

Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association

The Nor'wester



4th Quarter 2017
October - November - December

Youth and Family Fun Educational Activities



U.S. Mint images

**Also
Boy & Girl
Scout Clinics!**

**Platinum and Palladium bullion coins – See story on p.10.
ANACS submissions accepted at show – See back-cover ad.**

**PNNA/WCC 13th Annual Fall Convention - October 20 - 22, 2017
DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel - Portland, Oregon**



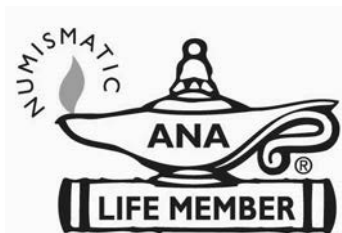
Eric Holcomb, Editor/Webmaster
 1900 NE 3rd St
 STE 106 PMB 361
 Bend, OR 97701-3889
 Phone: 541-647-1021
 Email: Eric@Holcomb.com

www.pnna.org

***The Nor'wester* is published
 quarterly by the
 Pacific Northwest
 Numismatic Association**

PNNA is an IRS 501 c(3) non-profit educational association registered in the State of Oregon.

For membership information please see page 6, the PNNA website, or attend the convention.



American Numismatic
 Association Member
 C-1000037 (old ANA
 Life Club #37)

PNNA Dues

PNNA dues are assessed annually in January. If you have not yet paid for 2018, you will receive a reminder next year, however you are encouraged to pay early. Individual online-only dues are \$10; family groups and clubs are \$15. Life membership costs \$200. Add \$5/year for paper. For more information please see <http://www.pnna.org/info/membership.html>.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Welcome to Portland | 3 |
| PNNA President's Message | 6 |
| Coin Show and Event Calendar | 7 |
| North and South, the PGM Bullion Coins | 10 |
| 2017 Washington State Fair | 11 |
| ANA Summer Seminar Reports | 14-15 |

PNNA Officers 2016-2018

President - James Reinders

Vice President - Ed Fischer

Secretary - Danny Bisgaard (also Past President)

Treasurer - Scott Loos

Directors - John Brown, Kevin Charboneau, Gawain O'Connor, Ron Engholm, James D. Free, Mark Gruner, Tony Kalt, Lance Nesemann, Rick Schulz, Dan Vornbrock

Appointed Positions

Dealer Director - Dennis Reed

Editor/Webmaster - Eric Holcomb

Deadline for submission of material for 1st Quarter 2018 Nor'wester: December 15, 2017.

Please send ad copy to Eric Holcomb (email Eric@Holcomb.com), and payment to the PNNA treasurer.

Advertising rates (per regular/convention issue) are:

\$7.50/\$10.00 (1/8-page; business card)

\$10.00/\$12.50 (1/6-page)

\$15.00/\$18.00 (1/4-page)

\$25.00/\$30.00 (1/2-page)

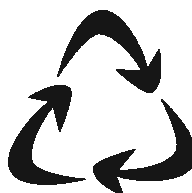
\$45.00/\$50.00 (full page)

Color pages in the convention editions, where available, will be charged at a higher rate. See website for details.

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)



Locally printed in Everett, Washington. When you are finished with this magazine, please recycle it or share it with another collector!

Welcome to Portland!

by General Chairman and PNNA V.P. Ed Fischer

Another warm and dry summer has now come to an end and the fall gives us the sign of another upcoming numismatic season. Even though many of us collect year round, there *is* a lull in activity when families are vacationing and enjoying summer time together. Portland will kick off the season with its annual show on the weekend of October 20-22. Be there to renew the connections you have with your coin collecting family.

Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association (PNNA) and Willamette Coin Club (WCC) will be hosting the event, with most of the solid dealers we've grown to love bringing a wide variety of new inventory. Solid, good quality coins have continued to show growth. I always love exploring and listening to adventures of acquisition. This year there will be additional national dealers. More good stuff.

The show will open on Friday for those willing to pay the early bird price while dealers are setting up. As it has been in recent years, the dealers will be setting up at the Doubletree Lloyd Center at 1000 NE Multnomah St, Portland, Ore. On Saturday and Sunday the bourse floor opens at 10 a.m. Early bird opportunity will be offered for \$20 both days, 8 a.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. on Sunday. Closing times are 6 p.m. on Saturday and 4 p.m. on Sunday. Regular general admission is at 10 a.m.

PNNA is planning to host a table showing just part of the group's collection and discussing the benefits of membership. At a recent board meeting, our own Tony Kalt displayed a chunk of the historic memorabilia. Tony recently picked up fabulous show medals produced by our own Greg Franck-Weiby. His plan is to fill several display cases with ribbons, medals, badges and advertising in the exhibit area. Rick Schultz will also have a new design for the annual elongated cent.

Walter Ostromecki, past ANA President and board member, will be in attendance. As usual, he will operate the Young Numismatist scavenger hunt, with free collectibles and coins for beginning collectors. Walt is a wealth of information and tall tales from his years of experience in the collecting world.

This year I will offer free appraisals on subject matter I am familiar with or refer folks to dealers that specialize in areas I am not well educated. Come by table #1 to say hi and have any other questions answered.

Roman, modern, foreign, ancient, literature or supplies, it can be found somewhere on the bourse floor. We wel-

come all to the show to reacquaint with old friends, meet new and hunt out those treasures to fill in the gaps of your collection.

Hope to see you there. For additional questions, email me at edoregon@comcast.net, or call 503-507-6721.

