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Greetings from Colombia! As I am writing this message, I have been traveling in Bogota, Colombia visiting museums and different historical sites. The Museum of Gold is a must visit if you ever find yourself in Bogota. With the relaxed entry requirements for some countries, traveling and tourism is resuming back to normalcy.

With that in mind, I hope to see most of you at the annual World's Fair of Money® in Pittsburgh, Pa. There will be a District Representative (DR) meeting on Friday, Aug. 11, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Due to the convention center's high cost for internet access, there will not be virtual access to this meeting. We are currently in the planning phase of having a few more DR meetings virtually throughout the year so that those who cannot attend live in person, or our international ambassadors who are out of the country, can attend online and get some information or provide updates on their represented areas. If you are planning on attending the DR meeting in person this August, please contact Sheila Fortenberry immediately at sfortenberry@money.org to confirm your attendance, and for ordering lunch. I hope you can attend so we can see a good representation from states across the country.

I stress the importance of trying to attend at least one of the four DR meetings held throughout the year. The meetings provide an opportunity for us to meet in person, share ideas on how to improve the program, and hear from other DRs what has been working for them in the field for membership recruitment. The past few DR meetings have been beneficial for those in attendance because there were great ideas exchanged. If you would like to support the hobby and increase local coin club and ANA membership, attending a DR meeting live in person is a must! I guarantee that you will get something out of the meeting.

More importantly now than ever, we need our DRs to be actively talking about the ANA and membership recruitment. Submissions for the fourth quarter edition of the *MintMark* are due on Oct. 2, if you plan on writing something about your local coin club or coin show.

Please make sure the submissions get delivered to Eric Holcomb by the deadline. Eric, Sheila and I are here to assist you if you have questions on submissions to the *MintMark*. (See p. 12 of this newsletter or the ANA website for contact information.) Thank you again for all the volunteer work you perform on behalf of the ANA and the numismatic hobby. I hope to meet with you in person at the World's Fair of Money®. Happy Collecting!

Attend Twice-Monthly NumismaTalks Free eLearning Courses

Join the ANA twice a month – on the second and fourth Thursday from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. MT – for live webinars on all things numismatic. These free, hour-long presentations are sure to appeal to a wide variety of collecting interest. Plus, all presentations are recorded. If you can't join us for the live presentation, you'll be able to enjoy them later at your convenience. Join us for these upcoming classes:

[Live from the World's Fair of Money® – Cherrypicking Rare Coins in 2023 and Beyond](#) | August 10, 2 p.m., instructed by Dennis Tucker

[Live from the World's Fair of Money® – CCAC Money Talks](#) | August 10, 3 p.m., with CCAC Chairs

[Civil War Decorations of the Union and the Confederacy](#) | August 24, 12 p.m. with instructor Jesse Kraft

[Avoiding Numismatic Nightmares: Estate and Tax Strategies When It's Time to Sell or Bequeath Your Collection](#) | September 14, 12 p.m., with instructor Jeff Pritchard

[Works of Art: Large Sized Silver Certificates](#) | September 28, 12 p.m., with instructor Phil Vitale

[Women at the Periphery? Local Women on Roman Provincial Coinage](#) | October 12, 12 p.m., with instructor Lucia Carbone

[Panic of 1893](#) | October 26, 12 p.m., with instructor Bob Bair

To learn more about the courses and to register to attend, visit <https://info.money.org/numismatalks>.

Attend ANA Technical Seminars to Learn Grading, Counterfeit Detection

Two seminars are being offered by the ANA during the South Carolina Numismatic Association's 51st Anniversary Convention, October 26-27, in Greenville, SC.

Fundamentals of Grading U.S. Coins

Sharpen your grading skills! Knowledge of coin grading not only makes you more confident on the bourse floor, but also adds to your enjoyment of the hobby by helping take the worry out of numismatic purchases. Learn how U.S. coins should be graded according to the latest ANA and market standards. The seminar covers many topics and emphasizes the fundamental principles of grading circulated U.S. coins, including the history and evolution of grading standards, analysis of a coin's focal points, technical and market grading, how to determine initial signs of wear and evaluating surface marks, strike, luster and eye appeal.

Instructor: Rod Gillis, former ANA Education Director

*Location/Time: Greenville Convention Center,
1 Exposition Drive, Greenville, SC
October 26-27, 9 a.m.-5p.m.*

Price: \$350 for non-members, \$250 for members

The deadline to register is September 15, 2023.

Counterfeit Detection: Classic Fakes & Chinese-Made Counterfeits

This class will debut one of the largest collections of Chinese-made counterfeits of United States colonials, coins, tokens, bullion and bars. Hundreds of never before seen, recently made examples will be available to examine along with the ANA's Counterfeit Detection set of older and highly deceptive fakes. This seminar will teach counterfeit detection of Key Date and Mintmarked coins, U.S. gold coins, and the latest wave of deceptive Chinese-made counterfeits. There will be both digital presentation and extensive hands-on coin examination.

