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President's Message

by PNNA President Ed Fischer



Summer Fun!

As we hit July 1st, I reflect on my new environment. The mornings start out with a bit more warmth, the yard needs more water and the people of Boise are very welcoming to an out-of-stater. Neighbors have been helpful in finding great restaurants, contractor hints for the new home and meeting new numismatists ... they are very open-armed.

The Southern Idaho Coin Club has been very welcoming—whether it was participation at the club meetings or accepting my volunteer labors at their annual show. They returned to having a show after a two-year hiatus and it was quite the success. Of course, I did my part in spreading the word about PNNA. I met and had some great conversations with collectors. They are planning to use Mother's Day weekend as their regular show date.

The spring and fall coin shows organized by the PNNA are returning to pre-Covid levels and are evolving into something that may be even better than before. Thank you to the committee. It takes the whole team of organizers, volunteers and dealers to make it the happening event. As always, if you are looking for a table contact Scott Loos to reserve. If you are on the other side of the table, you are needed too. Memories of those exchanges will create stories for years to come. The next show in Tukwila is Oct. 6-8: <https://www.pnna.org/wp/events/fall/>.

Our next big event that requires volunteer participation is the Washington State Fair. Join your club to fill all the shifts for a day, pair up with a friend or contact Kevin Charboneau or Rick Schulz. Find the link to the Fair signup page under the website event page. It goes for almost the entire month of September and creates a great opportunity to grab a scone or corn dog.

We recently dipped back into using video conferencing for our summer Board meeting. It really is the easiest way to get business done when the Board is located all over the Northwest. We were able to include a few more folks who wouldn't have been logistically able to attend a sit-down in the back of a restaurant. We are blessed to have a wide variety of skills on the Board that make things run smoothly.

My presidency is running down to an end. I will pass the gavel next spring. The election process has begun and the Board is always looking for outsiders who may have differing points of view. It keeps us fresh, current and educates us to things we overlook. Consider contacting a Board member to ask questions about our quarterly meetings, or to request to attend one of these meetings.

Please visit pnna.org (Info and Events) for show and club meeting times in the greater Pacific Northwest.

Washington State (Puyallup) Fair

by Richard Schulz



As you read this, the start of the Washington State Fair on Sept. 1 is fast approaching, and with it, the PNNA's display in the Hobby Hall. The PNNA has set up at the Fair, every year, for decades and our display is always one of the big attractions in the Hobby Hall. We expect no less this year.

For those of you who may not know what we do at the Fair, here's a brief description. The Fair is the PNNA's biggest outreach event of the year where thousands of kids of all ages visit our display for the fun of the birthyear penny search, to crank out their own elongated Fair penny, to examine the multitude of numismatic items on display, and to ask questions. To facilitate all this, we are required to have our display staffed throughout the run of the Fair. This means we must sign up a lot of volunteers which we have been doing since March! Every year, as the start of the Fair draws near, there are often shifts remaining to be filled.

If this is something you might consider, there is still time. The Fair signup schedule is posted on the PNNA web site, so you can peruse the available shifts and choose a shift or two that appeals to you. Simply call 253-535-0690, or email richardf53@yahoo.com, Rick Schulz, and he will make it happen. See <https://www.pnna.org/wp/events/fair/>.

So, what's in it for you if you volunteer? For each four hour shift, volunteers receive free passes to the Fair and the opportunity for free parking. When you're not covering your shift you can do the Fair. You also will have loads of fun interacting with kids, parents and grandparents. You might even have the opportunity to give a birthyear penny to a 100-year-old kid. It happens. You will have fun!

PNNA and Willamette Fall Shows

Separate fall coin shows are scheduled for Seattle (Tukwila) and Portland, with the PNNA sponsoring the Tukwila show and the Willamette Coin Club (WCC) sponsoring the Portland show.

The PNNA fall show in Tukwila is scheduled for Oct. 6-8, 2023, whereas the WCC fall show at the new location in Clackamas (first used last year) is scheduled for Nov. 4-5, 2023.

