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## President's Message

by PNNA President James Reinders

At the Tukwila convention, new officers and board were inducted to lead the PNNA over the next two years. (See list on page 2). I appreciate the confidence of the PNNA membership in the new board, and the trust you place in all of us, including myself as the newly elected president. We welcome Lance Neseemann to the board. John Brown was elected to the board after serving as our secretary, a role our past president Danny will now tackle. We are all very thankful for the leadership of Danny Bisgaard these past four years as the PNNA president as well as the Host Chairman for the National Money Show held last year in Portland. We are also thankful for the service of our departing board member, Lisa Loos, who has served the board for the last four years in the "Past President" position.

The Spring PNNA convention was held April 22-24. We had steady crowds all three days. Thanks to all the volunteers and to the convention committee. It was great to have ANA Governor Steve Ellsworth and Past ANA President Walt Ostromecki at the show. They both are engaging promoters of numismatics and the ANA. We are thankful to Walt Ostromecki for the YN treasure hunt, and the dealers who helped as stations. The YN activities not only create interest and education for youth, but they help parents and grandparents renew their interest as well. Thank you to all of you that spent endless preparation and labor hours in making the convention a success with many roles ranging from the hospitality room, to the exhibit area and judging, to badging and badge checking, set-up and tear-down, and much more. We are blessed to have such dedication from our volunteers; please consider joining our volunteers to help keep the individual burden fun. We continue to adapt the convention dates based on crowded national calendars so as to maximize participation, so next year the show will move a little earlier and will be held March 17-19, 2017.

The Puyallup Fair (now known officially as the Washington State Fair) is just around the corner – Sept. 2-25, 2016, but closed on Tuesdays this year. 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, will begin 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 by e-mail at [richardf53@yahoo.com](mailto:richardf53@yahoo.com) if you would like to volunteer.

### Projected board meeting dates and locations:

- July 23, 2016 at Spiffy's Restaurant near Chehalis, Wash., I-5 milepost 68, from 8 to 10 a.m.
- Oct. 8, 2016 at the PNNA-Willamette Convention, Doubletree Hotel, Portland, Ore., at about 6 p.m.
- Jan. 21, 2017 at the Boeing Employees Coin Show, Kent Commons, Kent, Wash., at about 6 p.m.
- March 18, 2017 at the PNNA Convention, Tukwila Community Center, Tukwila, Wash., at about 8 a.m.

At the next board meeting, we hope to finalize our multi-year discussion of refreshing the PNNA logo now that the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration has completed. The board plans to choose a new logo from a collection of options that are the product of many discussions and revisions. Feel free to contact any officer or board member with feedback before our July 23 meeting. Below is a glimpse of the four we have under consideration.

The Board and Officers serve 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 Anaheim, August 9-13, 2016. Walt Ostromecki is their Host Chairman! Info.: <http://www.worldsfairmoney.com>.



**PNNA Officers / Directors 2016-2018**

- President** - James Reinders
- Vice President** - Ed Fischer
- Secretary** - Danny Bisgaard
- Treasurer** - Scott Loos
- Directors** - John A. Brown, Kevin Charboneau, Ron Engholm, James D. Free, Mark Gruner, Tony Kalt, Lance Nesemann, Gawain O'Connor, Rick Schulz, and Dan Vornbrock
- Past President** - Danny Bisgaard
- Appointed Positions**
- Dealer-Director** - Dennis Reed
- Editor/Webmaster** - Eric Holcomb

**PNNA 2016 Annual Awards Summary**

by Danny Bisgaard

The following presentations were made at the 2016 Tukwila convention, April 22-24, 2016.



**Presidential Awards** – 2016 PNNA presidential awards were presented to Tukwila convention chairman Kevin Charboneau, Tukwila/Portland bourse chairman Scott Loos, Tukwila exhibit chairman and convention assistant Dan Vornbrock, and Editor/Webmaster/Chief Judge Eric Holcomb. *Photo: Kevin Charboneau (right) receives his presidential award from Danny Bisgaard (left).*



**Bob Everett Memorial Award** – *Photo: Danny Bisgaard (left) received the Bob Everett Memorial Award from new PNNA president James Reinders (right).* Danny has served the ANA and PNNA in many capacities!



