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A gorgeous 1888-O "Scar Face" Morgan dollar shimmers in front of an exploding super-nova. CSNA Corresponding Secretary Dennis Halladay tells us about some important news on the variety collecting scene in his story on page 34.

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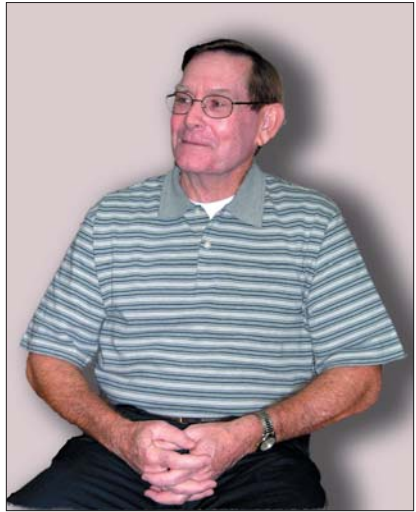


# Presidents' Messages

## NASC...

Hello again.

Good things are happening, plans for the 50th Anniversary Luncheon Banquet are shaping up and looking very exciting. Gary Beedon is in charge of the Banquet this year; he has some surprising and wonderful ideas for the luncheon. The drawing for the gold piece is going very well. There is a limited number of tickets to be sold, only 500, I suggest you get your tickets while they are still available. Harold Katzman is handling that part of the anniversary program. He has helpers selling the tickets for the unique 50th Anniversary Gold Piece. It's not very



often you get a chance to buy a \$5.00 ticket for a \$600.00 gold piece, so go for it and buy lots of tickets! The winning ticket will be drawn at the banquet in February, 2005. Also as part of the banquet we will have a short 50-year History of NASC, presented as a PowerPoint program. This electronic age is really something; no more slide show program, all done on computers now. There will also be the annual awards presented by Joyce Kuntz: the Richard P. Goodson Award to honor a member by acknowledging their contributions to the Association; the Maurice M. Gould Memorial Junior Achievement Award; the President's Trophy for the outstanding club bulletin during the previous year; and the Outstanding Numismatic Speaker Award. Mark your calendar and plan to attend the celebration. *News Flash just in! Something very special will be given only to those who attend the banquet.* I repeat, *only those who attend the banquet* will receive this very special item; can't say for sure what the item will be, but it is the creation of a famous sculptor/artist.

NASC are a partner of the Golden State Coin Show and it appears the coin show was a success, and we made a profit from the show. Great going!! The show will be at the some place in 2005—the Masonic Center in Arcadia. We look forward to another prosperous Golden State Coin Show next year. For those of you who don't attend the Board meetings because you can't hear what's going on, we have a surprise for you! Thanks to George Moore we now have a nice portable microphone and speaker system. Thank you, George.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Foster". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Don Foster  
NASC President

## CSNA...

As your retiring president I would like to be remembered as the president responsible for combining the publications of the CSNA and NASC (*Calcoin News* and *The NASC Quarterly*) and naming this union *The California Numismatist*. This publication has now been recognized as a prominent and informative national numismatic publication. All comments that I have heard have been praiseworthy. I am very pleased and proud that this came to pass on my tenure. I would like to thank Greg Burns, our editor, for his outstanding efforts and dedication in assembling each volume.



Additionally, I would like to thank my “chairs” and their committees for their hard work, trust and support these past two years. Let’s give Lila the same support you gave me. CSNA is a wonderful organization. We need to reach out to our new members and invite them to become involved. We’ll welcome new faces and new ideas. For those of you out there give our incoming president, Lila, a call, tell her you are ready to undertake whichever job you can best perform. Your help and support will be most appreciated.

Set aside 6-9 January 05 and join with CSNA at the San Jose Coin Club 47th Coin Show. This annual event is always well supported by dealers and attendance is high. You just might find that elusive coin you desire. The Andersons are serving as general chair and you can expect a fun-filled banquet Saturday evening. Also, the installation of new officers and board will take place.

NASC is celebrating their 50th anniversary on 13 February 05. The anniversary committee is hosting an eventful dinner program which will be a memorable occasion for all. There is additional information elsewhere in this journal.

Mark your calendar, 12 February 05 for CSNA’s 37th Symposium which will take place in Fullerton, CA. Jim Hunt, our director of education, has again invited a medley of outstanding numismatic speakers. More information in the next issue of *The California Numismatist*.

Numismatically yours & good luck in your numismatic quests,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lee". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

G. Lee Kuntz  
CSNA President  
Life Member 11-1

# Editor's Page

Ahhh, this is the last page to finish and I'll finally be done with this issue. Aside from my usual abysmal living conditions here in the editor's dungeon, I've been especially cursed this issue because I've been subjected to something we all hate: *change!* Yes, I finally dropped my use of Microsoft Publisher and started using Adobe InDesign. The learning curve is a bit much, but InDesign enjoys greater acceptance in the print industry, and it's good to keep exploring new things.

We have lots going on in this issue. Besides information on the upcoming San Jose convention for CSNA, it's medal and the banquet, there's the NASC Golden Anniversary and Awards Banquet scoop, reports on both the northern educational symposium just passed and the southern one coming up.

Quite a few authors pitched us some interesting short articles this quarter. Dennis Halladay with his big news on Morgan dollar varieties, Harold Don Allen with paper money from an issuing bank (don't know what that is? Go read his article!), Dr. Walter Ostromecki with some words on Lewis and Clark, and Stan Turrini with his interview with long-time numismatist Norman Pruitt. Gosh, we're jam-packed with stuff to read!

And filling it up to the brim are the usual columns and tidbits: Mark Watson's book report, Stan Turrini's youth column, Tom Fitzgerald's ANA report and *Through the Numismatic Glass* article, and Stan Turrini and Kay Lenker's club reports. I tell ya', it just doesn't get much better than this.

So, please accept my warm wishes for a comfortable winter, as you hunker down in your cozy homes with your fireplaces and plenty of numismatic materials to see you through this frigid season. In the meantime I'll get back to the dungeon and start churning out the next issue. Sigh...



*I was able to convince my masters at CSNA and NASC to open my dungeon door for a few moments of fresh air. I've been in here for weeks now, slaving away in my dark little hovel, pecking away at the keyboard for your amusement. I'm not even fed. Mail me some bread crumbs if you feel pity for me.*

Greg Burns  
Editor

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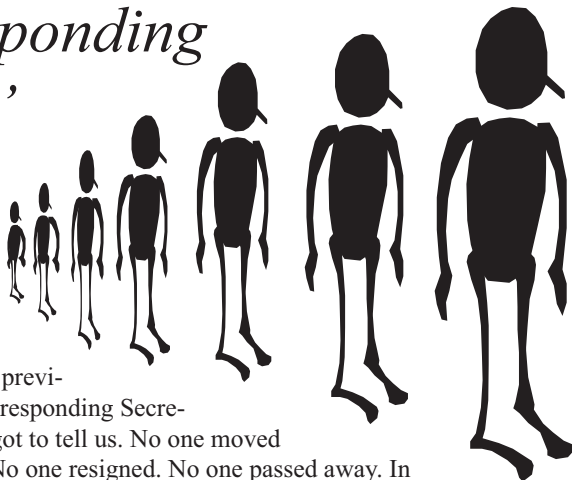
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# The Corresponding Secretaries' Reports



## CSNA—

by Dennis Halladay

The past three months have been unlike any I have previously seen as the CSNA Corresponding Secretary. No one moved and forgot to tell us. No one moved and remembered to tell us. No one resigned. No one passed away. In fact, the only changes that did occur to the membership list were good ones – a dozen more fellow coin collectors have joined CSNA since my last report. That pushes the new member total during 2004 to 42, the most in four years.

For those of you who are Regular members, I'd like to make a special request: Please be on the lookout in the next week or two for your 2005 dues notices. We will once again be offering significant savings to anyone who opts to renew for three or five years, instead of just one.

Thanks again for everyone's help this year in keeping me informed about new addresses, as well as sending new members and prospects my way. Happy holidays!

## NASC—

by Harold Katzman

I am pleased to present to you the current NASC membership update. I have updated and corrected the membership card file with the master list provided to me by Stephen Huston and Greg Burns, reviewing each and every card in the file.

I have produced new membership dues notices. The mailings went out November 6 and November 8, 2004. Once I get back the dues renewal we will clean the membership list up once and for all.

All new members were sent a thank-you letter with the 50th Anniversary book and the mystery medal. All new members starting in September have received an NASC Medal in a sealed envelopes so I don't know who is getting what (silver, bronze, etc.). No one has written me saying they received a silver medal yet. I seem to be getting into using the new computer program for maintaining the membership roster. I still have some questions to work out with Stephen, but when I am fully up to it I will be able to make address labels directly from the list and will be able to make separate sub-groups for mailing lists (like Regular members, Clubs, NASC Officers & Board members). Just give me some time to work out my bugs.

In closing, congratulations to the following individuals and clubs for their fifty years of continuous NASC membership: Bay Cities Coin Club, Long Beach Coin Club, Robert Brenner, Edward Dennison, Leonora Donald, Lee Kuntz, Jack Reberry, and Robert Safranek.



**NASC New Regular Members**

- #3006 Garrett Burke
- #3007 Jeff Oxman
- #3008 Sal R. Gaytan
- #3009 Coar Taani
- #3010 Bill Nash (HK)
- #3011 Michael Billings (BG)
- #3012 Terry J. Gilbert Sr.

**NASC Summary**

Life Members.....	15
Sustaining with addresses .....	175
Sustaining without addresses .....	118
Regular Members (I feel current on) .....	134
Club Members.....	35
Total membership.....	477

**CSNA new Regular members**

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- Dick Forrest, R-6049 (GB)  
N. Hollywood, CA

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Membership on May 16, 2004.....	510
New members .....	12
Members dropped .....	0
Members resigned.....	0
Members ‘lost’ (need address).....	0
Membership on Nov. 15, 2004.....	522

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# *Through the Numismatic Glass: The Golden Anniversary and Awards Banquet of the Numismatic Association of Southern California*

*by Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald*

Founded in 1954, the NASC began its golden anniversary celebration at the Golden State Coin Show in August, 2004. Following a visit to the ANA convention and several get-togethers of potential members at a restaurant, the first official meeting of the NASC took place in 1955. This event will be remembered at a special "50th Anniversary and Awards Luncheon" scheduled for Sunday, February 13, 2005. It is planned at Frank and Deans Restaurant, 3768 E. Colorado Blvd. in Pasadena. NASC Vice President Gary Beedon will host this event and it is hoped everyone will make plans to attend.

## **Remembering Fifty Years!**

Guests are invited to arrive by 12:30 p.m. or earlier to meet old friends, view the exhibits associated with the history of the association, and remember their special memories of

the people and events that compose the legacy of the NASC.

Among the exhibits will be the early bound volumes of the NASC Quarterly and the first scrapbook beginning in 1955 compiled by Thelma Case. This book contains the minutes of the first meeting as recorded by secretary Harold Donald. Other pages contain press releases, correspondence and many pictures of the first years of the association.

In addition, a complete set of the NASC medals and many early numismatic pieces produced for the annual conventions, club workshops and other club activities, will be on display.



## The Golden Anniversary Banquet and Awards Luncheon

This special luncheon, hosted by Vice President Gary Beedon, will begin at 1:00 p.m. The anniversary committee of Tom Fitzgerald, Don Foster, George Moore and Gary Beedon has been working to plan the celebration. The luncheon will be in the main hall of the restaurant in order to accommodate the large number of guests and provide space for the exhibits and awards. The menu selections and special invitations will be mailed to all members, member clubs and special guests in January. It is hoped all living past-presidents and charter members will be present.

The hall will be appropriately decorated in keeping with this gala event. Special presentation pieces, including an exclusive paperweight from Galaxie Designs, a medal created just for this anniversary by famed sculptor Alex Shagin, and an official bronze NASC 50th Anniversary medal will be presented to all in attendance.

The annual NASC recognition awards, including the Member of the Year Award, the club bulletin awards, and the Young Numismatist Award, will be presented. NASC members celebrating their 25th anniversary as members will be honored.

A very special PowerPoint "History of the NASC", produced by Greg Burns, editor of *The California Numismatist*, and narrated by Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald, will follow the delicious lunch. Many of the famous faces and events from the past fifty years that have appeared in the pages of the *Quarterly* will appear on the screen. Many of those at the luncheon will



1. Earl Glenn Whitehead 1st Vice President  
2. Karl M. Brainard Founder  
3. Scott Mc Cormac President

recall more recent events. Viewers will recognize photos of a young NASC president by the name of Nona Moore. Others playing major roles throughout the years include Dr. Sol Taylor, Leonora Donald, Albertus Hoogeveen, Dr. Tom Fitzgerald, James Waldorf, Ben Abelson and Lee Kuntz.

The gala anniversary luncheon will conclude with the drawing for the Gold 50th Anniversary Medal.