See <https://www.pnna.org/wp/events/fall/> for more information.

The PNNA fall coin show is expected to have family, youth and scouting activities again—see <https://www.pnna.org/wp/yms/>.

PNNA 2023 Annual Awards

by *Danny Bisgaard*

The PNNA awards committee, chaired by Danny Bisgaard, selected the recipients of the various PNNA annual awards, and they were announced at the spring convention in Tukwila.

Bob Everett Memorial Award—Awarded to Mark Gruner for dealer excellence as well as service to the PNNA and to numismatics in Idaho.

Nina Nystrom Memorial “Goodwill Ambassador” Award—Awarded to Monte Mensing, who has been very active in Oregon numismatics for many years despite being blind.

PNNA President Ed Fischer selected Char Free, David Weinstein and Joseph McCarthy as the recipients of the Presidential Award. All received 2023 U.S. Silver Eagles in holders.

The literary 1st place award winners were the South Hill Coin Club (for best club newsletter) and “The McVicker’s Theatre Medal” by James Bard (for best article, as published in the 4th Quarter 2022 edition of *The Nor’wester*).

There were no applications for this year’s PNNA adult and YN scholarships to ANA Summer Seminar. Please consider applying next year.

More information about the various PNNA awards can be found on the PNNA website at:

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

IMPORTANT! Change in *The Nor’wester* Editions

Effective with the 3rd Quarter issue last year, there are only two main editions of *The Nor’wester* each year, for the spring convention and the fall coin show. The other two editions will be short like this edition.

This change allows the two main editions to have more pages, more articles and stories, more photos, and additional dealer ads if requested. There will be plenty

of copies printed for distribution at shows, clubs and other events such as the Fair. Plus they’re in full color!

PLEASE DON’T WAIT! Submit your content now (preferably in July) for this fall. All content including ads **MUST** be received by mid-August.

Send content or inquiries to Eric@Holcomb.com.

Assistance is available for editing and photography if needed. Please use commercially available photos only if you have permission. In the case of Heritage Auctions (<https://www.ha.com/>), we can use images with the proper credit. Some Wikipedia text and images can also be used with credit, as can U.S. Mint images.

PNNA Officers / Directors 2022-2024

See the PNNA website at:

<https://www.pnna.org/wp/info/pnna-governance/board/>.

The current Board was installed at the spring convention in Tukwila in 2022.

For meeting minutes, including the annual general membership meeting, see:

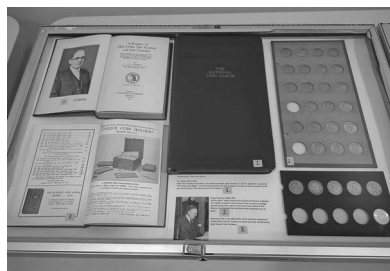
<https://www.pnna.org/wp/info/pnna-governance/minutes/>.

PNNA Collector Exhibits

by *Eric Holcomb*

There were no competitive exhibits at the PNNA spring convention due to limited late entries. Hopefully there will be exhibits at the fall show. For updates, including how to apply, see:

<https://www.pnna.org/wp/exhibits/>.



*This photo shows the first case of PNNA board member **Gawain O’Connor’s** non-competitive exhibit, “Collecting with Classic Coin Albums.”*

PNNA Spring Convention

The 72nd Annual PNNA Convention and Spring Coin Show was held April 14-16, 2023, in Tukwila, Washington, and was a huge success! Convention chairman Kevin Charboneau reported a three-day public attendance of 1,137, and many dealers with tables at the show reported excellent business.

In addition, David Edge, of the Seattle Coin Club, interviewed several dealers, along with PNNA “penny squisher” Rick Schulz, and produced a nice 5-minute video, which you can view on YouTube. See the post on the PNNA blog at <https://www.pnna.org/wp/blog/>.