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National Coordinator Message

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

Greetings Everyone.

The heat of summer is upon us, with all kinds of weather extremes across the country. Hopefully, you have not had any weather damage in your area.

Do any of the clubs you contact have fewer meetings during the summer, or are club picnics and/or outings planned? I've encountered clubs that do one or the other - or both. Keep me posted with the special summer ideas used in your area.

Right now, my thoughts are focused on the World's Fair of Money in Rosemont (Chicago). Do clubs in your area get together and rent a van or bus or even carpool so more can get there? Whether or not club members go as a group or on their own, be sure that ANA knows who attended from your club. This can be done at registration and I will most likely have a signup sheet in the ANA area toward the back of the hall, at booth 343.

If you are there on Saturday morning and not involved in one of the other meetings, be sure to come to the District Rep meeting at 8 a.m. The meeting room will be listed in the program you receive at registration. Also consult this valuable tool for other items of interest. Hope to see you there.

Safety procedures instituted for collectors looking to buy Kennedy coins

Public-safety procedures for collectors who wish to buy the dual-dated 50th anniversary Kennedy gold proof coins from the U.S. Mint will be in place when the coin goes on sale Aug. 5 at the World's Fair of Money.

The U.S. Mint previously announced that 500 Kennedy coins per day will be sold at the show, and in order to purchase a coin, a buyer must receive a ticket from the U.S. Mint. The line for receiving tickets will form outside of the bourse floor at 8 a.m. each day of the show. There will be signs on site to guide collectors to the correct area. Mint officials will distribute tickets to the first 250 people

in line between 10:30 and 10:45 a.m. each day. At 11 a.m., collectors with tickets will be led onto the bourse floor through a side entrance that will take them directly to the U.S. Mint booth to complete their purchase.

Collectors are reminded that proper credentialing is required to enter the convention hall at the World's Fair of Money. Collectors who are not credentialed will be asked to leave the ticket line. The public registration desk will open Tuesday through Saturday, Aug. 5-9, starting at 8 a.m. Registration is required to receive credentials.

For more information on all of the happenings at the show, go to www.WorldsFairOfMoney.com.

Brasher Doubloon In Museum Showcase at ANA 2014 World's Fair of Money

The finest certified 1787 Brasher Doubloon will highlight the Museum Showcase exhibit of early American money and ancient coins at the ANA 2014 Chicago World's Fair of Money, August 5-9. Insured now for \$10 million by Monaco Rare Coins, this will be the coin's first major public appearance in the Midwest in 27 years since it was part of a 1987 nationwide traveling exhibit celebrating the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution.

The annual ANA summer convention will be held in Hall A of the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, in Rosemont, Illinois, conveniently located near Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

Admission will be free daily for ANA members and will be free to the public on Saturday, August 9, during Free Appraisal Day. Discount admission coupons are available online at www.WorldsFairOfMoney.com for the other days of the show.

"This year's World's Fair of Money Museum Showcase will feature important 'firsts' in U.S. numismatic history," said Douglas Mudd, Curator of the ANA's Edward C. Rochette Money Museum. "One of the top attractions will be a 1787 Brasher Doubloon with designer Ephraim Brasher's 'EB' punch mark on the eagle's wing. The fabled Brasher Doubloons are the first gold coins made for the United States, and they've been described as the most important coins in U.S. numismatics."

ANA Awards

Several notable numismatists will be honored during the Awards banquet at the 2014 Chicago World's Fair of MoneySM in Rosemont, Illinois, on August 8.

Hall of Fame numismatist Neil Shafer will be presented with the American Numismatic Association's highest honor, the 2014 **Farran Zerbe Memorial Award** for his tireless dedication to the hobby for more than 60 years including being an instructor at Summer Seminar and authoring numismatic articles for major publications.

Diane Piret will be recognized as the recipient of the **Elvira Clain-Stefanelli Memorial Award** for Achievement in Numismatics. Piret has been working professional in numismatics for more than 40 years. Her experience spans from small town shops to international trading of the industry's major market makers.

Lee Minshull will receive the **Harry J. Forman Dealer of the Year Award** for his outstanding contributions to the numismatic community. Each year, Minshull donates a one-ounce Gold Eagle Coin to the ANA's Outstanding Young Numismatist of the Year, a deed that is not only generous but is encouraging to all young collectors. Minshull was instrumental in raising funds to launch the Robert Lecce Advanced Scholarship Program, which provides merit-based financial aid to Summer Seminar students.

