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**ANA Representative  
Program Newsletter**

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**National Coordinator Message**

*by Sandy Hill, National Coordinator for the District Representative Program, [SandyHill@money.org](mailto:SandyHill@money.org).*

In December, I ended up spending a lot of time in a local hospital with a dear friend and taking care of her home concerns and then traveling to visit family and spending time with an ailing relative. But even then, I spoke to nurses and other care staff at the hospital and fellow passengers on the airplane about the hobby of numismatics. It can be done *if* you really want to.

I always carry applications in my purse and include a few things to give kids when the opportunity presents itself. (Always ask the parent if it is Ok.) Be sure to put your name and member number on each application before putting them in pocket, purse, or briefcase! (Or you can put your club's info on instead.) Don't forget that Club Coordinator Tiffanie Bueschel can send you applications with your name and number or that of your club already printed on them. Be sure to allow ample time for her to do that and get them back to you.

Now, the holidays are passed and winter is hitting much of the nation hard. But there are still coin shows and coin club meetings going on. You have opportunities to promote local club and ANA memberships in many places other than club meetings. Do you have a neighborhood watch group or a HOA meeting? What about your apartment or condo club house? Can info be placed on a service counter or bulletin board? Have you taken last month's *The Numismatist* to a doctor's office or similar location (after asking if you can leave it)? If you work and there is a lunchroom, will your employer allow you to put something on the bulletin board or leave it on an info table? There are all kinds of things you can do to promote club memberships. Many of you do those things and more. For that I thank you.

I am looking forward to the National Money Show in Portland, Oregon, in March. The last show we had there was really a good one. I expect nothing less this time. A few of you will be attending and Tiffanie and I are working on the Rep meeting plans. According to the response

we have received, there may be fewer of us than normal, but we will still share ideas and suggestions just the same. If you are unable to attend the NMS in March but have a question or idea you would like to share, please let me know what it is and we will put it on the agenda. After the meeting, I will send a message to all of you about the meeting and give the answers to the questions.

Happy collecting, Sandy Hill.

**Earn Club Bucks when you attend the  
Portland National Money Show**

Club members who attend the National Money Show can earn \$3 in Club Bucks for their home club just by letting the ANA know you're in attendance.

If you register for the show on site, let the person taking your registration know that you're attending as a member of your coin club. If you completed the online registration in advance, just drop by the registration desk, ANA Area or the Business Center to let an ANA staffer know you're in attendance and that your club should receive its \$3.

**ANA offers Show Kits for member clubs**

Clubs planning to host a coin show or other numismatic event are reminded that as a member benefit the ANA provides Show Kits for its member clubs.

Show Kits include several copies of *The Numismatist*, educational handouts and materials, personalized ANA membership applications, promotional flyers for ANA events, and much more. Clubs can earn Club Bucks for every ANA member they sign up, which can be used for annual dues or other club services.

Show Kits can be requested online at [money.org/club-show-kit-request-form](http://money.org/club-show-kit-request-form). Please submit your request for a Show Kit at least 30 days in advance of your event.

For more information on Show Kits, contact Club Coordinator Tiffanie Bueschel at [bueschel@money.org](mailto:bueschel@money.org) or call her at (719) 482-9816.

## Have a say in the future of the ANA

Nominations are currently being sought for the 2015 American Numismatic Association Board of Governors election. ANA bylaws require nominees to secure the physical signatures of 25 ANA members, 25 ANA-member clubs in good standing, or a combination of the two in order to be placed on the ballot.

Members of the Board of Governors are elected for two-year terms. The ANA's Congressional Charter rests control of the association with the board members.

All nine members' terms are expiring this summer, and the new board will be installed at the World's Fair of Money in Chicago on Aug. 14, 2015.

Nomination forms, a timeline for the election, the ANA bylaws, eligibility for office, and all other information pertaining to the elections can be downloaded at the ANA Election Center: <http://www.money.org/elections>.

Members will also have the opportunity to vote electronically or with a traditional paper ballot received via U.S. mail. Members who do not opt-in for the electronic ballot will instead receive a paper ballot.

Please take a moment and follow the steps below to receive an electronic ballot, or to see if you're already signed up for the electronic ballot. Members who signed up for electronic ballots in the 2013 Election will receive an electronic ballot unless they follow the steps below and uncheck the Electronic Ballot box.

1. Log in to [money.org](http://money.org)
2. On the yellow menu bar, hover over "My ANA" and select "My Account."
3. Click on "Update my Information."
4. Scroll down to the "ANA Benefits" area of the screen and check the box labeled "Electronic Ballot" in order to vote electronically.

Questions on registering for the electronic ballot or on how to log in to your Money.org account? Call the Membership Department at 800-514-2646 or email [membersonly@money.org](mailto:membersonly@money.org). Please do not create a new account.

