

## ANA Conventions and Shows in Portland, Oregon 1998 to 2015

ANA Convention - Portland, Oregon - August 5-9, 1998

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### **They Said It Couldn't Be Done by Larry Rowe (ANA convention general chairman)**

The much awaited and much maligned 1998 ANA Convention (World's Fair of Money®) scheduled for Portland was a success! After many years of hearing that Portland is not a good venue for a national coin show, people are now asking when ANA is going to return to Portland! I have heard nothing but positive comments about the recent convention. PNNA should be proud of being the host association for two ANA conventions in the northwest this decade and having them both declared a success.

The 1998 ANA Convention was not a success just because it was held in Portland, it was a success because many people worked very hard to make it so. Knowing that this convention had to be just about perfect to overcome the negative attitude of many people, every effort was made to make it a pleasant experience for those who attended. Starting with ANA itself, the Convention Director put in a considerable amount of extra work. I have an idea what it takes to put on a national convention, but I have no idea how much detail there is required by the Convention Director. ANA also spent a considerable amount of money for promotion. The work of the Public Relations Officer working with a professional firm did an outstanding job of publicity for the convention. Everyone in the metropolitan area of Portland heard about the "Coin Show." Portland Oregon Visitors Association was a great help. A representative from POVA made the original pitch to the ANA board in 1990 in Seattle for the Portland show. They also went to Baltimore in 1993 to assist PNNA representatives to ask the ANA board to reinstate Portland after it was withdrawn. POVA assisted in many ways to make the convention what it was. Then there is the local committee. I can truthfully say that the local committee was made up of dedicated people who worked hard at their positions. The best single thing that I did for this show was to select excellent people. Many of the committee chairpersons came from the Willamette Coin Club of the Portland area. The DoubleTree Hotel, the host hotel, and the Oregon Convention Center worked with the Convention Director and General Chairman to make this convention special. They fulfilled many requests to make the Portland experience special to everyone. Then, during the convention, local volunteers as well as ANA national volunteers did much of the mundane work that has to be done. These people get little recognition for their work except

the knowledge that without them nothing would have happened. The lesson here is that success comes from hard work.

The convention bourse consisted of about 350 dealers from all around the world. All aspects of numismatics were represented. It was almost a sure thing you could find what you were seeking for your collection. Many mints from around the world were selling products from their respective countries. Specialty clubs and organizations had tables to promote their groups. Many of them hold annual meetings at the ANA convention. The Numismatic Theater had several excellent speakers on a variety of subjects. The exhibits were outstanding. A display of British copper tokens was a special treat as these tokens seldom are seen except by collectors. An exhibit entitled "Road Kill" won the People's Choice Award again. (Actually, it was a tie.) This fascinating display is of coins found along the roadside for the period of one year.

Dealers were pleased with the business that they conducted and surprised with what the public brought in to sell. The official attendance for the convention is 11,100 people. This beats the official attendance of last year's convention in New York City by a slight margin! There were many social events in the evenings during the week, concluding with the ANA banquet on Saturday evening. The auction conducted by Heritage set an all-time ANA record with sales of \$12,300,000.

One event that Portland had that no other ANA convention had or will ever have was the 100th birthday party of ANA member Robert Hendershott. Bob celebrated his birthday with many friends and family all week, with a special party on his actual birthday on August 7th.

If you attended the convention, I hope that you had a good time and enjoyed a true convention experience. If you didn't attend the convention, you missed a great event!

Special thanks to the local ANA convention committee chairpersons -- Larry Rowe (general chairman); Larry Gaye (assistant general chairman); Phillip Lockwood (pre-registration chairman); Sandra Lockwood (registration chairwoman); Paul Longcrier (YN/pages chairman); Joseph Boling (chief judge); Eric Holcomb (exhibit chairman); Rob Retz (education chairman); Kathy Rowe (special events chairwoman).

Special thanks also to all 1998 ANA Convention sponsors and patrons, including title sponsors eBay.com, Krause Publications, and Numismatic Guaranty Corporation.

## **Thoughts on the 1998 ANA in Portland**

*Editorial by Larry Gaye*

Eight years ago, a bid was submitted for Portland, Oregon to host the 1998 ANA Convention. As we all remember, Portland became the first on again, off again, on again ANA Convention. The Willamette Coin Club known then as the West Side Coin Club was only three years old and most of us had never heard of the PNNA other than the fact that it had an annual show.

The members of the Willamette Coin Club got together and decided in order to have a good base for the ANA Convention, and not be embarrassed with no one showing up at the convention, that we needed a show here in Portland to pave the way for the ANA.

We are about to host our fifth PNNA Convention in 1999. Most of the members of the Willamette Coin Club were involved in the ANA Convention together with members of the PNNA which was the official

host club. Without having been involved in the PNNA show, we would have had a really tough time pulling it off. We were fortunate to have Larry Rowe as the General Chairman. He selected a group that truly worked as a team. The rest is as they say, History!

