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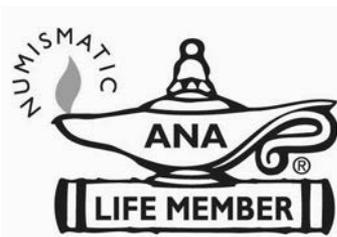
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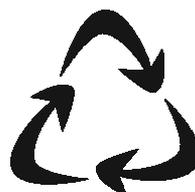
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Welcome to Puyallup

by PNNA Fair Chairman Rick Schulz

Welcome to the 2018 edition of the Washington State Fair. This year the third quarter *Nor'wester* is dedicated to the Fair. Why, you ask? The story starts over 25 years ago when the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association first started setting up a coin collecting display in the Hobby Hall of the Puyallup Fair. Years passed and eventually the Puyallup Fair was renamed the Washington State Fair. Over the years the PNNA's presence in the Hobby Hall also grew. Last year's display saw more visitors and gave away more souvenir coins, medals, etc., than ever before. The Fair has become one of the biggest events of the year for the PNNA.

For years we've been engaging kids with birthdate penny search games and giveaways of world coins and currency. The hope has always been that young boys and girls might be attracted to the hobby of coin collecting. The past few years we've expanded the definition of "kids" to include kids of all ages. Moms and dads and grandmas and grandpas all can search for their birthdate. We keep some of the older dates behind the table for some of the older kids. We try to have everyone's penny. The first day of the Fair last year a 100-year-old kid visited our display and was presented with a 1917 penny in a specially stamped holder. There is no hard evidence that shows how many new coin collectors we've made, but over the years new faces have shown up at local coin club meetings that first heard about them at the Fair.

Our visitors have become generational in another way. Young parents bring their kids to our display because they remember us from when they were kids. We don't know for sure but it's possible we've seen at least three generations of kids searching through our penny trays.

The kids are wonderful and we have a great time interacting with them, but there is another function served by our display. We answer questions. It seems everyone knows something about coins and currency and collecting and they'll ask related questions. We're there to answer our visitor's questions and occasionally correct misinformation. Our most frequent question though often goes something like this, "I just inherited a coin collection and I don't know what to do with it." People are afraid to take their newly acquired collection to a coin shop for fear they will be taken advantage of by unscrupulous dealers. It doesn't matter if this fear is well founded or not, it's there. Our volunteers will try to steer these folks in the right direction, offering various options

they can pursue. This, quite possibly, is our most important function at the Fair.

Editor's note: If you have coins to sell (perhaps from an estate), the PNNA recommends that you carefully consider your options and gather information before selling. Attending a coin club meeting or a coin show may help you learn what some of your coins are worth before selling. A list of local coin shows and coin clubs is printed on pages 14 and 15.

We would never be able to do what we do at the Fair without the dedication of our volunteers. The faces behind the table at our Hobby Hall display are all volunteers and many cover several shifts during the run of the Fair. We have volunteers and benefactors behind the scenes as well. Volunteers help set up and tear down the display and much of the material in the display has been loaned or donated by local dealers and collectors. To all the people who have given their time, energy, smiles and donations to our effort, thank you. As I said earlier, we wouldn't have a display without you.

Does any of this sound like something you'd like to be part of? There are shifts available, even after the Fair starts. If you are a PNNA member or a member of a local coin club or are thinking about joining one of the above, why not join the fun? You can contact me by email at outreach@pnna.org and I'll send you a list of open shifts. Keep us in mind for next year too. You can find more information about PNNA events on our website, pnna.org. For volunteering, you'll get free passes to the Fair, so on the day of your shift you can "Do the Puyallup" when you're not behind our table in the Hobby Hall. Come join us and have a lot of fun.

If you are reading this before you go to the Fair, be sure to come see our display in the Hobby Hall. If you've already been to the Fair this year come see us again. And I hope everyone has a great time at the Fair.

Additional Fair Information

- Thanks to all the local coin clubs assisting with the Fair Hobby Hall booth. These include the Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club, the South Hill Coin Club (based in Puyallup), the Olympia Coin Club and the Boeing Employee's Coin Club.
- In addition to the birthdate "pennies" and other giveaways, there will be souvenir elongated coins, and you can make your own with the PNNA's "penny press." (Also see the story on pp. 12-13.)

Big Silver in the U.S., Canada – and the Whole, Wide World by Mark Benvenuto

Collectors come in all stripes, shapes, and sizes, but it's fair to say that among us is a big set that really enjoys big coins. Their weight and heft make them fun to collect. The size of their designs allows for some great artwork. And when they are made of precious metal, well, big precious metal coins often seem to have it all. Let's take a quick jaunt around the world and see what collecting opportunities are out there concerning the one-ounce silver bullion coins that are on the market right now.