Hours are (subject to change):

Dealer/exhibitor set up and Early Bird entry:

Friday, October 20, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 21, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 22, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Public entry:

Saturday, October 21, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 22, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Additional Show Information

- Show location: DoubleTree Lloyd Center, 1000 NE Multnomah Street, Portland, Oregon, just a short walk from the Lloyd Center shopping areas. There is paid parking at the hotel and on surrounding streets. There are also a number of other hotels within a reasonable distance.
- Regular admission is only \$2.00 per day, and you might win something in the hourly door prize drawings. Early Bird admission is available at extra cost.
- See the PNNA website for a list of dealers.
- ANACS (grading service) will be at the show, with a bourse table. They will be accepting submissions, but there will not be a grader present. See their back-cover ad and the ANACS website (www.anacs.com).
- There will be a YN treasure hunt and other youth "family fun" and educational activities on Saturday and Sunday. They will be conducted by popular ANA Past President Walter Ostromecki.
- There will be judged collector exhibits and awards again this year. For additional information about collector exhibits at the PNNA conventions, including the exhibit applications, rules and judging criteria, please see the PNNA webpage at <http://www.pnna.org/exhibits/exhibits.html>.
- There will once again be souvenir elongated coins with a special design, and you can make your own with the PNNA's "penny press."
- Many thanks again to the Willamette Coin Club and their many dedicated members for hosting the show. Their club website is <http://www.pdxcoinclub.org/>.

THE COIN MARKET, LLC



VISIT OUR NEW WEB STORE
WWW.COINMARKET.BIZ
 1120 164TH ST SW - UNIT J
 LYNNWOOD, WA 98087
 425-745-1659

ALSO FOLLOW US ON  **WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/COINMARKET**

COLLECTORS



- Free Monthly New Purchases fixed price list - sign up to receive it
- Always buying - individual pieces to large collections
- Give us your Want List for So-Called Dollars
- Consign - your better So-Called Dollars to our twice a year auctions



"So-Called Dollar"
 collector's web site

from the
 So-Called Guy



Home For Sale About SCD's Discussions Photos Articles
 New Book Want List SCD Links Contact Us

www.So-CalledDollar.com

- For Sale - hundreds of So-Called Dollars offered for sale
- About SCD's - Information on So-Called Dollars
- Discussions - hundreds of discussion topics with thousands of posts
- Photos - Thousands of fantastic photos with descriptions
- Auction Archive - In the Photos section
- Articles - Original research published
- New Book - Information on new SCD books
- Want List - Let us know what you are looking for, we will find it and give you first opportunity to purchase it
- SCD Links - To other SCD websites
- Contact Us - By email, phone or US Mail
- SoCalledGuy@hotmail.com

TOM SHEEHAN



Wanted Rare Washington State National Currency

I need notes for my collection
Call Tom Sheehan
(206) 949-COIN (2646)

P.O. Box 1477, Edmonds WA 98020
email ThomasSheehan@msn.com

BUYING COLLECTIONS AND ESTATES

Coins, Paper Money, Medals
and Numismatic Literature
\$100 to \$200,000 available
Office in Edmonds Washington
Call for an appointment



**Tacoma Mall Blvd. Coin,
Stamp & Jewelry Inc.**

WE BUY & SELL

**Buyer on Duty
Every Day
Confidential
Friendly • Fair**

Also: Jewelry sales & repair • Insurance appraisals
Estate appraisals

Office Line
(253) 472-9632
5225 Tacoma Mall Blvd

- Gold, silver or platinum coins • Collectible U.S. & Foreign coins
- Collectible U.S. & Foreign Paper money
- Gold jewelry - any condition • Bullion • Diamonds
- Sterling • Silver flatware • U.S. & Foreign stamps

MON-FRI 10-6PM
SAT 10-4PM
Market Report 472-9631
E-mail: tacomacoin@wamail.net



COINS UNLIMITED

David Schmidt, owner of **Coins Unlimited** and **GNW Shows** in Tacoma, WA has been a preferred provider of numismatic items in the Northwest for over 40 years.

I BUY, SELL, TRADE & APPRAISE:

U.S. & Foreign Gold Coins
U.S. & Foreign Silver & Copper Coins
U.S. Paper Money – Current and Obsolete
Tokens & Medals – U.S. & Foreign
So-called Dollars and Norse-American Items
Items with Buffalo, Angel & Totem Pole Themes
Olympic Memorabilia

Available to come to your location, or you may come to my office in Tacoma, Washington.

Please call to discuss your numismatic needs! **253-565-6565**
gnwshows@yahoo.com



Lacey Rare Coins

Purveyor of Fine Numismatics

805-C2 College St. SE, PO Box 3173
Lacey, WA 98509-3173

Dennis Reed

liondennis@juno.com

ANA Life Member #5495 • PNNA Life Member #818

360.438.1432 • 1.866.304.COIN • Fax 360.438.2942

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday: 11 am - 6 pm

Authorized Dealer:



PNNA News

PNNA President's Message

by PNNA President James Reinders

It was a real joy to have the board over to my house for our summer board meeting. What a great group of numismatists! We approved a new flyer to help promote the PNNA, and we expect to distribute over 7,000 of these new flyers at the Puyallup Fair (officially known as the Washington State Fair) during September. Naturally, a large number of the people we talk to at the Fair (and who take a flyer), will enjoy us for the moment and not think of us again until they see us again in 2018. That's okay, we cultivate a positive image for coin collecting nonetheless. We definitely spark renewed interest in more than a few, and new interest in some. It's a great hobby – and many more people realize that when we talk about it! Outreach is very important! The Fair is a tremendous outreach for the PNNA, which benefits clubs throughout the Pacific Northwest. Many thanks to all who found time to volunteer.