My personal experience at the convention and getting ready for it has been one of the best numismatic experience of my life. When it was over, I felt like I was going through withdrawal. The fun, excitement and camaraderie were hard to walk away from. I firmly believe that all concerned are stronger because of the experience. The PNNA has been changed because of the folks that worked together on the committees and volunteered for the grunt work. I was certainly proud to be around such great people. I was ready to do it all over again the next week. But there is no show here next week. But what about the future?

When the whole process started, eight years seemed so far in the future as to be almost a meaningless time period. But every day it got closer and closer, and then it was gone. So where do we go from here? I think the time is overdue for the PNNA to become more pro-active and work at preparing member clubs to take on the fun and excitement of putting on a PNNA Convention without the fear of failure. We need to start to assist member clubs and their members in meaningful ways by having training sessions in the nuts and bolts of what it takes to put on a convention. Portland and Seattle should not be the only venues for the shows and be trading off every five years.

If we don't someone else will for profit. As we witnessed, Teresa Darling gave it a good shot. Early on I felt she was a threat to us, but she provided a real nice venue for a show and brought in dealers who wouldn't otherwise have come to Seattle or Portland. I for one will miss her efforts. Dealers will support club shows, but clubs have an obligation to make sure there is good value for the dealers to come and spend money on tables, food, lodging and a club's coffers.

Bill McKivor and I have volunteered to do the Numismatic Theater for the PNNA Convention. When we call for speakers, please take some time and think how you can help whether the show is in Portland, Seattle, or Spokane. There are ways for the PNNA to make it easier to have guest speakers at the conventions, at least there should be.

I really feel that after the wonderful experience that so many dealers had in Portland, we will see more from around the country at our Convention/Show. This is a critical time to start the preparations. As second vice-president of the PNNA, a dealer, a member, and a numismatist I feel I have an obligation to build on our successes and continue the PNNA tradition of more commitment to our members and our communities. I am also sure that the experience many local people had at the ANA will bring out more collectors to our show. We need to offer them something to come out to. Over 11,000 people came to our party, I've got to believe that they weren't all out of towners. We must figure a way to get them to our PNNA Convention, make them not want to miss it.

We have a lot to be proud of, there is also a lot more to be done. When you are encouraged as a member to get involved in the PNNA Convention, do it! All of us have talents that can help. If it means driving down from Seattle to participate, do it. I guarantee the rewards are wonderful, and the friends you will make will be with you for a long time. Participation is what makes a club grow and prosper.

"Try it, you'll like it."

## ANA National Money Show - Portland, Oregon March 26-28, 2004

The ANA National Money Show held March 26-28, 2004 in Portland, Oregon was a huge success, with a three-day attendance of over 7,000. If you missed it, you missed a great event!

Activity on the bourse floor was brisk, with many dealers reporting a highly successful and active show. Collector exhibits were down in number because of the geographic location, but the exhibits present were high in quality, and were supplemented by the unique Neil/Carter 1794 dollar, 1866 no motto dollar, and 1913 Liberty nickels special exhibits. The U.S. Mint and the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing were both popular with visitors to the show!

Thanks to the Willamette Coin Club for hosting the convention.

### **Welcome to Portland!! by Larry Gaye, ANA Convention General Chairman**

On behalf of the Willamette Coin Club and all numismatists in the State of Oregon, welcome to the 2004 National Money Show in Portland, the Rose City.

Oregon has been a destination venue since Lewis and Clark began their Journey of Discovery in 1804. We gather as old friends much in the spirit of Lewis and Clark. We too share a common goal, the incredible journey on which numismatics takes us.

We travel with old friends and meet new ones much like Lewis and Clark encountered on their way to the Oregon country. Like them our journey has guides to ease our way. We learn from each other and in turn pass on this knowledge to those we encounter through journals, shared observations, enthusiasm, mutual support, and fun.

We hope you enjoy your visit here and the sites you will see, be it on the bourse floor, a trip to The Columbia River Gorge, Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Hood, the Oregon Coast or the people, places and sounds of this vibrant city. Take some time to smell the roses enjoy an excellent cup of coffee, a fine Oregon pinot noir or a glass of beer from one of our many our famous micro-breweries.

It is our distinct pleasure to host the ANA and you for the second time since 1998. May you find what you are looking for and above all Keep Smiling!

### **Commemorative Tokens Issued at National Money Show**



The Willamette Coin Club is the host club for the 2004 ANA National Money Show in Portland Oregon. Special commemorative medals will be issued by the Willamette Coin Club to highlight the event. The obverse bears a likeness of the Rose of the House of Stuart together with the year of the show; Portland, Oregon is known as the Rose City. The reverse bears the logo of the American Numismatic Association.

Noted Oregon celator and engraver Greg Franck-Weiby is the medal's designer. Mr. Franck-Weiby will be available at the show to strike tokens in pewter and silver for the

public. Tom Maringer of the Shire Post Mint specially struck fifteen hundred copper tokens for the club. All were struck using three different and classic methods of coining. Copper tokens will be given to the first five hundred visitors each day of the National Money Show.

A limited run of about thirty commemorative sets will be available for sale at the convention on a first come first served basis. There will be one each of the tokens struck in copper, pewter, silver and .999 fine gold.

