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**National Coordinator Message**

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

Hopefully, those of you who experienced large volumes of snow this past winter can actually see the ground again. As I write this, there are still a few piles of snow in the shady spots of my yard, but nothing like some of you had. But this isn't about the weather, it is about having fun with our numismatic hobby.

Hopefully, you have all participated in National Coin Week and your clubs did something to make the general public aware of the hobby. Did you let ANA know about your efforts and the public's response? If not, please do that now. Whatever you did, I hope you took advantage of the information and handouts ANA provided and had fun with it.

Have you told your young collectors about the Coins for A's program? If not, you should know that it is a great incentive program. Any student through high school (age 17) who gets at least 3 "A" grades in a single semester can send a copy of their report card to ANA. (I realize some schools use 1-4 instead of ABC, but whatever the equivalent grade is, ANA will recognize it.) In exchange, they will receive a free 6-month online membership in ANA and a free coin. ANA has added something new – they will also send information on the club or clubs in the student's area. This means you may be contacted by some of these students. I urge you to take advantage of this and welcome these young collectors into your club. You might be surprised at how much many of them already know about their hobby and how eager they are to learn more from you. Many clubs have involved their younger members in activities and found that they are a great asset. Don't forget, you can include them on the list of ANA members when you renew your club membership.

Happy collecting.

**Summer Seminar now features online registration**

Signing up for the best education in numismatics can now be done any time of the day or night, and it won't cost any postage.

Online registration for the 47th annual Summer Seminar, June 20-July 2, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, is now open at [Money.org/Summer-Seminar](http://Money.org/Summer-Seminar).

The new feature is a shopping-cart style registration system with a variety of tuition and lodging options that allow students to choose classes, mini-seminars and tours while paying securely using a debit or credit card.

"Between work, family and friends, we know life can be hectic. That's why we are providing quick and easy access to online registration," said ANA Education Project Manager Susan McMillan.

Members can still register via phone by calling Education Assistant Amber Bradish at 719-482-9865, or via traditional mail by filling out the registration form in the Summer Seminar Course Catalog. The catalog was published in the January issue of *The Numismatist* and is available for download at [Money.org/Summer-Seminar](http://Money.org/Summer-Seminar).

ANA members will need their Money.org username and password to register online. Members who do not remember their username or password can call Membership Services at 800-514-2646 for assistance, or use the password recovery tool on Money.org to gain access. Members who have not logged in since the launch of the new website last year will need to contact Membership Services for login information.

*Also see page 4 for how to subscribe to Seminar Sentinel for Summer Seminar news.*

## Collector exhibits for Chicago

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## Submissions due May 22 for Outstanding Club Publication Awards Competition

Submissions for the ANA Outstanding Club Publication Awards are currently being accepted. Honors are presented 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 be 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 at:

[www.money.org/outstanding-club-publications](http://www.money.org/outstanding-club-publications).

For more information, contact the Publications Department at [magazine@money.org](mailto:magazine@money.org).

## Submit your entries now for 2015 YN Literary Awards

The ANA presents annual awards to encourage young writers and promote future numismatic authors and researchers. Whitman Publishing, LLC of Atlanta has joined forces with the ANA to offer significant prizes. The Young Numismatist Literary Award categories are named in honor of Whitman authors dedicated to educating the next generation of numismatists.

Prizes of cash and numismatic books will be awarded to winners in three age categories.

### Bill Fivaz Young Numismatist Literary Award

Ages 8-12

Article should display basic knowledge of a numismatic topic. Creativity and original conclusions are encouraged.

Suggested length: 450-900 words.

### Q. David Bowers Young Numismatist Literary Award

Ages 13-17

Article should display advanced knowledge of a numismatic topic. Logically presented facts and original conclusions are encouraged. A bibliographic list of sources is recommended, but not required.

Suggested length: 900-1,800 words.

### Kenneth E. Bressett Young Numismatist Literary Award

Ages 18-22

Article should display in-depth knowledge of a numismatic topic. Logically presented facts and original conclusions are required, as is a bibliographic list of sources. Inclusion of charts, graphs, tables or other illustrations is encouraged.

Suggested length: 1,800-3,600 words.

### Award Structure

The following prizes will be awarded in each of the three age categories:

First Place—Plaque and \$500 cash prize, plus a \$500 voucher to help build a personal library of numismatic books produced by Whitman Publishing.

Second Place—Certificate, plus a \$200 book voucher.

Third Place—Certificate, plus a \$100 book voucher.

