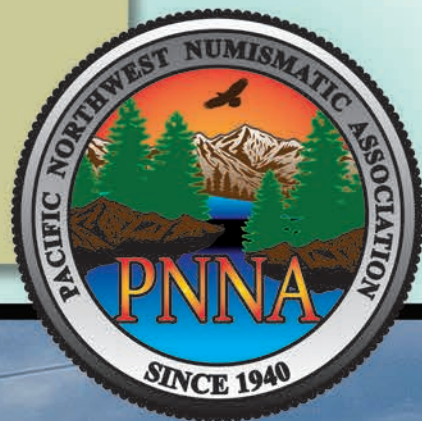


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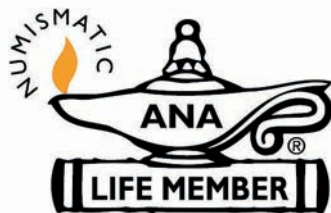
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## Welcome to Tukwila

*by General Chairman Kevin Charboneau*

Welcome to the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association 73rd Annual Spring Convention and Coin Show, held since 2001 in Tukwila, Washington!

This year's public show hours are:

Fri. April 12 noon until 7:00 p.m.  
Sat. April 13 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.  
Sun. April 14 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Show address: Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave. So., Tukwila, WA.

Everything I am seeing indicates that coin show activity is very strong. The PNNA Spring Convention and coin show is almost upon us. The bourse floor is sold out. We are going to have our full contingent of dealers from all across the nation. You know that you can find anything you are looking for. I have been looking at ancients and I was surprised by the selection.

These are exciting times. The shows in the area that I have attended have been very successful, based on the comments of the vendors. The electricity on the bourse floors is exciting. I hope we have that kind of excitement in April.

We will be sponsoring the BSA Merit Badge again and all scouts in uniform and their parents will have free access to the bourse floor. (Girls may also participate in BSA events.) There will be competitive exhibits. You can come and go as you please.

The Saturday treasure hunt is happening for the youth. Lots of coins for everyone and a great adventure searching for the answers to the numismatic related question. Parent escorts will have free run of the bourse floor as well. (Note that the treasure hunt may end by about 1 p.m. or 2 p.m. at the latest on Sunday—please register early!)

If you would like to volunteer to help at the front desk, or have questions or would like more show information, please send an email to Kevin, [kcharboneau58@comcast.net](mailto:kcharboneau58@comcast.net). I announced that I need help with the chairperson functions. I have not heard from anyone as of yet. I will not be physically available at the show for about half of the show. Let me know if you can help out. You just need to be the person that is available to help with

all the little things that come up during the show. I have all the prep done. I look forward to seeing you.

Up-to-date information will also be posted on the PNNA website at <https://www.pnna.org/wp/events/spring/>.

## Additional Show Information

- Thanks to the South Hill Coin Club of Puyallup, Wash., host club for this PNNA convention.
- Parking is free, and admission to the bourse is only \$5.00 per day, \$10.00 for all three days. Children 12 and under are free. "Early Bird" admission (9:00 a.m. Fri/Sat/Sun) is usually \$50.00.
- The ANACS grading service ([www.anacs.com](http://www.anacs.com)) will have a bourse table at the show to accept submissions, but will not have a grader present. They also have a special deal on certain submissions — see the ad on the back cover.
- We plan to have exhibits again this spring — see the website at <https://www.pnna.org/wp/exhibits/>.
- Unfortunately, there will not be any numismatic theater or club meetings at the spring show.
- The YN (youth and family) program and treasure hunt will be conducted by former ANA president Walt Ostromecki. The program is hosted by the PNNA and by participating local coin clubs.
- There will a scouting program at the spring show, as noted by Kevin. For information, contact James Reinders by email, [coins2024@collect3.com](mailto:coins2024@collect3.com).
- There will be souvenir elongated coins, and you can make your own with the PNNA's "penny press."
- On Saturday, the PNNA annual general membership meeting begins at about 6:15 p.m., after the bourse closes. A board meeting will be held that morning.