Long-time numismatist Gene Hessler will be honored with the American Numismatic Association's **Lifetime Achievement Award**. Hessler was the first full-time curator at the Mercantile Money Museum in St. Louis as well as the Chase Manhattan Money Museum in New York City. He has authored 13 books and written and published around 200 articles about the art and designs of security engravers.

Ronald Guth, a scholar, author, collector and volunteer, is the ANA **Numismatist of the Year**. Guth has authored numerous numismatic books furthering the hobby and his work has been recognized multiple times by the Numismatic Literary Guild

Michael Ray Fuljenz and C. Frederick Schwan will be awarded the **Medal of Merit**. Fuljenz has been honored for his years of support of the ANA and his contributions and achievements in the field of numismatics. Schwan has worked extensively in the field of military and emergency money.

The 2014 **Glenn Smedley Memorial Award** honorees are: Halbert Carmichael, who served as a national publicity chairman, exhibit chairman, exhibit judge, assistant chief judge and chair of ANA Exhibits and Awards Committee; David Crenshaw, a longtime volunteer for ANA member clubs and hobby organizations

including the Georgia Numismatic Association; Clark W. Fogg, for his work as a Summer Seminar instructor and numismatic photographer; Eric Holcomb, for serving the ANA in multiple capacities including district delegate, regional representative and editor of MintMark; and Simcha L. Kuritzky, for sharing his knowledge and time widely by serving on several ANA committees as well as a district and regional representative.

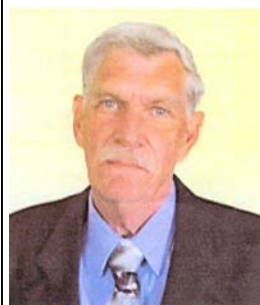
Richard Jozefiak will be awarded the **Adna G. Wilde Jr. Memorial Award for Excellence** for his extensive work in numismatics, including numerous educational articles and presentations as well an instructor at the 2013 ANA Summer Seminar.

The **Numismatic Art Award for Excellence in Medallion Sculpture** will be awarded to Ron Dutton. This award honors an artist whose cumulative lifetime achievements in the field of medallion sculpture has been of the highest order.

Dorothy C. Baber will be awarded the **Exemplary Service Award** for her countless hours volunteering for the hobby. The award recognizes an individual or entity (club, corporation, firm or association) who has performed services on behalf of the ANA that are "above and beyond" the call.

Memorial

By Bruce A. Schneider, Club Rep.



The West Hernando Coin Club, of Hernando County, Fla., is sad to inform the numismatic world of the loss of member and coin dealer Bill Shuler of Homosassa, Fla. He was murdered on May 21 while making a numismatic transaction. Bill will truly be missed by club members and the numismatic community.

Persons with information about numismatic crimes should contact the Numismatic Crime Information Center, <http://www.numismaticcrimes.org/>, in addition to law enforcement.

The WHCC continues with its usual activities, hosting a successful coin show on June 21 and preparing for its next show, scheduled for Nov. 22 at a new location, the Knights of Columbus in Spring Hill, Fla.

News from Around the Country

Alabama

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

The Madison County Coin Club annual 4th of July potluck and buy, sell and trade night was held on June 24. There was plenty of great food for members and guests to enjoy while buying, selling and trading numismatic items. The club auction was a success with all lots selling. Donated lots raised almost \$30 for the club. The MCCC meets at the Huntsville Senior Center, Huntsville, Ala.



Madison County Coin Club members eating and looking at coins. Photo by Richard Jozefiak.

Arizona

Yuma Coin Club

The Yuma Coin Club coin show will be held Nov. 1 at the Coyote Ranch Clubhouse, 9351 East 28th Street, Yuma, Arizona. There will be 14 tables and admission is free. For information, contact Lefty, email yumacoinclub@hotmail.com.

Florida

Brandon Coin Club

The Brandon Coin Club held its latest coin and currency show on July 26, and is pleased to announce the dates of its next five shows: Nov. 1 (2014) and April 4, June 20, Aug. 29 and Nov. 7 (2015). All shows are scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Brandon Elks Lodge #2383, 800 Centennial Lodge Dr., Brandon, Fla.

Shows feature 30 dealers, free admission, parking and door prizes, food available on site, free coin grab bags for all children under 12 and free appraisals.

In addition, there will be Hobo nickel carving demonstrations, and the ICG grading service will be in attendance, offering free verbal opinions.

