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National Coordinator Message

by Sandy Hill, National Coordinator for the District Representative Program, SandyHill@money.org.

Summer Seminar has ended and the World's Fair of MoneySM is just around the corner. Most of you have either just had your vacation from work or are looking forward to it. The announcement of election results has been made and our new Board of Governors are elected.

Don't forget to encourage your YN members to get involved in the ANA's YN programs. There are several activities for kids to earn YN Dollars, which can then be used in monthly coin auctions held on the ANA website. Learn all about the YN programs at:

<https://www.money.org/young-numismatists>.

Some of you have asked about the answers to the National Coin Week quiz. The answers were sent to all of those who entered, but I will also be sending them separately to club reps.

District Representative Meeting

All District Representatives are cordially invited to the ANA's District Representative Meeting at the 2015 World's Fair of MoneySM. The meeting will take place at 8 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 15 in Room 56 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center.

At the meeting, District Representatives will receive their 2014 points awards and certificates of appreciation. The District Representative of the Year and club publication awards will also be announced.

For more information on the District Representative Meeting, please contact Tiffanie Bueschel at tbueschel@money.org or call (719) 482-9816.

Get tickets now for the ANA Banquet and Silent Auction at the World's Fair of Money

The ANA Banquet and Silent Auction on Friday, Aug. 14, at the World's Fair of MoneySM is the fellowship gala of the year. The annual event includes presentation of ANA Awards, a silent auction, the induction of the board of governors, dinner and a cocktail hour.

The silent auction, now in its second year, will benefit the Robert Lecce Advanced Scholarship Program. Twenty-four ANA members earned full and partial Lecce scholarships to attend the 2015 Summer Seminar.

Last year, the silent auction featured such numismatic items as U.S. Mint sets, gold and silver U.S. modern commemoratives, world coins, and a half-penny collection. Non-numismatic items included gift certificates to a variety of businesses, some in the Chicago area, autographed baseballs by Greg Maddox and Ferguson Jenkins, and dinner with Steve Ivy and Greg Roberts of Heritage Auctions and Stack's Bowers Galleries.

The banquet also features the presentation of ANA Awards, including the Association's highest honor, the Farran Zerbe Award.

Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased online at WorldsFairofMoney.com or by calling the Membership Department at 800-514-2646 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mountain Time, Monday through Friday.

Members are invited to donate items to support the Silent Auction. Please contact Amber Bradish at 719-482-9865 or bradish@money.org with your donation. Numismatic and non-numismatic items will be accepted.

ANA Awards



Glenn Holsonbake received the Lawrence J. Gentile Sr. Memorial Award for Outstanding Adult Advisor during the American Numismatic Association's Summer Seminar Session 2 graduation banquet on July 1, 2015. This award is presented annually to an individual who has recruited and mentored Young Numismatists and aided in the development of intermediate to advanced young collectors. *Photo of Holsonbake by Robert Kelley.*



Douglas F. Bird and **Stephen Carr** were awarded honorary Doctor of Numismatics degrees from the American Numismatic Association Florence School of Numismatics

on Wednesday, July 1, at the Session 2 graduation banquet for the 2015 Summer Seminar. *Photo of Bird (right) and Carr (left), by Robert Kelley.*



Longtime American Numismatic Association members **Eric Goldstein** and **John Kraljevich** were awarded honorary Doctor of Numismatics degrees from the Florence School of Numismatics on

Thursday, June 24, at the session 1 graduation banquet for the 2015 ANA Summer Seminar. Kraljevich and Goldstein have paired to teach courses in colonial numismatics at Summer Seminar since 2004. *Photo: Goldstein (right) and Kraljevich (left), by Robert Kelley.*

YN of the Year



Steven Roach, an ANA member from Colorado Springs, was named the YN of the Year during the 2015 Summer Seminar in June. Roach is a member of the Colorado Springs Coin

Club, the Colorado Springs Numismatic Society, Early American Coppers, CONECA and The Elongated Collectors. *Photo: Roach (left) is pictured with ANA Executive Director Kim Kiick (right), by Robert Kelley.*

Club Directory Update

ANA-member clubs are asked to periodically check their club listing information on Money.org and make sure all information is up-to-date and accurate.

To update information or add your club to the directory, fill out the Club Directory Form or contact Tiffanie Bueschel, Club Communication Coordinator, at tueschel@money.org or (719) 482-9816.

Follow the steps below for the Club Directory Form:

1. Go to Money.org.
2. Under the Community tab, hover over ANA Clubs and select Club Directory Update from the dropdown menu.
3. Fill out the form with all of your club's updated information.
4. Select the verification check box and hit submit. Your updated information will be sent to the ANA.

Share your numismatic knowledge on the ANA blog

The blog on the new Money.org is a great place to read and share information about numismatics. Peruse posts by fellow members as well as official American Numismatic Association announcements and press releases. Comment on your favorite posts. You can even write a post to contribute to the discussion.

Check out the blog on Money.org located on the "Community" dropdown menu. For more information on how to post a blog click here, <https://www.money.org/blog/how-to-post-a-blog>.