### Personal Note

I want to thank everyone for the cards, telephone calls, and e-mails wishing me good health during the last several months. After three trips to the emergency room at our hospital, receiving the last rites from my church, and four days in intensive care, I am pleased to be able to write this column. I am delighted to report that I am feeling better and on the road to a full recovery. Much appreciation is due to the many doctors, nurses, and most particularly, my wife, for the major role they played in taking care of me. Unfortunately, I am still recovering from these problems and thus am not able to do all I want to do.

# *A Tribute to Harold Donald*

*by Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald*



*File photo from 1996: (from left) Bill Grant, Ethyl Lenhert, Sally Marx, Harold Donald, and Don Foster*

Harold Donald died on November 8, 2003. His family and his many friends lost someone very special. Harold was devoted to his family, to his friends, to his beloved ancient coins, and later, U.S. currency, the many clubs to which he belonged and numismatics in general.

## **A Very Special Life**

Harold was born in London, Ontario, Canada on October 15, 1916. At the age of four, he moved with his two brothers and parents to Long Beach, California. When Harold was six years old, he was dancing professionally and helping his mother by teaching at her tap-dance studio. He started piano

lessons at the age of 12 and majored in music while attending Hollywood High School.

Harold and Leonora met at a church function in 1938 and were married on March 9, 1940. They are the parents of John D. Donald better known as "JD" who was born in 1942.

In 1938, Harold tried his hand at a janitorial-chemical supply business that was unsuccessful. He then went to work for the Douglas Aircraft Company. Harold was drafted into the Army in 1945, serving in Japan as a member of the Army of Occupation. He later transferred to the U.S. Army Air Force and was stationed in Tokyo until his discharge in October 1946.



Following his military service, he went to work at 20th Century Fox Studios as a prop maker and set constructor. He retired in 1977.

## **Coin Collecting and Coin Clubs**

Leonora's parents were enthusiastic coin collectors and they invited Harold and her to visit the Los Angeles Coin Club in 1948. At a meeting of this club in 1950, Harold bought his first coin, an ancient coin purchased from George Bennett. He soon specialized in ancient Roman and Greek coins, becoming a successful dealer of these coins.

He never lost his appreciation and enthusiasm for the coin clubs of Southern California. He joined the West Valley Coin Club where he served on the board for many years and as president in 1960. Leonora joined him in all of these activities. Harold was a past president of the Southern California Ancient Coins Society and a past president of the Society of Ancient Numismatics.

## **Harold's Service with the NASC**

The first meeting of the NASC, July 31, 1955, was held at the Hayward Hotel in Los Angeles. The NASC's first secretary, Harold Donald, recorded the minutes. He served as

secretary from 1955-1956 and was NASC Treasurer in 1965. Harold Donald was a NASC Board Member for four different terms, 1957-1958, 1964-1965, 1980-1981 and 1996-1997. In addition, Harold served as the chairman or a member of many NASC committees during his many years of membership.

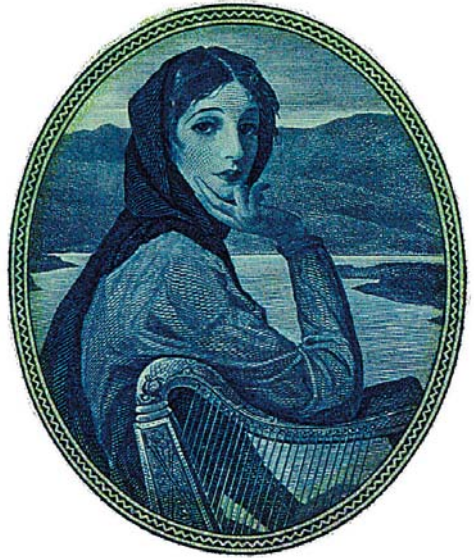
To the many people who had the privilege of knowing Harold Donald, he remains a special part of their lives. He was friendly, kind and very generous. This writer was the beneficiary of several gifts from this man; coins and currency that are now special parts of my collection. Our hobby is, in this writer's opinion, a people-hobby. What we hold dear to all of us is a love of numismatics. These coins and currency are just things. The people make them special.

We are all, who were fortunate to have known Harold Donald, richer because he shared his life and his love of coins and currency with all of us.



# *The Lady and the Tractor: Paper Money Musings*

*by Harold Don Allen*



A lady and a farm tractor have shared a prominent role in my musings of recent months...bank note graphics that might serve to broaden your collector horizons were I to share.

The gracious lady had been a real person, though her prominent place for 70 years on the currency of her adopted country may have had its origin in chance.

The farm tractor and its developer, for me, serve as continuing reminders of recently having walked into a commercial bank of issue and having obtained at face an exciting current note release. That, for the record, is something I'd not done in 50 years.

All of this, you realize, had to be in Ireland.

The perpetually young woman whose idealized likeness had come to symbolize the nation on its folding money had been Lady Hazel Lavery (1880-1935), the American-born second wife of Sir John Lavery (1856-1941), the society portraitist.

When currency for the Irish Republic had been under consideration prior to 1928, a Hibernia representation had been sought, an identifying likeness in the spirit of the Bank of England Britannia.

Sir John Lavery had been pleased with his wife's portrait, and at one point had arranged for a bookplate engraving. The engraving firm, in turn, had suggested it for the Republic's first notes.

In the name of the "Currency Commission, Irish Free State," seven Lady Lavery denominations entered service, for the initial interval. 1928 to 1937. In Sterling, payable in London, the seven values were: 10 shillings (orange). 1 pound (green), 5 pounds (brown), 10 pounds (blue), 20 pounds (red). 50 pounds (violet), and 100 pounds (green). From 1938, "Currency Commission, Ireland" was the inscription on the notes.

Releases in the name of the Central Bank of Ireland commenced in 1943.

During World War II, note ship-

ments from the English-based security printer were distinguished by overprinted letter code, to facilitate identification should notes be lost or taken at sea.

The “Payable in London” clause was dropped in 1962.

The Central Bank of Ireland introduced wholly new note issues in 1976, and again in 1992. Portrayed were such literary greats as Jonathan Swift. William B. Yeats, and James Joyce, along with prominent historical and political figures. Lady Lavery, however, had not been forgotten. Through to the recent introduction of the Euro, Lady Lavery had become the watermark on each and every Irish note.

Museum curators in both Dublin and Belfast were, for the record, distinctly helpful when I looked in to discuss and examine Irish currency.

The farm tractor? Northern Ireland. In a gem of miniaturized engraving, it features on the latest Northern Bank 20 pounds, a modified Harry G. Ferguson portrait note. While briefly in Belfast to look in at the Ulster Museum. I had visited the branch bank down the street...where they had been pleased to locate the “best” of their current notes. Ferguson (1884-1960) had been the engineer, inventor, and industrialist ... whose name (as Massey-Ferguson), to a Canadian farming family, would have been a household word.

As I say, for me it had been 50 years.

In my boyhood in pre-1950 Montreal, I could have hiked to the business district and harvested notes from ten banks of issue, Canadian “chartered banks.” Believe me, I did. Today,



the entire world has but nine such commercial banks of issue—three in Scotland, three in Northern Ireland, three in Hong Kong.

That Belfast “farm tractor” acquisition, you understand, really had made my day.

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*Don Allen is past-president of the International Bank Note Society, and a longtime member of CSNA.*

# Lewis and Clark: A Journey to the Pacific

by Dr. Walt Ostromecki, NLG



Slide into your chair. Forget about that work due tomorrow. The campfire's crackling and the stars gleam above us. Let me tell you a tale of bygone days... of boyhood dreams and countless wonders. The postmaster's son was out of breath. A trail of dust five feet long trailed behind him. But, he knew the letter had to be delivered yesterday. He handed it off like a relay runner, and staggered to the water pump behind the tree.

*"From the long, and uninterrupted friendship and confidence*

*which has subsisted between us I feel no hesitation in making to you the following communication...My plan is to descend the Ohio in a keeled boat thence up the Mississippi to the mouth of the Missouri (sic) and up that river as far as its navigation is practicable with a keel boat, there to prepare canoes of bark or raw hides, and proceed to its source, and if practicable pass over to the waters of the Columbia or Origan (sic) River and be descending it reach the western Ocean... If therefore there is noth-*



*ing under those circumstances, in this enterprise which would induce you to participate with me in its fatigues, its dangers, and its honors, believe me there is no man on earth with whom I should feel equal pleasure in sharing them as with yourself..”*

So Meriwether Lewis invited William Clark to join him in the adventure of a lifetime. Clark was more than up to the challenge. He was an expert boatsman, and good with command. He nicely complemented Lewis, who was the better naturalist and surveyor.

There was much at stake in 1804. President Thomas Jefferson wanted to make an empire of freedom out of North America. He bought off Napoleon, but there was no telling what Britain, Spain and Russia might do. It was critical for the fledgling United States to secure claims Northwest and establish peace and working relationships with the native Indian peoples.

Upon accepting his commission, Clark met up with Lewis along the Ohio river. At Camp Wood, near Saint Louis, Missouri, Lewis bought provisions as Clark fortified the keelboat with four blunderbusses (18th Century shotguns) and a bronze cannon. Clark then set about training the men the pair had recruited, whose drunken exploits necessitated many a flogging.

Lewis readied himself by studying from the greatest scientists America had to offer; all were friends of Thomas Jefferson. He trained in Botany, Biology and Astronomy. He practiced celestial navigation and mapmaking.

The Corps of Discovery, as the adventurers came to be called, set off on May 14, 1804, with the keelboat and canoes. The Missouri River was

almost mercurial, with many obstacles that could damage or capsize the boats. Plus, they were traveling upstream. When the wind wasn't up, the men had to row the fleet or engage in cordelling (essentially dragging and pulling the ships from the shore line). They averaged 10-15 miles a day.

When first contact was made with Indians, Lewis and Clark handled them with aplomb. Numerous beads and medallions (some US government issued) were brought as presents. Besides, the sight of the well-armed men usually engendered sufficient respect. However, the Lakota Sioux were very suspicious of the Corps. They wanted to hold them back for fear of losing trade dominance in the region. A standoff occurred. But in the end, the Sioux felt that any victory would be pyrrhic and reluctantly let the adventurers proceed.

In October 1804 the group made winter camp with the Mandan tribe near present day Stanlon, North Dakota. Weather got as cold as 40 degrees below zero. Here they learned of the great Buffalo Hunt as well as tactical information about regions further west. Lewis and Clark recruited fur-trader Toussaint Charbonneau and his Shoshone wife, Sacagawea. She was able to act as translator, being familiar with many local tribes.

On April 7, 1805, the commanders sent a skeleton crew to pilot the keelboat south loaded with flora specimens, minerals, small birds and animals and hundreds of journals. More and more natural wonders emerged every day. Pronghorn antelopes, black tailed deer, the giant fierce grizzly bear and herds of wild buffalo impressed the party.

Suddenly, they came upon a fork in the river. If they chose the wrong route, the Corps could get caught hundreds of miles off course just as winter was setting in. Death to a dream would result. But, they had a clue. The Mandans had spoken of a waterfall on the correct path. After much debate, Lewis and Clark pressed on and came upon the Great Falls. After an eighteen-mile portage (carrying the boats over land), the adventurers continued west.

But the water-way dried up. Sadly they discovered there was no water route to the Pacific Ocean. There was only a tall wall of stones. We call them the Rocky Mountains. Lewis and Clark weren't even sure passage over or through them was possible. Only the local Indian tribes had any experience. Lewis took Sacagawea and met with a local leader, who happened to be her long lost brother! They learned that the Shoshone who inhabited the area knew of a route.

The Bitterroot Mountains were brutal and treacherous. This part of the trek became the most arduous and hazardous portion of the entire trip. The men almost starved to death. At their lowest point physically and mentally, the Corps encountered the Nez Perce

Indian tribe who took pity on them. They showed them how to eat the nutritious root of the bitterroot plant. Saved from certain death, the party endured and was guided to one of the western flowing rivers. The expedition floated the Clearwater, Snake and Columbia Rivers until November 15, 1805, when they finally viewed the Pacific Ocean. They had achieved the primary objective of their journey. History was made!

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*Standard Catalog of World Coins 1800-1900* under Liberia - Token (it's actually a US issue).

This issue is not available at the ANA Library – so I'm digging for straws in hopes of a miracle. The issue we need (a team of researchers) is:

CalCoin News; Vol 25, No1 (Winter 1971) pp 4-7; by: Colver, Charles G., and Harley, Dan.

Naturally, a copy of the related pages would suffice. If you have any information that you think would be helpful in our endeavors that would be greatly appreciated. Do you think you would have access to this material? Thanks for your efforts—almost anything would be helpful.

Sincere Regards,

—**James T. Martin**

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*One of the niceties of being the editor is that I inherited a complete set (the editor's set) of Calcoin News. I scanned and then attached a PDF of the article in which Mr. Martin was interested, and he had it in his "in-box" within a couple hours of his original request.*

Greg

## **Just In Passing**

*I was surprised at the number of e-mails that came to me requesting information on the disposal of the CSNA library. I'm guessing that Librarian Ruth Phillips has been very busy responding to all of the sales. In case you haven't heard, the CSNA Library is disposing of all duplicate publications. CSNA members get a 25% discount off of the normal retail*

*price. Go to [www.CalNumismatist.com](http://www.CalNumismatist.com) to download a copy of the listing and see what bargains you might be able to pick up (I already snatched a few choice pieces myself <grin>).*

Greg

## **CSNA Ballot Error**

Dear Greg,

I noted in *The California Numismatist* that John Sarti is listed as a candidate for director north of the Tehachapis. On the ballot, his name does not appear, but John Smith does. Is this a typo or is there a change in the candidates?

