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President's Message

by PNNA President Danny Bisgaard

As I write this quarter's column, all the Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales are over. I hope all of you had a blessed holiday season, found a deal or two and are looking forward to 2016.

We have had quite a year, and the metals market continues to be on a roller-coaster ride. There were numerous coin shows in the Northwest, with the largest being the March ANA National Money Show in Portland. The PNNA has strived to improve show security with the new badging system. The penny squisher machine has been such a hit, we are already having to replace parts on it that have worn out.

We want to continue to thank those who have contributed items to the travelling display. We continue to have a need completing the display. If interested, contact Rick Schulz (richardf53@yahoo.com, 253-535-0690).

Speaking of Rick Schulz, I continue to be thankful for his leadership in arranging all the volunteers to cover the fair shifts at Puyallup. Three weeks of three shifts per day covered by two volunteers. 47 names were submitted to me and I thank each and every one (too many to list individually) for their service. Please make a note on your calendar for September of 2016 – the Fair run will be longer and more volunteers will be needed. {Next year's Fair is scheduled for Sept. 2-25, 2016, but the Fair will be closed on Tuesdays, resulting in 21 days to be staffed.}

We want to thank Ed, Larry and Scott in organizing the 11th annual PNNA/WCC coin show which was held at the Lloyd Center Doubletree in Portland. A good turnout, with business being brisk at times.

Ed Fischer's first adventure as convention chair had its challenges but he was helped by a great cadre of volunteers. Ed is already planning next year's convention and applying lessons learned. A great big thank you to Leila in running a tight ship in the hospitality room!

Please consider serving on the Board; new elections will be held in 2016. Refer to the article on page 8. James Free will be receiving nominations from the members and a ballot should be mailed in late March.

Please read the various articles on the award nominations. Most deadlines are April 1, 2016. This is your opportunity to nominate someone who has made an impact in the area of numismatics. Awards will be handed out at the PNNA Convention in Tukwila, Wash., on April 23rd.

Kevin Charbonneau (kcharboneau58@comcast.net) has volunteer opportunities for the PNNA convention in Tukwila, Wash., April 22-24. Your participation takes some of the workload off the convention committee.

Projected Board Meetings Dates and Locations:

January 16, 2016 (6 p.m.) – Boeing show at Kent Commons.

April 23, 2016 Tukwila Annual Convention - Tukwila Community Center (7 a.m. board meeting, 6 p.m. membership and awards meeting).

Summer 2016 Meeting - Date and location TBD.

Have a great "numismatic" winter – consider attending the Boeing show in Kent, Wash. (Jan. 16-17); Olympia, Wash. Coin Club show (Jan. 30); Ocean Shores, Wash. Antique and Collectible Show (Feb. 13-14); ANA National Money Show in Dallas, Texas (March 5-6) or the PNNA Convention in Tukwila, Wash. (April 22-24). An updated listing of shows can be found in the calendar section of the PNNA website.

Hope to see many of you in Kent.

PNNA Dues / Newsletter Access

PNNA membership dues are payable annually at the beginning of the year. If you haven't paid, please send your 2016 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 2016 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 (Mike Labosier, Lisa Loos, Rick Schulz and Bill McKivor and Ed Fischer) make up the committee to select the 2015 Everett Award winner.

The award will be presented at the April 2016 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 2015 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, 2016.

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, 2016.

Presidential Award

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

The PNNA sponsors an 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.

Winners are selected by the PNNA President, who need not make awards every year, but who typically makes awards at both the spring and fall conventions.

To suggest someone for this award, contact the PNNA president, and include a narrative describing and giving examples of the person’s role in serving the hobby in the Pacific Northwest.

PNNA National Coin Week Contest

Detailed information is available on the PNNA website at http://www.pnna.org/awards/new_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 2016 theme: “Portraits of Liberty: Icon of Freedom.” The 93rd annual National Coin Week will be April 17-23, 2016.

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, 2016.

We need additional participation in this competition! The Olympia Coin Club has been the only participant, thus the only winner, the past few years.

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 April 2016 for the three best newsletters of 2015.

Criteria for judging will be as follows: The submitted newsletters will be judged on the basis of the overall quality of their content. Specific aspects that will be considered include layout, use of graphics, inclusion of informative articles by club members, specific contri-

butions 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 2015 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 also receive a plaque and PNNA perpetual plaque), and certificates for second and third.

Deadline for submissions is February 1, 2016.

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 April 2016 for the three best articles published in the 2nd-4th quarters of 2015 and the 1st quarter of 2016.