*Say hello to Kevin  
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at the show!*

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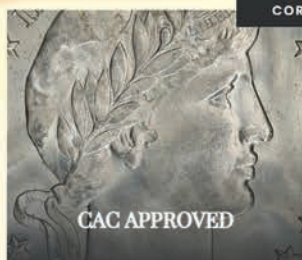
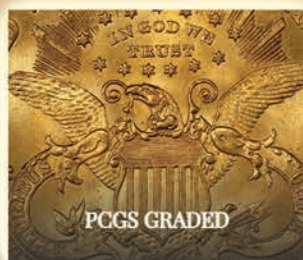
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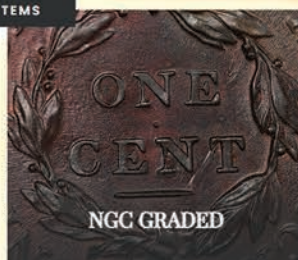




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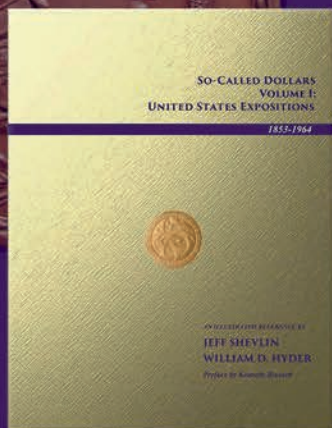
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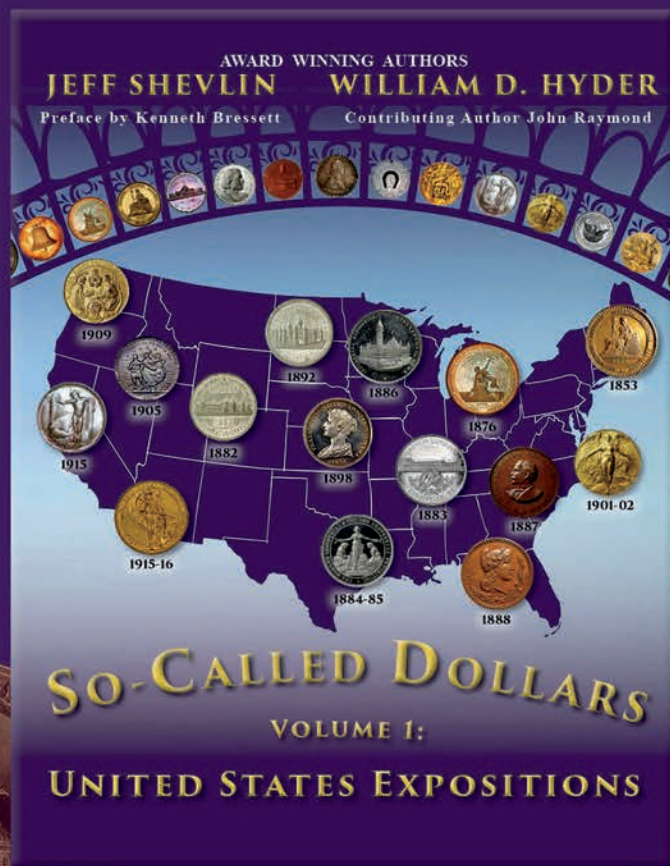
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## PNNA President's Message

by PNNA President Ed Fischer

There are many reasons a person goes into the field of numismatics. You can start at any age in your life, young, old or in between. The purpose you have will be a journey you take and may perpetually change as numismatics develop in your life.



I started with Lincoln Cents from my great grandmother, moved to the shiny coins and more recently history has intrigued me. That path had many twists as differing historic events have crossed my path.

My taste in what I have collected have evolved and changed. Most recently *Malaysian Pirates* started me on Straits Settlements (a former British crown colony situated on the Malay Peninsula of Asia) and an ANA Summer Seminar course fired me up about Spanish eight reales coins. What you collect is your combined purpose, history and path.

I started on a journey eight years ago that would end with being the president of this great organization. Many weird opportunities crossed my path, like converting to two coin shows in the Seattle area, a pandemic which shut down shows as we know them and restarting with a great team of knowledgeable partners.

We have enjoyed the company of many new faces that assisted the growth of PNNA. The old regulars have been a sturdy foundation, growing as the newbies entered the fold. Through it all numismatics came out on top, flourished and welcomed many new collectors.

I offer my sincere thanks for all the hard work these people provided during all the changes. Being president is part leading and part getting out of the way of the accomplishees.

This newsletter mailing will also have the ballots for the upcoming election. See the candidate statements on pages 20-21, and VOTE, VOTE, VOTE! The new PNNA Board of Governors will be sworn in at the membership meeting on Saturday evening during the spring PNNA coin show. Come down and meet your new Board.

Shows are very labor intensive and require lots of support from the members. Assistance can be very simple like sitting in the hospitality room giving the host a break, greeting at the front desk or cranking out a few squished cents on the Penny Press. Volunteers make the event a success in all the areas. If you see Kevin Charboneau or I, stop us to see where you fit in.

One more time, it has been my pleasure to serve you and the PNNA.