Contact: Mark Palermo, phone 813-719-5192, email brandoncoinclub@tampabay.rr.com, Brandon Coin Club, PO Box 3869, Brandon, FL 33509-3869.

Orlando (Summer FUN)

by *Mark and Myrna Lighterman and John and Nancy Wilson*

We want to sincerely thank convention coordinator Cindy Wibker, president Tony Swicer and the entire Florida United Numismatists (FUN) board for letting the ANA have a table at its July 11-13 8th Summer FUN Convention in Orlando, Fla. The ANA table was very busy and the public traffic was superb. We signed up 23 members for the association and many left with copies of *The Numismatist* and are contemplating joining. We also handed out flyers for the upcoming Chicago and Portland ANA conventions. Thanks to Dealer Leo Frese, from Poiente, Laguna Niguel, Cal., for donating \$100 to the association for the coin show kit shipment.

This year's convention had a bourse of 214 tables and close to 3,000 public attendees registered for the event. Upon entering the building visitors were greeted by the friendly FUN staff and volunteers, and given credentials to enter the convention. Heritage Auctions had a very successful auction. Exhibits and educational programs, videotaped by Coin Television, were superb. Young Numismatist and Scout programs were also held. The YNs also had a special "Coins and Kids Booth." This great organization once again had several giveaways, a well prepared program, coin club tables, grading services, Piedmont Gold Panners and excellent security. A security room was also provided at the beginning and end of the show.

Some coin clubs had special meetings and educational programs in conjunction with the show. FUN provided early morning coffee and other treats for dealers, exhibitors and staff before the show opened to the public. The well-lit and spacious Orange County Convention Center is a great site for the convention and the parking is reasonable. FUN even provided a shuttle bus to the parking lot area. Orlando has many different attractions for dealers or visitors who bring non-collecting family members to the show.

Five coin clubs and their participating members had their bus trip to the convention paid for by FUN.



Photo: Ocala Coin Club members at Summer FUN, taken by FUN board member Fred Lake.

FUN once again did a masterful job of organizing and running this very successful convention. We look forward to next year's Summer FUN, July 9-11, 2015.

Tallahassee Numismatic Club

The club had a very successful one-day coin show on May 10, with an attendance of more than 100. Folks were from different places around Tallahassee and Georgia. A few old club members stopped by, and the club also picked up a few new members. The show's raffle with 1/10th oz. gold coins was a great success.

Most of the dealers were happy with the arrangements, cost and returns, and are ready to come back next year. The club is happy that all its hard work paid off, and would like to thank club members for their contributions to the success of the show.

Please see some of the good memories of the show at <http://tallahasseeclub.blogspot.com>.

For additional information please contact:

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Georgia

Blue Ridge Numismatic Association

by Blenda Brush, Secretary and Co-Bourse Chair

The Blue Ridge Numismatic Association is excited and proud to announce that it will be celebrating its 55th annual convention this August.

Dalton, Georgia, will again host this large event, August 15-17 at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center with more than 250 dealer tables and about 450 dealers. The bourse is already sold out, but there is room on the waiting list.

Also attending the show will be impersonators Dennis Boggs as President Abraham Lincoln and David Chaltas as General Robert E. Lee, along with Ray Dillard and his elongated penny machine, Michael Bean with a spider press, ANA President Walter Ostromecki, various grading services and others.

Admission and parking are free. If you need further information please go to www.brna.org.

History: A few people gathered in a hotel room in the 1960s in Greenville, South Carolina to form this organization, not knowing what the economic future would bring. There were moves from state to state as the organization was classified as regional to accommodate the members in different states, and in 1994 the BRNA finally settled in the historical town of Dalton, Georgia.

As with every similar organization there have been highs and lows during a changing numismatic market. However, this did not stop the determination of the founders to keep the organization alive and growing.

Illinois

Central States Numismatic Society

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

On behalf of ANA staff members Emily Silver and David Truesdell, President Walter Ostromecki and ourselves, we want to thank the Central States Numismatic Society (CSNS-www.centralstates.info) for providing a table for the ANA at the society's 75th anniversary convention in Schaumburg, Ill., April 21-26. We were able to sign up or renew 15 members for the association. A special thanks to John Zwolinski from Cudahy, Wis., for donating the money for the shipment of the coin show kit.

Now in its third year at this location, the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel and Convention Center is proving to be an outstanding location for CSNS to host its annual conventions. With everything under one roof, free parking, many nearby hotels and O'Hare about 20 minutes away it would be hard to beat this site. The show had a sold-out bourse, numerous coin club tables and some of the best exhibits we have ever seen.

