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President's Message

by PNNA President Danny Bisgaard

As I write this quarter's column, the weather in the Northwest has been unusually cold. Temperatures in the Salem area have been in the lower teens. The weather, however, did not keep everyone away from the Salem Coin Show held December 7th and 8th. Most of the dealers made the show and business was brisk.

A big thank you goes to Pat Patke, Larry Gaye and Scott Loos for organizing the Portland, Oregon PNNA/WCC annual convention. All of the team of volunteers made the show a success. Exhibit award winners are posted on the PNNA website.

We continue to appreciate the work James Reinders does in promoting exhibits. We were blessed to have four adult and two YN exhibits at the annual Salem show. Gold and silver were awarded to the winners. Please take the time to learn and exhibit at your local coin shows.

Thanks to Rick Schulz and other club members, the penny squisher machine continues to be a hit at the various coin shows. If you are a PNNA club and want to use the machine, contact Rick at richardf53@yahoo.com.

In light of various numismatic thefts recently, please be aware of your surroundings. The Numismatic Crime Information Center (www.numismaticcrimes.org) provides a system to deal with incidents of numismatic thefts. They report crimes and alert the numismatic industry and law enforcement agencies on the local, state, federal and international level.

As the Board gets ready to meet at the Boeing show, we continue to seek the memberships' help:

Contact Kevin Charbonneau about volunteer opportunities for the PNNA convention in Tukwila, May 2-4, 2014. Your participation takes some of the workload off the convention committee.

Contact Ed Fischer about the redesign of the PNNA logo and medal designs for the upcoming 75th PNNA anniversary in 2015 (edoregon@comcast.net). In addition, if you have ideas for the PNNA medal, you might consider a design that will befit the ANA spring convention, since both activities are taking place in 2015.

Please consider serving on the Board; new elections will be held in 2014. Refer to the article on page 8 of this newsletter for more information. The organization continues to need your help in leading the PNNA in better serving the numismatic community.

As a result of the awarding of the ANA National Money Show in Portland, March 3-7, 2015, chairs of various subcommittees have been appointed. Please contact us if you are willing to serve on the various committees that are needed to make this show a success. Those who have volunteered to chair various committees will be meeting before the PNNA board meeting in Tukwila.

The newsletter will have articles on the various awards we present. Please take the time to read, note the deadlines and submit nominations for consideration.

Projected Board Meetings Dates and Locations:

January 18, 2014 Boeing show, Kent Commons

May 3, 2014 Tukwila Annual Convention - Tukwila Community Center (7 a.m. board, 6 p.m. membership)

Have a great "numismatic" spring – consider attending the FUN Show in Florida, January 9-12 or the Boeing show in Kent, Washington, January 18-19 or the ANA National Money Show in Atlanta, February 27 – March 1. For other show dates, please check out the PNNA web page under "calendar."

I hope you had a joyous holiday season and are enjoying the new year. Looking forward to seeing 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 2014 dues to Scott Loos, PO Box 2210, North Bend, WA 98045. Reminder notices will be sent by March.

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. 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 Stevens, Jesse Torres and Lisa Loos.

Bob Everett Memorial Award

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

The past five winners of the Bob Everett Memorial Award (Richard "Dick" Cowley, James Reinders, Scott Loos, Lisa Loos and Rick Schulz) make up the committee to select the 2013 Everett Award winner.

The cash award will be presented at the May 2014 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 2013 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, 2014.

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 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, 2014.

Presidential Award

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

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

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

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

Deadline for nominations is April 1, 2014.

PNNA National Coin Week Contest

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

The PNNA sponsors an annual contest whereby local clubs can win monetary awards for promotion of National Coin Week. Each year the ANA selects a theme for NCW to suggest different ways to promote the hobby.

The ANA has announced the 2014 theme: "Coins and Country: Celebrating Civic Service." The 91st annual National Coin Week will be April 20-26, 2014.

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, 2014.

Let us increase the activity. The Olympia Coin Club has won this award 10 times, with no other club ever placing first!

