let Tony and Rick know to proceed on that die creation.

Travelling Display Donations Update – Rick was absent. Danny stated that four cases were on display in Portland, and the donated items from dealers were there for viewing.

ANA 2015 Update – Danny reported that communications with ANA are currently going OK, and communications are improving now that the Chicago show is over.

Finalize Squisher Cent Agreement/Add Sales Procedure – James R. presented two drafts for review (club and individual use agreements). Lisa thought that

no individuals could use the machine, and James R. clarified that they could as a PNNA member. Lisa asked about the liability issue using the machine, and Danny stated such liability is the responsibility of the involved club or individual and not the PNNA. No rental fees will be imposed at this time when using the machine, but that could be revisited in the future if desired by the PNNA Board. The motion was made (James F./Scott L.) and approved to implement both agreement drafts as presented.

Life Membership Cards & Permanent Dealer Badges – Ron is currently working on this issue. Scott L. stated the ANA has no problems with us using their badges for ID. James R. reported Carrie recommended several badge making machines. One costs roughly \$2,500 (for everything needed except the computer) which will produce 100-200 badges at about 5 minutes each. The cost of the lanyard and holder would be additional. According to Scott L. the PNNA spends about \$300 for about 300 badges each year for a show. Temporary badges could be used for those who don't come routinely. Danny suggested Scott L. keep Kevin informed about the proposed badges. Danny suggested creating new badges similar to ANA and transition over to that system long term. Danny made the proposal to authorize Scott L. or James R. to purchase the equipment to produce up to 400 badges for a maximum cost of \$3,500 to be available for the next Tukwila Show in 2015. The motion was made and approved as proposed. James R. noted that policies and procedures should be included in this new system. Danny plans to have these finalized to be able to present new Life Member and dealer badges at the 2015 Tukwila show.

Show Security – Kevin was absent, but Danny provided Kevin's detailed report with suggestions and recommendations for changing security at our future shows.

Several points in the report were discussed (but not all due to time constraints) with the following comments.

We cannot "profile" anyone we feel is "undesirable" for entry to the shows.

PNNA will implement a photo ID credentialing system for vendors and staff - James R. mentioned that photo ID could be used for added entrance security at our shows but others may be driven away too.

Refusing entry to anyone "we do not feel comfortable with." This could possibly be rewritten.

Designated load/unload area for dealers – Some liked idea but can't implement because they are all "public spaces" per the Tukwila facility. PNNA staff can't issue tickets to individuals violating parking restrictions.

Early Birds – Most like practice, but problems with interfering with dealer setup should be referred to staff and not eliminate the practice.

Each vendor will limit their activities to their booth only – Needs further clarification.

Vendor teardown not permitted during public access to floor – Scott L. needs to know in advance if vendor plans to leave. Needs further clarification on issue.

Emergency evacuation plan – The facility already has a plan, but most dealers wouldn't leave. A reasonable balance needs to work for all parties.

The conclusion of this report was that this was just the first step of future discussions among the "security committee" members (Kevin, Scott L., James R. and Larry). This needs to be accomplished prior to presenting it again at our next board meeting on Jan. 17 in Kent.

New Business/comments:

James R. commented that photo ID is required at all ANA shows which could add better entrance security rather than profiling.

Scott L. noted that concerning "smash and grabs" better control of access points is needed with assistance from volunteers and possibly adding another security guard.

Mark suggested checking into having security guards use a GPS detector to scan dealers' cars before they leave the loading area at the end of the show. Danny said he would check on availability and cost.

Danny stated that he and Scott L. determined it would cost approximately \$14,500 to implement the security changes as suggested.

Concerning the issue of the PNNA 75th Anniversary, Danny asked about doing something special next May for an awards banquet at Tukwila. Options for further consideration would be either heavy hors d'oeuvres or a sit-down dinner banquet at possibly the Marriott or the Tukwila Community Center. The community center has a kitchen and could be catered. Danny suggested the PNNA may cover part of the cost for those attending. Scott L. is researching the cost and will report back to the board on Jan. 17th.

Danny made mention of the loss of Larry Rowe and Gene Henry, and all they did for the PNNA. Scott L. suggested adding an "In Memory Of" section in *The Nor'Wester* to recognize those who have died.

There being no further business, the motion was made and seconded (Dennis/Lisa) and carried to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. — John Brown, Recording.

In Memoriam

Larry Rowe of Vancouver, Washington, PNNA honorary life member HLM 22 and past Seattle and Portland ANA convention general chairman, passed away October 3, 2014.