## Summer Seminar Scholarships/ Course Catalog

There are two options for scholarships at the 2015 ANA Summer Seminar:

**Young Numismatist Scholarship:** Partial and full scholarships to Summer Seminar for YN's ages 13-17. Scholarships are awarded based on merit. Deadline to apply is Jan 30.

**Robert Lecce Advanced Scholarship Program:** Partial and full scholarships to Summer Seminar for adults ages 18 and older. Scholarships are awarded based on merit and/or financial need. Deadline to apply is Feb. 20.

Download the applications at: [www.money.org/summer-seminar](http://www.money.org/summer-seminar)

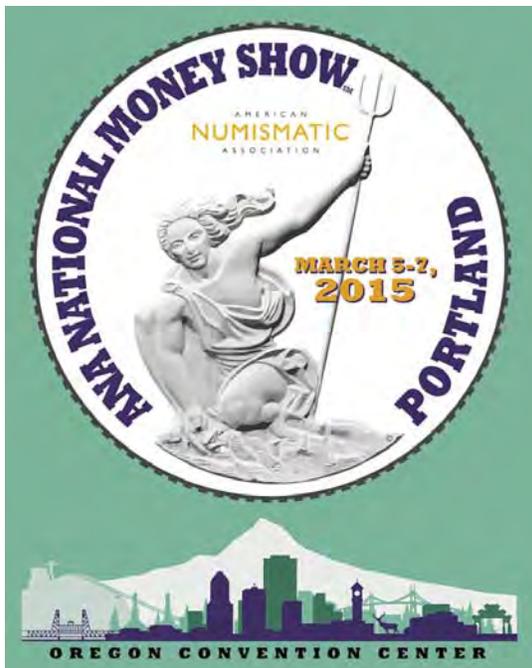


The 2015 Summer Seminar course catalog is now available. Download the PDF or look for the catalog in the January issue of *The Numismatist*. To register for Summer Seminar, fill out the form located at the end of the course catalog and mail your application to the American Numismatic Association, Attn: Summer Seminar, 818 North Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903. If you have any questions or if you would like to register over the phone, call (719) 482-9865 or email [seminars@money.org](mailto:seminars@money.org). You will receive confirmation of your registration in the mail.

## 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>.



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## Collector exhibits for Portland

The registration deadline is Jan. 30 for displaying and competing in the Collector Exhibits program at the Portland National Money Show. The Collector Exhibit area contains some of the most interesting and educational aspects of the National Money Show, and gives members the chance to display their numismatic knowledge, creativity and private collections.

A special attraction at the National Money Show is an award given to the exhibit that best publicizes National Coin Week or numismatics in general and is suitable for installation in public spaces. The 2015 National Coin Week theme is “Building Tomorrows: Inspiration and Innovation at World’s Fairs.” The winner of this award will win a scholarship to ANA Summer Seminar. A full list of rules and requirements is available at [NationalMoneyShow.com](http://NationalMoneyShow.com).

Enjoy exhibiting among your fellow collectors while educating others on why you are passionate about your collection.

If you have questions regarding the ANA Collector Exhibits contact the ANA Exhibit Coordinator at (719) 482-9849 or [convention@money.org](mailto:convention@money.org).

Your *MintMark* editor, Eric Holcomb, is also the Exhibit Chairman for the Portland show and looks forward to welcoming your collector exhibit. The obverse of the exhibitors and judges participation medal will feature *Portlandia*, just like on the official show medal.

## Free educational appraisals offered at National Money Show

On March 7, during the final day of the National Money Show in Portland, ANA members and the public can receive free, educational appraisals on up to three coins or other numismatic items at the Free Appraisals Area. Admission is free on March 7, the final day of the National Money Show.

The Free Appraisals Area is designed to provide educational insight on the value of a coin. Coin appraisals are not binding and are for educational purposes only. Attendees having materials appraised are welcome to sell those items at the show for a price to be agreed upon by buyer and seller.

Look for the Free Appraisals Area at The Rest Stop on Saturday, March 7.

## Club publications awards competition deadline is May 22

Each spring, the ANA calls for submissions in its Outstanding Club Publication Awards competition. Honors are presented in the summer in four categories—local, regional, specialty and electronic. The competition is open to clubs that are current with their ANA dues and do not have an elected or salaried ANA officer as editor or assistant editor. Publications must have been issued on a regular basis.

Submissions must include a complete set of 2014 publications, or three different printed samples for electronic newsletters. In addition, please provide the name of the editor, and the name, address, phone number and email address of the submitter.