An on-going topic of the board is show security, as well as the overall show environment for the dealers, numismatics and general public. We discussed food among other things (food improvements in Tukwila got a lot of positive feedback, as well as better coffee placement in Portland last fall for dealers was a big hit). We seek to keep things secure while making everyone happy and successful. Our badging system has definitely given us much better control and knowledge of who is on the bourse floor during setup and early bird times. It has inconvenienced dealers and volunteers a little by making us remember to bring our PNNA or ANA ID to the shows. So far, that has seemed a small price to pay for the additional peace-of-mind that the proper accountability has had. Also, on the security front, we will debut a pretty simple but effective measure in Portland: video cameras. They will also be used in Tukwila in the spring. Other shows in the nation have found these to be great deterrents, as well as useful should (heaven forbid) something actually happen. They act as deterrents, because those hoping to slip in and out unnoticed now know that is not possible. We will only keep and use the surveillance tapes for security needs. It offers additional peace of mind overnight, when we have at least one security officer on site at all times, but providing additional records of activity as well as a visible deterrent. Honestly, I know we'd rather go look at a cool die variety than dwell on this ... so I really appreciate the board's energy at looking at the reality of the world, and coming up with some incremental improvements that keep us on top of security so we can all enjoy our coin shows. If you run a show, and want to know more about our experiences – feel free to drop us a note.

These proactive measures by the board are helping ensure we all have great coin shows!

Tony and John will be reporting back to the board at the Portland Convention on the possibility of an education seminar that could be centrally located. Maybe a grading seminar as the lead topic and some other topics. We encourage members that have a desire and talent in teaching numismatics for this education seminar to let us know. Scott has been talking with Rod Gillis on how the ANA can participate and help. Rod is a tremendous asset to the numismatic community, and there may not be a more proactive and positive person about numismatic education in the world! Of course, he is also the "Dream Crusher," but that's a story for a different day.

A real treat at our summer board meeting was that Tony brought the PNNA collection for the Board to see. Tony recently took on the job of being the new curator of our collection of PNNA related items. Tony continues to reconcile what was turned over to him and what is listed on the website. He handed out samples of his worksheet for comments. There were many cool things to see. For some reason, the "New 1959 Memorial Reverse" cents for the 1959 convention caught my eye! I just enjoyed thinking how exciting the new cents must have been in 1959. Tony plans to exhibit parts of the collection at shows from time to time. Personally, I encouraged him to try to highlight parts of it from time-to-time instead of thinking about showing it all at once. I look forward to whatever Tony can pull together!

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates and Locations:

- Oct. 21, 2017 at the WCC/PNNA Portland Convention, DoubleTree Lloyd Center, Portland, Ore., at about 6 p.m. (earlier if everyone is ready)
- Jan. 20, 2018 at the Boeing Employees Coin Show, Kent Commons, Kent, Wash., at about 6 p.m. (earlier if everyone is ready)
- Mar. 17, 2018 at the PNNA Convention, Tukwila Community Center, Tukwila, Wash., at about 8 a.m.

The board and officers serve at your pleasure – please contact any one of us with your suggestions. We want to grow this organization and we want to better educate our members on the subject of numismatics.

There are many coin shows to enjoy this fall (see <http://pnna.org/calendar.html> for up-to-date listings). Looks like a fun fall ahead!

I hope to see many of you this fall in Portland.

PNNA Membership Information — If you have questions about your PNNA membership or would like to join, please contact: Eric Holcomb, 1900 NE 3rd St STE 106 PMB 361, Bend, OR 97701-3889, phone (541) 647-1021, email eric@holcomb.com. Individuals, families and clubs can join PNNA for 3 years and save money! See the PNNA website memberships page for details.

COIN SHOW and EVENT CALENDAR

October 2017

OCT 7 TACOMA-LAKEWOOD COIN CLUB SHOW, Tacoma Elks Lodge #174, 2013 S. Cedar St., Tacoma, WA

OCT 7-8 BUENA PARK COIN SHOW, Retail Clerks Hall, 8550 Stanton Ave, Buena Park, CA

OCT 8 POLK COUNTY COIN SHOW, Polk County Fairgrounds Bldg. "B," 520 S. Pacific Hwy West, Rickreall, OR

OCT 8 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Red Lion Hotel at 1 South Grady Way, Renton, WA

OCT 14-15 SPOKANE INLAND EMPIRE FALL COIN SHOW, Center Place, 2426 N Discovery Place, Spokane Valley, WA

OCT 21-22 (Setup Oct 20) PNNA-WCC 13TH ANNUAL FALL CONVENTION & COIN SHOW, DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel, 1000 NE Multnomah St, Portland, OR

OCT 21 UMPQUA VALLEY STAMPFEST AND COIN SHOW, St George's Episcopal Church, 1024 SE Cass Ave, Roseburg, OR

OCT 25-28 DENVER COIN EXPO, National Western Complex, 4655 Humboldt St., Denver, CO

OCT 28 SOUTH HILL COIN CLUB COIN SHOW, Best Western Premier, 620 South Hill Park Dr, Puyallup, WA

November 2017

NOV 3-4 SACRAMENTO COIN SHOW, Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St, McClellan (Sacramento), CA

