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National Coordinator Message

by Sandy Hill, ANA Club and District Representatives Program National Coordinator.

Greetings to Clubs and Representatives.

The weather is turning colder and holidays are soon on their way. Things are getting more hectic everywhere, but collectors are still looking for that key coin or special piece of currency to complete their collection. Clubs are planning fall shows and other activities.

At ANA headquarters, ANA Club Communications Coordinator Tiffanie Bueschel is there to help you. She is handling all correspondence and all aspects regarding ANA member clubs at headquarters. Tiffanie is there to assist you with any club needs. Tiffanie can be reached at (719) 482-9816 or bueschel@money.org.

Tiffanie and I are working together to help you, and we would like to hear from you. If you have ideas that worked for your club(s), or things you would like to see happen, please send them to us at bueschel@money.org or sandyhill@money.org. I can't promise that every idea or suggestion will result in an action, but I do promise that we will consider everything you send us.

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Call for Hall of Fame Nominations

The Numismatic Hall of Fame is seeking nominations of worthy candidates for inclusion in this memorial maintained by the ANA at the Colorado Springs headquarters. The bylaws now provide for the election of individuals in alternating annual cycles: in odd-numbered years, the elector panel will consider nominees from the “Modern Era” (living or deceased within 25 years of induction); in even-numbered years, those from the “Historic Era” (living or deceased more than 25 years prior to induction) will be reviewed.

Nominees need not be present or past ANA members. Nominations for the 2014 HOF induction must be submitted on official forms (available on the ANA website or by contacting Ann Rahn at (719) 482-9867) and include no less than 300 words of background or biographical information.

ANA members 18 years of age or older can submit up to two “Historic Era” nominations through Jan. 15.

Call for Service Award nominations:

ANA Service Awards is an opportunity to recognize those collectors who support and uphold the association’s mission. Nominations are currently being sought for the following service awards:

Farran Zerbe Memorial — The ANA’s highest honor, it is given in recognition of numerous years of outstanding, dedicated service to numismatics.

Medal of Merit — This award honors individuals who have dedicated numerous years of service to the association and promotion of the hobby.

Glenn Smedley Memorial — This award recognizes individuals who have devoted their efforts to the betterment of the ANA.

Lifetime Achievement — This award is presented to an individual, family, firm or judicial entity that has made outstanding contributions to organized numismatics.

Numismatic Art Award for Excellence in Medallion Sculpture — A lifetime achievement award.

Adna G. Wilde Award for Excellence — The award honors an ANA member who dedicates his or her time and resources to strengthen the hobby, furthers the educational mission of the ANA and sets an example for others to follow.

Harry J. Forman Dealer of the Year — The award honors a professional numismatist who shows uncommon dedication to strengthening the hobby and the ANA, and displays exemplary ethical standards as a numismatic dealer.

Exemplary Service — The award recognizes an individual or entity (club, corporation, firm or association) that has performed services on behalf of the ANA that are “above and beyond” the call.

Adult Advisor — This award is presented to an individual who has devoted their efforts to recruiting young numismatists and aiding in the development of intermediate to advanced young collectors.

Young Numismatist of the Year — This award honors young collectors for outstanding contributions to the hobby and industry.

New Member Benefit

The ANA is pleased to announce a new member benefit recently approved by the Board of Governors.

ANA members will be admitted to ANA shows 30 minutes before the general public each day except opening day. Non-members (or expired members) may join at the show and receive the same early entry.

Important notes:

- The 30-minute early entry is for every day except the first day. No early entry on the first day.
- This is a member-only benefit. It does not extend to guests.

Thank you Chicago / Rosemont World’s Fair of Money Participants

by John and Nancy Wilson, ANA National Volunteers, Ocala, Florida

The ANA World’s Fair of Money (anniversary convention) was held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Ill. (just outside Chicago) on August 13-17. With over 550 bourse tables and a few dozen coin club tables, it was the largest ANA we have attended since the 1991 ANA show in this same convention center. The show guide was excellent and covered everything from A to Z.

