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President's Message

by PNNA President Lisa Loos

I can't believe summer is over!!! I hope all of you were able to take a vacation and relax. I was able to attend the ANA World's Fair of Money® in Los Angeles. I made a side journey to Dodger Stadium and was entertained by the many fights in the stands. Needless to say, the convention area was much cleaner and safer than the stadium.

First, I need to begin with a HUGE thank-you to Greg Smith, Puyallup Fair Coordinator, for all his efforts in maintaining our booth in the Hobby Hall. This event is an important outreach activity for the organization and without his coordination, it would not happen. Thanks again to Greg and all the volunteers for your service and dedication; it is greatly appreciated.

Second, don't forget the upcoming convention hosted by the Willamette Coin Club, in conjunction with the PNNA, October 24-25 at the DoubleTree at Lloyd Center in Portland. Once again, we will have a good representation of out of state dealers. (Please read the convention report in this issue.) I hope to see many of you there seeking the last missing piece to your collection. (Remember, I began the year encouraging you all to make the resolution to complete your collection this year. Hopefully, you will be able to make it happen.)

See you in October!!! — Lisa.

PNNA Dues / Newsletter Access

PNNA membership dues are payable annually at the beginning of the year. It's not too early to send your 2010 dues to Rachel Irish, 101 West Prairie Center #323, Hayden, ID 83835. Reminder notices will be sent for those who haven't paid by December.

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Fall Convention Dates/Times/Info

by Larry Gaye, General Chairman

Well here we are again, the 5th Annual Willamette-PNNA coin show is on track to open to the public, October 24-25, 2009. This has been a very successful show in the Northwest thanks to the hard work of Scott and Lisa Loos as well as the entire Willamette Coin Club.

As usual, the show will open to dealers on Friday the 23rd at 3:00 PM and will run until 6:00 PM. Early Birders will also be allowed to enter when the dealers enter and may pick up their Early Bird Pass on Friday, which will cover the entire weekend.

The Willamette Coin Club will be offering a free entry to all visitors who take MAX to the venue; the \$2.00 entry fee will be waived and they will still receive two free tickets to the hourly drawing, such a deal.

Show hours for the public will be: Saturday, October 23rd from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and Sunday from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. We hope to see all PNNA/Willamette members there to welcome their fellow collectors.

Dealer set up:

Friday, October 23rd, 3:00 - 6:00 PM.

Public entry:

Saturday, October 24th, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM.

Sunday, October 25th, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Other convention information:

- The expanded bourse will be sold out!
- There will be an expanded exhibit area on one side of the room near the entrance. Please bring your exhibits even if you didn't contact Larry Rowe in advance (however, cases may be limited). Eric Holcomb will be available to consult.
- Walt Ostromecki will again conduct the popular YN treasure hunt.
- Information on souvenirs is not available at this time, so you'll have to attend the show!
- The hotel room block at the Lloyd Center Double-Tree may be sold out, but there are numerous other hotels within a reasonable distance.

Puyallup Fair Thank-You!

It's Over! – The PNNA sponsored the annual coin exhibit and information table in the Hobby Hall from September 11-27, with assistance from several local coin clubs. We had handouts including magazine copies, event calendars, a coin club list and coins for junior collectors!

Greg Smith of the Boeing Employees Coin Club served as the Puyallup Fair Hobby Hall volunteer coordinator, and was successful in filling most or all of the 68 three-hour shifts during the Fair. Thanks, Greg, for all your efforts, and thanks to all the volunteers from the following Puget Sound clubs: Boeing Employees' Coin Club, Olympia Coin Club, Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club, Seattle Numismatic Society and the King County Coin Club.

No volunteer is knowledgeable about all aspects of numismatics – if your question wasn't answered or if you were unable to attend the Fair, please e-mail your question to info@pnna.org, and it will be directed to a local expert for a response.

Bob Everett Memorial Award

by *Danny Bisgaard*

The awards committee is made up of Danny Bisgaard, Chair, Gawain O'Connor, Craig Korstad and Bruce Wonder. In addition, the past five winners of the Bob Everett Memorial Award (James Reinders, Scott Loos, Walter Ostromecki, Larry Gaye and Joseph Boling) make up the committee to select the Everett award winner for 2010.

