**Start planning for National Coin Week**

“Buffalo Nickel Centennial: Black Diamond Shines Again” is the theme for the 90th annual National Coin Week, April 21-27.

The American Numismatic Association will host a variety of National Coin Week educational activities online and at the Edward C. Rochette Money Museum in Colorado Springs, Colo. Events, activities and educational content will focus on the Indian Head/Buffalo nickel (1913-1938), including subjects such as Native American history, animals on coins, the “Renaissance of American Coinage” and the famous 1913 Liberty Head nickel.

Club activities and resources for National Coin Week include: (Got questions? Email us at new@money.org)

- An ANA club challenge, where member clubs test their numismatic knowledge and compete for prizes. Prizes will be awarded.
- A promotional kit for clubs with educational materials, buttons, bookmarks and more. (Click to order yours now.)
- Promotional downloads, including a printable exhibit on Hobo Nickels, a sample press release for the local media, and a sample proclamation for your local mayor or city council to recognize National Coin Week. (Click to download publicity materials.)

**Summer Seminar registration open**

The course catalog for the 2013 Summer Seminar is in the January issue of The Numismatist and available for download online at Money.org/SummerSeminar. Members who sign up by March 29 and pay for their tuition, on-campus lodging (if applicable) and meals (if applicable) will receive a $50 discount. Find the application form in the course catalog, or download it at Money.org/SummerSeminar.

New courses include Legends in Numismatics, where a panel of expert numismatists will take turns walking students through the history of money, and Light from Many Lamps: All-Star Numismatic Symposium, where 16 different presenters will present on a multitude of subjects.

**National Coordinator Message**

by Oded Paz, ANA Club and District Representatives Program Coordinator.

The past few months, since the last MintMark, have been very hectic, yet very rewarding and pleasant. I hope you all had a great holiday season.

A couple weeks ago, I had the pleasure of visiting the Florida United Numismatists show. The show was very good, and the bourse was very much alive during all the days. On Saturday morning, I held the first ANA Club and District Representatives meeting held at the FUN show. We had nice participation despite the early hour of 8 a.m. Many issues were discussed, including ways to improve the communication between the club and district reps and the ANA, as well as a few aspects of the correspondence diploma course.

I also attended the Hobo Nickels Society meeting and auction, where one Hobo Nickel was sold for a record high of $24,200 including 10 percent buyers fee.

I’m always happy to receive your emails with questions, remarks and ideas for improvement. If you send me your club’s newsletter I will gladly read it. You are also encouraged to send in interesting news from your club to the MintMark’s dedicated editor, Eric Holcomb.

Be well and happy numismatic collecting!
Electronic ballots available for Board of Governors election

For the first time ever, members of the American Numismatic Association will have the option of either voting online or voting via a traditional mail-in ballot.

The change for the 2013 election was approved by the Board of Governors during its meeting at the January FUN show.

What does this mean for you and your vote?

If you want a paper ballot: Do nothing. You’ll receive your ballot in the mail at the address on file with the ANA. Paper ballots will be mailed out around June 1, and they will need to be returned by July 1 to the independent auditing company in charge of the elections. If you’d like to verify that we have your correct address on file, go to www.Money.org/Ballot and login with your username and password for Money.org; we’ve included an option to verify and update your address on this page.

If you want an electronic ballot: Go to www.Money.org/Ballot and login with your username and password for Money.org. Select the option for “electronic ballot” on that page. You’ll receive your instructions via email for how to securely login to vote, which will be happening in June.

Something else you can do at www.Money.org/Ballot is check your e-mail subscriptions. The ANA offers a host of email newsletters, such as Money Mail and Members Only Emails. Be sure to opt-in for Money Mail and Members Only Emails to keep up to date with the latest election news.

Share your news at The Exchange, the ANA blog

The Exchange is where ANA members go to share and exchange ideas, research and information. It’s a great forum for sharing news from your club, including photos. Read it now at www.Money.org/Blog.

Send an email to The Exchange editor Jake Sherlock at jsherlock@money.org with your club news and photos, or if you’re interested in blogging for The Exchange. Even if you’re sending in news to MintMark, there’s no reason why your news can’t appear both places.