President Abraham Lincoln (Dennis Boggs) once again participated, along with other luminaries. Krause Publications, Coin World, Coin Television, Coin Week, ICTA and others also had tables. Attendance was good and dealers appeared to be busy for most of the show. Heritage Auctions had coin and currency sessions going at the same time and once again sold many millions of dollars worth of numismatic items. Show security was outstanding.

Numerous educational programs were held by CSNS and several coin clubs, along with their club meetings. The official program was well done, as were the elongated CSNS giveaways produced by Ray Dillard. The 75th CSNS medal was designed by Mr. Dillard. A special overprinted "Red Book" (75th Anniversary 1939-2014 with CSNS logo) was given to all table holders, judges, exhibitors and contributors to the show. A booklet on the "History of the Central States Numismatic Society," prepared by W. Ray Lockwood (as published in *The Centinel* edited by Rollie Finner) was also a highlight of the show. As with the "Red Book," many went to contributors. Hardbound copies sold out well before the show opened.

For the first time CSNS invited Michael Bean, a retired BEP plate printer, to bring his spider press to the convention. Mike held drawings for a 75th anniversary convention special intaglio spider press print of which 75 were produced. Best of all they were free and the daily winners were thrilled to get them. They depicted a train. Mike also produced 250 special intaglio prints which he sold for \$3. These special cards went through the press five times. Mike was assisted at the table by

William Story, a printing specialist. Other reasonably-priced intaglio prints were also sold at his table.

CSNS once again had a well-attended Club Representatives breakfast on Friday, and on that evening everyone who contributed to the show was treated to a fantastic dinner at nearby Maggiano's Little Italy. A scout coin collecting merit badge clinic was also held. YNs enjoyed the Saturday treasure hunt and the ANA table was one of the stops. An excellent awards breakfast was held on Saturday morning. The exhibitors were presented their "gold" class awards, exhibitors and judges were honored, other awards and presentations were made, and a new CSNS board was installed. An MS70 event to say the least.

Under the able leadership of General Chairman Kevin Foley with assistance by Patricia Finner, Bourse Patricia Foley, Exhibits Fran Lockwood, Chief Judge Jack D. Huggins, Jr., Education Ray Lockwood, YNs David Heinrich, Security Tom Casper, Secretary Jerry Lebo, Editor/Photographer Gerald Tebben, Message Center Mitch Ernst and other chairs, along with President James Moores, his board and the many volunteers all did a masterful job in setting up, running, and breaking down the show. Thanks again for the ANA table. We look forward to next year's 76th CSNS convention in this same location, April 22- 25, 2015.

Additional CSNS convention notes from FUN President Tony Swicer: Cindy Wibker, Bob Hurst, and I attended the CSNS show. We arrived on Wednesday about 3:45 p.m. The bourse area opened to dealers from noon to 6 p.m. We set up the FUN table that afternoon. There were 13 club tables.

On Thursday the bourse floor opened to the public at 10 a.m. There were more than 250 dealer booths. There were seven book signings, eight Civil War forums, and three other educational programs. The Heritage auction ran Wednesday night thru Friday night and grossed more than \$53.6 million. Cindy, Bob, and I judged exhibits on Thursday. There were 74 competitive exhibits and four non-competitive. There were 345 cases, 51 exhibitors from 16 states, and 11 first-time exhibitors. Best of Show was "Baby Bonds issued during the Civil War by Georgia and Louisiana." The Peoples Choice award was "1893 Columbian World's Fair." The quality of all exhibits was exceptional.

Friday morning was the Club Representatives breakfast, with more than 40 clubs represented. ANA President Walter Ostromecki gave out several awards. Saturday morning was the CSNS awards and installation banquet. Several CSNS awards were given along with all exhibit awards. Incoming president Bruce Purdue was sworn in along with board members. I presented Fran Lockwood with the FUN President's Award for her help in building up the FUN exhibit area over the last five years.

Maryland

Maryland State Numismatic Association

by Simcha Kuritzky

The sixth Maryland State Numismatic Association (MSNA) annual Distinguished Lecture by David E. Schenkman, a highly respected numismatist researcher, was "Collecting by the Numbers," a token denomination type set. The talk was well attended at the June Whitman Coin Expo in Baltimore on June 27.



For the bicentennial of the Battle of Baltimore, MSNA has issued new encased Fort McHenry quarters (image at left).