PNNA Literary Award for Best Club Newsletter

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

The PNNA sponsors an annual contest whereby local clubs can win awards for best club newsletter. Awards will be presented in May 2014 for the three best newsletters of 2013.

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 contributions by and for YNs, and evidence of creativity, both in content and in methods of distribution.

Clubs should submit a sample of three of their 2013 club newsletters to the committee for evaluation.

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

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

Deadline for submissions is February 1, 2014.

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*

The PNNA sponsors a new annual contest whereby members can win awards for the best article published in *The Nor'wester*. Awards to be presented in May 2014 for the three best articles submitted for publication in the 4th quarter of 2013 and the 1st quarter of 2014. (For the 2014 awards to be given in 2015, all four previous quarters will be included in the contest.)

Criteria for judging will be as follows: The submitted article 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.

Eric Holcomb will submit nominations for the awards (by April 1) to the awards committee made up of Danny Bisgaard (chair), Dennis Stevens, Jesse Torres and Lisa Loos.

Members that do participate should send their articles to Eric Holcomb by the quarterly deadline at eric@holcomb.com. Please note that publication of articles cannot be guaranteed.

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 2014 ANA Summer Seminar, held on the campus of The Colorado College in beautiful Colorado Springs, CO. Session I dates are Saturday, June 21, to Thursday, June 26; session II, Saturday, June 28 to Thursday, July 3, 2014.

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 mandatory side trip). YNs ages 13 to 22 stay in a Colorado College dormitory with a group of experienced chaperons and mentors. Along with attending classes, YNs participate in a variety of special activities and events.

The winner will be either an Adult or YN collector that is a member of the PNNA and completes the application. If you are not a current member of the PNNA, please submit dues with the application. Deadline for receipt of applications will be March 1, 2014.

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.

2014 PNNA Spring Convention

Save the dates! The 65th Annual PNNA Spring Convention will be held at the Tukwila Community Center May 2-4, 2014. 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 2014 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 (January); use this show as a proving ground for your entries. The best exhibitor at the PNNA spring convention earns \$200 toward the expense of taking the winning exhibit to the ANA summer convention the same year (the ANA will be in Chicago, Aug. 5-9, 2014).

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](#).

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President - Danny Bisgaard

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Directors - Lisa Loos (Past President), John Brown, Gawain O'Connor, Ed Fischer, Mark Gruner, Bill McKivor, Dale Reubish, Rick Schulz, Dennis Stevens, Jesse Torres, Dan Vornbrock.

Appointed Positions

Dealer-Director - vacant

Editor/Webmaster - Eric Holcomb

Deadline for submission of material for 2nd Quarter 2014 Nor'wester: March 15, 2014. Note this is the annual convention edition.

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

Advertising rates (per regular/convention issue) are:

- \$4.00/\$5.00 (1 column inch; no oversized text)
- \$7.50/\$10.00 (1/8-page; business card)
- \$10.00/\$12.50 (1/6-page)
- \$15.00/\$18.00 (1/4-page)
- \$25.00/\$30.00 (1/2-page)
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PNNA Board Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2013, Portland, Oregon

Members in Attendance: Danny Bisgaard, President; Lisa Loos, Past President; James Reinders, Vice President; Michael Labosier, Secretary; Scott Loos, Treasurer; John Brown, Director; Ed Fischer, Director; Mark Gruner, Director; Rick Schulz, Director; Eric Holcomb, Editor and Webmaster.

Members Absent: William McKivor, Director; Gawain O'Connor, Director; Dale Reubish, Director; Dennis Stevens, Director; Jesse Torres, Director; Dan Vornbrock, Director.

Guests in Attendance: James Free, Wendy Gruner, Susan Meredith, Pat Patke, David Petree.

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

Secretary's Report: Danny called for any changes or corrections to the minutes of the July 27, 2013 board meeting. None were reported and the minutes were approved as published (Lisa/Mark). Mike noted two items of club correspondence: a flyer received from the PNG regarding its new internship program which was forwarded to all board members by email, and a request from a coin dealer member to use the PNNA logo on his sign, which was handled by Eric.