*You can also view the most recent PNNA president's messages online at:*

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

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Other upcoming shows and events include:

- March 14-16 – ANA National Money Show®
- April 21-27 – 101st ANA National Coin Week
- May 24-25 – Southern Idaho Coin Show, Boise, Id.
- May 26 (one day) – Albany, Ore.
- June 16-19 and 23-26 – ANA Summer Seminar, Colorado Springs, Col., in two sessions
- August 17-18 – Florence, Ore.

See [www.PNNA.org](http://www.PNNA.org) for current up-to-date show information. And there are other private shows listed also.

## Morgan Dollars—including Coin Club “Show and Tell”

by Eric Holcomb

*Show and tell photos courtesy of Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club (2002-2009) and Bend Coin Club of Central Oregon (2021-2023)*

### Introduction

The coinage law of 1873 discontinued the production of the previous Liberty Seated silver dollars, although it did provide for Trade Dollars minted from 1873 to 1885.

The Bland-Allison Act of 1878 authorized silver dollar coinage to resume with the same standards in use since 1837. This corresponded with the availability of silver from mines in the western U.S. including Nevada.

George T. Morgan designed the new dollar.

Coinage continued through 1904, and was restarted again in 1921, following the Pittman Act of 1918, which resulted in many earlier silver dollars being melted.

### Politics of Silver

Due to a large influx of silver from western U.S. mines, the price of silver declined to less than \$1 for the content of a silver dollar.

This was advantageous for the silver mining interests, since the law at the time allowed silver to be freely coined into dollars.

Politicians including William Jennings Bryan favored silver, whereas others including William McKinley favored a gold standard. They faced off in the 1896 presidential election, won by McKinley.



The privately issued “Bryan Dollar” shows how large a silver dollar would need to be, to contain a full \$1 worth of silver. (The cartwheel is the size of a standard dollar coin.)

*Bend Coin Club — 2021.*

### Morgan Dollar Mints

- Philadelphia – all years, no mintmark.
- Carson City – most years from 1878-1893, with the famous CC mintmark.
- New Orleans – all years from 1879-1904, with an O mintmark.
- San Francisco – all years, S mintmark.
- Denver – 1921 only, D mintmark. In that one year, Denver minted over 20 million dollars, more than all 13 years of CC mintages combined (under 14 million).



The CC Mint, now part of the Nevada State Museum, operated from 1870 to 1893, and remained a U.S. assay office until 1933. *Photo by Eric Holcomb, June 2023.*

### Mintages

Approximately 570 million Morgan Dollars were minted prior to 1921.

An additional 86.7 million of these dollars were minted in 1921, followed by about 1 million dollars of the new Peace design in December 1921.

Approximately 50% of pre-1921 Morgan Dollars were melted because of the Pittman Act of 1918. (The actual percentage is 47.4% - about 270 million out of 570 million.)

Of the 300 million Morgan Dollars not melted by the Pittman Act, many (if not most) remained in storage at the mints or the Treasury until the great



## Morgan Dollar article (continued)

releases of 1962-1964. The once rare 1903-O suddenly became common, and the modern popularity of silver dollar collecting was under way!

### 1878 Dollar 7 Tail Feathers, Reverse of 1878



Mintage 9.759 million (all varieties). PCGS MS62PL – est. value \$200 to \$300.

According to *The E-Sylum* (Feb. 18, 2024), Leroy C. Van Allen and Michael S. Fey have published a new book on Amazon Kindle on the story of the Morgan Dollar 8 & 7 over 8 Tail Feather varieties. Some of these varieties are rare and worth collecting!

*Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club, 2004.*

### 1879-S Dollar



Mintage 9.110 million (all varieties). NGC MS66 – est. value \$450. *Bend Coin Club – May 2022.*

### Common dates with high PCGS Populations

Prices are from the 2024 *Red Book*. Current PCGS Price Guide values may be somewhat higher, typically from about \$250 to \$300 in MS65, and up to perhaps \$500 or so for Proof Like (PL65).

- 1881-S (mintage 12.76 million, about 295,000 graded, \$245 in MS65)
- 1882-S (mintage 9.25 million, about 95,000 graded, \$245 in MS65) Fewer graded but see

photo in MS67 in the right-hand column.

- 1884-O (mintage 9.73 million, about 235,000 graded, \$245 in MS65) See photo in MS63 at the bottom of this column.
- 1885-O (mintage 9.185 million, about 216,000 graded, \$245 in MS65)

Note that these New Orleans mintages are not as high as some other dates. For example, 1886-O to 1890-O all had mintages above 10 million, but have lower survival rates in MS condition, especially the 1886-O as noted elsewhere!