News from Around the Country

Alabama

Madison County Coin Club

by *Richard Jozefiak*, ANA District Representative

The Madison County Coin Club had many members and guests in attendance for the club's annual "4th of July" potluck dinner and auction. The meeting was actually held on June 23 at the Huntsville Senior Center in Huntsville, Ala. There was plenty of food for the potluck. The club provided the drinks and paper products. More than 60% of the auction lots were sold. Kurt Springfield was the auctioneer for the night.



Photo: Madison County Coin Club members bidding during the auction on June 23.

Colorado

Denver Coin Club by *Walter Ostromecki*

The Denver Coin Club celebrated its 80th birthday during its regular monthly meeting on Thursday evening, June 25. In attendance to mark and celebrate the club's milestone anniversary was special guest speaker, ANA President Walter Ostromecki. Ostromecki, who was already on hand in Colorado Springs attending the ANA's annual Summer Seminar, made the trip by car to attend the Denver Coin Club's celebration and member potluck dinner. He was accompanied by ANA Education Director Rod Gillis and former ANA Governor Mike Ellis.

The official ANA delegation braved a fierce hail storm—thunder and lightning accompanied by a torrential downpour near Castle Rock on U.S. Highway 25—and when they reach the outskirts of Denver, bumper-to-bumper rush hour traffic! Upon arrival at the meeting location, the social meeting hall of the Salem United Church of Christ, the weary and rain-soaked travelers were warmly greeted inside by cheers and applause, handshakes from members standing in a long receiving line and mugs filled with hot tea. A lavish potluck-style dinner followed.

Denver Coin Club President Theo Gould called the meeting to order following dinner around 8 p.m. with approximately 60 or so members and guests in attendance. A number of individuals were recognized as members from other coin clubs surrounding the Denver area. Gould followed this with a brief recap of the Denver Coin Club's outreach services to both the numis-

matic hobby and the ANA. Then he introduced the two special ANA delegation guests who spoke briefly about ANA benefits and educational outreach services available to members.

The evening's keynote speaker, ANA President Ostromecki, was introduced and spoke about the proud 80-year history of Denver Coin Club service and educational outreach to both the public and collector alike. His talk began with two special ANA recognitions of distinction: an engraved ANA certificate of achievement to the club upon reaching its 80th anniversary milestone, and a special ANA presidential presentation as "A Point of Numismatic Light" for the club's dedication to enhancing the fun hobby experience of numismatics for countless others over the past 80 years.

Ostromecki's presentation took those Denver Coin Club members and guests assembled on a nostalgic trip down memory lane. He noted that the club was founded in 1935 under the name, "The \$10 Buck Coin Club in Denver." In February of 1936, it joined the ANA as the Denver Coin Club, Life Member #5100. T. James Clarke was the ANA president at that time.

Ostromecki noted, "Since being founded during the time frame of June 21-26, 1935, the following numismatic events took place in Treasury Department history: The Gold Reserve Act of 1935; the Central Banking Act of 1935; the appointment of Georgia Nesse Clark as the first woman U.S. Treasurer in 1949; the discontinuance in the exchange of U.S. Silver Certificates for silver bullion in 1968; the Denver Mint issuance of the first U.S. commemorative coin—a \$10 gold piece—for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics; a U.S. Treasury building fire severely damaging the old cash room; and in 2011 U.S. Savings Bonds went from being printed to electronic issue."

The Denver Coin Club hosted its first ANA Convention in 1963. Dan Brown was the convention chair along with a couple of convention assistants, one being a young upstart coin dealer named Howard Hinsey, who was present at this historic 80th anniversary meeting. He reflected about some of the convention particulars noting the event took place August 7-10, 1963 at the Denver Hilton, with show attendance being roughly 2,500.

By the 1963 ANA convention the educational program feature had become well-established. This program attracted many an ANA convention attendee. The 1963 keynote speaker was Mrs. Elvira Clain-Stefanelli, Associate Curator of Diverse Numismatics at The Smithsonian. Her topic, "Art in Coinage," attracted a crowd of 150 or more. Her husband, Vladimir, was at the time ANA Museum Curator.

The Denver Coin Club has also hosted ANA Conventions in 1996, 2006, 2012 and is considering a part-

nership with other Colorado Coin Clubs to jointly act as a host committee for the 2017 World's Fair of MoneySM. The club issued a special souvenir medal as the host club for the 2006 ANA World's Fair of MoneySM. The design features on the obverse the logo at the time of the ANA, with the reverse depicting a scene of rays over the Rocky Mountains and the "D" mintmark.

Today at age 80, the club's future looks brighter than ever. Approximately 90 paid members are on its rolls, with nearly as many actively involved and attending the monthly meetings. The Denver Coin Club meets at various Denver locations on the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Guests are warmly welcomed. Dues are \$10 a year and include a copy of the monthly club newsletter. For further information, contact President Theo Gould via email at theo@tozan.com or write the DCC at PO Box 440725, Denver CO 80044.

Club website: www.denvercc.anaclubs.org.