Instructor: Brian Silliman, professional numismatist, Brian Silliman Rare Coins, and former NGC grader/conservator and ANA authenticator/conservator

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Information and registration links for both seminars, along with any others currently offered by the ANA, can be found at:

<https://www.money.org/technical-series-seminars/>

Thomas J. Uram to Become ANA's 63rd President at Pittsburgh World's Fair of Money®

Voting members of the American Numismatic Association (ANA) have elected a new Board of Governors and will welcome six new individuals, along with two incumbents and a past board member, for the 2023-25 election term.

Incoming President Thomas J. Uram and Vice President-elect Mark Lighterman will be joined by new board members John S. Brush, David G. Heinrich, Lori H. Kraft, Henry Mitchell, Phyllis A. Ross and Kenny Sammut, along with returning member Mary Lynn Garrett.

Mary Lynn Garrett was the top vote receiver. President-elect Thomas J. Uram ran unopposed. In accordance with ANA bylaws, ballots for uncontested offices are not tabulated. Only the first vote is counted.

The new board will be sworn-in at the annual ANA Banquet on August 11, at the World's Fair of Money in Pittsburgh, Penn. Uram will become the Association's 63rd President, succeeding current President Dr. Ralph Ross, who will serve as a non-voting, ex-officio member of the board.

To see more information and vote counts, read the press release (for July 2023) at:

<https://www.money.org/pressarchives/>

Staying Current

Club Directory Listing

Update your club's contact information today.

If you don't want your club to miss out on the ANA's latest news, exclusive content, and special events, be sure to update your club's contact information. Visit [money.org](https://www.money.org) to enter the club's email address and verify the club's mailing address and phone number. Keeping your organization's contact information current ensures that your club will receive the latest updates and important news from the Association. If you need help with your club account, email membership@money.org or call 1-800-514-2646.

How to Update Your Contact Information

- Visit [money.org](https://www.money.org).
- Select "Explore ANA" in the side menu of the website.
- Hover over "Community" at the top.
- Select "Clubs" in the dropdown menu. (Don't see a dropdown menu?—just click on "Community" first, then click on the "Coin Clubs" panel.)
- On the right side of the screen, click "Update Club Listings."
- Fill out the online form, and click submit.

Eric visits Carson City

by Eric Holcomb

Would you like to see three nice large pieces of Philadelphia history without travelling “back east?” If so, then look no further than Carson City, Nevada! *MintMark* Editor Eric Holcomb made the visit on Saturday, June 24, and also encountered longtime Reno Coin Club President David Elliott, greeting visitors in the lobby of the Nevada State Museum.

Numismatists often visit Carson City to see the old mint, which minted U.S. coins from 1870 to 1893, before becoming a U.S. assay office until 1933, and the original Nevada State Museum after that. The museum has expanded, but the original sandstone mint building (photo 1) is still the museum’s “heart and soul.”

Before entering the museum (photo 2), you might notice a replica of Philadelphia’s famous Liberty Bell outside (photo 3). Although this replica was one of 53 cast in France in 1950, we’ll nonetheless count it as the first of the three pieces of history I mentioned.

But the Liberty Bell was not why I visited Carson City. The second piece of history is the Morgan & Orr Coin Press No. 1, made in Philadelphia, and shown in photo 4 during the coining demo given on Saturdays. The ANA also has one of these coin presses on display at the Money Museum in Colorado Springs, but the one at the CC Mint is the only one believed to still be operating—running again after some recent repairs.

The press was converted to electric operation in 1967, and runs much slower than it originally did (with steam power), both for safety reasons and to preserve the equipment. Since the recent repair, the press is only used to strike commemorative half-dollar-size medallions, in relatively soft 1/2-ounce, .999 fine silver, at a cost of \$75 each (photo 5—note the CC mintmark).

On the day I visited, the design struck commemorates the *USS Nevada*, the only battleship to get underway during the attack on Pearl Harbor. And, conveniently located in the room next to the press, is the beautiful silverware set originally donated by the people of Nevada to the U.S. Navy, and later returned (photo 6).

There are other attractions at the Nevada State Museum besides the mint. For example, there are exhibits pertaining to Nevada history, geology and minerals, mining, a Native American Heritage “Under One Sky” exhibit, and more.

But, to see the third and largest piece of Philadelphia history, you’ll need to travel about a mile south on Carson Way to the Nevada State Railroad Museum. There you’ll find two 1870s-era Baldwin Locomotive Works steam engines! (One is shown in photo 7).