Gene L. Henry of Issaquah, Washington, long-time Seattle coin dealer and PNNA member 161, passed away September 23, 2014. A nice obituary appeared in *Coin World*, which is linked on the [PNNA website memorial page](#).

Alfred "Al" Schy of Seattle, Washington, PNNA member 221, passed away September 7, 2014.

Rawlin "Mac" McInelly of Spanaway, Washington, PNNA life member 1288, passed away September 5, 2014. His legacy.com obituary is linked on the [PNNA website memorial page](#).

Theodore O. "Ted" McCann of Everett, Washington, PNNA member 373, passed away July 1, 2014. His obituary appeared in 4th Quarter 2014 edition of *The Nor'wester*.

PNNA/Willamette Convention, Oct. 10-12, 2014 in Portland

The Willamette Coin Club/Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association fall show was a success for the 10th consecutive year at the Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel in Portland, with an active bourse and collector exhibits. Free copies of the fall 2014 convention edition of *The Nor'wester* were available.

There were five collector exhibits, filling about 15 cases, at the fall show.

The winners were:

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



Photo: First case of **Gerald R. Williams'** winning exhibit of the early coinage of India.

2nd Place – Gawain O'Connor – *Collecting Twentieth Century World Coins in 1940.*

3rd Place – Tim Bishopric – *Satirical Hard Times Tokens.*

Best New Exhibitor and YN Exhibitor – Vladimir Vesely – *John C. Ainsworth, etc.* (Portland National Bank president).

Thanks to exhibit judges Eric Holcomb (chief judge), Danny Bisgaard and James Reinders.

In addition, thanks to Rick Schulz for bringing and displaying the PNNA travelling exhibit of U.S. coins.

More ANA National Money Show News

Be a page at the Portland National Money Show - Young Numismatists who are ANA members have the opportunity to volunteer to be a page during the National Money Show in Portland, March 5-7. Pages must be between the ages of 13 to 22. It's a great opportunity to experience a coin show first hand. Filling out the online application is quick and easy. Deadline is Jan. 10. ANA Young Numismatists are also eligible for YN Dollars, which can be used to bid in the YN Auctions held on Money.org. For all of the ways you can earn YN Dollars at the convention visit www.money.org/young-numismatists/how-to-earn-yn-dollars.

ANA clubs can request meeting space for Portland - Active ANA member clubs can receive free meeting space at the 2015 National Money Show to be held March 5-7. The National Money Show will take place at the Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King Boulevard in Portland. Requests for space are due Jan. 17 in order to have your meeting listed in the Show Guide. Fill out the online registration form here: <https://www.money.org/blog/POR15ClubMeetingRequestForm>.

Scout (Boy and Girl Scout) Numismatic Workshops - Both the Boy Scout Merit Badge Clinic and the Girl Scout "Fun with Money" Patch Workshop are scheduled for 9:00 a.m - 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 7, at the Oregon Convention Center. See the ANA website or *The Numismatist* for more information.

The Dalles Mint Tour (March 8) - See page 8.

Other show info including hotels, pre-registration, classes offered and daily schedule:

<https://www.money.org/nationalmoneyshow>

We look forward to seeing you in Portland!

The Dalles Mint Tour - March 8, 2015

Join us on **Sunday March 8, 2015**, the first day of Daylight Savings Time, for this little extra jaunt. We are gathering just 1/2 mile east of the Oregon Convention Center, at the **Double Tree Inn at Lloyd Center** (both parking and great Sunday Morning Breakfast are available at your own expense) as we start a day-long trip into Oregon history. The bus departs at **8:30 a.m. PDT**.

Our first stop (Oregon winter weather permitting) will be at historic **Vista House**, built in 1917, on one of the most beautiful scenic points on the Historic Columbia River Highway, a place for travelers to rest and refresh themselves as they made their way down the magnificent Columbia River Gorge. We will learn about the architecture and the building, the Historic Columbia River Highway, the Columbia River Gorge, local history, the geology, flora, and fauna of the region, and about the many wonderful attractions along the Highway and throughout the Gorge. This graceful octagonal stone structure towers 733 feet above the Columbia River, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and in the National Geographic Society's 2001 "Save America's Treasures" book. (Website: <http://www.vistahouse.com/>)

After wetting our appetite, we head off for a very rare numismatic inside look at the **U.S. proposed mint at The Dalles, Oregon**, a stone building located in Wasco County. Once the largest county in the nation, Wasco County extended to the border of Yellowstone National Park and included western Montana and southern Idaho. It was the gateway to the interior of western North America. The region played a role in significant themes in American history, including early missionaries, frontier cavalry posts, Indian wars, the gold rush, settlement, agriculture, shipping, commerce, and the last competition of the railroad barons.