*Photo: ANA President **Walter Ostromecki** (left) presents a "Point of Numismatic Light" certificate for the DCC to DCC President **Theo Gould** (right) during the club's 80th anniversary meeting on June 25.*

Florida

Brandon Coin Club

By Jack I., Secretary

The club regrets to announce the passing in May of one of its original members, Ralph Pennywit. He was a friend to many in the club and will sorely be missed.

Rose City Coin Club

The club is pleased to announce its new blog at : <http://rosecitycoinclub.wordpress.com/>

Thomasville Coin Club

The club was planning a summer cookout for its July 20 meeting at Kenley Oaks.

West Hernando Coin Club

by Bruce Schneider, Vice President

The club had a good turnout at its June meeting, with 41 people in attendance. Members talked about the club's upcoming coin show and bus trip to the summer F.U.N. show.

The club subsequently held its June 27 coin show, which was well attended, with 175 members of the

public and 25 dealers present. The club had Skip from ICG (grading service) and Brian Vaile from the "Ike Group" present also. A featured part of the show was hourly free drawings for W.H.C.C. \$10 bucks to spend at any show dealer. To cap it off, the last drawing was for an American 1/10-ounce gold Eagle.

The club also assisted in helping local Boy Scout Troop 303 obtain numismatic merit badges. There were 12 scouts involved. Club members Sid Kaplowitz, Alexandria Zieman, John Pentenero and Bruce Schneider assisted with the merit badge course.

Georgia

Georgia Numismatic Association (GNA)

by Carl Lester (Educational Exhibits Manager), Mack Martin, Dennis Schafluetzel and John Phipps

The Georgia Numismatic Association drew nine junior exhibitors (age 17 and under) at its annual convention in Dalton, Georgia, April 17-19. The following changes in the educational exhibits program were implemented for junior exhibitors over the past few years, that led to this record number of junior entries:

- Awards presented at 1 p.m. Saturday, at the GNA Young Numismatist program.
- Setup deadline for juniors extended to 10 a.m. Saturday. Exhibits may be removed early, if prearranged.
- GNA offered one night free lodging for each junior exhibitor's family.
- Value of numismatic awards doubled for all categories to 1st Place \$250, 2nd Place \$125 and 3rd Place \$75.
- Local club YN programs initiated to show how easy it is to exhibit.
- Judges took time to talk to each exhibitor and parent about how their exhibit can be improved for the next show.
- Communicated to exhibitors and parents how exhibiting enhances the possibility of winning a GNA all-expense scholarship to the ANA Summer Seminar.

Miriam Saldarriaga won first place junior, for her exhibit "Headed West: The Changing Faces of Miss Liberty." Her award was an 1884-CC BU Silver Dollar, in Original GSA Packaging. Eason Barrineau won second place junior, for his exhibit "The Jefferson Nickel." His award was a 1918 Standing Liberty Quarter, PCGS AU58. Hampton Barrineau won third place junior, for his exhibit "World War II Currency." His award was a 1920 Pilgrim Commemorative Half Dollar, PCGS MS63.

The other junior exhibitors each received a United States proof set. Four of the six families who had junior exhibitors took advantage of the free night lodging, which was offered for the first time this year.

The GNA had two categories of senior exhibits: Large (4+ cases) and Small (1-3 cases). The Large Exhibit first place award was won by Dennis Schafluetzel, with his exhibit "Chattanooga Depression and Clearing House Scrip." The Small Exhibit first place award was won by Lavonda Proveaux, for her exhibit "The Pigeon Roost Mining Co."



Photo (left to right): YN exhibitors at the GNA convention YN meeting: **Andrew Daugherty**, **Miriam Saldarriaga** (1st Place Exhibitor), **Mack Martin** (GNA Governor), **Colby Hawk** and **Sam Forsyth**.

Illinois

Central States Numismatic Society

by John and Nancy Wilson, ANA National Volunteers

On behalf of ANA staff members Rhonda Scurek, Jennifer Croak and Sam Joseph, President Walter Ostromecki, and ourselves, we want to thank the Central States Numismatic Society (CSNS) for providing a table for the ANA at the CSNS 76th Anniversary Convention in Schaumburg, Ill., April 20-25. We were able to sign up or renew 25 members for the Association.

This is the fourth year of CSNS hosting a show at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel and Convention Center which is only 20 minutes from O'Hare International airport. Just about everyone we talk to loves this convention center and attached hotel. With excellent access by dealers and collectors, a well-lit hall, carpeted meeting rooms, free parking, great restaurants nearby, along with other major hotels nearby, it is a site that would be hard to beat.

The convention had 750 dealers at 283 tables which included numerous coin clubs, *Coin World*, Coin Television, ICTA, Ray Dillard's elongated coins

(everyone received one prepared for this show when registering), and an area for book signings. CSNS also prepared a commemorative medal for the event.

Attendance was very steady during the run of the convention, and the dealers appeared to be busy. The official program was well done. President Lincoln portrayed by Dennis Boggs once again participated and his close likeness to "The Great Emancipator" always amazes us. Besides the coin clubs which had meetings and speakers, CSNS had several outstanding Civil War educational forums. With most of the educational programs videotaped by Coin Television, the finished programs should be available at their website.

A special thanks to Steve Contursi of Rare Coin Wholesalers for donating \$1,000 to the ANA.