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 any recommendations received from PNNA members before the deadline.

Members who 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 2016 ANA Summer Seminar, held on the campus of The Colorado College in beautiful Colorado Springs, Colorado. Session I dates are

Saturday, June 18, to Thursday, June 23; session II, Saturday, June 25 to Thursday, June 30, 2016.

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 winners will be adult or YN collectors who are members of the PNNA and complete 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, 2016.

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.

2016 PNNA Spring Convention

Save the dates! The 67th Annual PNNA Spring Convention will be held at the Tukwila Community Center, April 22-24, 2016. 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 kcharboneau58@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 at the 2016 Convention

Now is the time to build your exhibits for next spring's PNNA convention in Tukwila. There is also an opportunity to show exhibits at the Boeing show in January (Jan. 16-17); use this show as a proving ground for your entry for 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 Anaheim, Aug. 9-13, 2016).

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](#).

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 2016 Nor'wester: March 15, 2016. Note this is the annual spring 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, will be charged at a higher rate.

Web advertising rates (per year on www.pnna.org):

1-line web site listing — Free to members

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

PNNA Board Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2015, Portland, Oregon

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

Members Absent: Dan Vornbrock, Director; Tony Kalt, Director.

Guests in Attendance: Walter Ostromecki, Susan Reinders, Sue Tanaka, Lance Neseemann and Wendy Gruner.

The board meeting was called to order by President Danny Bisgaard at 6:07 p.m. Danny welcomed the members and guests.

Secretary's Report: Danny noted that a typing error was made and corrected under Show Security PNNA Photo Badges. James R. presented a badge policy but came out as "James R. he presented." A motion was made, seconded (Dennis R./Mark G.) and approved to accept the Aug. 1 Board Minutes. No new correspondence was received or presented by John B.

Treasurer's Report: Scott L. presented his report for the first 9 months of 2015 with total revenues of \$51,678.56, total expenses of \$48,263.12, and total cash balances of \$69,797.62. Motion was made, seconded (Mark G./Lisa L.) and approved to accept as read.

Committee Reports:

Convention – Kevin noted that the new badging system was going well, and suggested that the only two show badges acceptable at the PNNA shows will be either the ANA badge or the PNNA badge. James R. reported that only about 12 badges needed to be reissued at this show, and that minimal badging is expected from this time forward. Danny B. mentioned that all Life Members need their badges if attending the shows. Danny B. noted that security went smoothly, and Danny walked the parking structure four times.

Exhibit – Eric H. reported that only 6 exhibits were submitted for the Portland Show. Dennis R. commented that their new location was better than before. Eric noted the exhibit winners were: (see page 8)

The first place prize awarded to Gawain O'Connor was a PNNA 3-piece medal set.

Membership – Danny B. brought up and read Article 3, Section 3 of the PNNA Constitution and By-Laws revised 4/14/2012 which states that "Honorary life membership will be awarded only by vote of the

membership at an annual meeting except that as each president leaves office s/he may be elevated to honorary life membership by the incoming board of directors." This was not included in the criteria presented by the membership committee at the Aug. 1 meeting in Chehalis, Wash. Danny B. asked that a revised draft be redrawn and presented at the next board meeting to be held on 1/16/2016 at Kent Commons for approval. Danny noted to James F. that these changes will go out with the ballot at the time of the new 2016 elections. Danny B. mentioned that the Board of Directors should have the authority to approve Honorary Life Memberships.

Outreach:

YN/Scouting – James R. noted a low scout turnout at this Portland Show with only three scouts receiving their merit badge and five others left early. James R. plans to run the scouting clinics at our upcoming shows.

Education – Gawain O. requested that any potential speakers be forwarded to him for the next PNNA Show.

Election – Danny B. reminded everyone to email him with their desire to run or not on the new PNNA Board of Directors Ballot in the spring of 2016. So far Danny reported that Lisa L. wishes to leave the board, James R. will be the new Pres. with Danny taking over the secretary position from John B. Most other board members agreed to run again in the next election.

Publication – Nor'wester Color Advertising Pricing – [The new pricing was previously approved.] Danny B. commented that all is going well, and Eric H. asked for increased usage of the website blog section.

Awards – Danny B. asked that any nominations for any annual awards be forwarded to Danny or Eric ASAP. (See pp. 2-3 for award details.)

Old Business:

Elongated Cent Machine – Rick reported that the pinion gear on the machine is damaged and needs to be repaired. Parts have been ordered, and repairs will be done soon.