Treasurer's Report: Scott reported on the PNNA's 2013 financial results through September 30. Revenues through September totaled \$33,703 and expenses for the period were \$34,340. The Association held cash of \$78,120 at September 30. Fund balances included \$64,901 held in the general fund, \$5,442 in the life member fund, and \$7,778 in the Bob Everett Memorial fund. Other, non-cash assets had a reported value of \$8,749. The Treasurer's report was accepted by the board (John/James).

Committee Reports:

Exhibit – Eric announced the fall convention's exhibit prize winners: 1st Place – James Reinders, 2nd Place – Larry Gaye, 3rd Place – Katie Reinders.

Membership – Lisa noted that the new PNNA membership flyers would be updated for the new dues rates.

Convention – Danny reported that fall convention business was steady during Saturday's session and mentioned some dealer comments. Scott reported that the exhibit awards from the spring convention were still not ready, and ideas for handling these differently in the future were discussed.

Outreach – James reported that 8 boys and 8 girls had attended Scout Clinics at the convention. Danny

noted that the YN activities were a success and that the penny press was a popular addition to the show. The penny press had also been used at this year's Puyallup Fair for the first time, and Rick reported that 5,000 squished pennies had been distributed at the fair, along with 4,000 U.S. birth year cents and 1,000 foreign coins. To date, there has been good dealer response to the appeal for donated coins for the new permanent display, with Gene Henry thanked in particular for the many coins he donated.

Education – Scott was thanked for his work in organizing the full day educational program held on Thursday before the convention, and several positive comments on the seminar were noted.

Elections – Danny announced that Bill is soliciting brief biographies from current and prospective board members running for board or officer positions in next year's PNNA election. Several current board members will likely be stepping down at the end of the current term, and some new candidates have been identified.

Publications – Eric has issued new updated show calendars and these are available for distribution at local shows.

New Logo/ 75th Anniversary – Ed presented several design ideas being considered for the ANA Portland show medal reverse. Four designs were presented and board members were asked to notify Ed of their preferences. Ed may propose that the PNNA 75th anniversary medal obverse design (presented at the July board meeting) or a variation of it be used as the new PNNA logo.

Old Business:

Penny Press – Danny reported that new dies had been made for the PNNA fall convention and that these souvenirs were a big hit. Rick presented a draft agreement form to be used when the penny press is loaned to PNNA members or member clubs. A discussion followed as to who should be eligible to borrow the machine and under what terms, timing of requests, and liability and insurance considerations.

Interest Survey Results – Danny thanked John and Lisa for drafting responses to some of the survey comments. The responses were published in the fourth quarter edition of *The Nor'wester* and additional responses will be published in upcoming issues.

New Business:

New Award Category – To encourage more article submissions to *The Nor'wester*, Danny recommended that a new annual award be established for best *Nor'wester* article. A motion was approved (Rick/John) to provide a \$50 prize for this award. Eric will submit nominations to the awards committee.

Life Membership Issues – An honorary life membership award proposal was discussed and will be considered further. Lisa mentioned comments from current PNNA life members confused over the admission fee to the fall convention when the spring convention is free to them. The PNNA board will work with the Willamette Coin Club to see if free admission to the fall convention can be offered to life members, and will work out how best to accomplish that if both clubs agree.

Washington Commemorative Medals – Danny discussed a proposal by Gene Henry to donate a large quantity of Washington commemorative medals to the PNNA, which could be used for handouts at PNNA sponsored shows or for other member club functions as approved by the PNNA board or its committees. The board supported accepting the gift and discussed where the medals could be stored.