Entries must be received at the ANA by May 22. Find complete rules, judging criteria and submission guidelines on the ANA website, [www.money.org](http://www.money.org). (Select “Awards” from the “Community” pull-down menu.) For more information, contact the Publications Department at [magazine@money.org](mailto:magazine@money.org).

## Support the ANA on AmazonSmile

The ANA is now participating in the AmazonSmile program. If you shop on Amazon.com, consider shopping through [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) instead. It’s the same website, with the same products at the same prices, but now you are able to support the ANA through your purchases.

AmazonSmile allows customers to select a charitable organization of their choice to receive a 0.5 percent donation each time they purchase an item on [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). This is a great, hassle-free way to donate to the ANA.

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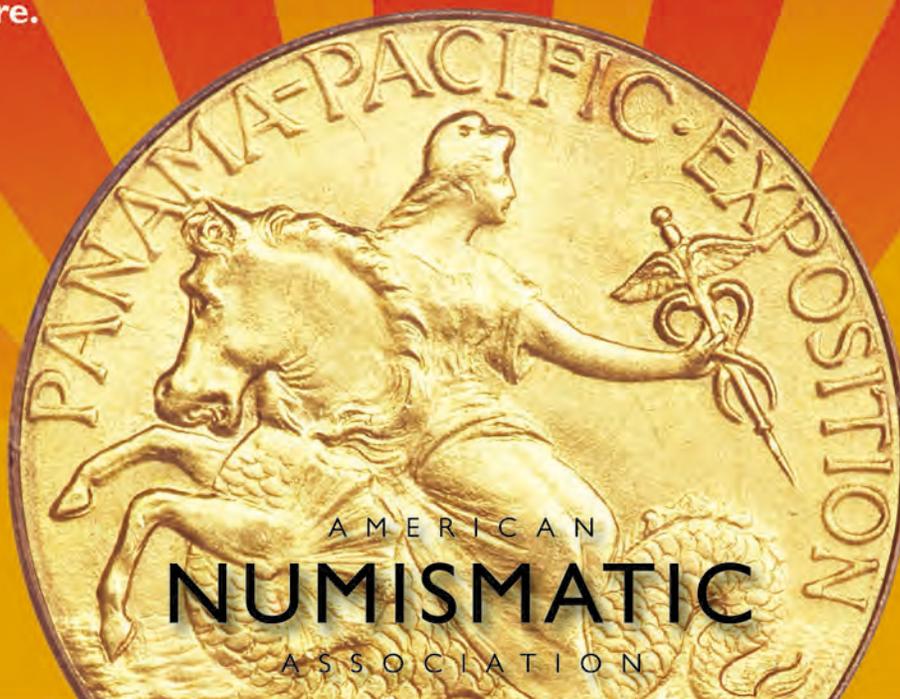
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## News from Around the Country

### Alabama

#### Madison County Coin Club

by [Richard Jozefiak](#), ANA District Representative

The Nov. 25 meeting was the last Madison County Coin Club meeting of the year, and it was the annual pot luck dinner and bourse night. An auction was also held with a number of lots being sold.

The club's 2015 officers were elected at the meeting. Elected were: President - Kurt Springfield; Vice President - Harold Fears; Secretary - Richard Jozefiak; Treasurer - Mike Campbell and Member at Large - Bob Jaques.



*Photo (L to R): Kurt Springfield, Mike Campbell, Harold Fears, Richard Jozefiak, Bob Jaques.*

### Arizona

#### Tucson Coin Club

The Tucson Coin Club will hold its bi-annual one-day show on Sunday, March 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The show will be at the Fraternal Order of Police, 3445 North Dodge Blvd. Admission and parking are free. If needed, overflow parking is available across the street. Dealers will be buying and selling coins, currency, gold, silver and collectibles. Free appraisals will also be available from dealers. There are free hourly door prize drawings (must be present to win) for various prizes. The next show will be in October. For more information go to [www.tucsoncoinclub.org](http://www.tucsoncoinclub.org) or call Jerry Adamczyk at (520) 305-5513.

### California

#### Glendale Coin Club

by [Michael Kittle](#), club president

The club had a wonderful Christmas party to close out a very successful year for the club. Approximately 40 members attended the December meeting with all attending members receiving a free silver coin. One lucky member, Don Berry, took home a gold coin as well. A few rounds of BINGO for coin prizes were also played and the club had an end-of-the-year raffle for a certified proof 1/10 oz. U.S. gold Eagle, which was won by club president Michael Kittle.



For 2015, the Glendale Coin Club has commissioned Daniel Carr of the Moonlight Mint to strike medals. Mr. Carr previously struck medals for the club in 2014 which were enjoyed by all. The club's 2015 medals will share the same obverse as the 2014 medal—the bear design from the 1925-S California Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Half Dollar. The reverse design of the 2015 medal has not been finalized, but will be based on the cap/rays/stars design of the territorial gold coinage of the Pacific Company. The final design will be posted on the club's website, <http://www.glencoin.com/>. A talk on the coinage of the Pacific Company was presented at the club's January meeting by vice president Jay Robinson.

