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## President's Message

by PNNA President Rick Schulz



Hello again everyone. I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. As I write this, it is still a few days before Christmas, so we'll have to compare notes next time we meet.

2024 has been a busy year for yours truly. I've had the pleasure of attending coin shows across the Pacific Northwest and look forward to visiting many more in 2025. I take the

PNNA's penny press along to most shows, and it is always a hit with kids of all ages. And I'm always talking about the PNNA and asking folks what we can do to make it a better organization.

I also want to visit more local club meetings this year. I am currently a member of four local clubs in the Puget Sound area so they see a lot of me, but I want to expand out to other clubs when I can. I encourage everyone to occasionally visit different clubs in your area. Every club is different, and all have good ideas. You just might find some features that would work well in your club.

This past year I've had the pleasure of speaking to a number of community groups. This is a great way to get the message out about the joy of coin collecting and provides the opportunity to answer the oft asked question, "I have these coins I inherited, now what do I do with them?" If you are comfortable speaking to a group of people, I encourage you to give it a try. There are numerous clubs and organizations that are always on the hunt for guest speakers, and it's a great way to for local clubs to reach out to their community and be a go-to source for numismatic information.

So, what else are we looking forward to this year? The first big event is the Boeing Employee's Coin Club show, January 18-19. This is one of the biggest shows of the year in the Northwest and the PNNA will be there. Many of you reading this issue of *The Nor'wester* likely

picked it up at the Boeing show. The penny press will be there with a new die especially for the show. The first PNNA board meeting of the year will take place Saturday, right after the show closes for the day. Our meetings are open to all PNNA members.

The PNNA 74th Annual Convention and Spring Coin Show will be held in Tukwila, Washington, April 11-13. This show, along with our fall show, are the biggest in the Northwest, and draw dealers from across the country.

The PNNA offers one adult and one Young Numismatist (YN) scholarship each year to attend the ANA's Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs. If you are thinking about attending one of the ANA seminars this year, you need to apply soon. You can find more information and an application in this issue.

Our biggest outreach event is coming up in September. I'm talking about the Washington State Fair. It may sound a little strange talking about something that is still nine months down the road, but it takes a lot of planning to do what we do at the Fair. What we do is set up a numismatic display in the Fair's Hobby Hall. Hobby Hall management requires we staff the display through the run of the Fair, so we need volunteers. I'm bringing this up now because volunteer signup will start in March. Watch this space for more information in the next *Nor'wester*.

I hope 2025 is a good year for you, your family and your friends. There is a lot going on this year that will continue to fuel your numismatic enthusiasm. If you see me at the Boeing show, please stop and say hello. And, as always, happy collecting.

### Additional Fair information:

The Washington State Fair in Puyallup ran from Aug. 30-Sept. 22, 2024. PNNA activities at the Fair took place in the Hobby Hall again. See the PNNA website Fair page at <https://www.pnna.org/wp/events/fair/> for details, and get ready for next fall!

If you have questions or wish to volunteer in 2025, please contact Hobby Hall coordinator Rick Schulz via email at [richardf53@yahoo.com](mailto:richardf53@yahoo.com), or by telephone at 253-535-0690.

## PNNA Spring Convention

The 74th Annual PNNA Convention and Coin Show will be held at the Tukwila Community Center, Tukwila, Wash., April 11-13, 2025. We expect a great bourse and most of the other usual activities, including collector exhibits and youth and family programs. The next edition of *The Nor'wester* will be a 24-page full-color spring convention special edition. Also see the webpage <https://www.pnna.org/wp/events/spring/>.

## PNNA 2025 Annual Awards

by Danny Bisgaard

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

Please nominate someone for the Bob Everett Memorial Award or the Nina Nystrom Memorial "Goodwill Ambassador" Award. The PNNA would like to make these awards every year.

Literary awards will be given for best club newsletter and best article in *The Nor'wester*. Eligible articles are automatically entered, but you must submit a sample of three of your club newsletters, published in 2024, to Danny for consideration.

PNNA President Rick Schulz will select the recipient(s) of the Presidential Award, but you can suggest someone.

