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President's Message by Scott Loos

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I cannot believe that it is already June and time for the summer issue of *The Nor'wester* ... where does the time go? Lisa and I have a couple of numismatic trips planned for this summer ... the first to the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs. I will be taking the "Numismatics of the American Revolutionary Period" class and Lisa will be in "Women in Power on Coins and in Art." The second will be to the ANA convention in Baltimore, Maryland. I hope you all have a great summer that will have a numismatic surprise or two. Here are a few updates on upcoming PNNA projects.

PNNA Convention — The 2003 convention has come and gone and preparations are already underway for the 2004 convention to be held April 23-25, 2004 - again at the Tukwila Community Center. Thanks go out to everyone who volunteered their time and energy to make the 2003 convention a success.

PNNA Scholarship Program — The 2003 scholarship winner was Mike Pepka of the Boeing Employees Coin Club. Mike will be attending the first week of the ANA Summer Seminar and will have a report printed in the fall issue of *The Nor'wester* describing his experience in Colorado Springs. 2004 scholarship applications will be available in the fall and will be mailed with the next issue of *The Nor'wester*.

PNNA Seminar Series — The PNNA and ANA are co-sponsoring two separate seminars the weekend of October 24-26, 2003 to be held at the Tukwila/SeaTac area Courtyard Marriott Hotel. Attendees will have their choice of either "Grading U.S. Coins" or "Ancient Roman and Byzantine Coinage." Seminar tuition is \$350 for the grading class and \$325 for the Roman and Byzantine class. A \$25 discount will be offered to PNNA members and an additional \$25 discount will be offered to ANA members. Both seminars include lunches and beverages for all three days. Seminar students will receive ANA certificates of completion for each class — furthermore, the "Grading U.S. Coins" class will fulfill the ANA Numismatic Diploma grading requirement. For more information and a seminar flyer — please contact Scott Loos,

P.O. Box 2210, North Bend, WA 98045, phone 425-831-8789, Email: scottloos@msn.com. The seminar registration forms can also be found on the ANA website at www.money.org (under the education listings).

Club Brochure — A brochure/listing has been created that lists information on all clubs in the region and will be made available for distribution at coin shows, coin shops, the Puyallup Fair, libraries etc. To obtain the brochure for club use or distribution at a show or other event, please contact Eric Holcomb, phone 253-850-2996, Email: Eric@Holcomb.com.

The PNNA board is also interested in hearing other ideas and suggestions for programs that we can undertake in the future. Please feel free to contact me any time.

PUYALLUP FAIR

The PNNA again sponsors a coin collecting table and exhibit at the Western Washington Fair, 5-21 September 2003. Several Puget Sound clubs have volunteered to sponsor one or more days of the fair by staffing the table. If you wish to work a shift or two and are not affiliated with a sponsoring club, or if you have an exhibit for the "permanent" display case, contact Joe Boling at the numbers in the letterhead. Volunteers receive two tickets to the Fair for every shift worked. Go early and work late, or work early and cruise the fair late.

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PNNA National Coin Week Contest Winners by Larry Rowe, NCW Judge

The annual competition sponsored by PNNA for National Coin Week brought only two entries again this year. "Tale of the Coin" was this year's theme as selected by the American Numismatic Association. Participating clubs promote the hobby of numismatics in their area according to their best ability. No specific rules govern, only that what is done is written up and submitted to the PNNA judge. Monetary awards are given to the top three member clubs who are selected.

First Place (\$100) - Olympia Coin Club, Olympia, WA. The Olympia Club built a display which it exhibited in the Tumwater branch of the Timberland Regional Library from April 14 until May 31, 2003. The club did an excellent job of describing how "Every Coin Has A Story to Tell." A change in leadership, a great victory, a tragic loss, hard economic times, a reaffirmation of a nation's values are some of the stories a coin has to tell. There are also stories behind the coin, why it was made and the people, places, or objects it depicts. Illustrations of the stories on coins were included.

Second Place (\$75) - Seattle Numismatic Society, Seattle, WA. Two members of the club visited McClure Middle School in Seattle and talked to two classes of students about ancient coins and the cultures of the societies that used them. They spoke on Chinese, Greek and Roman coins. They answered questions and examined some coins that they brought for display. They donated some ancient coins and some books to the teachers for use as teaching aids. The children were very interested and had a good time. Congratulations to the participating clubs.

