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President's Message

by Tom Sheehan

Well Summer is over and we have to prepare ourselves for the shorter days of fall and winter. Also traditionally it seems to be the time for more local coin shows and club meetings. Many clubs don't have meetings during the summer and are starting up again. I am looking forward to getting back into the local club scene. I did have a numismatic summer though. Dorothy, my wife, allowed me to spend a couple of weeks in what she calls "piggy heaven."

I attended both the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs as well as the convention in Chicago. I can recommend both to all who enjoy our hobby. At the summer seminar you pick the "class" that you want to attend. There is no shortage of topics so no matter what your interest is you will find willing instructors. If you have an interest in ancients there were at least two offerings this year. There were classes on Buffalo Nickels, coin grading, the minting process, coin photography and many, many others. I plan to return and be come a perpetual student at "coin camp."

The annual convention is also a place to learn more about numismatics. There are presentations during the day by collectors just like all of you. They have volunteered to share their knowledge about whatever their particular topic is. Like all of us these collectors love to talk about their collections and at the convention they always find a willing audience. Etiquette always demands that business comes first at any dealers table but if they aren't busy I have found that they all will share their knowledge.

My next big coin event will be the coin cruise after the mid-winter ANA in Fort Lauderdale. I have always looked for numismatic events that my non-collecting wife could attend. After the convention we will set sail for ten days in the Caribbean. Not only do we have the opportunity to continue with coins but to travel as well.

There are four couples going from the Seattle Coin Club. I hope there will be others from the Northwest joining us. Call or e-mail me for additional information if you are thinking of adding to your numismatic knowledge through any of these events.

Countdown to Dues Increase

All PNNA dues will double in 2000; the life membership you can buy now for \$100 will cost you \$200 next year. Individual dues will increase to \$10; club and family membership dues increase to \$15. If you want to pay year 2000 dues now under the old rates, the rates are good until 31 December (sorry, no pre-payments past 2000 except for life memberships). Send your check and instructions to the secretary/treasurer at the address in the masthead.

Bob Everett Memorial Award

It is time to nominate individuals to receive the Bob Everett memorial award in 2000. If you know of someone who has made valuable contributions to numismatics in the Pacific Northwest, send Secretary Boling a statement describing the individual's work. Larry Rowe was the winner of the inaugural Bob Everett memorial award in 1999.

PNNA Officers (1998-2000)

President	Tom Sheehan
1st Vice-Pres.	Bill McKivior
2nd Vice-Pres.	Larry Gaye
Secy./Treas.	Joseph E. Boling
Past President	J. Eric Holcomb
Directors	Richard Billings, Del Cushing, Marge Farnam, Robert Hall, Paul Longcrier, Scott Loos, Alex Pancheo, Larry Rowe, Robert Steinegger, and Bruce Wonder.
Dealer-Director	Bruce Wonder

National Coin Week Competition

The winners of the PNNA's club competition for NCW programs in 1999 were the Olympia Coin Club, which earned a \$100 award for its programs; the Seattle Coin Club (\$75); and the University Coin Club [Seattle] (\$50). See the last issue of *The Nor'Wester* for details on these PNNA awards.

The ANA board of governors, at the anniversary convention in Chicago this year, voted to create a special exhibit category and award for National Coin Week-suitable exhibits shown at the annual spring convention. If your club has such an exhibit, and someone will be traveling to the spring convention who can set it up, don't overlook this opportunity to have it recognized. Contact ANA HQ for exhibit rules for the spring convention.

Doing The Pu-WOW-up!

The PNNA again sponsored a coin collecting table and exhibit at the Puyallup Fair, 10-26 September 1999. Several Puget Sound clubs volunteered to sponsor one or more days of the Fair by staffing the table. Thank you to all of the clubs and individuals who assisted!

Exhibits at the ANA Convention

Almost one hundred competitive exhibits were shown at the Chicago ANA convention. Only two were from PNNA members. Ken Hill won first place in the errors category with his exhibit "A Bicentennial 27-cent Piece." That error was featured on the cover of *The Numismatist* last year. Jerry and Sharon Bobbe again showed a non-competitive exhibit. Former PNNA YN coordinator Chris Shappel (now living in Delaware) won second place in the world coins category with an exhibit titled "Reading the Manchu on Qing Dynasty Cast Cash Coins."

PNNA officers Tom Sheehan, Scott Loos, and Joe Boling served as judges in Chicago.

Exhibits at the 2000 PNNA Convention

Now is the time to build your exhibits for next spring's PNNA convention in Portland. There are opportunities to show exhibits at the Everett show (November) and the Boeing show (January); use these shows as proving grounds for your April entries.