NOV 4 BREMERTON-WEST SOUND COIN SHOW, Masonic Temple, 878 5th St., Bremerton, WA

NOV 10-11 SOUTH BAY-SUNNYVALE COIN SHOW, The Domain Hotel, 1085 El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, CA

NOV 11-12 EDMONTON COIN SHOW, Howard Johnson Hotel, 15540 Stony Plain Road, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

NOV 18 EVERETT COIN CLUB FALL COIN & STAMP SHOW, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 12810 35th Ave SE, Everett, WA

NOV 25 HOLIDAY COIN & COLLECTIBLES SHOW, Tacoma Elks Lodge #174, 2013 S. Cedar St., Tacoma, WA

NOV 25 NORTH SHORE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY STAMP & COIN FAIR, Nikkei Centre, 6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby, BC

December 2017

DEC 2-3 SALEM COIN, STAMP and POSTCARD SHOW, Oregon State Fairgrounds, Columbia Hall, 2330 17th St. NE, Salem, OR

DEC 8-10 THE VEGAS COIN SHOW, Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino, 3000 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas, NV

DEC 9 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

DEC 10 (8AM-Noon) NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, Olympia VFW Post #318 Hall, 2902 Martin Way, Olympia, WA

DEC 10 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Red Lion Hotel at 1 South Grady Way, Renton, WA

DEC 16-17 CSNA CONVENTION AND COIN SHOW, Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA

DEC 17 SACRAMENTO COIN SHOW, Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St, McClellan (Sacramento), CA

Welcome to the PNNA! — Email info@pnna.org for info, or visit www.pnna.org for updates.

For more news of PNNA events, sign up for the **PNNA Email Announcement List** at <http://www.pnna.org/announce/announce.html>, or use the link on the PNNA homepage.

January 2018 — See pnna.org for updates and more shows

JAN 4-7 FLORIDA UNITED NUMIS. (FUN) 63RD ANNUAL CONVENTION, Tampa Convention Center, Tampa, FL

JAN 6 GREATER TACOMA COIN SHOW, Tacoma Elks Lodge #174, 2013 S. Cedar St., Tacoma, WA

JAN 11-14 NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATIC CONV., Waldorf Astoria Hotel, 301 Park Avenue, New York City, NY

JAN 14 COIN - CURRENCY - TOKEN & MEDAL SHOW, Clackamas Banquet Center, 15815 SE 82nd Dr & Hwy 212 E, Clackamas, OR

JAN 20-21 BOEING EMPLOYEES' COIN CLUB SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

JAN 26-28 SAN JOSE COIN CLUB SHOW, DoubleTree Hotel Bayshore Ballroom, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose, CA

JAN 27 OLYMPIA COIN CLUB SHOW, VFW Hall, 2902 Martin Way, Olympia, WA

Everett Coin Club

Coin & Stamp Show

Bring the family

November 18, 2017

Saturday, 10am-5pm

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
(Hall is behind church)
12810 35th Ave SE, Everett WA

Free Admission

www.everettcoinclub.org

Bob's Coin Shows

Affordable booth space available at shows in Kent and Bremerton.

Bob Kinsedahl

PO Box 717, Spanaway, WA 98387

(253) 537-6049

BobKinsedahl65@outlook.com

PLATINUM NIGHT & SIGNATURE AUCTIONS

January 3-8, 2018 | Tampa | Live & Online

Consign Now to the Official Auctions of FUN 2018
and your collection could sell alongside

A Fine Collection of Colonial Coins



(1659) Lord Baltimore Sixpence



1723 Hibernia Farthing in Silver



New Yorke in America Token, Brass



1776 Continental Dollar
Pewter, CURRENCY Spelling



1783 Chalmers Shilling
Long Worm



1787 Immunis Columbia Copper
Eagle Reverse



1787 New York Excelsior Copper
Large Eagle on Obverse



1787 George Clinton Copper



1790 Standish Barry Threepence



1796 Myddelton Token in Silver



1796 Castorland Medal in Silver



New York Theatre Token



1792 Washington Cent
Roman Head



1792 Half Disme



1881 Hawaiian Nickel

Highlights from The Doug Murray Collection Consigned to FUN 2018



Fr. 146★ \$20 1940 Legal Tender
PMG Very Fine 30



Fr. 1183★ \$20 1906 Gold Certificate
PMG Choice Very Fine 35 EPQ



Fr. 1200★ \$50 1922 Gold Certificate
PMG Very Fine 25



Fr. 1215★ \$100 1922 Gold Certificate
PMG Very Fine 30



Fr. 229★-A \$1 1899 Solid Star Silver Certificate
PMG Very Fine 20

Contact a Heritage Consignment Director today: 800-835-6000

DALLAS | NEW YORK | BEVERLY HILLS | SAN FRANCISCO | CHICAGO | PALM BEACH
LONDON | PARIS | GENEVA | AMSTERDAM | HONG KONG

Always Accepting Quality Consignments in 40 Categories
Immediate Cash Advances Available
1 Million+ Online Bidder-Members

HERITAGE
AUCTIONS
THE WORLD'S LARGEST
NUMISMATIC AUCTIONEER

North and South, the PGM Bullion Coins *by Mark Benvenuto*

In the past few years, in *The Nor'wester*, we have done plenty of comparisons of the coins of north and south of the border, and found out some interesting facts in some strange places. Now, let's look in a direction we have not before, at a couple of the platinum group metals (PGM) – platinum and palladium. Let's see what sort of bullion coin possibilities exist for each.