Late News from Alabama

Foley Coin Club by Robert Jenkins
The Gold Coast Coin and Currency Show was held in Foley, Ala., Jan. 19-20.

More than 600 people attended the show. It was steady in the morning and money was being spent on Saturday. Sunday was a little slow until late in the show when buyers were looking for deals.

Dealers were selling 2013 Silver Eagles at a brisk pace and also graded Morgan Dollars. “Junk silver” was also selling well, especially Washington Quarters and Franklin Halves.

The club is pleased to report a 100 percent “re-up” of dealers for next year’s show. It was a great time for customers and dealers alike, representing five states.
News from Around the Country

Alabama

Madison County Coin Club
by Richard Jozefiak, ANA District Representative for Alabama, email ANALMRJ@gmail.com

The Madison County Coin Club held its election for 2013 officers at its Dec. 3 meeting, and the following members were elected: President Kurt Springfield, Vice President Harold Fears, Secretary Richard Jozefiak, Treasurer Mike Campbell and Board Member Bob Jaques.

The MCCC was founded in 2001 and is an ANA member club. MCCC meets the fourth Monday of every month (except May and December) at the Huntsville Senior Center in Huntsville, Ala. MCCC is the largest coin club in north Alabama. Its award-winning newsletter and club information can be found at the club’s website at http://mccc.anaclubs.org/.

At the meeting, outgoing club president Bob Jaques was presented an award “In Appreciation & Recognition of Outstanding Leadership as President of the Madison County Coin Club 2008-2012” by incoming club president Kurt Springfield. Jaques served five one-year terms as president.

The elongated quarters are available for $2 each plus $1.95 postage. Send your requests and payment to the Prescott Coin Club, PO Box 233, Dewey, AZ 86327.

Florida

Tallahassee Coin Club
by Hemanth KN. Vasanthaiah

The club thanks Cary Hardy (ANA Membership Director) and Walter Ostromecki (ANA V.P.) for their help in obtaining the club’s ANA membership.

The TCC had an excellent meeting in December with good attendance. (See photo on page 2.) The meeting included an exceptional discussion on the coin market and trading, a good “trade session” and “show & tell” presentations on Buffalo Nickels.

A few TCC members attended the Panama City Coin Show, and the TCC is planning to host its own 1st Annual Coin Show April 26-27 and another one-day coin show in July.

A few TCC members also attended the FUN show in Orlando (Jan. 10-13), which was reportedly “really good.” Hemanth had an opportunity to speak to lots of fellow collectors and attended the ANA open public forum meeting. He also met ANA governors and the Thomasville and Jacksonville Coin Club presidents.
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This donation will further assist the Silver Spring organization in its 2013 endeavors towards advancing the welfare of area youth. MCCC has been conducting annual donation auctions for the Boys and Girls Club since 1964.

For more information contact club secretary Jack Schadegg by phone at (301) 738-5321, or email jack.schadegg@baesystems.com.

Photo: Tallahassee Coin Club members at the December meeting at Grace Estate Buyers located in Governors Square Mall. (The club’s meetings start at 7 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.)

Other Florida Coin Clubs
by Tony Swicer in “ANA Region 4 Newsletter”
swicer@comcast.net

Florida has 21 coin clubs reported by Tony, many of which had well-attended special holiday meetings. That’s simply too many clubs for MintMark to cover, so you’ll have to request Tony’s newsletter if you want more news and information about Florida clubs.

Illinois

Lake County Coin Club

The club’s spring show is scheduled for March 24 at the Warren Township High School in Gurnee, Ill. There will be a collector exhibit area at the show, with a club member available to answer numismatic questions. For information, email lakecountycoinclub@gmail.com, go to www.lakecountycoinclub-il.com, or mail to LCCC, PO Box 8519, Waukegan, IL 60079.

Tazewell Numismatic Society

The society will be holding its 15th Early Spring Coin Show on Sunday, Feb. 17, at the Pekin Moose Lodge, 2605 Broadway Road, Pekin, Ill.