Of course railroads were instrumental in opening up the west to easy access, especially after completion of the transcontinental line marked by the “Golden Spike” in Utah in May 1869. There were several branches off of the main line, including the Nevada



Photo 1: Original CC Mint building.



Photo 2: Nevada State Museum.



Photo 3: Replica of the Liberty Bell.

Websites:

Nevada State Museum, Carson City:

carsonnvmuseum.org

Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City:

carsonrailroadmuseum.org

Nevada Northern Railway, Ely:

nnry.com

Northern Railway lines near Ely (pronounced EE-lee), Nevada, opened in 1906. Although the NNRy stopped transporting copper ore 40 years ago, the White Pine Historical Railroad Foundation still runs tourist trains for short distances out of the East Ely station, and I had the opportunity to take one of these rides on June 22, two days before visiting Carson City. Photo 8 shows the historic Hotel Nevada in Ely, built in 1929, where I stayed, as seen from the train.

Over six days, I stayed in four Nevada cities—Winnemucca, Elko, Ely and Carson City.

Of course things don't always go as the tourist folks and the locals might like. We're not talking about the casinos or even the road construction on the interstate—instead we're talking about Mormon crickets! A plague of these insects in northern Nevada, especially around Elko, was reported in national and international news stories shortly before my visit. See for example *Smithsonian Magazine's* online "smart news" story for June 23 on their website, smithsonianmag.com. The insects don't fly or bite, but they can cause crop damage and slick roads. Their name comes from Mormon migrants around the Great Salt Lake, who experienced invasions of the crickets into their crops.

By the time I visited Elko, there were no crickets to be seen in the section of town where I stayed. However, I travelled for a number of miles on a gravel road northeast of Golconda (a small town east of Winnemucca) and encountered a lot of crickets on the road! Not wanting to continue for many more miles on this road and crush numerous crickets, I returned to the interstate (I-80) where there were no crickets. Later in the week, smaller patches of crickets were encountered on Highway 50 near Austin, in the middle of the state. The stretch of Highway 50 from Ely to Fallon is sometimes called the "Loneliest Road in America," although during the summer there is significant tourist traffic, including the occasional group of bicycle riders.

Getting back to the Nevada State Museum, the photo below shows Reno Coin Club President David Elliott at the club table in the lobby of the museum. The club typically does this outreach activity on the last Saturday of each month. David had a display case of some personal items, including some ancient coins, but also modern U.S. Mint coins, for example.



Photos 4 & 5: Coining press demo on the Morgan & Orr Press No. 1, and struck medallion depicting the press.



Photo 6: Silverware from the USS Nevada.



Photo 7: Baldwin Locomotive Works steam engine.



Photo 8: Hotel Nevada in Ely as seen from the train.

News from Around the Country

Alabama

Madison County Coin Club

by Richard Jozefiak, analmrj@gmail.com
ANA District Representative for AL & GA

The MCCC served as the host coin club for HUNTSPEX 2023, held at the Jaycee Community Building at John Hunt Park in Huntsville, Ala., June 3-4. This was the first show that included stamp dealers, postcard dealers and coin dealers. MCCC had a club table at the show along with an ANA membership table.

Over a dozen young people were brought to the show and came to the coin section. At the ANA membership table, they all got to pick out 4-5 world coins and received information on coin collecting.



Photo: MCCC club table and ANA membership table at HUNTSPEX 2023. Mike Campbell (L), Wayne Koger, and Harold Fears at MCCC club table. Richard Jozefiak at ANA membership table. Photo by Karen Jozefiak.



Photo: Young Numismatists (YNs) selecting world coins at the ANA membership table. The YNs had a large selection of world coins to add to their coin collections. Photo by Richard Jozefiak.

Arizona

Tucson Coin Club

by William Myers, wjmhands@hotmail.com

The club will hold a coin show on Sunday, Oct. 15, at the Tucson Woman's Club, 6245 East Bellevue St., Tucson, Ariz. The show hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission and parking are free. There will be 35 tables of

dealers with U.S. and world coins and paper money, tokens, medals, gold and silver and numismatic supplies. Several dealers will be available to buy precious metals and there will be free appraisals available.

Visit www.tucsoncoinclub.com for more information about this and upcoming club events.

California

For information on *The California Numismatist* published by CSNA Editor Greg Burns, visit www.CalNumismatist.com. Greg is also very active sharing his knowledge on how to edit a newsletter—see page 11.

Covina Coin Club

by Dennis Rocklein, drocklein@gmail.com

The club reported the sad news that esteemed member Neil Osina passed away on June 14.

Club meetings are normally held on the third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., in the clubhouse at San Dimas Royal Mobile Estates, 1630 W. Covina Blvd., San Dimas, Calif.