Oregon politicians of the time wanted the proposed mint to be located in Portland, however on July 4, 1864, Congressional legislation established a branch mint at Dalles City, Oregon. This was partially due to Oregon becoming a state less than 2000 days earlier on Feb. 14, 1859. Congress wanted Fort Dalles, a well established federal location (with trusted federal officials) that was established in 1850. This location was accessible to the gold miners in Washington to the north, Idaho to the east, and Oregon and Utah to the south.

We will enjoy a splendid lunch in The Dalles. (Details will be added when available.)

On our return to Portland we will stop by **Bonneville Lock** near Cascade Locks, Oregon. The project's first powerhouse, spillway and original navigation lock were completed in 1938 to improve navigation on the Columbia River and provide hydropower to the Pacific Northwest. A second powerhouse was completed in 1981, and a larger navigation lock in 1993. A Public Works Administration project of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal, portions of the Bonneville Lock and Dam Project were declared a National Historic Landmark in 1987. (Website: <http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Locations/ColumbiaRiver/Bonneville.aspx>)

We should return to the DoubleTree at **6:00 p.m.** that evening.

Note: Tour times and details could be subject to change. Additional information and tour sign-up is expected to be available around January 2, 2015.

One-Ounce Silver Bullion Coinage, North and South

by Mark Benvenuto

When it comes to some of the most basic instincts in coin collectors, one that rises to the fore almost every time is that just about everyone likes big coins. There's something about the heft, the weight, the impressiveness of what you are holding. And some of the biggest, both in Canada and the U.S., are the one-ounce silver Maple Leafs and Eagles.

Canada got into the precious metals bullion coin arena first, way back in 1979. But it took a few years before the RCM got around to making one-ounce silver coins. It was 1988 when over a million of them made their debut into the world's metals markets. By any count, that's a lot of Maple Leafs.

The U.S. Mint didn't get a dog into this fight until 1986 – and by then there were plenty of other “dogs” out there worldwide, producing gold and silver bullion coins. But when the fine folks in Philadelphia chose to do so, it was a matter of pulling out all the stops. One-ounce silver Eagles made their first appearance that year, as did four different sizes of gold Eagle. There were over 5.3 million produced for general sales, and over 1.4 million proofs made that first year. Both versions are still quite common today.



Photo: 1986 proof U.S. silver Eagle.

For a collector of limited means, the first Canadian – U.S. set of one-ounce pieces then might be a 1986 Eagle and a 1988 Maple Leaf. Those that were made as regular issues still don't really cost much more than their bullion value.

It seems that with any successful Mint program just about anywhere in the world, as soon as a new coin comes out and gets some media coverage, there is a drive to make special versions of some sort. Such coins are always of interest to collectors, and often become noticed by the general public. Proofs of both the Maple Leafs and the Eagles are available, and make a fun collection as well as an eye-catching one.

But when it comes to special versions, both the Maple Leaf and the Eagle had one within a few years of each other. The Maple Leafs led off in 1989 with proof sets that commemorated the tenth anniversary of the program. Okay, only the one-ounce gold Maple Leaf was ten years old, but the anniversary made for some gorgeous coins, including a proof set of platinum Leafs. Importantly though, there were 29,937 of the silver proof Maple Leafs made as part of this anniversary.

It was 1995 when the U.S. silver Eagle was produced as a famous, and quite limited, edition. To commemorate ten years of Eagles, the U.S. Mint put a silver Eagle in with the four-coin proof gold Eagle set – and gave it a ‘W’ mint mark for the Mint at West Point. With this single letter, the U.S. Mint had produced a rarity. Where there had been proofs minted to the tune of hundreds of thousands each year, now there was one with a mintage of only 30,125. Admittedly, this number is a tiny bit higher than the 1989 proof Maple Leaf. But apparently the collector base for the proof silver Eagles is large enough that this coin became amazingly valuable right away. Today it costs about \$4,000 - \$5,000. Ouch, that's one expensive ounce of silver.