Sincerely yours,

—Fred Rawling

*Errr...as Fred noticed, there was a slight typo in the first yellow ballot that was sent out. A replacement green ballot was quickly printed up, mailed, and should have reached all CSNA members shortly after the first ballot was received. I think everyone should probably hang on to the yellow ballots. I hear that PCGS is going to start slabbing errors of this sort and the price is sure to go up.*

Greg

## **Got a beef?**

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# United States Mint Issues New Nationwide Call for Artists

## More College Students & Professionals Asked to Help Design U.S. Coins & Medals

WASHINGTON – The United States Mint is inviting more artists from throughout America to participate in its Artistic Infusion Program to enrich and invigorate the design of United States coins and medals, by issuing a new “Call for Artists.” The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) will again work as a partner with the United States Mint by assisting in the evaluation of artists’ applications.

Applications must be postmarked no later than February 11, 2005.

The new invitations seek up to two professional artists and up to 14 college and graduate-level visual arts students. They will supplement a pool of “Master Designers” and “Associate Designers” that was developed this year to be part of the rich history of artistry in United States coinage. Current Master and Associate Designers will be invited to renew their agreements with the United States Mint and remain in the program.

“This historic program has produced outstanding results in its first year,” said United States Mint Director Henrietta Holsman Fore. “For the



2005 nickel, the program’s artists have created a striking new obverse portrait of President Thomas Jefferson, and reverse designs of the “American Bison” and “Ocean in View!” that revisit and revitalize the honored traditions

of American coinage. With

this new call to artists, we again seek the best in America, to lend their creativity to our Nation’s coins and medals.”

The United States Mint issued its first nationwide “Call for Artists” in November 2003. The

United States Mint received

306 applications. A panel assembled for the United States Mint by the NEA evaluated the artists’ applications and recommended 18 professional Master Designers and six student Associate Designers. The Artistic Infusion Pro-





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gram currently provides for 20 artists in each of the two categories.

For purposes of the Artistic Infusion Program, professional artists are those who have received specialized training in their art form, have derived their individual primary sources of earned income from their art or areas related to their art for a minimum of five years at the time of application, and have publicly presented their art in a professional context. To qualify as an "Associate Designer," students must be currently enrolled in college and graduate-level visual arts program.

Artists who specialize in graphic design, sculpture, engraving, drawing, painting, printmaking and other visual arts are encouraged to apply. Master and Associate Designers selected for the program will enter into one-year renewable agreements with the United States Mint. They will be invited to create and submit at least one new design annually for a coin or medal program. Each Master Designer submitting a design will receive an hono-

riary of \$1000. Associate Designers will receive \$500. United States Mint sculptor/engravers will model the designs submitted by the Artistic Infusion Program artists.

Selected artists will attend a United States Mint-sponsored orientation program in Philadelphia to learn about the history of coin and medal design, the coin-making process and design opportunities.

Artists who are U.S. citizens should submit a completed application that will include samples of their work. A design exercise for applicants will also be required. Interested artists are required to use the "Call for Artists Application Packet," which includes program details, eligibility requirements, artistic criteria and detailed application guidelines. The packet is available on the United States Mint's Web site at [www.usmint.gov](http://www.usmint.gov), or by contacting the United States Mint at (202) 354-7727 or [art@usmint.treas.gov](mailto:art@usmint.treas.gov). Submissions will be evaluated on artistic excellence and merit.



# *Interview with a California Coin Pioneer: Norman F. Pruitt*

by Michael "Stan" Turrini

It is not too often these days that a coin hobbyist has a chance to talk with another coin hobbyist who began in "the world of money" back in 1938, founded a local coin club that next January 2006 celebrates its Golden Jubilee/Fiftieth Anniversary, knew and collaborated with California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) charter member and founder, the late Dr. Calvert L. Emmons, worked with the legendary California coin dealer, Leo A. Young, and has diligently kept hundreds of yellowing newspaper clippings and letters from the likes of the famous Kagin Brothers, A.M. and Paul, doing business as the Hollinbeck Coin Company, and Amon Carter, Jr. to name a few.

On Saturday, October 16, 2004, during the Delta Coin Club's show, while breaking in his duties staffing the California State Numismatic Association's (CSNA) sponsored Youth Table, Norman F. Pruitt sat and spoke for a few hours with CSNA Youth Numismatist Coordinator Michael S. Turrini, Assistant Editor for *The California Numismatist*.

"You know, Michael, I met Q. David Bowers, when he still had acne and must have been about 17, during an American Numismatic Association



Convention in Philadelphia, in 1957 at the Sheraton Hotel if memory serves me right," Mr. Pruitt began. "He most likely may not remember me, but I still remember vividly pausing and listening to his knowledge, and he was only 17 or so," he continued.

That was the substance of our two hours together: the names, the events, and the dates of a coin hobbyist who began back in 1938, and sold his first coins in 1944, just before shipping-out with the United States Navy, for the astronomic amount of \$30.00 to his older brother, Ernest.

"To figure costs, I used one of B. Max Mehl's 'Star Coin Books'," Mr. Pruitt reflected. "These coins had been held by my grandmother and were all dated before 1900," he added.

Two well-known California coin hobbyists crossed in our exchanges. Dr. Calvert L. Emmons, one of CSNA's founders, is one.

"As I remember it, it was back in 1961, attending a California State



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Numismatic Association convention in Los Angeles, when I met him and we conversed over a cup of coffee," Mr. Pruitt recollected. "Our general conversation drifted to what I might be looking for, and mentioning to him that I wanted a 1901S Barber Quarter, in a nice grade, he replied that he 'had a spare.' After the convention he mailed, via register mail, a 1901S in Very Fine, and invoiced it at \$900.00, a huge sum then, but a deal. It took several months of payments but I paid it off in about four months," he mentioned.

Needless to say, when asked what happened to this confirmed king of Barber Quarter coinage, Mr. Pruitt stated that soon afterwards he was setting-up and dealing at local California coin club shows, and it was on sale in his case for \$2500.00, and it sold on the first day.

"Yes, Michael, I missed it a lot, and selling it was my biggest disappointment," Mr. Pruitt noted. "And, yes, I would still looking for another, but it has a five figure price now," he added.

The other California coin pioneer was the coin dealer and often CSNA convention auctioneer, Leo A. Young.

"It was a strange way that I

crossed paths with Mr. Young," he began. "At the time, I was working for the General Motors Acceptance Corporation, and Leo conducted business both in grocery and appliance in his Deluxe Market in Lockeford, California. GMAC sent me to audit his stock, Frigidaire appliances, which required that I call upon him at his home," he went on.

"He invited me in, and his dining room was filled with coins, everywhere, making me ask him if he was King Midas reincarnated. His response was that he had just completed a CSNA convention auction and was swamped processing the lots," he continued.

"Asking if I would be interested in helping him and coming back on the next three weekends, I replied 'yes', and his payment for my services was a complete set of Indian Head Cents, with the 1877 in nice Very Good. From that point, I dealt and did business with him for another ten years or so, until Leo relocated to Oakland, California," he concluded.

"Besides the dealing, Leo advised me to purchase 1950 D Five Cents, and I did, purchasing ten rolls, and over the next years, I sold these rolls, a few at time, with the last two going for



*Norman F. Pruitt, center, with Dick O'Connor, left, and Charles Richesin, all founding members of the Delta Coin Club.*

\$100.00 each. Of course, if I waited a little longer, these topped at \$1250.00 a roll. Missed that high top, but made bucks,” Mr. Pruitt reminisced.

Along with the aforementioned Dr. Emmons and Leo Young, Mr. Pruitt knew and was friends with these CSNAers: Earl Parker, Abe Kosoff, Charles Kappen, and Al Overton.

“I should also mention meeting the late Walter Breen in Philadelphia, at the same ANA convention as with Q. David Bowers. He was wearing a “Jesus” robe and wearing sandals, and this was in 1957, Michael. Brilliant and a genius, if strangely dressed,” Mr. Pruitt retold.

We spent time skimming and reviewing his two nicely bound scrapbooks, and for some ten to fifteen years, Mr. Pruitt did mail bids published in Numismatic News. One ad for his “Old Year Accumulation Auction Sale” closing January 25, 1959, had Lot #101, an 1889 CC Morgan Dollar in Fine.

“You know, Michael, it sold for considerably less than \$100.00,” he remembered.

Among his correspondences, all meticulously mounted, there are letters with the legendary Australian coin dealer, P.J. Downie, to name but one

that Mr. Pruitt corresponded with over the past fifty years. He sold to P.J. Downie several of the very rare 1930 large Australian Pennies. His archives secure several letters

between them selling these rare 1930 Pennies. He had exchanges with Earl A. Parker, an established coin dealer of the 1950s in San Francisco, California, over a cast counterfeit 1856 Flying Eagle Cent. Also, there are letters with Robert G. MacArthur, one of the legends of CSNA.

Having heard the story before, I asked him to repeat his story of his 1916 Standing Liberty Quarter. “I knew you were going to ask me about it. So, here it is”, Mr. Pruitt replied.

“I attended the 1958 ANA Convention in Los Angeles, and was looking for a nice 1916 Standing Liberty Quarter. Al Overton, the famous coin dealer and author about Bust Halves, had one in his case. He wanted \$275.00, a quite high sum back then. For my money, it was too much,” he began.

“I continued to walk and shop the floor for several hours, searching for the 1916. In a final last visit, I returned to Al’s table, and asked him if he would take \$250.00, and he agreed,” he continued.

“Boy was I proud. I had the coin mounted in a Capital Plastic Holder and showed it everywhere. Later in 1959, my wife, Lucile, and I drove to the ANA in Portland, Oregon, taking





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along my prized 1916. Needless to say, it was shown at every opportunity at the convention. Before long, coin dealers were spreading the word that I had it and was showing, and also before long, the word was out that I had it on me here, and it came back to me that someone wanted to see me and the 1916," he went on.

"Walking between the bourse tables, checking dealers' cases, and enjoying the convention, I had a tap on the back, and turning around, it was Amon Carter, Jr., the Amon Carter, Jr., from Fort Worth, Texas. He asked to see the 1916", Mr. Pruitt recollected.

"Quickly looking at it, he asked how much, and I told him the quarter was not for sale. He asked if he could make an offer, and I said was not interested in selling," Mr. Pruitt progressed.

"Then he pulled out a wad of \$100.00 bills and began to peel-off \$100.00, to the count of \$700.00," he continued. "I again said 'no', and then he peel-off another \$100.00 making it \$800.00. That did it, I folded and took the \$800.00," he ended.

"Earlier I told you about my biggest disappointment selling Dr. Emmon's 1901 S Barber Quarter, and you can add this 1916 Standing Lib-

erty Quarter," he reflected.

Of course, Mr. Pruitt made a nice profit, parted with the rarity, began a correspondence with Amon Carter, Jr, and "you know my wife and two daughters did enjoy it, for we bought our first color television with the money."

Along with his dealings, regrets, and correspondence, it can be said that Mr. Pruitt's fondest memory is the founding the Delta Coin Club back in January 1956.

Seeing the need for a local coin hobbyist group and using the membership lists of local area American Numismatic Association Members, on January 12, 1956, he mailed a short notice calling those interested to attend the charter meeting for a "San Joaquin County Coin Club." This first gathering was held on January 23, 1956 in the basement of Ward Tyler's Sporting Goods Store, corner of Weber and Hunter Streets, next to the downtown Stockton Hotel. Mr. Pruitt's archives still retain the only copy of this historic invitation letter.

The meeting launched the briefly titled "Central California Coin Club" of twenty-one charter members, with Norman F. Pruitt, charter #1. Among historic CSNAers, who joined were



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the late Leo A. Young, and his son, James, Frank Roza, and Gordon R. Rammer.

The initial name of “Central California Coin Club” only lasted a month when it was learned, via Robert G. MacArthur, that another group had prior use of the name.

During our exchanges on the Saturday, October 16, 2004, the now-called Delta Coin Club’s Show, two very early members of the club were also present and shared their recollections: Dick O’Conner and Charles Richesin.

After listening to these remembrances, the question arose as to the factors for his longevity in “the world of money.”

“I would attribute my longevity in the hobby to the challenge of always being in the hunt for a better specimen or a better price for something that I wanted for my collection with the feeling of accomplishment when completing that series or set,” he answered.

“I get the same feeling when manning a bourse table or working with a fellow hobbyist to complete his or her series or set. True, there is a profit motive also, and the hopes of investment appreciating is a factor,” he added.

“There are those who buy coins for its beauty and sentimental value without any thought of the profit, and I love and respect them too for their reasoning”, he offered.