San Bernardino County Coin Club (SBCCC)

San Bernardino County Coin Club is small but it has lasted for decades, soon 75 years, as the club celebrates its Diamond Jubilee, 1948-2023.

The SBCCC was founded by the late Bryan Burke, a San Bernardino high school teacher. It meets once a month on the third Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the senior center at 3102 E. Highland Ave. in Highland.

Officers of this California non-profit corporation are Alex Jaramillo (president), Ed Luers (vice president), Don Lannon (treasurer), Vicki Jarmillo (secretary), and Cheryl Lannon (editor *Coin Press*).

All correspondence should be mailed to SBCCC, PO Box 311141, Fontana, CA 92331-1141. All questions can be addressed to Alex Jaramillo by email at quincs@aol.com or by calling (909) 823-6997.

Florida

Greater Jacksonville Coin Club

The club hosted a coin show May 25-27 at the Ramallah Club, 3130 Parental Home Rd, Jacksonville, Fla. Admission and parking were free. For information, call (904) 742-3436, or email ShowChair@GJCC.net.

*If you would like more Florida and regional news, please subscribe to Tony Swicer's regional newsletter by emailing Tony at swicer@comcast.net. For California news, see the "Around the State ..." summary published in *The California Numismatist*.*

Georgia

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Mountain Coin Club (Blairsville, Ga.)

At the April 11 Mountain Coin Club meeting, the club held its annual trivia contest. Trivia Master Dr. Nancy Kelly was the host. The last club member standing answering the most numismatic questions correctly was John Morris, who also won the contest in 2022.



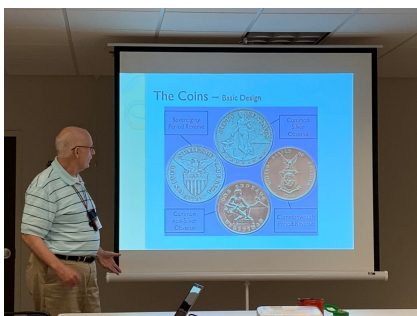
*Photo: Trivia Master **Dr. Nancy Kelley** (L) with 2023 trivia contest winner **John Morris**. Photo by Richard Jozefiak.*

New Coin Club Starts in Athens, Ga.

A new coin club, Classic City Coin Club, was formed in Athens, Ga., where the University of Georgia is located, and held its first meeting in April. The new club is joining the ANA as a member club.

Metropolitan Coin Club of Atlanta

The Metropolitan Coin Club of Atlanta (MCCA) meeting on Saturday, May 20, had a program given by club member John Phipps on “Numismatic Items from The Philippines While Under U.S. Sovereignty, 1898-1946 (and a few other items).”



*Photo: **John Phipps** giving his presentation to MCCA members. Photo by Richard Jozefiak.*

Georgia Numismatic Association

The 59th Georgia Numismatic Association Coin Show was held April 14-16 in Dalton, Ga. There were over 335 tables at the show with hundreds of dealers buying and selling. GNA President and Coin Show General Manager Tom Youngblood stated that, “Almost 2,400 people attended the show by the final day.”



*Photo: Dignitaries at the ribbon cutting to open the GNA show. GNA President **Tom Youngblood** (L), ANA Past President **Col. Steve Ellsworth, ret.**, ANA Governor **Mary Lynn Garrett** cutting the ribbon, and ANA Past President **Jeff Garrett**. Photo by Richard Jozefiak.*

On Friday, April 14, a couple of homeschool groups attended the show. The students were brought to the show to see rare coins and see the different collecting areas of numismatics and the history associated with these items.



Photo: A group of homeschool students with their teacher at the ANA membership table receiving numismatic materials. Photo by Richard Jozefiak.

The annual Young Numismatists (YN) program was held on Saturday, April 15 at 1 p.m. at the Dalton Convention Center. The program was led by Bob Hartjie, who has been doing this program for many years. About 45 YNs attended the one-hour program, along with many adults.

Michigan

Huron Valley Numismatic Society (Highland, MI)
by Al Raddi, alraddi@aol.com, (208) 505-3690

The April 2023 meeting of the Huron Valley Numismatic Society (HVNS) at the Highland Activity Center featured Young Numismatist Hayden Howard giving a presentation titled, “The History of Eisenhower Dollars,” based on his award-winning exhibit of the same name. At the May HVNS meeting, member (and President of the Windsor Coin Club in Ontario, Canada) Brett Irick spoke on “Canadian Victorian Ten Cent Coins: 1858-1901.” And at the June HVNS meeting, member (and Vice President of the Michigan State Numismatic Society) Kathy Freeland gave a presentation on “Numismatic Items Commemorating Women’s Suffrage in Michigan.”