A huge thanks to all the dealers for taking tables and supporting the show along with the early birds who purchased badges for early entry. Attendance seemed to be steady during the convention and the numerous dealers we spoke to had an excellent show. On opening day the line was very long most of the morning, which you didn’t have to wait in if you were an ANA member. This convention was so huge you needed multiple days just to walk the bourse floor and exhibit area. It was very nice that the auction, educational programs, club meetings and other activities were in close proximity to the bourse floor.

Chicago ranks very high on most surveys taken for convention cities. The Rosemont location is superb as it has many hotels within easy walking distance. It is right next to O'Hare airport and the entertainment complex within blocks gives participants a place to go after the convention closes.

This convention ran very smoothly, and a big thank you goes to Convention Director Rhonda Scurek and Executive Director Kimberly Kiick and all their staff; President Tom Hallenbeck and the Board; the host Chicago Coin Club, Host Chair Mark Wieclaw and his committee, Assistant Chairman Raymond Dillard and the many dozens of coin club volunteers in their convention shirts. The ANA National Volunteers also deserve special thanks, as they arrive at the beginning and don't leave until the show closes. Positive Protection, Inc. along with the Rosemont Police kept the show safe during the convention.

Thanks also to the exhibitors, judges and educational speakers for their tireless work, along with the numismatic press, media, sponsors and patrons for their many contributions. The show featured a Tuesday evening kickoff event at Wrigley field, which we heard went well with no rain. The Friday ANA banquet had great entertainment (Wendell Wolka as emcee), excellent food and the awards and swearing in of the new board all moved along very smoothly. Congratulations to David Schenkman for receiving the coveted Farran Zerbe Memorial Award at the banquet. The Numismatic News Ambassador breakfast, Tokens and Medals (TAMS) dinner and Numismatic Literary Guild (NLG) Bash were all outstanding events.

Congratulations to Robert Brueggeman, Richard Jozefiak and Dr. Scott Rottinghaus for being voted in as Numismatic News Ambassadors. Many other events such as this were also held during the course of the convention.

At the convention the ANA Museum Showcase and Smithsonian had outstanding exhibits. The world mints, bureaus and agencies were located right inside the entrance to the show, and they had to love their location. Special thanks to the acting director of the U.S. Mint, Richard Peterson, for attending the ribbon cutting ceremonies. He later signed autographs at the huge U.S. Mint booth area. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing along with their spider press were also in a large area of the bourse next to the U.S. Mint. The 43rd Treasurer of the U.S., Rosa "Rosie" Gumataotao Rios also attended later in the week. Over many hours, she graciously signed banknotes and other souvenirs for show attendees. They even exchanged your old notes for new bills. Stacks-Bowers is also to be thanked for holding a tremendous auction, which featured the famed Thomas H. Law collection.

Thanks again to everyone (and anyone we missed) for their many contributions, helping to make this an outstanding convention. We hope to see you at next year's ANA conventions which will be held in Atlanta, Ga. (Cobb Galleria Centre) on Feb. 27-March 1; and Chicago, Ill. (Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Chicago/Rosemont) on August 5-9.



*Photo: ANA staff members and volunteers at the Club Representative Program breakfast in Chicago. Left to right: **Sandy Hill** (new National Coordinator), **Cary Hardy** (Membership Director), **Tiffanie Bueschel** (Club Communications Coordinator) and former National Coordinator **Oded Paz**.*



*Photo: (also at the Club Representative Program breakfast in Chicago) MintMark editor **Eric Holcomb** (left) and former National Coordinator **Oded Paz**.*

Photos courtesy of John and Nancy Wilson.

News from Around the Country

Alabama

Madison County Coin Club

by Richard Jozefiak, ANA District Representative for Alabama, email ANALMRJ@gmail.com

At the Sept. 24 meeting of the Madison County Coin Club, MCCC Treasurer Mike Campbell presented to club members the new library bookcase he built. Mike does woodwork and built the new library bookcase to help the club display its numismatic book collection and make it easier for members to access and borrow books. The new bookcase has a lock to secure the books.