2015 ANA Portland Show – Danny presented an updated list of volunteers and assignments for the March 2015 ANA National Money Show to be held in Portland and co-sponsored by the PNNA. After a brief discussion of the various roles and of the need for coordination with the ANA staff, the board passed a motion approving the updated staffing plan as presented (Lisa/James). Danny also alerted the board that some PNNA funds would be needed for the production of the ANA show medals and also proposed the possibility of PNNA funding of some travel costs for those promoting the Portland show at other upcoming ANA shows. This led to a broader exchange of thoughts on current ANA shows, their admission price, weak weekend presence by dealers, and declining attendance by retail customers and the general public. The board believes that stronger promotional work is needed to bring out the public at the 2015 Portland show. As part of that effort, the board passed a motion authorizing representatives of the PNNA to propose to the ANA that the 2015 Portland show extend to both Saturday and Sunday, and that public admission be free both weekend days (James/John).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Michael Labosier, Secretary

Recording

The next PNNA board meeting will be held Saturday, January 18, 2014 at the Boeing Employees Coin Show at Kent Commons. The meeting normally begins immediately after the bourse closes for the day.

ANA News

Board passes budget, adopts new membership structure

The budget for the 2013-14 fiscal year was passed during a regular teleconference meeting of the American Numismatic Association Board of Governors on Tuesday, Dec. 10.

According to ANA Treasurer Larry Baber, the \$6.35 million budget includes the use of \$748,365 from board-designated reserves, which emanate from last year's investment growth. This represents about 6.25 percent of the reserves previously designated by the board for future use. The designated and undesignated reserves are projected to be about \$17.5 million at the end of 2014.

“We realize the ANA is very fortunate to have the financial strength that it does in its reserve funds and endowments,” said Gov. Greg Lyon during the meeting. “We realize that is not something that can be splurged or spent unwisely. There are times where we undertake big capital expenditures, like the website this year, where it is a prudent use of reserve funds so that the Association can make better program offerings.”

Lyon added that it will be important for the board and staff to work together to increase revenue and cut expenditures wherever possible. The board will hear a report from staff at the Atlanta National Money ShowSM, Feb. 27-March 1, that will detail attempts to cut expenditures and increase revenues over the next three to five years. The board will review the budget every six months.

The goal is to reduce the reliance on board-designated reserves over the next three to five years, said Executive Director Kimberly Kiick.

“Simply put, this is an investment year. We are investing in a new, state-of-the-art website and database that will help us grow our membership and fulfill our educational mission,” said Kiick. “And we'll continue to invest in the Association so that we may grow our ranks and grow our hobby. But we will also work diligently to raise revenue and cut expenditures to continue to ensure our long-term financial stability.”

The board also passed a pair of motions to adopt a new, simplified membership model that will take effect once the new Association Management System is online. Member name types of Regular, Basic and Associate will be replaced by Platinum, Gold and Silver. Additionally, a new option, Bronze, was adopted for collectors who only want a subscription to *The Numismatist*. The Bronze option would include no member benefits, and those utilizing the option would pay a monthly rate for access to the digital edition.

2013 Washington State Fair

When the 2013 4th quarter issue of *The Nor'wester* went to press the Washington State Fair was about half way through its 2013 run and PNNA's Hobby Hall display coordinator Rick Schulz reported that it looked like another great Fair for our Hobby Hall display. Now that the 2013 Fair is over and there's been time to compile figures it looks like one of the best years since the PNNA has been involved.

Rick and fellow coordinator Kevin Charboneau made several additions to the display making it much more inviting and informative to visitors. The basic form remained the same with a broad numismatic display and an information desk staffed by volunteers where visitors could get questions answered. We also kept alive the penny game which challenged kids of all ages to find their birth year in a tray of pennies. Over 4,000 pennies were 2x2'd and handed out during the course of the Fair. Another 2,000 world coins were also handed out. These numbers are typical of past years.

The biggest addition this year was the PNNA's penny press. We had a specially dated Washington State Fair die made that was quite popular with visitors - especially kids. Over 5,000 pressed (elongated) pennies were given away to awe-struck kids who got to see how their souvenir was made. Their parents were amazed they didn't have to pay fifty-one cents for their souvenir of the Fair.

Rick reported that while no hard figures were collected it appeared that around half of the visitors receiving pressed pennies said they collected pressed pennies and many said they actively seek out penny presses when they travel. These people will be back next year and years to come.