Photo (left to right): ANA President **Walter Ostromecki**, **Steve Contursi**, **Nancy Wilson**, **Rhonda Scurek** and **John Wilson**.

The exhibit area is always a major attraction for the best exhibitors from around the country. CSNS treats their exhibitors in a top-notch manner having gold prizes for all the classes. The exhibitors and judges also received one-ounce silver medals. ANA Chief Judge Joseph Boling held a program to certify new judges. Several of them passed the course and will now be certified ANA judges. Exhibitors, judges and speakers were treated to an outstanding dinner at Maggiano's Little Italy.

A large YN area was very busy on Saturday of the show and included the YN Treasure Hunt. Security for the show was great, and it is always nice to see a security room that is in operation before and after the show ends. The Saturday awards breakfast was well done and the food was plentiful. Tom Casper was the recipient of the CSNS Ray O. Lefman Medal of Merit and Nancy Wilson won the Best-In-Show exhibit award for her Santa Claus paper money exhibit.

Heritage Auctions had multiple coin and currency sessions. Of great importance was a collection of banknotes from the Eric P. Newman collection, Part VI.

Those who served under the able leadership of General Chairman Kevin Foley included Patricia Foley (Bourse/Secretary), Jack D. Huggins, Jr. (Exhibits, Chief Judge and Treasurer), Ray Lockwood (Education), David Heinrich (YNs), Gerald Tebben (Editor/Photographer), Tom Casper (Security), Bruce Perdue (Message Center and President) and his Board, along with the many committee chairs and other workers. We thank them for the hard work they did in setting up, running, and breaking down the show.

All in all, it was an MS70 convention that was well run and organized. Thanks again to CSNS for the ANA table. We look forward to next year's 77th CSNS convention which will be in this same location, April 27-30, 2016. Website: www.centralstates.info.

Maryland

Montgomery County Coin Club

by *Simcha Kuritzky, Regional Representative*

The Montgomery County Coin Club visited the Renaissance medals room at the National Gallery of Art on March 11. Museum curator Elanora Luciano spoke on "Why Medals Matter," and allowed visitors to handle and take pictures of medals not on public display.

A similar trip to the National Portrait Gallery is scheduled for July 27. Brandon Brame Fortune, the Chief Curator and Curator of Painting and Sculpture at the National Portrait Gallery will conduct a tour of the new exhibit, "From Token to Ornament: Indian Peace Medals and the McKenney-Hall portraits." Indian peace medals are worn by chiefs and warriors in a number of the 120 hand-colored lithographic plates.



*Photo: MCCC President **Kenneth Swab** thanks Associate Curator of Sculpture **Elanora Luciano** of the National Gallery of Art for providing club members with a behind-the-scenes look at the NGA's collection of Renaissance medals.*

Nebraska

Nebraska Numismatic Association

by *Walter Ostromecki*

Nearly 450 people attended the 59th Nebraska Numismatic Association (NNA) Convention and Coin Show held June 6-7 at the Marina Inn Conference Center in South Sioux City, Nebraska. Six special educational outreach features brought in the public:

- The ANACS onsite grading service which also offered free appraisals.
- A BSA Coin Collecting Merit Badge Workshop.
- A youth coin auction with more than 100 donated lots.
- A Homestead, Nebraska quarter booth complete with its park ranger.
- A Hobo Nickel carving demonstration and sales table featuring youth-hosted Sam Ernst.
- ANA President Walt Ostromecki, who shared coin collecting basics with attendees and doubled as banquet speaker.

NNA President Mitch Ernst commented, "It has been quite a few years since an NNA show was held in South Sioux City. We found the perfect venue in the Marina Conference Center, and approximately 55 dealers set up at the show, one dealer from as far away as Cheyenne, Wyo. But frankly we didn't know what to expect attendance-wise. We were surprised by the near record-setting crowd."

On Saturday morning, Mitch Ernst held a BSA Coin Collecting Merit Badge program attended by 10 scouts. The Omaha Coin Club, the NNA and the ANA provided numismatic goodie bags and numismatic reference books to the scouts upon completion of the program.

On Saturday afternoon the YN auction was conducted by Patrick Milliken, Youth Activities Coordinator of the Omaha Coin Club. The NNA provided each of the 32 youngsters in attendance with \$250 in scrip which they could use to buy auction lots. Bidding was very competitive and spirited.

On Saturday evening, the annual awards recognition social and banquet was held. The featured speaker for the event attended by 48 individuals was ANA President Walter Ostromecki. He shared with banquet guests "The Top Ten Reasons for Being an ANA Member." At the conclusion of his short talk, he then took the opportunity to present a couple NNA members with ANA awards.

Honored with an ANA Presidential Award was long time Nebraska numismatic hobby promoter Bob Missel. He was cited for over 25 enthusiastic years of sharing and promoting the fun of numismatics and for creating the NebraskaCoin website to promote numismatics and coin club membership in Nebraska. Those recognized with “A Point of Numismatic Light” awards were: John Jackson of Iowa, the NNA’s longtime show bourse coordinator; Patrick Milliken, Omaha Coin Club Youth Outreach Coordinator and Jim McKee, longtime ANA Club and District Representative Program volunteer for Nebraska. McKee has just recently stepped down as the ANA Rep for Nebraska. Mitch Ernst will be succeeding him in this capacity.