According to convention chairman Larry Gaye: "We are extremely excited about this event and wanted to have something special planned. Working with Mr. Franck-Weiby and Mr. Maringer has been a delight and we are pleased with the outcome of a lot of hard work."

## 2004 ANA Convention Photos



Top Left – Convention General Chairman **Larry Gaye** receives Regional Coordinator Award from **Eric Holcomb**.

Top Right – **Steve Cox** receives Best-in-Show exhibit award from chief judge **Joseph Boling**.

Bottom – ANA rep program national coordinators **Scott and Lisa Loos**.



Left – ANA exhibit containing two of the five 1913 Liberty Head nickels.

Right – United States Mint display promoting the new Indian Peace design nickels.

ANA National Money Show - Portland, Oregon  
March 13-15, 2009  
It was a great show, with an attendance of 7,500+!



The ANA National Money Show was held March 13-15, 2009 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon! The local host clubs were the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association and the Willamette Coin Club, with the Salem Numismatic Society as an honorary host club. We had a great event!!

### **Pre-convention invitation from general chairman Scott Loos**

As General Chairman for the convention and on behalf of the host clubs (Willamette Coin Club, PNNA, Salem Numismatic Society), I would like to invite each and every one of you to attend this event and everything it has to offer. Here are some of the highlights:

- Pre-convention seminars are available on topics such as Coin Conservation, Authentication and Grading; Advanced Morgan Dollar Study; and Collecting Coins of the World, 1500-Present. Pre-registration required - please visit the ANA website at [www.money.org](http://www.money.org) for seminar days and pricing.
- Convention Workshops: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Buying and Selling at Auction ... But Were Afraid to Ask; Estate Planning for Numismatists; Coin Collecting Basics; and Coin Collecting 101. These free workshops are held during convention hours (pre-registration requested).
- Shop at the sold-out bourse that will feature over 300 dealer tables and visit the U.S. Mint and BEP booths.
- View the many exhibits that will be featured in the Collector's Gallery exhibit area. We are proud to announce the participation of the Oregon Historical Society and their exhibit featuring the original beaver dies and "Portland penny." How about exhibiting part of your collection?
- Relax and learn in the many Numismatic Theatre presentations that will be run all three days of the show. These presentations will feature many nationally recognized speakers sharing their knowledge in their areas of interest.
- Consider picking up one of the convention medals or sets. The medal commemorates the 150th anniversary of Oregon statehood and features the Oregon Trail design. The cost of the medals is as follows: Two-medal set \$50.00, silver \$35.00, bronze \$10.00. Sets come in a beautiful box commemorating the event. {All medals and sets are sold out.}
- The show will also feature a coining demonstration that will show you minting technology from ancient hot stamped coinage to hand-hammered and screw press striking.
- Any scouts in the family? They can earn their collecting merit badge in the Boy and Girl Scout clinics on Saturday. (Also see Scouting Co-Chair James Reinders' website at <http://collect3.com/> for information about upcoming scout workshops and the requirements for the scouts to complete.)



You get the picture ... there will be something at the convention that will appeal to every member of your collecting family. The convention committee has been working hard for the past several months to bring you a great show ... please look for more show information at the ANA website ( [www.money.org](http://www.money.org) ) and the PNNA website. If you have any questions on the convention, please contact me: Scott Loos, Convention General Chairman, PO Box 2210, North Bend, WA 98045, phone 425-831-8789, E-mail: [scottloos@msn.com](mailto:scottloos@msn.com).

## 2009 ANA Show Reports

**ANA Governor Walt Ostromecki** – I want to again express my thanks to the PNNA, Willamette Coin Club and Salem Numismatic Society for hosting a simply fantastic and successful ANA National Money Show. The entire committee and volunteer core were very friendly, zealous, and dedicated. Kudos to all!

I do hope the ANA will consider the Portland venue in the future. Again, thanks for all your volunteer hours and hard work. I know the numismatic press will play up the show as one of the top, if not the most outstanding, ANA National Money Shows in many years. I am honored and proud to be a longtime PNNA member!

Looking forward to seeing you all again in a few weeks at the Tukwila PNNA convention.

**PNNA officer Del Cushing** – I wish to extend my congrats to all who were instrumental in putting together what I believe was a phenomenally successful convention. The organizations did the Northwest proud again. I know that the amount of interest by the Junior set surprised the ANA staff as they were not prepared for the number of future collectors to come through for the Treasure Trivia. It was heartening to see that much interest as THEY ARE the future of the hobby.

**John and Nancy Wilson** (Letter to the Portland chairmen, workers, and host coin clubs) – Thank you Portland! The ANA National Money Show recently concluded in Portland was a huge success. We grade all aspects of this convention MS70. We want to thank and congratulate the following for a “job well done.” General Chairman Scott Loos, his local Committee and workers; the host coin clubs; ANA Exec. Dir. Larry Shepherd along with Meeting Services Manager Brenda Bishop and all their staff; the ANA National Volunteers, Bowers & Merena Auctions, the exhibitors, judges & speakers; Scout Clinic coordinators; the BEP, U.S. Mint & Post Office; public relations (publicity), security, coin publications; the thousands of visitors who attended and the hundreds of great coin dealers who had tables at the show. Without the dealers, we wouldn’t have coin conventions. Wow, what an outstanding coin convention! Thanks again to everyone who contributed to the success of this show. We look forward to the summer ANA Convention in Los Angeles, CA on August 5 – 9th. – John and Nancy Wilson, Ocala, FL. [John is a past ANA President.]