We'll start and end with one-ounce silver, and make our apologies to all the gold lovers out there right now, simply because one-ounce silver bullion coins qualify as big, and do so without being too expensive (whereas gold just doesn't quite meet that second criterion right now!). The United States and Canada both now have mature programs for their one-ounce silver Eagles and Maple Leaves, respectively. And that makes these two series a great place to start.

Canada – It's Canada that sports one of the oldest of the bullion coin programs. Yes, South Africa had been pounding out Krugerrands for longer, but only as gold coins by 1979, when the RCM produced its first silver Maple Leaf pieces. Since then there has been a steady stream – or perhaps we should say river – of silver Maple Leaves, meaning any collector who wants to get into the field certainly has a lot from which to choose.



Canadian Maple Leaf coins, at .9999 fine silver, have been one of the top bullion choices for years.

While the Maple Leaves have collector issues in proof, there are what can be called the “circulating” or the “regular” issues that never cost too much more than the bullion price of silver on the world's markets. Curiously, this then becomes a point where any collector might

want to assess just what he or she wants to collect, regular or proof. The regular issues will always be more affordable than any specially made version. But aficionados of the perfect coin will argue that proofs are always the way to go. With these as well as any of the other silver bullion pieces we'll look at, we each have to make our own choices.

United States – Plenty of nations got into the production of silver bullion coins in the 1980's, including the U.S. The silver Eagle obverse design is one of the first that was a reprise of a collector favorite, that of Mr. Weinman's Walking Liberty half dollar – perhaps obviously, the other is the Saint-Gaudens design for the gold Eagles. While there was some grouching at the time the coins were first released – with critics claiming plenty of artists were being denied a chance at what could have been a fantastic, new design – ultimately the silver Eagle image became a favorite with both collectors and investors. Indeed, the idea of using a classic design from some former United States coin caught on and has been used several times since.

As with the Maple Leaves, there has been a constant issue of both regular issue silver Eagles, as well as proofs. Both are beautiful, yet the same question about which to buy dogs them as it does the Maple Leaves. Each collector should decide that one for him or herself.



Proof Silver Eagles, such as this 1988 issue, are attractive and come in a deluxe case like the one shown here.

China – Another nation that has not only been a major player in the arena when it comes to bullion coins, but that has found a way to really stand out, is China. The Chinese program may be better known for its gold Pandas than for its silver, but its silver bullion program has earned some excellent reviews because of two special angles it has worked. First, the image changes almost every year, yet always portrays the lovable and iconic

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pandas in some way. Second, at least their silver bullion pieces are never made in enormous amounts, and because of that routinely command some premium. This makes them a great addition to any growing collection, but probably a poor investment if we simply want to buy more of the precious metal.

On a related note, China also was one of the pioneers of breaking out of the one-ounce silver coin weight, as it were. While it is now possible to find silver bullion coin offerings from several nations that are bigger than an ounce, China was quick to produce precious metal “coins” as large as a kilogram. That’s a lot of silver, and calling such pieces coins leads to one of those wonderful debates that serious collectors love to have. But whatever we choose to call it, the big Chinese silver Pandas present something of a different collecting challenge, while still remaining in the realm of silver bullion coins.



Chinese Pandas remain a very popular bullion choice.

Britain – Rule Britannia has been used as a phrase in so many ways that it’s probably just white noise for us to say it again here, but the silver Britannia coins issued until 2012 are handsome pieces any way we look at it. Plus, the issue of 2013 with the classic St. George and the Dragon reverse makes for another design worth owning.

Australia – The Land down under has also weighed in with some amazing one-ounce silver bullion coins. Like the United States and Canada, the Australian program has been going on for decades now. Unlike the others we have mentioned, there seems to have been plenty of silver coins that came out before Australia officially weighed in with coins like the Kookaburra, which was first issued in 1990. These, the silver Kangaroos, the Koalas and the Lunar Year coins can all become great additions to any collection of one-ounce silver pieces.



In addition to Kangaroos and Koalas, Australia makes Chinese Lunar Year coins, such as this 2012 Year of the Dragon coin, available in different color varieties.

Others?

Even though we have done a bit of globetrotting, we have scarcely touched on this broad field. If you have never thought seriously about one-ounce silver bullion coins, now might be a good time. Stick with the most basic rules and it will be hard to go wrong: 1 – buy only what you can afford; 2 – buy what you like. It doesn’t get much simpler than that. Good luck!

Aftermarket Coins

Since bullion coins modified or “enhanced” after leaving the mint are often seen in the market, your editor has added one example:



Silver Eagles are a popular choice for aftermarket colorizing, like this 2012 Christmas special. Buy these as gifts, but don’t invest too much in them, as most collectors prefer original coins.

PNNA President's Message *by James Reinders*

Puyallup – help out!!!