Copper and silver medals are available from the club on a pre-order basis only, with delivery in May. For more information, please contact Michael Kittle, email [mike@kittlecoins.com](mailto:mike@kittlecoins.com), phone (818) 451-9199.

### Connecticut

#### Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club

The club's annual coin show is scheduled for Sunday May 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Holiday Inn, 10 Laura Blvd., Norwich, Conn., at the intersection of the Salem Turnpike (Route 82) and I-395. Use exit #80 off of I-395. Contact David Barbone, phone (860) 599-1571, email [tyme48@yahoo.com](mailto:tyme48@yahoo.com), for bourse and general show information.

### Florida

#### Florida United Numismatists

Outgoing FUN President and longtime ANA District Representative for Florida, Tony Swicer, was honored by ANA President Walter Ostromecki with an ANA Presidential Award on Jan. 10, during FUN's Representative Program luncheon of Florida's nearly 50 club delegates.

Swicer was cited for his ongoing devotion to the numismatic hobby in Florida as well as his outstanding service and commitment to the ANA Representative Program. Swicer was also feted as a numismatic hero, a point of numismatic light in the hobby which others throughout the nation can look up to.



*Photo (L to R): ANA Executive Director **Kim Küick**, Tony Swicer and Walter Ostromecki.*

### Tallahassee Numismatic Club

The club cordially invites everyone to its third one-day coin show at 1400 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Fla., on Saturday May 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For additional information please contact:

Hemanth Vasanthaiah (pres.), ph. (850) 322-4647, email [hemanth.vasanthaiah@gmail.com](mailto:hemanth.vasanthaiah@gmail.com), website <http://tallahasseeclub.blogspot.com/>.

## Hawaii

### Hawaii State Numismatic Association

The Hawaii State Numismatic Association's 51st annual show, hosted by the Honolulu Coin Club, was held Oct. 24-26 at the Hawaii Convention Center. The show featured a 60-plus table bourse, award winning Hawaiiana exhibits, youth activities area, gold and silver door prizes and an ANA membership and hobby information table staffed by ANA President Walter Ostromecki and national volunteers John and Nancy Wilson.

Honolulu Coin Club President, Joe Au-Franz, together with HSNA President and Show Chairman, Greg Hunt, commented, "It has been a long time since an ANA President has attended one of our annual coin shows. We are indeed fortunate to have and welcome Walt to our island shores this year. He did provide us with some new perspectives on increasing our club's outreach and membership, and the educational benefits of ANA membership."

Greg Hunt reported that Friday show attendance was less than expected, but that both Saturday and Sunday exceeded expectations. "Overall attendance was around 500 and most bourse dealers were upbeat on coin sales. Gold and silver coins seemed to be what the local collecting public was looking for," noted Hunt.

Santa Rosa, Cal. coin dealer Jack Beymer said, "Friday was very slow for me, but Saturday and Sunday sales kept my wife, daughter and I on the busy side. I do enjoy coming to this yearly show as it affords us an opportunity to meet with local collectors, have a fun vacation time in paradise and spend time with our daughter."

Jeff Wuller from Tucson, Ariz., noted, "business was fair and I did some want list buying of Hawaiiana for several clients back home in Arizona." Local dealer Michael Mochizuki stated, "I did well and had a lot of fun talking up the coin collecting hobby and the educational benefits of coin club and ANA membership."

The ANA membership table was one of the busiest educational outreach sites during all three days of the show. John and Nancy Wilson, along with President

Ostromecki, did an admirable job in sharing the educational benefits and recruiting new members for the Association.

Close to 20 new members were signed up at the show, a number of which were youth. Twelve-year-old Boy Scout and fledgling new collector, Keola Teves, was eager to sign up and get his picture taken with the ANA President. "This is so cool. I thought the Treasures of the Deep exhibit on the website was totally awesome," he commented.

On Saturday morning, the ANA President bestowed a Presidential Award upon longtime hobbyist and annual show volunteer Francis Loo. Ostromecki said, "Mr. Loo embodies the true aloha spirit and commitment of ANA and hobby service which is the recognition focus of this honor."



*Photo: ANA President **Walter Ostromecki** (R) presents **Francis Loo** (L) with an ANA Presidential Award.*

"Loo's philosophy of numismatics has always been to educate collectors so they can enjoy numismatics as a fun leisure time hobby no matter what their age or collecting level interest. For

your devotion and diligence of over 30 years to share your vast knowledge of our hobby with others, I am proud and honored to present you with an ANA Presidential Award. Mahalo, times a thousand," commented Ostromecki.

