

## PNNA Memorial Page

- **Norm Mikat** of Lakewood, Washington, former PNNA member 986 and contributor to the PNNA memorabilia catalog, passed away on May 12, 2020.
- **Del Cushing** of Seattle, Washington, PNNA HLM 21, passed away in September 2018. See the president's message in the [4<sup>th</sup> Q 2018 edition of \*The Nor'wester\*](#), and also see the [PNNA memorabilia catalog](#).
- **Frank Trask** of Sisters, Oregon, PNNA member 1351, passed away in May 2018.
- **Bill Henderson** of Lakewood, Washington, PNNA LM 126, passed away in March 2018.
- **Hank Krum** of The Dalles, Oregon, PNNA member 539, passed away in January 2018.
- **Dale Crawford** of Eugene, Oregon, PNNA HLM 12, passed away in July 2017.
- **Marvin A. Smith** of Spokane, Washington, PNNA LM 235, passed away in the fall of 2016.
- **William Rapanotti, Jr.** of Kingston, Washington, PNNA LM 1224, passed away in Dec. 2015.
- **Tom Cederlind** of Portland, Oregon, PNNA member 751, passed away on December 16, 2015.
- **David Ownbey** of Tigard, Oregon, PNNA member 775, passed away on September 1, 2015.
- **Wayne Rattray** of Longview, Washington, PNNA member 140, passed away in December 2014.
- **Larry Rowe** of Vancouver, Washington, PNNA honorary life member HLM 22 and past Seattle and Portland ANA convention general chairman, passed away October 3, 2014.
- **Gene L. Henry** of Issaquah, Washington, longtime Seattle coin dealer and PNNA member 161, passed away September 23, 2014. [See \*Coin World\* obituary.](#)
- **Alfred "Al" Schy** of Seattle, Washington, PNNA member 221, passed away September 7, 2014.
- **Rawlin "Mac" McInelly** of Spanaway, Washington, PNNA LM 1288, passed away September 5, 2014. [See \*legacy.com\* obituary.](#)
- **Theodore O. "Ted" McCann** of Everett, Washington, PNNA member 373, passed away July 1, 2014. See obituary in [4<sup>th</sup> Q 2014 edition of \*The Nor'wester\*](#).
- **Richard Doty** of Virginia, PNNA LM 1009, passed away June 2, 2013.
- **Tom Harris** of Port Townsend, Washington, PNNA HLM 18, passed away January 7, 2012.
- **Gregory Paul Franck-Weiby** (1950-2011) of Silverton, Oregon passed away November 11, 2011. Greg was well-known as a numismatist, artist and peace activist, and he designed PNNA convention "tokens" for many years. (See the [PNNA memorabilia catalog](#).)
- **Irving Joseph Weber Jr.** (1928-2011) of Lacey, Washington passed away October 30, 2011. A former Navy captain, he later became a coin dealer and was PNNA member 907.