Mike donated a lot of time building the new library bookcase, and club members are encouraged to donate numismatic books to add to the club's library. The new library bookcase has a lot of shelf space for new books.



Photo: MCCC Treasurer **Mike Campbell** with the new library bookcase he built for the club.

Arizona

Mesa Coin Club

by Steve Rye, Secretary

Even during the summer heat, the attendance at Mesa Coin Club meetings averages 50 people. When the winter visitors return the attendance is around 70. Recent programs have covered grading, chess-themed coins, and minting errors. The club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Mesa Public Utilities Building at 640 N. Mesa Drive. Preparations are in place for the club's 45th Annual Show to be held Jan. 25-26 at the Mesa Convention Center. The annual show is the largest in the Phoenix area.

California

The California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) 131st Southern Convention and Coin Show will be held Nov. 23-24 at the Long Beach California Airport Holiday Inn, 2640 North Lakewood Blvd., Long Beach, Cal. Website: www.calcoin.org. Information contact: Howard Feltham, phone 310-850-9860.

Florida

Brandon Coin Club

The club's fourth coin and currency show this year was held Oct. 26 at the Brandon Elks Lodge #2383, 800 Centennial Lodge Drive, Brandon, Fla.

The club reports that its shows have always hosted a large number of people in the area interested in the hobby of numismatics.

Tallahassee Numismatic Club

by Hemanth KN. Vasanthaiah



The club had its best coin show so far with a turnout of more than 100 for the club's second one day show on Aug. 24 at the senior center in Tallahassee. Most

visitors were collectors and some had an interest in joining the club. Several brought bags of coins and currencies for identification, appraisal and selling. Dealers were busy buying and selling coins.

The club would like to thank all the dealers for accepting our invitation in a short period of time. Special thanks to ANA Governor Mike Ellis, who spent most of his time at the show identifying, appraising and giving advice to the public. Most of the dealers would like to come back next year, and they were also happy with the club's complimentary coffee and donuts.

Special thanks also goes to Paul Barattini (Grace Estate Buyers, Tallahassee) for sponsoring a radio ad, which really helped to draw a big crowd. The club would like to thank the Tallahassee Police Department for security, the senior center and the *Tallahassee Democrat* and numismatic magazines and websites (including FUN and ANA) for posting the show ad. Finally, all club members are thanked for their hard work in running this excellent show.

The club will host its second annual coin show April 26-27, and its third one day coin show on July 26, 2014, with locations to be announced.

For more information about the club, go to tallahasseeclub.blogspot.com/ or look up TallahasseeCoinClub on Facebook.

West Hernando Coin Club*by Bruce A. Schneider, WHCC Club Rep*

The WHCC thanks ICG senior grader Randy Campbell for visiting and giving a talk. It was a lecture with tips on improving your grading skills. The meeting was attended by about 50 club members and club officers. Alexandra Ziemann was given a certificate from the ANA for speaking on her experience taking the grading course at the ANA Summer Seminar.

GeorgiaBlue Ridge Numismatic Association*by Blenda Brush, Co-Bourse Chairman*

The BRNA had a very successful show in August with an attendance totaling approximately 1,500 for the three-day show in Dalton, Ga.

Plans are being made for the 55th Convention to be held August 15-17, 2014, in Dalton at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center. The “spider press” along with actors playing President Abraham Lincoln and General Robert E. Lee will be in attendance at the 2014 convention. The bourse floor is 80% sold out; however, applications are being accepted for the waiting list.

Go to the website at www.brna.org to keep updated on the convention and other important news.

IllinoisTazewell Numismatic Society

The Tazewell Numismatic Society (of Tazewell County, Ill.) will hold its 20th Holiday Coin Show Sunday Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pekin Moose Lodge, 2605 Broadway Road, Pekin, Ill. Contact: Jeff Pollitt, (309) 685-3421.