In addition to the Presidential Award, Ostromecki recognized three other true Hawaii numismatists that have for many years enhanced the fun hobby experience for so many others with Numismatic Point of Light honors.

These included: Greg Hunt, current HSNA President and longtime ANA Representative Program District Delegate volunteer; Joseph Au-Franz, President of the Hawaii Coin Club and Marion Kendrick, hobbyist, numismatic educator and show promoter/volunteer extraordinaire of 39 years. Marion, who prefers to work quietly behind the scenes in any needed capacity, is considered by his numismatic peers as the 'Big Cohuna' of Hawaii Numismatics!



Photo: ANA 'Point of Numismatic Light' honorees (L-R): **Greg Hunt**, ANA President **Ostromecki**, **Marion Kendrick** and **Joe Au-Franz**.

The next HSNA show has already been slated for the same venue in Honolulu in Oct. 2015. Catch the wave and surf over to the NSNA website for future show and Honolulu Coin Club information at [www.hawaiicollectibles.org](http://www.hawaiicollectibles.org).

## Illinois

### Lake County Coin Club

The club's annual coin show is scheduled for March 22 at the Warren Township High School, 500 North O'Plaine Road, Gurnee, Ill., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. Information: Julie Bell, secretary, email [lakecountycoinclub@gmail.com](mailto:lakecountycoinclub@gmail.com), website [www.lakecountycoinclub-il.com](http://www.lakecountycoinclub-il.com).

## Maryland

### Montgomery County (Maryland) Coin Club

by *Simcha Kuritzky*

The Montgomery County (Maryland) Coin Club held a donated auction for the local Boys and Girls Club. Together with cash donations, the club raised \$1,000. In September and October the club held back-to-back meeting featuring the Deputy Directors of the BEP and the U.S. Mint. (There's an advantage to being a D.C. suburb). In November, the club held its first (likely annual) membership bourse where selling and trading were the only program.

## Massachusetts

### Million Cent Exhibit

by *Richard Hand of Brockton, Mass.*



Who knew one million cents would make a great couch, foot rest and two end tables — a \$10,000 living room set that was very comfortable for reading my favorite coin publication. While reading I noticed in the

couch steel cents from 1943. Who knows what treasures lie in these overstuffed bags. I wonder how long it would take to search through one million cents.

Just before Thanksgiving I went to the Abington, Mass. public library where the Abington Lions Club had collected one million cents for the Abington Public Library. The coinage will be used to upgrade the Copeland meeting room with a built-in projector and sound system, to purchase iPads for the teen and adult room, and to increase the number of large-print books.

While visiting the library I dropped off a box of numismatic magazines, along with U.S. Mint-supplied stacks of book markers and pencils, and cent/planchet sets. These items are used for events such as National Coin Week or YN events with the New England Numismatic Association.

## Michigan

### Michigan State Numismatic Society

The ANA Roadshow exhibit featuring two classic rarities and 'Kings of U.S. Coins' from the ANA Museum—a 1913 Liberty Nickel and an 1804 Dollar—along with an array of Michigan National Banknotes, helped boost show attendance during the MSNS 59th Fall Convention held Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 28-30, in Warren, Mich.

Representing the ANA at this Roadshow event were staff member and Club Communications Coordinator Tiffanie Bueschel and President Walter Ostromecki. Bueschel commented, "Our ANA Roadshow is one of our new premier educational outreach programs which brings some of the coin hobby's classic rarities to our members, local collectors and general public across the nation. It wets their appetite about what our Colorado Springs Headquarters and Museum offers on a grand numismatic scale."

Ostromecki remarked, "The dollar and five-cent coin exhibit sure attracted a lot of attention from both the collectors and the non-collecting public of all ages during the show. MSNS show-goers of all ages truly enjoyed the special opportunity of experiencing the wow factor of seeing an 1804 dollar and 1913 Liberty nickel up close. The most frequently asked question of me about either was 'how much is their combined worth?' My stock answer, just a \$1.05 face value!"

MSNS President Julianna Wostyn said, "The MSNS is proud to host the ANA exhibition featuring the world famous 1804 Dollar and 1913 Liberty Nickel. Having these two classic coins on public display definitely enhanced our overall educational offerings and added to our three day show attendance. There was a lot of positive feedback about the ANA display from

many convention visitors. It's a sure thing we'll have the ANA back again next year! The MSNS is deeply grateful to all the financial sponsors of the ANA exhibit, especially our two Visionary Level contributors, Gary Adkins and Patrick Heller."