We'll start gearing up for the 2014 Washington State Fair this coming spring when Rick will once again put out his request for volunteers to staff the display. If you've volunteered in the past you know what fun it is. Come join us again next summer. If you haven't done it yet give it a try, you won't believe how much fun you'll have.

Last year volunteers generally came from around the Puget Sound Area though some came from as far away as Salem, Ore. It would be great to have volunteers from other parts of PNNA Land. The 2014 Washington State Fair will be held September 5 through September 21. If you plan to be in Western Washington during this period set aside a day for the Fair. For volunteering you'll receive passes for your day at the Fair. Put in four hours at the Hobby Hall display and the rest of the time is yours to enjoy at one of the top ten fairs in the country.

For more information about the Washington State Fair go to their web site, www.thefair.com. If you'd like more information about volunteering contact Rick Schulz at outreach@pnna.org or phone 253-535-0690.

PNNA/Willamette Convention, Oct. 4-6, 2013 in Portland

The Willamette Coin Club/Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association fall show was a success for the 9th consecutive year at the Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel in Portland. In addition to an active bourse and collector exhibits (see below), there was the first Larry Rowe symposium with eight speakers on Thursday, Oct. 3, and the ANA Road Show exhibit featuring a 1913 Liberty Head Nickel. (Rowe, a longtime active numismatist, chaired the 1990 ANA anniversary convention in Seattle.)



Photo: ANA Museum Curator **Doug Mudd** and the ANA Road Show Exhibit with the 1913 Liberty Head Nickel.

There were eight collector exhibits, filling 16 cases, at the fall show. The winners were: 1st Place – James Reinders – *Complete German States 3 Mark Commemorative Type Set (1908-1918)*. 2nd Place – Larry Gaye – *Arab-Byzantine Coinage (31-81 AH / 658-700 AD)*. 3rd Place – Katie Reinders – *Abigail Smith Adams: "Remember the Ladies."* Best New Exhibitor – Tim Bishopric – *Coinage from the British Mandate of Palestine*.



Photo: First case of **James Reinders'** winning exhibit.

Thanks to exhibit judges Eric Holcomb (chief judge), Danny Bisgaard and Del Cushing.

Penny Press

I'm sure most have heard about the PNNA's penny press. Making its debut at the 2013 PNNA Convention last spring it has proven to be quite a popular feature at PNNA events and local shows. Several Washington and Oregon clubs have had dies made and have used the press as an additional draw for their coin shows.

The PNNA has had two dies made - one for last spring's convention and one for the 2013 Washington State Fair. Both of these are dated. [Editor's note: one has already been added to the PNNA memorabilia catalog online, and the other will be.] Oregon's Willamette Coin Club and Salem Numismatic Society have also had dated dies made for their recent shows and non-dated dies have been made for the Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club and the King County Coin Club. Dies are in the process of being made for the upcoming Boeing Employees' Coin Club show and the Olympia Coin Club show.

Though it might look like it, the press is not just for clubs west of the Cascades. The PNNA acquired the press for the benefit of all member clubs.

Is it time for your club to get on the bandwagon? If you're interested in getting a die made and using the penny press at your local show or event email Rick Schulz at outreach@pnna.org or give him a call at 253-535-0690. Rick will answer all your questions about the press and walk you through the die making process. Before you know it you'll be cranking out your club's first squished (elongated) pennies.

[Editor's note: Yes, we know the U.S. one cent coin is *not* a penny, but the term remains in common use, so we'll still be referring to the "penny press." As a hand-cranked machine, the "penny press" can also elongate other small coins, but isn't recommended for larger coins.]

Outreach Activities

One evening during the waning days of the Washington State Fair one of the lovely ladies supervising Hobby Hall activities approached our display coordinator Rick Schulz about speaking at her local Lions Club.

