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President's Message & Washington State (Puyallup) Fair



by PNNA President Richard Schulz, richardf53@yahoo.com

It's summertime again and time for all those things that make the season great—backyard barbeques, swimming at your favorite river or beach, and just lying around catching some rays. And when it's too hot or stormy, you can stay indoors and dive into your collections.

Summer is a bit of a slow period

for coin collecting. Several local clubs take summer months off and local shows become few and far between. On the national/international level there are some great shows coming up. The FUN show in Orlando and the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association convention are this month (July). The ANA World's Fair of Money® is scheduled for August 19-23 in Oklahoma City. If you've never been to one of these major shows do yourself a favor and go.

The big news for Washington State collectors, dealers and shows is the state legislature passage and Governor Ferguson signing the budget bill that includes a provision **removing the tax exemption on the sale of bullion and coins**. This will take effect Jan. 1, 2026, and so far, there is a lot of confusion for both collectors and dealers. This will be the main topic of discussion at the meeting of the PNNA Board of Directors this summer. Because the new tax law doesn't take effect until next year, all plans for this fall's PNNA show remain intact. What the future holds is still up in the air. Watch this space for further developments.

On thing that hasn't changed this year is my **enthusiasm for our hobby and for the PNNA's place in it**. One of my favorite duties as president of this fine organization is visiting local clubs and shows around the Pacific Northwest. In the past three months my travels have taken me to clubs and shows throughout much of Western Washington and as far afield as Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and Boise, Idaho. Later this summer and this fall I'll take in shows in Western Oregon. For many of these shows, I'll pack along the PNNA penny press. Many of the clubs I visit have penny press dies made up especially for their shows. Kids of all ages love making their own squished penny.

The penny press will also take up residence at this year's **Washington State Fair**, which runs from August 29 to September 21. The PNNA's presence at the Fair is the biggest outreach event of the year. Thousands of visitors stop by our display in the Hobby Hall where volunteers engage with kids of all ages searching for their birth year penny, cranking our squished pennies made especially for the Fair and answering questions about coins, collecting and, most often asked, "what do I do with the collection I just inherited?" We are always looking for volunteers to help staff the display. If this sounds like something you'd like to do, check out the Fair volunteer schedule on the PNNA website, pnna.org, and give me a call or email to sign up or ask questions. For volunteering you will get free passes and free parking to one of the largest fairs in the country. When you're done having fun at our Hobby Hall display, you can have fun doing the Fair.

Two weeks after the close of the Fair, the PNNA ramps up its **fall coin show**, scheduled for Oct. 3-5, 2025 in Tukwila. This show and the spring show and convention are two of the largest coin shows on the West Coast. You don't want to miss them.

So, that is **what is happening in PNNA-Land**. I hope you have some time this summer to indulge your collecting appetite. If you see me at one of this summer's events, stop and say "hi," and if you have any questions, ideas or complaints, let's talk about them. And, as always, happy collecting.

PNNA Washington State Fair information:
<https://www.pnna.org/wp/events/fair/>.

PNNA Tukwila fall coin show information:
<https://www.pnna.org/wp/events/fall/>.

In addition to all the dealers and all their wares, there will hopefully be **collector exhibits** competing for awards and programs in the **numismatic theater** at the fall show. There will be a **Scouting America Coin Collecting Merit Badge workshop**, and there will be a **treasure hunt** Saturday and Sunday for kids, likely run this time by local volunteers.

All show-related information, including hotel information, will be updated on our website as it becomes available.

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. 3-5, 2025, whereas details of the WCC fall show, held the past three years in Clackamas, should be announced soon.

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/yns/>.

PNNA 2025 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 **Allen Berman**, who has been a dealer at many PNNA shows and is active in numismatic education and activities.

Nina Nystrom Memorial “Goodwill Ambassador” Award—Awarded to **Ray Fiorini**, who is currently an ambassador in several capacities, including as an ANA representative.