The award is usually presented at the April annual convention, if the honoree is present. The recipient does not have to be a member of the PNNA; he or she need only be someone who has promoted numismatics in the Pacific Northwest during the 2009 calendar year.

Please send your nominations (name and achievements that merit receipt of the award) to one of the above past five members that make up the selection committee. In addition, nominations for the award could be sent to the PNNA awards committee or the secretary for forwarding to the selection committee.

More information about the various PNNA awards can be found on the PNNA website at <http://www.pnna.org/awards.html>. If you have a suggestion for one of the other awards, you can also send your suggestion to the awards committee (or the PNNA president in the case of the Presidential Award).

I'm thanking all of the membership for taking the time to submit nominations for this important award!

Exhibits at the 2010 Conventions

Now is the time to build your exhibits for next spring's PNNA convention in Seattle (Tukwila). There are also opportunities to show exhibits at the Everett show (November) and the Boeing show (January); use these shows as proving grounds for your entries. Don't forget that the best exhibitor at the PNNA spring convention earns \$200 toward the expense of taking the winning exhibit to the ANA summer convention in the same year (the ANA will be in Boston in August 2010).

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Deadline for submission of material for 1st Quarter 2010 Nor'wester: December 15, 2009.

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\$10.00 (sponsor page ad; business card size)

Summer Seminar Report

by Jason Failla

How can I begin to explain the excitement of the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) Summer Seminar program? Each year the ANA offers two weeks of classes at their headquarters in Colorado Springs. The classes take place on the Colorado College campus with a backdrop of the Rocky Mountains. Pike's Peak is clearly visible from the campus and depending on the vantage point, stunning views abound.

I attended session one of the Summer Seminar. An entire week devoted to learning about coins. Wow! From the many fascinating seminar choices, I selected "Ancient Greek & Roman Coins" taught by Dr. Scott Rottinghaus. The first two days introduced the class to the dawn of ancient coinage, around 800 BC in Asia Minor which is now the country of Turkey. We learned about different ancient coin denominations and were exposed to various city-states with nice quality specimens passing around the room. We discussed a myriad of symbols, characters in mythology, and general history. Roman Republican and Imperial coins were also discussed during the last two days of class. A half-day trip to the ANA's laboratory-style mint afforded the opportunity to prepare metals, punch flans, and strike coins with dies and hammer! Errors and varieties were encouraged, and I managed to make a nice brokerage set of a small token commemorating the event. A few drops of blood did spill when the wooden handle of the hammer cracked, but a labor of love always has its downside. This little accident taught the class that a celator's job was not without risk. (A celator is a maker of hand struck ancient coinage.)

A trip to the ANA library introduced the class to resources necessary to complete our only assignment. Each student was expected to talk for ten minutes and present a topic of interest from ancient coinage and history. I chose the obscure colony of Pisidia in southern Asia Minor. After a few hours of research at the ANA's top-notch numismatic library, I realized there was very little information in print about my chosen colony. Literally thousands of rare and valuable books yielded only a few tidbits of interest about Pisidia during Greek times. What I did find, consistently referred to Pisidia as a settlement of agricultural communities built on the slopes of the Taurus Mountains. The inhabitants were known as fierce warriors and farmers. Pisidia enjoyed relative isolation from the Greek and Persian armies and plenty of rainfall, due to its mountain locale.

I looked through plenty of online and hardbound coin photo archives. While studying Pisidian coin designs, it occurred to me the portraits were mostly female deities and their associated symbols were animals that live close to the earth, like snakes, bulls, lions and stags. I started to consider the male pantheon of Greek gods and realized they typically associate with sky related symbols like stars, eagles, and lightning bolts. Could the type of civilization be reflected by the symbols on its coins and artifacts? More research and enthusiasm led me to the conclusion that, yes, ancient agricultural societies tend to use female deities with earth symbols while imperial cultures tend toward male deities and sky symbols. If one notes the symbols on coins through US history the same trend is illustrated. My presentation was well received by the class, and most folks tended to agree, that images on coins do indeed reflect the society that made them. If you are interested in more details regarding my research, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks to the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association (PNNA) for the scholarship and the opportunity to experience the summer seminar at the ANA. I plan to attend these seminars again in the coming years and strongly encourage anyone with a serious interest in coins and numismatics to apply for the PNNA's yearly scholarship.