From Joe Boling: The ANA early spring convention exhibit program now includes a special exhibit category and award for National Coin Week-suitable exhibits. Among other prizes, the best NCW exhibit earns a scholarship and transportation to the ANA summer seminar. If your club has such an exhibit, and someone will be traveling to the spring convention who can set it up (Portland in 2004, Kansas City 2005), don't overlook this opportunity to have it recognized. If the club wins, a club member can use the scholarship. Contact ANA HQ for exhibit rules for the spring conventions. (A club must belong to the ANA in order to compete for the convention exhibit award; non-member clubs can show their exhibits non-competitively.)

Exhibiting Increases at the 2003 PNNA Convention by Larry Rowe, Exhibit Chairman

There was a modest increase in the number of competitive exhibits at the 2003 PNNA Convention in Tukwila, WA. This year saw four entries, an increase of two, but a 100% gain over last year. This is a step in the right direction. One of the entries was a first time exhibitor who not only took a first place, but won the Best Tokens and Medals award. Exhibiting is rewarding, ask those who have done it.

Again, the Exhibit Chairman expresses thanks to the judges for their difficult work. The Chief Judge was Joe Boling, assisted by Tom Sheehan and Scott Loos.

This years results were as follows:

Class I - U. S. Coins

First Place and Byron F. Johnson Jr. Memorial Best of Show Award — *A 1919 Buffalo Nickel with Multiple Errors*, Kenneth R. Hill, Seattle, WA.

Second Place — George Washington Large & Small Eagle Cents from the Eliasberg Collection, J. Eric Holcomb, Kent, WA.

Class III - Tokens and Medals

First Place and C. E. "Hep" Heppner Memorial Award for Tokens and Medals — Freedom From Addiction - Examples of Recovery Tokens - Old and New, Susan L. Billings, Redmond, WA

Class IV - Paper Money

First Place — Lebanese Banknotes Issued by the "Banque De Syrie Et Du Liban," 1945-1950, Steve Cox, Seattle, WA.

Congratulations to the winners and thanks for adding to the quality of the convention.

There were also non-competitive exhibits which were of interest. The PNNA collection of memorabilia was on display, which always draws a crowd. An exhibit entitled *New Money for Old - The Euro Change-over* was displayed by Greg P. Franck-Wieby of Silverton, Oregon.

ANA candidate for Vice President William H. Horton, Jr. of Keyport, NJ displayed an exhibit entitled *Several Ways of Collecting Obsolete Paper Money* as another step in his goal to exhibit in every state of the country.

Thanks to all who participated this year, and I hope that displays will increase 100% again.

Bob Everett Memorial Award

The 2003 recipient of the Bob Everett award is Ray Mah, who received a check for \$150 and will have his name engraved on the perpetual plaque that is maintained by the PNNA. Congratulations to Ray.

Ray, who received the award after the convention, said "I was both shocked and surprised to receive the award presented to me by Del Cushing. He happened to be visiting me on his trip to Vancouver Island (him and Mary stayed overnight) and he said he had something for me. What a surprise when he handed me the award and a cheque!"

Ray continued, "We all know that the hobby exists due to the dedication of many and that we participate for the love of numismatics, but to receive an acknowledgement for my efforts was so unexpected. My thanks to the PNNA and everybody that is involved in forwarding the goals of our hobby."

Nina Nystrom Numismatic Ambassador Award

The 2003 recipient of the Nina Nystrom Memorial Goodwill Ambassador Award is J. Eric Holcomb. Congratulations to Eric. As your editor and webmaster, I appreciate receiving this award in recognition of my efforts to promote the hobby in the Northwest.

2004 PNNA CONVENTION

After another successful convention in Tukwila in April, the PNNA will hold its 2004 convention in the same facility on the weekend of April 23-25, 2004. Dick Billings will again serve as convention general chairman for 2004.

Boling to Ride for Multiple Sclerosis

PNNA secretary/treasurer Joe Boling will be making a two-day 183-mile bicycle ride to benefit the National MS Society (in honor of longtime PNNA stalwart Marge Farnam) on the second weekend of August. Because the MS Society's Washington state rides have been discontinued, he is riding a Cascade Bicycle Club ride in their "pedal for a purpose" program, namely the RSVP ("Ride from Seattle to Vancouver and Party"). The ride starts at Sand Point and overnights at Western Washington University in Bellingham, ending the second day in downtown Vancouver, BC. If you wish to make a pledge to support this cause (either a fixed sum or an amount-per-mile), please contact him at the numbers in the letterhead. No payment is needed until after the ride is completed.