The show has 60 tables and about 35 to 40 dealers, and admission is free. For more information call Jeff Pollitt at (309) 685-3421 or Steve Rassi at (309) 263-0739.

Maryland

Montgomery County Coin Club
by Jack Schadegg, Secretary.

The MCCC recently conducted an annual donation auction to benefit the Boys and Girls Club in Silver Spring, Md. Members and friends of MCCC donated coins, currency and other hobby related items to this annual fundraising event. Auction proceeds and cash donations realized $800.

New York

by John Cali

Buffalo Numismatic Association

Buffalo Numismatic Association president Ed Blowers indicated that the club is doing well, with 283 members including 40 juniors.

Oswego County Numismatic Association

The Oswego County Numismatic Association, John Cali’s home club, has had several auctions, a very successful coin show in September, and an out-of-town speaking engagement by Gerard Muhl of Rochester.

Oregon and Washington

Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association

The PNNA has recently published three articles:

1. “Introduction to 1959 Oregon Centennial Tokens,” an illustrated article by YN Katie Reinders, is currently available on www.pnna.org, and an expanded version may appear in a future edition of the PNNA’s quarterly newsletter, The Nor’wester.
2. “Summer Seminar – Enjoyable!” is a short article by James Reinders about ANA Summer Seminar and “Why it is Great.” James is an ANA Life Member, current PNNA Vice President, Willamette Coin Club webmaster, an ANA Tech Committee Chair and a PNNA scholarship recipient (to attend Summer Seminar) in 2012.

3. “Road Warrior Part 2 — North of the Border” by Ed Fischer is an exceptionally entertaining account of an Oregonian’s numismatic trip to Washington State (including the annual Puyallup Fair) and British Columbia in the fall of 2012.

The second and third articles are published in the 1st Quarter 2013 edition of *The Nor’wester*, available for free at www.pnna.org.

### Pennsylvania

**Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists**

As reported in the Dec. 2012 PAN eNews, “On Thursday, Oct. 25, collectors lined up in the vestibule and out the door. It was a great start to the PAN fall coin show. [PAN held its annual coin show and convention Oct. 25-27 in Monroeville, Penn.] The first day continued to be very active especially for a Thursday afternoon. Friday was also well attended and Saturday had the strongest participation. The total attendance for the three-day event was 1,205. There were 75 quality coin dealers with 97 tables filled with numismatic items to satisfy everyone’s collecting palette. Bourse Chairman Pat Vetter and his wife Betty Jean did another excellent job to put together a quality show.”

To request PAN eNews in PDF format, send an email to pancoins@gmail.com, or go to PAN’s website, http://www.pancoins.org/.

### South Carolina

**Stephen James CSRA Coin Club (Aiken, SC)**

*by Jim Barry*

Arno Safran presented a program in November on the “US Coinage of 1850” and a program in January titled “Collecting U.S. Coinage by 25 Years, Series 1.” Each month several members and/or guests present “show and tells.” A holiday dinner was held at a local restaurant in lieu of a regular December meeting. Gifts were given to each member, and members were thanked for their service to the club during the past year.

Several members attended the FUN Show in Orlando, Jan. 10-13.

The club’s website is [www.sjcsracc.org](http://www.sjcsracc.org).

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**Photo (left to right): Guest Donald Watson and members Mac Smith, Dick Lasure, Chuck Goergen and Jim Barry presented “show and tells” during the club’s January meeting.**

### Texas — Thank you, Dallas

*by John & Nancy Wilson*

The second American Numismatic Association Fall National Money Show, held Oct. 18-20 in Dallas, Tex., was a successful convention. As ANA National Volunteers we see all the hard work that goes into the management of the shows, both at ANA headquarters and with the local host coin clubs and committees.

Tony Hales was the local host chair, and along with his committee and the host organizations, all came together and did a masterful job. (The Dallas Coin Club and Texas Numismatic Association were the official host clubs, and there were six honorary host clubs: the Fort Worth Coin Club, Northeast Tarrant Coin Club, Collin Coin Club, Mid Cities Coin Club, Numismatic International and the Richardson Coin Club.)