As both series matured and grew, changes occurred and other opportunities arose for special versions of what was supposedly designed to be a way to buy and sell silver metal. We won't cover them all here, but one big one is the Maple Leaf saw the image of Queen Elizabeth change from the Machin design which had been in use for decades to that of Dora dePédery-Hunt, the first image of the queen on a Canadian coin to have been designed by a Canadian, all before the hub-bub of the 1995-W silver Eagle.

As the millennium turned, both Mints got serious about making every different version of a silver Maple Leaf and silver Eagle that one might imagine, with the RCM generally trying new things first. Maple Leafs with holograms were minted, as well as different maple leaf images, including those with fall colors and spring colors. These new designs make for plenty of new collecting options, most of which won't flatten ones wallet.

Perhaps the folks at the U.S. Mint got jealous, perhaps they just waited to see what the sales of the different Maple Leafs would do. Whatever the reason though, it was 2006 when the U.S. Mint decided to issue what are called burnished silver Eagles as well as reverse proofs. In the latter case, the design elements are a mirror finish, and the fields are frosted – the reverse of the norm for U.S. proofs.

With all these different possibilities both north and south of the border, a new collector can feel a bit overwhelmed about how to assemble a set. The first rule in such a case is the same as with any other new collecting endeavor: only spend what you can afford. Beyond that though, one might want to start with a duet, one Maple Leaf, one Eagle, both of them in uncirculated condition, meaning the one-ouncers that are tied to the cost of silver bullion, and that don't command any numismatic premium. The next step might be a date run of one or both series. The purists among us will claim that this is what Maple Leafs and Eagles are really all about: one ounce silver bullion coins made for trade on the market. Such collectors point out that everything else has been made with collectors in mind, and only collectors. They're right of course, but the end result has been some beautiful Maple Leafs, and some beautiful Eagles.

Whether you find yourself to be drawn to these big coins for their worth as commodities on the metals market, or whether you like every variation on a design and proof coin that there is, the one-ounce silver Canadian Maple Leafs and silver U.S. Eagles can be a lot of fun to collect. North or south of the border – or perhaps north AND south – there are some great designs and some great prices.

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Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association

Scholarship Program for

ANA Summer Seminar 2015

Adult/YN Scholarship Application

The PNNA is offering (two) full one session scholarships for an Adult and a YN (Young Numismatist) collector to attend the 2015 ANA Summer Seminar, held on the campus of The Colorado College in beautiful Colorado Springs, CO. Session I dates are Saturday, June 20, to Thursday, June 25; session II, Saturday, June 27 to Thursday, July 2, 2015. 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 side trip)). Young Numismatists (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 PNNA member and completes this application. *If you are not a current member of the PNNA – please submit \$10.00 dues with the application (\$5.00 YN dues). Please add \$5.00 to each dues classification if you want the newsletter mailed.*

Deadline for receipt of applications will be March 1, 2015. Please submit completed applications to: PNNA Scholarship Program – Attn. Danny Bisgaard, c/o Skip Caldwell/S.N.S., P.O. Box 2051, Salem, OR 97308. Summer Seminar class listings are available by contacting ANA or go to www.money.org. Questions can be directed to Danny Bisgaard, 503.588.8162 or d.bisgaard@comcast.net.

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Attach a separate sheet (for items 1 to 4) answering the following:

1. List the names of any numismatic groups to which you belong.
2. List any numismatic activities that you have participated in. Examples: numismatic exhibits, coin club talks/presentations, club officer or board positions, etc.
3. Write a paragraph about your numismatic collecting interests and how you got started in the hobby.
4. Tell why you wish to attend the Summer Seminar.
5. List your course preferences for Summer Seminar: (check ANA website for catalog)

1st choice: _____

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3rd choice: _____

Please note that popular courses tend to fill up quickly – however, every effort will be made to fulfill your 1st choice.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature (if YN applicant): _____

Date: _____

Receipt Deadline: March 1, 2015

Mail applications to: PNNA Scholarship Program, Danny Bisgaard c/o Skip Caldwell – S.N.S., PO Box 2051, Salem, OR 97308.

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.