**Nina Nystrom Memorial Award** – *Photo: Tony Kalt (left) received the Nina Nystrom Memorial Goodwill Ambassador Award from PNNA president Danny Bisgaard (right).* Tony has been active in many ways including with the YNs and Boy Scouts.

**Literary Awards –**

PNNA literary awards for best club newsletter (2016 for 2015 newsletters) were as follows: 1st place - Cowlitz Coin Club, 2nd place - Olympia Coin Club, 3rd place - South Hill Coin Club.

PNNA literary awards for best article in *The Nor'wester* (2nd Q 2015 - 1st Q 2016) were as follows: 1st Place - Mark Benvenuto, 2nd Place - Ed Fischer, 3rd Place - Ben Mous.



*Photo: Dennis Reed (left) accepts the 2nd place best club newsletter award from Danny Bisgaard (right) on behalf of the Olympia Coin Club. The Cowlitz Coin Club (not pictured) took 1st place.*



*Photo: Ed Fischer (right) accepts the 2nd place best article award from Danny Bisgaard (left). Mark Benvenuto (not pictured) took 1st place.*

**National Coin Week** – The Olympia Coin Club won the PNNA NCW award for the 13th time! We're also pleased to announce that the Cowlitz Coin Club entered for the first time and finished second. The 2016 NCW theme was "Portraits of Liberty: Icon of Freedom," commemorating the centennial of the iconic Liberty designs introduced on U.S. silver coinage in 1916.

**Scholarships** – This year's adult scholarships were presented to Alan Franke and Lance Neseman, and the YN scholarship was presented to Joshua Smith. Recipients attend 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>

**In Memoriam**  
**Numismatic News founder Chet Krause**  
**Dec. 16, 1923-June 25, 2016**

## 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 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. 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 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 Sept. 2 through Sept. 25, a longer schedule than in the past, however the Fair is now closed on Tuesdays. 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.

*Deadline for submission of material for 4th Quarter 2016 Nor'wester: Sunday, September 11, 2016.*

Please send your ad copy to Eric Holcomb, [Eric@Holcomb.com](mailto:Eric@Holcomb.com), and payment to the PNNA treasurer. Or 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)  
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*Note: Rates for color pages are higher; please inquire about prices and availability.*

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

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

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](mailto:richardf53@yahoo.com).

If you're interested in what the Fair has to offer check out their web site, [www.thefair.com](http://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 8-9, 2016 on your calendars ... the 11th 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 collector exhibit area – more details will follow in the fall issue of *The Nor'Wester*. (Note that dealer and exhibitor setup are on Friday Oct. 7.)



## *PNNA 67th Annual Convention, April 22-24, 2016 in Tukwila*

The biggest annual coin show in the Pacific Northwest, sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association (PNNA) and now in its 16th year in Tukwila, was once again a big success, with strong attendance in moderate weather conditions (except for some heavy rain on Sunday). Total three-day paid attendance was approximately 1,000 as usual.

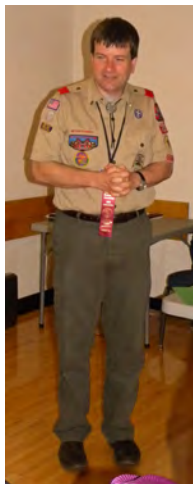
In addition to bourse activity, there were exhibits, awards, numismatic theater and club meetings on Saturday, and a popular Young Numismatists (YN) program.

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 strong on Saturday, with the program once again conducted this year by ANA Past President Walt Ostromecki.

A Boy Scout workshop was offered by James Reinders and Tony Kalt, and was well-attended this year, with more than 30 Scouts.

There were four competitive collector exhibits this year in 12 cases. Two additional non-competitive exhibits were a PNNA convention memorabilia exhibit maintained by Del Cushing, and an exhibit of Medallion Art Company medals.

There were souvenir elongated coins with a new design, and you could make your own with the PNNA's "penny press."



The annual PNNA general membership and awards meeting was held on Saturday April 23 after the close of the bourse.