Participants must be members of the ANA. Deadline for receipt of submissions for the 2015 Young Numismatist Literary Awards is May 15. Submissions will be evaluated by a panel of judges, including Bill Fivaz, Q. David Bowers and Ken Bressett. Awards will be presented in Colorado Springs at the ANA's 2015 Summer Seminar, June 20-July 2.

Send entries to the Publications Department, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903; or via email to [magazine@money.org](mailto:magazine@money.org).

## Brasher Doubloon on display at the ANA Money Museum

A 1787 Brasher Doubloon is currently on display at the Edward C. Rochette Money Museum, courtesy of Monaco Rare Coins of Newport Beach, California. The .890 fine gold coin, graded Mint State 63 by Numismatic Guaranty Corporation, is insured for \$10 million and is famed for its rarity, monetary value and historical significance. The Brasher Doubloon was the first gold coin struck for the United States, making it a true numismatic treasure. There are seven known 1787 Brasher Doubloons: one unique coin with designer Ephram Brasher's "EB" punchmark on the eagle's breast, and six others with the punchmark on the eagle's wing on the left side of the coin.

The coin's display at the Money Museum is sure to draw public interest. "Not only is it a genuine rarity with high monetary value, it is a historical treasure-trove because of what it represents as the first gold coin struck for the nascent United States," said Douglas Mudd, curator of the Money Museum. "It is beautiful and historically important as a record of the early design concepts discussed in Congress for U.S. coinage."



*Photo: ANA student assistant **Marissa Metz** looking at the Brasher Doubloon in the high-value case at the Money Museum.*

## Tyler Rusnak wins \$1,000 ANA College Scholarship



Tyler Rusnak, an ANA member and a senior at Willowbrook High School in Villa Park, Illinois, is the first recipient of the ANA College Scholarship. He will receive \$1,000 to use toward tuition at an institution of his choice.

Rusnak has attended the past two Summer Seminars, where he studied grading and type-coin collecting. This year, he plans to take a course in Early American copper coinage. He has won awards for numismatic writing and exhibiting, as well as academic honors at his high school. He plans to major in biology this fall.

"The ANA is extremely proud to have Tyler Rusnak be the first recipient of an ANA College Scholarship," said ANA Education Director Rod Gillis. "He is an accomplished numismatist, an academic scholar and a fine young man."

"Numismatics has been the love of my life since day one, when I first began to view coins through a numismatic lens," Rusnak said. "It has taught me to explore history and art while sharing experiences and friendships with other hobbyists."

To donate to the ANA College Scholarship fund, go to [Money.org/donate](http://Money.org/donate). All donations are tax-deductible.

Applications for the 2016 ANA College Scholarship will be available in January.

For more information, contact Gillis via email at [gillis@money.org](mailto:gillis@money.org) or call him at (719) 482-9845.

## 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), <https://www.money.org/blog/how-to-post-a-blog>.

## ANA awards more than \$62,000 in Summer Seminar scholarships

The American Numismatic Association has awarded \$62,810 in scholarship funds and financial aid for the upcoming 2015 Summer Seminar, held June 20-July 2 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on the campus of Colorado College.

Scholarships for Young Numismatists totaled \$37,560, with 17 YNs receiving full scholarships and another 9 students receiving partial scholarships.

Adult scholarships through the Robert Lecce Advanced Scholarship Program totaled \$21,500, with 12 full and 12 partial scholarships awarded.

The Colorado-Wyoming Numismatic Association Scholarship Program was established after the group disbanded last year. Preference is given to students in Colorado and Wyoming. This year, three Colorado students will receive \$2,150 in scholarships, one full and two partial, to attend the Summer Seminar.

Members wishing to support these scholarship programs are encouraged to make a donation online at [Money.org/donate](http://Money.org/donate), or contact Donna Nunez at 719-482-9811, email [donate@money.org](mailto:donate@money.org). All donations are tax-deductible.

## Subscribe to Seminar Sentinel for Summer Seminar news

Thinking about attending this year's Summer Seminar? Then subscribe to the Seminar Sentinel. The Sentinel is an electronic newsletter that keeps readers informed of upcoming Summer Seminar news. Stay connected on which classes are filling up fast, learn how to turn your trip to Colorado Springs into a vacation through Spouseivities and regional tours, and get the scoop on events that are happening during Summer Seminar. To subscribe, follow the steps below or email [membersonly@money.org](mailto:membersonly@money.org).

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3. Click on "Update My Information."
4. Scroll down to the "Communication Preferences" area of the screen and check the box labeled "Summer Seminar."
5. Click "Update Profile" at the bottom of the page.