To celebrate National Coin Week, Kathy Freeland created an attention-grabbing display titled “The 100th Anniversary of the Women’s Right to Vote” at the public library in Milford, Mich. HVNS donated 15 copies of *A Guide Book of United States Coins 2024* (the Red Book) to the Huron Valley School District for its school libraries. And, HVNS entered the ANA “Club Trivia Challenge” and was one of 17 clubs nationwide that got all the answers correct.

The club recently had a 24-table coin show at the Senior Center in Milford, Mich., which attracted 179 attendees. Website/club info.: <http://hvns.org/>.



Photo: Kathy Freeland with her National Coin Week display at the Milford Township Public Library.

Photo: Jeff Sweeney presenting Red Books to Huron Valley schools.



Nevada

Reno Coin Club

See “Eric visits Carson City” on pp. 3-4.

New Hampshire

Nashua Coin Club

by Kevin Winn, *secretary-treasurer*

Greetings from the Nashua Coin Club in Nashua, New Hampshire!

It’s been a busy few months for the Nashua Coin Club. We’ve been attracting many new members lately and most have been at the meetings and contributing to the conversation as if they’ve been there all along. Welcome to the club, Daniel Viens, Brian Bazarnicki, Pierre Fricke, Michael Patz, Stephen Grise, Priscilla Winn, Fred Fuller, and Rod Gillis.

Twenty-eight members and one guest attended our February meeting. The big news was the report of a donation of approximately \$2,500 which we will be receiving from the New Hampshire Numismatic Association. They decided to dissolve their club due to lack of members and attendance, and the Nashua Coin Club will be one of two clubs benefitting from their remaining funds. We created a sub-committee of five members to work out a budget for the upcoming year.

Our “Coin of the Month” was anything numismatic with an image of a boat or ship or a flag on it. We saw some really great looking old items like a 1920 U.S. commemorative celebrating the 300th anniversary of the Mayflower Landing at Plymouth Rock, Portuguese Escudos with a Caravelle, the Boston Tea Party ship, the *Beaver*, the *U.S.S Constitution*, and a whole book of navy challenge coins.

We also voted to purchase a half-page ad in the Ontario Numismatic Association’s 2023 convention booklet, and to book our Oct. 9 awards banquet at Fratello’s Italian Grille in Manchester with a \$200 deposit.

Twenty-five members attended our March meeting. For “Coin of the Month,” we had a very interesting discussion about how we keep track of our coins and collections. Many members use Excel or other spread sheet applications. Some use written notes or loose-leaf notebooks and binders. A few members have tried to use actual coin-collecting software. Most of the comments surrounding those programs mentioned the work it takes to set them up before they can be useful. One member said he relies on his memory ... most of the others in attendance groaned at that response.

There were 21 members and guests at our April meeting. Our “Coin of the Month” was coins with images of coins on them. Sean Sinclair gave a wonderful presentation about a Canadian commemorative bullion \$250 coin. This huge coin is dated 2017 and contains one kilo of pure silver. It has images of vintage Canadian coins and Sean’s presentation highlighted the vari-



ous errors made by the designer in size, shape, edge, and even factual information on the image. (See photo at left.)

We also saw coins from India, Israel, Australia, Greece, Hungary, and Japan which fit the COTM criterion.

Our May meeting had 25 members and guests in attendance. We talked about Morgan and Peace Silver Dollars for our “Coin of the Month” and saw quite a few VAM related coin varieties along with many nice examples and collections of these popular cartwheels. It was announced that former ANA Director of Education, Rod Gillis, would be our speaker at the October awards banquet and his topic will be “Coin Collector Estate Planning.”

At our June meeting, 20 members and guests talked about “Animals on Coins” for our COTM theme. We saw numerous examples of this topic, especially birds on coins which were very prevalent on the U.S. State Quarters and National Park (America the Beautiful Quarters®) series coins. We received the results of the ANA National Coin Week Club Trivia Challenge, and for the twelfth year in a row we achieved a perfect score. We will receive a 2023 American Women Quarters™ proof set for our prize.

We also talked about stories and articles from our award-winning newsletter, the *Nashua Numismatist*. We have entered the ANA’s Barbara Gregory Club Publication competition and this year we hope to take home a prize in the local club category. (In 2022 we won third prize in the electronic publication division.)

We saw a great number of interesting items in the show-and-tell and “recently acquired” portions of our meetings. This medal from Bob Fritsch depicts the Mt. Washington Cog Railroad climbing past Jacob’s Ladder in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.



Upcoming “Coin of the Month” topics include:

July 2023 – Numismatics with a Summer theme – Beaches, Ballgames, BBQ’s

August 2023 – Queen Elizabeth silver coins

September 2023 – MOTM (Mistake of the Month) – Did you ever buy a coin you wish you hadn’t?

