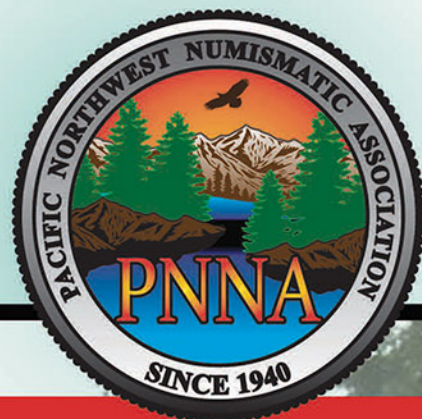


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by Eric Holcomb, PNNA Chief Judge

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PNNA Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes from past PNNA board meetings, including at the Boeing club show in January, are available at <https://www.pnna.org/wp/info/pnna-governance/minutes/>

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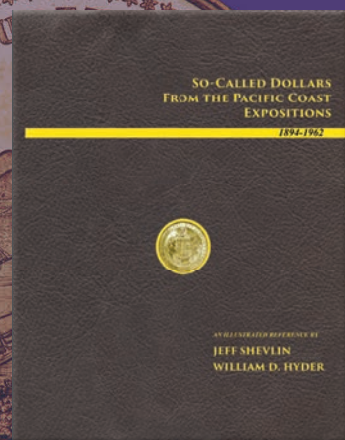
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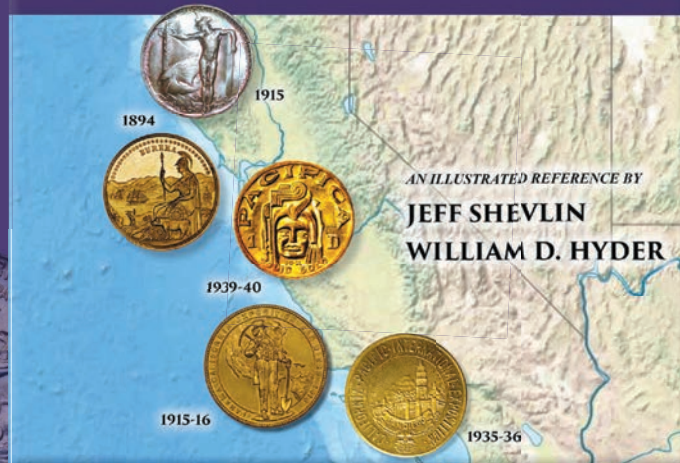


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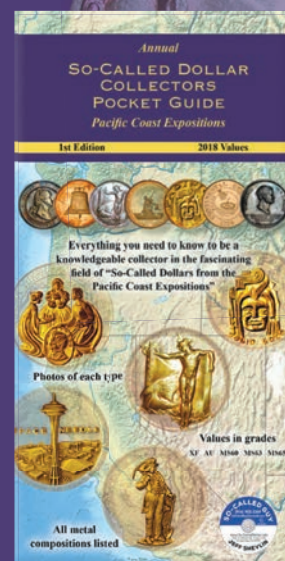
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PNNA President's Message

by PNNA President James Reinders



As we go to press with this issue, we have just made the decision to cancel our spring show in Tukwila due to concerns regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19).

It did not help that Tukwila happens to be in the center of one of the key outbreak areas in the United States. Decisions by the state government

regarding closures all but forced our decision, and the PNNA board was unanimous in its decision to cancel the show. We will proceed with a fall version on September 25-27 at the same location ... the Tukwila Community Center.

We have updated *The Nor'Wester* to reflect this change, but please note that we did it on a tight schedule, and we apologize if we missed anything and left any references that were not updated with this late breaking news.

Congratulation to the new board, including our newly elected president. They will take office on April 18, at which time most of the (new and old) board will meet at Spiffy's Restaurant. We will publicly congratulate them at the annual membership meeting which will be on September 26. We can together welcome them in person, by which time the new board will have met three times!

I really want to thank the outgoing board (most of whom are returning – which is great too!) for the past four years ... which included numerous amazing efforts that brought additional *very effective* educational programs into the Pacific Northwest, as well as laid the ground work to expand numismatic activities in other ways. We've helped collectors and dealers alike, through efforts to expand attendance at the shows, and keep the shows safe and secure with badging and camera systems that are proving effective but not intrusive.

I've enjoyed all the PNNA board discussions, which often took turns that I did not instantly sup-

port ... but I *always* found that we made the right decisions together because combined we figured out the best path forward. Really an amazing and uplifting experience time and time again. It has been my honor to serve as the PNNA president.