Platinum

Of the six platinum group metals — ruthenium, osmium, rhodium, iridium, palladium, and platinum — it is platinum that probably qualifies as the best known. It finds use in several chemical processes that require a catalyst, gets used in a variety of high-end jewelry items, and has been made into coins on both sides of the border for several years. But it is seldom found in large amounts in any one place, other than the Merensky Reef in South Africa.

Canada got into the field of platinum bullion coins very early, and interestingly, didn't do it with the now-famous platinum Maple Leaves. A four-coin set of platinum polar bear coins was issued in 1990, in 1-ounce, ½-ounce, ¼-ounce and 1/10th-ounce sizes. The overall mintage though was small enough that this set is purely a collector item, and wasn't really made as a trade item on the world's metal and commodities markets.

While bears may have some claim on starting a platinum bullion coin program, Maple Leaves have been the mainstay now for decades. They have become a part of the world market in platinum, which includes bullion coins from China and Australia, as well as a few others. A quick online search will reveal numerous sites that sell platinum Canadian Maple Leaves.

The Royal Canadian Mint has also led the way not only in production of platinum coins, but in creating and marketing some of the sizes among what are often called the "fractionals." In the 1994 issue, there is a 1/15th ounce platinum Maple Leaf, and for several years there has also been a 1/20th ounce coin. No one else has ever produced a 1/15th ounce piece, in any metal. With pieces this small, just about any collector can buy some of this rare and precious metal.

The United States took a bit longer when it came to getting started on platinum bullion coins, with their first set of four, meaning the one-ounce down to 1/10th ounce, coming out of the gate in 1997. That four-coin series was issued annually through 2008, when the lower three sizes were put on the shelf, based on the perceived lack of collector demand. The one-ounce pieces are still produced annually, and in a neat twist as far as artistry goes, proof versions have seen different designs each year, starting in 1998. Collecting big platinum does take some big money though, and one can only wonder how many folks have a full collection of these proofs, great artistry or not.

Palladium

If platinum is still relatively new as far as a numismatic collectible, well, palladium is even farther off the general public's radar screen. Element 46 does not have all that long a history, being formally discovered in 1803 and named after an asteroid, Pallas, which was discovered at the same time. As for its working life and everyday uses, much like platinum, palladium does find use in several catalysts, but is another element that is seldom found in large amounts. The United States gets it from one mine in Montana, and the U.S. Geological Survey Mineral Commodities Summary (a free, downloadable document) states that it is also recoverable from copper refining operations. This then becomes a source for it both north and south of the border.

When it comes to palladium coins, there have been only a few countries that have produced any, but when it comes to palladium bullion coins, Canada has pretty clearly led the way. First issued in 2005, the RCM has produced them in 2007 and 2009 as well, and began production again in 2015.

The United States appears to be poised to venture into palladium bullion coins, as directed by what is called Public Law 111-303 — which was put forth as far back as 2010. *Update — The U.S. Mint began sales of a one-ounce American Eagle Palladium Bullion Coin to Authorized Purchasers on September 25. The obverse design of the palladium coin is an adaptation of Adolph A. Weinman's 'Winged Liberty' design used on the obverse of the so-called 'Mercury dime,' and the reverse design (shown here) is based upon Weinman's Eagle design for the 1907 American Institute of Architects (AIA) gold medal.*



Until now, collecting palladium bullion meant collecting only what has come from north of the border. And it also appears to be a slice of the hobby that not all of us can jump right in on. But as with several rare or little known metals, if some industrial use is found that only palladium can satisfy, the people sitting on some will be in a wonderful position.

All things considered?

Platinum and palladium coins may be the stuff of dreams for those of us who like to keep their collecting purchases lean. These two metals might also be the type of coin of which we purchase only one, to say we have it included in some greater type set. But it does look like the U.S. Mint and the RCM have gotten serious about these two PGM members, and that long-term plans may include even more offerings. Even if we don't want to buy big, one-ounce coins, there appears to be some possibilities for just about everyone, as the 1/10th ounce pieces — and in the case of the RCM even the 1/20th ounce coins — cannot be too costly. Good luck to any and all platinum and palladium "prospectors."

The 2017 Washington State Fair

by PNNA Fair coordinator Rick Schulz

How time flies. It seems like such a brief time since the 2016 Washington State Fair drew to an end and here it is already September 2017 and we're over halfway through the Fair again. I guess it makes sense though. Preparation for the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association's display in the Fair's Hobby Hall has become a year-round endeavor, and thoughts of it frequently bubble to the surface of our consciousness.

The past several months have been particularly busy. Starting in late April I began visiting local coin clubs to drum up volunteers to help set up the display and man it over the course of the Fair. This is an annual task that I actually rather enjoy. I get to sit in on other club meetings and see how differently each one does business. I recommend that if you have the opportunity to do so, get out to a club meeting you've never attended before. It is a lot of fun, you get to meet a lot of folks with the same passion for collecting as you, and you might get some ideas you can take back to your own club.

This year I wanted to try something a little different with the signup schedule. Before opening up the schedule to individual volunteers I asked each club if they would like to host an entire day at the Hobby Hall display - a kind of their club's "Day at the Fair." Several clubs signed up, including the Boeing Employee's Coin Club, the South Hill Coin Club, the Seattle Numismatic Society, and the Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club (two days). The Willamette Coin Club and Salem Numismatic Society from Oregon will host a day together. Each club can push their own activities as well as participate in the usual Fair display activities. Early reports from clubs that have already done the Fair have been quite favorable. I hope to continue this at Fairs to come.