In recognition of the 70th Anniversary of D-Day, Jack Shadegg led a program at the Montgomery County Coin Club (MCCC) in June on the significance of World War II coin composition changes to address the explosive-critical metals needs for the war effort. Following the presentation, Donald McKee, who took part in the Invasion of Normandy shortly after D-Day, shared his commentary on the events of 70 years ago, along with other club members who served during World War II.

MCCC Treasurer and MSNA Editor Simcha Kuritzky's exhibit on "Israel's Coins and the Second Commandment" won first place in world coins at the Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists show in May. He gave a talk on the same topic at the Washington Numismatic Society May meeting, which he will also give at the ANA's Sundman Lecture Series at the anniversary convention in August.

Catonsville Coin Club

By Bryce Doxzon

At the May Catonsville Coin Club meeting, Bryce Doxzon presented a program about the year 2014 as a year of numismatic and other historic anniversaries, namely the 50th anniversary of the Kennedy half dollar, the 150th anniversary of the introduction of "In God We Trust" on U.S. coins, and the bicentennial of the Battle of Fort McHenry and of the writing of the *Star Spangled Banner*. Part of his program included a numismatic look at how Baltimore celebrated the centennial of the national anthem.

This program coincided with an observance of the Catonsville Coin Club's 50th anniversary. To commemorate the milestone the club has issued a wooden nickel (see next page) that also marks the bicentennial of the Battle of Fort McHenry and of the writing of the *Star Spangled Banner*. The wooden nickel is available

for 25 cents each (cash only) and a self-addressed stamped envelope sent to the Catonsville Coin Club, PO Box 3273, Catonsville, MD 21228-0273.



MSNA secretary and CCC past president Bryce Doxzon's exhibit on "Baltimore Celebrates the 'Star-Spangled Banner' Centennial" won first place in ex-numia and the People's Choice award at the Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists show in May.

Massachusetts

Brockton NCW Activities by *Richard J. Hand, Jr.*

A National Coin Week educational outreach and school program in Brockton, Mass. was hosted and coordinated by Richard Hand, Jr., in collaboration with the Boston Numismatic Society and the Currency Club of New England.

This year's count of attendees was 70, down from last year, perhaps due to the Easter weekend scheduling and the long winter in New England.



*Photo: YNs who did their assigned NCW task and **Richard Hand Jr.** holding State proclamation, State Representative **Michael D. Brady**, City councilor **Jass Stewart**, city council president **Robert Sullivan** and State Representative **Claire Cronin's aide Mary Armstrong**.*

Michigan

Huron Valley Numismatic Society

The second quarter was an active time for the Huron Valley Numismatic Society of Highland, Mich.

The program for the April 9 meeting included a demonstration on how to buy and sell coins on eBay facilitated by club member Ken Glover. Ken covered techniques for sellers and approaches to minimize risk when buying. The demonstration included the purchase of an uncirculated 1943 steel cent by the club. The eBay demonstration was followed by President Jim Motley's review of how coins could be bought or sold on eCRATER.

Mike Howard proposed that the club participate in the ANA's NCW Club Trivia Challenge and coordinated participation from various members of HVNS to provide trivia question answers in numismatic areas where they had knowledge.

On May 14th, HVNS movie night featured the video "Market Grading vs. Technical Grading" by former ANA President Robert Campbell. The video opened our member's eyes to the subtleties of grading. It is not only important to count how many letters of liberty are visible on a coin, but also luster and subjective eye appeal must be taken into account when determining a grade. The June 11 club meeting included a 20-question numismatic trivia quiz, with interesting numismatic books, coins or tokens awarded to those who came up with the most correct answers and participation prizes for all. The meeting participants formed two-man teams and collaboratively worked through the questions developed by our program chair, Al Raddi.



On July 9 the club held its annual summer cook-out meeting, coordinated by "grill master" Guenter Loepertz including potluck dishes brought by all. After dinner Mark Johnson (photo at left) shared a presentation titled, "Flying Through the History of the Huron Valley Numismatic Society." Mark described the early days of the club back in November 2009 when 22 charter members first elected officers, and that we have grown to 35 members in 2014. Mark reminded us of many of the fine presentations at our monthly meetings, the National Coin Week displays we have prepared, the elongated cent and wooden nickel designed to promote our club, and the history of coin shows we have sponsored and those we have supported for other clubs. It was a great look back, and we look forward to future activities.

Club information: <http://hvns.org/>.