I have had a very enjoyable four years (the maximum allowed per the PNNA bylaws), because we have a fantastic group of people dedicated to helping numismatics in the Pacific Northwest. I cannot say enough good things about the PNNA board and other PNNA volunteers. They aren't paid – they generously volunteer their precious time to help. I can't tell you how often members of the board will apologize for not having as much time as they'd like to help. I am never disappointed – I'm just humbled by their steadfast dedication to give what they can so selfishly. Every board member contributes strongly to our amazing PNNA.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, Colonel Steve Ellsworth, the current president of the ANA has told us we are very lucky (we make the luck!) in the Pacific Northwest to have such strong clubs. I love the synergistic relationships between strong local clubs, and the regional PNNA efforts, that end up making the Pacific Northwest such a great place to be a coin collector or coin dealer.

Per the PNNA by-laws, I will move to serving on the PNNA as the "immediate past president." I look forward to serving in that role.

“Counterfeit Detection Seminar: Classic Fakes & Chinese-made Counterfeits” (April 15-16, 2020) cancelled along with the show. Those who registered are receiving full refunds. We will hold a fall show in Tukwila September 25-27, but will not offer the seminar at that time.

This is going to be another great year

It is unfortunate that we will not be together for a spring show/convention in Tukwila, but we will get together in September instead! We had quite a few Boy Scouts planning to get a Coin Collecting Merit Badge on Saturday at the show, and we will invite them to join us in September instead.

The **Puyallup Fair** (Washington State Fair, September 4-27, 2020), wants us back to “every day of the fair” in 2020 after experimenting with reducing us to half the fair in 2019. Apparently, the fair attendees missed us dearly! Everyone should come help the PNNA promote numismatics. This will include juggling a bit to cover during the overlap of the fair and our new fall PNNA show.

We are deep in planning the launch for the first ever **PNNA Fall Show (in Tukwila, September 25-26-27, 2020)**. We are interested in any input you may have on the show. I will work tirelessly, to see that both shows (spring and fall) are considered MAJOR – I do not expect one to be smaller than the other. While I anticipate keeping the annual PNNA membership meeting at the spring show normally, we will hold the annual membership meeting on September 26 this year since we cancelled the spring show.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, launching a second Seattle-area PNNA show follows a strong national trend. Strong annual shows, across the country, have found that two shows per year works best (vs. one). This has happened with the Florida FUN show, Baltimore, and many other large cities. It was definitely time for the PNNA to make this move. Not every show succeeds at this, but I believe we understand why some have failed while many have succeeded. We have a solid team to make this happen. While it takes a team to do it, I will share that our secret “ace in the hole” is Scott Loos. I’m not sure we would try to launch a new show without Scott, but with Scott — how can be lose?

This national trend has caused the ANA challenges, and is a key reason the ANA repeatedly finds itself considering an option to standardize on Chicago for the summer. We know that for the ANA, Portland remains the best location for us to attract an ANA show into the Pacific Northwest. We were not selected in the last round, but we will continue to try to bring the ANA to the Pacific Northwest in future years.

With the great shows in the Northwest – Boeing, PNNA Spring, PNNA Fall, WCC Fall, Salem, and many more ... we can all reach out to coin collectors who have not yet heard or attended our many

clubs or our many shows in our region. How many state quarter collectors can we attract in the upcoming years? I see lots of opportunity.

Portland Fall Show/Convention (October 31 -November 1) and **Salem (December 5-6)** offer a solid combination of shows to look forward to when 2020 winds down. The WCC board has appointed Jason Breedlove to be their new show chair, while Scott remains the bourse chair. The monthly WCC board discussions about the future of the show are energetic and energizing. I think the WCC show is going to grow over the next five years in both scope and personality. The WCC club is very strong (they recently moved their meeting space, and an upside is that the new space is an upgrade – better parking, and better lighting in the room). I feel great about the transition of the show to the WCC completely, and I am confident it will help strengthen numismatics in the Pacific Northwest through the dedication of the WCC club. Again, we are really blessed to have strong clubs throughout the regions – I see it first-hand around Portland (where I live) – but I also know through others that the greater Seattle area has a number of clubs that distinguish themselves, and there are many other clubs sprinkled across Washington and Oregon that are doing great things. I have insider knowledge that <https://cavemancoinclub.org/> will be popping up on the web to promote Grants Pass area numismatics. It’s all so great to see – and THANK YOU for all of you helping keep it fun and interesting – it all depends on the local collectors and dealers having fun together.

Upcoming PNNA Board Meetings:

- Apr. 18, 2020 at Spiffy’s (Chehalis, Wash.) at 10 a.m.
- Aug. 1, 2020 at Spiffy’s (Chehalis, Wash.) at 10 a.m.
- Sept. 26, 2020 at the PNNA fall show in Tukwila, after the show closes for the day.
- Jan. 16, 2021 at the Boeing Employees’ Coin Club show, Kent Commons, Kent, Wash., right after show closes (start meeting about 5:20 p.m.).

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National Banks Names: A Window into United States Economic History

by Tom Tullis

Greetings, fellow collectors! I hope your recent collecting has been going well as you add to your collection.

At the Willamette Coin Club/PNNA show in early October 2019, I showed an exhibit featuring the different "types" of names used by National Banks. At first, National Banks were named numerically, and would-be bank business owners were not given a choice of what to name their bank. This soon changed as mainly East coast bankers protested, and bankers could choose the name for their hoped-for National Bank.