Traveling Display Donations Update – Danny B. made a request for additional needed donations, and Rick S. asked for suggestions for changing the display presentation of all or part of the collection. Dennis R. apologized for accepting monetary donations of \$10 while volunteering at the Wash. State Fair. Danny B. asked for a list of the Fair volunteers from Rick S.

New Business:

Danny B. brought up the issue of a business called Northwest Plaza in Vancouver, Wash., who has been using *The Nor'Wester* Show Calendar to advertise events held at their place of business, rather than a typical show held off-site. It was suggested that anyone advertising should be a PNNA member. James R. stated that an established policy be established on website advertisements. James R. and Eric H. agreed to draft a policy to be presented for discussion and approval at the next board meeting on 1/16/2016 at Kent Commons.

Danny B. commented on the great job Ed F. did as the new Convention Chair despite some issues that did pose challenges. Ed F. commented that the former show directors could have passed the baton a bit more smoothly in some instances. Many things did go very well, and Leila F. handled the hospitality suite and received numerous kudos for a job well done. The show turnout was good, and the dealers seemed quite pleased.

Danny B. recommended that the PNNA Convention Chair, President, etc. in charge sit down with the new Willamette Coin Club officers starting in January to discuss the 2016 Portland Show involvement since the profits have been going solely to the Portland Club.

Guest Sue Tanaka brought up the security issue of dealers being followed after the shows, and robbed, so be alert.

There being no further business, the motion was made, seconded (Ed F. and Dennis R.) and carried to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

The next PNNA board meeting will be held at the Kent Commons on 1/16/2016 at 6 p.m.

John Brown,

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Tom Sheehan is buying!!

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

Email — ThomasSheehan@msn.com

Penny Press Hits the Road

This has been a big fall season for the PNNA Penny Press (coin elongating machine). It has travelled to shows and events across much of Western Washington and Western Oregon delighting kids of all ages.

For seventeen days in September it held court at the PNNA-sponsored display at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup. This was the third year the Penny Press has been at the Fair, with each year cranking out a new dated design. This year's design depicts the giant pumpkins that are so popular every year. Another new feature on this year's Fair design is a PNNA canoe logo on the reverse. This reverse design was first used on the PNNA's 75th Anniversary convention pressed penny last spring.

Over 4,000 copper pennies were pressed into the familiar elongated shape.



Photo: The PNNA display, including the "Penny Press," at the 2015 Washington State Fair in Puyallup.

The next stop on the Penny Press' fall journey was Portland where the Press stood tall at the PNNA/Willamette Coin Club Convention and Show. This annual weekend event is one of the biggest coin shows in the Northwest, and Portland is a great coin collecting town, so the Press saw a lot of people come through the doors. Once again it was a hit with the show's visitors. The dated design used for this show was similar to the one used at the PNNA's convention and show held last spring featuring a "big" 75th Anniversary logo on one side and the new PNNA canoe logo on the reverse.

The third show this fall for the Penny Press was the two-day Everett Coin Club show in beautiful South Everett. The Everett show attracts a lot of kids who are attracted to the Press like moths to a flame. The Everett club, like other clubs where the Press has appeared, loves having us there and has invited us back the past three years.

The latest appearance this fall for the Penny Press was at the Salem Numismatic Society Coin Show held the first weekend of December at the Oregon State Fairgrounds. This was the third time the Press has been to Oregon's capitol city. Like the Everett club, they keep asking us back. SNS has had a new dated die design made for each of the last three shows. This year's design is a classic carousel horse representing the iconic Salem Riverfront Carousel. Like earlier designs this one includes the show's dates.

The Press will take a breather over the Christmas and New Year holidays then get back on the road for two shows in January. The first show will be the Boeing Employee's Coin Club show, January 16-17, 2016, held at the Kent Commons. Two weeks later, January 30, the press will be at the Olympia Coin Club show. For more information about these shows check the PNNA calendar at pnna.org/calendar.

The PNNA's Penny Press doesn't have to stay west of the Cascades — it is available to all PNNA members and member clubs. It's easy to get a die made for your club but it is not required to have the press at your show. The Penny Press is always a big hit where ever it shows up. If you'd like the PNNA Penny Press at your next show or numismatic event, email Rick Schulz at richardf53@yahoo.com, or phone 253-535-0690.



Photo: Rick Schulz operating the "Penny Press" at the 2013 PNNA Tukwila convention.