Sign up with Rick Schulz at richardf53@yahoo.com, to help our annual outreach in the Hobby Hall at the Washington State (a.k.a. Puyallup) Fair, Aug. 31 – Sept. 23. Rick is encouraging clubs to consider signing up for a day or two and helping out as a group. You get in FREE for the day, and spend a few hours making smiles as you talk about coins! It really is fun ... and the outreach is very helpful for our hobby.

October – I am registered – are you?

I hope you can join us for the *PNNA 2018 two-day Numismatic Seminar*, Oct. 18-19, in Portland. It is not too late to register, and the early-registration discount is available through August. Although the PNNA scholarships applications are closed now, several local clubs are giving partial or full scholarships available to members. I think it's a bargain of an investment, and I would NOT miss it. Info.: <https://www.money.org/pnna-seminar>.

If Portland is not close enough to home, help provide feedback to the PNNA board on what and where you'd like "the next seminar." I definitely want to see us put something on in the Seattle area while I'm still president (my term ends in 2020).

Would you like to volunteer to help with PNNA educational activities, including seminars, workshops, programs, talks, etc.? If so, please visit <http://pnna.org/info/education.html> for more details and contact information.

Of course, October is fast approaching - and the WCC/PNNA Portland Convention is at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center, Oct. 20-21, with setup on Oct. 19.

Thank you – award winners

We recognized a number of volunteers at our annual membership meeting in Tukwila. (*Please see the report and photos on pp. 8-9.*) I am very proud of our Northwest numismatists and honored to have been able to thank so many people for their dedication. John Brown, who received the Everett Award, was unable to be in Tukwila, so I dropped in on his home club in Salem to

surprise him with it. Thank you for all those who kept it a secret from him until the Salem club meeting. (I did announce that he won the award in Tukwila.)

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates and Locations:

- Oct. 20, 2018 at the WCC/PNNA Portland Convention, DoubleTree Lloyd Center, Portland, Ore., at about 6 p.m. (earlier if everyone is ready).
- Jan. 19, 2019 at the Boeing Employee's Coin Club Show, Kent Commons, Kent, Wash., right after the show closes.
- Mar. 16, 2019 at the PNNA show in Tukwila, Wash., at 8 a.m. The annual membership and awards meeting is after the show closes that same day.

Guests are always welcome to drop in on any board meeting - they are always open! 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.

There are many coin shows to enjoy this summer and fall. See <http://pnna.org/calendar.html> for up-to-date listings, or see the calendar on page 14.



Be sure to say hello to James if you see him at the Fair or at the PNNA conventions in Tukwila or Portland!

PNNA Membership Information — If you have questions about your PNNA membership or would like to join, please contact: Eric Holcomb, 1900 NE 3rd St STE 106 PMB 361, Bend, OR 97701-3889, phone (541) 647-1021, email eric@holcomb.com. Individuals, families and clubs can join PNNA for 3 years and save money! See the PNNA website memberships page for details.

PNNA and ANA News Online!

PNNA Annual Awards

Bob Everett Memorial Award — <http://www.pnna.org/awards/everett.html>

Literary Awards (Club Newsletters/Articles) — <http://www.pnna.org/awards/literary.html>

National Coin Week Awards for Clubs — http://www.pnna.org/awards/ncw/ncw_awards.html

Nina Nystrom Numismatic Ambassador Award — <http://www.pnna.org/awards/nystrom.html>

Presidential Award — http://www.pnna.org/awards/presidential_award.html

Scholarship Awards — http://www.pnna.org/awards/scholarship_awards.html

The winner of the PNNA's annual Bob Everett Memorial Award, made for integrity and demonstrated commitment to numismatics in the Pacific Northwest, is announced at the annual spring convention. Other PNNA annual awards are also announced at that time.

Presidential awards may also be announced at the fall convention.

PNNA Calendar

Visit [pnna.org](http://www.pnna.org) and click on the "calendar" button, or see page 14 for a list of remaining 2018 shows.

Paper calendars are available at some shows.

PNNA Convention Collector Exhibits

by Eric Holcomb, PNNA Chief Judge

See <http://www.pnna.org/exhibits/exhibits.html> for complete collector exhibit information, application forms, rules and judging criteria, and past winners with exhibit photos.

There are exhibits at both the spring and fall conventions. Collector exhibitors should register and reserve exhibit cases in advance.

Not online? — Write to the address listed on page 2 of this magazine.

PNNA Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes from past PNNA board meetings, including at the spring convention in March, are available on the website at <http://www.pnna.org/minutes/board.html>.

ANA Summer Seminar

See <https://www.money.org/summer-seminar>.

The Seminar is held annually in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This year's dates were June 16-21 and June 23-28, 2018.

Summer Seminar is a once-a-year opportunity for numismatic scholarship and camaraderie that offers students a varied selection of courses designed for discovery or continued study. For many students, Summer Seminar is a life-changing event; it has catapulted the careers of many of the nation's most respected collectors, authors and dealers.