Photo: Bob Missel (left) receives an ANA Presidential Award from Walter Ostromecki (right) during the NNA Awards Banquet at its 59th convention and coin show in South Sioux City. Photo credit: Sam Ernst.

NNA President Mitch Ernst bestowed the Association’s top honor, The NNA Legacy Award, to Jim Crosby for over 20 years of dedicated volunteerism to the Nebraska numismatic community and invaluable service to the NNA. Receiving the NNA’s Numismatic Ambassador award was John Jackson for his unwavering spirit in promoting the numismatic hobby to countless others over 25 years and faithfully serving as the Association’s Bourse Coordinator over the years. Mitch said, “When the NNA wants anything done which is coin show related, John is our man. He cheerfully takes on any challenge and makes it happen!”

A large exhibit area had seven exhibitors with a total of 15 display cases covering coins, paper money and exonomia. All the exhibits were judged and there were first, second and third place awards.

For more information about the NNA and the date and location of its 2016 60th Anniversary Convention and Coin Show please visit www.NebraskaCoin.com or contact NNA President Mitch Ernst, PO Box 24913, Omaha, NE 68124. Email: NuMitchmatist@msn.com.

Nevada

Reno Coin Club

by David Elliott, datbelliotts@prodigy.net

The Reno Coin Club extended National Coin Week to the NW Library with displays, videos, and presentations. Lots of children came to get a free foreign coin. The club then went to the Nevada State Mu-

seum the following Friday and Saturday where Ken Hopple fired up the 1869 coin press. One couple came all the way from Boston to see the press running.

Several members gave lectures on a variety of subjects including David Elliott (“Coins of Constantine”), Paul Williams (“Kennedy Half Dollar”), Ken Hopple (“Cancelled dies found at the Carson City Mint”), and Rusty King and Dave Andrews (“125th Nevada anniversary medal”). David Elliott and his wife displayed ancient and obsolete U.S. items and sold the new club medal, the new presidential and Native American dollars, and National Park quarters at near cost.

The club has moved from the closed Carrow’s to Denny’s in Sparks, Nev., at East McCarran, near the Nugget and across from Western Village. The club has a large meeting room equipped with a sound system, pull-down screen and computer-ready flat screen TV.

The club’s most enthusiastic junior member recently succumbed to leukemia. Club members were able to raise funds for the family, and Fred Holabird began an ANA scholarship fund for junior members in his honor. Fred was also awarded a lifetime achievement award. His presentations of shipwreck coins (*Atocha, SS Central America*) and gold finds have been some of the club’s best-attended programs.



Photo: Fred Holabird (right), RCC VP Rusty King behind and RCC President David Elliott in back.

The club was looking forward to about 50 members attending the Reno Aces baseball game on July 6. Minor league baseball often features double-digit scores and many steals (even home and 1st base) as well as double and triple plays from the young players. The club is also planning a special Oktoberfest with German coins and beer in the offing.

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists

by Pat McBride

The John Burns Memorial Reference Library will have its traveling debut at the ANA World’s Fair of MoneySM in Rosemont, Ill., August 11-15. It has been produced as a result of the remaining money in the John Burns Memorial Fund that was created upon the unexpected passing of the well-known numismatic

book dealer on Jan. 11, 2014. The purpose of the library is to provide a welcome area to relax and browse through the numismatic reference books on the shelves. The books were part of John's inventory along with additional book donations from friends and colleagues. Coin show attendees are welcome to use the books but are not permitted to take them off the show floor. All the borrowed books must be returned to the shelves before exiting the coin show. The library has been set up as a test run at the last two PAN coin shows and proved to be very popular with collectors, dealers, and exhibit judges. The Burns library will be transported to the World's Fair of MoneySM to be set up at booth location 1959 on the show floor.

A dedication ceremony will take place at the library booth location on Thursday August 13 at 3 p.m. The invitation is open to anyone. PAN is also in need of continued financial support and book donations to build this innovative new coin show feature. The goal is to garner monies through the John Burns Memorial Fund so that it can continue as a regular component at future ANA shows and other coin shows. PAN board members manage the Burns Memorial Fund and the library travel arrangements. Donations of money or books are needed to keep this idea a reality. More information can be found on the PAN website, www.PANcoins.org, on the "Donate to PAN" page.

South Dakota

Bridge City Coin and Stamp Club

by Robert Maisch, Club NCW Chairman

The Bridge City Coin and Stamp Club of Mobridge, South Dakota began its National Coin Week activities with a member being a guest on the half-hour Wanda Jundt Eureka Radio Show on April 4. The main topics were NCW, interesting history of numerous World's Fairs and Expos and coins struck for many of the U.S. fairs and expos.

Members placed exhibits at the three city banks, the Chamber of Commerce office and the A.H. Brown Public Library. There was a "Silly Trivia Contest" with the entry forms at each of the exhibit locations. There was a news broadcast segment made on the Monday of NCW, outlining the club's activities, which aired on the 12 noon and 1 p.m. programs.