The duties and noise of the club’s show began to interrupt our exchanges

and flipping pages and papers of some fifty years: a faded Stockton Record news picture of Rudy Gjurovich, “the king of the coin collectors,” a ditto-printed 1963 auction for the long-gone Tri-City Coin Carnival Public Auction, or a Rotary Club Guest Speaker certificate, and so on.

With so much in history before us and with so many tales yet to be told, the final questions came to Mr. Pruitt with some conclusions and observations spanning over six decades.

“Coins have been much to me. Have met the most wonderful people because of our hobby, while having my regrets also. Even though I have made a profit, it came to me many years ago, that the speculation was really secondary to the people, even those as yourself, Michael,” he summarized.

“Sixty years ago, I would never have the idea that numismatics would have grown as much as it has, and in addition, you have to remember to respect the pleasure and beauty of our hobby. The coin hobby is truly one of the finer things in life,” he stated. “If I had to put into a few words, it would be ‘great friendships’ and ‘great treasures’, these would ‘say-it-all’,” he ended.

Mr. Pruitt still remains active on a much smaller scale, and is now working on choice Buffalo Five Cents. His current collections are secured in safe deposit boxes, and his grandchildren have expressed “some interest” in his



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collections, with his beloved archives destined for the Delta Coin Club, most appropriately.

Mr. Pruitt, who once served on the CSNA's board of directors and was the general chairperson for the CSNA's 1960 Spring Convention in Stockton, California, was the subject of a "Who's Who In California Numismatics," written by Robert G. Mac Arthur, in the January 1959, Volume XIII, Number 1, Calcoin News.

In remembering the Twenty-Sixth Semiannual Convention, held in Stockton Hotel, Mr. Pruitt recollected that B. A. Seaby, from London, England, was a bourse dealer, and that the hotel proved to have "too small rooms with poor lighting." Unlike today's CSNA convention, as the general chairperson, he was not presented any appreciation gift, like a convention medal set.

A *Stockton Record* April 8, 1960 promotional photograph shows Mr. Pruitt seated with the well-known British dealer, B. A. Seaby, holding an unidentified rare British gold piece.

A native of Claymont, Delaware, Mr. Pruitt is a Seabee World War II veteran, and he has also collected United States stamps. He and his wife of fifty-seven years, Lucile, had two

daughters.

His numismatic interests have included, over the decades, Canada, Mexico, British and British Commonwealth, plus "all phases of United States". The tragic death of his daughter in 1971 did curtail most of his collecting and hobby participation for several years, but he still attends periodically the Delta Coin Club meetings and events and other local coin hobby functions.

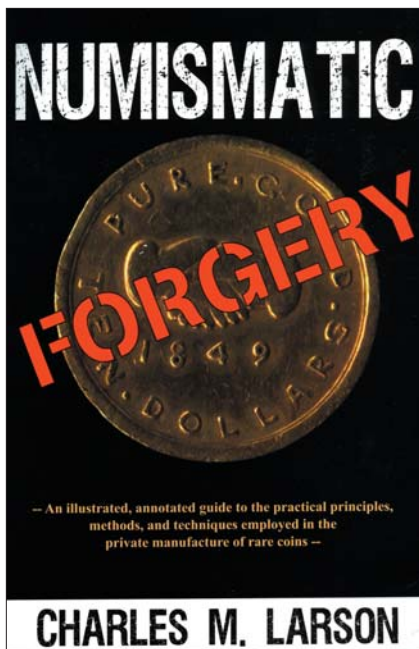
"Yes, you can publish my tales, if anyone wants to read these, and yes, the hobby has been good to me," he mentioned, getting up to walk the show's then-crowded approaching-noon-time bourse floor.

"It is all about 'great friendships' and 'great treasures', Michael," he finalized, stepping away into the crowded aisle, "and make sure that you write that. Can't add nor subtract from those".

Leaving me his scrapbooks to enjoy at a later time, I returned to the congregating youngsters at the Youth Table, knowing that the lesson taught this Saturday morning was that our "world of money" continues to offer much, and Norman F. Pruitt had proven this, over many times these past sixty years.

# The Book Report

by Mark Watson



*These four castings were made using an identical genuine coin as a master. Note that they all share identical features which distinguish them as originating from that same coin. (The casting sprues have not yet been removed from these coins.)*

Book Reviewed: *Numismatic Forgery*  
by Charles M. Larson

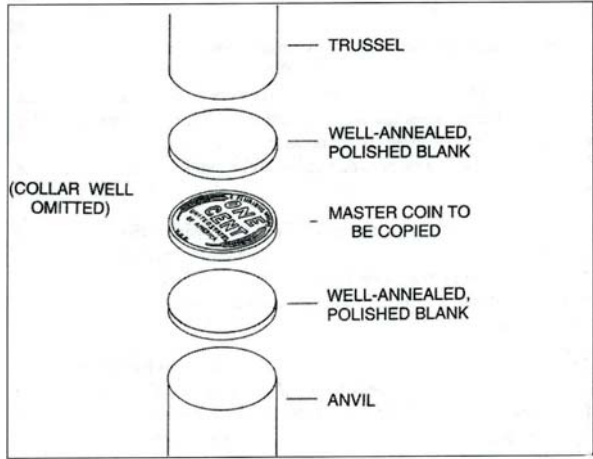
Ever go shopping for a cookbook? The number available is countless with flavors to soothe any taste bud. How about a cookbook on making counterfeit coins? Would you ever want to buy one of those? Well, you now can with *Numismatic Forgery* by Charles M. Larson.

As it states clearly on the cover, *Numismatic Forgery* is "An illustrated, annotated guide to the practical principles, methods, and techniques employed in the private manufacture

of rare coins." That is, this is not a book about authentication and detection of counterfeits and forgeries, but the actually process to create them. Though written by Larson, the information inside comes originally from jailed felon Mark Hofmann. A master document forger, Hofmann, while serving time in a Utah prison, passed on his secrets to Larson, a prison guard who occasionally monitored Hofmann. Larson not only took in all the information, but also tracked down



and purchased much of the original equipment used by Hofmann to make the forgeries. Supposedly, Hofmann created the infamous 1959-D Lincoln Cent mule; a cent in which instead of having the Lincoln Memorial reverse, introduced in 1959, it actually has the discontinued Wheat Ears reverse from the prior year.



The 197 page book *Position of master coin and annealed blanks within the hubbing*

is easy to read, even though most of the discussions are technical in nature. Larson has generously included many photographs and diagrams of the processes, all clearly labeled and readable. After a brief introduction, the book goes into the tools needed to make the forgeries, the various methods used to make dies and collars, followed by making the planchets, and finally talking about adding a little bit of realism to the coin by creating a patina and circulating the coin. Also, the methods he talks about not only cover modern world and U.S. coins but also ancients and medieval, so no coin is off limits.

In the introduction, Larson lays out why the common coin collector should be wary of any purchase he makes. He describes how easy it is to pass off counterfeits, and shows that simple everyday people are capable of making them. Also, Larson explains why the book is called *Numismatic Forgery* and not *Numismatic Counterfeit*. To him, it all deals with the reason why the item was made. Counterfeits were meant to fool a person during a normal

business transaction. Forgeries on the other hand are attempting to dupe the coin collectors.

After going over the necessary tools that a forger needs, mainly a lathe, heating oven, and other medal shop equipment, Larson starts discussing the methods used. First, he goes over the alterations that a forger can create by either tooling the coin, adding a mintmark by attaching it to the coin, embossing a mint mark with special pliers, and finally using electroplating to build up the mint mark by adding new metal to the coin. Next, he discusses creating new coins. First, Larson describes how to cast a coin using the lost wax method and a centrifuge. Then, he goes into different methods one can use to create dies to strike coins, just like a mint would. The most elaborate method is the explosive impact process where an actual coin is shot into a piece of steel, leaving a perfect impression. However, most modern coins have three sides, with the edge being the third side. Larson takes care of that as well, covering how to make collars for both

smooth and reeded edges.

After going through the manufacturing methods, Larson then covers how a forger can create his own planchets to strike. This is an important step as weighing a coin is an easy method to determine authenticity of a coin. Lastly, Larson covers how to disguise the newness of a coin by artificially circulating it inside a tumbler and adding a patina to age it.

With the publication of Numismatic Forgery, anyone can become a

counterfeiter/forger. Larson provides step-by-step details that are easily duplicated. Only time will tell if someone decides to apply the knowledge for their own advantage. Buyers beware!

*Numismatic Forgery* (\$18.95) is now available from Zyru Press, PO Box 17810, Irvine, CA 92623. You can also buy a copy at Amazon.com or at Barnes & Noble. Charles Larson maintains a Web site at [www.CoinSmith.com](http://www.CoinSmith.com).

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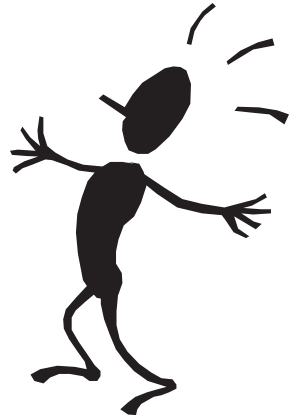
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# Morgan Dollar Varieties Set to Explode?

*A Special Report by Dennis Halladay*

An explosion of sorts figures to hit the Morgan dollar collecting world in 2005 if the largest third party grading company goes ahead with plans to dramatically increase the number of die varieties it identifies on its holders.

To Morgan enthusiasts, die varieties are “VAMs” and those who collect them are a large, eager numismatic fraternity unto themselves. While other grading services have recognized hundreds of different VAMs for years, Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS) has acknowledged only a handful of the most obvious, numbering barely two dozen.

But that is apparently going to change soon, and in a big way. According to statements made this year by PCGS President David Hall during on-line question and answer sessions and in public, the company plans to greatly increase the number of VAMs it recognizes, “Including the entire Top 100.” As part of this expansion Hall has also said there will be a new addition to the company’s immensely popular Set registry program: A Top 100 VAMs Category.

By far the most interesting word in Hall’s statements has been *including*, because it clearly suggests PCGS will recognize more than just the top 100

VAMs. Just how many more, however, is unknown because PCGS isn't saying yet.

Still, any significant expansion of variety designation by PCGS figures to have the effective impact of "validating" the concept of Morgan dollar variety collecting to the mainstream numismatic community to a degree that has never occurred before.

And according to my crystal ball, as the marketplace gradually grows accustomed to seeing strange new names on Morgan dollar holders, it is inevitable that increased interest and demand for many of them will result. Why? To paraphrase the famous line from the movie *Field Of Dreams*, "Attribute them on holders and people will collect them."

What kind of names? Odd things such as "Scar Face" and "Tail Bar" already appear on PCGS holders. Others, such as "Donkey Tail", "Barwing", "Moustache" and "TRU-T" are apparently coming. And when they arrive, don't be surprised to see prices for many of them jump.

Actually, they are already soaring in some cases. Five years ago, AU examples of the 1888-O "Hot Lips" doubled die obverse or 1901 "Shifted Eagle" doubled die reverse rarely sold for more than \$1,000. But at the Heritage Palm Beach auction in Florida in November, an AU58 PCGS Hot Lips brought \$8,912 and an AU58 PCGS Shifted Eagle brought \$6,712. Very Fine examples of the very scarce 1902 and 1900 Micro-Os, which typically sold for \$500-\$700 a few years ago, brought \$2,070 and \$2,645, respectively.

If the idea of significant collecting of Morgan dollar die varieties seems



at all far-fetched, stop and consider that a century ago almost all numismatists collected by date only, proofs dominated the landscape, and those who sought mintmarked and business strike coins were regarded as odd. And just try to tell today's large cent and Capped Bust half collectors that die varieties aren't relevant or desirable!

Times change of course, but so does numismatics. As knowledge of what there is to be collected has increased, collectors have always responded by collecting it. Morgan dollar varieties are another step in that evolution, and with PCGS' involvement it could prove to be a giant one.

# CSNA 5th Annual Northern Educational Symposium Report



On Saturday, October 2, the CSNA and PCNS joined forces and brought four fascinating speakers together to give the gathered attendees a numismatic treat.

Leading off the day was Charles Fracchia speaking on *Early California Banking*. Mr. Fracchia's talk outlined the evolution of the state's banking history, highlighting many of the personalities that moved the money industry, with fits and starts, along to its present day state. Mr. Fracchia is the president of the San Francisco Museum and Historical Society, an interesting organization in its own right with a Web site located at [www.sfhistory.org](http://www.sfhistory.org).

Our friend from up north, Harold Don Allen, treated us to his contemplations on *Past, Present, Future: A*

*From left, speakers Charles Fracchia, Don Allen, Joseph Lang, and Hall Dunn.*

*Canadian Perspective on the Evolving Monetary Scene*. Winner of the 2003 J. Douglas Ferguson Award, the highest honor of the Canadian Numismatic Association, Mr. Allen graciously provided his presentation's text to be made available on the journal's Web site at: [www.calnumismatist.com/PDF/Harold\\_Don\\_Allen.pdf](http://www.calnumismatist.com/PDF/Harold_Don_Allen.pdf).