Get full information including the course catalog online to see what Summer Seminar can do for you. Then consider applying for a PNNA Summer Seminar scholarship in 2019.

PNNA/WCC Fall Convention

Webpage: http://www.pnna.org/convention/convention_fall.html

The PNNA and the Willamette Coin Club will host their 14th annual fall convention and coin show, Oct. 19-21, 2018 at the Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel in Portland, Oregon.

The fall show has many of the same popular features as the spring convention — an outstanding bourse of local, regional, and national dealers, a numismatic theater, a YN program and collector exhibits.

ANA National Coin Week

Webpage: <https://www.money.org/numismatic-events/national-coin-week>.

*National Coin Week — April 15-21, 2018.
Theme: "Connecting Cultures: From Many, One."
2019 dates and theme to be announced.*

PACIFIC NORTHWEST NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION 69th ANNUAL CONVENTION

March 16-18, 2018 at Tukwila Community Center, Tukwila, WA

The biggest annual coin show in the Pacific Northwest, sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association (PNNA) and now in its 18th year in Tukwila, was once again a big success, with strong attendance in moderate weather conditions. Total three-day paid attendance was approximately 1,000 as usual.



Photo: Left - Rick Schulz operates and explains the always-popular "penny press."

Photo: Below - convention general chairman Kevin Charboneau greets visitors while wearing an appropriate cap for St. Patrick's Day! Photos courtesy of Ray Fiorini, South Hill Coin Club.



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

The 2018 Spring Convention special edition of *The Nor'wester* is available online from a link on the PNNA website.

- Some of the award winners are pictured on the next page.
- 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 conducted by ANA past president Walt Ostromecki.
- A Boy Scout workshop was offered by James Reinders, and was well-attended this year, with approximately 25 Scouts.
- There were five competitive collector exhibits this year in 19 cases. There was an additional ten-case non-competitive exhibit of "short snorters."
- 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 March 17 after the close of the bourse.
- Board and general membership meeting minutes are posted on the meeting minutes page online.

Special thanks to Kevin Charboneau for serving as general chairman for the 2018 convention. This was Kevin's fifth convention as chairman, and he always does a great job.

Please plan to attend the next Tukwila convention—March 15-17, 2019.

Admission is only \$2 per day, or \$5 for all three days.

Information: <http://pnna.org/convention/convention.html>.

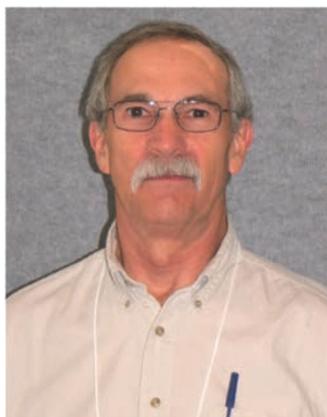
PNNA Spring Convention Photos



Bill Nyberg was the featured Numismatic Theater speaker, with the topic "Robert Scot - First Appointed Chief Engraver of the US Mint 1793 to 1823," including an exhibit of 18th Century books showing some of Scot's work.



Numismatic Theater chairman **Gawain O'Connor** followed up with a talk on "Flowing Hair Half Dollars 1794-1795," presenting all the known varieties of the first half dollar designed by Robert Scot.



John Brown, the recipient of the **Bob Everett Memorial Award**, was not in attendance, so the award was presented later at John's club. John was recognized for his extensive service to the PNNA (including as secretary), as well as to numismatics in the Salem and Portland areas.



Steve Estes (left) received the **Nina Nystrom Memorial Goodwill Ambassador Award** from PNNA president James Reinders (right). Steve is a longtime well-respected Portland-area dealer who has helped to promote collecting.



PNNA presidential awards were presented to (top row) Tukwila convention chairman **Kevin Charboneau**, PNNA board member **James Free**, (bottom row) Numismatic Theater chairman **Gawain O'Connor** and Puyallup Fair chairman **Rick Schulz**.



Rick Schulz (left) accepts the 1st place best club newsletter award from **James Reinders** (right) on behalf of the **South Hill Coin Club**.

Photo available on website:



Tom Tullis (left) accepts the 1st place best article in *The Nor'wester* award from **James Reinders** (right). Tom's article was entitled, "The Wright Brothers and a National Bank President."

Tom was also the Best-of-Show collector exhibit award winner, for his exhibit, "Where is that Bank?" Complete exhibit results and photos are available on the PNNA website.

Courtesy Autographs by Signers of U.S. Currency

by Anthony Kalt

In the United States, paper money carries the printed signatures of the Treasurer and the Secretary of the Treasury. Signatures were originally added to currency as a security feature; they can be hard to duplicate by hand. They are the only legal signatures on currency.

The first banknotes to carry signatures were actually signed by the officials themselves. But later, as massive quantities of notes were produced, it became more feasible to print the signatures instead.