We also want to send kudos to ANA Executive Director Jeff Shevlin and his staff, to Convention Department Manager Rhonda Scurek and her team, and to the National Volunteers who all did a great job before, during and at the completion of the show.

The ANA Board of Governors under President Tom Hallenbeck had its board meeting and continues to keep the ANA on an economic and sound path. This was one of the ANA’s most organized conventions that we have ever been involved with.

Thanks also to Heritage Auctions for having outstanding coin and currency auctions, the exhibitors, judges, speakers, sponsors, numismatic press, security personnel, Museum Showcase participants, coin club tables, Scout and Kids Zone activities, numismatic press and the coin dealers who participated, as without them we wouldn’t have a show.

A well-deserved thanks to everyone who worked hard and contributed to the success of this convention. We look forward to the next National Money Show in New Orleans, La., May 9-11.
Canadian News

Calgary Numismatic Society

The CNS will hold its annual coin show March 15-17 at the Radisson Hotel, 2120 16th Ave. N.E., Calgary, Alberta, Canada. For information please email info@calgarynumismaticsoociety.org or go to http://www.calgarynumismaticsoociety.org/.

North Shore Numismatic Society

See the Oregon and Washington news, item 3.

Norwegian News

Stavanger og Rogaland Myntklubb
by Oddmund Fuglestad

The Stavanger og Rogaland Myntklubb was established in 1974 and is one of the larger coin collector clubs in Norway. The club is located in the Stavanger region in the southwest of the country.

The club’s members collect Norwegian as well as foreign coins and banknotes, and the club aims to have two major auctions every year, in addition to regular club auctions.

The club has a very dynamic collector’s environment, with some 20-25 attendees at almost every meeting, and a total membership of 80-90 individuals.

Club members regularly attend foreign coin fairs and shows, with plans to attend the ANA World’s Fair of Money in Chicago in August.

The club’s world coin auction in March and world banknote auction in April are now published online at http://www.rogaland-myntklubb.com/. A special offer is available to ANA members who are able to pay for auction lots at the ANA convention in Chicago.

Note: readers may use Google Translate for portions of the club’s website written in Norwegian.

Specialty Clubs

Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club
(Also see club website at www.ccgtec.com.)

The Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc. (CCGTC) is pleased to announce its future dates for the club’s conventions in Las Vegas.

President Doug Smith announced recently, “It is with great pleasure that I would like to announce a contract extension with the South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas for the 2014, 2015 and 2016 conventions. Thru the hard efforts of our convention chairs the Board of Directors was able to secure a home for three additional years. The Board did attempt to get numerous proposals before the decision was made and after
careful consideration, the South Point was still the best option at many levels.”

Smith went on to say, “I personally have thoroughly enjoyed our convention experiences at the South Point and the facilities, hospitality, and affordability simply can’t be beat.”

In addition Smith said, “Room rates will be posted soon for the 2013 convention and the South Point will be offering complimentary WiFi to those booking thru the room block which is a huge plus from previous years.”

Smith concluded by pointing to the club’s convention co-chairs and gave a huge thanks to them, Mike and Corni Quinlivan, for all their help in securing a home for our next several conventions.

For more information including specific convention dates (all of which are in June), contact Publicity Director Sheldon Smith at publicity@ccgtec.com or call (702) 255-6999.

The Elongated Collectors
By Oded Paz, TEC President

Relief Efforts — Once again The Elongated Collectors (TEC) have stepped forward to provide aid to those affected by a tragedy.

After a short emailed discussion, TEC’s board unanimously voted to make a generous $250 donation to the American Red Cross, dedicated to help in the relief efforts to those devastated by super-storm Sandy.

According to TEC President Oded Paz, “this has been an ongoing tradition with TEC — we have previously made substantial donations for those affected by Hurricane Katrina, and more recently the earthquake disaster in Haiti.”

By making this donation, TEC’s board encourages other members of the numismatic family, whether coin clubs, numismatic businesses or collectors, to join them in assisting those in need after such a terrible storm.

For additional information, please contact Oded Paz by emailing Prez@TECNews.Org or by calling (208) 527-5270.