## Early NCW Report

Brockton, Massachusetts

by *Richard Hand*



*Photo: the Honorable Mayor of Brockton **Bill Carpenter** holding a proclamation for National Coin Week, with all the children who completed last year's project to identify two different world coins provided by the local coin club. The YNs received prizes, which included a Standing Liberty Quarter, some of the new Native American dollars, and piggy banks.*



*Photo: Mayor holding the proclamation, **Richard Hand** and two YNs.*



*Photo: Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition to the ANA, signed by **Rep. Stephen Lynch**.*

## News from Around the Country

### Alabama

#### Madison County Coin Club

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

The February 24 club meeting had a nice turnout of members and guests to hear our guest speaker, Mr. Charles Cataldo, President of Alabama Coin & Silver Company of Huntsville, Ala. He gave a talk on the current state of the coin market. Charles not only runs a coin shop, he sells at most of the coin shows in the southeast. He answered a lot of member questions on what is the “hot” area of the market, and in what areas of the market are prices falling.

Congratulations to member Bob Jaques for being selected as one of the 2015 Georgia Numismatic Association (GNA) ANA Summer Seminar scholarship winners. This scholarship is valued at \$1,600, which includes lodging, meals, tuition and airfare to Colorado Springs, Colorado. He will be attending the first week of ANA Summer Seminar in late June.



Photo: **Charles Cataldo** (left) being presented an ANA Educational Award by MCCC President **Kurt Springfield** (right).

### California

#### San Jose Coin Club

The Northern California collector base helped business boom on the bourse floor of the 47th Annual San Jose Coin & Collectibles Show in the Bayshore Ballroom of the DoubleTree Hotel, San Jose, Calif., Jan. 23-25. Attendance topped the 750 mark.

Longtime show bourse chair, Ray Johnson, commented, “we had a record 80 tables comprising this year’s bourse and Friday started off with a bang both attendance and dealer sales-wise. I feel very upbeat about the overall numismatic hobby in 2015.”

Jack and Sondra Beymer of Santa Rosa, Calif., commented, “It’s been a fantastic busy and profitable three days for us. Collector coins in the \$500 price range

were exceptionally strong.”

This was also corroborated by The Penny Lady, Charmy Harker, commenting “excellent sales and attendance is all I can say. Chairman Ray Johnson and his whole family have built the San Jose Coin Club show during the past 20-plus years into the finest and must attend show in Northern California.”

The show also included a Saturday and Sunday kid’s activities booth, an ANACS submission table, a CONECA table complete with an error coin exhibit hosted by Lee Gong, plus a one-two-three punch educational symposium featuring ANA President Walt Ostromecki with “Money of the Afterlife,” CSNA President Howard Feltham discussing “First Mexico City Mint Spanish Colonials,” and the So-Called Dollar Guy, Jeff Shevlin, speaking on “So-Called Dollars of the Pacific-Coast Expositions.” All three programs were well attended by the public.

ANA President Ostromecki took the opportunity to honor four individuals for their longstanding devotion and service to the ANA and the Northern California numismatic community. Recognized with the ANA Presidential Award was the Johnson family—Ray, Sally and Ryan. The Johnson family team has been a stalwart Northern California numismatic hobby promoter, volunteer and ANA supporter for more than 25 years. Over the years, they have built the annual San Jose Coin Club show into the number one must-attend coin bourse and educational event of the year in the northern part of the state. Ostromecki cited the family “for its long standing dedication to enhancing the numismatic hobby experience for others, which is second to none in Northern California.” The award was the first-ever “entire family distinction” Presidential Award. The presentation took place on Saturday, January 24, before a large crowd of club members and numismatic peers gathered outside the bourse room.



Photo: son **Ryan Johnson**, father **Ray Johnson** and mother **Sally Johnson** (seated), receiving ANA Presidential Award from **Walter Ostromecki** (center holding plaque).

San Jose Coin Club Youth President Matthew Downing was cited for his ceaseless efforts to engage and involve youth of all ages in coin collecting as a fun and historical hobby. He received an ANA Presidential “Point of Numismatic Light” certificate. Only 100 individuals from across the nation and in all 50 states “who work tirelessly to enhance the numismatic hobby experience for others” will be so recognized.



*Photo: San Jose Coin Club Youth President **Matthew Downing** receives a “Point of Numismatic Light” Award from ANA President **Walter Ostromecki**.*

The 48th annual San Jose Coin Club show is slated for Jan. 22-24, 2016, again at the San Jose DoubleTree Hotel, just minutes from the San Jose Airport. For additional information and bourse applications, please visit [www.sanjosecoinclub.org](http://www.sanjosecoinclub.org). The club meets on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, Post #318, 1504 Minnesota Ave., San Jose, Calif.