The Secretary of the Treasury's job concerns general finance and monetary matters. The Secretary of the Treasury advises the President on economic issues and such.

The Treasurer advises the Secretary on matters such as the production of coins and currency. The Treasurer is also the National Honorary Director of the Savings Bonds Program. Both the Treasurer and the Secretary of the Treasury often attend public events and ceremonies.

In the 1950s and 1960s, the courtesy autograph niche took off among notaphilists (paper money collectors), although there are examples from the 1940s and even a handful from the 1930s.

All Treasurers and Secretaries of the Treasury since the 1950s have autographed bills, some more than others. Courtesy autographs are now a small but respectable subsection of the currency collecting hobby.

Types of Courtesy Autographs Collections:

- Examples of all (Large & Small Currency)
- Small Currency only (1928 to date)
- \$1 bills only (easier - more common)
- \$2 bills only (or \$5, \$10, etc.)
- Treasurer Only
- Secretary of Treasury only
- Double Signature (both)
- Sheets of four signed

Things that make a collection note less favorable:

- Condition of bill – worn notes are usually not very collectible.
- Pencil signature – these fade over time as the graphite falls off.
- Dedicated to a specific person.

These can be placeholder bills – fills the spot until you can get a nicer bill.

Things that make a collection note more favorable:

- Condition of bill – About Uncirculated (58PPQ) or better signed in ink to show robust signature. *Note PPQ denotes Premium Paper Quality.*
- Bonus items such as dual signatures, unique or low serial numbers.

Example of a 'favorable' Courtesy Autograph Bill:



How to Obtain

First: You could buy them from a local currency dealer. This is the easiest way. Remember that dealers are out to make money, so they're likely to charge you more (sometimes a lot more) than the value you would assign yourself. But if it's convenience you're after, some dealers do have courtesy autographs for sale.

Second: Online – currency dealers and auctions.

Third: Look up the mailing addresses of former Treasurers and Secretaries of the Treasury and send them bills with their respective signatures with a polite request for an autograph. Some of their addresses are easy to find because they often go on to be company directors and things of that nature. Do some internet searching.

Fourth: Write the current Treasurer and/or Secretary of Treasury while they are in office and request a signed bill (typically you'll get a signed \$1 bill). Personally I have had not much luck with this route.

Name of current Secretary of the Treasury
 Treasurer of the United States
 (or Secretary of the Treasury)
 U.S. Department of the Treasury
 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
 Washington, DC 20220

Fifth: In person; they make appearances at larger coin shows and ceremonies. A lot of people and collectors get their signatures this way.

Sowing the Seed now for a Harvest of Collectors later

by Thomas Tullis

Coin collectors (also known as numismatists) are aware of an issue that is faced by members of their hobby. It is the same issue that is faced by stamp collectors and rock collectors as well. What is the issue? How do you attract young people to the hobby that they themselves love?

Studies have been done by groups such as the American Numismatic Association, showing that the average age of its members is on the older side. This hobby group has been working for years to develop programs to attract young people. A visit to their website, www.money.org, will inform you of those programs.

Traditionally collecting of any item has been looked upon as a worthwhile pursuit that is not only fun but provides an opportunity to learn important life skills and improves ones overall knowledge of the world. Collecting coins is certainly this type of collecting endeavor.

So, the question is, what can adults do to introduce young people to this hobby? What activities can any adult do to "plant the seed" that might encourage a young person (male or female) to develop an interest in this hobby? Please understand this does not just apply to an avid coin collector now but to any adult who wishes to introduce a young person to an activity that is fun and can provide a lifetime of pleasure.

Here are some simple, concrete steps to try that can start a lifelong adventure for a young person.

Highlight a coin from your pocket. Over the past few years the United States has produced a number of new coin designs, especially with the state quarter program and the National Parks program. Take the time to point this out to your young person.

Coins from the bank. The next time you are at the bank, buy one or two of the presidential dollar coins available and share it with a youngster. Maybe you could learn a little about the president featured and share your knowledge. Two dollar bills might be located also, which any young person would love to receive.

Many families have the opportunity to go overseas. If you do, bring back some of that foreign money and share with a kid or two. Or, ask a friend or relative who might go overseas to bring back a few coins or bills. These can be used as a springboard to develop interest.

Visit a coin store. Most areas have a coin store within striking distance, and most dealers are happy to welcome young people who just want to look at what's available.

When you are at the coin store, **buy a Red Book.** This book is titled *A Guide Book of United States Coins*, and is published every year. Because of its red cover it is known among collectors as the "Red Book." This book is an excellent reference filled with stories and lots of pictures that can generate interest.

Buy a coin collecting magazine. Such magazines as *Coin World* or *Numismatic News* introduce a person to the vast scope of coin collecting.