In Memoriam — TEC reports with great sadness that a pillar of the elongated coins community, Angelo Anthony Rosato, died peacefully on Tuesday Nov. 13, 2012, at the age of 91. He was Charter Life Member number 23-LM of TEC.

Rosato was born April 9, 1921 in Waterville, Conn. In 1953 he opened A.A. Rosato Jeweler’s in New Milford, and was in business for 32 years before retiring in 1985.

Rosato was an artist and enjoyed coin collecting as a hobby, where he became interested in collecting elongated coins. With this passion for elongated coins and using his professional talent, he started to design, hand engrave and roll his own elongated coins.

He wrote and published the most comprehensive reference guide and catalog of elongated coins produced from 1960 to 1978, called the Encyclopedia of the Modern Elongated.

The Encyclopedia of the Modern Elongated is the outgrowth of intensive 22-year study and is a unique reference for the process of “elongation” using United States and foreign coinage as souvenirs, keepsakes, and collector’s items. There are 17 chapters that provide valuable data and information, including several new discoveries, never revealed before in the 100-year history of elongated coins.

There are 614 entries in the table of contents. Encompassing 1,760 pages, the book includes 4,005 illustrations of modern elongated coins. The text of 401 pages covers 122 major titles, 492 subtitles and includes 446 illustrations, photos and drawings.

The tome includes five full appendices, a glossary and 1,592 footnotes of important statistics and background information. Examples include historical background on the 1893 Columbian Exposition, Charles F. Damm (forefather of bygone elongateds), philatelic numismatic covers (PNCs) and laws covering counterfeits and forgeries.

Chapter 13, the largest chapter, is concentrated on matters of the law and the use of United States and foreign coinage as elongated novelties rather than for their original intended use.

Written in informal style, the book offers invaluable and specific historical and reference information not available elsewhere.
**Mission statement:** The ANA Representative Program “is to work directly with collectors and clubs to promote and expand the numismatic experience through the services and programs offered by the Association.”

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### In Memoriam — Alan Herbert by John and Nancy Wilson, Ocala, Florida

We just received word of the passing of noted numismatist Alan Herbert. We have known Alan for many years and John Wilson served on the ANA Board with him. Alan was one of the most knowledgeable numismatists we have ever known. We always joked with Alan that he not only should be the “answer man” for Krause (F+W) Publications, but also the ANA — he would have to answer the hard questions. We will never forget the Tucson, Ariz. ANA convention held some years back. It was the time the ANA was debating what to do with the Keith stock. J.T. Stanton, Alan Herbert (always ready with his camera) and myself (John) were at the Krause Publications booth. Probably J.T. got the idea that he would put his hand in the cookie jar (representing the ANA Keith stock), and I would shake my finger at him. The photo was taken by Alan and appeared in one of the Numismatic News stories. The Keith stock stayed solvent then as well as it is today.

Alan was a gentleman of the highest degree and always had a calm and cool presence about him. He was not only an employee of Krause, but a dedicated numismatist for many organizations, especially ANA. We remember one time at the ANA Summer Seminar where we saw Alan unloading his car at the headquarters loading dock. He was almost done unloading about a dozen boxes of numismatic references he was donating to the Association. It was a fine assortment of books. Alan also donated financially to the Association. He was a member of the 1891 Alliance and gave the Association $1,891 on a yearly basis as long as this program lasted. Even though Alan had health problems for many years, he still came to the ANA conventions and helped where he could. Photo: Alan Herbert with Kay Lenker at the Chicago 2011 ANA convention.

We will miss seeing and talking to Alan at conventions. We think that his life was almost 100 percent numismatics. He served the hobby in an exemplary and dedicated manner in many capacities. Not only did he serve on the ANA Board, but other hobby groups as well. Alan was an expert on error coins and was the author of several fine references dealing with that subject and others. Alan was the recipient of ANA awards. In 1994 he was the recipient of the Medal of Merit and in 2001 the Glenn Smedley Memorial Award. He also received numerous literary awards. He will be greatly missed by his friends throughout the United States. Our sincere sympathies and condolences to his family. Rest in Peace Alan, as we will never forget you.