Minutes of PNNA general membership meeting 26 April 2003, Tukwila, Washington

President Loos convened the meeting at 6:20 PM. Eighteen members and three guests were present. The latter were recognized: Chris Connell of ANA HO (at the convention to deliver educational talks), and Patti Finner and Bill Horton (both ANA governors).

Exhibit awards were announced and presented (the three judges were Joseph Boling, Scott Loos, and Tom Sheehan). See page 2 for exhibit results.

The Nina Nystrom PNNA Goodwill Ambassador Award was presented to J Eric Holcomb. The Bob Everett award for promotion of numismatics was announced to Ray Mah (it was later presented to him in Vancouver by Del Cushing).

Show chairman Dick Billings announced that the show was building toward a successful conclusion. He also reported that all of the old roughly-finished wooden cases had been sold and that the better-finished cases are in short supply.

Eric Holcomb announced that there is a need for articles for both The Nor'Wester and for the PNNA web site, and requested that anyone who could write something, please pass it to him for use in either or both publications.

Bill McKivor thanked Chris Connell for the talks that he had delivered at the convention educational forum.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.

Minutes of PNNA board meeting

26 April 2003, Tukwila, Washington

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Loos at 7:30am. Present were vice president Larry Gaye, secretary/treasurer Joseph Boling, directors Richard Billings, Bill Henderson, Eric Holcomb, Lisa Loos, Bill McKivor, Larry Rowe, Kathy Rowe, and Bruce Wonder, dealer director Dale Reubisch, and members Bert Simmons, Mark Gruner, Eric Gruner, and David Ownbey.

Moved and seconded (McKivor/Wonder) to approve the minutes of the meeting of 18 January 2003. Passed. Moved and seconded (Lisa Loos/Gaye) to accept the treasurer's report (subject to audit). Passed.

The first day's attendance at the show was about 270. There have been many hourly prizes donated by dealers, to the extent that some hourly prizes will be doubled up. We had several people trying to avoid the early bird fee by riding a dealer's table application. Some discussion led to no motions. We need to encourage votes for the quarter design contest.

Eric Holcomb is posting to the web site daily during the convention. Some articles are outdated and could be revised.

Norm Mikat's book of Washington State coin club memorabilia has been published; he has donated a copy to the PNNA (transferred to Boling as archivist). Some of the PNNA web site illustrations were used.

Scott Loos asked opinions of the metallic 2003 PNNA convention token—liked, not liked, should we do it again? There are more asking to buy three-piece sets. Silver pieces were provided to dealers and committee members. Pewter pieces, being provided to registered visitors, will be gone today. Next year we should announce them in advance. Moved/seconded (Gaye/McKivor) to continue the program for next year; determine the mintage later. Passed. This year we have a couple of errors—a die trial with an incorrect date, and an off-center gold strike. Moved/seconded (Boling/McKivor) to keep the trial, auction the offcenter piece. Passed. Gaye-we need to donate a set (or partial set) to the ANA Museum. There are silver/ pewter sets that are being used for speaker prizes and other "thank yous."

YN program at the convention—there are materials for up to 100 kids for the treasure trivia contest. We also have US Mint mugs, quarter boards, blank planchet/cent sets (from the Mint, no less), and other goodies.

Mike Pepka won the PNNA scholarship to the ANA summer seminar. He will be going in the first week. The ANA-PNNA joint education seminar will be the weekend of October 24-26. Grading will cost \$350, with discounts for ANA/PNNA membership. Ancients will cost \$325, same discounts. Chris Connell will probably teach the ancients course; other instructors are not set yet.

Convention for next year—need dates. Moved/seconded (Billings/McKivor) to hold the next convention 23-25 April 2004; passed.

We do not have any participation award for exhibitors or judges. Gaye—we could set up the mechanics of prizes for the judges. Rowe—could have the same plaques as we have for exhibitors. Moved/seconded (Gaye/Rowe) to establish some sort of participation award for exhibitors and judges, leaving the mechanics to the exhibit chair; passed.

We are cramped in the exhibit area this year, due to selling extra dealer tables and moving the ANA table back inside the room. We could put exhibits in the hall-way outside the door, in the racquet ball court, or sell fewer tables and expand exhibit space in the hall. Gaye—should go in and walk around to see what can be done. Could limit exhibit applications, or dealers, or both.

The hallway is not good for exhibit security (physical bumping). The racquetball court would need extra security for that room.