Nevada

Las Vegas Numismatic Society

The Las Vegas Numismatic Society's (LVNS) 51st annual show, held April 4-6 at the Palace Station Casino and Hotel, featured a 130-table bourse handled by CK Shows, an onsite ANACS submission table, an ANA hobby table staffed by President Ostromecki, a variety of youth educational activities, a Saturday four speaker Silver Dollar Seminar, a Nevada Civil War History Association booth and reenactment of the capture of CSA President Jefferson Davis, a fund raising raffle drawing which included a \$500 U.S. note and two ANA award presentations.

Show chairman and LVNS president Joe Cavallaro reported attendance set a new show record and that overall the dealers were pleased. "U.S. collector mid-grade coins and paper money seemed to be the hot items rather than gold and silver bullion," remarked Cavallaro.

Approximately 60 scouts (both boy and girl) attended the Saturday morning Coin Collecting Merit Badge clinic conducted by Patti Finner. Walt Ostromecki attended to the other youth outreach educational events which included a Numismatic Trivia Challenge and Treasure Hunt, a World Paper Money Challenge which netted youth with correct answers pieces of foreign currency to begin a collection, and an America the Beautiful Quarter history-trivia challenge which garnered youth with correct answers free uncirculated P and S mintmark quarters. Nearly 100 youngsters and family members participated.

On Saturday starting at noon the Silver Dollar Seminar kicked off featuring four of the top silver dollar hobby gurus: John Highfill, C. Logan McKechnie, Mark Witkower and Jeff Oxman. Many convention visitors and collectors took advantage of this outstanding eye-opening informative seminar.

ANA President Ostromecki took the opportunity to honor two local ANA members and longtime dedicated hobby "behind the scenes workers" for their many contributions to enhancing the numismatic experience of others, especially youth, through both the local Las Vegas community and nationally through the ANA.

Donald Cleland was recognized with a Presidential Award for his unceasing efforts of more than a quarter of a century to introduce and promote the fun of coin collecting to individuals of all ages.

Lorraine Weiss, immediate past president of Women in Numismatics, was feted as "A Numismatic Point of Light" for her tireless dedication and efforts at introducing and promoting the joy of collecting and mentoring youth at an early age on the fulfilling re-

wards of exhibiting, and the older ones on attending the ANA's Summer Seminar. Her most recent support and encouragement were to a blossoming youngster, Myriam Saldarringa of Georgia, who won the top 2012 GNA exhibit prize and was the 2014 ANA Atlanta NMS People's Choice exhibit winner.

The LVNS and CK Shows announced the addition of a third show in Las Vegas, called The Vegas Show. The new show will take place Dec. 12-14 in a new venue, The Rivera Hotel and Casino. Both other LVNS shows beginning in 2015 will also be held at the historic Rivera Hotel. Dawn Napolitan of CK Shows commented, "The new venue will allow us to increase our dealer bourse and move numismatics back onto the fabulous Las Vegas Strip, the roots of this coin town."

For more information about the LVNS, contact President Joe Cavallaro, email archangel3@cox.net. For bourse information go to CKShows.com.



Photo:
Donald Cleland
(center) receives
ANA Presidential
Award from **Walter
Ostromecki** during
the LVNS April
show. **Joe Caval-**
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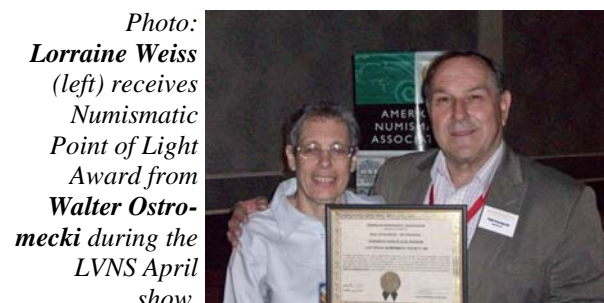


Photo:
Lorraine Weiss
(left) receives
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LVNS April
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New York

Buffalo / Rochester / Oswego County by John Cali

The July 6 Buffalo numismatic picnic was its usual success with more than 60 people attending. The Rochester numismatic picnic was scheduled for July 24.

The Oswego County Numismatic Association is holding summer sessions but they are not full meetings. Most area clubs are in recess and their activities won't resume until September.

Ohio

CONA Grading Seminar

by *Gerry Tebben, CONA newsletter editor*

Dipping, corrosion and counterfeits were three of the topics covered during a Central Ohio Numismatic Association (CONA) grading seminar in suburban Columbus, Ohio, on May 3.

Coin World Editor Steve Roach, CONA President Steve Petty and Vice President Tony Cass selected 23 slabbed coins, ranging from a 1787 Massachusetts cent to a 2004 silver Eagle, for the seminar.