Artwork (top): Design for PNNA 2015 Tukwila convention elongated coins. The reverse canoe design, adapted from the PNNA 75th anniversary medal, was also used on the Portland fall convention elongateds. Photos: 2015 Tukwila and Portland convention elongated cents (common reverse); 2015 Portland ANA National Money Show elongated cent (blank reverse); 2015 Washington State Fair (Puyallup) elongated cent (blank reverse). Varieties, such as convention coins with blank reverses, also exist.

PNNA/Willamette Convention, Oct. 16-18, 2015 in Portland

The Willamette Coin Club/Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association fall show was a success for the 11th consecutive year at the Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel in Portland, with an active bourse and collector exhibits. There was a steady stream of registrants for more than an hour when the show opened to the public at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Thanks to all who attended!

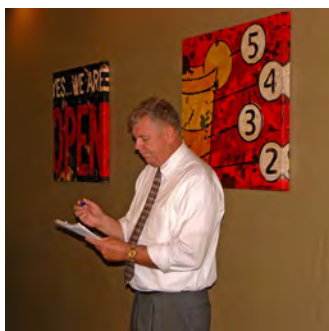
Free copies of the fall 2015 convention edition of *The Nor'wester*, enclosed in a clear plastic literature storage bag, were available.

Past ANA President Walter Ostromecki once again conducted the youth treasure hunt.



Left: The PNNA continued its 75th anniversary celebration at the Portland fall show. The specially prepared “coin cake” shown here was on display Saturday at the show, and was consumed at the board meeting Saturday evening. It was excellent!

Right: PNNA President Danny Bisgaard conducts the board meeting at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel.



The next PNNA/WCC fall convention is scheduled for October 14-16, 2016 in Portland, Oregon.

Several collector exhibits were entered and judged, with the winners announced as follows:

1st Place — Gawain O'Connor – *Ten Shillings Irish 1928-1968*.



Photo: First case of **Gawain O'Connor's** winning exhibit, *Ten Shillings Irish 1928-1968*.

2nd Place — James Reinders – *Numismatic Clock: Suitable for hanging on a wall.*

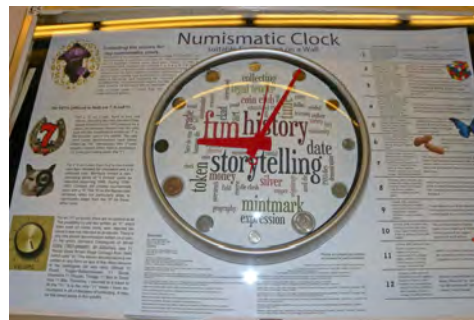


Photo: James Reinders' second-place exhibit.

3rd Place — Dennis Reed – *Treasure from the SS Central America 1857.*



Photo: Dennis Reed's third-place exhibit.

Thanks to exhibit judges Eric Holcomb (chief judge), Danny Bisgaard, Tom Sheehan and Ken Hill.

See page 4 for information about how to enter a collector exhibit next year.

PNNA Nominations/Elections

PNNA officers and directors serve two-year terms; see a listing of your current elected board online at <http://pnna.org/officers/officers.html>. The next elections are in the spring of 2016, with the new board to be installed at the annual Tukwila convention.

Although most current board members have already indicated whether or not they're running again (see the minutes on pp. 4-5), nominations are also sought from the general membership, and are due by March 1, per the PNNA constitution and bylaws. All persons nominated must be PNNA members, and must sign a letter of acceptance. To nominate a PNNA member for any of the officer or director positions, please contact election chairman James Free, email jfree@centurylink.net, or the PNNA secretary, or write to Danny's Bisgaard's address listed on page 2.

Election ballots will be mailed with the 2nd Quarter 2016 issue of *The Nor'wester*.

Beautiful Commemoratives, North and South by Mark Benvenuto

Commemorating some major event on coinage is an idea at least as old as the Roman Empire. A slew of different Roman emperors used their coins as a type of propaganda, placing their face prominently on the obverse, and commemorating some victory or other event on the reverse. The famous Judea Capta pieces are one well-known example of an emperor honoring himself, in this case Vespasian in his victory over the Judean people in the east.

In the past few decades, both the United States Mint and the Royal Canadian Mint have commemorated quite a few famous events or worthy causes. And while assembling a full set of commemorative coins from north and south of the border would be an expensive proposition, we could rather take a look at what the most beautiful of these coins are, and try to put together what might be called a "Set of Beauties." This is one of those fun exercises that a person can dig into right as they begin collecting, or take up if they have been at it so long that their collecting seems to have become stale (perish the thought!). What we are going to aim for is three really attractive coins from each country. Of course, this means we can argue about which ones made the list, and which didn't. But, for your enjoyment and thoughtful provocation, let's look at three from each country.