Don't forget that the best exhibitor at the PNNA convention earns \$200 toward the expense of taking the winning exhibit to the ANA convention in the same

year (the ANA will be in Philadelphia in 2000).

Any club that wants a program on exhibit-building should contact the PNNA secretary at the address/phone in the masthead.

Obituary — Irene M. Alexander

From The Numismatist, September 1999:

"Irene M. Alexander died at her home in Parkwater, Washington, on June 24. She was 85.

She married Robert Alexander in 1932. A homemaker and lifetime member of Centenary United Methodist Church, she contributed time and energy to the Mission Society, Spokane Valley Garden Club, Iris Society, 4-H and Orchard Avenue Women's Club. An ANA member since 1958, Alexander also belonged to the Token and Medal Society. She is survived by three sons, Verne, Kenneth, and David; one daughter, Jean Sack; ten grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren."

Irene Alexander was honorary life member #11 of the PNNA — the lowest active HLM number (it now goes to #12, Dale Crawford).

Boling's Ride for Multiple Sclerosis

PNNA secretary/treasurer Joe Boling was able to collect almost \$780 in pledges from those who supported his two-day bicycle ride to benefit the National MS Society (in honor of longtime PNNA stalwart Marge Farnam). Many of those pledgers were PNNA members — thank you to all who assisted.

Selected Numismatic Sites on the Web

ANA — <http://www.money.org>

PNNA — http://www.money.org/club_pnna_index.html

Coin Universe — <http://www.coin-universe.com>

CoinLink — <http://www.coinlink.com>

Krause — <http://www.krause.com> and <http://www.collectit.net> (auctions, etc.)

eBay — <http://www.ebay.com> (auctions)

U.S. Mint — <http://www.usmint.gov>

PNNA member sites:

Steve Estes — <http://www.SteveEstes.com>

Rick Snow — <http://www.indiancent.com>

Others? — Please let us know!

Money Talks

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The Educational Note

By *Thomas S. LaMarre*

By the late 1800s, most states had mandatory school-attendance laws ... but U.S. Treasury officials decided to extend education beyond the classroom with a new series of "Education" paper money.

The Education Series included \$1, \$2, and \$5 Silver Certificates, dated 1896 — all redeemable in silver dollars. A \$10 "Educational" note was also planned, but never made it into circulation.

Many collectors consider the "Educational" dollar bill America's most attractive note. It's ornately engraved, and features the symbolic figure of "History," dressed in Grecian robes, with her right hand around a boy's waist. Her left arm is extended, and her hand points toward a book that's open to the Constitution. In the background are the Potomac River, the Washington Monument, and the Capitol.

The names of nearly two dozen prominent Americans are encircled by wreaths and form a border for the design. Among them are Daniel Webster, Robert Fulton, John Marshall and Nathaniel Hawthorne. The other side of the dollar bill has portraits of George and Martha Washington, separated by a large number "1," to indicate the denomination. This led some punsters to complain that no one should ever come between George and Martha.

Famous illustrator Will Low completed a preliminary sketch of "History" in May of 1894. His finished painting of "History Instructing Youth" is now displayed at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington. That's where engraver Thomas Morris copied the artwork — with minor changes — for the dollar bill.

More than 50 million of the notes were issued, but in 1899 the "Educational" series gave way to new designs. Why did the experiment fail? Mainly because of objections to the undraped female figure that symbolized "Electricity" on the \$5 bill.

"Money Talks" is produced and underwritten by the American Numismatic Association in Colorado Springs, America's coin club for over a century. Take a tour of ANA's virtual Money Museum on the web at www.money.org.

Complete Money Talks scripts can be downloaded from the ANA ftp site: [ftp.money.org/ana](ftp://ftp.money.org/ana).

More American Numismatic Association News: (See page 5 for news about the just-completed ANA Convention in Chicago.)

TWO NEW ANA GOVERNORS JOIN NEW PRESIDENT AND VP ON BOARD — A new president and vice president, and two new and five incumbents have been elected to the ANA nine-member Board of Governors with 8,681 ballots cast in the biennial election. H. Robert Campbell of Salt Lake City, Utah, who ran unopposed, was elected president, and Helen Carmody-Lebo of Huntington Beach, California, and Logansport, Indiana, who also ran unopposed, was elected vice president. New Board members are Patricia A. Jagger and Alan Herbert. Incumbents re-elected are Thomas G. Hallenbeck, Kay Edgerton Lenker, Gary E. Lewis, Anthony J. Swiatek and John W. Wilson. Vice President Scott Travers and Governor Will Rossman, who both served two terms, did not seek reelection. Board members are limited to 10 years of service or five, two-year terms.