We tried a few new things at the Fair this year.

Every year we play a "penny game" with children who visit our display. We have them search a tray full of one cent coins for one that is dated the year they were born. When they find one we place it in a specially stamped 2x2 as a souvenir of the Fair. We get kids that demand of their parents that our display is their first stop at the Fair. Parents remember when they searched for their birth year and bring their kids to our display to do the same. Unfortunately in past years certain dates became hard to find. We did not want this to happen this year. Several of us, particularly Kevin Charboneau, Ron Patton and myself searched through thousands of cents and set aside dates we thought

might get scarce. If a child is having a hard time finding their date a little magic may be in order from behind the desk.

During my tenure as PNNA coordinator of the display I have felt that all our activities should be for kids of all ages. Sometimes I get a stronger reaction from moms and dads who find their penny than I get from the kids! While we may have a few wheat back cents laying around for grandma and grandpa, we've never made a concerted effort to have their birth year cents available. This past year the PNNA received two sizable donations of wheat pennies so at this Fair we added a couple boxes with dates going back to the teens. Wouldn't you know it, on the first day of the Fair a hundred-year-old lady visited our display. We had her penny! Ron Patton may have said it best, "Some of the pennies we give away may be worth 15 cents but the smiles we receive are worth at least a dollar. We come out ahead."

We give a lot of things away at the Fair and occasionally we'll see families try to juggle all the things they receive (from us and other displays). I thought, "Wouldn't it be great if we could give them a bag?" Well, this year we can. We had small bags emblazoned with the PNNA logo made up. We pre-stuff each bag with whatever literature we have available which includes the new full-color PNNA brochure and membership application and the familiar green coin calendar and club info flier. Other stuff included in the bags are fliers for clubs and their shows and, while they lasted, fliers, bookmarks and brochures sent to us from the American Numismatic Association. Special thanks to Kevin Charboneau for contacting the ANA's Rod Gillis and having this material sent to us.

Over the past five years the PNNA's penny press has become a focal point for our display. Under the watchful eyes of our volunteers, kids of all ages love to make their own squished penny on our mechanical contraption. Each year we have a new design created just for the Fair. It is hard to believe we are up to our fifth design. They are all dated so in a hundred years they probably will still not be worth anything. Hah!

It is amazing to me that it all comes together every year and every year the display is a great success. The 2017 edition of the Washington State Fair is no exception. So far the numbers of visitors to our display is as strong as ever. We're having fun with them, we're answering their questions and we are putting ourselves out there as a community resource for all things numismatic.

Come see us at the Fair, if not this year then in 2018. We're having a lot of fun!



West Coast Coins
www.westcoastcoinsoregon.com

Revick Galstaun
PO Box 631
Toledo, OR 97391
541-270-7006
info@westcoastcoinsoregon.com

PCGS
AUTHORIZED DEALER

NGC
NUMISMATIC GUARANTEE COMPANY

A.N.A.
P.N.N.A.
A.N.A.C.S. (A.S.C.)
P.C.G.S.
N.G.C.


VANCOUVER RARE COINS

Bought • Sold • Appraised

STEVE JONES
(360) 750-8660
vanrarecoin@aol.com

110 W. 9th Street
Vancouver, WA 98660

ANA
AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
MEMBER



Grünberg Schloss Collectors' Cabinet

BUYING & SELLING
U.S. AND WORLD COINS
GOLD & SILVER
TOKENS & PAPER MONEY

MARK GRUNER
(208) 263-7871

Located at:
210 C Triangle Drive
Ponderay, ID 83852
E-Mail: gruner@televar.com

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 1521
Sandpoint, ID 83864-0868

ANA **PNNA**

THE COIN MARKET, LLC

www.coinmarket.biz

1120 164TH ST. SW UNIT - J
LYNNWOOD, WA 98087
HILLTOP PLAZA

GEORGE J. MARLEY, MGR
PHONE: 425-745-1659
george@coinmarket.biz

AMERICAN
NUMISMATIC
ASSOCIATION

Danny C. Bisgaard
VOLUNTEER — DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

R-1213052
Salem, OR
Phone: 1.503.588.8162
Email: d.bisgaard@comcast.net
Website: www.money.org

MAKES CENTS
Free Appraisals and Education

Ed Fischer
2015 ANA Portlandia Medal Designer

Get Informed at:
503-507-6721
edoregon@comcast.net

U.S. Coins and collectables
P.O. Box 2034
Salem OR 97308




WILLIAM J. MCKIVOR - NUMISMATIST
THE COPPER CORNER

1600 - 1900
SPECIALIST IN BRITISH ISLES AND
AMERICAN COLONIAL COINAGE

PO Box 46135
SEATTLE, WA 98146

206-244-8345
WWW.THECOPPERCORNER.COM
COPPERMAN@THECOPPERCORNER.COM




ANA
CTCC
EAC
C4

Jerry Bobbe
Professional Numismatist

PO Box 25817
Portland, OR 97298

Phone: 503-626-1075
Email: jbobbe@comcast.net



Many thanks to the PNNA dealers advertising on this page and elsewhere in *The Nor'wester* for helping to make this convention edition possible. If you wish to buy, sell or trade numismatic items with the dealers at the PNNA/WCC convention, please consider carefully all of your options before making a decision.