The A.H. Brown Library had a paper money bill design contest for K-2 and 3-5 grade categories. Club members judged the entries and donated prizes with each entry receiving at least a foreign coin. Each foreign coin, in a 2x2 holder, listed country of origin, denomination and year issued. Many of the youngsters brought their coins to school for show and tell. One teacher used a globe and had the students locate the country where their coin was issued. The library web-

site had photos showing the 150 entries that were submitted and listed the names of the winners. The previous record for the club's contests was 90 entries.

During NCW the Bridge City Coin and Stamp Club provided questions and multiple choice answers, piggybacked on the week's Dairy Queen trivia contests, on KOLY 1300 AM radio. Cents and blank planchets and bookmarks from the ANA were used as extra prizes for this contest.

Press releases to the *Mobridge Tribune* were published detailing our activities and listing contest winners. The club used the ANA flier as a template to make up 20 certificates of appreciation to all club members, individuals and businesses that helped to promote 2015 National Coin Week. All of the business locations and media outlets have expressed their continued support for next year.

National Coin Week is probably the least expensive activity the club does to promote the hobby, the local club and the ANA. The club has very generous members, along with the ANA and the U.S. Mint to furnish prizes and info. Plus we have fun doing it.

Tennessee

International Paper Money Show

by John and Nancy Wilson, ANA National Volunteers

The 39th International Paper Money Show was held at the Cook Convention Center in Memphis, Tenn., June 18-21. We want to thank show owner Lyn Knight, along with Show Chairman Doug Davis, for providing the ANA a free table. We were able to sign up 12 new members for the Association and received a \$25 donation for the shipment of the coin show kit from John Musarra from New York.

Lyn Knight Currency Auctions held floor sales from Thursday through Saturday. The sale featured the David Rickey collection of U.S. large size star notes, and the Barry Lewis Jaffee collection of world banknotes. The sales appeared to go well. The majority of paper money dealers and auction houses had tables on the bourse. Coin and paper money clubs had tables at the show along with meetings. Grading services PMG and PCGS were prominent at the show. Krause Publications *Bank Note Reporter*, *Coin World*, and Coin Television (David Lisot) had tables at the show. Attendance was about the same as last year. Security was great and the official program covered everything that was going on.

The Knight firm sponsored 12 educational programs on Friday and Saturday. They were videotaped by Coin Television. The SPMC held its 54th awards breakfast at the nearby Crowne Plaza, which featured

a Tom Bain raffle. Wendell Wolka was emcee for the raffle which drew a lot of laughs and generated around \$1,100 in donations. A PCGS Set Registry awards dinner was also held in conjunction with the show. The FCCB had an offsite dinner and meeting at the Spaghetti Warehouse. The show also featured 170 cases of exhibits which covered most areas of paper money.

Coin and paper money clubs gave out specialty awards to the exhibitors including Best-In-Show. *Bank Note Reporter* gave out a Most Inspirational Exhibit Award. Next year's show dates haven't been set yet, but wherever it is we will be there.

Virginia

Dave Meisky of Buena Vista, Va., is a well-known Confederate re-enactor who portrays General William "Extra Billy" Smith. He has written an excellent article on Confederate coins, which may be reproduced for coin club use. To request the article, contact Dave by email at extrabillysmith@hotmail.com. He would like to receive a copy of any publication that prints his article, either online or as a paper copy.

Washington

Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association by *Walter Ostromecki*

The Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association (PNNA) celebrated its 75th anniversary in grand numismatic style during its 66th annual convention held May 1-3, 2015 in Tukwila, Washington.

Show Chairman Kevin Charboneau commented, "In addition to an 85-table sold out bourse, this year's show paid tribute to our Association's 75th birthday. Two special 75th anniversary commemoratives were issued; a PNNA medal with the obverse designed by former U.S. Mint sculpture-engraver Thomas D. Rogers, and an elongated cent designed and rolled by Rick Schulz. Our three day attendance was approximately 1,000."

The convention also featured a youth educational activities table complete with a 10-stop PNNA trivia treasure hunt conducted by ANA President Walt Ostromecki; BSA Coin Collecting Merit Badge Workshop conducted by PNNA VP James Reinders; an ANACS onsite submissions booth; 32 cases of high-quality exhibits from 12 exhibitors; five outstanding numismatic theater presentations with Saturday afternoon keynote speaker Mike Zagorin discussing "Viking Coinage," and coin club meetings.

Bourse Chair Scott Loos noted, "Bourse traffic was busy, but many dealers reported sluggish buying. The hot sales items were collector type coins and currency." PNNA President Danny Bisgaard remarked, "To reach a 75-year milestone for any coin club or re-

gional association is indeed a most remarkable achievement. To have ANA President Ostromecki in attendance to help us celebrate and commemorate this milestone is even more awesome!"

PNNA's 75th Anniversary celebration kicked off at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday evening with catered finger foods, refreshments including champagne punch and birthday cake. The reception was attended oddly enough by 75 members and guests.

President Bisgaard opened the gathering and awards recognition portion of the event with a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday PNNA" followed by a short historical PNNA flashback on the past 75 years. This was capped off with a nostalgic quiz, complete with numismatic prizes, on some of the national events which took place in 1940.