For information about how to apply for the 2025 adult and YN scholarships to ANA Summer Seminar, see the website and the included application form.

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

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

## PNNA Board

See the PNNA website at:

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

The current board was installed at the 2024 spring convention in Tukwila.

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

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

## IMPORTANT!

### Change in *The Nor'wester* Editions

Effective 3rd Quarter 2022, 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 are short letters 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 are plenty of full-color copies printed for distribution at shows, clubs and other events such as the Fair.

**PLEASE DON'T WAIT!** Submit your content now for this spring. All content including ads **MUST** be received by the end of February.

Assistance is available for editing and photography if needed. Send your content or inquiries to [Eric@Holcomb.com](mailto:Eric@Holcomb.com).

## PNNA Collector Exhibits

by Eric Holcomb

There were a few exhibits at the 2024 spring show, and we'd like a better turnout for the 2025 show. For updates, including how to apply, see:

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

New ANA judging criteria are in effect which place a new emphasis on educational and inspirational value, and reduce the points for rarity, so you don't need unique or nearly unique items.

Past exhibit reports, including photos of many of the exhibit cases, have been consolidated into PDF files for your convenience. See the links on the website completed exhibits page.

## PNNA Memorabilia Catalog

The PNNA Memorabilia Catalog, first published as HTML files in 2001, is being revised and updated to an easier-to-read presentation format, with larger images. Recent souvenir items, especially elongated coins, will also be added. To follow the progress of the update and view and download PDF files when available, visit:

<https://www.pnna.org/wp/info/pnna-history/memorabilia/>.

## South Hill Coin Club Youth Auction

By Kevin Charboneau



On November 20, 2024, the South Hill Coin Club conducted its first, of what is hoped to be an annual event, the Youth Auction. The motivation was multi-faceted.

- Get the youth of the club interested in the activities of the club.
- Exposure to evaluating the value of an object, both real and emotional.
- Develop the ability to

evaluate the relative importance to an auction item to the long-term goals of collecting.

- Involvement in an auction where they only had to worry about the actions of the other youth and not be intimidated by adults.
- Learn how an auction works.
- The experience of bidding.
- The experience of choosing not to bid at some point and budgeting your holdings for the items yet to come.
- The reward of placing the highest bid and winning the item.

Youth who participated ranged in age from 4 to 17. We had 14 youth participating. Parents were encouraged to participate with their kids.

Youth earned the ability to ‘pay’ for items by participating in the club activities throughout the year. For example, attending a meeting was worth 15 points. Doing an educational presentation was worth 50 points. In the end, more than 2,300 points were awarded to the youth of the club. On auction day, the points were converted to “Youth Collector Bucks.” We designed and printed currency specifically for this event. All the items in the auction were donated by the general membership. We created and published an auction catalog. We distributed it at the meeting the month before along with a short lesson on how to prepare for an auction. There were 76 lots with every lot having a numismatic value of more than \$5 and some valued as much as \$100. It was a joint effort of many members of the club that made this happen.

- The meeting was almost totally devoted to the Youth Auction.
- The room was reconfigured so that all the kids could sit up front.
- They were encouraged to shout out their bids.
- It was clear that the kids had been watching the regular auctions. They knew how to indicate they were no longer bidding for an item.

- Our usual routine of the kids, earning points as runners, was reversed with adult members doing the running and making change.
- All auction lots started with no minimum bid.
- Sales totaled 2,147 Young Collector Bucks.

We auctioned off all the lots in two hours including a 15-minute intermission. Early on, they were making high bids (stupid money) for things they wanted. They soon learned to control the emotional bidding and start to budget for items to come. The energy was electrifying. The 4-year-old was coached by their father, but it was clear he was letting them make some decisions. It was clear that they were interested in the things they already had seen in their day-to-day life, or that had volume. A very nice 1995 Civil War commemorative worth about \$100, produced by the Mint, sold for \$25, while a bag of park quarters, with a documented face value of \$18, went for \$50. Bags of miscellaneous world coins sold for \$30. It’s likely we will see more sophisticated bidding at next year’s auction.