Well over 700 attendees had registered and ventured into the 125 dealer bourse by its Friday 6 p.m. closure. Saturday attendance saw even more. Not bad at all for a Thanksgiving holiday weekend show! The show also featured over 100 cases of collector exhibits, a free exhibit judges class taught by ANA Chief Judge Joseph Boling, a number of educational presentations by some of the hobby's top-tier speakers, a BSA Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic and a free public coin appraisal table.

ANA President Ostromecki used his attendance opportunity to recognize and honor five dedicated MSNS members with awards for their unwavering dedication and tireless volunteer efforts to enhance the numismatic hobby experience for many others over the years.

Receiving ANA Presidential Awards were newly re-elected MSNS President Julianna Wostyn, and Polish American Numismatic Society President Les Rosik. Those recognized as Numismatic Points of Light included Brett Irick, Dany Rothfeld and Michael Strub.



*Photo: All five ANA award honorees at the MSNS Show pose with the ANA president. Left to right: **Brett Irick, Dany Rothfeld, Mike Strub, Walter Ostromecki, Julianna Wostyn and Les Rosik.***

## Mississippi

### Mississippi Numismatic Association

MNA convention chairman and longtime ANA promoter, member, and District Representative Blake Rouleau of Collinsville, Miss., was recognized by ANA President Walter Ostromecki with a Presidential Award. Handling the presentation honors on behalf of

Ostromecki was now former governor Mike Ellis, at the MNA 53rd Annual Convention at Lender's Center in Southaven, Miss. Ostromecki was out west during the same weekend of Oct. 18-19 participating in a 50th anniversary recognition of an ANA member club.

Rouleau was feted for his 20-plus years of volunteer numismatic service within the state of Mississippi and through the ANA's Club Representative Program as the lone District Delegate from Mississippi.

He is a true mentor numismatist who looks for opportunities to share his knowledge and encourage others to take up coin collecting as a fun and educational hobby. His coin shop in Collinsville, Miss., has always been a social-educational gathering place for collectors.

Rouleau has donated countless coins to beginning young collectors, "the next generation and future to grow our fascinating hobby into the next millennium," he once quipped to Ostromecki. "He has been a bright spot in Mississippi numismatics and ANA and club member growth in Mississippi since we first met during the 1994 ANA Early Spring Convention in New Orleans," noted Ostromecki in his letter of commendation to Rouleau.

Rouleau was recently honored during the 55th Annual Blue Ridge Numismatic Association show in Dalton, Ga., with a Numismatic Point of Light award. During the presentation, ANA President Ostromecki commented, "His numismatic light in the state of Mississippi has truly enhanced the numismatic experience of countless others and will so in the near future."



*Photo: **Blake Rouleau (R)** receives ANA Presidential Award from now former governor **Mike Ellis (L)** during the 53rd Annual Mississippi Numismatic Association show in Southaven, Miss.*

## Nevada

### Las Vegas Numismatic Society

The Las Vegas Numismatic Society (LVNS) held its annual club member Christmas dinner at Sam's Town Casino in Las Vegas on Dec. 13. A total of 108 members and guests turned out for this annual fun-social-awards event. Keynote speaker for the evening was ANA President Walter Ostromecki. He discussed a number of the new educational programs and events available to members both on the ANA's website and at Summer Seminar.

Ostromecki also used the opportunity to honor ANA Life Member and LVNS youth activities coordinator Ed Smith with a Presidential Award. Smith was recognized for his passion in mentoring-educating the club's youth core—some 20 YNs of all ages—about the fun and exciting hobby of coin collecting. Smith has been the driving force behind the LVNS youth educational outreach program for the past several years. He sees his vital role as an investment in the future for the numismatic hobby and an avenue to get teenagers interested in the coin hobby so much so that they will attend ANA Summer Seminar and thus be hooked for life. The LVNS provides one youth each year with a full scholarship to Summer Seminar, the numismatic adventure of a lifetime!



*Photo (L to R): The LVNS president looks on as Ed Smith (center) receives ANA Presidential Award from Walter Ostromecki.*

### Reno Coin Club

The club's 30th anniversary medal in silver, brass, and copper sold like hotcakes at the Nevada Day 150th anniversary celebration at the state museum in Carson City in October. Made on Old Press #1 dating to 1869, the medal featured Lincoln, the state of Nevada and the old coin press. The club was able to buy a new projector and screen from the proceeds.



*Image of Reno Coin Club 30th anniversary medal, also commemorating the state sesquicentennial.*

All club officers were re-elected for another year. Planning for National Coin Week 2015 began with expanding the event to the Northwest Library in Reno on the first Saturday, and continuing the two-day event at the Nevada State Museum. The club will continue to offer all the new circulating coins at cost, displays of ancient and obsolete U.S. coins and free foreign coins for kids. Lectures are being planned for both sites.