November 2023 – Foreign coins struck in the United States

There are no coins of the month in October (awards banquet) or December (white elephant auction).

To join the club on Zoom on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. ET, email Kevin Winn, nashuacoinclub@gmail.com, for the details.

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists (PAN)

The annual PAN Spring Coin Show was held May 18-20 at the Monroeville Convention Center, 209 Mall Blvd., Monroeville, Pa.

PAN is also hosting the ANA World’s Fair of Money® in Pittsburgh, and will host a “Welcome to Pittsburgh Dinner” on Tuesday, Aug. 8, at the LeMont Restaurant, 1114 Grandview Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Website: <https://pancoins.org>.

Wisconsin

South Shore Coin Club

by John and Nancy Wilson, ANA national volunteers, johnnancyw@aol.com

Website: www.sscmke.org.

The club hosted its 57th Annual Coin Show, Apr. 21-22, at the Four Points Sheraton, located near the airport in Milwaukee, Wisc. This is an excellent location for a coin show with its free airport shuttle, free parking, and a well-lit convention hall with great dealer access. The Milwaukee-based SSCC is proud to host the largest coin show in Wisconsin.

A special thanks to General Chairman Mike McAndrews, his assistant Joe Bartoszewicz, and all the dedicated and hardworking members of the SSCC for help at registration and other responsibilities at the show. Admission was \$3 and all registrants received a free wooden nickel. Thanks also to President McAndrews, his board, and members of the SSCC for giving ANA a free table at the show. We signed up 13 new or renewing members for the Association, with two of them converting to life membership. We also signed up a patron for the upcoming ANA World’s Fair of Money®. Paragon Numismatics dealer, Andrew Kimmel, from Mequon, Wisc., made a \$25 donation to the ANA for the shipment of the coin show kit. We talked to many people who had an interest in collecting. Many of them took *The Numismatist*, along with an application to join the Association. We also handed out inexpensive items, such as obsolete stock certificates and other exonomia, to people who visited the table.

Besides the bourse, the SSCC generously worked with the Milwaukee Numismatic Society by giving them a large room to host their Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic on Saturday morning. This has been done for many years. Since the SSCC is moving to a one-day Sunday show in 2024, the MNS will have to find another location for the clinic next year. A report and photo are included below.

The show featured 30 dealers at the 85 tables set up, including backups. Ten “early bird” badges were sold. The show was busy from start to finish and at many times the aisles were very crowded. When we tried to hand out information to the dealers it was hard to find a time when they didn’t have customers. For the most part all of them had an excellent convention and many stayed until the show closed late in the afternoon on Saturday.

Registered attendance for the two-day show was 550. The SSCC disposed of its library and had many great items for free on the literature table. Once again, as in all past SSCC shows the security was great with no thefts reported. The SSCC will host a one-day show, tentatively at this same location, next year on Sunday, April 2, 2024.

Milwaukee Numismatic Society

The Milwaukee Numismatic Society (MNS) held its 43rd Annual Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic in conjunction with the South Shore Coin Club convention on Saturday, Apr. 22. The clinic was chaired by Leon Saryan, Ph.D., who was assisted by Bruce Benoit, along with other members of the MNS.

Speakers for the clinic were Leon Saryan, Bruce Benoit and Dave Hunsicker. Assisting with the clinic were Bruce Bartelt, John Bleidorn and Gary Bieringer. MNS President Justin Perrault ran the Power-Point presentation.

The clinic gives the scouts a basic introduction to numismatics and coin collecting. Topics covered include the manufacture of coins and paper money, numismatic terminology, mints and mintmarks, the state quarter program, coin identification, grading and storage, paper currency and the Federal Reserve System. To complete the requirements for the merit badge, scouts are required to bring with them specific coins from their collection.

The clinic this year had double the scout attendance of the 2022 clinic. All 21 scouts (including one girl) who registered for the clinic passed all requirements to receive their merit badges. Each scout received a goodie bag consisting of coins, magazines, and supplies at the start of the day’s session. Scouts also received nice door prizes for answering numismatically related questions. John and Nancy Wilson awarded five free memberships to the ANA as door prizes.

The MNS clinic was started in 1981 by Lee Hartz and Tom Casper and is considered a standard for numismatic organizations nationwide. Thank you to Dr. Leon Saryan, who provided information for this report.



Photo: all of the scouts and MNS workers who participated in the 43rd Annual Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic.

International

Canada

Regina Coin Club

by George Manz, FRCNA

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European Explorers of Canada—The first peoples of Canada, the First Nations, Metis and Inuit, explored all of what is now called Canada. Many years later, Europeans began to arrive, often claiming it belonged to whatever European nation they served.