*Photo: Incoming PNNA President James Reinders takes over at the general membership and awards meeting and makes his opening remarks!*

Special thanks to Kevin Charboneau for serving as general chairman for the 2016 convention. This was Kevin's third convention as chairman, and he did a nice job once again.

The PNNA is pleased to announce that the association's annual convention will again be held at the Tukwila Community Center, March 17-19, 2017 (earlier dates due to Easter and other numismatic conventions).

See p. 2 or the PNNA website for PNNA awards made at the convention.

### 2016 Convention Exhibit Report

The following are the results of this year's competitive collector exhibits at the Tukwila convention. Each exhibitor received a PNNA medal encased in an engraved holder.

#### Competitive Exhibits

##### Class 1 - United States and Canadian Coins

1st Place — Anthony Kalt — "Neutron Irradiated Dimes."

##### Class 2 - United States and Canadian Paper Money

1st Place — Thomas Tullis — "Letters to the Rescue!"

##### Class 3 - Tokens, Medals and Decorations

1st Place — Anthony Kalt — "Boeing Employees' Coin Club Medals: The Pewter Collection."

##### Class 4 - World Coins and Paper Money

1st Place — George Fellows — "Coins of the Napoleonic Era."

##### Class 5 - General or Specialized

No entries.

##### Class 6 - Pacific Northwest Numismatic Material

No entries.

#### Best Tokens and Medals

*C.E. "Hepp" Heppner Memorial Award*

Anthony Kalt — "Boeing Employees' Coin Club Medals: The Pewter Collection."

#### Best of Show

*Byron F. Johnson Jr. Memorial Award*

Thomas Tullis — "Letters to the Rescue!"

#### People's Choice Award

Anthony Kalt — "Courtesy Autographs."

#### Exhibit Committee and Judges:

Judges: Danny Bisgaard, Ken Hill, James Reinders, Tom Sheehan.

Chief Judge: Eric Holcomb.

Exhibit Chairman: Dan Vornbrock.

Congratulations to all winners. Why not consider an exhibit yourself at next year's Tukwila convention, or at the fall show in Portland?



*Photo: part of Tom Tullis' winning collector exhibit, "Letters to the Rescue!"*

For more exhibit photos, see the PNNA website at [http://www.pnna.org/exhibits/exhibits\\_completed.html](http://www.pnna.org/exhibits/exhibits_completed.html).

## PNNA Board Meeting Minutes

23 April 2016, Tukwila, Washington

Members in Attendance: Danny Bisgaard, President; James Reinders, Vice President; Scott Loos, Treasurer; John Brown, Secretary; Lisa Loos, Past President; Rick Schulz, Director; Ed Fischer, Director; Dennis Reed, Director; James Free, Director; Gawain O'Connor, Director; Dan Vornbrock, Director; Tony Kalt, Director; Kevin Charboneau, Director; Mark Gruner, Director; Eric Holcomb, Webmaster.

Members Absent: Ron Engholm, Director.

Guests: Walter Ostromecki, ANA Past President; Steve Ellsworth, ANA Governor; Owen Gruner, Ken Hill, Bruce Wonder, Dick Billings.

The membership meeting was called to order by President Danny Bisgaard at 8:02 a.m., and Danny welcomed the board members and guests.

ANA Past President Walter Ostromecki spoke about the upcoming ANA show in Anaheim, CA, August 9<sup>th</sup> thru 13<sup>th</sup>, commemorating the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ANA. Over ¾ of the 2,000 bourse tables are sold so far, and a caricature artist will be there Fri. and Sat. creating free drawings. Walter introduced ANA Governor Steve Ellsworth, who also was present.

### Secretary's Report:

John had no correspondence to report.

A motion was made (James F./Mark G.) and approved to accept the Board Meeting Minutes from 1/16/2016.

### Treasurer's Report:

Scott presented both the PNNA Income/Expense Statements for the quarter ending March 31, 2016. Total revenues were \$12,802.54 with expenses of \$129.31. Total Cash and Fund Balances totaled \$76,979.35. A motion was made (Dennis R./Ed F.) and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report as read.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### Convention

Kevin C. reported show attendance so far at 270+ for Friday, and all has been going well. Kevin C. purchased two surveillance cameras and a 4-channel DVR for show security for \$150 and plans to get it set up tomorrow. Scott noted that the dealer ribbons mailed in advance of the Show worked well. Rick S. commented that the South Hill Coin Club was the host club for set up and tear down. More volunteers were needed according to Kevin C.