**Alan Weinberg** (as reported in the *E-Sylum* at <https://www.coinbooks.org/>) – I usually do not attend the Spring ANA shows as they're too often in obscure places without a large collector base within a few hours driving distance. But the Portland summer ANA about 10 years ago was a humdinger, surprising many naysayers at the time. And it was a mere \$214 flight from LAX - so why not?

Well, the show was fabulous - particularly in view of the modest expectations of many - with one of the heaviest public attendances I've ever seen at any ANA or for that matter any coin show. Hoards of people and not just "lookie-loos," both on Friday and Saturday. A light drizzle in Portland helped the attendance and the bourse was a sell-out. You never saw so many people at a collectibles show - you had to turn sideways at times, return to a bourse table or exhibit later, due to crowds!

I roamed the bourse floor constantly and did not hear a single negative or mediocre comment. I did hear that the public was not spending big money, and many were buying modern material or bullion-based coins. But I do know a beautiful and mark-free Wass-Molitor \$50 changed hands on the floor, going to a prominent collector/dealer for his own collection at \$65K. I examined the coin - very atypical for this always bruised and marked up gold piece.

CoinRaritiesOnline (Dave Wnuck/John Agre) commented that they were quite surprised to have a highly active show with numerous mid-range coins selling. I know that collector/dealer Bill McKivor of The Copper Corner had one heck of a show with the most fascinating and diverse atypical numismatic material I can recall seeing at a bourse table. His table was a constant "beehive" of real collectors with many buying sizable quantities of tokens and medals. John Kraljevich's table was at times so busy you couldn't find a space to squeeze into. Even with the economy in the doldrums, people were spending money and were clearly fascinated by the material on the bourse floor and in the exhibits. There was a significant juvenile attendance too.

The exhibits were quite impressive with Jerry Bobbe's single case exhibit of Spence Condors in red and red-brown prooflike gems eliciting an involuntary "Oh my gosh!" as I walked up to it. Among the exhibits were a genuine 1804 dollar, a Gem Unc 1849 Oregon \$10 gold, and two 1913 nickels. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing had a separate huge exhibit which was a hit with high attendance.

I examined at length the new 2009 hi-relief double-thick \$20 (three of them) - just slabbed MS69 and 70. Ya know what? - there was a discernible difference in quality between the 69 and 70.

Dave Wnuck loaned me his just-released Whitman-published Dave Bowers Colonial Coin Encyclopedia. Real eye and mind candy, although I thought it needed a sturdier binding given its projected heavy use by collectors. But a beautiful book and the numerous plates!

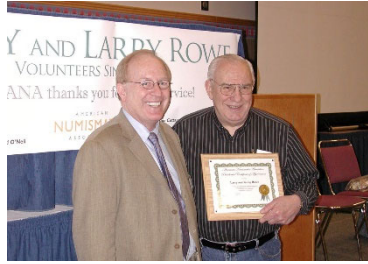
The Oregon show staff that put together the show did a tremendous job all around. I know some of them and know them to be serious collectors. Bravo! I went home late Saturday, feeling fulfilled, happy, and assured of a healthy continuance for our hobby, regardless of the economy. Years ago, I'd heard the Northwest had a solid core of collectors. Must be true!

## **News from ANA Money Mail e-newsletter**

- Exhibits at this year's National Money Show are the strongest in spring show history and headlined by the Linderman/duPont specimen 1804 dollar. This marks the first display of the coin outside the ANA Money Museum since its recovery 16 years ago. Other marquee exhibits include McDermott/Beebe 1913 Liberty Head nickel (one of five known) and the famous "Portland Penny," flipped in 1845 to determine whether the host city would be called Portland or Boston. For more info on the Portland Penny, see [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portland\\_Penny](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portland_Penny).
- Education takes the spotlight in Portland -- pre-convention seminars included "Coin Conservation, Authentication & Grading," held March 10-12. Free workshops included "Estate Planning for Numismatists," "Coin Collecting Basics" and "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Buying & Selling at Auction ... But Were Afraid to Ask."
- The Official Auction of the National Money Show was hosted by Bowers & Merena Auctions and featured several top-line rarities. For more info and prices realized, please visit [www.bowersandmerena.com](http://www.bowersandmerena.com).



## 2009 ANA Show Photos



ANA President **Barry Stuppler** presents award to **Larry Rowe** in recognition of Larry's longtime service as an ANA National Volunteer.



Convention General Chairman **Scott Loos** presents his special convention tokens to ANA Convention Manager **Brenda Bishop** (left), **Larry Rowe** (left of Scott) and **Larry Gaye** (right of Scott).