I will examine seven European explorers whose exploits were commemorated by the Franklin Mint on several series of sterling silver medals.



The first European explorer to visit what is now Canada was Leif Ericson. About a thousand years ago, this Viking sailed west from Iceland on his way to Greenland. His tiny ship missed Greenland and he continued to sail west until he landed on the Labrador coast. While there, he established a fort.

John Cabot was an Italian explorer for England. He set sail aboard a ship called *Matthew* in 1497, becoming the first European to place an English flag on the island of Newfoundland.



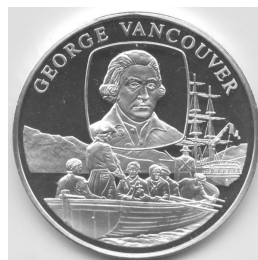
Jacques Cartier was a French explorer who mapped the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the St. Lawrence River. In 1534, he landed at Gaspe and claimed the land for France, where he later set up settlements in the new world.



John Franklin was a British Royal Navy officer who led several expeditions into the Canadian Arctic to find the Northwest Passage. During his third and final expedition, his two ships were frozen into the ice in what is now the Territory of Nunavut. Both crews died.

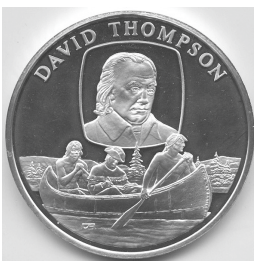
His wrecked ship *HMS Erebus* was discovered by archeologists in 2014, and *HMS Terror* in 2016.

Alexander Mackenzie was a Scottish explorer and fur trader. In 1789, on behalf of the North West Company, he and his men and guides canoed down the Mackenzie River to the Arctic Ocean. A few years later, accompanied by two First Nations guides and six voyageurs, he reached the Pacific Ocean by land in 1793. He was the first European to cross the continent by land north of Mexico, and more than ten years before the famous American Lewis and Clark expedition.



George Vancouver was a British Royal Navy captain who explored the Pacific coast of North America from California, Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia, all the way to Alaska. Vancouver Island and the city of Vancouver are both named in his honor.

David Thompson was a Welsh explorer and fur trader who began working for the Hudson's Bay Company at the age of 14 in 1784. He served as a clerk before he broke his leg. While convalescing, Thompson spent two years learning surveying skills and became a full-time surveyor for the HBC until he quit in 1797. He then walked 130 kilometers through snow to the nearest North West Company fort, where he signed up to work as a fur trader and surveyor for the NWC. By the 1800s, Thompson mapped and explored almost 5 million square kilometers of the Canadian and American west.



These and many more sterling silver medals will be on display at the Regina Coin Club Show, Oct. 21-22, at the Italian Club in Regina, Saskatchewan.

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Specialty Clubs or Groups

The Elongated Collectors

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The Elongated Collectors (TEC) are ready for a wonderful time in Pittsburgh for the World's Fair of Money®. Designs have been finalized, dies have been cut, machines have been readied, and coins have been rolled. Thousands of them will be available at our booth 1627, close to the Kid's Zone at the back of the bourse. Machines with these designs will be set up so visitors can "roll their own."

The horizontal ANA coin features one of the many Pittsburgh bridges along with the ANA logos. The vertical TEC coin has a clockwork owl. Each design is assembled in six-coin sets for \$6 each. The badge shows Sally the Owl viewing the Steel City's skyline and will be available in two versions—the normal badge rolled on a Pennsylvania Quarter and suspended on black (\$6). A colored version was also made, enameled in black and yellow with black (\$25). Each of these designs were created/rolled and assembled by TEC President Tyler Tyson, with design assistance from TEC VP Paul Conner.



TEC coin and badge designs for Pittsburgh.

Those not attending the show or wishing to claim their swag may do so at the TEC Store (<https://tecnews.org/shop/>). The TEC Medal of Merit will be awarded to members and non-members who have helped the club during the past year.

Our annual meeting is on Friday, Aug. 11 in room 323. The board meeting is at 8 a.m., followed by the general meeting at 9 a.m. Everyone is invited. Once the business portion is concluded, we will roll into the auction which normally takes a few hours. A vast array of elongated coins and other items have been assembled and there should be something for everyone. Any lots not sold then will go into the online auction in the fall.

TEC is the funnest club in numismatics. Check us out on Facebook or at our website, <http://tecnews.org/>. Come join us, we look forward to seeing you at the World's Fair of Money® in August.

International Association of Silver Art Collectors

by Lacy Enderson

IASAC was established in 1985 and is dedicated to the silver round and rectangle hobbyist, collector, dealer, and producer. Anyone interested in this unique hobby is invited to join and participate in the available benefits.