2015

JAN 3 GREATER TACOMA COIN SHOW, Tacoma Elks Lodge #174, 2013 S. Cedar St., Tacoma, WA
 JAN 4 COIN AND CURRENCY SHOW, Clackamas Banquet Center, 15815 SE 82nd Dr, Clackamas, OR
 JAN 8-11 FLORIDA UNITED NUMIS. (FUN) 60TH ANNUAL CONVENTION, Orange County Conv. Center, 9899 International Drive, Orlando, FL
 JAN 8-11 New York International Numismatic Convention, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, 301 Park Avenue, New York City, NY
 JAN 9-10 NorCal Coin Show, Clarion Hotel, Concord, CA
 JAN 17-18 BOEING EMPLOYEES' COIN CLUB SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA
 JAN 23-25 SAN JOSE COIN CLUB SHOW, DoubleTree Hotel Bayshore Ballroom, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose, CA
 JAN 29-31 LONG BEACH COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES EXPO, Long Beach, CA
 JAN 31 OLYMPIA COIN CLUB SHOW, VFW Hall, 2902 Martin Way, Olympia, WA
 JAN 31 North Shore Numismatic Society Stamp & Coin Fair, Nikkei Centre, 6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby BC
 FEB 7 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA
 FEB 8 (8AM-Noon) NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, Olympia VFW Post #318 Hall, 2902 Martin Way, Olympia, WA
 FEB 14-15 OCEAN SHORES ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE SHOW, Convention Center in Ocean Shores, WA
 FEB 14-15 MCMINNVILLE COIN CLUB SHOW, Chinook Winds Casino, 1777 NW 44th, Lincoln City, OR
 FEB 21-22 (tentative) 55TH ANNUAL COEUR d'ALENE COIN CLUB SHOW, Kootenai County Fairgrounds, Coeur d'Alene, ID
 FEB 27-28 SOUTH BAY/SUNNYVALE COIN SHOW, Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, CA
 MAR 1 COIN AND CURRENCY SHOW, Clackamas Banquet Center, 15815 SE 82nd Dr, Clackamas, OR
MAR 5-7 ANA National Money Show, Oregon Convention Center, Portland, OR
 MAR 5-8 Chicago Paper Money Expo, Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL

MAR 7 (tentative) STANWOOD COIN CLUB ANNUAL SHOW, Stanwood Senior Center, 7430 276th NW, Stanwood, WA
 MAR 7-8 (tentative) GRAYS HARBOR COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES SHOW, South Shore Mall, Aberdeen, WA
 MAR 14-15 CALGARY COIN SHOW & MONEY FAIR, Clarion Hotel, 2120 - 16th Avenue N.E., Calgary, Alberta, Canada
 MAR 20-22 LAS VEGAS NUMISMATIC SOC. COIN SHOW, Palace Station Hotel & Casino, 2411 W Sahara, Las Vegas, NV
 MAR 21 BREMERTON-WEST SOUND COIN SHOW, Masonic Temple, 878 5th St., Bremerton, WA
 MAR 21-22 (tentative) SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB 60th ANNUAL COIN SHOW, Masonic Lodge, 2777 Martin Luther King Blvd., Eugene, OR
 MAR 21-22 (tentative) WESTS TOKEN JAMBOREE, Clarion Hotel, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA
 MAR 28 North Shore Numismatic Society Stamp & Coin Fair, Nikkei Centre, 6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby BC
 APR 4 TACOMA-LAKEWOOD COIN CLUB SHOW, Tacoma Elks Lodge #174, 2013 S. Cedar St., Tacoma, WA
 APR 9-12 Chicago International Coin Fair, Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL
 APR 11-12 (tentative) Spokane Inland Empire Spring Coin & Stamp Show, Center Place, 2426 N Discovery Place, Spokane Valley, WA
 APR 18-19 BELLINGHAM COIN, CARD & STAMP SHOW, Hampton Inn, Fox Hall, 3985 Bennett Dr., I-5 Exit 258, Bellingham, WA
 APR 19 (8AM-Noon) NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, Olympia VFW Post #318 Hall, 2902 Martin Way, Olympia, WA
APR 19-25 ANA National Coin Week (92nd Annual), Theme: Building Tomorrows: Inspiration and Innovation at World's Fairs.
 APR 22-25 Central States Numismatic Society 76th Annual Convention, Renaissance Hotel & Convention Ctr., Schaumburg, IL
 APR 26 (tentative) COWLITZ COIN CLUB'S 46TH ANNUAL SHOW, AWPPW Hall 724 - 15th Ave, Longview, WA
MAY 1-3 PNNA CONVENTION (66th Annual), Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave. So., Tukwila, WA
Convention contact:
 Kevin Charbonneau (kcharboneau58@comcast.net)
Coin Show promoters please submit confirmed future show and event dates to Eric Holcomb!

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