MarylandFort McHenry Quarter Ceremony*by Simcha Kuritzky*

On Sept. 13, 1814, the British Navy started their bombardment of Baltimore’s Ft. McHenry. The next day, lawyer Francis Scott Key would see the giant American flag still flying over the fort and be moved to compose his famous song, which was adopted as the U.S. national anthem in 1931. On Sept. 13, the U.S. Mint held the official launch ceremonies for the America the Beautiful Ft. McHenry, Maryland, quarter at the fort site (even though the coins went on sale two weeks earlier). Members of the Maryland State Numismatic Association (MSNA) Board were on hand for the ceremony.



*Photo: After the dignitaries left, the MSNA Board posed on the podium with the Master of Ceremonies. From left to right are **Don Curtis, Ed Craig, Jack Schadegg, Bill Stratemeyer, Ranger James C. Bailey, Bryce Doxzon, Simcha Kuritzky, Scott Barman and Frank Murphy.***



A gentle rain started and stopped during the first half hour of the ceremony but eventually gave way to a sunshine. There were performances by local choirs and hundreds of school children on hand. Dignitaries included Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake; U.S. Senator Ben Cardin; U.S. Representatives Dutch Ruppersberger and John Sarbanes; site Superintendent Tina Cappetta; U.S. Treasurer Rosie Rios and Mint Deputy Director Richard A. Peterson. Their speeches were occasionally punctuated by the firing of nearby cannon. Although the U.S. Mint frequently says they do not give out free samples, several hundred free quarters were given out to attendees both children and adults. There were men in early 19th Century uniforms parading cannon (see photo above) and the Treasurer poured coins into the ammo box at the end of the ceremony.

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Massachusetts/New England

New England Numismatic Association
by Bob Fritsch

At the Club Rep breakfast in Rosemont, I mentioned that the New England Numismatic Association (NENA) had revived its flagging medals program.

For years, NENA had been using one of two local medal producers, Robbins Company of Attleboro, Mass., and V.H. Blackinton of Attleboro Falls, Mass. Although Robbins stopped making medals many years ago, both companies produced high-quality artistic medals for the Association. Our problem was a decline in the collector base as the membership got grayer, plus rising production costs from the manufacturer. The last medal we did with Blackinton in 2008 cost \$1,400 for the reverse die alone. That drove up unit costs which drove down sales. The Association lost money on the program and there was a distinct possibility that this would be our final medal.

The solution came from an unexpected direction. The Nashua (N.H.) Coin Club was planning to produce its 50th Anniversary medal and was looking for a manufacturer. An ad for a coin club medal from California caught our attention as it looked very nice and the cost was low. So we bought a set and found it had been produced by a challenge coin company.

We contacted them and the medal was ultimately produced in two different finishes. Cost was only \$99 per die plus around \$2.50 per piece. NENA did the same thing and have been satisfied with the results. Artwork is not as artistic as previously but the medals are “good enough.”

Challenge coins have become extremely popular, not only in the numismatic world but by anyone who comes in contact with them, mainly military, police, fire and like organizations. Now coin clubs are getting into the act. NENA has been using Coins For Anything of Fredericksburg, Va. for the past four years and we intend to go on as long as we are able. Most of these companies have offices in the U.S. and production facilities overseas, mainly Korea and China, which holds down costs. Each company is pretty much the same as another and all the customer has to do is find one that fills the need. They even do colors and unusual shapes so your imagination is the only limit.

All you have to do is search for “manufacturers” and “challenge coins” on the Internet for a list of companies that make these items.

Nevada

Reno Coin Club
by David Elliott, datbelliotts@prodigy.net

The Reno Coin Club celebrated the Great Basin National Park quarter with distribution of the coin at the Nevada State Museum on June 28, as the 1869-era coin press minted 250 silver rounds of various Nevada commemoratives.

The club is finalizing the design of its 30th anniversary medal, which will also celebrate the 150th anniversary of Nevada, to be minted during National Coin Week in April 2014. Several successful auctions have been held at the club to raise money for a die, which will be made by Medallic Arts of Dayton, Nev. Robert Vugteveen of Medallic Arts presented the “Making of Medals from Metal to Medal” at the October meeting showing both computer and handmade die production methods.