### 1882-S Dollar



Mintage 9.250 million. PCGS MS67 with CAC – est. value \$1,150. *Bend Coin Club – Jan. 2021.*

### PCGS Morgans Graded

PCGS has graded approximately 4 million Morgan Dollars as of January 2024.

For more information: PCGS CoinFacts <https://www.pcg.com/coinfacts/category/morgan-dollar-1878-1921/744> (or just start at [pcg.com](https://www.pcg.com)).

### 1884-O Dollar



Mintage 9.730 million. NGC MS63 – est. value \$100. *Bend Coin Club holiday raffle prize - 2023.*

## Morgan Dollar article (continued)

### 1888-O VAM 4 Dollar ("Hot Lips" variety)



Mintage 12.150 million (all varieties).

Fine – est. value \$150, more than three times the \$45 value for normal variety.

VAM refers to the Van Allen and Mallis catalog of Morgan/Peace dollars. See Top 100 Morgan VAMs at <https://www.pcg.com/coinfacts/vam/1>.

*Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club, 2009.*

### High Grade Rarities

Some Morgan Dollars had high mintages and are common in circulated grades, but most either entered circulation or were melted, so they are rare in MS grades. Others are rare as expected due to low mintages.

The following non-error dates/mints are worth over \$100,000 in MS65:

- 1884-S (mintage 3.2 million, worth \$225,000 in 2024 *Red Book*)
- 1886-O (mintage 10.71 million, worth \$165,000 – common in low grades)
- 1889-CC (mintage 0.35 million, worth \$300,000 – expensive in all grades)
- 1892-S (mintage 1.2 million, worth \$225,000 – scarce even in lower grades)
- 1893-O (mintage 0.3 million, worth \$175,000 – \$500 even in VF)
- 1893-S (mintage 0.1 million, worth \$750,000 – very expensive rarity in all grades)
- 1895-O (mintage 0.45 million, worth \$235,000 – \$425 even in VF)

- 1896-O (mintage 4.9 million, worth \$160,000 – common in low grades)
- 1901 (mintage 6.96 million, worth \$400,000 but fairly common in grades up to EF; the only Philadelphia mint coin on this list; there is an even rarer double die reverse variety)

Photos are coming up of the 1889-CC and 1893-S (but not in Mint State)!

The 1895 is rare because it's proof only, but only exceeds \$100,000 in higher proof grades.

### 1889-CC Dollar



Mintage 0.35 million. Very Fine – est. value \$2,500. *Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club, 2006.*

### 1892-CC Dollar



Mintage 1.352 million.

MS60 or better – est. value \$1,800 to \$2,800.

*Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club, 2005.*



## Morgan Dollar article (continued)

### 1893-S Dollar



Mintage 0.1 million. Very Fine – est. value \$7,000 to \$9,000. *Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club, 2006.*

### 1894 Dollar



Mintage 110,000.

ICG AU58 – est. value \$3,500.

*Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club, 2003.*

### 1895 Proof Dollar



Mintage 880. NGC PF 65 Cameo — est. value about \$100,000. Would only be worth up to about \$10,000 if there had been business strikes. *Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club, 2002.*

### 1898-O Dollar



Mintage 4.440 million.

PCGS grade not recorded – est. value \$75; another common coin. *Bend Coin Club auction – Oct. 2023.*

### 1900-O/CC Dollar



Total "O" mintage of 12.59 million; much less for the "O/CC" repunched mintmark.

PCGS MS64 — est. value \$1,750.

*Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club, 2007.*

### Silver Dollar Coin Anniversary Act

See article and U.S. Mint images on pages 18-19. These were intended to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 1921 issues but have proven so popular that production continues as a recurring annual product!

### For More Reading

See the ANA Money Museum virtual exhibit, "Bryan Money: Political Propaganda in Metal," at:

<https://www.money.org/money-museum/virtual-exhibits-mia-case29/>.

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## Washington State Fair



*By PNNA Fair coordinator and "penny press" operator Rick Schulz.*

*Say hello to Rick when you see him at the penny press at the spring coin show!*

The Washington State Fair will be upon us before you know it and it is time to start planning for this annual event and how we can make it, and the PNNA's participation, a success. For those of you who are a bit confused by the first sentence, let me explain. Over the past several decades the PNNA has sponsored a display in the Hobby Hall of the Fair and, for the past 15 years or so, I have had the honor of being the coordinator of this effort along with co-coordinator Kevin Charboneau. Our planning and development for this display has become a year-round effort that really starts to ramp up every spring with our efforts to recruit volunteers for our display. We are one of just two staffed displays in the Hobby Hall (the other being the Gem and Mineral Club), and we are required to staff the display whenever the Hobby Hall is open. So, starting in March, if you are a member of a Western Washington coin club, you can expect to see me or Kevin at your meeting in search of volunteers.