First the Royal Canadian Mint

The 1958 British Columbia commemorative silver dollar makes the list. Yes, yes, there has been a great deal written about this particular dollar and the meaning of the totem images, but here we're looking for something beautiful. And since the RCM has a longer history of what might be called modern commems, and since this is one of the earliest that is really quite artistic, it heads our list.

The Pioneers of Powered Flight series also makes the list – with an apology that we're cheating somewhat by putting ten in a spot where there might only be one. Any of us can argue that one particular design or another is better (or worse) than all the rest, but this group makes our list because of the idea of the gold cameo. No one had tried this before, at least not in this rather stunning manner. The gold cameo offsets the design very well, and makes and one of these \$20 pieces an excellent addition to a growing set of beauties.

The \$300 platinum polar bear mother and cub of 1990 also makes this list. Once again, you are free to cry "foul!" since this is a bullion coin and not a commem, but the overall image is simply beautiful, and well rendered. It is sometimes very difficult to put a

living, breathing animal on a metal surface and make it look convincing, but this coin does it, and does it very well.

Next, the United States Mint

The U.S. commemorative program stretches much farther back than that of the RCM, but we'll focus on what are called the modern commems, meaning those that have been issued since 1982.

First, the 1986 Statue of Liberty \$5 gold piece makes the list. This is undoubtedly a beautiful coin, and the originality of the portrait makes it eye catching. Also, as far as gold goes, this is actually a rather affordable piece, and so adding it to our lengthening list should not be too hard.

Second, let's add the 1988 half eagle for the Seoul Olympics. Many U.S. collectors cried "foul!" on this one long ago, since the U.S. wasn't hosting the Olympics – and they felt they were just being milked or bilked for their money. But the classical image of Nike remains stunning even thirty years later. It's really a pity that this design did not end up on a circulating commem, where everyone could have seen it.

Third, the 2008 bald eagle commemorative dollar. Much like the RCM's polar bear design, this dollar does an excellent job of a beautiful portrayal of the bird, which is actually quite a claim, considering how many eagles have perched on U.S. coins.

What did we miss?

Well, practically everything, of course! We missed all the great RCM issues of the last decade, as well as the older, but still gorgeous Olympic commems from the mid-1980's. Those Canadian Olympic commems still make a great series all by themselves. From the U.S. Mint we missed a horde of different issues, from those with formal, rather classic designs, like the Leif Ericson millennium dollar to many of the more modernistic designs. We also bypassed the entire 1996 Olympic series, which was monstrously large.

The idea of making a short list of beautiful commemorative coins from north and south of the border isn't to start a squabble about what should or should not be on any list, though. It's to make us think, to plant the seed, to prime the pump, as it were. Some of the coins we have mentioned cost only about \$50. Others, such as the gold pieces, will cost a few hundred. But all of them can indeed be the seed for some new collecting, some new interests. Agree with what we've listed here, or disagree and make your own. But whatever you do, enjoy!

Editor's note: This article will be entered in the PNNA's annual contest for the best article published in *The Nor'wester*. Submit your article now!



Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association

Scholarship Program for

ANA Summer Seminar 2016

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 2016 ANA Summer Seminar, held on the campus of The Colorado College in beautiful Colorado Springs, CO. Session I dates are Saturday, June 18, to Thursday, June 23; session II, Saturday, June 25 to Thursday, June 30, 2016. 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, 2016. 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.

Name _____

PNNA Member # _____ Birth Date _____ / _____ / _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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: _____

2nd choice: _____

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, 2016

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.

2016

JAN 2 GREATER TACOMA COIN SHOW, Tacoma Elks Lodge #174, 2013 S. Cedar St., Tacoma, WA

JAN 7-10 FLORIDA UNITED NUMIS. (FUN) 61st ANNUAL CONVENTION, Tampa Convention Center, Tampa, Florida

JAN 7-10 New York International Numismatic Convention, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, 301 Park Avenue, New York City, NY

JAN 8-9 EAST BAY-CONCORD COIN SHOW, The Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Ave, Concord, CA

JAN 10 COIN - CURRENCY- TOKEN & MEDAL SHOW, Clackamas Banquet Center (Denny's), 15815 SE 82nd Dr & Hwy 212 E, Clackamas, OR

JAN 16-17 BOEING EMPLOYEES' COIN CLUB SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