Campbell, a 15-year life member of the ANA, has served as an instructor at the Association's Summer Seminars, is a consultant for the ANA Authentication Bureau, and is a past club representative, district delegate, regional coordinator and National Coordinator of the Association's Representative Program. His experience as member of the Board since 1997 will help him lead the Association into the next century.

ANA OFFERS UNIQUE CALENDAR MEDAL FOR MILLENNIUM — The ANA is offering a bronze medal, featuring the ANA's lamp of knowledge logo on the obverse and a 2000 calendar on the reverse. The Hoffman Mint, a private minting firm in Carmel, California, that struck the ANA's Anniversary Convention medals this year, produced 1,000 of the 3-inch calendar medals for the ANA. "With the new millennium just around the corner, we thought some of our members might like to have this special keepsake medal," says ANA MoneyMarket Manager Rudy Bahr. "Each medal is packaged in a nice gift box along with a wood stand." The medals are \$39.95 each, plus \$5 shipping and handling. The medals can be ordered from the ANA MoneyMarket at 800/367-9723; or the ANA's Web site at www.money.org.

PNNA Board Meeting

The next PNNA board meeting is tentatively scheduled at Tom Sheehan's new house on Saturday, November 20th after the close of the Everett Coin Club show. If you would like to attend and are not on the board, please contact Tom using the phone number or e-mail listed in Tom's advertisement on this page.

PNNA Speakers List

- Joe Boling — Will travel up to 50 miles and speak about: 1) Japanese numismatics; 2) Seattle national banknotes; 3) Exhibiting/judging.
- Larry Gaye — Will travel 50 miles and perhaps more to talk about Byzantine coins, and Coins of the Bible.
- Eric Holcomb — Special program available on the 30th Anniversary of Apollo 11, and possibly other subjects as well!
- Paul Longcrier — Will travel up to 50 miles to speak about: 1) U.S. 20th Century coinage; 2) Early British milled Queen Anne coins; 3) Colonial numismatics.
- Alex Pancheco — Will travel up to 30 miles and maybe more to speak about: 1) Tokens, Medals, World's Fair exonomia; 2) Russian and Siberian copper coinage; 3) U.S. Barber Coins.
- Tom Sheehan (206-546-5599) — Will travel 50 miles and perhaps more to speak on: 1) Panic scrip of 1907; 2) Numismatic Literature; 3) Numismatic collecting in general and the ANA.
- Bruce Wonder — Will travel up to 50 miles and speak about: 1) World Coins, 1500-1918; 2) World Tokens and Medals; 3) Numismatic Reference Books.

The above listed people can be contacted directly or through the PNNA Secretary. Anyone who is looking for speakers for a meeting, *even if it is not a numismatic event*, might want to contact one of us. We can talk to senior citizens, Elk clubs, school groups, etc. We often can fill in on short notice when you need entertainment for the evening. — Tom Sheehan.

ANA Representatives Program

By J. Eric Holcomb

For many years the American Numismatic Association (ANA) has maintained a representatives program consisting of a national coordinator, regional coordinators, district delegates, and club representatives to help improve communication between ANA headquarters in Colorado Springs and local collectors and clubs. Under the leadership of Scott Loos, regional coordinator from Spokane, Washington, we are attempting to revitalize this program in the Pacific Northwest. If your club is an ANA member club, you should be hearing from your district delegate by the end of this year, otherwise contact Scott at 509-465-9854, e-mail scottloos@msn.com. There are many exciting ANA services available to individuals and clubs, such as books and audio-visual programs, traveling exhibits, numismatic correspondence courses, awards, shared advertising costs (\$25 per year), and club liability insurance. In addition, you can give feedback to the ANA through the representatives program. (A survey form is available upon request, or you can simply write to your club rep or district delegate.) Please don't hesitate to ask your local ANA representatives for assistance!

Deadline for submission of material for 1st Quarter 2000 Nor'wester: December 15, 1999. Call Eric Holcomb at 253-850-2996, or e-mail to Eric at EHolc48@aol.com

Advertising rates are \$7.50 (1/8-page), \$10.00 (1/6-page), \$15.00 (1/4-page), \$25.00 (1/2-page), and \$45.00 (full page). Send ad copy to Eric Holcomb, and payment to the PNNA secretary/treasurer.