Those of you outside this area do not need to feel locked out of this opportunity. If you'd like to join us at the Fair, you are welcome to volunteer for a shift or two. Keep reading to find out more about our activities at the Fair and the benefits of volunteering.

This year's Washington State Fair runs from August 30 to September 22. We are asking for volun-

teers to help us cover three shifts a day for the run of the Fair. Each shift is about four hours long. You do not have to be an expert numismatist to volunteer. Last year we had a couple of volunteers who knew almost nothing about coin collecting and they had a great time. There will always be someone at the display who can answer the tougher questions. (Editor's note: Fair visitors may also send questions to [info@pnna.org](mailto:info@pnna.org).)

So, what do our volunteers get for signing up for a shift or two besides the warm fuzzy feeling of knowing you helped support the hobby we love? Each volunteer gets free passes to the Fair and free parking. Depending on the day, this can save you around 50 bucks per couple! When you are not covering your shift, you can do the Fair.

The Fair also has a series of concerts with a headliner on stage just about every day. You can check out the series lineup at [www.thefair.com](http://www.thefair.com). As of this writing, they were still booking acts, but it won't be long before the lineup is set.

So, what is the display and what does a shift entail? Our display consists of two or three display cases and a wall display containing a lot of different numismatic material. The display tables have trays of Lincoln cents (pennies) that kids of all ages can search thorough for their birth year. When found our volunteer will staple it into a specially stamped 2x2 and return it as a souvenir of the Fair. There will also be a tray of world coins that kids can search through for their favorite. And, the PNNA's penny press will be there cranking out elongated cents designed especially for the Fair. There will also be a table with fliers and periodicals promoting the PNNA and other local clubs. One of the most important outreach functions is to answer numismatic related questions from our visitors. As I stated above, you might not be able to answer a question, but someone will be there who can.



## Washington State Fair (continued)

If this is something you might be interested in, there will be a fair schedule/signup page on the PNNA web site, [www.pnna.org](http://www.pnna.org). Unfortunately, this is not an interactive signup sheet, so if you do find shifts you'd like to cover you will have to reach out to me at the contact numbers below.

I understand that some potential volunteers will wait until the last minute to decide because they are unsure of their plans. I encourage you to sign up early knowing that things can change, and you may have to back away from your shift. That is okay and understandable; we can work it out.

I will guarantee, if you do decide to volunteer, that you will have a good time and a lot of fun. I've been signing up volunteers for the Fair for many years and have never gotten a complaint from a single one.

I hope my words have fired you up to volunteer. The Fair and our Hobby Hall display are great fun and I look forward to seeing you there. Until then, happy collecting everyone.

Rick Schulz

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## Silver Dollars, or Another Bullion Coin?

by Mark Benvenuto

The field of precious metal bullion coins has absolutely taken off in the past few decades. Although the United States Mint was not the first player in this particular arena, it has become a major one since releasing the first silver and gold Eagles back in 1986. We have now an entire series of silver Eagles from which to choose, spanning parts of five decades. As well, we have four different sizes of gold Eagles that are closing in on 40 years of history, a second series of gold bullion coins – those being the American Buffaloes – as well as platinum and even palladium Eagles. And in 2021 we were treated to the idea of a centennial commemorative for the Morgan and Peace dollar designs. As 2023 ends, and a series of modern Morgan and Peace dollars appears to be forming, it's fair to ask ourselves: do we have yet another set of bullion coins?

It's easy to give a quick 'yes' or 'no' to such a question, but it's also fun to dig into some of the details, and to make comparisons with what has gone before. Let's do that, and see where it leads.



*U.S. Mint images.*

### First, the weight and fineness

The new Morgan and Peace dollars have a face value of one dollar, as does the silver Eagle, but weigh in at 0.859 troy ounces of the precious



metal, which is definitely lower than the Eagle, but higher than the 0.77344 ounces for the traditional Morgan and Peace dollars. Each is 99.9% silver, which pretty much makes it a piece of bullion, as the original Morgan and Peace dollars were only 90% silver, with the remaining 10% being copper.

Just looking at those numbers, we can claim this is basically a bullion coin. After all, the convenient weight of one ounce is a pretty modern idea. The famous Maria Theresa thalers, for example, are still used as bullion silver coins, and they do not weigh in at such a weight. Likewise, classic Morgan and Peace dollars get traded about for their silver bullion value, especially if they have some wear on them.