We broke for lunch a little after noon. Quite a few of us wisely participated in the pre-arranged affair and enjoyed the warmth of friendly conversation along with our meal before returning to the symposium.

Hal Dunn started off the second half of the day relating the history of the *Carson City Mint*. Having been





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a collector for over 50 years, and a past president of the Token and Medal Society and the National Token Collectors Association, Mr. Dunn is supremely qualified to speak on this topic, considering he's written several articles and books on the topic, including *Tokens and Medals Depicting the Carson City Mint*.

Finally, rounding out the day's educational journey, dealer Joseph Lang gave an engaging PowerPoint presentation on *Chinese Cash*, one

of his specialties. Mr. Lang's command of the subject was evident and very welcome, and no doubt has been convenient in his role as contributing editor to various Krause publications on world coins and paper money.

*Editor Greg Burns, for the second time now, drove a 900 mile round-trip to attend this very worthwhile affair. It was a special treat the first time he enjoyed this event, and this second visit was no less engaging. You're strongly encouraged to plan ahead for attendance at next year's symposium.*

*Right: each of the speakers received a medal of appreciation from each of the sponsoring organizations (PCNS and CSNA).*

*Below: a delicious luncheon was accompanied by stimulating discourses on numismatics.*



# *CSNA 37th Annual Southern Educational Symposium*

*10:00am - 4:00pm, Saturday, March 12, 2005*

*Wyndham Hotel (currently named Anaheim Park Hotel)*

*222 W. Houston Ave., Fullerton, CA*

*Speakers:*

*Jeff Shevlin*      **So-Called Dollars**

*Joe Flores*      **Viva La Revolucion  
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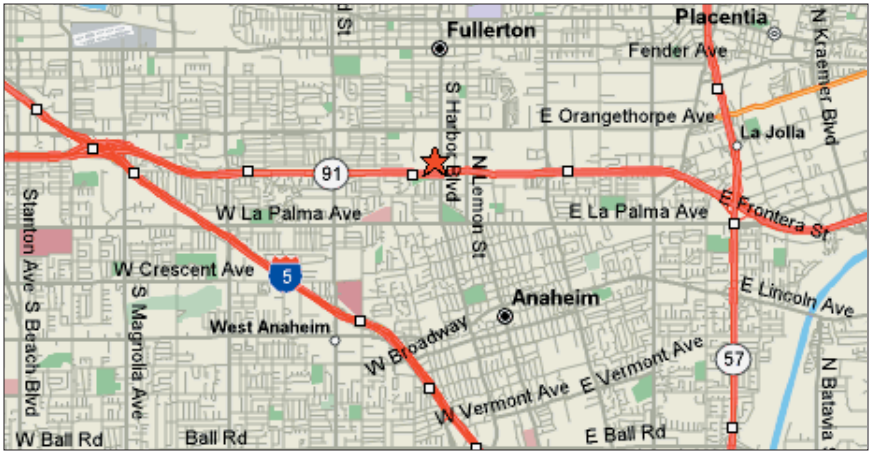
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*For further information please contact:*

*Jim Hunt, CSNA Director of Education/Symposium at 1183 Nile Ave., Chula Vista, CA 91911 or by e-mail at [eandjonthenile@cox.net](mailto:eandjonthenile@cox.net).*





**Take the Harbor off-ramp from the 91 freeway. The Wyndham Hotel is about 1 mile west of the Sheraton Four Points Hotel where the event was held in March 2004.**

## **Symposium Luncheon Order Form**

**Cashew Chicken Salad:** tossed green salad with cucumbers, tomato wedges and julienne carrots, topped with cashew chicken salad and a seasoned ginger dressing.

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Note: lunch may be ordered the day of the symposium up until 10 a.m.

# CSNA 116th Semi-Annual Convention—San Jose

The CSNA 116th Annual Convention in San Jose promises to be fun and exciting. The convention will run from Friday, January 7, to Sunday, January 9, 2005. The convention is back at Parkside Hall, 180 Park Ave, (next to The Tech Museum) however it is a *week earlier* than usual. The convention will be held in conjunction with the San Jose Coin Club's 37th Annual Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Show. Approximately 150 dealers are expected, so there should be *lots* of coins to choose from. Show activities include a treasure hunt for the kids on Saturday, plus meetings and speakers from various numismatic organizations, exhibits and the CSNA Educational Forum. The convention medal is designed by Garrett Burke, who designed the new California State Quarter which is due to be released in January (possibly even at the convention!) The Convention Banquet will again be held at Original Joe's, one of San Jose's landmark restaurants. Plan to attend as it will be a lot of fun. If you wish to take a break from the show the Tech Museum, Children's Discovery Museum, the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum, the Center for Performing Arts, and the San Jose Sharks are all nearby. See you in San Jose!

**Exhibits:** Exhibit applications are available from Fred Davis, Exhibit Chair, San Jose Coin Club Box 5621 San Jose, CA 95150, e-mail: [alamofan2@yahoo.com](mailto:alamofan2@yahoo.com). Applications will also be available from Joel Anderson and Don Foster. CSNA will award the Baber Best of Show Award for the best exhibit by a CSNA Member. CES will be awarding the Best of Exonomia award. The San Jose Coin Club will also give out Awards to the top exhibitors, so put together your best exhibit and you might come home with an award.

**Bourse:** Contact Bill Burke, SJCC Box 5621 San Jose, CA 95150, (408) 248-4057, [sjccshow@wmdesign.com](mailto:sjccshow@wmdesign.com). or visit SJCC web site [www.sanjoseclub.org](http://www.sanjoseclub.org)

**Hotels:** Convention Host Hotel: Crowne Plaza Holiday Inn, 282 Almaden Blvd. Next to Parkside Hall. *Book early* and ask for the special Coin Show rate of \$75. There may also be lower AAA or other rates. 1-800-227-6963 or 408 998-04009. You can also try...

Hilton Hotel (across street from Convention Center) 1-800-445-8667 or 408-287-2100

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Motel 6 (3 miles) 2081 N. First near US 101, 408-436-8180

**Parking:** Expensive parking is available at the Crowne Plaza next to the Convention Center. Less expensive parking is available across the street under the Library (or free if you use the Library). Enter on Almaden. Free Parking is supposed to be available on weekends at the municipal lot at 425 S Market St. at Balbach, just south of the McEnery Convention Center, about 3 blocks from the show.

**Transit:** The San Jose Trolley (Light Rail) stops next to the Convention Center.





# CSNA 116th Convention Medal Design by Garrett and Michelle Burke

In late 2002, the Burke family submitted ideas for California's State Quarter. In March, 2004, after a long and involved selection process, our coin concept honoring Yosemite Valley and John Muir was selected by Governor Schwarzenegger.

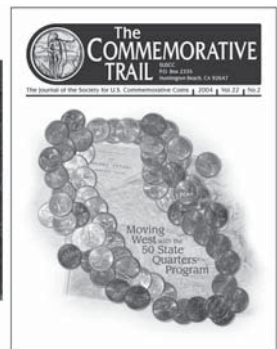
I was developing an image of California's outline formed by piles of state quarters, to be used as the intro slide for our presentation "From Sketchbook to Selection: Imagining California's 2005 State Quarter." We liked the idea of suggesting California's state quarter without actually showing the final design still being finished by the Mint. The artwork was created by carefully positioning quarters on our living room floor for a quick digital photo session...not fancy but very effective.

Gary Beedon, secretary of the SUSCC (Society of U.S. Commemorative Coins) had asked us to write about our experience with the coin's selection process. We crafted a six page article for *The Commemorative Trail* and offered a version of this image as cover art for the issue.

We later offered a modified version to CSNA to be considered for CSNA's 116th convention in January, 2005. This image anticipates California's moment in the 50 State Quarter's spotlight beginning January, 2005. The medal features the unusual designer initials G&M, meaning Garrett and Michelle. The reason is that while I do the crafting of imagery myself, Michelle plays a critical part in developing the concepts. She is my teammate, a true numismatist (since finding a Mercury dime as a young girl) and has inspired me with her love of, respect for, and knowledge towards coins. Every design I create has to pass by the best and toughest judges... my wife Michelle and daughter Katie. If they approve, I'm feeling pretty good.

The Burke family feels incredibly honored to have had a hand in creating both California's 2005 Yosemite Valley and John Muir State Quarter and the 2005 CSNA's convention medal. Meeting and learning from wonderful citizens and collectors over the years, we are thrilled to be able to give back to our state and association.

— Garrett Burke





*Didja know?... California was the 31st state, elected so by the 31st congress, and signed into law by the 13th president, Millard Fillmore.*

**CSNA 116th Convention Medal Order Form**

Item	Cost	Quantity	Total
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1.10 for sets

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gleemedals@yahoo.com, (909) 621-2196

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# CSNA Convention Banquet

The CSNA 116th Convention Banquet will be held at Original Joe's on Saturday January 8. No host cocktails begin at 6:00 p.m. and the sit-down dinner and program is at 6:30 p.m.. Original Joe's is located about two blocks from the convention center at 301 S. First St. It is one of San Jose's oldest and most popular restaurants and is famous for its home style Italian cooking. Each banquet ticket is printed on actual foreign currency making it a collectible item in itself. The first 50 people reserving space at the banquet will also get a limited edition aluminum off-metal strike of the convention medal. It promises to be an evening of delicious food, fun and fellowship that will include some unique entertainment. Because of space limitations, seating will be limited to only about 50 guests, so please reserve early.



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Please reserve banquet tickets with the following entrees:

\_\_\_ Veal Scallopini with Mushrooms \_\_\_ Chicken Sec with Mushrooms

\_\_\_ Salmon in Lemon Butter Sauce \_\_\_ Halibut in Lemon Butter Sauce  
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Dinner includes salad, pasta, entrée with vegetables and dessert.

Payment of \$ \_\_\_ enclosed for \_\_\_ banquet tickets at \$32 each.

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# Special Appeal

I have been working slowly but surely on the NASC membership list using the new Secretary Program that Stephen Huston put together. Below is a list of names that are currently not on the active mailing list, along with their membership numbers. I do *not* know if they have bad addresses, are deceased, etc. Some of them are newer ones. I have provided this list in the hopes that some of you might be able to supply current status on them. Any help would be appreciated.

Thanks,

Harold Katzman, NASC Corresponding Secretary

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# Going's On

by Greg Burns

It's another one of "those issues" where I only have the NASC scoop to delve into (well, mostly), because the CSNA board only meets twice per year, while the NASC board meets four times.

The NASC Board Meeting was held in Arcadia on November 14. It was Sunday; it's *always* held on a Sunday it seems. We started drifting in around 9:30 a.m. and the meeting spun up to speed around 10:00 with the flag salute.

One immediate difference with this meeting was the *booming* public address system brought in by George Moore. Now we can hear even the most timid people speaking (who am I kidding, there's no one timid there!)

Harold Katzman gave an extensive corresponding secretary's report. See elsewhere in this issue for a summary. He's spent lots of time getting the membership files up to snuff, but still needs *your* help with a few of the addresses and answers he doesn't have. Look for his *Special Appeal* elsewhere in this issue and see if you can help.

Treasurer Kay Lenker went over the finances of the association and the Golden State Coin Show. Seems the association was pretty close to running out of "cash on hand", when Harold Katzman fortunately reported some income from gold ticket sales and other sources.

Our new historian, Thelma Katzman, reported that she was preparing to take home a lot of the materials that day. Good luck.



Gary Beedon reported on the upcoming ANA conventions for 2005, and mentioned that though membership fees were going up, the ANA was going to drop the \$6 add-on for new members.

Joyce Kuntz mentioned that she had only received one awards nomination by the time of the meeting. Hopefully, more folks will submit names prior to the November 16th deadline now past.

Speaking about the Awards Banquet and 50th Anniversary get-together in February, Gary Beedon said we'd have the large room at Frank & Dean's for dining, and the small room for exhibits. Get there early, look at the exhibits, and do some mingling. See elsewhere in this issue for more info and an order form. There will be some freebie handouts to boot! I've already ordered my tickets (one of the benefits of being the editor is that I'm the one who makes up the order form in this issue.) I've also been advised by Tom Fitzgerald that Cliff Mishler will be the master of ceremonies.

Jerry Yahalom (Budget & Finance) was absent, so no report from there.

As editor/publisher I stood up and said that everything was on-track for this issue (well, it is, isn't it?)

Lee Kuntz talked about some CSNA happenings (as the NASC's contact point). Lee mentioned the January San Jose convention coming up, the fact that ballots for new officers would be going in the mail soon (I



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1945-P	MS67		MS63-up	Dennis Halladay	
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1952-P	MS66	1943/2-P	MS63-up	westdairy2@aol.com	

already got mine and voted, did you?), and wrapped up by talking about the educational symposium coming up in March (see more info elsewhere in this issue).

Heading up the Gold Benefit Drawing efforts, Roy Iwata stated NASC made a small profit on the drawing held at the GSCS, and was rewarded for his honesty by having the group vote him in for this slot on the next go-around. That'll teach him!