View of the host club table with the bourse floor in the background. The host table was busy during the show, and several new club members were recruited with introductory free membership offers.



Team of moneyers dressed in medieval and colonial garb: from left, Journeyman Moneyer Armand de Force ("modernly known as" **Paul Cooper**), Minister of the Moneyers' Guild Master Ian Cnulle (m.k.a. **Greg Franck-Weiby**), Journeyman Moneyer Arion the Wanderer (m.k.a. **Dave Peters**), Fellow of the Guild Master William Bjornson (m.k.a. **Bill Dawson**), and Fellow of the Guild Derian Le Breton (m.k.a. **Brian Fergusson**).

## 2009 Collector Gallery and Marquee Exhibits



Left: The Oregon Historical Society exhibit (see below).

Left Center: View of the Collector Gallery near the entrance to the convention hall.

Right Center: The Olsen specimen of the 1913 Liberty Head Nickel, as featured on “Hawaii Five-O.”

Right: The Linderman/DuPont 1804 Dollar and the McDermott/Bebee specimen of the 1913 Liberty Head Nickel.

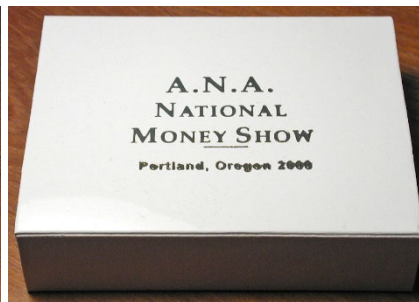
- The Oregon Historical Society had a special marquee exhibit of the “Portland Penny” and the gold “Beaver” coins and dies. (See News from ANA Money Mail e-newsletter above for more information.)
- There was a special award for the best Collector Gallery exhibit with an “Oregon 150th Anniversary” theme. Several exhibits were entered into competition for this award, and several exhibits were also entered by PNNA members.
- One exhibit entered by a PNNA member featured a set of very rare Ludwig Gies cast art medals from “The Great War” (World War I). This exhibit won “Best of Show.” Congratulations!
- Information about exhibiting at future events can be found on the ANA website and the PNNA exhibit page.

## Calling Apprentice Exhibit Judges

Do you aspire to be an ANA Exhibits Judge? The National Money Show in Portland offered an opportunity to achieve that goal. Chief Judge Sam Deep conducted a Judge’s Certification Class on Friday, March 13, 10:30 AM to Noon. Participants demonstrated their judging skills on the exhibits in Portland. The next opportunity was at the World’s Fair of Money® in Los Angeles.

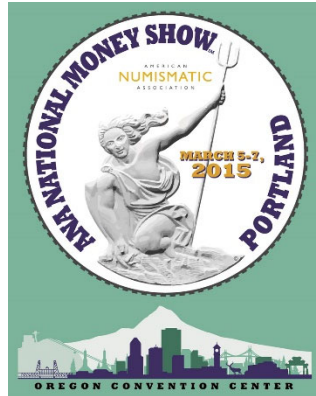
## 2009 Convention Medal, etc.

- SOLD OUT! A special convention medal was produced with a design inspired by the Willamette Coin Club logo and the Oregon Trail (see below). The medals were first offered for sale at the October 2008 Portland convention, and were sold out by Sunday morning (March 15) at the ANA show.
- Scout (Boy and Girl Scout) Numismatic Workshops – See the YN/Scouting page on the PNNA website at <http://www.pnna.org/wp/yns/scouting/>.



*Official convention medal for 2009 ANA National Money Show in Portland, Oregon.*

Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association / Willamette Coin Club  
ANA National Money Show, March 5-7, 2015, Portland, Oregon



We hope you enjoyed the Show, which featured free admission on Saturday, March 7. The ANA National Money Show was held March 5-7 (Thursday-Saturday), 2015 at the Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King Blvd, Portland, Oregon.

The local co-host clubs were the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association, the Willamette Coin Club, and the Salem Numismatic Society. Special pre-convention events included "Fundamentals of Grading US Coins" and "Numismatic Valuations."

### 2015 ANA National Money Show Portlandia medals



**Raymond Kaskey**, esteemed artist and sculptor of *Portlandia*, was available at 11 a.m. each day of the show as a guest of the PNNA for informal "meet and greet" and free autographs. This activity took place at the host club table, where medals were for sale. See 2Q 2014 edition of *The Nor'wester* at [http://pnna.org/news/pdf/PNNAnews2014\\_Q2.pdf](http://pnna.org/news/pdf/PNNAnews2014_Q2.pdf) for more background information about *Portlandia*. Medals, including special numbered sets, were available at the show. See the PNNA memorabilia catalog page at <http://pnna.org/catalog/convention31.html> for these medals and this show.



## Messages from general chairman Danny Bisgaard

Pre-convention: As General Chairman for the convention and on behalf of the host clubs (Willamette Coin Club, PNNA, Salem Numismatic Society), I would like to invite each and every one of you to attend this event and everything it has to offer. Also consider picking up one of the convention medals or sets.