Rick spoke to about 40 members and visitors at the noon meeting of the Puyallup Valley Lions. Rick's talk on the first and last years of issue of the Liberty Head nickel was well received. A few days later Rick received a call from the president of the Sumner Lions Club. He happened to be in the room when Rick talked to the Puyallup Valley Lions and asked if he would do a repeat performance for the Sumner Lions Club. Rick's talk before another 40 or so Lions Club members was once again well received.

Club Rep Program

It has been quite a while since anything has been done on the proposed PNNA Club Representative Program. Initial attempts to develop the program fell far short of expectations and plans to revitalize and revive the program just haven't materialized, until now.

As your Club Rep Coordinator I'd like to try something a little different. Initially I want to communicate with member club on a regular basis with short emails sent to club officers and, hopefully, then relayed to other club members. Content of these emails would be reminders of PNNA benefits and notices of new benefits and upcoming programs. Hopefully we can demonstrate that the PNNA has something to offer collectors.

There won't be a set schedule for these emails but I'd estimate one would go out every six weeks to two months. It all depends on what is happening at the PNNA. Emails will intentionally be short but references will be made to the PNNA website, pnna.org or the PNNA blog at pnna.org/blog. Look for the first email early January, and if you haven't seen the PNNA blog, check it out.

If you'd like more information about this program contact Rick Schulz at outreach@pnna.org or call 253-535-0690.

PNNA Elections

All PNNA officers and board members serve two-year terms, and elections will be held again in 2014, with the new board installed at the Tukwila convention in early May.

All candidates must be current PNNA members in good standing. To run for PNNA office, please contact election chairman William (Bill) McKivor, email copperman@thecoppercorner.com no later than March 1, and include a short biography. To see a list of current PNNA officers and committee members, go to <http://www.pnna.org/officers/officers.html>, or see the list of officers on page 4. Anyone who wishes to declare their intentions to run for office in writing should use Bill's address, PO Box 46135, Seattle, WA 98146.

Ballots will be mailed in March and will need to be returned at least one week prior to the annual meeting at the Tukwila convention. If your PNNA dues have not been paid for 2014, you will need to include payment with your ballot, or use PayPal.

For more details about PNNA offices, see the PNNA constitution and bylaws online at:

<http://www.pnna.org/info/bylaws.html>.

Quarters North and South

by Mark Benvenuto

There's no two ways about it, both north and south of the border, quarters are workhorse coins. While one cent coins may have just a remnant of their former purchasing power (how many of us remember penny gum ball machines from our youth?), quarters still do some work when it comes to making change. So a comparison of important dates for quarters might make for one or more good starting points for a collection.

1796 (U.S.) The quarter finally gets minted, even though the Mint Act went through Congress in 1792. There's no two ways about this either: these are expensive quarters.

1815 After years of no quarters at all, the young U.S. Mint gets back to them with the Capped Bust design. But the first one with a decent sized mintage total is the 1835, at 1.9 million. Others can be expensive.

1838 Christian Gobrecht's famous Seated Liberty image comes out for the first time on the quarter. This design stays with U.S. silver coinage until 1891, with some minor modifications, so it's easy to add a single specimen to any type set collection you choose to build. The first date in this series to beat the 1835 Capped Bust is the 1853. And when it beats the old record, it smashes it, with 15.2 million total. This coin is only expensive when it's in mint state grades.

1870 The Canadian quarter makes its debut (okay, there had been an issue of 20-cent pieces back in 1858). The image of Queen Victoria is that of Mr. Wyon, and while it goes through some minor changes over time, it stays with the quarter until 1901.

1892 In the U.S., the Barber design takes its place on dimes, quarters, and half dollars. While there are plenty of folks who find the image staid, stiff, or boring, there is also now a collectors club dedicated to the Barber design.

1893 The first U.S. commemorative quarter, the World's Columbian Exposition Isabella quarter, is issued. It ends up being the only commemorative quarter for quite some time, as half dollars apparently became the commemorative platform of choice not long after.

1902 King Edward VII appears for the first time on the Canadian quarter. His royal image stays there only until 1910, but there are several years in that time frame of rather high mintages. Adding one to a growing collection should pose no problem.