For Nevada Day, Oct. 25-26, Ken Hopple made the state's official 150th anniversary medal in silver, which can be preordered at www.nevada150.org for \$100.50, or in copper for \$15. The state seal is on the reverse of the medal.

The club's anniversary medal will be interesting and less expensive with a bust of Lincoln, a Morgan dollar design and the state motto, “Battle Born,” in silver, brass and copper. Reverses will feature the state seal or the 1869-era coin press and CC mint mark. They will be about half the price of the official 150th anniversary medal.

New Jersey

Ocean County Coin Club
by Jim Majoros

The Ocean County Coin Club was not planning to conduct its annual show in 2013 due to its home meeting location being flooded out from Hurricane Sandy. (The club has not yet returned to the Point Pleasant Beach Firehouse #1 for our twice monthly meetings as the volunteer firefighters are still cleaning up the mess. Fortunately, the efforts of the firefighters are putting everything together and it is hoped the club will be able to return in January.)

Club officials were doubtful about handling a show. Only three months ago, it was decided to move on it, and the club had a show Oct. 5 at the Beach Firehouse # 2 that was not damaged. The bourse floor was busy most of the six hours the show was open. The club had 20 tables and 195 in attendance including members and dealers. There was a treasure hunt for the youngsters, of which 14 participated, and four junior members placed outstanding exhibits. Approximately two dozen members worked at the show, which was a large factor in making it a family affair.

New York

Oswego County Numismatic Association
by John Cali

The Oswego County Numismatic Association's show was on Sept. 22, and was the association's 49th show. Special plans may be in the works for next year's 50th show.

In other news, the association presented a certificate to member Tom Eassa, who gave an excellent talk earlier this year. Preparations are also underway for election of officers and a Christmas party.

Rochester Numismatic Association
by John Cali

The Rochester Numismatic Association coin show is coming up on Nov. 2-3 at the Eisenhart Museum gymnasium.

Other New York activity
by John Cali

A multi-club show was held on Oct. 13 in Waterloo. Also on Oct. 27 there was a Cayuga County Coin Club show held in the Auburn area.

Oregon

Willamette Coin Club

The Willamette Coin Club/Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association fall show was a success for the 9th consecutive year at the Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel in Portland. In addition to an active bourse and nearly 20 cases of collector exhibits, there was the first Larry Rowe symposium with eight speakers on Thursday, Oct. 3, and the ANA Road Show exhibit featuring a 1913 Liberty Head Nickel. (Rowe, a longtime active numismatist, chaired the 1990 ANA anniversary convention in Seattle.)



Photo:
ANA Museum Curator **Doug Mudd** and the ANA Road Show Exhibit with the 1913 Liberty Head Nickel.

South Carolina

Stephen James CSRA Coin Club (Aiken, SC)
by Jim Barry

The club had a successful one-day show Sept. 7. Twenty-one members volunteered their time and efforts to make the show a success.

Recent past programs included "The Origin of Liberty Seated Coinage" by Arno Safran, "The Ptolemy Kingdom: the Coins of Ancient Egypt" by Chuck Goergen and "My Favorite Tokens" by Tony Chibbaro. Several members present "show & tells" each month.

The club's website is www.sjcsracc.org.



Photo:

Registration Desk:
Seated:
VP **Pat James** and club member **Robert Sanborn**.
Standing:
Secretary **Jim Mulaney**, President and Bourse Chair **Steve Kuhl**.

Virginia

Tidewater Coin Club

by Blendell Brush, jbrush2@gmail.com

The Tidewater Coin Club of Norfolk, Va., which meets the second Wednesday of each month, had an outstanding program on Oct. 9 that had everyone in attendance participating. Approximately 50 people battled the rain and wind to attend the monthly meeting with a program noted as "How to Put on a Display."

Chuck F. asked everyone to arrange for six people at each table and informed the attendees that every table would be working as a team to make a display. The title of the display would be "My Favorite Coin." Each table was given markers and poster board with approximately 15 minutes to express when, where, who and why you chose the coin as "My Favorite Coin."