Editor's note: Want to get ready to apply for a 2010 PNNA scholarship? — See the 2009 application as a guide on the PNNA website at http://www.pnna.org/scholarship_awards.html. The actual 2010 scholarship application will appear in the 1st Quarter 2010 issue of *The Nor'wester*.

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PNNA Board Meeting Minutes*22 August 2009, Portland, Oregon*

Attending/Guests: Lisa Loos; Scott Loos; Danny Bisgaard; Mike Sanders; Craig Korstad; David Ownbey; Rob Anglemier.

Lisa called the meeting to order at noon.

Secretary's Report – Lisa reported Mike has one item and will report at the October meeting

Treasurer's Report – Scott Loos went over treasurer's report (h/o) and Tukwila convention (h/o) – Mike made the motion, Craig seconded, all approved.

Discussion points on treasurer's report – Token Congress refund and ANA show expense. Seattle Token Congress in May was a success – 50-51 attendees, 16 speakers; may travel around and do in some other city – costly \$395 tuition plus lodging and expenses/meals – seed money of \$827 to the next chair. Craig feels this has a huge potential to bring new people to the hobby and next year's event should be a success.

Discussion points on Tukwila – profit of over \$9,700 – host club doing the hospitality room kept costs down – concern for increased costs for the decorator and security – other venues may cost more. Mike new chair next year as Dick has stepped down.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Scott entertained discussion on scholarship amount for the YN program – currently \$1,000 to pay for tuition and room and board – leaves a little for travel costs – will discuss in October after we learn the costs for the 2010 ANA summer session.

Danny passed around a thank you note from Hannah and the article Jason wrote for the newsletter about their summer experience at the ANA.

Committee Reports:

Election – Bill is working on the slate – do not forget to re-up if you are interested – working on biographies of members for the newsletter to better educate the membership about Board members or those running for election

Education – Scott passed out the ANA traveling seminar instructions – concept is well liked due to the ANA providing all the logistical support, however, pricey – \$354 for members and \$445 for non-members. Craig feels should be of service and value to the members; daily seminar with choices at \$50 per choice may be a better offering. Scott is looking for feedback on what we can provide over the next couple of years. Discussed a two-day seminar in conjunction with PNNA shows with less cost if ANA would agree; also discussed the concept of a one-day symposium in

Washington one year and Oregon another year. After a lengthy discussion, we are to survey our clubs and report back on their feedback on pricing and the concepts of two-day classes or one-day symposiums. Feedback in October will be pushing the timeline about doing something at the April or October PNNA shows, thus, Scott will continue researching speakers and discussions with ANA about pricing.

Publications – Eric continues to research web site upgrades. An award program may be set up for best local club newsletter.

Awards – Everett award still needs to be awarded to James Reinders – WCC meeting in September is the next opportunity to make the award.

Exhibits – Competitive awards for the October show with PNNA's help – continue to promote exhibits at all the shows.

Convention – Scott continues to work on the layout of the October show; Craig would like the set-up to be reconfigured. Scott advised the back row dealers will be done away with and exhibits continue to be at the front of the floor. Scott has researched other venues but costs are to be considered and it is a WCC co-sponsored show.

Outreach – Puyallup Fair in September; Tom Sparks has been asked to coordinate YN activities.

Membership, etc. – Rob passed out a flyer explaining the benefits of being a PNNA member. Scott recommended dealer be deleted from dealer credentials and hospitality room; PowerPoint be added to the projector (not clear what this means as projector doesn't have its own office software); award program be added to National Coin Week. Danny suggested an additional benefit of free listing in the club calendar for clubs be added. Discussed design and content and material for the flyer. At this time, Craig made the motion and Danny seconded that Rob has up to \$100 to print 1,000 flyers. Continue to revise flyers if needed; application to join the PNNA will be added to the flyer.