#### Exhibits

Eric H. reported that four competitive and two non-competitive exhibits were submitted for the show. Danny B. asked Rick S. to give samples of all the different PNNA elongates to Del C. for the PNNA exhibit. Ed F. noted that he still has quite a few coppers for use on the exhibit awards.

#### Membership

Lisa had nothing to report.

#### Outreach

James R. reported that a good turnout is expected for the Boy Scout Merit Badge seminar scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday. James thanked Tony and Dan for their help promoting the seminar. Walter was acknowledged for his efforts with the scouts and the YN treasure hunt.

#### Education

Scott L. had nothing to report.

#### Election

Danny B. reported that the By-Laws change concerning granting PNNA Honorary Life Memberships was approved. James R. announced the new Board Dealer Rep. to be Dennis Reed.

All Board members will be returning except Lisa L., and Lance N. is a newly elected Board member.

James R. made a motion that PNNA Honorary Life Membership be granted to Danny B. which was seconded by Scott L. and unanimously approved.

#### Publication

Danny mentioned that everything has been going well with Eric and the newsletter.

#### Awards

Danny B. noted that several awards would be presented Saturday evening at the membership meeting. Four clubs submitted newsletters with three winners, three *Nor'wester* article winners. Two nominations were submitted for the Everett Award and one for the Nystrom Award.

#### **New Business:**

#### Election results

See page 2 for a list of the new 2016-2017 PNNA Board of Directors.

#### PNNA Logo

Eric H. presented three renditions of a new PNNA Logo to the Board for discussion. It was decided to present them at the membership meeting Saturday evening for further input. Danny B. suggested making a final decision on the logo at the summer Board mtg.

#### Donation

Danny B. suggested dividing up the donated numismatic items from Gene Henry's estate to redistribute to the clubs in Washington and Oregon.

#### Other

Kevin C. noted that he and Rick are meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> with the leaders of the Wash-Jam Scouting event scheduled for Aug. 25-26.

Danny recommended purchasing more foreign coins for Rick's giveaways at about \$4/pound.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded (Kevin C./Lisa L.) to adjourn, which passed at 8:45 a.m.

John Brown/Secretary, Recording.

## PNNA Membership Meeting Minutes

23 April 2016, Tukwila, Washington

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

Members Absent: Gawain O'Connor, Director; Dan Vornbrock, Director.

Guests in Attendance: Walter Ostromecki, ANA Past President; Steve Ellsworth, ANA Governor; Lance Nesemann, Owen Gruner, Tom Tullis, Del Cushing, Dick Billings, George Fellows, Lisa Fellows, Bill McKivor, Sue Tanaka.

The meeting was called to order by President Danny Bisgaard at 6:31 p.m. Danny welcomed the members and guests.

### President's Comments:

Danny expressed his appreciation for all the volunteer effort for a successful show with special thanks to Kevin, Tony and Rick for stepping up wherever needed.

Danny B. thanked the outgoing Board of Directors for their service and to the Convention staff of volunteers for all their hard work and commitment.

Danny mentioned that the By-Laws change concerning Honorary Life Memberships was approved with a vote of 31-1.

### Exhibit Awards

Eric H. announced the winners of the Show Exhibit Awards (see page 4).

### Numismatic Theatre

Danny recognized both Tom Tullis and Eric Holcomb for their presentations, and encouraged others to consider presenting at future shows.

### PNNA Awards

See page 2 for a list of PNNA awards announced or presented at the meeting by Danny Bisgaard.

### New PNNA Logo

Eric presented three designs (two from Tim Garcia and one from Tom Rogers) for consideration, and asked for input comments. A decision will hopefully be made by this summer on what design will be accepted. (Note: The designs on page 1 were prepared by Tim Garcia.)

### New Board of Directors

Danny presented the newly elected Board of Directors, and turned the meeting over to the new President (James Reinders).

James provided some personal background on himself, and looks forward to serving as the PNNA President for at least the next two years.