Member: ANA Life Member, PNNA, ANS, CTCC

Always buying better
Ancient, Medieval, and World Coinage
Come see us in Portland — in the first row

Scott & Lisa Loos
P.O. Box 2210
North Bend, WA 98045
425-831-8789
scottloos@msn.com



*Photo (left): Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club members **Steve** and **Sarah Roggow** assist visitors at the PNNA booth in the Hobby Hall at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup.*

*Photo (below): PNNA Treasurer **Scott Loos** prepares a 2x2 with a birthyear cent for visitors at the Fair.*

See story on page 11. Photos submitted by Richard Schulz.



ANA Summer Seminar Reports

PNNA Adult Scholarship Report

by Jason Breedlove

I was proud to be awarded the PNNA's 2017 adult scholarship to the ANA Summer Seminar. I would like to thank the PNNA board members for selecting me, and for making this opportunity available. I would also encourage other members to apply. The scholarship covers your class along with lodging and dining. I only had to cover my own travel expenses and any extras I wanted to add.

Day one I traveled from Portland to Denver. My flight left at 6 a.m., which is way too early for me, but I wanted to get there for lunch and all of the introductions. From Denver I got a shuttle to Colorado Springs. I found myself in a van full of numismatists and hockey players all going to the same place as there was a hockey camp on campus as well.

Once arrived I got checked in and had some lunch. I checked out my room which was a bit sparse, but comfortable. After dropping off my stuff I decided to spend my first few hours at the ANA museum. They had an exhibit of the "Numismatics of WWI." It was a fascinating display of WWI era coins and medals. They also had a recreation of a WWI trench to walk through. Despite great collections of U.S. coins of gold and silver along with U.S. pattern coins that you'll probably never see if not for their display, my favorite "coin" was a 90-pound rai stone from the island of Yap. I even took a selfie with it. In the same ANA building is the ANA's library. It is a great resource for members, and something I plan on taking advantage of more.

Dinner and all meals from this point on were in the campus dining hall. It was laid out buffet style and I found everything to be good quality. One word of advice, if you find the line full of hockey players allow the cooks a little time to replenish things. As you can imagine, groups of hungry teenagers tend to clean out a buffet. I found a table with an empty chair and asked to join. I introduced myself and found I was sitting with, among others, David Alexander, the 2013 Numismatist of the Year and the author of several books and articles. He had many stories to share and some things that you'll never read about — you have to hear it from him.

For my class I selected "Colonial Americana: Medals, Metals and More." The class was taught by John Kraljevich, 2016 Numismatist of the Year, and Erik Goldstein, curator of Mechanical Arts and Numismatics at The Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg. These guys are a comedy duo who happen to have a lot of knowledge of colonial art, coins, tokens and medals. We covered things like Wampum, Aztec hoe (or axe) money, colonial Indian peace medals, other medals associated with the new world, and early (pre-1800) U.S. medals. John and Erik

are collectors and bring a lot of these to class. It's fun to see many of these medals in person rather than just in a picture. They did a good job of mixing in history, pictures of rare medals, passing around medals to the class and keeping it lively with class interaction and humor.

My knowledge on this subject was low and it is rare to find these medals in Oregon, even at shows. So it was a great learning opportunity. This particular class rotates each year. Next year the focus will be on colonial paper money and the year after will be about colonial coins and tokens, and then back to medals. They also assigned each of us a little homework, to research a random token from the book *American Colonial History Illustrated by Contemporary Medals* by Charles Wyllys Betts. I choose at random medal 329, which was a medal depicting Admiral Vernon's triumph over Don Blass, who presents his sword. This ended up being a fascinating medal. First because it never happened, as the Spanish were able to hold off the British after a five-month siege. Second, Don Blass truly gave life and limb for his country of Spain as he was missing his left leg, left eye and part of his right arm. Third, George Washington's brother Lawrence served with Vernon and renamed his family plantation after him, Mount Vernon. Amazing what you can learn from one random medal.

During class time they also made sure we made it to the ANA's mini-mint which is in the lower level of the ANA museum. Doug Mudd instructed us in the use of the screw press and we were able to press our own coins, much like the early-day U.S. Mint. After our initial instruction many people experimented with making error coins.

I also took a mini-seminar, "Conder Tokens: A Study of the History, Care, Grading and Tokens of Late 18th-Century Britain," taught by Jerry Bobbe. I've heard Jerry and others talk about Conder tokens at our WCC meetings, so I decided I needed to find out why they loved them so much. Jerry brings a lot of enthusiasm to the topic, and passed around many rarities from his collection, after he trusts you to handle them correctly. It's easy to see how, with the multiple varieties and topics, that Conder tokens can be addicting.

For the Summer Seminar the ANA arranges for several extra-curricular events after classes for an extra fee. Including tours going to Pike's Peak and the Denver Mint. For fun I took a trip to the Cave of the Winds. Our group was on the "lantern tour" which consisted of dim lights, low ceilings and ghost stories. It was fun, but I would have preferred a little more geology and a little less stooping.

Overall I had a great time. I met a lot of people, and I learned a lot not just from my classes but from all of the stories and passions of my fellow collectors.

PNNA YN Scholarship Report

by Kellen Hoard

I was fortunate enough to attend both weeks of the American Numismatic Association's Summer Seminar due to scholarships from the PNNA and ANA. This event is an amazing opportunity to meet fellow numismatists young and old, take advantage of the ANA's incredible resources, and learn from some of the hobby's greatest minds!