Are we going to put dealer information on the web site before the convention? If so, how much? Some thought that info about dealer specialties is not desirable; just the name and phone or email.

Reubisch—some dealers are complaining about banners at booths (too big, too obstructive). May need to put some numbers in the bourse application next year about sizes. Billings will go around and look at sign sizes today.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Tom Sheehan is looking to buy

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\$4.00 (1 column inch; no oversized text)

\$7.50 (1/8-page)

\$10.00 (1/6-page), \$15.00 (1/4-page)

\$25.00 (1/2-page), \$45.00 (full page)

Full page color — price on request

Web advertising rates (per year on www.pnna.org):

1-line web site listing — Free to members

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

American Numismatic Association News

Mountains of Money: A Colorado Story — Gold and silver extracted from the mountains and minted into coins, tokens and medals in mining camps, towns and cities transformed the wilderness of the Colorado Territory into the booming Centennial State. The story of the people and the state they shaped is told in Mountains of Money: A Colorado Story, an exhibit that runs through January 31, 2004 at the Money Museum at 818 North Cascade Avenue in Colorado Springs.

"Gold strikes, the silver boom and the Denver Mint are three primary forces that shaped Colorado," says Curator Lawrence J. Lee. "This exhibit traces the early saga of the state, from the first major gold rush following the discovery of gold near the confluence of Cherry Creek and the South Platte River in 1858, through the late 1800s when silver was king to the founding of the United States Mint in Denver and the end of gold-backed American currency in 1933. It is the most complete collection of such material ever brought together and includes original paintings and other artwork of Colorado mountains scenes created in the 1880s."

Throughout those 75 years, Colorado's fortunes were linked directly to the precious metals hauled from its mountains. Almost immediately after the discovery of gold, private minting firms set up operations to transform nuggets and dust into coins for general circulation. Dr. John Parsons, a multi-talented medical doctor from Quincy, Illinois, assayed and struck gold coins from the back of his wagon in the Tarryall Mining District in South Park in 1861. At the same time, John J. Conway & Co., jewelers and bankers, briefly struck gold pieces in Summit County. However, the most successful private minter in Colorado was Clark, Gruber & Co., which operated in Denver from 1860 to 1861. The firm later was purchased by the federal government as the foundation for the Denver Mint.

Only a handful of the coins produced by these early minters remain in collections today, and the finest examples from the Frederick R. Mayer Colorado Pioneer Gold Collection are included in this exhibit. Of particular interest are the obverse designs for Clark, Gruber's \$10 and \$20 gold pieces. An engraver in Philadelphia, who had never been west, made Pikes Peak look like a pile of whipped cream.

A special section in the "Mountains of Money" exhibit describes of the creation of the United States Mint in Denver, from its early days in 1863 as an assay office to the striking of the first coins there in 1906. Colorado's first fortunes waned by the late 1860s, when the days of "easy" gold disappeared. The second boom began the next decade, when silver was discovered near Leadville and prices rose because of a congressional mandate for the precious metal. Mining towns sprouted

like wildflowers, and the state's population grew by 676 percent from 1860 to 1880. "Along with these towns rose a proliferation of tokens used by merchants, saloons and laborers," Lee says. "Visitors to the exhibit can see the bewildering assortment of shapes, denominations, metallic compositions and imagery."



ANA Launches New Branding Image — The ANA is stepping forward with a new, unified approach to make the ANA name and logo instantly recognizable. "We were seeking a memorable, unique and timeless image that speaks to today's audience," says Executive Director

Christopher Cipoletti. "After months of research and study, we have developed a simple, yet eye-catching brand for the ANA that will effectively convey the nature of the organization."

"Those of us in the hobby are familiar with the ANA, and know who and what we are," Cipoletti adds. "Even our Internet address says we're about money (www.money.org). However, in today's fast-paced world, we must be instantly recognizable to the general public, so we can attract and retain new members." The ANA was looking for an exclusive identity, says branding consultant Dave Kottler of APEX Communications Inc. of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

"The ANA brand represents the credibility, leadership, education and material nature of the organization," Kottler says. "It suggests the historical, life-enriching, informative services and resources that are available through the ANA, yet it is flexible and versatile enough for the ANA's needs."

All of the uses of the ANA brand have a similar appearance, created around the 1921 Peace dollar. (Issued after World War I at the urging of the ANA, the Peace dollar was designed by noted medalist Anthony De Francisci.) Each logo refers to the 1891 founding date of the ANA, and one has been created specifically for use on medals and other three-dimensional items.