### Second, the proofs

If we look at the modern Morgan and Peace dollars, as well as the annual issues of silver Eagles, it's no surprise that there are proofs available for each. The Mint had brought a commemorative coin program back to life in 1982, with the issue of a single half dollar. By 1986, when the first silver Eagles came out, the folks in the driver's seat realized that collectors liked proof coins better than their uncirculated kin, at least based on direct purchases, and opted for proof silver Eagles right from the get go. They always look beautiful.



## Silver Dollars, or Another Bullion Coin? (continued)

They always are made to incredibly high and exacting standards. And they always cost more than what might be called the regular issues. So it's no surprise at all that the 2021 Morgan and Peace dollars, and now the 2023's as well, have been made and marketed as proofs.

Knowing that there are some handsome proof versions of the modern Morgan and Peace dollars does not then really move the argument towards one conclusion or the other. Yes, these can definitely be considered proof versions of silver dollars. But yes, these can also be considered proof versions of a pair of bullion coins.

### Third, the resale value

How much we can sell the new Morgan and Peace dollars for is one of those odd bits of numismatics as a hobby that collectors really do not think of as all that odd. Yet if we make a comparison, say to different name brands of porcelain figurines, or of baseball memorabilia, or of comic books, we routinely find that when folks buy such items, they don't expect them to rise in value all that much. One online source (<https://www.thestreet.com>) even lists some of the lines of figurines as among the top 10 worthless collectibles. Yet when it comes to coins, we always expect them to go up in some way, shape, or form. That's tough when it comes to modern offerings which cost more from the Mint than they eventually do on the secondary market. But in the case of these modern Morgan and Peace dollars, they will always have a value linked to the value of the precious metal in them. As long as we do not purchase at too much of a premium above that cost of the metal, we ought to have some benefit, should a future time come in which we wish to sell.

Thus, it appears that the resale value argues for our new silver dollars actually being bullion coins, despite their weight not being an even ounce.

### Fourth, international acceptability

This one is really tough to get a feel for, since the two types of modern silver dollars are so new. There is a significant amount of overlap among collectors of United States and British coins, for folks on both sides of the Atlantic. But other countries have populations with keen interests in precious metals as well, in coin form as well as ingots. Picking just one, Singapore exempts silver coins from their Goods and Services Tax, or GST. This makes it attractive for people to buy.

Still, whether a nation has a favorable policy about owning silver or not, it's a bit early to make a judgement call as to whether this makes the new Morgan and Peace dollars coins or bullion pieces.

### Overall?

Okay, we have come this far and not arrived at a hard-and-fast conclusion. Call it hedging our bets (which sounds better than calling it a writer's waffling cowardice), but the real answer might be that these new dollar coins are both. The Mint was clever enough to use designs which the collecting community loves. It was also savvy enough to make them out of silver. Whatever we decide about their status, it looks like we'll have some fun if we choose to collect these new, big silver "dollars."



## PNNA Board Candidates, 2024-2026



### **Rick Schulz — President**

I am running for Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association President. I have been an elected director for several terms and feel I have much more to contribute to making the PNNA a better association for both dealers and collectors.

For the past 14 years I have served as Coordinator for the PNNA's Hobby Hall display at the Washington State Fair (formerly the Puyallup Fair). I, along with many volunteers, have enlarged the display and added new features.

I was instrumental in the location and procurement of a penny press for the PNNA and have helped PNNA member clubs develop and procure their own dies for the press. I've also helped set up and operate the press as a representative of the PNNA at local club shows.

I received the PNNA Presidential Award in 2007 and 2011, and the Bob Everett Award in 2013.

I feel that I have more to give in service to numismatics; and ask for your vote for me as your new PNNA President for the 2024-2026 term.



### **Ed Fischer — Past President (remains on board)**

It has been my pleasure to serve PNNA for the last four years. There have been many opportunities for PNNA to provide leadership through the challenge of a pandemic and show the grit to climb back on top. I could not have done what little I did without the entire team on the

Board. They were the true workhorses and heroes.

I plan to continue to assist in what ever capacity I can as a Board member. I am still involved and hope to do so into the future. There are so many ways to serve.