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Tom Sheehan will pay cash for numismatic libraries. He is also interested in buying old numismatic literature as well as medals of a commemorative or historic nature. Tom is also interested in taking those old auction catalogues off of your hands. Bring them to a PNNA meeting, or call Tom at (425) 672-1334 for an appointment. (e-mail twsheeh@ibm.net)

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American Numismatic Association News

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ANA SHOW IS A SOLID SUCCESS — The ANA 1999 World's Fair of Money in Chicago, hosted by the Chicago Coin Club (CCC), was a great success. More than 9,500 people came through the doors of the Rosemont Convention Center in five days, with 1,100 attending on Sunday, August 15. A record-number of new members (344) signed for the convention.

Film crews from the Discovery and History Channels set up on the bourse during the show. The Discovery Channel is preparing a feature on coins and minting and took advantage of the 19 nations represented on the Mint Mile. The History Channel focused on the first public display by Sotheby's auction house of California Gold Rush treasure recovered from the 1857 shipwreck of the S.S. Central America.

Philip N. Diehl, director of the U.S. Mint, discussed the 50 State Quarters Program, calling it "the most popular collectible product in a generation." He also discussed the Mint's newly launched H.I.P. (History in your Pocket) Pocket Change web site (www.usmint.gov/kids), an online learning community aimed at teachers and children, kindergarten to 8th grade.

Thomas A. Ferguson, director of the BEP, said this is "an exciting time" to be at the BEP. He anticipated more changes in the look of Federal Reserve notes within the first 10 years of the next century, to counter the ever-changing technology that aids counterfeiters.

The ANA Education Department hosted nearly 50 hours of free programming, including a standing-room-only discussion on the authenticity of western American Assay bars reportedly produced during the California Gold Rush; Boy and Girl Scout merit badge workshops; and the annual World Series of Numismatics — won this year by the team of Tom De Lorey and Harlan Berk. A new educational feature was the "Treasure Trivia Game" for students age 6 to 18. More than 300 participants assured the game's continuation in the future.

Twenty-one sponsors and 140 patrons contributed a record \$77,500 to support the convention. Title Sponsors eBay, Inc., Krause Publications and Numis-matic Guaranty Corporation each donated \$10,000.

The newly elected ANA Board of Governors, with H. Robert Campbell as president and Helen Carmody-Lebo as vice president, was sworn into office at the banquet. The Franklin Mint gave out medals to all who attended the banquet, reviving an old tradition that will be continued at ANA shows.

HALLENBECK RECEIVES FARRAN ZERBE AWARD — Kenneth L. Hallenbeck, a professional numismatist and this year's Farran Zerbe Memorial Award recipient, is purely, plainly, absolutely a collector.

"I like neat stuff, and I just love collecting," Hallenbeck says in the cover story in the August *Numismatist*.

Nearly six decades after he first took an interest in numismatics and despite his many successes, the 67-year-old coin dealer is humbled by his selection as the 1999 recipient of the Farran Zerbe Memorial Award for Distinguished Service — the highest honor the ANA bestows. "I never thought I would receive this award," Hallenbeck says. "All my work for the ANA and for numismatics was done not to receive awards, but because I love this hobby." Hallenbeck was honored at the Awards Banquet August 14 at the Chicago Convention.

As vigilant and relentless as he is in his own collecting pursuits, Hallenbeck is just as aggressive in his storefront business and in promoting the hobby and the ANA. "There is a synergistic benefit of having worked with and for the ANA," he says, based on his experiences as a staff member, officer and volunteer. A member of the ANA Board of Governors for 16 years in three separate stints, including two years as president from 1989 to 1991, Hallenbeck served as museum curator from 1977 to 1983. He continues to volunteer his services in a variety of capacities, including assistant treasurer.

ANA REACHES SETTLEMENT IN LAWSUIT — The ANA has reached a settlement with former ANA Executive Director Peggy A. Hofmann and former Chief Financial Officer Wayne S. Abraham to resolve all matters related to their employment and the lawsuit they filed against the ANA. "While the ANA believes it would have prevailed had the matter gone to trial, the cost of doing so, both in staff time and legal fees, could not be justified," says ANA Interim Executive Director Edward C. Rochette.

The settlement payment totals \$66,098.75, with Hofmann receiving \$19,971.61 (before taxes) and Abraham receiving \$18,063.59 (before taxes). The remaining \$28,063.55 will pay attorneys' fees. "The vast majority of the money needed to settle these claims came from the ANA's insurer," Rochette says. "The ANA's only monetary contribution was payment of its deductible."

Details of the settlement are available in the August 1999 issue of *The Numismatist* in the column "Developments on the Legal Front," which has been appearing since May. "Now that this matter has been resolved," Rochette says, "the Association can turn more of its attention to its mission of numismatic education. While the Superior and Stack's lawsuit still is pending — and will take additional time and resources to address — the ANA is hopeful it too will be resolved in a positive manner, allowing the Association to constructively work with all its members for the advancement of numismatics."