Tom Fitzgerald happily reported that there were no grievances. Much better than last year at this time.

Having lead the GSCS to another successful conclusion, Kay Lenker reported that the show made a profit of just under \$2000 for both CSNA and NASC. Both groups will split the funds, and probably seriously consider putting out the down-payment for that Jaguar I've been eyeing. Maybe.

Medals Chairman Harold Katzman said that he was readying some press releases and had perhaps 12-18 sets left. The special gold tickets (for the unique piece) have been selling especially well, and the group elected to hold the number of available tickets at 500, so as not to dilute anyone's chances. Better get your order in while there's a few left.

Policies & Procedures, Sargent-at-Arms, and Signs committees had no reports.

Bill Grant, in charge of the Speaker's Bureau, said that a new listing had been printed up and would soon be mailed to member clubs. I'll try and get a copy to post on the association's Web site ([www.NASC.net](http://www.NASC.net).)

Visual Education and Youth Numismatist committees had nothing new to report, and the Ways & Means committee chair is as yet unfilled.

For old business we brought up Tom's recent trips to the ER (thank goodness he's doing better now). Also, special membership cards will be mailed after the first of the new year. Phil Iversen stated that all of the NASC cases had been sold (excepting one to use for the gold drawing.)

There was no new business, but it was announced that Don and Terry Foster would take the exhibit chairman's spot for the San Jose ANA show in 2005.

The next meeting will be on Sunday (what did I tell you?), February 6, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. I've been assured we'll finish in time for the Super Bowl.



# We Get Letters...

## Symposium Speaker Forwards Text

Dear Greg,

Congratulations on the continuing success of *The California Numismatist*. I picked up the latest issue at the San Francisco symposium, and found my own copy waiting in the mailbox on my return home.

The enclosed “definitive text” of my symposium input may contain something to interest you personally or to warrant a brief extract for *California Numismatist* inclusion. In any event, when you’ve seen it would you please pass it on to the CSNA archivist or librarian. I gave a copy to Herb Mills as PCNS archivist and my PCNS contact for the symposium.

I should have a brief, unrelated piece for *The California Numismatist* in the days ahead.

Cordially,

—**Don Allen**

*Thanks so much, Don. I attended the symposium and was thrilled to hear you and the other engaging speakers. I’ve posted your “definitive text” on the journal’s Web site at: [http://www.calnumismatist.com/PDF/Harold\\_Don\\_Allen.pdf](http://www.calnumismatist.com/PDF/Harold_Don_Allen.pdf) for those who might like to take a peek at it. And thank you, too, for the article included in this issue (The Lady and the Tractor: Paper Money Musings). Hopefully, it won’t be so long until the next time your California friends get to see you.*

Regards,

Greg



## NASC 50th Anniversary Book

Dear Editor,

We just received our book on the NASC 50th Anniversary. We’d like to compliment you on its excellence. It was very well done...

Thank you,

—**Ralph and Sally Marx**

Dear Dr. Fitzgerald,

...Wow! Outstanding! Exemplary! Superb! Gold Medal!...

Your *Fifty Years of the Numismatic Association of Southern California: 1954—2004*, a copy received via the Northern California Numismatic Association’s club membership, is simply good, rightly and justly earning my aforementioned laudatory praise.

I have been skimming it and cannot stop picking it up and looking it over again. Even brought it to school, and while in class, when one should be teaching, rereading it!...

Again, a blue-ribbon creation!

Great job!...

Cordially and Fraternally Yours,

—**Michael S. Turrini**

*The thanks is due to the author, Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald. He spent many hours researching and arranging the material, and based on all of the comments I've heard, his efforts really paid off.*

Greg

## Thanks to PCNS/CSNA

Dear *California Numismatist* Readers,

On Saturday, October 2, 2004, the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) sponsored its Fifth (5th) Annual Northern California Educational Symposium at Fort Mason Center in San Francisco, California, with the host group being the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society (PCNS).

Four speakers filled the all-day event: Hal Dunn, *Carson City Mint*; Charles Fracchia, *Early California Banking*; Joseph Lang, *Chinese Cash*; and Don Allen, *A Canadian Perspective on the Evolving Monetary Scene*.

Few events have educated and enthused me as much as my hours listening and learning from these four fine presenters. My letter is to compliment them, the fine hosting and coordinating facilitated by the PCNS and its president, Sarah Nordin, and the enlightening leadership and support from the CSNA and its president, G. Lee Kuntz.

As I have written before, this was a , "Wow!" Outstanding! Five stars! Exemplary!

Numismatically Yours,

—**Michael S. Turrini**

## Donation Information?

*Dear readers, I received a request from a gentleman who wishes to remain anonymous. He wants to*

*donate a fairly extensive collection to an institution, and has provided some info on the coins and the restrictions he'd like to impose. He's looking for suggestions...*

"There are about 1,650 coins. The collection is every coin, of every denomination, from every mint made for usage of the 20th century from the one cent to the \$1 (no gold). The series go back to the 19th century:

- 1 cent 1857 to 1999
- 2 cents (no 1873)
- 5 cents 1883 to 1999
- 10 cents 1892 to 1999
- 25 cents 1892 to 1999
- 50 cents 1892 to 1999
- \$1 1878 to 1999 (no 1895)

"The restrictions are: they must be on display, they can never be sold, the security must be first class, educational sessions on the coins are encouraged. The time frame is open, sometime in the near future."

*I'd appreciate it if any knowledgeable readers with thoughts on this would forward them to me, and I in turn will pass them along to this gentleman.*

Greg

## CalCoin News Research

Dear Mr. Burns,

...I've contacted you concerning CalCoin News. Their site had no link to the Librarian and I need assistance in my research on the American Colonization Society's issue (perhaps a hard-times token) on *The Liberian One Cent of 1833*. A certain issue of *CalCoin News* had an important article describing a hoard of these and their varieties. See Krause Mishler

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# ANA Report

by Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald  
ANA Representative for the CSNA



## **ANA Shows Scheduled for California**

The 2005 114th World's Fair of Money, the Anniversary Convention of the American Numismatic Association will be held in San Jose, California from July 27 through July 31, 2005. Ken Barr has been named the general chairman of this event that will be hosted by the San Jose Coin Club. NASC President Don Foster and his lovely wife, Terry, will be exhibit co-chairmen, repeating their duties from the ANA Convention in Anaheim in 1995.

The show will be at the San Jose McEnery Convention Center located at 150 W. San Carlos St. The host hotel will be the Fairmont San Jose Hotel; other convention hotels are the Crown Plaza Downtown, the Hilton San Jose and Towers and the San Jose Marriott.

## **ANA National Money Show Report**

The ANA National Money Show will take place from April 8-10, 2005. It is scheduled for the Crown Center Exhibit Hall in Kansas City, Missouri with the Hyatt Regency Crown Center Hotel as the host hotel.

## **ANA Summer Seminar 2004**

To many numismatists, the ANA Summer Seminar is the highlight of the Numismatic Year. The dates will be June 25-July 1 and July 2-8, 2005.

As in the past, there will be two one-week sessions with some classes

repeated in both sessions. These classes

are held at the ANA headquarters in Colorado Springs and Colorado College. In fact, the ANA headquarters is located on the grounds of Colorado College. More information may be obtained by telephoning at (800) 367-9723 or on line at [www.money.org](http://www.money.org).

## **ANA Elections**

A new ANA president, vice president and seven board members will be installed at the July 2005 Convention in San Jose. Nominations will be accepted from qualified members who are entitled to hold office through March 31, 2005.

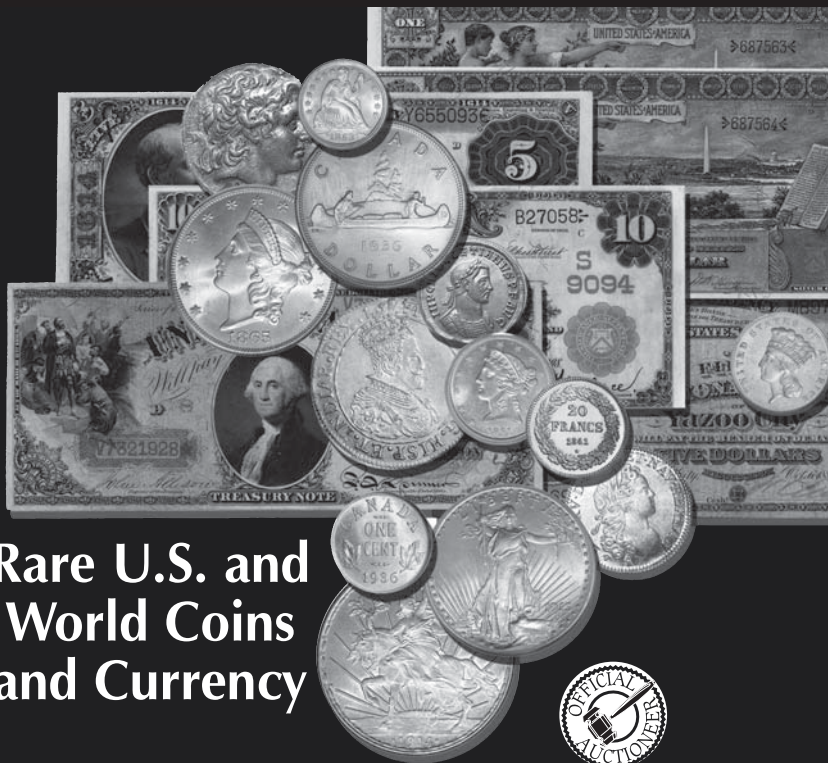
## **ANA Membership Dues to Increase**

The ANA is increasing its membership dues in 2005, but dropping its one-time processing charge; new members will be able to join for \$3 less than what it cost in 2004. This reporter finds this "release" rather strange as it may convince potential new members to wait until next year. The 2005 membership fees will be:

1. Regular member residing in the U.S. - \$36
2. Senior member (65 and over) in the U.S. - \$31
3. Junior Member (17 and younger) - \$20
4. Associate Member - \$13
5. Life Member - \$1,000
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# Youth Corner

by Stan Turrini  
*CSNA Youth Numismatist  
Coordinator*



Hello! Over the past columns in each quarterly issue of our outstanding and award-winning *The California Numismatist*, insights and ideas have been shared with the common denominator of being positive, proactive, and promotional. Very, very, few readers are opposed to youth numismatics, and everyone, in varying intensities, is for it. You have all heard the phrases—"the hobby of tomorrow" or, "We need youth, for the hobby is aging", or, "Kids need a clean hobby"—and we have all come to preach these as gospel.

Now, taking a candid approach and sharing observations that can be confirmed by nearly thirty years in the public schools of this Golden State coupled with other knowledge and experiences, I would like to share what youngsters are really like and how they live today, and I do this because most of the *California Numismatist* readers are older, white, and have their developmental years founded in the 1940s through 1970s, which is a much different world than this fifth year into the twenty-first century.

Why recite these candid, yet also negative, facts? So that those of us who work or want to work long hours with the youngsters have a better appreciation and understanding of the

life and value changes that their lives represent versus ours.

Although there could be others points of view, these facts should give insight to the typical youngster living in California today (if such a being exists.)

First, the majority of children now live within a family that has witnessed divorce or is dysfunctional. The norm in which so many of us were raised, the Ozzie and Harriet world, died decades ago. Coupled with these changing family structures, many parents, stepparents, foster parents, extended families (particularly true with new Americans), and grandparents, is the two income family with both parents working. All of this robs time away from being a family which normally cultivates that important parental support and nurturing. To anyone in public education today this is bible and verse, and to everyone in our hobby it speaks many words about attracting and holding that hobby of tomorrow.

Second, the majority of children attending schools here in California are not the typical elementary and high-school teenagers that we are

familiar with from *Leave It To Beaver*. No, our schools are very different and diverse: new arrivals, languages, race, color, and economic differences. Many come from cultures and backgrounds in which hobbies such as coin collecting are not even thought of or known. As an example, many readers here would take it for granted that most anyone in high school would know and appreciate their yearbook; but, to those newly arrived from Southeast Asia or Hispanic America, the subject of yearbooks elicit a response of, “What?”, and the same applies to our hobby: “Collect coins? Money is to be spent or saved.”

Third, continuing these ramblings and summarizing educational theory and learning models, there remains basic three methods of knowledge acquisition: auditory, visual, and manipulative. In our day, the primary means was auditory, via the ear. Now, it could be a mix or combination of two or whatever. The popularity of video games and PC games confirm that most of today’s youth are visual learners.

Fourth, when we grew up, it was understood and “just the way it was” that once you passed 18 to 21, you became an adult and did the adult things: career, marriage, and family. Since the 1960s, there is another phase of life, added after adolescence, called “youth”, a period of years from 18 to 21 well into the late 20s or even 30, that one spends time attending higher education or at several institutions, in the military, maybe a failed short marriage, or being the Assistant Evening Manager at the local neighborhood 7-11 or whatever “trying to find themselves.” Although most adolescents

do pass readily into adulthood—or we who are parents hope they do so—this stage of life remains, and many readers are witness to the fact that many young people seem to delay that once natural progression.