JAN 22-24 SAN JOSE COIN CLUB SHOW, DoubleTree Hotel Bayshore Ballroom, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose, CA

JAN 30 OLYMPIA COIN CLUB SHOW, VFW Hall, 2902 Martin Way, Olympia, WA

JAN 30 North Shore Numismatic Society Stamp & Coin Fair, Nikkei Centre, 6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby BC

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

FEB 13 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

FEB 13-14 MCMINNVILLE COIN CLUB SHOW, Chinook Winds Casino Resort, 1777 NW 44th Street, Lincoln City, OR

FEB 13-14 OCEAN SHORES ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE SHOW, Convention Center in Ocean Shores, WA

FEB 20-21 56TH ANNUAL COEUR d'ALENE COIN CLUB SHOW, Kootenai County Fairgrounds, Coeur d'Alene, ID

FEB 21 8AM-Noon NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, Olympia VFW Post #318 Hall, 2902 Martin Way, Olympia, WA

MAR 3-5 ANA National Money ShowSM, Dallas Convention Center, Dallas, TX

MAR 5 (tentative) STANWOOD COIN CLUB ANNUAL SHOW, Stanwood Senior Center, 7430 276th NW, Stanwood, WA

MAR 5-6 GRAYS HARBOR COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES SHOW, South Shore Mall, 1017 S Boone St., Aberdeen, WA

MAR 12-13 Buena Park Coin Show, Retail Clerks Hall, 8550 Stanton, Buena Park, CA

MAR 13 COIN - CURRENCY- TOKEN & MEDAL SHOW, Clackamas Banquet Center (Denny's), 15815 SE 82nd Dr & Hwy 212 E, Clackamas, OR

MAR 18-19 SOUTH BAY/SUNNYVALE COIN SHOW DOMAIN HOTEL, 1085 East El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, CA

MAR 18-20 Chicago Paper Money Exposition, Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL

MAR 19 TACOMA-LAKEWOOD COIN CLUB SHOW, Tacoma Elks Lodge #174, 2013 S. Cedar St., Tacoma, WA

MAR 19-20 SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB 61st ANNUAL COIN SHOW, Masonic Lodge, 2777 Martin Luther King Blvd., Eugene, OR

MAR 26-27 (tentative) Eagle Rock Numismatic Society Annual Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 640 East Elva Street, Idaho Falls, ID

APR 2 North Shore Numismatic Society Stamp & Coin Fair, Nikkei Centre, 6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby BC

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

APR 8-10 Las Vegas, Coin, Currency, Jewelry, Postcard & Stamp Show, The Orleans Hotel & Casino, 4500 W Tropicana Ave, Las Vegas, NV

ARR 9 BREMERTON-WEST SOUND COIN SHOW, Masonic Temple, 878 5th St. (corner of 5th & Warren Ave.), Bremerton, WA

APR 9-10 (tentative) Spokane Inland Empire Spring Coin & Stamp Show, Center Place, 2426 N Discovery Place, Spokane Valley, WA

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 22-24 PNNA CONVENTION (67th Annual), Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave. So., Tukwila, WA

Convention contact:

Kevin Charbonneau (kcharboneau58@comcast.net)

APR 22-24 SANTA CLARA COIN & COLLECTABLES SHOW, Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy, Santa Clara, CA

APR 27-30 Central States Numismatic Society 77th Anniversary Convention, Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center, Schaumburg, IL

APR 30 COWLITZ COIN CLUB ANNUAL SHOW, AWPPW Hall 724 - 15th Ave, Longview, WA

Coin Show promoters please submit confirmed future show and event dates to Eric Holcomb!

COIN and CURRENCY SHOW

JANUARY 16-17, 2016

Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM - 4 PM

KENT COMMONS

525 4th Avenue North, Kent, WA

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www.seattlebecc.org, for additional info: Greg Smith 253-737-6268 or e-mail info@seattlebecc.org



2016 Club Medal & Wooden Nickel

- 60+ coin/currency dealers (buy, sell, trade, appraisals)
- ANACS submissions onsite
- Coin & paper money exhibits—receive a BECC medal as a participation medal!
- Scout and children's events
- FREE hourly prize drawings
- FREE souvenir wooden nickels
- FREE overflow parking in the Regional Justice Center Garage
- Early Bird Admission at 9:00 AM Sat. - \$60

APRIL 22-24, 2016

PNNA CONVENTION (67th Annual)

Tukwila Community Center

12424 42nd Ave. S.

Tukwila, WA

Mark your calendars now for this show!