After the completed time, each table had to display the poster and express their ideas. Each team presented different U.S. and European coins with very good artistic results. The posters will be placed on the website for display purposes. Go to www.tidewatercoinclub.org.

Also, the Tidewater Coin Club sponsored its semi-annual coin show the weekend of Oct. 12-13 with very good attendance in Virginia Beach, Va.

Washington

Boeing Employees' Coin Club

Congratulations to the BECC, which celebrated its 50th anniversary with a banquet the evening of Oct. 16 at the Tukwila Community Center just south of Seattle.

In addition to excellent food, fellowship and lots of prizes and souvenirs, *MintMark* editor and former BECC president Eric Holcomb was the guest speaker, with a talk titled "Remembering Neil Armstrong," based on his collector exhibit of the same name at the ANA anniversary convention this year.



Photo: Eric Holcomb (right) accepts a set of 2014 BECC medals as a speaker award from club officer David Buehler (left).

Canada

Regina Coin Club

The Regina Coin Club's fall show and sale on Oct. 19-20 featured a complete set of five Canadian 1937 brass specimen pattern coins produced at the Paris Mint. The coins, in denominations of one cent, 5 cents, 10 cents, 25 cents and 50 cents are the only known complete set in private hands. The other complete set is in the National Currency Museum at the Bank of Canada in Ottawa.

What makes these coins so special is that they are made of brass and have a "coinage axis" (coin flip) meaning the obverse and reverse go in opposite directions, like American coins. The coins are all graded as specimen coins by PCGS.

Another aspect is the provenance of the set. After the set was minted at the Paris Mint, it was purchased by King Farouk of Egypt, who had one of the largest and best coin collections in the world. After Farouk

was ousted in a coup in 1953, his coin collection was sold at auction to John Pittman, who later became the president of both the ANA and CNA. The set was later purchased by Dr. John Temple, an advanced American collector. The collection now belongs to an advanced investor collector from British Columbia, who purchased it at the RCNA convention in Winnipeg in July. While the set has a value in the six figures, its owner calls the set "priceless."

Additional information about the fall show was published in the 3rd Quarter 2013 *MintMark*.

For more club information, contact George Manz at (306) 352-2337, or go to www.reginacoinclub.com.

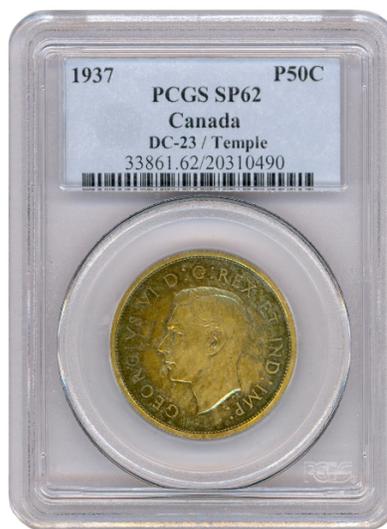


Photo: Canadian 1937 brass specimen pattern 50-cent coin certified and graded by PCGS.

Norway / Iceland

Visiting Iceland's only coin dealer. *by Oddmund Fuglestad*

Sigurdur Palmason is the owner of Iceland's one and only coin shop, Safnaramiðstöðin, situated at Hverfisgata 16, Reykjavik. On Sept. 5, I had the opportunity to visit Sigurdur in his nice and copious office. I was well received by Sigurdur, who is a former collector of Icelandic coins and banknotes. He informed me that he had opened the store just a few months ago. In addition to regular costumers, he is using eBay as a market place. Sigurdur emphasizes the necessity of having a real store and not just a virtual web-based store when dealing with collectors and buying and selling coins and banknotes. I couldn't agree more with that statement.

Besides a wide selection of coins and banknotes from Iceland, Sigurdur also offers an unusual selection of error coins from Iceland. Sigurdur revealed that the garbage bin at the Sedlabanki, Iceland coin packing floor now and then was misplaced.

We also learned that the famous 2 Krónur 1966 coin with thick planchet (11.5 grams), which according to Sieg's catalogue is listed at a mintage of 300 pieces, most likely must have a higher mintage due to the fact that it was possible to produce 900 coins from each metal plate. It sure sounds likely to me.