Visit a coin show. This opportunity gives you a chance to visit multiple dealers in one location. Larger shows might feature specifically designed programs intended to introduce kids to the hobby. A schedule of local coin shows can usually be found at local coin stores, in a coin magazine, or online at pnna.org.

Visit a coin club. The ANA (mentioned earlier—www.money.org) and PNNA (pnna.org) have lists of member clubs and when and where they meet. Members of these coin clubs always enjoy visitors, especially younger visitors. In fact, it has been my experience that interested kids are treated like rock stars. You will be made to feel very welcome and given a chance to experience the hobby in a positive atmosphere.

Give a coin for a gift. Most kids have an interest in a certain animal or sport. Chances are you can locate a coin with the animal or sport pictured. Cats, dogs, birds and even dinosaurs have been featured on coins. These can be of interest to kids.

Visit the PNNA table at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup. Every year the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association sponsors a table in the Hobby Hall at the Fair. Stop by and visit to receive a free coin or two and learn more about the hobby.

You don't have to be an active coin collector to introduce the hobby to a young person. Follow any of these suggestions and you can help introduce a young person to a lifetime of collecting fun and fellowship.

Editor's note:

Articles in The Nor'wester are eligible for PNNA literary awards ... see the information on page 7.

PNNA Souvenirs and Memorabilia



The PNNA has produced a wide variety of souvenirs and memorabilia since 1946. (The PNNA was founded in 1940.) Souvenirs have taken a number of forms, including medals, “tokens,” paper items, wooden nickels and now elongated coins. The production of elongated coins began in 2013 with the acquisition of the PNNA “penny press,” usually operated by Rick Schulz. See the photo of Rick and the press in the spring convention report on page 8.

The composite photo at left shows PNNA elongated cents commemorating the Washington State Fair for the years 2013 to 2016. This year’s design is shown on the cover of this issue of *The Nor’wester*. Be sure to get one for yourself at the Fair Hobby Hall.

Since the PNNA press can accept both an obverse and reverse die, many PNNA elongated coins also feature a reverse design, for example a design which was used at the previous spring or fall coin show.



In 2015, the PNNA produced a special set of medals commemorating its 75th anniversary.

The obverse of the medal was designed by former U.S. Mint sculptor-engraver Thomas D. Rogers. Limited quantities were struck in silver, copper and antique brass, as shown in the photos at left.

The page at right (page 13) is a reprint of some PNNA memorabilia featured in the 75th anniversary edition of *The Nor’wester*.

PNNA memorabilia catalog:
<http://pnna.org/catalog/index.html>

PNNA 75th Anniversary Trivia



The PNNA was founded in 1940 by the Seattle Coin Club and the Oregon Numismatic Society. The first 11 conventions were held in Centralia, Wa., between Seattle and Portland.



The 1950 PNNA medals carry a replica (in the center) of the 1820 Northwest Company beaver token.

Want more? See <http://www.pnna.org/catalog/>



The 1955 medals for the 12th convention in Portland commemorate the Lewis and Clark sesquicentennial.



The 1962 Seattle convention (same year as the World's Fair) marked the first use of the "seagull and airplane" logo.



The 1973 convention in Spokane featured large hand-made Pine Tree Dollars.



The PNNA map logo remained largely unchanged for 40 years, from 1974 to 2014. In 1982 it was combined with an attractive totem pole obverse.



Convention goers were advised to have a whale of a time at P.N.N.A. '88'.



From 2003 to 2011, PNNA conventions in Tukwila, Wa., feature tokens struck from hand-engraved dies by the late Greg Franck-Weiby.

Coin Show / Event Calendar—See pnna.org for updates

September 2018

AUG 31-SEP 23 closed on Tuesdays WASHINGTON STATE (PUYALLUP) FAIR, PNNA-sponsored table in Hobby Hall

SEP 6-8 LONG BEACH COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES EXPO, Long Beach, CA

SEP 8-9 NORTH SHORE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY STAMP & COIN FAIR, Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre, 6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby, BC

SEP 9 (8AM-Noon) NW TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, Olympia VFW Post #318 Hall, 2902 Martin Way, Olympia, WA

SEP 14-16 LAS VEGAS NUMIS. SOC. FALL COIN SHOW, Westgate Resort & Casino, 3000 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas, NV

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

SEP 15-16 CALGARY ANNUAL FALL COIN SHOW, Clarion Hotel, 2120 - 16th Avenue N.E., Calgary, Alberta, Canada

SEP 21-23 SANTA CLARA COIN, STAMP, AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, Gateway Hall, 344 Tully Rd., San Jose, CA

SEP 22 WASHINGTON STATE 37TH ANNUAL COIN SHOW, Tacoma Elks Lodge #174, 2013 S. Cedar St., Tacoma, WA

SEP 29 OLYMPIA/SOUTH SOUND COIN/CURRENCY SHOW, Olympia VFW Post #318 Hall, 2902 Martin Way, Olympia, WA