### Everett Award

James presented the Bob Everett Memorial Award and check to the PNNA Past President Danny Bisgaard for all his involvement and contributions to numerous offices held in various numismatic clubs.

There being no further business, James adjourned the meeting. John Brown, Recording.

## Coin Show & Event Calendar

JUL 2 COIN FEST, Tacoma Elks Lodge #174, 2013 S. Cedar St., Tacoma, WA

JUL 8-10 LAS VEGAS, COIN, CURRENCY, JEWELRY, POSTCARD & STAMP SHOW, The Orleans Hotel & Casino, 4500 W Tropicana Ave, Las Vegas, NV

JUL 15-16 NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY 31ST ANNUAL CONV. & AUCTION, Clackamas Banquet and Catering Center, 12 miles south of the Portland Airport, off I-205 (exit 12 or 12A)

**JUL 19-24 ROYAL CANADIAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION, Ottawa, ON**

AUG 6-8 PNG/ANA NUMISMATIC TRADE SHOW, Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, CA

**AUG 9-13 ANA WORLD'S FAIR OF MONEY, Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, CA**

AUG 14 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Red Lion Hotel at 1 South Grady Way, Renton, WA

AUG 19-21 LAS VEGAS, COIN, CURRENCY, JEWELRY, POSTCARD & STAMP SHOW (see above)

AUG 20-21 19TH ANNUAL FLORENCE COIN SHOW, Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., Florence, OR

AUG 26-28 COINCON SANTA CLARA, Santa Clara Convention Center, CA

SEP 2-4 NTCA ANNUAL TOKEN SHOW, Baymont Inn & Suites, 3333 13th Ave S, Fargo, ND

SEP 8-10 LONG BEACH COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES EXPO, Long Beach, CA

SEP 10 OLYMPIA/SOUTH SOUND COIN & CURRENCY SHOW, Olympia VFW Post #318 Hall, 2902 Martin Way, Olympia, WA

SEP 10-11 CALGARY FALL COIN SHOW, Clarion Hotel, 2120 - 16th Ave N.E., Calgary, Alberta

SEP 11 (8AM-Noon) NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, Olympia VFW Post #318 Hall, 2902 Martin Way, Olympia, WA

SEP 11 COIN - CURRENCY- TOKEN & MEDAL SHOW, Clackamas Banquet Center (Denny's), 15815 SE 82nd Dr & Hwy 212 E, Clackamas, OR

SEP 17 WASHINGTON STATE 36th ANNUAL COIN SHOW, Tacoma Elks Lodge #174, 2013 S. Cedar St., Tacoma, WA

SEP 17-18 NORTH SHORE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY STAMP & COIN FAIR, Nikkei Museum & Cultural Centre, 6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby, BC

SEP 23-25 LAS VEGAS NUMIS. SOCIETY FALL COIN SHOW, Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino, 3000 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas, NV

SEP 24 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

See website for more listings, and page 3 for fall show.

## Year 1 C.E.: The Earliest Lifetime Portrait of a Biblical Ruler

Jean-Philippe Fontanille

*Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis (Luke 3:1)*

Herod Philip, son of Herod the Great and his wife, Cleopatra of Jerusalem, reigned over north-eastern Judaea from his father's death in 4 BCE until his own death in 33 CE. Philip received the title of tetrarch, along with his brothers Herod Archelaus and Herod Antipas, and the three of them ruled over their respective territories in Judaea.