Fifth, there are other observations that might be shared: music, changing values, drugs, peer pressure, computers, sports opportunities, conflicts in time, increased educational standards, etc. But, these are best left for the local newspaper editorial page or in a *Newsweek* commentary, not here.

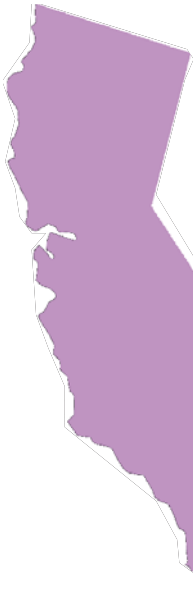
For us, those who love our hobby and want it to continue long after our time, these summarized observations might assist us in understanding the typical California youngster today.

There are successful youth numismatic activities and programs, and there are also several million youngsters living here in the Golden State. We only have a very, very tiny, fraction of the youngsters engaged and excited with the world of money.

My point is not to distract from or dismiss the work being done and the work needed to be done. My point is to share from my long experience daily in front of youngsters what one has to face in working with youngsters. We have learned the happiness of our hobby—knowledge, fellowship, skills, and enjoyment, plus a few dollars profited—and now, how to pass these onto future generations is the question, a question that might defy a ready or simple response.

Any answers? Any suggestions? Any thoughts? These would all be welcomed. Please reply to me at [EMPERORI@juno.com](mailto:EMPERORI@juno.com) or PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410.

# Around the State...



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**Stan's Statement:** Greetings! First, as some CSNAers and others have learned my long-established work telephone at Will C. Wood High School has been changed, effective September 1, 2004, and the new telephone system does not allow immediate access to me personally. The telephone number is 707-453-6900, Extension #4805, with Voice Mail at #8084. Good Luck! Second, the preferred means to contact me is via e-mail—Editor Greg Burns are you surprised for “Bro Stan” to

write that publicly?!—and my home e-mail address is EMPERORI@juno.com, which can be accessed by me at my work. Third, as usual, please continue to mail your respective local coin club's newsletters, bulletins, and news releases, plus updates for here in this column and my other periodical, NCNA HEADS AND TALES, of the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA). Lastly, Happy 2005!

## Club Reports...

**ALAMEDA COIN CLUB** The October 12 meeting was graced with a special Show ‘n Tell: ACC's *Thick and Thin Times* editor and longtime booster and devoted club worker, **Robert Sturn**, with his *Ten Dollar Eagle Liberty Gold Coin* that he had won at the recent September 12 Fairfield Coin Show”. Way to go, Bob! As this issue of the *California Numismatist* is being readied and printed, the ACC was debating when and where to hold its Annual Christmas Party since several of its regular attending members are active members of the neighboring Fremont Coin Club which conflicts with the ACC's second Tuesday meeting date. Your assistant editor, being member #3 of the ACC, has attended the club's annual parties in the past, winning always nice prizes, including a full set of crystal drinking glasses, still in use! Information on the ACC can be contacted via 510-547-0158 or 925-754-4261 with e-mail at Rrrberg@aol.com.

**BAY CITIES COIN CLUB** The program for August was *Coin Shows—Now and Then*. We compared shows of today with “the good old days” of years gone by. In September the meeting was cancelled because the bulletin editor was taken out of action due to some urgent medical problems. The October issue had

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an extra insert by **Bob Campbell** on the 1804 dollar coin. October was *Auction Catalogs, Then and Now*. Members shared some of the ones that they have collected. November's topic was *Tokens and Medals*.

**COINEERS COIN CLUB** has been viewing videos and in August saw *Money, History in Your Hands*. In September **Andrew Woodruff** and **Ken Spindler** reported exhibit awards in separate venues. Andrew Woodruff was the speaker in October and his topic was the sale of almost 3,000,000 better date uncirculated silver dollars by the GSA nearly 30 years ago. Member **Wayne Joy** brought some of his prized U.S. pattern pieces to share with the club.

**COVINA COIN CLUB** had a program by **Bill Nash** called *Name That Coin* in August. October was Pie Month with a contest for those who brought pies. Winners were drawn by chance. September's program by Bill Nash was a film that showed the steps it takes to make our United States currency. The club is busy preparing for Coin-O-Rama in April, 2005. Recent bulletins have had a quiz with answers the following month.

**CUPERTINO COIN CLUB** reminds everyone that its 2005 33rd Annual Coin Show is set for Sunday, February 20, 2005, hours 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., in Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose, California. Ample free parking is available, and there is a nominal admission of \$2.00 for adults with those under 17 free. This annual and always highly praised one-day coin show features a 45-plus coin dealer bourse, exhibits, and a gold and silver drawing. Free coins will be given to visiting children. Information may be contacted with Al Lo at [ALLOSJ@cs.com](mailto:ALLOSJ@cs.com), and the CCC may be contacted at PO Box 448, Cupertino, California, 95015-0448. Going back to the club's July 9, 2004, meeting, there were a record 17 Show 'n Tells: **Richard Boston, Alan Douglass, Chuck Call, Gordon Donnell, Gary Acquistapace, Julia Burns, Ken Barr, Bob Thomas, Bill Peavey, Dean Soderstrom, Natalie Tyson, George Tyson, Richard James, Howard Wheeler, Dan Shattuc, Don Pannell, and Kyle Russ-Navarro**. Your assistant editor wonders if that is a record exceeded by other any local California coin club? The CCC joins many other California local

coin clubs in honoring its Life Member **Gordon R. Donnell** who earned the ANA's coveted Glenn Smedley Award last August in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Congratulations, Gordon!

**DELTA COIN CLUB** Last September 24 the DCC held its first-ever fund raising auction, copying what many other local coin clubs do annually or regularly, and this first time earned the club's treasury over \$511 from over 50 donated lots: "a great big thanks to Vice-President **Tony Rantz** for itemizing and listing each lot and to President **Bill Horning** calling the auction. Of course, thanks also to **Dawn and Jon Griep** for being the runners." Later at the club's October 16 and 17 meeting, your assistant editor, in his dual capacity as the CSNA youth numismatist coordinator, staffed a combination youth and information table, attracting interest and attendance by local youngsters. The club is proud to report these top sellers for its coin show's drawing: **Don Kendrick** at 600 tickets, **Joe Griep** at 400 tickets, **Syd Kass** at 339 tickets, plus **Tom Jackson** and **Lynn Giandrone** at 300 each. Wonder why Syd has the only odd number sold? Hmm? Looking ahead, the DCC's annual dinner has been set for Friday, January 14, 2005, and with this issue now being prepared, it can be announced that this year's recipients for the club's newly established and highly esteemed Elden Enzminger Memorial Award are going to be **Sydney Kass** and **Norman F. Pruitt**, joining the first two honorees in 2004 of **Loris Enzminger** and **Michael S. Turrini**. Congratulations to all four!

**DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY** has been in transition with editors, and **Michael M. Stanley**, a familiar face and figure in California coin circles, has been pinch-hitting these past few months with the society's monthly *Diablo Die Break*. Last July 15 "Steamer" and his wife, **Nancy-Jo**, hosted the society's annual picnic at their home to a record crowd, which attracted neighbors who heard the laughs and festivity. **Todd Stanley**, "Steamer's" son, volunteered to barbecue, and the attendance was so large it overflowed the Stanley's back yard, bar room, patio, and home onto the front yard and garage! No joke! Treasurer **Mark Clarkson** spoke at the society's October 21 Currency Night with his *Emergency Issues: Federal Reserve Notes and Fractional*: "Mark explained the reasons for the emergency currency, all about federal reserve notes, and the history behind fractional currency, using and displaying from his own extensive collection." Excellent talk, Mark!

**FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB** held its September 12 coin show, overcoming the local 'Niners season-opener and Long Beach mega-event. Credit for the show goes to **Robert F. Tedder**—who worked the most hours that Sunday, beginning before 5:00 a.m. and ending long after 6:00 p.m.—**Michael S. Turrini**, who also began early and ended late, **William F. Bartz** and **Michael Aranda**, who drove very early from Santa Rosa, California to assist, and **Robert W. Belleau, Sr.**, Adding during the day were **Dr. Rodney W. Baker**, **Jan D. Henke**, and **Gordon R. Donnell**. Regretfully, a series of conflicts and ill-health precluded attendance



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and assistance by several members, and the club did commit to hold a show in September, 2005, date pending. The October 27 FCC meeting heard the club's dual secretary and editor, **Michael S. Turrini**, review *Attending A National Convention*: pointers and plans to maximize one's enjoyment and attendance at a major national gathering such as the San Jose, California, ANA July, 2005 Convention. Since this issue of the *California Numismatist* is being prepared earlier than the club's joint Christmas party with its neighbors, Vallejo Numismatic Society, it can be announced that **Robert W. Belleau, Sr.**, was the 2004 recipient for the club's coveted Rich Neily Award. Congratulations, Robert!

**FONTANA UNITED NUMISMATISTS** September's speaker was **Ken Krum** on *Fractional Currency*. October was the annual display night with a special award from **Nona Moore** that is made at the December potluck dinner. The annual White Elephant Sale was held in November as a fund raiser for the club's treasury.

**FREMONT COIN CLUB** members, always in a contingent, are regular visitors and contributors at local northern California coin club shows. Shows that they have been witnessed and photographed in the past six months include Gateway Coin Club, Stanislaus County Coin Club, Delta Coin Club, Fairfield Coin Club, and Livermore Valley Coin Club. The August FCC's monthly *Double Eagle* proudly photographed the attendees at the June 13 Gateway Coin Club's show: **Gordon R. Donnell**, **Ken Barr**, **Don Ehlers**, **Alistair Skinner**, who is the Club's Editor, **Wei Chang**, who wins always, **Briita Ehlers**, **Chuck Call**, **Vince Lacariere**, **Stan Turrini**, and **Barbara Lacariere**. The FCC Show last August 14 and 15 had these exhibit winners: **Gary Acquistapace**, Best of Show; **Briita Ehlers**, first place; **Gordon R. Donnell**, second place; and **William Burke**, third. Of course, the one FCC member most proud of the club's successful coin show was **Ione Patten**, who displayed her winning \$10 Liberty gold coin at a Show 'n Tell during the club's August 24 meeting, including the winning ticket end!

**FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY** held a White Elephant Auction at the society's September 14 meeting, which earned "a respectable solid \$350.00." **Randy Clifton** served as the auctioneer, and this annual fund raiser raises "money to buy the silver prizes to be given away at the coin show's drawing." Going back further, at the society's August 10 meeting, the aforementioned Randy Clifton spoke on *Carson City Coinage*, and he was, being the FNS's monthly *Fresno Numismatist* editor, quite candid about the changing seasons in the September issue: "Usually when something ends, one gets a little nostalgic, a little sad to see something end, but in this case, NOT ME! I have always made no bones about my dislike for summer and its heat, so from me, good riddance!"

**GATEWAY COIN CLUB** has been active this past few months: August 5, *Numismatic Trivia Quiz*; August 28, Annual Club Picnic, Lake Yosemite; September 16, Vice-President **Craig Blake** on *The Early Days of Coal Mining*; October 7, **Tandrea Blake** with *Coin Criss-Cross Puzzle*; November 4, White Elephant Sale; and November 18, Bingo; with the club's holiday banquet on December 9 at Merced's Carrow's Restaurant. An active schedule!

**GLENDALE COIN CLUB** had a follow up to the program in May about the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition. In August they watched a video on the building of the Panama Canal. **Jerry Yahalom** provided the video. Another successful White Elephant Sale was held in August. Just before the auction new officers were installed. **Mark Watson** is President, VP-**Denise Ballard**, Treasurer-**Joe Pamell**, Asst. Treasurer-**Kim Klein**, Secretary-**Mary Purnell**, Asst. Secretary-**Jennifer Watson**, and Board members **Oded Paz**, **Bob Vick**, **Vern McCrea**, **Viesturs Zagars**, **Earl Fritcher**, **Dick Forrest**, **Bill Skinner** and **Sandy Mazel**.

**GREATER ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB** July was the annual bourse night. **Greg Thompson** presented a numismatic theater presentation in period costume titled *Medieval Coins and Coinage*. He discussed jetons, counting boards, the medieval economy and their place in history. In September **Jerry Kleeb** gave an all-new talk on what happens to a coinage die when it is damaged or approaches the end of its usefulness in minting coins. **Mark Baskin** presented a program in October on *Type Coin Collecting* featuring United States coins. November meeting had **Gar Davis** who recently relocated to this area and works for one of our local firms cataloguing fine coins for auction. The exact title of the program was not announced.

**HEARTLAND COIN CLUB** The recent coin show had a sold-out bourse. Quarter boards for 2003-04 were available at the registration desk. Because of the sold-out bourse we had no room for the usual Coins for Kids table. Members were saddened by the death of **Harold Centman** who had recently relocated to Arizona. Members will draw for 60 presents at the Christmas meeting. That raffle will have 25 items with a total value of \$1,000. Tickets for this raffle will

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be 50 cents each. October will see the 2005 medal contest. Designs are to be of a historical site or important event in the club's membership area.