This was our first attempt at such an event. Based on the overwhelming success of this experiment, we expect to continue our Youth Actions for many years to come.



Photo: Kevin conducting the Youth Auction.



Photo: Young Collector Bucks.

Also see this story in the *South Hill Coin Club Newsletter*, December 2024. Not a member? - Let us know at [info@pnna.org](mailto:info@pnna.org), so we can put you in touch with Kevin.



# Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association Scholarship Program for ANA Summer Seminar 2025 Adult/YN Scholarship Application

The PNNA is offering two full one-session scholarships, for an Adult and a YN (Young Numismatist) collector, to attend the 2025 ANA Summer Seminar, held on the campus of The Colorado College in beautiful Colorado Springs, Col. Session 1 class dates are Sunday, June 22, to Wednesday, June 25; session 2, Sunday, June 29 to Wednesday, July 2, 2025. (Plan on arriving on Saturday since classes start Sunday morning.) Summer Seminar is an opportunity for numismatic scholarship and camaraderie offering students a wide and varied selection of week-long courses suited for anyone from the curious beginner to the most advanced numismatist. YNs, ages 13 to 17, stay in a Colorado College dormitory with a group of experienced chaperons and mentors. Along with attending classes, YNs participate in a variety of special activities and events. *The PNNA may award the YN scholarship to a young collector in the 18-22 age range, as of the first day of the seminar, if there are no qualified younger applicants. Otherwise all applicants age 18 and older will be considered for the adult scholarship only.*

Each scholarship includes tuition for the class of your choice, a double-occupancy dorm room and the on-campus meal plan. The PNNA also provides an additional \$250 of travel expense reimbursement for the YN scholarship recipient.

The winners will be Adult and YN collectors who are PNNA members, complete this application and are selected by the awards committee. *If you are not a current PNNA member – please submit \$10.00 dues with the application (\$5.00 YN dues). Please add \$5.00 if you want paper copies of the PNNA's quarterly newsletter (The Nor'wester) mailed.* Deadline for receipt of applications is Feb. 28, 2025. Please submit completed applications to the address at the bottom of this page. Summer Seminar information and class listings are available at <https://www.money.org/summer-seminar>. Questions: Danny Bisgaard, 503-510-6931 or [sdbisgaard@gmail.com](mailto:sdbisgaard@gmail.com).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

PNNA Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a separate sheet (for items 1 to 4) answering the following:

1. List the names of any numismatic groups to which you belong.
2. List any numismatic activities that you have participated in. Examples: numismatic exhibits, coin club talks/presentations, club officer or board positions, etc.
3. Write a paragraph about your numismatic collecting interests and how you got started in the hobby.
4. Tell why you wish to attend the Summer Seminar.
5. List your course preferences for Summer Seminar, including session number: (check ANA website for catalog)

1<sup>st</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_

*A course catalog and class listings are available on the ANA website. Please contact Danny Bisgaard or the ANA for any questions.*

Please note that popular courses tend to fill up quickly – however, every effort will be made to fulfill your 1<sup>st</sup> choice.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature (if YN applicant under age 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Receipt Deadline: February 28, 2025**

Mail applications to: PNNA Scholarship Program, Danny Bisgaard c/o S.N.S., PO Box 2051, Salem, OR 97308.  
(Or you may email Danny a scan of your signed application.)

# Coin Show

**March 8-9, 2025**  
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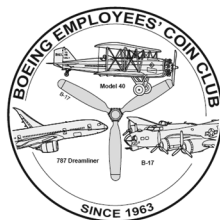
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General Admission: \$3 Individual, \$5 Family

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For additional information:

Tony Kalt 253-951-6761 or e-mail [info@seattlebecc.org](mailto:info@seattlebecc.org)



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**\*For more information on entering a display, contact  
Tony Kalt, 253-951-6761 or David Buehler 206-353-5612.**

*Note: Coin Club medals are offered by private sale to Boeing employees, retirees, and other eligible personnel. 2025 Medals not available from the club at the show except for pick-ups of previous orders. Wooden nickels commemorating the show and the 2025 medals will be available upon entry.*