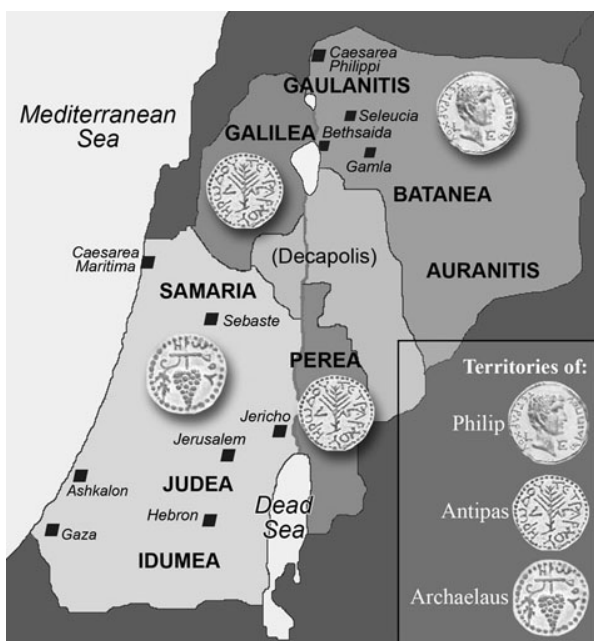


Fig. 1. Map of the Tetrarchy of Judaea.

Philip was described by Josephus as a benevolent and good ruler. He was in power before the death of Roman Emperor Augustus and during the rule of Tiberius, which furthermore suggests that he was a competent ruler as well.

Philip minted 16 types of coins at the mint of Caesarea Philippi, in the northern part of his territory. On his four rarest coin types, he depicted an image of his own portrait, being the first ruler of the NT to ever do so. Interestingly, two of these coin types were minted when Philip was about 26 years old in the year 1 CE, while the other two were minted when Philip was nearing death in his late fifties. Of these four coin types, only 31 coins are known, and their extreme rarities are quite noteworthy. Unfortunately, some of these coins were damaged by modern tooling.



Type 1  
(Year 1 C.E.)



Type 2  
(Year 1 C.E.)



Type 3a  
(Year 30 C.E.)



Type 3b  
(Year 33 C.E.)

Fig. 2. The four coin types of coins with Herod Philip's portrait (composite pictures). Scale 2:1

Type 1 (1-2 CE), a full denomination, was struck with only a single obverse die, bearing the bust of Philip, and three reverse dies, with the bust of Augustus. Reverse dies generally degrade and break at a faster rate than obverse dies and thus there are generally more of them, which usually allows us to easily distinguish between obverse and reverse dies. The bust of Philip was made aesthetically nicer than the bust of Augustus on these coins, likely because Philip himself would be using and examining them.

Type 2 (1-2 CE), a half denomination, is by far the rarest coin type of Philip, as only two specimens are currently known to exist. One obverse die is connected to two reverse dies. The bust of Philip on the obverse is slightly less realistic than that on the full denomination (Type 1), but similar stylistically to the bust of Augustus on the reverse of that type, and in fact, these similar dies may have even been cut by the same hand.

Type 3a (30-31 CE) is a particularly small coin type at about 11 mm in diameter, and was only struck

by one pair of obverse and reverse dies. Due to the size of this coin, it is very rare for this type to have a legible or complete obverse inscription. As well, coins that are not perfectly struck often have part of the legend, which flanks the bust on both sides, missing. The bust of Philip is, like on Type 1, very elegant and realistic. The reverse of this type, a wreath with the date within, is very similar to the reverse of the *prutah* of Pontius Pilate minted the same year.

Type 3b (34-35 CE) is the same denomination as Type 3a, but the only physical difference between these two types is the different date written in the reverse wreath. This type uses the three-year-old obverse die used for Type 3a.

There was clearly great care taken in the making of the obverse dies of Types 1 and 3. Even though the obverse die of Type 3 was saved for three years before minting resumed, an examination of the coins reveals that the die remained in optimal condition. It may therefore even be speculated that the die cutters of this bust and the bust of Philip on Type 1 were specially trained in Rome.



Fig. 3. Composite images of Philip's bust at ages 26 (Types 1 and 2) and 56 (Type 3).

Many people living in the territory of Philip were nomadic descendants of Nabataeans or Itureans. It is often written that Philip minted coins with his own bust (in violation to the second commandment, which prohibited the creation of graven images) due to the small Jewish population in his territory. However, it is likely that a significant Jewish population was, in fact, present in Philip's territory. This territory was first captured by Hasmonean King Alexander Jannaeus (104–76 BCE), and there was probably a sizable Jewish population in the Galilee, Gaulanitis and around Paneas, Philip's capital city.