The ANA member logo, for use by any member in advertisements and printed material, will be available from the ANA Membership Department. The Association's Bylaws (Article III, Section 9) require that companies using the member logo for advertising or promotional purposes must also include the name or names and membership numbers of one or more principal officers of the firm. Use of all previous ANA member logos must be discontinued by August 1, 2003.

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, ANA or CNA sponsored or co-sponsored. Shows will occasionally be subject to changes or cancellations.

2003

JUN 28 to JUL 13 ANA Summer Seminar (preregistration and payment of tuition required to take courses), Colorado Springs, CO.

JUL 12-13 NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY 19TH ANNUAL CONVENTION, Marshall Recreation Center, Vancouver, Wa.

JUL 17-20 CANADIAN NUMISMATIC ASSOC. CONVENTION, Windsor, Ontario.

JUL 19 OLYMPIA/SOUTH SOUND COIN SHOW, VFW Hall, 2902½ Martin Way, Olympia, Wa.

JUL 30-AUG 3 ANA World's Fair of Money®, Baltimore Convention Center, 1 W. Pratt St., Baltimore, MD.

AUG 9 KIRKLAND-EASTSIDE COIN SHOW, Kirkland Best Western Inn, 12223 NE 116th, Kirkland, Wa.

AUG 9-10 VANCOUVER COIN EXPO, Marshall Recreation Center, 1009 E. Mcloughlin Blvd., Vancouver, Wa.

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

AUG 30-31 WASHINGTON STATE 24th ANNUAL COIN SHOW, University Place Community Hall, 37th & Bridgeport, Tacoma, Wa.

SEP 5-21 PUYALLUP FAIR, PNNA-sponsored coin exhibit and information table in Hobby Hall.

SEP 5-7 PACIFIC NORTHWEST COIN, CURRENCY & BULLION SHOW®, Tacoma Dome, Tacoma, Wa.

SEP 6-7 NORTH SHORE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY COIN SHOW, North Shore Recreation Center (tentative), North Vancouver, British Columbia.

SEP 7 (9 AM - 1 PM) NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, King Oscar Motel, 8820 So. Hosmer, Tacoma, Wa.

SEP 18-21 LONG BEACH COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES EXPO, LONG BEACH CONV. CENTER, LONG BEACH, Ca.

SEP 20-21 CAVEMAN COIN CLUB COIN SHOW, Josephine Co. Fairgrounds, Grants Pass, Oregon.

SEP 27-28 OREGON STATE FALL COIN SHOW, Holiday Inn (Ballroom) - Portland Airport, 8439 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, Or.

OCT 4 (9 AM - 3 PM) KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, Wa.

OCT 4 SKAGIT VALLEY COIN CLUB SHOW, Cranberry Restaurant, Mt. Vernon, Wa.

OCT 11 KIRKLAND-EASTSIDE COIN SHOW, Kirkland Best Western Inn, 12223 NE 116th, Kirkland, Wa.

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

OCT 18-19 TACOMA-LAKEWOOD COIN CLUB SHOW, University Place Community Hall, 37th & Bridgeport, Tacoma, Wa.

OCT 24-26 PNNA/ANA SEMINARS. CHOICE OF U.S. COIN GRADING OR ROMAN AND BYZANTINE COINAGE. Tukwila, WA. For info and brochure contact: Scott Loos, PO Box 2210, North Bend, WA 98045, 425-831-8789 or scottloos@msn.com

NOV 8-9 INLAND EMPIRE COIN CLUB'S 2003 FALL COIN, CARD & STAMP SHOW, Sons of Norway Hall, 6710 N. Country Homes Blvd., Spokane, Wa.

NOV 14-16 PACIFIC NORTHWEST COIN, CURRENCY & BULLION SHOW®, Tacoma Dome, Tacoma, Wa.

NOV 22-23 EVERETT COIN CLUB 43rd ANNUAL SHOW, Normanna Hall, 2723 Oakes Ave., Everett, Wa.

NOV 29-30 THE HOLIDAY COIN SHOW, University Place Community Hall, 37th & Bridgeport, Tacoma, Wa.

DEC 6 OLYMPIA/SOUTH SOUND COIN SHOW, VFW Hall, 2902½ Martin Way, Olympia, Wa.

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ANA table at the PNNA convention. Left to right: ANA board member William Horton, ANA Museum Collection Manager Chris Connell, ANA board member Patti Finner.