Next, Bisgaard introduced ANA President Ostromecki, who presented the PNNA with a special ANA Presidential Recognition Certificate commemorating 75 years of service to the numismatic hobby in the Pacific Northwest. In addition, he recognized four individuals as "ANA Points of Numismatic Light:" John Brown and James Free of Oregon and Tony Kalt and Bill McKivor from Washington. He bestowed an ANA Presidential Award upon longtime and dedicated behind-the-scenes PNNA volunteer, director, exhibitor, writer and hobbyist Gawain O'Connor.

President Bisgaard took center stage and recognized each of the ANA Portland NMS Host Committee members with a specially engraved PNNA Presidential Certificate of Merit in deep appreciation of their outstanding volunteer service efforts to help make the March show a huge success. Bisgaard was the ANA's host chair for that show.

PNNA Chief Exhibit Judge Eric Holcomb and Exhibit Chair Dan Vornbrock recognized each of the collector exhibit winners.

On behalf of the PNNA membership, past president Lisa Loos was afforded the honor of presenting two honorary life member awards. The first was awarded to former U.S. Mint sculpture-engraver Thomas D. Rogers, designer of the obverse of the 75th Anniversary medal. The second was awarded to a shocked and speechless Walt Ostromecki! He was cited for sharing his numismatic passion with youth and enhancing the fun experience of the numismatic hobby by hosting the PNNA treasure trivia hunt for over a dozen years at both the Portland and Seattle shows. Only 33 PNNA honorary life memberships have been awarded during the 75-year history of the Association.

For more information about the PNNA and/or the availability of remaining ANA Portland NMS Convention and PNNA 75th Anniversary medals, please visit the PNNA website at www.pnna.org.

Wisconsin

Numismatists of Wisconsin

by John and Nancy Wilson, ANA National Volunteers

We would like to thank the Numismatists of Wisconsin (NOW), Wisconsin Valley Coin Club, NOW's Iola Friends along with Show Chair Cliff Mishler for providing the ANA with a free table at NOW's 55th annual show held May 15-16 at the Iola Old Car Show Activity Center Building. Forty-three dealers were set up at 55 tables. Krause Publications was set up and had a table full of its numismatic publications. Ray Dillard made a special elongated for the show. Show registration was 450. Like many shows we have attended this year, some of the dealers did well and others so-so. Security by a local Sheriff's Department was great. We were able to sign up six new members for the Association and received a donation from Benjamin Bell, Civitas Galleries, Ltd., Middleton, Wis., for the shipment of the coin show kit. Iola has a population of 1,301 and is probably the smallest city in the world to hold a national or state coin convention.

The show had some great exhibits: A coin board collection from the 1930s to 1940s; a military exhibit; Horicon, Wisconsin depression scrip and a Black Charter note from Wisconsin. Saturday morning included a Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge clinic chaired by George Cuhaj, a slide program on a Wisconsin city set of Civil War Tokens by John and Nancy Wilson and "Evolution of the Silver Certificate, 1928-1957" by Bill Brandimore. The famous NOW mystery dinner was held on Friday night at the Iola Grist Mill – a Wisconsin Historical Society site. The Grist Mill was built around 1853. If it wasn't for Tom Fucik who purchased it and started restoration in 1996, the building probably would have been torn down. The ambience, food and talk on the Grist Mill history by Tom Fucik were outstanding. All 29 who attended had a great time.

We want to sincerely thank event chair Cliff Mishler for all his work in organizing and running the show. Thanks again for the free ANA table. We will look forward to seeing you at the next NOW show, which will be hosted by the South Shore Coin Club, March 31 and April 1-2, 2016 at the Crowne Plaza – Milwaukee Airport.

Website: www.numismatistsofwisconsin.com.

Canada

Regina Coin Club

by George Manz, F.R.C.N.A.

George Manz is president of the Regina Coin Club and was awarded the Fellow of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association in 2014.



The Regina Coin Club is pleased to announce that the Blue Max awarded to Lothar von Richtofen will be displayed at its fall show and sale in October.

Lothar von Richtofen was the younger brother of the more famous Manfred von Richtofen, better known as the Red Baron, who was made famous in Snoopy cartoons and several feature-length films.

Lothar joined the German Imperial Army as a cavalry officer three years before the beginning of World War I. He fought at several battles in France where he was awarded the Iron Cross Second Class.

He later joined the German Army Air Service in 1915, becoming an observer with the Jasta 23 squadron, later training to become a pilot. He was awarded the Iron Cross First Class in December 1916. In March 1917 he was assigned to his brother's Jasta 11 squadron, where he shot down 20 Allied planes during his first few weeks.

After shooting down 24 Allied planes, he was awarded the German Order of Merit: Pour Le Merite, the highest award issued during World War I. As the medal is covered in blue enamel and the first recipient was Max Immelmann, the medal is now commonly referred to as the Blue Max. The reason the award is in French is because most of Europe's royalty used French as the common language.

Lothar was severely wounded in May 1917 from anti-aircraft fire and didn't return to action until September. By war's end he had shot down a total of 40 Allied planes.