SEP 29-30 CAVE MAN COIN CLUB COIN, CURRENCY, TOKEN AND STAMP SHOW, Josephine County Fairgrounds, Redwood Hwy., Grants Pass, OR

October 2018

OCT 6 TACOMA-LAKEWOOD COIN CLUB SHOW, Tacoma Elks Lodge #174, 2013 S. Cedar St., Tacoma, WA

OCT 6-7 SPOKANE INLAND EMPIRE FALL COIN SHOW, Center Place, 2426 N Discovery Place, Spokane Valley, WA

OCT 6-7 BUENA PARK COIN SHOW, Retail Clerks Hall, 8550 Stanton Ave, Buena Park, CA

OCT 7 POLK COUNTY COIN SHOW, Polk County Fairgrounds Bldg. "B", 520 S. Pacific Hwy West, Rickreall, OR

OCT 13 2ND ANNUAL SOUTH HILL COIN CLUB SHOW, Puyallup United Methodist Church, 1919 W Pioneer Ave, Puyallup, WA

OCT 13 OLYMPIA STAMP & COIN SHOW, Chehalis Yardbirds Hall, Chehalis, WA

OCT 20-21 (Setup OCT 19) PNNA-WILLAMETTE COIN CLUB 14TH ANNUAL FALL CONV. & COIN SHOW, DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel, 1000 NE Multnomah St., Portland, OR

OCT 20 (tentative) UMPQUA VALLEY STAMPFEST AND COIN SHOW, St George's Episcopal Church, 1024 SE Cass Ave, Roseburg, OR

OCT 24-27 DENVER COIN EXPO, National Western Complex, 4655 Humboldt St., Denver, CO

OCT 27-28 COEUR D'ALENE COIN CLUB FALL SHOW, Red Lion Templin's Hotel on the River, 414 E 1st Ave, Post Falls, ID

November 2018

NOV 2-3 SACRAMENTO COIN SHOW, Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St, McClellan (Sacramento), CA

NOV 9-10 SOUTH BAY-SUNNYVALE COIN SHOW, The Domain Hotel, 1085 El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, CA

NOV 10 BREMERTON-WEST SOUND COIN SHOW, West Side Improvement Club, 4109 E St., Bremerton, WA

NOV 10-11 EDMONTON COIN SHOW AND SALE, Howard Johnson Hotel, 15540 Stony Plain Road, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

NOV 17 EVERETT COIN CLUB FALL COIN & STAMP SHOW, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church (hall is behind the Church), 12810 35th Ave SE, Everett, WA

NOV 18 COIN - CURRENCY- TOKEN & MEDAL SHOW, Clackamas Banquet Center (Denny's), 15815 SE 82nd Dr & Hwy 212 E, Clackamas, OR

NOV 24 HOLIDAY COIN SHOW, Tacoma Elks Lodge #174, 2013 S. Cedar St., Tacoma, WA

NOV 24 (9am-3pm) NORTH SHORE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY STAMP & COIN FAIR, Nikkei Centre, 6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby BC

Shows will normally be open to the public from 10 AM until at least 4 PM unless otherwise indicated. Highlighted events are PNNA or ANA sponsored or co-sponsored. Events may be subject to changes or cancellations.

See pnna.org for additional shows and details for 2018-2019 including annual PNNA convention in Tukwila, WA, March 15-17, 2019.

December 2018

DEC 1-2 SALEM COIN & STAMP SHOW, Oregon State Fairgrounds, I-5 Exit 256, Columbia Hall, 2330 17th St. NE, Salem, OR

DEC 7-9 THE VEGAS COIN SHOW, Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino, 3000 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas, NV

DEC 8 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

DEC 9 (8AM-Noon) NW TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, Olympia VFW Post #318 Hall, 2902 Martin Way, Olympia, WA

DEC 15-16 (tentative) CSNA CONVENTION AND COIN SHOW, Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA—Please see <http://www.calcoin.org/shows.html> for updates about this and other California shows.

Holiday shopping?

In addition to dealers at coin shows, local coin shops can also be an excellent source of numismatic and jewelry gifts.

For some PNNA dealer sponsors with shops, see the sponsor page on the website at:

<http://pnna.org/info/sponsors.html>

Happy Holidays!

Washington Coin Clubs

See <http://pnna.org/clubs/clubs.html> for other Northwest clubs
and for club website links where available

1st Week

1st Wed **SKAGIT VALLEY COIN CLUB**, Court House, Mt. Vernon, WA, 7:00 PM. Ph. 360-424-1714.

1st Thu **OLYMPIA COIN CLUB**, Lacey Senior Center, 6757 Pacific Ave SE, Lacey WA, 7:00 PM. c/o Dick Cowley, PO Box 2773, Olympia WA 98507-2773, Ph. D. Reed, 360-438-1432.