- **George Booth**, PNNA member and coin dealer, passed away in October 2011.
- **Mike O'Hara**, PNNA member and coin dealer, passed away in July 2011.
- **Ed Leitner**, PNNA member and coin dealer, passed away on April 28, 2011.
- **Jim Mabry**, longtime Willamette Coin Club member, passed away on Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011.
- **Michael Pepka**, PNNA member 949 and longtime active member of the Boeing Employees Coin Club (BECC), passed away October 8, 2010.
- **Al Westerhof**, PNNA member 910, passed away July 9, 2010. Al's wife, Elanor, also passed away on September 1, 2010.
- **Jack A. Meeker**, PNNA member 867, passed away July 3, 2009. Jack was also a BECC member.
- **Al Nystrom**, PNNA HLM 16, passed away April 30, 2009.
- **Don Farnam**, PNNA HLM and husband of Marge Farnam, passed away September 21, 2007.
- **George Wehrman**, PNNA member 931, passed away July 25, 2007.
- **Dave Whitcher**, PNNA member 971, passed away April 14, 2007.
- **Marge Farnam**, PNNA HLM 14, passed away April 8, 2006.
- **Mary Cushing**, PNNA member 402, passed away December 14, 2005.
- **Jim Payne**, PNNA LM 259 and longtime Boeing Employees Coin Club member, passed away September 22, 2005.
- **Mary Fray**, PNNA charter member 25 and longtime Seattle Numismatic Society member, passed away August 20, 2004.
- **Ray Mah**, PNNA member 384, passed away July 31, 2004.
- **Rob Retz**, PNNA member 776 and longtime Willamette Coin Club member, passed away May 17, 2004.
- **Freda Peterson**, PNNA HLM, passed away January 23, 2003.
- **John J. Haugh**, former PNNA member 764, passed away April 1, 2002.
- **Jerry Hoffman**, former PNNA member 33, passed away March 19, 2000.
- **Lewis Erlewine**, University Coin Club member, passed away February 2000.
- **Tom McNeelan**, former PNNA member and owner of Renton Coin Shop, passed away January 2000.
- **George West**, former PNNA member 400, passed away in December 1999.
- **Juanita McKeown**, PNNA HLM 15, passed away Nov 28, 1999.
- **John "Pat" Young**, PNNA HLM 24, passed away October 3, 1999.
- **Irene M. Alexander**, PNNA HLM 11, passed away June 24, 1999.
- **Bob Everett** passed away in August of 1997. See the [Bob Everett Memorial Award](#).
- **Nina Nystrom**, after whom the [Nina Nystrom Memorial Goodwill Ambassador Award](#) is named, passed away around 1997, when the award was renamed.
- **Byron F. Johnson, Jr.** passed away in June 1988. See the [Byron F. Johnson Jr. Memorial Award](#) (for Best of Show collector exhibit).

## PNNA Memorial Page – Additional Information

### **Jim Payne 1926-2005**

We are saddened to report that a good friend passed away on September 22, 2005. Jim Payne was perhaps the most influential and respected member of the Boeing Employees Coin Club (BECC). He served the club in many capacities over approximately 35 years. In recent years he was best known as the largest dealer in BECC medals, although he also supplied many other numismatic items to the club and its members. He will be greatly missed, and his shoes will be hard to fill, as they say. The club has established a memorial award in his honor. Jim was also a recipient of the PNNA's [Bob Everett Memorial Award](#).

### **Ray Mah 1935-2004**

Ray was a lifelong friend of numismatics, and one who took great pleasure in sharing his love of the hobby with friends and collectors of all ages. Ray was a co-founder of the rebirth of the North Shore Numismatic Society, in North Vancouver in the mid 1970's, as well as a former regional director of the Canadian Numismatic Association, and to the end he was always looking for new ideas to help the clubs, their members and the community we served.

His passion for the hobby was his gift to all who knew him. To first time acquaintances at a coin show or other numismatic event, Ray's opening line was always, "How's your collection doing?" He always had an item of interest or experience to share with friends. We are all richer for having known him.

"Truly great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave, and impossible to forget." — G. Randell

Ray was also a recipient of the [Bob Everett Memorial Award](#).

### **Rob Retz 1947-2004**

Rob Retz was born October 20, 1947, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin to Ronald and Esther Retz. He grew up in Oshkosh where he attended elementary and high school. While growing up, his hobbies included collecting stamps and coins, reading, and running track.

Rob moved to Oregon in 1972 and returned to the hobby in the 1980s. He began by collecting gold pieces, slowly shifted to colonial coins, and eventually focused on the Fugio variety. He was an original member of the Willamette Coin Club, and a member of the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association (PNNA), the American Numismatic Association (ANA), Early American Coppers (EAC) and the Colonial Collectors Coin Club (C4). He served six years as President of the Willamette Coin Club, was the Bourse Chairman of six PNNA conventions, served as a past C4 Board Member and had numerous articles published by the Colonial Newsletter Foundation. He had a passion for numismatics, which resulted in a large network of friends spread throughout the country. The license plate on his car read "Fugio."

Following a nearly two-year bout with cancer, Rob passed away peacefully at home on Monday, May 17, 2004 with his wife and two daughters at his side. He is dearly missed.

