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Numismatic Show and Tell (continued)



1972 Eisenhower dollar with two planchet clips.



A "bowtie" and a Washington quarter with a couple small clips; and a U.S. Mint "waffle" cancelled quarter.

Those are the fun show-and-tell items related to the merit badge. Some of the other fun things we display at the Boeing Employees' Coin Show for the YNs to see are the Zimbabwe 100 trillion dollar bill, Washington's (and possibly the United States') first wooden money (rectangular) from Tenino, Wash. (depression scrip 1930-1935) and the Blaine, Wash. round wooden money (a style now known as wooden nickels although Blaine made other denominations besides 5 cents). The YNs get to see cloth and porcelain money from Germany, and sometimes aluminum foil money from Germany, if Tony remembers to pull these items from his collection.



Examples of the Blaine, Washington Peace Arch wooden money.

They also get to learn about the different colors of the Treasury seals on U.S. paper dollars and see examples of those. (See prior article in the 3rd Quarter 2019 issue of *The Nor'wester*.) Other fun and unique items include a small selection of U.S. currency errors including heavy ink creating a transferred image on the adjoining bill, black or green ink smears, folded and creased paper when printing and missing items such as Treasury seals that were omitted. These items are skipped during Zoom meetings due to time constraints. Maybe that will be another article in a different issue, as the images and descriptions would take up too much space here.

Overall, whether in person at one of the coin shows, or talking numismatics virtually over Zoom (or other video conference provider), the goal is the same: keep it informative and interesting for the YNs/kids and try to perk their interest and get them asking questions.

Future Plans

The two virtual sessions we held in 2020 were well attended and certainly addressed an important demand during the pandemic. We will gauge interest in doing one or two more early in 2021. Feel free to point people our way if you know of interest! Based on our experiences, we found that we can handle about ten scouts per merit badge counselor. Therefore, we'll be allowing up to 20 scouts to register for future workshops (unless we get another merit badge counselor). We'll allow up to 25 to register, since we expect actual attendance to be less than the number who register.

While the virtual classes were important during the pandemic, once we have coin shows again we will quickly return to offering workshops in person. With vaccines starting to roll out, the timeline is not entirely clear but offers hope we will be doing these sometime in 2021.



We look forward to the advantages of in-person workshops. We can rotate a proof and uncirculated coin side-by-side to see the difference in person. (It does not work well on Zoom.) The many show-and-tell items in this article will

be available to inspect up close! Tony will hold up the plaster design for a Boeing medal and have scouts crowd around for a closer look. James will put 1835 large cents in their hands to flip and reenact the coin toss in 1845 that determined the name for Portland. Holding a large cent (very worn – just like the real one) in your hand is something Zoom cannot do.

However, when we are in-person again, we will probably miss (a little) the longer attention span the scouts gave to us when we were on their computer screens! ☺

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WILSON DOLLAR 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY MEDALS

This year, to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the Manila Mint, restrikes of the Wilson Dollar are being offered for sale. The restrikes have been struck using the original Wilson Dollar obverse die engraved by George Morgan.

The Wilson Dollar was originally struck on the newly installed minting equipment in the Philippines, the only overseas U.S. Branch Mint, to commemorate the opening of the Manila Mint in 1920. They were struck in gold, silver and bronze.

George Morgan, who engraved the dies for the Morgan dollar, also engraved the dies for the Wilson dollar.

Jeff Shevlin, the So-Called Guy, a nationally recognized expert on So-Called Dollars, historical U.S. medals, is offering the restrikes, struck by Daniel Carr of the Moonlight Mint, in gold, silver, copper, brass, aluminum, nickel and select gold-plated. The restrikes are 38mm, the same size as the original. The gold is 1.6oz, 50 grams of gold and edge marked "50 GRAMS 999+ GOLD" is \$5,000. The silver is edge marked "ONE TROY OUNCE .999 SILVER" is \$100. The copper is \$50, and the brass, aluminum and nickel are \$35. Silver with select gold-plate is \$125. The obverse die is the original Wilson Dollar die engraved by George Morgan. The reverse die commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Manila Mint and will be almost identical to the original die except in the legend "ANNIVERSARY" replaces "OPENING" and will be dated 2020. A custom Lucite holder to display the gold, silver and copper is free when the set of three are purchased. A custom Lucite holder for the silver, silver select gold-plate, copper, brass, aluminum, and nickel is free when the set of six are purchased.

Dennis Tucker, publisher, Whitman Publishing, said regarding the 100 Year Wilson Dollar Anniversary restrikes by Jeff Shevlin, "The Wilson Dollar is one of the most historically significant issues among the medals numismatists identify as 'So-Called Dollars.' We value it for the unique way it connects the people of the United States to the people of the Philippines—

a golden (and silver and bronze!) symbol of a deeply important connection that resonates to this day." "In Whitman's *Mega Red*, the expanded edition of the Red Book, we devote more than a page and a half to the Wilson Dollar. This is a measure of the importance of this intriguing, richly layered, and many-storied medal."