#### Verdugo Hills Coin Club

“Fifty continuous coin shows is a very long time and a remarkable achievement for any local coin club. We are indeed fortunate to have been able to reach this milestone because of our dedicated members and officers over those 50 years. We thank them and look forward to another 50,” remarked Don Berry, President of the Verdugo Hills Coin Club (VHCC) before a small crowd awaiting admission to this year’s 50th show.

VHCC Show Bourse Chairman and newsletter Editor Bob Thompson quipped, “It sure is great for us to reach 50. I can proudly say with all modesty that I have been at every one, though I must confess that I am not a day over 39! The shows keep attracting both veteran and new collectors each year. I am confident we will be around for many more years to come.”

Four-time club past president Rick Gordon noted, “It is amazing to be here and be part of this historical event. Back in 1965, we took a chance and held our first 50-table small coin show at a time when club shows were held throughout Southern California every weekend. Most are gone now, but Verdugo’s is still going strong!”

The one-day show was held on Sunday, March 9, at the Van Nuys Masonic Hall, Van Nuys, Calif. On hand to help commemorate VHCC’s 50th Anniversary Show was ANA President Walt Ostromecki, who presented the club with a special ANA 50th Anniversary Certificate of Recognition.

Ostromecki said, “It is my esteemed honor to be here and recognize the VHCC on a remarkable coin club numismatic accomplishment, your 50th annual coin show and the coin club’s 51st anniversary. Not many coin clubs and national organizations reach this milestone.”

Attendance for the show topped the 300 mark. The educational outreach event for the show was the 16th Annual Youth Numismatic Auction, featuring over 50 numismatic lots donated by some of the show dealers, club members and other sources.

The VHCC provided each registered youngster, ages seven through 17, with \$150 in scrip. ANA President Ostromecki acted as the auctioneer. Nearly 30 eager youngsters participated in the auction fun and all went home with some great numismatic items.

The most active bidding was on three mystery lots, one of which turned out to be an 1893 Morgan Dollar graded VG. It was donated by Steve Gorman of Universal Coin Galleries, Pasadena, Calif.

Planning has begun for VHCC’s 51st coin show in March 2016. VHCC meets every second Monday of the month at 7:15 p.m. in the basement meeting room at Citibank, 2350 Honolulu Ave., Montrose, Calif.

Monthly meetings include: an educational program, coin raffle, member show-and-tell, auction, refreshments and plenty of numismatic fellowship. Dues are \$8 a year for individuals and \$12 a year for families up to four. For more club information visit the VHCC website at [verdugohillscoinclub.org](http://verdugohillscoinclub.org) or write the club at PO Box 26, Tujunga, CA 91043.



*Photo: ANA President **Ostromecki** (L) presenting 50th Annual Show Certificate of Recognition to VHCC President **Don Berry** (R).*

## Florida

### Brandon Coin Club

The club is pleased to announce its remaining 2015 coin and currency shows on the following Saturday dates—June 20, August 29 and November 7; all from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Brandon Elks Lodge #2383, 800 Centennial Lodge Dr., Brandon, Fla.

The shows feature 30 dealers and 45 tables, free admission/parking/door prizes, food available on site, free coin grab bags for children under 12 and free appraisals. Also, Hobo nickel carvers will give free demonstrations all day, and the ICG Grading service will offer free verbal opinions and discounted certification.

Contact: Mark Palermo, Bourse Chairman, 813-719-5192, [brandoncoinclub@yahoo.com](mailto:brandoncoinclub@yahoo.com), or write to Brandon Coin Club, PO Box 3869, Brandon, FL 33509-3869.

### Tallahassee Numismatic Club

The club had a very good meeting in January and discussed various activities along with the club's upcoming coin show on May 2. The club decided to host at least 10 to 15 dealers. Previous club shows had good dealer satisfaction and no complaints.

This year members decided to use 2014 50th Anniversary Kennedy Half Dollars certified by ANACS for show souvenirs. The club has been doing this since 2013 with a limited number of slabs (only 25) and they are in great demand.

Due to less attendance and activities at the Tallahassee and Thomasville coin clubs, some members have started a new trend and will be attending each other's monthly meeting to make it more fun. This will benefit trade and swap activities also.