On June 17, I flew from the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport to the Denver International Airport with my father; about a three-hour flight. An additional one hour drive brought us to the ANA headquarters in Colorado Springs, directly across the street from Colorado College. After checking in, my father left (as he was staying in a hotel elsewhere in Colorado Springs), and I started taking in the sights and sounds of Summer Seminar. Four conversations resulted, including one with MPC-expert Fred Schwan. Dinner followed; the food was excellent, the cafeteria was clean, and the conversation was exhilarating. Opening Ceremonies started at 6 p.m., and helped to boost my personal excitement for the following days of instruction. Directly after the function came one of the most well-attended events at the entire Seminar: the book sale! Profits from the sale support the ANA library and provide any numismatist literally tons of information. One of my main specialties is numismatic literature, so I went into a personal nirvana upon entering the room full of books. One hour and many pounds of books later, I had lugged a box of books back to the Young Numismatist dorms. Here, most of the YNs slept, talked, and enjoyed each other's company. That night at 10 p.m., everyone staying in these dorm rooms attended a mandatory meeting. Finally, at midnight everyone went to bed.

The next day had a different format. Classes started at 9 a.m. sharp, and lasted until 11:45. Follow-up book sales occurred from noon to 1:00, until classes restarted at 1:15. The first week I took a class called "Creating a Winning Numismatic Exhibit." It was taught by award-winning exhibitor Larry Sekulich. Besides me (the only YN in this course), there were four other students. Some of the exhibit topics included \$2 bills, how the evolution of the printing press affected coins, and my display on sample slabs. Each day, class ended at 4 p.m., just in time for the third book sale; this time items were 25% off! That night I played cards and traded coins with fellow YNs, before attending the YN meeting and going to bed.

The next couple days followed a nearly identical format with a few exceptions. The afternoon book sale on Monday had a 50% discount, and the evening sale was just \$5 per box! In total, I bought more than 100 pounds of books in the first week.

Monday night was the YN Benefit Auction lot viewing. Each week, students can donate lots to be used in a YN Auction. This auction, created and run entirely by the YNs at camp, creates funds for more Summer Seminar scholarships in the future. Tuesday was the day of the auction, and at 7 p.m. bidding started. At the end of the night over \$10,000 was raised.

Soon it was Wednesday — the final day of Summer Seminar. Classes continued as normal, but the afternoon session consisted of graduations. Certificates were handed out in class, and each student showed off what they had completed within their exhibit so far. At 5 p.m., the graduation reception began. This was an opportunity for everyone at Summer Seminar to meet, talk, and enjoy some light snacks. Immediately afterwards, the graduation banquet took place. This was a two-hour long event full of delicious food, appreciation, and applause. At around 8:30, most of the YNs gathered on the field of the college and played a game of capture the flag until it was time to go inside. Once inside, it was time for a party; one of the most exciting parts of the day. YNs could stay up all night if we wished, and I stayed up until 2:45 a.m. before falling asleep out of exhaustion. The next day, my father and I shipped my books and drove to the nearby Colorado Springs coin show. Then we left for a friend's house north of Denver, where we stayed for the weekend between Summer Seminar sessions.

Week 2 was nearly identical to Week 1, so I shall simply share the differences. First, I participated in a "Mini-Seminar." These are two-day long classes at night. I took "Coin Shop Basics 101" conducted by the famous coin dealer Brian Fanton. Coincidentally, Fanton co-taught my class for week two: "Grading Coins Part 1." The other instructors in my class were ANA Education Director Rod Gillis and ANA Presidential Candidate Mike Ellis. This class taught me a considerable amount, and I was even named the student in class with the most potential! In the book sale, I bought about 30 pounds of books. Additionally, I participated in the YN Auction considerably more. I participated in lot donations, cataloging, running and recording, and lot viewing. On the final night the party lasted until 4:00 a.m., leaving me exhausted the next day.

On Thursday, I left Summer Seminar. I had an amazing experience, but was ready to be home. A delayed plane resulted in a seven-hour wait at the airport. However, I arrived at Sea-Tac at around 8 p.m. and was home around 9 p.m.

PNNA Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes from past PNNA board meetings, including the summer meeting in July, are available on the website (<http://www.pnna.org/minutes/board.html>), or PNNA members may request copies of the minutes via the PNNA's information email, info@pnna.org, or by writing to the address listed on page 2.

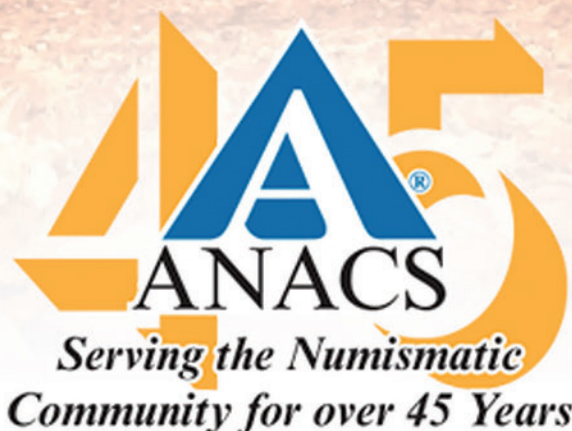
ANACS

We have the Pacific Northwest Covered

FALL FRENZY

15 Coins for \$139

**That's less than \$10 per coin
and FREE Return Shipping!**



15 Coin Minimum. U.S. mint coins valued up to \$500 only.
Economy service restrictions and turnaround times.
Expires October 31, 2017. Use Promo Code FF.
\$10 per coin for each additional coin.

America's Oldest Coin Grading Service. Established 1972.

1-800-888-1861 • www.anacs.com

P.O.Box 6000 • Englewood, CO 80155