Post-convention: See PNNA President's message in the 2nd Quarter 2015 edition of *The Nor'wester* at [http://pnna.org/news/pdf/PNNAnews2015\\_Q2.pdf](http://pnna.org/news/pdf/PNNAnews2015_Q2.pdf).

## Report from ANA Press Release

*Attendance strong at Portland National Money Show*

*More than 4,500 members and collectors attend 3-day event*

The American Numismatic Association's 2015 National Money Show<sup>SM</sup> welcomed a total of 4,592 people for the three-day event, held March 5-7 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon.

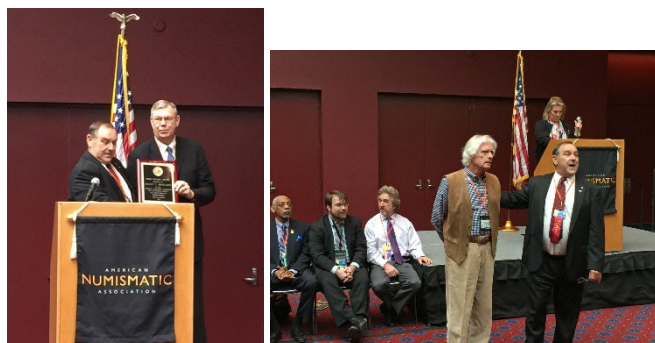
Attendance was strongest on Saturday, March 7, when 1,420 members of the public turned out for free admission and free, educational appraisals on up to three coins or other numismatic items.

"Overall attendance during the Portland National Money Show was a little slow to start, but we had a great turnout by the end," said ANA President Walter Ostromecki. "Our Saturday attendance was particularly strong, with the public taking advantage of free admission and free appraisals on numismatic items. We also received some great media coverage from the local television affiliates, and the event was featured on National Public Radio's 'Here and Now' program, which airs all across the nation."

Stack's Bowers Galleries proudly presented the Official Auction for the Portland National Money Show, including selections from the Highland Collection. This compact sale brought big results, grossing a total of \$3,134,799.

## 2015 ANA Show Photos/Reports

*Opening ceremony (March 5) photos courtesy of James Reinders.*



ANA president **Walter Ostromecki** with convention general chairman **Danny Bisgaard** (left) and sculptor **Raymond Kaskey** (right).



Guest of honor **Kathy Rowe**, wife of the late **Larry Rowe**, former ANA convention general chairman for Portland and Seattle.

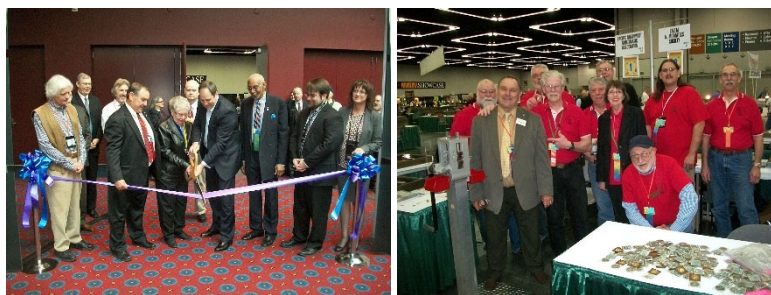


ANA Presidential Award recipient **James Reinders** (left/center); award recipient **James Free** (right).



Left: A view of the bourse before public opening on Saturday, taken from the collector exhibits area.  
Right: The collector exhibits area itself at the same time. It became much busier later in the day!

*Photos and thank-you report courtesy of national volunteers John and Nancy Wilson.*



Left: Ribbon-cutting ceremony with guest of honor **Kathy Rowe**.  
Right: Host committee members ("red shirts") pose with **ANA President Walter Ostromecki, Jr.** ("suit").



**Thank you Portland, ANA Staff and Board, Hosting Coin Clubs, General Chairman and his Committee, Volunteers and Participants** - The American Numismatic Association (ANA) National Money Show (NMS) held at the Oregon Convention Center on March 5-7, 2015 was a very successful coin convention. This was the sixth ANA convention held in Portland. Attendance at the show was steady for the three-day event. Our personal thanks to ANA Convention Director Rhonda Scurek, Executive Director Kim Kiick and all the staff for their tireless work. Thanks also to President Walter Ostromecki, Jr., and the board for their work on this convention. A HUGE thanks to General Chair Danny Bisgaard, his committee and volunteers, the host clubs (Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association, Willamette Coin Club and Salem Numismatic Society) and the National Volunteers for their outstanding and dedicated work on this convention. Everyone connected to setting up, during show hours and breakdown, did a superb job. We were pleased to see the ANA volunteers and local committee work well past the time the show ended and right alongside the ANA staff.

A special thanks to the exhibitors, judges, speakers, PPI Security, the numismatic press participants, Coin Television, the U.S. Mint, show sponsors and patrons, scout and kids zone activities, show program, coin club tables and meetings, and medal and commemorative stamp designers. Thanks to Stacks Bowers for holding a successful official ANA auction at the convention and supporting the ANA. The ANA owes a debt of gratitude to the over 400 dealers who had tables or purchased early bird badges.