The club had an interesting show and tell, with Mr. Ralph presented his Georgia Obsolete Notes collection. Club members were excited to see his unique \$500 note. Thanks, Ralph.

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://tallahasseecoinclub.blogspot.com/>.

### Tampa Bay Coin Club

The club held its first coin and currency show since the club re-formed on Saturday, April 18 at the Zendah Grotto in Tampa, Fla., near the airport.

Similar to the Brandon Coin Club shows, also run by bourse chairman Mark Palermo, the Tampa show

featured free appraisals, door prizes and free grab bags of money for kids.

The Tampa Bay Coin Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Forest Hills Park Community Center at 724 W. 109th Ave., Tampa, Fla. The club's website is [www.tampabaycoinclub.org](http://www.tampabaycoinclub.org).

## New Jersey

### Ocean County Coin Club

by Jim Majoros and Walter Ostromecki

Kari Brower was recognized by ANA President Walt Ostromecki as a "Point of Numismatic Light" during the April 16 meeting of the Ocean County Coin Club (OCCC). The meeting featured a free public educational outreach program and salute to the ANA's National Coin Week as well as a special tribute honoring club member Brower, a dedicated and knowledgeable East Coast and ANA hobby supporter-volunteer of more than 40 years.

Handling the award presentation on behalf of ANA President Ostromecki was OCCC Past President and retired ANA Regional Coordinator, Jim Majoros. Brower, a resident of Brick, N.J., was cited for her longstanding commitment and service to the New Jersey and surrounding area coin-collector community. Additionally, she was credited with enhancing the numismatic experience of, and sharing the fun of, the numismatic hobby with countless others.

"She has had a most profound influence and impact on, from behind the scenes, both adult and young budding hobbyists for over 40 years," noted Ostromecki in his accompanying letter, which was read aloud before assembled club members and visitors alike during the presentation ceremony by Majoros.



Photo: **Kari Brower** (right-center with award in hand) receiving her ANA "Point of Numismatic Light" recognition certificate from **Jim Majoros** (left) as a number of newer and younger OCCC members look on.

What is even more awesome about Kari Brower's numismatic accomplishments and exploits over 40-some years is the fact she does not drive and never has. Now, that's what you call a passion, a deep rooted driving force within oneself to make a concerted effort to share the joy of the numismatic hobby despite an obstacle—something which can certainly be recognized as above and beyond the call of duty.

Kari Brower is an active ANA life member, an avid published numismatic writer, deeply involved Women In Numismatics member of at least 20 years, an experienced numismatic exhibitor, and more over a now-recognized "ANA Point of Numismatic Light."

Jim Majoros provided the following additional information: The Ocean County Coin Club held its annual "National Coin Week Show and Exhibit" program Thursday evening, April 16, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Point Pleasant Beach Fire House. Three YNs participated in the exhibit, and a dozen dealers were available. New club members signing up could save \$5 for the year, costing only \$10 rather than \$15. The club also submitted three YN applications to ANA for scholarships to attend the 2015 Summer Seminar.

## Oregon and Washington

### Portland National Money Show

The ANA's 2015 National Money Show<sup>SM</sup> welcomed a total of 4,592 people for the three-day event, held March 5-7 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon.

Attendance was strongest on Saturday, March 7, when 1,420 members of the public turned out for free admission and free, educational appraisals on up to three coins or other numismatic items.

"Overall attendance during the Portland National Money Show was a little slow to start, but we had a great turnout by the end," said ANA President Walter Ostromecki. "Our Saturday attendance was particularly strong, with the public taking advantage of free admission and free appraisals on numismatic items. We also received some great media coverage from the local television affiliates, and the event was featured on National Public Radio's 'Here and Now' program, which airs all across the nation."

Stack's Bowers Galleries proudly presented the Official Auction for the Portland National Money Show, including selections from the Highland Collection. This compact sale brought big results, grossing a total of \$3,134,799.

Raymond Kaskey, esteemed artist and sculptor of *Portlandia*, was available at 11 a.m. each day of the show as a guest of the PNNA for informal "meet and

greet" and free autographs. This activity took place at the host club table, where medals were for sale. A limited number of copper medals are still available — see [www.pnna.org](http://www.pnna.org).



*Photo: Portland host committee members ("red shirts") from the PNNA, Salem Numismatic Society and Willamette Coin Club pose with ANA President Walter Ostromecki, Jr. ("suit").*

### Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association

The Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association will celebrate its 75th anniversary with a party on Saturday, May 2, at its annual spring convention in Tukwila, Wash. (just south of Seattle). The party and general membership/awards meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m., after the close of the bourse. RSVP to PNNA president Danny Bisgaard, phone (503) 588-8162, email [d.bisgaard@comcast.net](mailto:d.bisgaard@comcast.net). The convention is a three-day event, May 1-3, and includes educational programs and collector exhibits. For more information, please visit <http://www.pnna.org/convention/convention.html>, or call Danny.