1911 King George V now makes his first appearance on the Canadian quarter. This series goes until 1936, but has a one-year type right at the beginning. The phrase "Dei Gratia," meaning "By the grace of God," is not on the 1911 pieces. Thus, what now gets referred to at times as the "godless" quarters command something of a premium, even though the official mintage is large.

1916 At the tail end of the year, the U.S. Standing Liberty quarter is released for public use. Even though the design changes the next year – a bare-breasted Lady Liberty is clothed in chain mail – overall, it is considered one of the most beautiful of United States coins.

1932 The bicentennial of General, then President, Washington's birth is cause to change the design on U.S. quarters. The 1932-D and the 1932-S remain expensive, key coins

within this series. But despite that, this can actually be a fun series to collect.

1937 King George VI appears for the first time on a Canadian quarter, and does so without any crown or royal insignia. Not only that, the caribou makes its first appearance on the reverse of the quarter – an image that remains there today. This design runs until 1952, with the rather famous "dot" variety appearing in 1947. For collectors today, most of them are not overly expensive.

1953 A young Queen Elizabeth II appears on the Canadian quarter for the first time. While it is still Queen Elizabeth who graces the quarter today, there have been several new, updated images over the course of decades.

1965 The Queen Elizabeth "Tiara Obverse" quarters are issued. The mintages are huge, and they are easy to obtain today. Also, the U.S. takes the silver out of its quarters, marking the beginning of decades of inexpensive quarters.

1967 To celebrate the centennial of the Confederation, Canada uses the reverse of the quarter as a platform for a commemorative. It marks the first of what will be many times the reverse of the quarter is so used.

1976 The U.S. quarter gets a bicentennial reverse. It marks the first circulating U.S. quarter that is made specifically to both circulate and commemorate an event.

1990 The Pedery-Hunt obverse design, the third for Queen Elizabeth, makes its debut on the Canadian quarter.

1992 Canada starts the idea of a quarter reverse to commemorate each province and territory. Folks on both sides of the border have a new collecting opportunity – which some people still pursue now, in 2013. New Brunswick goes first in the parade of reverse designs.

1999 In the U.S., the first of the Commemorative States Reverse quarters is released, with Caesar Rodney riding to cast his vote for Delaware's independence. And up until the present day, the reverse of the U.S. quarter remains a platform for one person, place, or accomplishment or another. These are cheap, even as proofs.

1999 and 2000 Canada marks the millennium with the reverses of its quarters. All of the mintages are high enough that these remain common coins, often still collectible from change.

2003 The current image of Queen Elizabeth appears for the first time on Canadian quarters. The reverses will still find use as a platform for commems, but there are plenty of caribou as well.

2010 The U.S. quarter switches from state reverses to the National Parks program. As with almost all modern issues, the mintages are huge, and some collectors decide to collect these from change.

Wow, that's a lot of quarters! Have we missed anything here? My heavens, yes. Both north and south of the border, quarters can be fun to collect specifically because of the varieties, the designs, and the commemoratives in the various series. Dive in yourself, and see what you can learn.

Editor's note: This is an example of an article that will be entered in the PNNA's new annual contest whereby members can win awards for the best article published in *The Nor'wester*. Submit your article now!



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ANA Summer Seminar 2014

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 2014 ANA Summer Seminar, held on the campus of The Colorado College in beautiful Colorado Springs, CO. Session I dates are Saturday, June 21, to Thursday, June 26; session II, Saturday, June 28 to Thursday, July 3, 2014. 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 mandatory 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 member of the PNNA 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)). **Deadline for receipt of applications will be March 1, 2014.** Please submit completed applications to: PNNA Scholarship Program – Attn. Danny Bisgaard, c/o Skip Caldwell/S.N.S., PO Box 2051, Salem, OR 97308. Summer Seminar class listings are available by contacting ANA (www.money.org/numismatic-events/summer-seminar.aspx). Questions can be directed to Danny Bisgaard, 503-588-8162 or d.bisgaard@comcast.net.

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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.