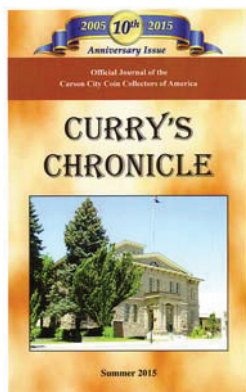
After the war, Lothar von Richtofen became a commercial pilot carrying mail and passengers between Berlin and Hamburg. He died in 1922 when his plane crashed after its engine failed.

How the medal came to Canada is another story that's worth telling. The late Bruce Beatty, who became famous for designing the Order of Canada, had one of the best military medal collections in the world. He acquired the Blue Max medal in 1963 from Lothar's best friend, Esser Lubbert, while attending the Richtofen Squadron Reunion in Baden-Baden, Germany.

The Regina Coin Club Show and Sale will take place at the Turvey Centre, off Highway 6, just north of Regina. The show runs from October 17-18.

Specialty Clubs

Carson City Coin Collectors of America



The Carson City Coin Collectors of America and *Curry's Chronicle* are celebrating their 10th anniversary with a special summer journal edition.

Rusty Goe launched the Carson City Coin Collectors of America in late spring 2005 because he believed the numismatic community needed a club dedicated to the study of the Carson City Mint and the many fascinating coins that descended from it. Goe recognized the

value of members sharing their knowledge and collecting experiences with other members, which led to him publishing a club journal called *Curry's Chronicle*, in honor of Abraham Curry, the Carson City Mint's first superintendent. The first journal debuted in summer 2005, and since then members have received 34 subsequent issues. In the summer 2015 edition, the club and its journal are celebrating their 10th anniversary.

Members from across the country contributed articles and letters to the editor to help commemorate this special occasion. Here are three examples — contact the club for a complete list.

- Michael Parrott, in his article, “The C4OA Celebrating 10 Years – ‘The Journey is the Reward,’” shares the five most important gifts he feels membership in the C4OA has given him: travel, writing, public speaking, photography, and great life-long friends.
- Tony Arnold, in his article “Remember When? – A Retrospective Look at My Time as a CCCCOA Member,” recalls the C4OA's first annual meeting, held at the ANA's 2005 summer convention, and the club's 2006 Carson Mint-Comstock Seminar. Arnold says these and many other memorable experiences as a C4OA member have “allowed [him] to ‘Take it to the limit’” many times.
- Tom DeFina, in honor of the C4OA's ten-year anniversary, presents his intimate impressions of the club in his article entitled “My Journey with the CCCCOA Began by Taking the First Step in May 2005,” which includes a very special edition of his ever-popular word-search puzzle.

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CONECA



The Combined Organizations of Numismatic Error Collectors of America (CONECA) is celebrating the

60th anniversary of the 1955 Doubled Die Cent with a one-ounce silver bar. It features a 1955 Doubled Die Cent to the left and a view of what it would look like today on a 2015 Lincoln cent. In the center is an image of the Chicago skyline and a rose symbolizing Rosemont, site of the ANA World's Fair of MoneySM. The bar will first see distribution at this convention.

CONECA's medals program (which now includes a bar) was the brainchild of its 2003 board of directors not only to celebrate its anniversaries and other events but as a way of raising funds for the club with the specific purpose of preventing a raise in membership dues.

The bars were produced in four varieties, all serially numbered, including a regular one-ounce silver bar with a mintage of 125 and a bronze bar with a mintage of 100. For current pricing and availability information, see the club's website, <http://conecaonline.org/>.

CONECA will have a club table at the World's Fair Of MoneySM where the bars may be picked up by those who desire that option.

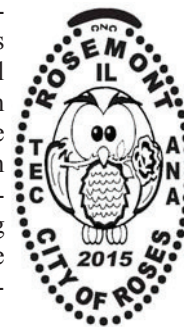
The Elongated Collectors

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The Elongated Collectors (TEC) are in the final stages of preparing for the ANA World's Fair of MoneySM this August in Rosemont, Ill. TEC will occupy Booth 1700 in

the front row. As in the past, two different elongated cents will be handed out free, a horizontal design featuring the ANA's Lamp of Knowledge, and a vertical design with TEC's Owl. Sets of each design, cent through dollar, will be available for purchase along with enameled and plain badges on a suspender ribbon. TEC members staffing the booth will be happy to elongate any coin (provided it fits into the machine) visitors care to have rolled.



Friday is TEC's meeting day, featuring the annual board meeting, general membership meeting, auction and TEC fellowship meeting, all in Room 24. Come join TEC to experience the funnest part of the numismatic hobby. See you in Rosemont!

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Thanks again for the submissions received; we have another nice issue of *MintMark*. Please read the interesting club news and the important ANA news. Although I won’t be in Chicago this year, I hope all of you have a great ANA convention.

The next (4th Quarter 2015) 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, including any ANA convention activities.

If you have a coin show or event to list in the ANA’s printed calendar, please send an email at least two months in advance to magazine@money.org, or go to <https://www.money.org/submit-an-event>. Also, please see the ANA’s new online events calendar at <https://www.money.org/events>.