The grades on the slabs were covered, and the seminar's 21 participants were challenged to grade the coins. Collectors were given two minutes to assess each coin, much longer than the 20 seconds that professional graders typically spend on a coin, Roach said.



Photo: YNs **Jonathon** and **Jonah J.** (center) confer on a coin's grade.

During the discussion that followed, Roach and Cass, both former ANACS graders, talked about the coins' assigned grades and peculiarities.

An MS63 red 1855 half cent in an old holder might not receive the same grade today, Roach said. He figured a spot of corrosion near the date wasn't there when the coin was graded years ago. A carbon spot likely developed into a patch of corrosion. In-holder corrosion is not uncommon in old holders, he said.

A 1938-D Walking Liberty half dollar that was graded EF40 had been lightly dipped years ago, Cass said, but the cleaning was not noted on the holder. Roach said, "There is no clear-cut rule about what an appropriate dip is." Lightly dipped coins frequently pass grading service muster, but coins that have been repeatedly cleaned do not.

The lot had one counterfeit coin, though it was in a valid, if somewhat old, slab. When the VG6 1896-O micro-O Morgan dollar was submitted to the grading service years ago, the coin was considered genuine. Only in recent years has it been determined that 1896 micro-O coins are likely contemporary counterfeits.

Nonetheless, Roach said, "They're wildly collectable. They are almost all circulated. If you find one in a junk box they're still worth \$100."

The seminar, CONA's second grading seminar, was partially underwritten by a \$200 Central States Numismatic Society speakers grant. CSNS reimburses member clubs up to \$200 per year for speaker expenses. For details, contact CSNS education director Ray Lockwood at sunrayofmarion@aol.com.

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists

by *Pat McBride*

The PAN Spring Coin Show successfully concluded on Saturday, May 10, with an attendance of 1,291 collectors coming through the door. (This does not count dealers, helpers or PAN volunteers.) There were 102 dealer booths and 124 tables of numismatic items.

The show was held May 8-10 at the Monroeville Convention Center in Monroeville, Pa., just east of Pittsburgh. For more information, including about the upcoming fall show scheduled for Oct. 23-25, go to PAN's website, www.pancoins.org.

Tennessee

Memphis IPMS

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

The 38th International Paper Money Show was held June 12-15 at the Cook Convention Center in Memphis, Tenn. We want to thank show owner Lyn Knight, along with show chairman Doug Davis, for providing the ANA a free table. We were able to sign up new members for the association and one person was going to sign up for Summer Seminar. We also handed out *The Numismatist* and ANA literature to interested people. Information was also given out regarding the upcoming ANA World's Fair of Money in Chicago and National Money Show in Portland.

Thanks to John Musk from New York for his \$30 donation to ANA for the shipment of the coin show kit.

Lyn Knight Currency Auctions held floor sales from Thursday through Sunday. The sales saw many scarce and rare notes cross the auction block, and were well attended and appeared to do well. Most of the major paper money dealers had tables at the show and from our vantage point we think they did well.

Attendance appeared to be better than last year. Security was great and the official program covered everything that was going on. Around a few dozen exhibitors displayed close to 200 cases of exceptional

material. Several numismatic clubs gave specialty exhibit awards and the Society of Paper Money Collectors (SPMC) gave the Best in Show award. *Bank Note Reporter* gave an exhibit award for the Most Inspirational Exhibit. *Bank Note Reporter*, *Coin World* and Coin Television had tables at the show along with most grading services.

The show sponsored 15 educational programs that were all videotaped by Coin Television. All presentations were outstanding and well attended. One featured Q. David Bowers, Dennis Tucker and other Whitman Publishing staff members. The program was “An Insider’s View of Obsoletes.” The talk centered on Volumes 1 and 2 of *Obsolete Paper Money*, which Whitman premiered and sold at this show. All the states will eventually be covered.

Paper-money-related numismatic clubs had tables and meetings, with some featuring educational programs. The SPMC had its 53rd anniversary breakfast on Friday. It featured award presentations and the famous “Tom Bain Raffle” handled by Wendell Wolka.

A PCGS Set Registry awards dinner was also held in conjunction with the show. The FCCB had an offsite dinner and meeting at the Spaghetti Warehouse. Next year’s show dates have not been set, but in any instance whenever it is, we will be there.

Washington

The Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association hosted its annual spring convention in Tukwila, Wash., south of Seattle, the weekend of May 2-4. For a summary report and photos, go to http://www.pnna.org/convention/spring/convention_report_2014.html.