The PNNA has also commissioned a 75th anniversary medal with the obverse designed by former U.S. Mint sculptor-engraver Thomas D. Rogers. The medals will be struck in silver, copper and antique brass, and should be available at the convention. Sales

information will also be posted on the PNNA website.

The PNNA was founded in 1940 by the Seattle Coin Club (now the Seattle Numismatic Society) and the Oregon Numismatic Society. A page of 75th anniversary trivia, including photos of a few souvenirs issued over the years, appears in *The Nor'wester*, which can be accessed as a PDF online from a link on the PNNA homepage, [www.pnna.org](http://www.pnna.org).



## 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. The current PAN eNews, dated Feb. 2015, contains an extensive article about PAN's visit to the FUN show in Orlando, Fla. in January. For more information, please visit [www.pancoins.org](http://www.pancoins.org), or send an email to [pancoins@gmail.com](mailto:pancoins@gmail.com).

## Texas

The International Coin Club of El Paso, Texas (ICCEP) 52nd Annual Show held at El Maida Hall in El Paso, Feb. 20-22, attracted over 700 attendees, "which for a small 50-dealer local club show can be called a grand one," stated club president Don Tomko.

"The hustle and bustle throughout the three-day free admission event never ceased. And most dealers were very happy with their sales this year," commented longtime show bourse chairman John Grost. He went on to say, "we are very proud of our annual 50-dealer show and the educational numismatic impact it has had on the El Paso community. El Paso is isolated and over 600 miles from the major Texas collecting areas such as Dallas, Houston and Austin. We've grown and thrived over years thanks to so many of our loyal and dedicated hard working officers and members."

Grost also added, "2015 was even made more special by the attendance of ANA President Walt Ostromecki—the first ANA official to ever grace our show! He's sure one approachable, enthusiastic and talented educational guy. His fun-filled numismatic passion I have no doubt has certainly benefited the ANA and all who have come in contact with him. For three days, the ANA table was our lamp of knowledge learning center, sometimes three deep with collectors, families and non-collectors of all ages."

Ostromecki took the opportunity to recognize several of the hard-working and dedicated members of the club with ANA awards. Honored with an ANA Presidential Award for his over 20 years of faithful club and hobby volunteer service was ICCEP past president, John Grost.

Ostromecki remarked, "I met John back in 1994 when he attended my Long Beach Coin Expo daylong seminar on 'Breathing Greater Life Into Coin Clubs.' His driving-force passion to enhance the coin club experience for others has had a deep impact on numerous hobbyists and the ICCEP. Now, step out into the national numismatic spotlight and be recognized."



*Photo: ICCEP President **Dom Tomko** (left), joins with ANA President **Walter Ostromecki** (right) as **John Grost** (center) is honored with an ANA Presidential Award at the El Paso Coin Club show.*

Also recognized for their outstanding dedicated local contributions to the numismatic hobby and ANA with "Points of Numismatic Light" certificates were: Don Tomko, Robert Pick, Stephen Phillips and Willie Tarrazas; the latter three for their many years of youth mentorship and conducting the annual ICCEP YN Auctions at the coin show.

On Saturday afternoon, 31 Young Numismatists took part in the annual free youth numismatic auction under the guidance of auctioneers Stephen Phillips and Willie Tarrazas. The club provided young bidders with scrip to purchase more than 50 lots of numismatic items donated by club members and show dealers. An 1893-P Morgan Dollar in VF+ received the most bidding attention and went for a whopping eight scrip bucks, the maximum given to each young participant.

Fifty cases of competitive, invitational and club member "one-coin mini exhibits" adorned the aisle along the front stage area of the show. These included everything from "Coinage of the Ancients" to "Astronomers on Paper Money;" "Mexican Currency by Topic" and "Emergency Currency of WWII" to "Abraham Lincoln Medals" and "19th Century Mexican Banco's." The People's Choice Award was captured by "Mexican Currency by Topic."

What unique numismatic discovery could a collector or dealer find at the 2015 ICCEP Show? Bourse dealer Peter N. Spooner of Arizona Coins & Collectibles provided the answer to the question: "The unique John L. May, Las Cruces, N.M. Territory Civil War era Good For Two Drinks Brewer's Scrip. Priceless!"