Sigurdur also showed a book containing five different color samples for each banknote made prior to the release of the second edition banknotes. The purpose of the samples was to enable the board of directors to decide which color tone to use for the official banknotes.



Photo: Sigurdur Palmason and his unique book with banknote color samples.

Finally, I must also mention the wide selection of tokens, and especially the many different tokens from Keflavik Air Base, which caught my interest.

So, if you should visit Reykjavik, I would highly recommend visiting the shop, which is open between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays. Sigurdur can also be reached by email at siggi@siggipalma.is, and his Internet address for the store is www.safnari.is. The store is strategically located in the city center, a block from the National Bank of Iceland.

Specialty Clubs

Carson City Coin Collectors of America

Carson City Coin Collectors of America members attended two club meetings in August 2013. These gatherings are the highlights of membership in the club each year.

Members and guests first met on August 15 in Rosemont, Ill., at the club's ninth annual general meeting. It was held in conjunction with the ANA World's Fair of Money convention. Club president Rusty Goe presented a lecture entitled "The Mint on Carson Street – 10 Years Later," in which he explained why he wrote the book, told what he has learned about its main themes since it was published and expressed a desire to release a revised edition. A question and answer session followed the lecture.

Eight days later, on August 23, the club held a regional meeting in Carson City at the Carson Nugget Casino, in conjunction with the Nevada State Museum's annual coin show. In the morning before the meeting, members attended a lecture by Rusty Goe at the museum's education fair titled "10 Non-Coin Collectibles Every 'CC' Coin Enthusiast Should Own." During the afternoon meeting, attendees heard another lecture by Goe titled "Rehashing Information about the Carson Mint and its Coins – Boring or Beneficial?"

Following the lecture, members shared in a show-and-tell session, during which many interesting Carson City-related stories and items were presented and passed around.

For additional information, contact Carson City Coin Collectors of America c/o Marie Goe, PO Box 18040, Reno, NV 89511, telephone (775) 322-4455, email info@ccccoa.com or go to the club's website at www.carsoncitycoinclub.com.

Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club

The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc. is pleased to announce a membership drive for new members. The CCGTCC is offering inducements for new members including convention pins and medals and a set of blackjack/poker tournament chips.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.ccgccc.com/promo/newmember.html>

IASAC convenes at show in Portland

by Nancy Yee

The International Association of Silver Art Collectors held their annual meeting in Portland, Ore., on Oct. 5-6 in conjunction with the WCC/PNNA 9th annual fall coin show. (See page 8.) The club's 2013 ingot was released at that time and was designed by club member Chris Geiner in an annual competition. The bar features an Oregon beaver standing in front of Mt. Hood and holding a sheaf of roses in honor of the Rose City, Portland. Geiner was given the first strike of the ingot.

Also announced at the meeting was the recipient of the first Kidd-Rood Writing Contest. The award is given in honor of the late Archie Kidd and the late Steve Rood who were instrumental in publishing and cataloging the series of guidebooks which form the backbone of the silver art bar hobby. Simcha Kuritzky won the first place gold-plated round for his article, "Nineteenth Century Silver Bar Reflects Three Millennia-Old Tradition." Len Kruithof and Nancy Yee took second honors with silver medals.

Officers returning for a two-year term are Nancy Yee, President; Doug Jennings, Vice President; Joseph Markulics, Secretary-Treasurer and Harvey Chew, Historian. For more information, contact the Secretary-Treasurer at PO Box 75, Tatamy, PA 18085-0075.

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Editor’s Message by Eric Holcomb

Thanks again for the submissions received; we have an expanded 10-page issue of *MintMark*. Please read the interesting club news and the important ANA news as well. Happy Holidays to everyone!

The next (1st Quarter 2014) edition of *MintMark* is not far off, so start planning and writing now. Make it a short summary of how your club is participating in the ANA Club Rep Program and try to include one photo of reasonable size with a descriptive file name and photo caption.

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