The Manila Mint was destroyed during World War II when the Japanese invaded the Philippine Inlands and almost 10 million dollars' worth of silver pesos, as well as Wilson dollars, were dumped into Manila Bay to avoid capture by the Japanese.

It was reported that five Wilson Dollars were struck in gold, but seven are accounted for today, 2,200 were struck in silver and 3,700 in bronze.

Visit the website www.WilsonDollar.com to place your order or contact Jeff Shevlin at SoCalledGuy@hotmail.com or (916) 955-2569.

Images are below.



Wilson Dollar 100-year Anniversary medal in Gold



Copper



Brass



Silver

PNNA President's Message

by PNNA President Ed Fischer

President notes of incredible value and other nonsense.

I look back at a time when James Reinders ask me to run for Vice President. This is with the knowledge that my next step would be to fill his ample shoes for a probable two terms or four years as President. I am beginning to feel that I won't have a lot of impact because of the total COVID shut down of the numismatic hobby. When things get rolling, we will have a lot of catching up to do. Our board is up to the task.

The Boeing show was recently canceled with hope of an even better 2022. I will miss the size and variety it offered for a local show. Another example is the recent cancellation of the ANA Phoenix show in March. May they get another chance to host in a few years. I like this one because it gave me an excuse to go to spring training baseball, visit family and soak up some sunshine. Other past cancellations included the Salem Numismatic Society and the Willamette Coin Club shows. And if you like Orlando in January—sorry, the FUN show has been cancelled.

The Polk County show went on with all the isolation and sanitation restrictions in place. Though there was some hesitation showing in the amount of attendance, those who did show up did some purchasing. A very strong show for me and my neighboring dealers. January 25th is the next planned one-day show. Check www.pnna.org for the most up-to-date functioning shows.

The upcoming PNNA board meeting in January will have a discussion about the spring Tukwila show. That location is currently showing spikes in COVID and the dynamic of using the community center make it all up in the air. Also, we may have more information about the Washington State Fair and scouting activities.

On a less gloomy note, national auctions have been showing brisk sales. eBay and Proxibid sales have good financial returns on collectables. Mail order collecting seems to be back in vogue and word of mouth has shown that people want to add to their hoards.

Kudos again to the Willamette Coin Club for starting up a monthly Zoom meeting. I was informed that they had 30 people involved with their December meeting. They are having good attendance with YNs and all the regulars. The meeting has evolved to include raffles, educational content and a question/answer segment. GOOD JOB! If any of the other clubs in our area are tech savvy, take the lead and expand your community.

Many numismatists are still out there in the background. Doing their thing. Articles are being researched, books written, one-on-one sharing between friends over recent finds. We just have to make the effort to stay involved. I will continue to work with the board the best we can to search for those ways we can share, learn and give back. Grab every opportunity.

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates and Locations:

- Jan. 16, 2021 online via Zoom, due to cancellation of the Boeing Employee's Coin Club show in Kent, Wash.
- Apr. 10, 2021 at the PNNA convention in Tukwila, at 8 a.m. (the annual membership meeting is after the show that same day), if the convention can be held; otherwise online.

Guests are always welcome to drop in on any board meeting - they are always open! (For online meetings, access should be requested in advance.) The Board and Officers serve at your pleasure - please contact any one of us with your suggestions.

PNNA Annual Awards

Please see the PNNA website for information about how to nominate someone for these awards.

Bob Everett Memorial Award —

<https://www.pnna.org/wp/awards/everett-award/>

Literary Awards (Club Newsletters/Articles) —

<https://www.pnna.org/wp/awards/literary-awards/>

National Coin Week Awards for Clubs —

<https://www.pnna.org/wp/awards/ncw-award-for-clubs/>

Nina Nystrom Numismatic Ambassador Award —

<https://www.pnna.org/wp/awards/nystrom-award/>

Presidential Award —

<https://www.pnna.org/wp/awards/presidential-award/>

Scholarship Awards —

<https://www.pnna.org/wp/awards/scholarship-awards/>

The winner of the PNNA's annual Bob Everett Memorial Award, made for integrity and demonstrated commitment to numismatics in the Pacific Northwest, will be announced at the annual spring convention on Saturday, April 10. Other PNNA annual awards will also be announced at this time. If the convention is cancelled, the awards will be announced online or at the fall show.

ANA National Coin Week

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

Dates: April 18-24, 2021.

Theme: "Money, Big & BOLD."

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