At the convention, ANA President Walter Ostromecki presented ANA Presidential Awards to Dennis Reed of Lacey, Wash. and Mark Gruner of Sand Point, Ida. Ostromecki also presented “Point of Numismatic Light” awards to keynote speaker Howard A. Daniel III and to Richard Schulz of Puyallup, Wash. An article titled “Lao Coins & Currency,” based on Daniel’s talk, can be found in the 3rd Quarter edition of *The Nor’wester* on the PNNA website.



Howard A. Daniel III (right) received an ANA “Point of Numismatic Light” award from ANA President **Walt Ostromecki** (left).

Specialty Clubs

Carson City Coin Collectors of America

In the summer 2014 issue of *Curry’s Chronicle*, the award-winning journal published by the Carson City Coin Collectors of America, club president Rusty Goe sets forth explicitly how the Carson City Mint came into existence. Other members share information on a wide variety of Carson City coin-related topics, from customized collecting approaches, to “CC” half dollars, to GSA dollars.

Rusty Goe, in his article “The Need Fulfilled for a New Mint in the New State of Nevada,” presents readers with a comprehensive history of the establishment of Carson City, Nevada, and how Abraham Curry—the club journal’s namesake—and others struggled to get a United States branch mint built and operational in the new state of Nevada’s capitol city.

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Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club

The CC>CC wrapped up its 22nd annual convention on June 21, at the South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa. From opening day on Thursday morning to closing moments on Saturday, laughs, smiles and casino memorabilia were abundant.

The South Point’s Grand Ballroom was wall to wall with dealers, collectors and authors for three straight days, buying, selling and trading nearly anything and everything ever seen inside a casino. Many prized items were crossed off collectors’ want lists and old memorabilia found new homes.

The CC>CC was fortunate to have some wonderful speakers presenting on topics ranging from the latest technology affecting the hobby to how casinos and Vegas were run in “The Good Ole Days.”

This year’s convention ran concurrently with Las Vegas ComicCon, so it wasn’t a surprise to see Batman checking out a few casino chips ... but then again this is Vegas! More than 1,500 people visited the convention in three days, making 2014 a very successful year.

“We experienced a great turnout at our 2014 CC>CC convention,” said club president Doug Smith. “Several dealers I talked to had fantastic shows and seemed to have a full table for much of the convention.”

Next year’s convention dates are June 25-27, 2015 and the CC>CC will be back at the fabulous South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa. For information go to <http://www.ccgcc.com>.

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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 Chicago.

The next (4th Quarter 2014) edition of *MintMark* is not far off, so start planning and writing now. Make it a short summary of how your club is participating in the ANA Club Rep Program.

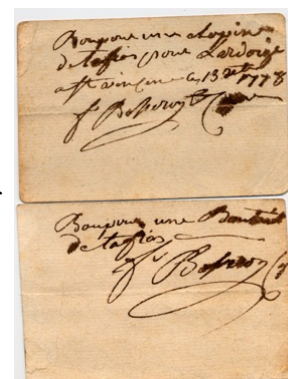
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Canadian News

Rare Canadian paper money is one of the highlights of the upcoming Regina Coin Club Fall Show and Sale.



Included among the rarities are two playing cards that were used as money in the French colony of New France (now called Quebec, Canada). The playing card money was issued because of a lack of coinage and is considered rare. Two playing cards will be shown at the show including an undated seven of clubs and a ten of diamonds dated 1778. The notes were issued just prior to the British victory at the Plains of Abraham, just outside Quebec City during the Seven Years War (French and Indian Wars in the United States). After a three-month siege, British general James Wolfe’s troops defeated the soldiers and militia led by French general Louis-Joseph, Marquis of Montcalm. Both generals died of their wounds.



Another pair of interesting items on display will be front and back tin type proofs from a 1913 \$20 note from the Bank of Saskatchewan. The principal promoters of the bank were prominent businessmen from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Unfortunately, bank shares did not sell well and when World War I broke out in 1914, the new bank was given up. No notes were issued by the bank but this unique set of tin proofs will be on display.

Coin, stamp, sports card and militaria dealers from across western Canada will be in the bourse, with large quantities of coins, stamps, sports cards and militaria for sale.

The action takes place October 18-19 at the Turvey Centre, located on Armour Road just north of Regina next to the Evraz steel plant. For more information contact George Manz, phone (306) 352-2337, or go to www.reginacoinclub.com.