Adjourned at 1:45 PM. (Motion by Scott and seconded by Craig.) Minutes reported by Lisa Loos.

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Additional ANA and PNNA News

Fort Worth National Money Show Extended to Four Days

The American Numismatic Association will expand its National Money Show™ from three days to four days, beginning with the spring convention in Fort Worth, TX, in March 2010, Executive Director Larry Shepherd announced.

The show, initially scheduled to be open to the public Friday through Sunday, will now be open Thursday, March 25 through Sunday, March 28 at the Fort Worth Convention Center. Dealer set-up will be open on Wednesday afternoon.

Adding the extra day signals a commitment from the ANA to expand the size of the National Money Show. In addition, the ANA is considering other changes that will add to the excitement and drawing power of the event.

“As the preeminent member based organization in numismatics, the ANA should host the best coin shows in the country,” said Shepherd. “Several commercial and regional shows have equaled or surpassed our spring show in size and dealer participation. We believe a renewed emphasis on growing and improving this show will ensure that the National Money Show continues to be among the elite spring shows in the country. Critical to the success of this show in the future will be better scheduling and site selection, factors we are putting a lot of emphasis on currently. In the future our National Money Shows will be held in larger cities than in the past, and these cities will be selected to provide maximum appeal to collectors and dealers.”

Shepherd said he is pleased that the ANA’s summer convention, the World’s Fair of Money®, remains the golden grail of coin shows and hopes that the National Money Show will one day become the nation’s premier spring coin event. The recent show in Portland, OR, drew nearly 8,000 visitors in three days. “I think we can all agree that adding another retail day to a show like Portland would have benefited everyone,” Shepherd said.

The American Numismatic Association is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. The ANA helps its 32,000 members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of education and outreach programs, as well as its museum, library, publications, conventions and seminars. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or visit www.money.org.

Editor’s note: Of course we trust that the ANA still considers Portland a “large city,” based on the above-noted success of this year’s show! We’ll keep the PNNA membership informed about possible future ANA conventions in Portland. Until then, it seems like it may be worth attending the Fort Worth show.

2nd British-American Token Congress

by Alberto Washington

albertowashington@hotmail.com

The second British-American Token Congress is on for May 13-15, 2010! This time the host city is Charlottesville, located at the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in the Commonwealth of Virginia. C’ville has a lot to offer drawing millions of visitors to Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson, Ashlawn-Highlands, home of James Monroe, and Montpelier, home of James Madison. If you are looking to rent a car you can get a vintage Triumph or MG at Sports Car Rentals and cruise the countryside. There are dozens of vineyards within easy reach. Forty-five minutes to the west in Staunton is the American Shakespeare Theatre that performs Shakespeare’s works under their original staging conditions. A little further out is Mount Vernon, Jamestown, Yorktown and Williamsburg. And, for Civil War buffs – there is no end of battlefields and places of interest – including Petersburg and Appomattox.

The Congress will be held at the Omni Hotel, which has just completed a substantial renovation. It is located directly on the downtown pedestrian mall with dozens of excellent restaurants, bars, music venues, theaters, and interesting shops all within a few blocks.

C’ville itself is easy to get to from most anywhere. It does have its own airport – or you can fly in to National in DC, Dulles in northern Virginia, or Richmond, which is an hour+ drive to the east. I’d recommend flying into C’ville if you can. It’s a nice little airport and easy to get in and out without much hassle.

As with the wonderful Token Congress held in Seattle earlier this year, this event will take place over three days – Thursday, Friday and Saturday with a dinner and bourse Friday evening. A full schedule along with additional event details, logistics, and other points of interest will be posted as soon as we get it together. There is also talk of a private tour of Monticello, so if you are interested please let us know as soon as possible.

The full Congress cost will be about \$395 per person which includes the cost of the meeting room, Friday dinner and bourse, Friday and Saturday breakfast, coffee and tea during breaks. We have reserved rooms at the Omni at a discounted rate of \$198.69 per night including tax. You will be responsible for making your own reservations; just let them know that you are attending the Congress, and please let them know of any special needs and whether you would like additional nights either before or after the event. If the Omni is not your first choice there are many other hotels and B&B’s in the area – but the Omni is the most convenient.