1st Sat **EVERGREEN COIN CLUB**, Winlock Senior Center, Winlock, WA, 8:00 PM. R Turula, Ph. 360-785-3884.

3rd Week

3rd Tue **TACOMA-LAKEWOOD COIN CLUB**, Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare, 9330 59th Ave SW, Lakewood, WA, 7:00 PM. c/o David F. Schmidt, PO Box 11192, Tacoma, WA 98411, Ph. 253-565-6565, email schmidtgigharbor@yahoo.com.

3rd Thu **TRI-CITY COIN CLUB**, Elks Lodge, Kennewick, WA, 6:30 PM. Ph. 509-946-4951.

3rd Thu **SEATTLE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**, Queen Anne Manor, 100 Crockett Street (Queen Anne Hill), Seattle, WA, 7:15 PM. No Nov-Dec meetings; banquet in Feb. c/o Scott Loos, PO Box 2210, North Bend, WA 98045, Ph. 425-831-8789.

{One Oregon club added due to its proximity to Washington.}

3rd Thu **WILLAMETTE COIN CLUB**, Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th Ave in Portland, OR, 7:00 PM. Daniel Wells, WCC Pres., PO Box 19213, Portland, OR 97280.

3rd Sat **GRAYS HARBOR COIN CLUB**, Hoquiam Timberland Library, 420 7th St, Hoquiam, WA, 7:00 PM. PO Box 697, Cosmopolis, WA 98537-0697.

3rd Sat **COWLITZ COIN CLUB**, Kelso Senior Center, 106 NW 8th Ave., Kelso, WA, 7:00 PM. Cowlitz Coin Club, PO Box 1511, Longview, WA 98632. Ph. 360-423-8994.

2nd Week

2nd Tue **EVERETT COIN CLUB**, Normanna Hall, 2725 Oakes Ave, Everett, WA, 7:00 PM. Ph. 425-308-2255 (Lora Hetzel).

2nd Wed **SOUTH HILL COIN CLUB**, Hangar Inn at Thun Field, 16807 103rd Ave. E., Puyallup, WA, 6:00 PM. Ph. 253-535-0690 (Richard Schulz).

2nd Sun **PACIFIC ANCIENT NUMISMATISTS**, Bellevue Public Library, 1111 110th Ave NE, Bellevue WA. No meetings Jun-Aug. Ph. 206-526-5376 (Samuel Fahrer) or Ph. 435-747-8194 (Dee Machnichi).

4th Week & Other

4th Tue **STANWOOD COIN CLUB**, Stanwood Library, Stanwood, WA, 6:30 PM (except Jun-Aug). Mike Diedrick c/o Stanwood CC, PO Box 1483, Lake Stevens, WA 98258, Ph. 425-876-8798.

4th Wed **BOEING EMPLOYEES COIN CLUB**, Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave S, Tukwila, WA unless otherwise announced, 6:00 PM. October banquet. c/o Greg Smith, PO Box 6314, Kent, WA 98064. Ph. 253-638-8636.

Sunday/Variable **Northwest Token and Medal Society**, See coin show calendar for NWTAMS events. Mike Patton, email mnb@coastaccess.com.

Annual: The **PNNA** itself! Meetings held at annual convention. The next convention is scheduled for Mar 15-17, 2019 in Tukwila.

Note: Some coin club information may be out-of-date, and some clubs may not meet every month. We recommend that you check with the club and/or the meeting site before attending. If you find out-of-date information, please email info@pnna.org.

Do you have coins to sell?

If you have coins to sell (perhaps from an estate), the PNNA recommends that you carefully consider your options and gather information before selling. Attending a coin club meeting or a coin show may help you learn what some of your coins are worth before selling. (If attending a coin show, we recommend that you bring just a sample of your coins at first, and get more than one opinion. Do not be in a hurry to sell.) If you have a large number of coins or other numismatic items, you will likely need to make an appointment with a dealer or appraiser, and pay an hourly fee. Most dealers will waive the fee if they buy the coins. Always ask!

Reference guides (such as the "Red Book" or *Coin Prices* magazine), can be helpful, but keep in mind that these are retail prices. Prices can vary widely depending on the condition of the coins, and wholesale prices are often only 40% to 80% of retail. Coins should be sorted before selling — for example, silver dimes, quarters and halves (minted up to 1964) are worth several times face value, and should be sorted out from non-silver coins. Lincoln cents with the "wheat ear" reverse (1958 and before) should be sorted from the later dates. World coins should also be sorted out — most modern world coins sell for only about \$3 to \$5 per pound. (We give them out at the Fair.)

To contact the PNNA before selling coins, or to make other numismatic inquiries, please email info@pnna.org. In some cases, it may be possible to recommend a specific PNNA-member dealer in your area.

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See the article by Mark Benvenuto on pages 4-5.