The club will also be at the Nevada State Museum on Friday, Feb. 27th to celebrate American Presidents. All of the 2014 presidential dollars should be available, along with the Truman dollar. Some of the national park quarters and Native American dollars will be available during National Coin Week. The club is looking forward to 2015 as a year of growth and increased involvement in the local community.

For Reno club information, go to <http://www.renecoinclub.org/>, or contact David Elliott, email [datbelliotts@prodigy.net](mailto:datbelliotts@prodigy.net).

## Oregon and Washington

### Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association

In the last MintMark, it was reported that Larry Rowe of Vancouver, Wash., past Seattle and Portland ANA convention general chairman, passed away Oct. 3. A more complete obituary was published in the *Nebraska Numismatic Association Journal*. Rowe was born in Chicago and worked for the Burlington Northern Railroad for 40 years, initially in the Midwest. The journal noted some of his many numismatic awards, including the Glenn Smedley Memorial Award, the Medal of Merit and the now-discontinued Krause Numismatic Ambassador Award.

We're fortunate this year to continue the tradition of great ANA conventions in the Pacific Northwest that Larry helped establish. See you in Portland in March!

After the ANA show, join the PNNA for its 66th annual convention and 75th anniversary celebration, May 1-3 in Tukwila, Wash., just south of Seattle. (The PNNA was founded in 1940 but did not have a convention in some years including 1942-1945.)

## Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists  
by Pat McBride

The PAN Spring Coin Show is scheduled for May 7-9 at the Monroeville Convention Center east of Pittsburgh, Pa. More information on this and other state and regional shows next time.

## South Carolina

South Carolina Numismatic Association

Long time ANA promoters, members, South Carolina club representatives and hobby volunteers James and Helen Barry were recognized by ANA President Ostromecki during the October SCNA convention. Standing in on behalf of Ostromecki to make the presentation was now former governor Mike Ellis.

The dynamic duo has been a dedicated team for promoting the joys and benefits of ANA membership throughout South Carolina and Georgia for over a dozen years. They have set up ANA hobby information tables—all at their own expense and time—at numerous coin shows across the South. Both have also served the ANA Representative Program since the early 1990s as club, district and regional coordinators. The Barry's believe the numismatic hobby is all about fun and education as well as social friendships.

In addition, both James and Helen were recognized by ANA President Ostromecki as Points of Numismatic Light during the January FUN show in Orlando, Fla.



Photo (L to R):  
**Helen Barry**, now former governor  
**Mike Ellis** and  
**James Barry**.  
ANA Presidential Award plaque and medal in the middle.

## Idaho (late addition)

Idaho Falls  
Reported by Oded Paz, Arco, Idaho

The Eagle Rock Numismatic Society had its annual holiday party in December; once again it was a success! The food was up to its usual standards, and everyone received a free ornament that was placed on their table setting. The club also conducted a gift exchange, under the guiding hand of club president Oded Paz, which gave everyone some good laughs and good stuff to take home. The club also held two separate

raffles: one for 12 lots of coins, tokens and exonomia, and the second for special prizes. The winners of these special prizes and what they won is illustrated below:



Photo (L to R): 1876-CC Quarter - **Rick S.** ; 1891-CC Morgan - **Dean R.** ; 1914 Large Size \$10 Fed. Reserve Note - **Kevin J.** ; Club President - **Oded Paz** ; 1915 \$2 1/2 Indian - **Maxine R.**

## Specialty Clubs

Carson City Coin Collectors of America

The fall-winter 2014 issue of *Curry's Chronicle*, the award-winning journal of the Carson City Coin Collectors of America, treats member-readers to a fascinating story of how David Sundman of Littleton Coin Co. found an 1870-CC half dollar that was struck on the canceled die he's owned for a decade. Other articles include a recap of the club's regional meeting, a book review, personal collecting experiences, and an array of helpful information about Carson City coins.



Side view of die with "C"



### "C" for Carson City

The side of this die is stamped with "C" for Carson City (the Charlotte, NC Mint had closed in 1861). Because the main mint at Philadelphia made all of the dies for branch mints, this letter made it easy to identify the particular die to ship to the respective mints.

Image of the 1870-CC half dollar die.

Mary Elise Arnold's article, "A Review of the 2014 C4OA Regional Meeting – Carson City, Nevada"

provides an entertaining summary of events at the C4OA regional meeting in Carson City, Nev.

In a second article, “The Chopmark Challenge in Carson City Coinage,” Mary Elise Arnold shares her journey of acquiring a special, chopmarked 1874-CC Trade dollar to add to her distinctive collection.