### **Kevin Charboneau — V.P.**

I first became interested in coin collecting when I was 12. My father owned a hardware store and I worked summers with him. When I was 12, it became my job to count the change in the till at the end of the day. I would extract the silver, wheaties, and any nickel older than 1958. That was my pay for working

the day. I would take them home and put them in Whitman holders. I still have those folders, and I still collect modern U.S. coinage. After my time with the Air Force, I was looking for a way to reconnect with my dad, and in talking to him found he had become interested in coins and had joined the local coin club. We came together as collectors, and I joined the local coin club as well. I am now the President of the Olympia Coin Club and the Vice President of the South Hill Coin Club. I

have served on the board of the PNNA. I have been working with the Washington State Fair display. I have chaired the annual PNNA spring conventions and the fall shows, in Tukwila, for the past 10 years and chaired the bourse for some local club shows.



### **Danny Bisgaard — Secretary**

Danny is a former PNNA President; and agreed to serve as Secretary.

Danny served as General Chair of the 2015 ANA National Money Show in Portland, has also received an ANA Presidential Award, and is well-known for his dedicated service to numismatics and to community service organizations for many years.



### **Scott Loos — Treasurer**

Scott Loos is the finance/HR manager for a metropolitan park district; and has over 20 years of experience in non-profit and government accounting management. He has been active in numismatics on the local, regional, and national levels for some years. Currently he serves as treasurer of the PNNA, as well as of the Conder Token

Collector's Club (national). He is past president of the Seattle Numismatic Society, past president of the PNNA and the Spokane Coin Club; and has served as treasurer for these and many other numismatic entities.

He has also served as national and regional coordinator in the ANA club representative program.



### **James Bard — Director**

James serves on the PNNA education committee and has written articles for *The Nor'wester*.



### **Brian Deren — Director**

Brian has been active in several area coin clubs for the past twenty years or so and has been a PNNA member for about the last ten years. For the past

several years he has been very active in the PNNA's Hobby Hall display at the Washington State Fair.

Brian has years of experience with other area organizations. He is the current president of the local Seahawkers booster club and has been a past officer of a local Lions Club. Brian is a retired Air Traffic Controller and has worked in the local area for about 30 years.

**Appointed positions —** Dennis Reed (dealer director) and Eric Holcomb (Editor/Webmaster). See PNNA website for more information.



## PNNA Board Candidates, 2024-2026 (continued)



### Ray Fiorini — Director

I have been a numismatic collector in earnest since the mid-eighties. I belong to three local coin clubs, one regional coin club and three national coin clubs. I am the newsletter editor for the Olympia, South Hill and Seattle Coin Clubs which have won awards from the PNNA and the ANA. I also spend a lot of time with the coin clubs in an elected capacity as

well as volunteering for outside activities such as hosting-related duties during the PNNA shows and the South Hill Coin Club show, along with multiple shifts at the PNNA booth at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup.

On a personal level, I have been married to my beautiful bride since 1976 and have three children and five grandchildren. I spent 15 years as a Boy Scout leader, finishing as a Scout Master. I grew up in Burien and currently live in Auburn. Except for five years spent living in California and one year in Oregon, I have lived here most of the time. I worked primarily as a purchasing manager until I retired in 2012.

I am honored to be considered to become a member of the PNNA board and if elected I will do my best to serve with distinction. Thank you, Ray.



### Mark Gruner — Director

Mark has been collecting coins since 1958. He started working in a coin shop in Portland in 1972 and opened his own coin store, Grunberg Schloss Collectors' Cabinet, in Sandpoint, Idaho, in 1989, and has run it since. At coin shows he is the "supplies man" selling books, coin holders, and lots more, and his sons come to help.

Mark has served as treasurer as well as president of the Inland Empire Coin Club in Spokane, is a member of the Coeur d'Alene Coin Club, and has been an ANA member since 1982. Over the years Mark has found new interesting areas of numismatics, from ancients to medieval and world, as well as U.S., and really enjoys it all. He considers being on the PNNA board a privilege.



### Tony Kalt — Director

I have enjoyed being a PNNA board member and reaching out and promoting the hobby. I best enjoy working with the YNs and the Scouts doing the merit badge and the treasure hunt at the coin shows. I enjoy the process of being a board member and doing numismatic outreach. I have in turn learned a lot about the hobby.

I started collecting coins before the internet and there were no local clubs for me to join. I was a YN but never knew the term. I searched bank rolls and the change in the register at the store that I worked at. The closest dealer or coin shop that I knew of was 100 miles away and it was fun to search their 'junk' silver halves and sometimes dollars when I could make the rare visit.