The museum showcase had many outstanding coin and currency items displayed such as the rare 1933 \$10 Eagle, The Brasher Doubloon, rare Alexander the Great coins and a great selection of Bebee collection notes, featuring a \$50 1891 Treasury note with Serial #B1 (plate note in the Friedberg *Paper Money of the U.S.* reference). Once again, the ANA had an appraisal area of experts that visitors could go to and get an evaluation on their numismatic items. The area was kept busy with visitors who wanted an evaluation on their numismatic items.

Thanks again to everyone who assisted and helped at this convention. Make sure you visit [www.money.org](http://www.money.org) and Facebook to see the videos and many pictures taken at the convention by Kurt Bellman, the Wilsons and ANA staff. We look forward to the ANA World's Fair of Money in Rosemont, Ill., August 11-15, 2015.



Photo: Participants in the ANA-sponsored district representatives lunch included PNNA editor and ANA *MintMark* (club rep program newsletter) editor **Eric Holcomb** (front left in plaid shirt with convention chairman and Oregon rep **Danny Bisgaard** behind), **Richard Jozefiak** of Alabama (front right) and ANA Club Communications Coordinator **Tiffanie Bueschel** (back right). Does your ANA-member club have some news to share with other clubs? If so, send your news to Eric ([eric@holcomb.com](mailto:eric@holcomb.com)) for possible use in the next *MintMark*. Photo courtesy of Richard Jozefiak.

## Collector Gallery Exhibits

- For more information about exhibiting in the Pacific Northwest, see the PNNA exhibit page at <http://www.pnna.org/wp/exhibits/>.
- Exhibit applications were due January 30, 2015 (following a one-week extension). There were 37 exhibits at the show, with an excellent variety!
- Do you aspire to be an ANA Exhibits Judge? The National Money Show in Portland offered an opportunity to achieve that goal. ANA Chief Judge Joseph Boling conducted a Judge's Familiarization and Certification Class beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 5. Participants demonstrated their judging skills on the exhibits in Portland. The next opportunity was at the World's Fair of Money in Chicago in August 2015.



Congratulations to champion numismatic exhibitor **James Reinders**! He entered an exhibit in all six classes and won both first and second best-of-show. Photo (top): Steven J. D'Ippolito (left) presents the Best-in-Show award to Reinders (right). The NMS exhibit award itself is named after D'Ippolito, a past Best-of-Show winner and donor to the ANA collector exhibit program. Photos (four cases): Reinder's winning exhibit, "Complete German States 3 Mark commemorative Type Set (1908-1918)."

## **Excerpt from ANA press release (about Collector Gallery Exhibits)**

James Reinders, an ANA Life Member, received the Steven J. D'Ippolito Best-in-Show Exhibit award for "Complete German States 3 Mark Commemorative Type Set (1908-1918)" as well as second place Best-in-Show for "Encased 3¢ Postage Stamps of the Civil War" at the 2015 National Money Show. Third place was awarded to Simcha Laib Kuritzky for "Boy for Sale? Middle Eastern Ingots for the Redemption of the Firstborn Son." The Radford Stearns Memorial Award for People's Choice, determined by votes from convention attendees, was presented to Thomas J. Uram for "The U.S. Two Cent Piece 1864-1873 with Major Varieties."

The National Coin Week Award was presented to Young Numismatist Alexander Mous for his exhibit "Alphabet Soup." Mous will receive a full scholarship to a future ANA Summer Seminar, an award endowed by numismatist John Albanese. Mous also won third place for "Coins of Morocco: Reform Coinage 1960 to Date." Second place was awarded to Richard Jozefiak for "The Start of a New Collectable—The Innovation of the First Elongated Souvenir Coins at the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago." National Coin Week exhibits are intended to be suitable for display in libraries and schools with a \$250 limit on the value of the materials in this competition.

Radford Stearns Memorial awards were also presented in six classes. This year, 35 competitive and two non-competitive exhibits were displayed in the Collector Exhibits area by 24 exhibitors.

## **Other Activities (at 2015 show)**

**Auction** - Stack's Bowers Galleries conducted the official auction of the Portland National Money Show. See <http://www.stacksbowers.com/>.

**Raymond Kaskey "meet and greet"** - See above.

**Scout (Boy and Girl Scout) Numismatic Workshops** - Both the Boy Scout Merit Badge Clinic and the Girl Scout "Fun with Money" Patch Workshop were held 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. (session 1) and 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. (session 2) on Saturday, March 7, at the Oregon Convention Center. See the YN scouting page at <https://www.pnna.org/wp/yns/scouting/>. Report: The workshops were a success, with total attendance of 104 Boy Scouts, 12 Girl Scouts, and several others including parents, siblings, Cub Scouts, etc. Many of the workshop participants also attended the show. Special thanks to Boy Scout presenters James Reinders, Jeff Swindling and Andrew Reinders, and Girl Scout presenter Marilyn Reback. Also, thanks to Sonja Bisgaard for managing the registration table.

**Lunch Event** - On Friday, March 6, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., a Friendship Luncheon was held at the historic Huber's Café at 411 SW 3rd Ave in Portland.