The club was originally named International Association of Silver Bar Collectors (IASBC), however, the name was changed at the first meeting of the organization in August 1985 to include round collectors as well. IASAC encompasses pressed art bars, pressed art rounds, medallions, Mardi Gras doubloons, old pours, new pours, collector plates, and figures such as the Franklin Mint issues.

The club was co-founded by Duane Spellman who was also an active member of the ANA as well as The Token and Medal Society, The Statue of Liberty Collector's Club, and NECA just to name a few.

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Editor's Networking Group

This is a group of newsletter editors from various coin clubs across the country who share published monthly newsletters, along with ideas and tips for improving the product. This benefits club members while improving the editors' skills with publishing tools.

It is also a way to share news and educational articles, which might only get published locally, but are worthy of a larger audience for those authors.

The group plans to meet at the ANA World's Fair of Money®, on Thursday, August 10, from 1 to 3 p.m., in room 326 of the convention center.

The California Numismatist Editor Greg Burns has also started to conduct informative Zoom meetings about editing topics such as the use of Adobe Photoshop and InDesign software, however, scheduling of future meetings will depend on the level of interest.

This started because Phil Vitale, president of the Albuquerque Coin Club and editor of its monthly club newsletter *Pocket Change*, presented an ANA eLearning course on the topic of improving club newsletters.

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Liberty Seated Collectors Club

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E-Gobrecht is a complimentary, subscriber-based, monthly electronic publication of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club.

Next month is the LSCC annual meeting and 50th year anniversary celebration at the ANA Anniversary Convention in Pittsburgh.

As reported by Len Augsburger in the July issue, "Preparations are also underway for the LSCC 50th Anniversary activities at the upcoming ANA convention in Pittsburgh (August 8-12). Our annual meeting will be held Thursday, August 10 at 9 a.m., while a special open house will follow on Friday, August 11 at 3 p.m. As usual, we'll have a number of interesting exhibits at the club table on the showroom floor. We hope to see you there!"

If you become a member of the LSCC, you can also receive the full-color *Gobrecht Journal* packed full of articles on the Liberty Seated series.

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American Israel Numismatic Association

Mel Wacks, chair of the American Israel Numismatic Association's Shekel Prize Committee, has announced that the unanimous choice of the jurors for the 2023 Shekel Prize are Dr. Yitzhak Magen, Dr. Gabriela Bijovsky and Yoav Tzionit for the book *Mount Gerizim Excavations—The Coins*. The Shekel Prize is awarded annually to the best book published on the topic of ancient Judaeon coins, coins of the Holy Land or Judaic numismatics. The winning volume discusses the history of the Samaritans on Mount Gerizim and includes the corpus of coins discovered on the site dating between the Persian and Byzantine periods.

The book is written in three sections, one by each of the three authors. Contact the AINA for more information, or you can purchase the book from the Israel Antiquities Authority (www.antiquities.org.il/), or read it for free at www.academia.edu.

The Shekel Prize medals will be presented to the winners by Dr. Haim Gitler, one of the jurors and chief curator of archaeology and curator of numismatics at The Israel Museum, Jerusalem.

The American Israel Numismatic Association (www.theshekel.org) publishes *The Shekel—The Journal of Israel and Jewish History and Numismatics*. Memberships are available for \$18 (digital) or \$40 (printed) by calling 818-225-1348.



Photo: *The Shekel Prize medal, as designed by Victor Huster.*

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Editor’s Message by Eric Holcomb

Thank you for the submissions received.

Although a little delayed again, we have another nice issue of *MintMark*. Please be sure to read the interesting club news, along with important ANA news and messages.

Unfortunately, I won’t be able to attend the anniversary convention in Pittsburgh, but I did visit Carson City, Nevada—see pp. 3-4.

The next (4th quarter 2023) edition of *MintMark* is not far off. Start planning and writing now. Make it a *short* summary, with a photo or two, of how your club is participating in the ANA Representative Program, or was active in Pittsburgh, or perhaps some special club milestone, award, etc.

Club Event Listings

As a reminder, club event listings can be found on the ANA website at:

<https://coin-dealer-directory.money.org/event/club-events>

Most events are coin shows, but there are also auctions and seminars. You can find out how to “List with Us” for free by clicking on that button at the top of the listings webpage. Premium paid listings in the ANA Dealer Directory are also available.

From the homepage on the newly redesigned ANA website, you can click on “ANA Events” to access not only ANA-sponsored events such as the World’s Fair of Money®, but also the Numismatic Events Calendar with all listed events, including club events.

Although *MintMark* will continue to include some brief announcements of upcoming club events, the calendar on the ANA website is likely to be more effective, and is strongly recommended.

For “staying current” on your club directory listing, see p. 2.

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