PNNA President **Rick Schulz** selected **Greg Barnett**, **Bob Kinsedahl**, **Ken Freeze**, **Steve Swearingen** and **Mike Souza** as the recipients of the Presidential Award. Each received a certificate and a 2025 U.S. Silver Eagle. *See the photos on page 3.*

The literary 1st place award winners were the **Olympia Coin Club** (for best club newsletter) and “Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition” by **Phil Iversen** (for best article, as published in the 4th Quarter 2024 edition of *The Nor'wester*).

Both the **PNNA adult and YN scholarships** to **ANA Summer Seminar** were awarded, and the winners will report on their experiences in the next edition of *The Nor'wester*. 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 2022 issue, 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. Eric can advise you regarding use of images from Heritage Auctions, Wikipedia and the U.S. Mint.

PNNA Officers / Directors 2024-2026

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 2024.

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*

Exhibits were cancelled for the spring show due to the room not being available, but are expected again at the fall show, assuming that the room becomes available, or we may be able to accommodate a limited number of exhibits in the hallway. For updates, including how to apply, and documents covering past exhibits including photos, see:

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

PNNA Spring Convention

The 74th Annual PNNA Convention and Spring Coin Show was held April 11-13, 2025, in Tukwila, Washington, and was again a success!

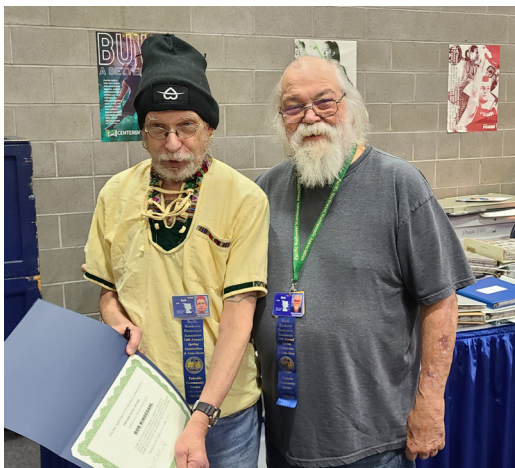
With convention chair **Kevin Charboneau** once again coordinating the show with lots of help from the PNNA and local clubs, it's likely that the three-day public attendance reached 1,000 or more, and that many dealers with tables at the show had excellent business, in the middle of a strong bullion and collector market.

The Scouting America (formerly BSA) coin collecting merit badge workshop held on Saturday was a huge success, with about 30 scouts participating.

For more reports and photos, see the post on the PNNA blog at <https://www.pnna.org/wp/blog/>.

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*Photo: **Rick Schulz** (right) presenting the award to **Bob Kinsedahl** (left).*



*Photo: **Gawain O'Connor** (left) presenting the award to **Mike Souza** (right). This took place on May 10 at the North Shore Numismatic Society Stamp & Coin Fair in Burnaby, British Columbia.*



*Photo: **Greg Barnett** (left) and **Ken Freeze** (right) receive their awards from PNNA Past President **Ed Fischer** (center). This took place in Idaho in May. Both have been instrumental in the **Southern Idaho Coin Club** expansion and the move to a new, larger show venue.*

A listing of PNNA Presidential Awards by the six different PNNA presidents making the awards since 2007 can be found on the PNNA website at:

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

SALEM COIN/STAMP SHOW

DECEMBER 20 & 21, 2025

NEW DATE

POLK CO. FAIRGROUNDS – BLDG. A
520 S. PACIFIC HWY. WEST RICKREALL, OR.

NEW LOCATION

(MARKET STREET EXIT AT I-5 M.P. 256 - GO WEST
AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS TO COAST – EXIT AT
RICKREALL)

HOURS: 12/20- 10A TO 4:30P 12/21- 10A TO 3:30P
EARLY BIRD BOTH DAYS @ 9A FOR \$50

PARKING FREE/\$3 ADMISSION CHARGE

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