Under the reign of King Herod, soldiers, some of whom may have been Jewish, were sent to the northeastern region of the kingdom to counter the threat of bandits. It is very likely that some of these soldiers, after discharged, may have continued to live in Paneas. Josephus wrote, though probably in exaggeration, that "many thousands" of Jews lived in Caesarea Philippi

right before the First Revolt (66–70 CE). During the revolt, many Jewish prisoners were executed by the Romans in Caesarea Philippi, though it is probable that most of these prisoners were from elsewhere. The Jewish community expanded in that city again later in the second and third centuries.

Jesus visited the city of Paneas (Matthew 16:13), and because he was not known to preach to gentiles, this visit seems to further confirm that Jews were present in the vicinity of Paneas. Interestingly, it is quite possible that Jesus' preaching in Caesarea Philippi coincided with the minting of Type 3a in 30-31 CE.

The city of Gamla is of particular interest, as it had a clear Jewish presence for centuries. Gamla, which was probably a Seleucid fort that evolved into a city under Hasmonean King John Hyrcanus I (135–104 BCE), became predominantly Jewish until the reign of Alexander Jannaeus. Before the First Revolt, the population of the city reached about 5,000 people. In fact, one of the earliest known synagogues, which was excavated in Gamla, may have been built during the reign of Philip, perhaps even with his financial support.

Excavations in Gamla have uncovered a rare portrait coin of Philip (Type 1) in a room adjacent to an olive press. The other coins found there revealed that this room was used during the outbreak of the First Revolt and perhaps as early as the beginning of the first century.

This Gamla find can tell us some important information regarding the coins of Philip with his bust. It can be seen that Philip circulated coins around his territory in cities with Jews and gentiles and that even some 64 years after mintage his coins were still in circulation in his land. It seems that, though the Jews probably disliked the mintage of coins bearing "graven images," they still handled and used them. This can be further confirmed by noting that about 30 years before Philip's Tetrarchy, Iturean tetrarch Zenodorus' coins, bearing his bust as well as that of Octavian, were minted and circulated greatly around the territory that was to become Philip's.

It is interesting to note that while his half-brothers', Archelaus' and Antipas', coins were very generic, Philip's put more emphasis on himself. Archelaus' and Antipas' coins bore the general dynastic name "Herod" as well as other more generic symbols and images, while Philip not only minted coins with his own portrait, but also with his own name and, on Types 1 and 2, his own title of "Tetrarch." However, of the 16 coin types minted by Herod Philip, the three types bearing his portrait are the rarest by far – even though some of them were minted the same year as the more common issues. The numbers of known portrait coins of Philip are about the same in the year 1 (Type 1) as Types 2 and 3, minted more than 30 years later. This occurrence seems to imply that Philip intentionally minted the coins with his bust in lower, more acceptable quantities in order not to offend observant Jews in his territory.



Herod Philip's portrait coins abruptly stopped after the year 1 CE for 30 years before continuing, while his regular issues, without his bust, continued to be minted. Although it is impossible to explain why phenomenon occurred for certain, it may be conjectured too that the break had occurred due to Jewish objection to Philip's bust. When the mintage of the portrait coins began again, at around 30 CE, this time the coins were very small and often with illegible inscriptions.

In 34 CE, Herod Philip died and his coinage ceased to be minted. His land later became part of the province of Syria.



Fig. 4. The two finest specimens known for each type with Philip's portrait (Types 1-3b). Scale 1:1

#### SOURCES OF COINS IN FIGURE 4:

##### Coin Type 1

- Left: Coll.: A. Sofaer
- Right: Coll.: Jared Clark (8.40 g)

##### Coin Type 2

- Left: Coll.: Israel Museum (3.82 g)
- Right: Coll.: Dr. P. Tan (4.71 g)

##### Coin Type 3a

- Left: Coll.: J. Knox (1.52 g)
- Right: Coll.: A. Sofaer (1.61 g)

##### Coin Type 3b

- Left: Holy Land (2008) #2280
- Right: Roma (2012) #333 (1.56 g)

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## Go Big or Go Home – Is Anyone Collecting These? North and South

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An entire generation of collectors has come of age that can't remember a time when there were no gold and silver one-ounce Maple Leaves, no gold and silver one-ounce Eagles, no bullion coins of any kind. The bullion coinage programs of the Royal Canadian Mint and of the United States Mint are decades old now, and are only two voices in a much larger world chorus of non-circulating legal tender bullion coins. But despite their mature presence in this section of the market and the hobby – or perhaps because of it – both the RCM and the U.S. Mint have gone big in recent years, meaning have gone to silver coins that are much larger than 1 ounce. We can only wonder if anyone is collecting them all as they are issued, since the cost is always higher than the metal within them. But whether we want to think of these as sets to complete, or as buffets from which to sample and purchase a select few, there are some good-looking, downright huge coins from which to choose.