We are again fortunate to be able to partner with the PNNA and payments for the Congress will be processed through them. Contact Scott Loos for more information.

COIN SHOW and EVENT CALENDAR

To list a coin show or event contact Eric Holcomb, Eric@Holcomb.com, phone 541-647-1021. Highlighted shows and events are PNNA, ANA or CNA sponsored or co-sponsored. Shows will occasionally be subject to changes or cancellations.

2009-2010

OCT 3-4 TACOMA-LAKEWOOD COIN CLUB SHOW, King Oscar Convention Center, 88th & So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

OCT 10 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

OCT 10-11 TRI-CITY COIN CLUB SHOW, Hampton Inn, 486 Bradley Blvd., Richland, WA

OCT 11 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Holiday Inn, 1 South Grady Way, Renton, WA

OCT 24-25 PNNA-Willamette Coin Club 5th Annual Fall Convention & Coin Show, DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel, 1000 NE Multnomah Street, Portland, OR

OCT 30-31 DENVER COIN EXPO, National Western Complex, I-70 & Brighton, Denver, CO

OCT 31-NOV 1 INLAND EMPIRE COIN CLUB'S FALL COIN, CARD & STAMP SHOW, Sons of Norway Hall, 6710 N. Country Homes Blvd., Spokane, WA

NOV 7 KIRKLAND-EASTSIDE COIN & CURRENCY SHOW, Kirkland Baymont Inn, 12223 NE 116th St, Kirkland, WA

NOV 7-8 Boise 52nd Annual Southern Idaho Coin Show, Hilton Garden Inn, 7699 W. Spectrum St., Boise, ID

NOV 14 4TH ANNUAL KING COUNTY COIN SHOW, Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave South, Tukwila, WA

NOV 15 North Shore Numismatic Society Oakridge Stamp & Coin Fair, Oakridge Auditorium, 41st & Cambie, Vancouver, BC, Canada

NOV 19-22 SANTA CLARA COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES EXPO, Santa Clara, CA

NOV 21-22 EVERETT COIN CLUB 47th Annual Coin Show, Normanna Hall, 2725 Oakes Ave, Everett, WA

NOV 28-29 THE HOLIDAY COIN SHOW, King Oscar Convention Center, 88th & So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

NOV 28-29 SALEM COIN and STAMP SHOW, Oregon State Fairgrounds, 2330 17th St. NE, Salem, OR

DEC 5 OLYMPIA/TUMWATER/SOUTH SOUND COIN&CURRENCY SHOW, Comfort Inn, 1620 74th Ave SW, Tumwater, WA (I-5 Exit 101)

DEC 6 (9AM-Noon) NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, King Oscar Motel, 8820 So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

DEC 12 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

DEC 13 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Holiday Inn, 1 South Grady Way, Renton, WA

JAN 2-3 GREATER TACOMA COIN SHOW, King Oscar Convention Center, 88th & So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

JAN 7-10 FLORIDA UNITED NUMIS. (FUN) 55TH CONVENTION, Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, FL (See www.funtopics.com)

JAN 16-17 BOEING EMPLOYEES' COIN CLUB SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

JAN 22-24 SAN JOSE COIN CLUB SHOW, San Jose, CA

JAN 30 OLYMPIA COIN CLUB SHOW, Comfort Inn Conference Center, 1620 74th Ave SW, Tumwater, WA

FEB 4-6 LONG BEACH COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES EXPO, Long Beach, CA

FEB 13 KIRKLAND-EASTSIDE COIN & CURRENCY SHOW, Kirkland Baymont Inn, 12223 NE 116th St, Kirkland, WA

FEB 13-14 OCEAN SHORES ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE SHOW, Convention Center in Ocean Shores, WA

FEB 14 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Holiday Inn, 1 South Grady Way, Renton, WA

FEB 20 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

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Please submit future show and event dates to Eric Holcomb as soon as possible for inclusion in the print and web editions of the PNNA calendar!! Thank you.

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