Rob's family would like to thank the Willamette Coin Club (WCC), which is in the process of establishing the Rob Retz Memorial Exhibit Award to promote numismatic education and his numerous friends who are working to get Fugio Copper Notes published by the Colonial Coin Collectors Club. Thank you for honoring his memory.

[See the complete story on the WCC website.](#)

## **In Memory of Freda Peterson by Del Cushing**

On January 23, 2003 Freda Peterson, long time member of the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association, passed away at her residence in Centralia, Washington. Freda was an active member of the Manhattan Coin Club which met in Burien. Freda was known for her devotion to the Hospitality Room at PNNA Conventions. Her spread of cookies and goodies was looked forward to by both dealers and members. Freda would begin weeks before the convention to prepare to feed the crowd which would invariably gather to chat and visit with old friends.

In 1990 Freda received the Krause Publications Numismatic Ambassador Award for her goodwill and dedication to the hobby. Freda's many friends will miss her friendly smile and easy-going manner at the conventions.

## **John Haugh**

Obituary by Larry Gaye with excerpts from *The Oregonian*

A most excellent fellow and numismatist has moved on. John J. Haugh, passed away from heart failure while on a trip in Rugby, England on April 1, 2002. John was an accomplished attorney specializing in civil rights and other areas of the law affecting people and the "little guy." He was a graduate of The University of Notre Dame Law School, President of the Multnomah Bar (1977-78), The Oregon State Bar (1987-88), Oregon Law Foundation (1985-86) and served on numerous committees of the Multnomah and Oregon State Bar associations, as well as on the Federal Judicial Selection Committee for many years. He was a published author of numerous legal articles, books and specialized in telecommunications which led to a cover feature on FORBES magazine.

I will always remember John for his good-natured smile, inclusive attitude and the excitement he projected to all in his real love of numismatics and desire to share that passion with all he met in that venue. He was real, what you see is what you got with John. During the 1998 ANA Convention in Portland I had the good fortune to be invited to a get together at John's house with such folks as Jules Reiver and other numismatic folk. What did we talk about and look at? Well, coins of course. John loved his Early US Dollars and became an expert in the issues of 1794-1803 and wrote extensively on the subject. I will miss him, and the entire community will miss him. John will always be with us because of his many contributions to the community.

John was an organ donor which shouldn't surprise any of us, he continues to give life even after he is gone: he directed that The Celebration of Life after his funeral "be held with fun, food, drinks and refreshment for all, quipping 'Some will come just to make sure the SOB is dead.' He emphasized repeatedly that all be invited whether friend or foe. And he meant it."

## **Remembrances by Marge Farnam**

Editor's note: Marge was PNNA HLM 14 and passed away April 8, 2006. Like the others memorialized below, Marge and her husband Don were stalwarts of the hobby in the Pacific Northwest and are missed.

Let the good times roll – and that they did, many years ago. I have a lot of good memories of these members who passed away in 1999:

**Irene Alexander** – a real stalwart in the early days of PNNA. She served as president, secretary, board member and all-around worker. She was several times general chairman of the annual convention in Spokane. She was an avid exhibitor and so loved her porcelain medals. She was a judge at the ANA and the PNNA. She and her husband Bob were immensely proud of their various varieties of iris that they grew. She recently celebrated her 85th birthday. In her later years, had a terrible time getting around, but still loved to attend the conventions.

**Pat Young** – he was a profound exhibitor and would spend many nights before the shows, until wee hours of morning putting his displays together. He put in a lot time making awards for various shows, be it Boeing, University or the PNNA. He was exhibit chairman for many shows, and an officer in many clubs. He went through many health problems that really slowed him down quite a bit. Our thoughts are with his wife Helen and his family.

**Juanita McKeown** – itty-bitty Juanita and I went to many ANA and PNNA conventions and although she was thirty years older than me, that never slowed her down. She was a member of Bellingham, Fraser Valley, Vancouver BC, ANA, PNNA, and I have probably forgotten others. All three were past officers and life members of PNNA. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to all their relatives and friends. Juanita was 93.

Juanita's granddaughter, Amanda Reid, thanks us for remembering Juanita, and says that “she is still very much with us in spirit,” and expresses hopes that “all of her friends are happy and well.”