### 5-Ounce coins of the U.S. Mint

The United States has been pounding out quarters with different reverses since 1999, generally at the rate of five different reverses per year. The first ten years saw reverses honoring each state, and an eleventh saw what we might call “other than states” honored, which translates to Washington, D.C. and the territories. It was a neat program, and so the powers-that-be in Congress decided that it should be followed with another ten-year program, what is now called the “America the Beautiful” series of reverses, with the reverse design of each quarter now honoring some national park in every state. The ATB program, as it is often abbreviated, might have been met with some grouching on the part of collectors, perhaps on the part of those who thought of it as overkill. But at the same time, starting in 2010, the Mint came out with 5-ounce silver versions of each of the quarters, which meant five remarkably large “quarters” per year. They're bigger, they're heftier, they've got their weight written on the edge – and they're the first of the big coins we can wonder about.

We can wonder if anyone is actually collecting the full set of 5-ounce quarters, simply because they tend to cost \$150 per coin – and have a bit under \$50 of silver in them, assuming a market price of \$15 per ounce. Mintages are generally low, certainly by the standards of modern U.S. commemorative coins. Thus far, only two have seen an output of over one hundred thousand pieces, while many come in below 20K. There does seem to be some aftermarket for them, as they can be found at most large shows. Curiously, some have been sent to third party grading services and slabbed in containers that approach the size of a tablet computer. The prices for these mega-slabs tend to be in

the low hundreds of dollars. In wondering if anyone is collecting them all, we can also wonder if there is any demand and price difference for the different grades, as MS-68, MS-69, and MS-70 are probably the norm.

### Bigger than 1-Ounce, the RCM

The Royal Canadian Mint may not have gotten into big silver quite as quickly as some of the other world mints, but when it did so, it dove into the fray in grand style. There have been some 1.25-ounce silver pieces, as well as 2-ouncers, 5-ouncers, 10-ounce pieces, and skipping to the most recent issues of 2015, some ½ kilo and even 1 kilo coins. Now that's big!

As the year 2015 was wrapping up, a quick stop at the RCM website indicated that the coins of the Conservation Series were still for sale – a series of ½ kilo-gram silver coins sporting one animal or another: the grey fox, the narwhal, a growling cougar, and a whooping crane. As well, there is a 1 kilo silver piece forecast for 2016 – with a scalloped shape and some coloring as well – celebrating the Year of the Monkey. As one might imagine, the mintages for all these are low, with the 1 kilo coin being the lowest. But the roughly \$1,100 price tag for any of the ½ kilo coins, and \$2,900 for the 1 kilo piece, are expensive, but not insanely so. A person just might consider this.

If considering one of these monstrously large silver coins is as far as you wish to go, fear not. The RCM has several big silver coins that are measured in multiples of ounces, yet not fractions of kilos. There is a wide variety of themes, but perhaps the most historic and poignant is the 10-ounce silver piece honoring the Second Battle of Ypres and Lieutenant Colonel McCrae's poem *In Flanders Fields*. It is one of a series of commems that honor the sacrifice made by the men of Canada in the war that unfortunately did not end all wars.

### Overall?

South of the border, the U.S. Mint may be producing a bigger-than-one-ounce series that has a long run, and a continuing theme, but north of the border, the RCM has produced a wildly varied set of big silver coins with new denominations, never-before-seen weights, and some outright impressive designs. All the sets together may be too expensive for us frugal collectors to own lock, stock, and barrel. But in each series there are some great designs which can be assembled into a great set.

If you choose to get into this fray yourself, if you decide to be one of those collecting big, by all means enjoy it, both north and south of the border.

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