COIN SHOW and EVENT CALENDAR

To list a show contact Del Cushing; P.O. Box 88984, Seattle, WA 98138-2984; Phone 206-244-1596. Highlighted shows and events are PNNA sponsored or co-sponsored.

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OCT 9-10 VANCOUVER COIN EXPO, Marshall Rec. Center, Vancouver, Wa.

OCT 9-10 COEUR D'ALENE COIN, STAMP & CARD SHOW, Coeur D'Alene Inn, I-90 & Hwy, 95 N., Coeur D'Alene, Idaho

OCT 10 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Eagles #1, Corson & Michigan, Seattle, Wa.

OCT 16 KIRKLAND-EASTSIDE COIN SHOW, Kirkland Best Western, 12223 NE 116TH, Kirkland, Wa.

OCT 16-17 INLAND EMPIRE FALL COIN & STAMP SHOW, Shilo Inn, 923 E. 3rd, Spokane, Wa.

OCT 23 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. No., Kent Wa.

OCT 23-24 OREGON STATE COIN SHOW, Holiday Inn Portland Airport Hotel, Portland, Ore.

NOV 6-7 TACOMA-LAKEWOOD COIN CLUB SHOW, LaQuinta Inn, Portland Ave & I-5, Tacoma, Wa.

NOV 13 OLYMPIA/SOUTH SOUND COIN SHOW, VFW Hall, 2902½ Martin Way, Olympia, Wa.

NOV 13-14 TRI-CITIES COIN CLUB "FALL SHOW", Hampton Inn, 486 Bradley, Richland, Wa.

NOV 14 COWLITZ COIN CLUB FALL SHOW, AWPPW Hall, 724 15th Ave, Longview, Wa.

NOV 20-21 EVERETT COIN CLUB'S 39TH ANNUAL SHOW, Normanna Hall, 2723 Oakes Ave., Everett, Wa. *PNNA board meeting on Saturday.*

NOV 27-28 SALEM NUMISMATIC SOCIETY COIN SHOW, Black Angus Restaurant, 220 Commercial St. S.E., Salem, Ore.

NOV 27-28 THE HOLIDAY COIN & COLLECTIBLES SHOW, LaQuinta Inn, Portland Ave. & I-5, Tacoma, Wa.

DEC 4 ISSAQUAH-EASTSIDE COIN SHOW, Holiday Inn, 1801 12th Ave NW, Issaquah, Wa.

DEC 5 NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, King Oscar Motel, So. 88th & Hosmer, Tacoma, Wa.

DEC 12 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Eagles #1, Corson & Michigan, Seattle, Wa.

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JAN 8-9 GREATER TACOMA COIN SHOW, LaQuinta Inn, Portland Ave. & I-5, Tacoma, Wa

JAN 15-16, BOEING EMPLOYEES' COIN & SPORTS CARD SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave No., Kent Wa.

JAN 22 KIRKLAND-EASTSIDE COIN SHOW, Kirkland Best Western, 12223 NE 116th, Kirkland, Wa.

JAN 29 OLYMPIA COIN CLUB SHOW, VFW Hall, 2902½ Martin Way, Olympia, Wa.

FEB 5 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. No., Kent, Wa.

FEB 6 NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, King Oscar Motel, 8820 So. Hosmer, Tacoma, Wa.

FEB 13 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Eagles #1, Corson & Michigan, Seattle, Wa.

FEB 19 ISSAQUAH COIN SHOW, Holiday Inn, 1801 12th Ave NW, Issaquah, Wa.

MAR 10-12 CALGARY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY 50th ANNIVERSARY & COIN SHOW, Coast Plaza Hotel, Calgary, Alberta

MAR 11-12 TACOMA-LAKEWOOD COIN CLUB SHOW, LaQuinta Inn, Portland Ave. & I-5, Tacoma, Wa.

MAR 18 KIRKLAND-EASTSIDE COIN SHOW, Kirkland Best Western, 12223 NE 116th, Kirkland, Wa.

MAR 19 BELLEVUE COIN & COLLECTIBLES SPRING SHOW, Bellevue Inn, 11211 Main St., Bellevue, Wa.

MAR 27-28 MID-VALLEY COIN CLUB SHOW, United Workers Hall, 610 13th Street S.E., Albany, Ore.

APR 8 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave No., Kent, Wa.

APR 9 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Eagles #1, Corson & Michigan, Seattle, Wa.

APR 21-22 PNNA CONVENTION, DoubleTree Inn, Lloyd Center, Portland, Ore. PNNA board and general membership meetings on Saturday.