Mary Elise’s father, Tony Arnold, also contributed an article, “The Eagle Street Mint – Where Carson City \$10 Gold Pieces Began Their Ascent,” in which he tells why the \$10 eagle is his favorite “CC” denomination in the gold coin category. Tony Arnold’s influence also instigated club member Bill Dunn’s latest obsession, which he vividly describes in his submission “‘Just One Look, That’s All It Took ...’ – Building a Grade Set of Circulated 1885-CC Morgan Silver Dollars.”

Weimar White’s 43rd contribution to *Curry’s Chronicle* since its inception in summer 2005, explains why assembling a 10-piece Carson City coin type set in Mint State condition is very difficult.

Peter Plath’s article recounts how surprised he was when he received a special plaque from PCGS honoring him for his 56-piece (out of a possible 57 pieces) set of certified Carson City gold coins.

Mark Archambault’s essay reminds readers to remain patient when on the quest for their next coin purchase, as he did before buying the 1872-CC half dollar for his Loosechange Collection.

Wendy Beattie, senior copywriter at Littleton Coin Company, penned the aforementioned narrative about David Sundman’s (her boss), unique, lightly-canceled 1870-CC half dollar die, and his discovery of a coin struck on it.

Tom DeFina, whose word-search puzzles are popular features in *Curry’s Chronicle*, chose as his theme in this issue’s installment “A Comstock Curiosity (of Mine) – The Bowers Mansion.”

James Sneddon’s article, “A Rare Find – A Countermarked 1889-CC Morgan Silver Dollar,” describes a one-of-a-kind coin he recently acquired.

Club president Rusty Goe reviews Nevada historian Jack Harpster’s book about the life of a famous coin-hoarder, which is entitled *The Curious Life of Nevada’s LaVere Redfield: The Silver Dollar King*. In Goe’s second article, “Are there Any Hindrances to Free-Market Prices for Carson City Coins?,” he makes a case that Carson City coins trade in a free-market system, which allows true-value prices realized.

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### The Elongated Collectors

The Elongated Collectors (TEC) will occupy Table 207 during the National Money Show in Portland, Ore., March 5-7, and is planning special events for the show.

The club will have an elongating machine present and will gladly roll almost any coin presented, in addition to giving out pre-rolled cents with two different show designs: one for TEC, one for ANA. Everyone is invited to drop by the table for friendly chat and to pick up some souvenirs of the show. Items available include coin sets and badges.

The main event will be on Saturday, March 7, in Room D135 of the Oregon Convention Center, from 11 a.m. until whenever. TEC will have tables for displaying, trading, and selling, or just sitting around talking. An auction of donated items will intersperse other activities. After the show closes at 5 p.m., TEC members and guests will adjourn to a local restaurant to continue the camaraderie.

Come join TEC in what many consider the ‘funnest’ club in numismatics!

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### Original Hobo Nickel Society

The Original Hobo Nickel Society, a 50-year member of the ANA, was singled out by President Ostromecki during the January FUN show in Orlando as ‘A Point of Numismatic Light,’ along with the society’s passionate and fun-loving central point of light, Archie Taylor. The society regularly staffs tables at numerous coin shows throughout the U.S., and hosts hands-on demonstrations of Hobo Nickel carving, to the delight of both young and adult coin hobbyists. The society has been engaged in this type of fun outreach activity for more than 10 years, primarily under the leadership guidance of Archie Taylor. A number of OHNS members have volunteered at ANA Summer Seminar, and have taught a Hobo Nickel carving class for six years straight. The classes included many YNs, who after a week became proficient nickel carvers.



Photo: Original Hobo Nickel Society group with Point of Numismatic Light award.

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**Editor’s Message** by Eric Holcomb

Thanks again for the submissions received; we have another nice issue of *MintMark*. Please read the interesting club news and the important ANA news, and perhaps I’ll see you in Portland in March.

The next (2nd 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.

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](mailto: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>.

## Hundreds of students visit Money Museum in 2014

Over the course of the 2014 calendar year, the Money Bus program brought 693 students from 11 different schools along with their teachers and chaperones to the Edward C. Rochette Money Museum.

Under the Money Bus program, students learn about money through the ages, take a peek at some sunken treasure and learn why a single coin can be worth millions of dollars. Participants in the Money Bus program receive free admission to the museum for students, teachers and chaperones. The Money Museum will reimburse the school district for the rental fee of one school bus following the trip.

“It’s great that we can bring a program like this to students in the area,” said Sam Gelberd, American Numismatic Association Numismatic Instructor. “Our History of Money exhibit, in our permanent gallery, allows students to make a connection with the curriculum they are currently studying regardless of their age, because it reaches across the time span of a few thousand years. They usually find something they can relate to in one form or another.”

To donate to the Money Bus go to [money.org/donate](http://money.org/donate) and select “ANA Money Bus” on the donation form.