2014

JAN 3-4 EAST BAY-CONCORD COIN SHOW, The Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Ave, Concord, CA

JAN 4-5 GREATER TACOMA COIN SHOW, King Oscar Convention Center, 88th & So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

JAN 9-12 FLORIDA UNITED NUMIS. (FUN) 59TH ANNUAL CONVENTION, Orange County Conv. Center, 9899 International Drive, Orlando, FL

JAN 9-12 New York International Numismatic Convention, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, 301 Park Avenue, New York City, NY

JAN 18-19 BOEING EMPLOYEES' COIN CLUB SHOW (50th annual), Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

JAN 19 North Shore Numismatic Soc. Oakridge Stamp & Coin Fair, Oakridge Auditorium, 41st & Cambie, Vancouver, BC, Canada

JAN 24-26 SAN JOSE COIN CLUB SHOW, DoubleTree Hotel Bayshore Ballroom, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose, CA

JAN 25 OLYMPIA COIN CLUB SHOW, VFW Hall, 2902 Martin Way, Olympia, WA

JAN 30-FEB 1 LONG BEACH COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES EXPO, Long Beach, CA

FEB 2 (9AM-Noon) NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, King Oscar Motel, 8820 So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

FEB 8-9 OCEAN SHORES ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE SHOW, Convention Center in Ocean Shores, WA

FEB 9 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Holiday Inn, 1 South Grady Way, Renton, WA

FEB 15 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

FEB 15-16 MCMINNVILLE COIN CLUB SHOW, Chinook Winds Casino, 1777 NW 44th, Lincoln City, OR

FEB 22-23 54TH ANNUAL COEUR d'ALENE COIN CLUB SHOW, Kootenai County Fairgrounds, Coeur d'Alene, ID

FEB 27-MAR 1 ANA National Money Show™, Cobb Galleria Centre, Atlanta, GA

MAR 1 (tentative) STANWOOD COIN CLUB ANNUAL SHOW, Stanwood Senior Center, 7430 276th NW, Stanwood, WA

MAR 1-2 GRAYS HARBOR COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES SHOW, South Shore Mall, Aberdeen, WA

MAR 6-9 Chicago Paper Money Expo, Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL

MAR 8-9 TACOMA-LAKEWOOD COIN CLUB SHOW, King Oscar Convention Center, 88th & So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

MAR 9 COIN AND CURRENCY SHOW, Clackamas Banquet Center, 15815 SE 82nd Dr, Clackamas, OR

MAR 22-23 SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB 59th ANNUAL COIN SHOW, Masonic Lodge, 2777 Martin Luther King Blvd., Eugene, OR

APR 4-6 LAS VEGAS NUMISMATIC SOC. COIN SHOW, Palace Station Hotel & Casino, 2411 W Sahara, Las Vegas, NV

APR 5-6 BELLINGHAM COIN, CARD & STAMP SHOW, Hampton Inn, Fox Hall, 3985 Bennett Dr., I-5 Exit 258, Bellingham, WA

APR 5-6 (tentative) Vancouver [B.C.] Numismatic Society Money Show, Oakridge Auditorium, 41st Ave. and Cambie, Vancouver, BC

APR 10-13 Chicago Int'l Coin Fair, Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL

APR 12-13 Spokane Inland Empire Spring Coin & Stamp Show, Center Place, 2426 N Discovery Place, Spokane Valley, WA

APR 13 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Holiday Inn, 1 South Grady Way, Renton, WA

APR 20-26 ANA National Coin Week, Theme: Coin & Country: Celebrating Civic Service

APR 23-26 SANTA CLARA COIN & COLLECTIBLES SHOW, Santa Clara Conv. Center, Santa Clara, CA

APR 23-26 Central States Numismatic Society Annual Convention, Renaissance Hotel & Conv. Ctr., Schaumburg, IL

APR 27 COWLITZ COIN CLUB SHOW, AWPPW Hall 724 - 15th Ave, Longview, WA

APR 27 (9AM-Noon) NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, King Oscar Motel, 8820 S Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

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