For future coin show and club meeting information write to: The International Coin Club of El Paso, PO Box 963517, El Paso, TX 79996 or contact John Grost at [johngrost@aol.com](mailto:johngrost@aol.com).

## Wisconsin

### South Shore Coin Club

by John and Nancy Wilson, ANA National Volunteers.

The South Shore Coin Club held its 51st annual show March 19-21 at the highly rated Crowne Plaza Hotel, located at 6401 South 13th Street, Milwaukee, Wis. This new location has a large well-lit ballroom, nice restaurant, free airport shuttles, executive level and free parking. Many excellent restaurants are near this hotel. We want to thank President Steve Jendusa and Show Chairman Joe Bartoszewicz, along with the officers and members of the SSCC for giving the ANA a free table at the show. We were able to sign up 14 members for the Association and give out coin collecting information to visitors. Dealer Tom Reynolds, from Omaha, Nebraska, donated the money for the shipment of the ANA coin show kit.

Thursday and Saturday were very busy at the show. The dealers we spoke to said they had decent sales and made some good contacts. 75 dealers were set up at 55 tables, and 800 people registered for the show. Volunteers from the SSCC registered early birds, public attendees, gave out wooden nickels and tickets for the hourly drawings and sold raffle tickets. Several outstanding competitive and non-competitive exhibits were on display. The hotel provided free coffee to the dealers during the morning hours. Security for the show was superb and no incidents were reported.

The Milwaukee Numismatic Society (MNS) Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic was held in conjunction with the show on Saturday. The clinic was chaired by Dr. Leon Saryan, who was assisted by coin club members. Speakers were: Roger Lick, Dave Hunsicker, Justin Perrault and Dr. Saryan. Stu Caddell ran the computer and projector. Nine club members set up the room. The 36 scouts who signed up passed all requirements and received their Coin Collecting Merit Badge. During the past 35 years, more than 3,000 scouts have received their merit badges. Bruce Benoit revamped the MNS merit badge program in 2005. The MNS scout clinic has been adopted by several national coin clubs. Justin Perrault is the president of the MNS and became involved in the club after he took this same scout clinic some years back. After the clinic most of the scouts visited the bourse.

Thanks again to the SSCC for the free ANA table. The South Shore Coin Club will be hosting the Numismatists of Wisconsin show next year at this same location, March 31 and April 2-3, 2016. It will be the club's 52nd annual show.

Club information: [www.sscmke.org](http://www.sscmke.org).



Photo: top (left to right)—Joe Bartoszewicz, Walter Weis, Nancy Wilson; bottom (left to right)—Karen Jach, Henry Javorsky and Betty Petrovich.

## Canada

### Regina Coin Club

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

The Regina Coin Club was pleased to display a rare "Treaty 4" medal at its recent spring show and sale held April 18-19.



The Treaty 4 medal was one of only 21 given to First Nations Chiefs who adhered to Treaty 4 on Sept. 15, 1874, with the British Crown as represented by her Canadian Treaty Commissioners. Treaty 4 territory covers what is now called western Manitoba, much of southern Saskatchewan and southeastern Alberta. According to the terms of Treaty 4, in exchange for agreeing to allow settlement in their territories, the Cree, Nakota and Saulteaux (Plains Ojibway) First Nations were to receive reservations, an immediate annuity or cash payment as well as \$5 annual cash payments, a school house and teacher, powder and shot for their weapons, agricultural implements, carpenter's tools, along with other benefits outlined in Treaty 4.

In addition to these annuities and benefits, the Chiefs each received a large 76mm Treaty 4 silver medal that depicts Queen Victoria on the obverse and

the image of a Treaty Commissioner and a First Nations Chief shaking hands on the reverse.

The medal was part of a huge collection of Canadian documents, tokens, Indian Chief medals, fur trade objects, military medals, pistols, muskets, rifles and swords belonging to the late Robert D.W. Band, whose passion for collecting Canadian historical artifacts spanned more than 60 years.

When a First Nations couple were notified that the medal was for sale at auction last September, they asked other members at the annual Treaty 4 Gathering in Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan if anyone in their various communities had one in their possession. When everyone said they had never seen one before, they decided to fly to Ontario to bid on the medal. The anonymous couple eventually bid C\$40,000 for the medal and were the highest bidders at the auction.

Wendy Hoare, the owner of Jeffrey Hoare Auctions Inc, decided to fly the medal in person to Regina where she handed the medal to the First Nations couple. After a brief ceremony at the airport, the medal was passed from person to person in a huge circle.