**Cancelled due to insufficient sign-ups - Tour** - There was a special bus or van tour scheduled on Sunday, March 8, 2015, to the site of the proposed U.S. Mint at The Dalles, Oregon. If you signed up and paid, your money was refunded.

## **News from ANA Money Mail e-newsletter / press releases**

**Museum Showcase features rarities worth \$20 million** - The ANA presented a stunning Museum Showcase of numismatic treasures and rare currency worth more than \$20 million at the 2015 Portland National Money Show. The famed Brasher Doubloon, the famous Bebee collection of paper money and the American Firsts series, were featured in the Showcase. The American Firsts series includes the 1652 Pine Tree shilling, 1776 Continental dollar, 1787 Fugio cent and the 1792 half dime, all of which represent firsts in American numismatic history.

**Stay up to date on the 2015 National Money Show** - Whether you're at the show or wishing you could be there, [www.money.org](http://www.money.org) is the place to be for photos, videos and news from the 2015 Portland National Money Show. Tune in at 3 p.m. Pacific on Friday, March 6, for a livestream of the 2015 ANA Board of Governors Candidate's Forum, moderated by Barbara Gregory, editor-in-chief of *The Numismatist*. At 8:30 a.m. Pacific on Saturday, March 7, tune in for the livestream of the Board of Governors meeting. Pictures from the show were also posted on the ANA Facebook page.

**Free educational appraisals at the National Money Show** - During the final day of the National Money Show in Portland, ANA members and the public could receive free, educational appraisals on up to three coins or other numismatic items at the Free Appraisals Area. Admission was free on March 7, the final day of the show. The Free Appraisals Area is designed to provide educational insight on the value of numismatic items. Coin appraisals are not binding and are for educational purposes only. Attendees having materials appraised were welcome to sell those items at the show for a price to be agreed upon by buyer and seller.

**Thomas Sparks**, the founder of the **Short Snorter Project** (<http://www.shortsnorter.org/>), dropped eight vintage blue seal U.S. \$1 silver certificate Short Snorters into circulation in Portland during the 2015 National Money Show. Sparks dropped four Short Snorter notes into circulation on Wednesday, March 4, the day before the show opened, and another four into circulation on Friday, March 6.

**Pages at the Portland National Money Show** - Young Numismatists who are ANA members had 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. The deadline was Feb. 6. 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 the ways you can earn YN Dollars at ANA conventions, visit the YN section of the ANA website at <https://www.money.org/young-numismatists>.

**ANA clubs meeting space for Portland** - Active ANA member clubs had the opportunity to receive free meeting space at the 2015 National Money Show. Requests for space were due Jan. 17 to have your meeting listed in the Show Guide.

## **ANA Post-Convention Thank You Resolution**

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# RESOLUTIONS

## Portland, Oregon

WHEREAS, on March 5 – 7, 2015, in Portland, Oregon, the American Numismatic Association held its National Money Show<sup>SM</sup>, a highly successful and outstanding event; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that those individuals and organizations that helped achieve this success be recognized for their contributions and efforts; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the host organizations, the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association, the Willamette Coin Club and the Salem Numismatic Society be thanked for supporting this convention; and that the Association extend its gratitude to Host Chairman Danny Bisgaard, Assistant Host Chair Scott Loos, Honorary Host Chairs Kathy Rowe and the late Larry Rowe, and their committee members, along with local and national volunteers, for their valuable assistance; and be it

RESOLVED that the Association membership thank ANA President Walter A. Ostromecki Jr. and the Board of Governors; appointed officers; Executive Director Kimberly Kiick; and the ANA staff, especially Convention Director Rhonda Scurek, Exposition Manager Sam Joseph, Convention Assistant Jennifer Croak and Sponsorship Manager David Truesdell, for their diligent and tireless work for this National Money Show; and be it

RESOLVED that all reports delivered at the convention by ANA officers, staff members and committees be accepted with thanks; and that the Oregon Convention Center and the DoubleTree Lloyd Center hotel be thanked for their cooperation and assistance; and that numismatic publications be recognized for their coverage and support of this convention; and that the Association thank convention sponsors and patrons for their generous financial support; and be it

RESOLVED that the Association express its thanks to the official ANA auctioneer, Stack's Bowers Galleries, and the United States Mint, for their participation in this convention; and be it

RESOLVED that the Association express its thanks Robert Brueggeman and Positive Protection, Inc. for providing convention security for collectors and dealers alike; and be it

RESOLVED that the Association express its sincere thanks and gratitude to all numismatists and institutions who shared their knowledge and/or collections in the ANA Museum Showcase, Collector Exhibits, "Money Talks" presentation and other educational programs, meetings and events; and be it

RESOLVED that the Association recognize the vital support and participation of the professional numismatists who purchase tables and serve collectors and the public at this event; and that all persons not herein recognized be thanked for their support, effort, time and contributions, without which a convention of this magnitude could not proceed with such ease and efficiency.

Respectfully submitted by the ANA Resolution Committee, March 7, 2015.

John and Nancy Wilson, Charles Opitz; ANA Board Representative/Governor Dr. Ralph Ross; and ANA staff liaison Barbara.