As I put together this exhibit, I began to realize that some bank titles captured a localized aspect of a region's economy. Since the National Banking system originated during the Civil War, these bank names captured the economy as it was developing during this period of United States history. This article will flesh out this concept and illustrate how some of these bank names can give us a glimpse into a locality's local economic history.

In my collection are several notes with the partial title of "Farmers." As I did research for my exhibit, I was somewhat surprised at how common this descriptive term is. For example, in my native state of Ohio, there were 648 issuing charters. Of these, a quick review of the banks revealed that over 20 banks had the term "Farmers" as part of the title.

In today's society, the term "Farmer" seems like a term from the past. With the advent of large company farms, more and more individual farmers are unable to compete financially. The United States economy in the past was more localized, as can be illustrated by some of these bank titles. It is easy to think of our agricultural base as being isolated in a few states, but in the past the agricultural base was more widespread.

To illustrate, here is a note from my collection (top of right-hand column). It is FR# 616, a \$10 date back from the Farmers Deposit National Bank of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This bank is charter #685, and was chartered early in the National Bank era in January 1865. While we might associate coal, iron and steel with Pittsburgh, we should also associate agriculture and the farming economy as well. By 1910, Pittsburgh was the nation's 8th largest city, about the same time frame as this note. This bank lasted the entire National Bank era, and had \$47.288 million in total circulation during its history. It is not a scarce bank, but is a good illustration of the concept of a peek at the economy back then.



Fr. 616 1902 \$10 Charter #685 National Bank Note from The Farmers Deposit NB, Pittsburgh, PA.

There are many bank titles that add to the "farmer" title. One of my favorites is the "Farmers and Merchants" combination. This is a good illustration of the "we grow it, you sell it" concept. In looking at the titles from Ohio, at least five banks employ this combination. Today, we are encouraged to "buy American" and "support your local businesses." During this period of economic history, this was the way it was. Here are some notes from my collection which illustrate this concept. The first is from El Dorado, Kansas, a small town located east of Wichita.



Fr. 657 1902 \$20 Charter #4981 National Bank Note from The Farmers and Merchants NB, El Dorado, KS.

The next note is from Charlotte, North Carolina. Although the name order is changed, the same idea is presented: We are in this together, and we are local.



Fr. 619 1902 \$10 Charter #1781 National Bank Note from The Merchants and Farmers NB, Charlotte, NC.

Let's look at another National Bank with a local economy background. This would be charter number 3952, the Manufacturers National Bank of Rockford, Illinois.

The charter number tells us that this bank was put into the national system in 1888. It went into receivership in 1931. This bank issued over \$3.2 million in currency, and was one of more than ten National Banks that did business in this area.

In looking at a map of Illinois, it is seen that Rockford is located on the Rock River and is about equidistant between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River. This location made it strategic for manufacturing. Businesses could not only receive raw materials from east or west but could ship finished product either way also. As a result, Rockford was noted for its production of heavy machinery, hardware, and tools. As the twentieth century began, this city became the second leading center of furniture manufacturing in the nation. Rockford became part of the "rust belt" later, but is revitalizing now with economic diversity. Shown below is FR# 600.



Fr. 600 1902 \$5 Charter #3952 National Bank Note from The Manufacturers NB, Rockford, IL.

This is one of the few title layouts which have both the city and state listed. Most list only the city location.

Future articles will feature other banks with titles that point to a local economy. Until then, happy collecting!

Washington Centennial Medals

Are you looking to fill holes in your **Washington State Centennial Medal** collection, or do you have extra medals to trade? The PNNA has no more medals to hand out at its shows, but has established a clearing agent to facilitate trading. For information, see the PNNA website, email centennialmedals@pnna.org, or attend the next PNNA convention (now in September). There won't be a table full of these popular medals, but you can learn about the PNNA clearinghouse.

Tom Rogers at Carson City Mint

The Carson City Mint sesquicentennial celebration was held on Feb. 4. Visiting dignitaries including U.S. Mint Director David Ryder participated. Information about the event is available at <http://mint150.com/>. As noted on the website, visitors were invited to "Join us on Feb. 4 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of when the Carson City Mint issued its first coin in 1870."

Among the visiting dignitaries was former U.S. Mint sculptor-engraver Thomas D. Rogers, who is a PNNA honorary life member and designed the obverse of the PNNA's 75th anniversary medal. For the CC Mint sesquicentennial, Rogers sculpted a special medallion, first struck in .999 fine silver on Coin Press No. 1 at the ceremony. The medallion honors the CC Mint and Coin Press No. 1.

The Nevada State Museum and the old mint are open to the public for various events including coining press demonstrations on Fridays and Saturdays. See the website for more information. The Reno Coin Club assists with these public events—see their website at <http://www.renecoinclub.org/>.

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