The couple soon realized that they had no expertise or experience in ensuring the safety and maintenance of the medal. They decided to enter into an agreement with the Royal Saskatchewan Museum in Regina for the Museum to house and maintain the medal.

But first the medal made its debut at the Regina Coin Club's spring show and sale on April 18-19 where a First Nations Elder and Chief from Treaty 4 cut the ribbon to open the show.

The couple views the medal as both a symbol and an opportunity to educate people about the Treaty relationship and Treaty process. A copy of the Treaty 4 manuscript was on display alongside the medal.

In addition, four rare American Indian Treaty medals were also on display. They were given to American Indian chiefs that signed treaties during the terms of office of Presidents James Madison (1809-1817), James Monroe (1817-1825), Abraham Lincoln (1861-1865) and Ulysses S. Grant (1869-1877).

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

## Specialty Clubs

### Carson City Coin Collectors of America

The spring 2015 issue of *Curry's Chronicle*, the award-winning journal of the Carson City Coin Collectors of America, launches the club's 10-year anniversary celebration with an article by its president, Rusty Goe, about price trends for Carson City coins in each of

five decades, beginning in the 1970s and continuing to the present. This study, along with an array of other informative articles relating to "CC" coins, comprise the content of the 34th issue of the club's journal.

Members reflected, in letters to the editor, on what the club and its journal mean to them as well as topics related to the club's mission. In one of these letters Michael Parrott gives thanks for "how many great positives and friendships this club has brought to my life."

Rusty Goe founded the Carson City Coin Collectors of America in May 2005.

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### Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc. (CC&GTCC)

The CC&GTCC is pleased to announce the banquet speaker at its 23rd Annual Casino Collectibles Convention, June 24-27 at South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Speaking the evening of June 24 is Former Nevada Governor Robert Joseph "Bob" Miller, an American serviceman, attorney and politician. He was the 26th Governor of Nevada, serving from 1989 to 1999.

Miller presently serves on the board of directors of Wynn Resorts and International Game Technology. He is the Principal of Robert J. Miller Consulting, which provides business to government and business to business advice and assistance.

Miller's autobiography, *Son of a Gambling Man*, was released by Thomas Dunne Books in 2013.

Also, be sure to follow the club on Facebook and Twitter at CCandGTCC. There, you will find details on how you can attend the convention on us. Search for details under the hashtag #2015CasinoCon. Further information is also available at [www.ccgcc.com](http://www.ccgcc.com).

### CONECA

The Combined Organizations Of Numismatic Error Collectors Of America (CONECA) has just sent the May-June 2015 issue of its bimonthly journal, *Errorscope*, to press. Members will receive the color version online at the beginning of May, while the black and white hardcopy version will be in mailboxes soon after.

In addition to its usual array of technical articles, *Errorscope* features a report on the Portland National Money Show, an alert about "do-it-yourself slabs" with the CONECA logo, and updates on the CONECA State Representatives Program and how many new members joined in the past two months – a total of 29.

Information: <http://conecaonline.org/>.

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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. It was good seeing some of you in Portland in March.

The next (3rd 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 National Coin Week 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](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>.

**It’s the best week of the year: National Coin Week**



**Happy National Coin Week!**

Celebrate National Coin Week and win some great prizes by exercising your numismatic knowledge. The grand prize is a 1915-S Panama Pacific Exposition commemorative half dollar, pictured here.

**Video Trivia Challenge**

Watch the five videos in this year’s series, then enter your answers. Everyone with a perfect score will go into a prize drawing. The grand prize is the 1915-S Panama

Pacific Exposition commemorative half dollar. Second prize is an American Eagle 2015 one-tenth ounce gold \$5 proof coin, and third prize is a 2015 U.S. Mint Silver Proof Set and regular Proof Set. More prizes, including U.S. Mint sets, will also be awarded. Deadline is May 4.

**Club Trivia Challenge**

It’s not too late for you and your coin club to get in on the competition. ANA member clubs answer 20 questions about World’s Fairs and Expositions, and those that earn the highest scores qualify for a prize and are entered in a prize drawing. You can register your club on [NationalCoinWeek.org](http://NationalCoinWeek.org) or email [ncw@money.org](mailto:ncw@money.org) to request a quiz. Deadline is May 4.

**YN Design Contest**

Pick a World’s Fair that was held in the United States and design a coin for it. First prize is an 1892 World’s Columbian Exposition Half Dollar. Deadline is May 15!

Go to [NationalCoinWeek.org](http://NationalCoinWeek.org) for more information and to enter.