I have fun as I collect a little bit of everything, and enjoy "show and tell," and have complete sets of a few things. I love

to use some of the world currencies as a homeschooling lesson with my kids. I am an active member of the Boeing Employees' Coin Club and run the YN table at its annual coin show. I'm a life member of the PNNA and assist with its YN treasure hunts. I decided in 2014 to get more involved and give back to numismatics on a different level and became a PNNA board member. I continue to learn more about the PNNA and different areas I want to be a part of. I have enjoyed my tenure on the board and would like to continue.

### Lisa Loos — Director

Lisa is a PNNA past president, and shares Scott & Lisa Loos Ancient, Medieval and World Coins with Scott.



### Gawain O'Connor — Director

I started collecting in the 1960's but my interest in coins really sparked in 1977 when I joined the ANA and began doing more research. In the 1980's I became a member and officer in several local coin clubs in Iowa; and helped my friend and neighbor Jack Glass complete a revision of the book on Iowa merchant trade tokens. After moving to Colorado in 1998, I participated in local clubs as well as volunteering at the ANA museum. Since moving to the Pacific Northwest in 2005, I have volunteered at the Klondike Gold Rush National Historic Park in Seattle and joined the PNNA in 2006, serving as one of its directors since then. My wife and I are members of the International Bank Note Society chapter in Vancouver, B.C. We live in Bellingham where I work for local government. My interest in numismatics is broad — including ancient coins, modern world coins, tokens, paper money, and early U.S. coins.

I enjoy learning and talking about all aspects of numismatics. Currently, I am serving on the Education and Exhibits committees and look forward to helping the PNNA's mission in the future.



### James Reinders — Director

James is a life member of the ANA and PNNA, serves as PNNA Scout Program coordinator and was the Scout chair for the 2015 ANA National Money Show in Portland. He received the PNNA's Everett Award in 2009, is Willamette Coin Club webmaster, received the ANA 2013 Adult Advisor Award and served as the chair of the Technology Advisory Committee for the ANA. His scout workshops have helped hundreds of scouts earn coin collecting badges.

A longtime coin collector, James has given back to the hobby. He served from 2016-2020 as PNNA president.



### Dan Vornbrock — Director

Dan has been active in numismatics, including with both the PNNA and the Seattle Coin Club, for many years. He has been an exhibitor and exhibit coordinator for the PNNA. He would be honored to continue serving on the board.

## PNNA Annual Awards

*Please see the PNNA website for more information about 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, is usually announced at the spring convention, along with most other PNNA annual awards. Please consider nominating someone for one or more of these important awards.*

## PNNA Calendar

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## PNNA Convention Collector Exhibits

*by Eric Holcomb, PNNA Chief Judge*

*We plan to have exhibits again this spring — see the website at <https://www.pnna.org/wp/exhibits/> for complete collector exhibit information, application form, rules and judging criteria, and past winners with exhibit photos. (Past exhibit reports now converted to PDF files with photos also available in a separate folder.)*

## PNNA Board Meeting Minutes

*Minutes from past PNNA board meetings, including at the BECC coin show in January, are available at <https://www.pnna.org/wp/info/pnna-governance/minutes/>*

## ANA Summer Seminar

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

*Dates: June 16-19 and June 23–26, 2024.*

*Location: Colorado Springs, Colorado.*

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## PNNA & WCC Fall Shows

*Webpage:*

*<https://www.pnna.org/wp/events/fall/>*

*The PNNA and the Willamette Coin Club will host separate fall coin shows again this year: to be announced in Tukwila, Wash. (PNNA) and Nov. 9-10 in Clackamas, Ore. (WCC).*

*See p. 3 for the spring PNNA convention and coin show welcome message.*

*The fall shows have many popular features — 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>.*

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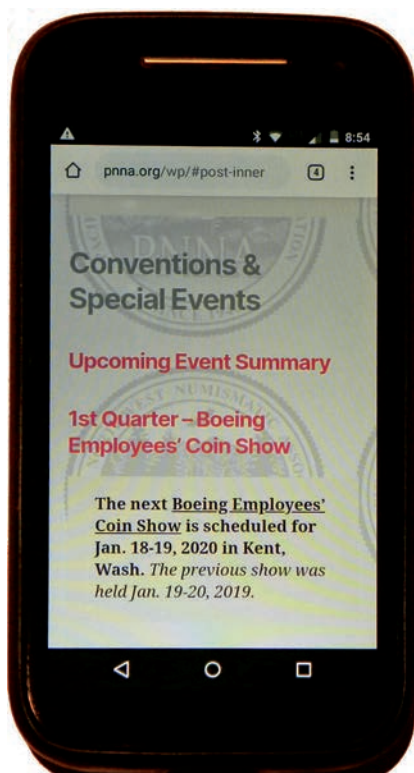


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