**HEMET NUMISMATISTS** say that the July birthday luncheon was tremendous. The meal was catered by **Skip**. August was Other Hobbies Night and these ranged from snakes to oil paintings to Indian arrowheads and thimbles. **Angus Bruce** spoke in September about *United States Military Decorations and Medals*. Also in September was the club's annual ice cream social. October saw the annual White Elephant Sale which is always loads of fun. It was a wet and rainy day but added to our treasury. The club had Red Books for sale to the members. **Bill Adams**, a native of San Jacinto - Hemet Valley and historian of the area spoke at the November meeting. He had a marvelous setup of dual projectors for his slide presentation of his fantastic views, past and present of this wonderful valley.

**INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO** featured India and South Asia in August. **Ken Aring** usually brings slides on the topic and members share coins and literature. September was devoted to countries with names starting with E, F or G. October's topic was China, Korea and Japan. Ken became ill and **Kay Lenker** supplied a program on *Pre-1947 Coins of the Philippines*, which included oriental pieces. November we will devote to Mediterranean countries. **Bob Fritsch** has been supplying us with a coin quiz each month which is listed in the announcement of the meeting.

**LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY** released good reports on another successful Annual Book Auction last October 5 which added "over \$1000 to the club's bank accounts." Donors were led by **Edgar D. Fulwider**, followed by **Michael S. Turrini, Joe Wargo, Vince Lacariere, Gordon R. Donnell, Jim and Sharon Rosen, Gene Hoy, Al Bullock, Ken Barr, Stephen M. Huston, David W. Lange, Len Kruithof, and Mark W. Clark. Stephen M. Huston** again returned as the exciting auctioneer. The listed major bidders were: **Ken Barr, Vince Lacariere, and Mark W. Clark**, all of whom "purchased large amounts of material that has helped our club immeasurably." The society's An-

nual Bottle Auction was won by Al Lo, our “keeper of the Hawaiian mystique,” who claimed a wine bottle filled with an “estimated twenty rolls of dimes” and earning the society’s treasury \$85. This auction is drawn at the aforementioned Annual Book Auction. For 2005, LNS member **Chris Thompson** has donated a small steam locomotive model, which is a coin bank, and filling has begun.

**LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB** reported that it has adopted a new constitution and bylaws, and thanked **Leotha Kosanke** typed the new documents, which were approved. Two recent LVCC meeting speakers have been: **Howard Kosanke**, with *Care, Cleaning, and Handling of Coins and Medals*, at the August 17 meeting, and **Ken Barr**, with *The Nine Most Interesting Things Found On My Covered Desk*, at the September 21 meeting. The LVCC again advises that its new meeting site is the new Livermore Public Library, Meeting Room, 1118 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore, California. The LVCC also acknowledged member **Gordon R. Donnell** for his ANA achievement award, the Glenn Smedley Award. Way to go, Gordon!

**LONG BEACH COIN CLUB** **Gary Beedon** presented a new slide program in September entitled *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly*. Featured were counterfeit U.S. and foreign coins, counter-stamped coins, cut-out coins and more. The August White Elephant Sale netted almost \$200 for the club’s treasury. **Mike Ontko** presented a program titled *The Coinage of Portugal and its Colonies* in October. He traced Portugal’s numismatic history from the 18th through 20th centuries. Bourse Night was held in November. New officers will be elected in December and installed on Sunday, January 9th, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. at the Lakewood Country Club.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION** has its Nor-Cal V Coin Show scheduled for the first weekend in December before the deadline for this *California Numismatist* issue, so reports must be delayed until the next issue. The association regularly issues a *Coin Show Schedule* highlighting northern California local coin shows, and free copies can be obtained for distribution at shows. Write to PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410.

**NORTHROP GRUMMAN COIN CLUB** now meets on second Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Program for October was **Phil Iversen** on *Lewis & Clark—Sighting the Pacific*. In November we saw a video on *The Granite Lady*. December will be the Holiday Party with Show and Tell by the members. We will also have **Larry Buck’s** barbecued turkey.

**OCEANSIDE-CARLSBAD COIN CLUB** heard **Wally Butts** speak on *Gold You Can Find*. In September **Thor Strom** talked on ancient European coins. One of our junior members, **Cory Arms**, spoke about the 1954 Canadian \$1 bill that he had recently received from the Coins for Kids program. He had researched the item after selecting it from the Coins for Kids box.

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**PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY** As usual, its meetings accentuate knowledge. The September 22 meeting heard new member **Federico Castillo** speak on *Costa Rican Coinage: Coin Types 1825-Present*: he “gave a very informative PowerPoint presentation on the coinage of Costa Rica, a small country in Central America...cocoa beans were used as currency substitute prior to the first coins in 1825.” Later at the October 27 meeting, **Stephen M. Huston** spoke on *Field Guide To GOKs*, which means “God only knows.” PCNS and SFCC—San Francisco Coin Club—shall join together later in December for a mutual year-ending Holiday Party at Fort Mason Center, San Francisco. The results in the PCNS’ 2004 Paper Contest were: First Place, **Elliot Wehner**, *United State Military Currency After Military Payment Certificates*; Second Place, **Richard Webster**, *Medieval English Tokens: 1200-1425 AD*; and Third Place, **Dr. Michael J. Wehner**, *Halfway To The Stars: San Francisco Cable Car Exonumia*. Note: Dr. Wehner’s is Elliot’s father: son “beat-out” dad! Wow! Congratulations to all!

**PENINSULA COIN CLUB** As of the return of the school year, the PCC meetings have returned to Classroom 14, which is the Home Economics Sewing Lab, at the JLS—Jane Leland Stanford—Middle School, 408 East Meadow Drive, between Middlefield Road and Alma/Central Expressway, in south Palo Alto, California. Contacts with this self-described “small, lively, and friendly group” can be at PO Box 60484, Palo Alto, California, 94306-0484. The club can be reached via [greenblatt@yahoo.com](mailto:greenblatt@yahoo.com).

**REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB** reminds everyone that its 2005 37th Annual Coin Show is set for Saturday and Sunday, February 19 and 20, 2005, in the E.L. Finley Hall, on the Sonoma County Fairgrounds, in Santa Rosa, California, with hours 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday. The Western Wooden Money Club is scheduled to gather on the Saturday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. during this show. Information may be contacted via Merle Avila at 707-585-3711, weekdays, or 707-824-4811, evenings. Going back a few months, the RECC August 11 meeting had golden moments with these gold coin



Show 'n Tellers: **Kurt Ginter, Dan Murphy, Gary Coomber, Larry Mochizuki, Don Franceschi, Bob Tedder, Glenn Coleman, Dan Carey, Harold Rose, Charley Betschart, Richard Wright, Bruce Schiller, Gabe Lopez, Ed Reinfield, Charlie Catlett, Willie Quarante, and Merle Avila.** That number, 17, tied the record with the Cupertino Coin Club, previously mentioned. So, again, can any other local coin club top that record? At this same meeting was the club's Semiannual Gold Attendance Drawing with **Neal Conner** winning a five dollar Half Eagle, **James Vallandingham** an Austrian Ducat, and **Bob Anderson** a 1/10 gold Eagle. RECC Life Member #1, **Michael S. Turrini**, was honored with the ANA's esteemed Outstanding Adult Advisor Award. Congratulations, Michael!

**SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB** writes that its recent September 25 and 26 Annual Fall Coin Show was a success due to **David and Natilie Herr, Marion Imel, Phil and Vi Asher, Mike Niecoff, Mel Dodson, Jim Hagerty, Bill McCaslin, and Bud Randolph.** The show had these exhibitor winners: First Place, **Dr. Rodney W. Baker**; Second Place, **Jeff Shevlin**; and Third Place, **Paul Lucas**; with Youth Entry, **Elijah Gooley.** The October 13 meeting was the club's Other Hobbies Night: **Steve Bowers**, Stained Glass; **Jim Hagerty**, War Medals; **Bob Spacek**, Tools; **Dr. Rod Baker**, Old Drug Store Items; **Loren Bailey**, Bailey's Wooden Planes; **Kenny Malkus**, Old Club Car; and **Marion Imel**, Fused Glass. The club was saddened with the passing of longtime member **Dr. Arthur R. Trent**, one of the first African-American doctors in the Sacramento, California area, who passed away last August 21: "Dr. Trent was well-liked by the other club members and shall surely be missed."

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB** member **Janet Reeves** presented an excellent and thorough program on Disney pins in July. She explained how they are sold, presented, traded and stored. Hundreds of examples were displayed, together with medals, books and related material. In August we had Other Hobbies Night. This is always enjoyable and is fun to learn about other interests of our members. These interests are as varied as doll collecting, koi raising, poetry, reptile keeping and photographing celebrities. Theme for the 2005 club medal is the San Bernardino National Forest on the 100th anniversary of the U.S. Forest Service.

**SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY** recently added three life members to the list. **Les Peich** and **Ivah Vigneault** have been members for 50 years and long time member **Phil Centman** is moving from the area. The society garnered awards at ANA for its bulletin. In August **Ken Berger** spoke on *100th Year of the NYC Subway*. In September Ken gave Part IV of *American Dollar and Equivalents*. A slate of officers for 2005-06 was presented in September: President **Ken Spindler**, VP **David Jones**, Treasurer **Jim Hunt**, and Secretary **Kay Edgerton Lenker**. Board members for 3 years: **Les Peich** and **Ginny Bourke**. The slate was given a white ballot and will be installed at a dinner meeting at



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Coco's in January. The society will soon have its 800th meeting and plans to have wooden money produced. In October **Larry Baber** gave a PowerPoint presentation on *Swedish Plate Money*. In November **Jim Wells** gave a PowerPoint presentation on *Numismatics of the Republic of Texas*. Jim is a native of Texas and wore his Texas outfit that he was pleased to note that he had worn 20 years ago. We will have a donation auction in December after a linguini and meatball dinner prepared by Editor **Rex Salmon**. Cost of the dinner is \$3.

**SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB** held its First Annual Hans Hansson Memorial Drawing at its October 24, 2004 meeting earning the club \$152, from prizes donated by **Dr. Donald H. Kagin**, **Vincent Battaglia**, **Michael S. Turrini**, **Mark W. Clark**, **Sydney Pearlman**, **Thomas Quigley**, and others. Earlier at the September 24 meeting, there were only three "Other Hobbies": **Gordon R. Donnell**, wood carving; **Michael S. Turrini**, Panama-Pacific (PPIE) picture books; and **Vincent Battaglia**, remote-control scaled model car.

**SAN JOSE COIN CLUB** enjoyed its Other Hobbies Night way back at its August 11 meeting with **Don Barsi**, Blood Donation; **Dan Shattuc**, Faces of Nature; **Ten Cunningham**, Rare Fruit Trees; **Al Fraumeni**, 'Hoppy' Watches; **Jan Stanford**, Royal Mail First Day Covers; **Martha Davis**, McDonald's Teeny Beanies; **Alan Douglass**, Telephone Die Date Nails; **John Sarti**, Little League; **Bob Thomas**, Red Books; **Keith Scott**, Miscellaneous; **Ed Sins**, Wine Splits; **Larry Benson**, Vegetables; **Eugene Mirabella**, Watches; **Sally Johnson**, Baby Emily Dolls; **Gordon Donnell**, Beer Steins; **Briita Ehlers**, Duck Dolls; and **Ryan Johnson**, Lego Toys. The November 13 meeting heard SJCC Life Member **Gary Acquistapace** speak on *Numismatic Items of the Western Caribbean*, which was based on his recent fall 2004 Caribbean cruise and tour.

**SANTA ANA COIN CLUB** sends postcard notices of the meetings. **Gar Davis** spoke in September but the topic was not announced. **Jerry Kleeb** discussed *Philippines PM (US Administration)* in October.

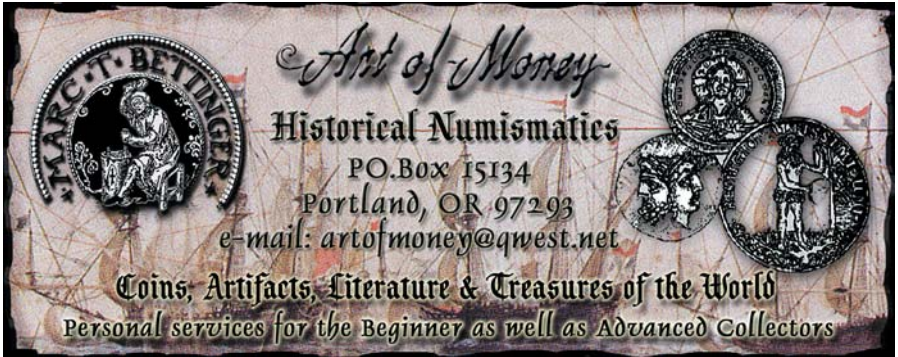
**SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB** is doing a silver round for the Sesqui-centennial of the Treaty of Kanagawa, opening of Japan to the United States in 1854. Designed by **Chuck Luce**, of San Diego, it is being reserved through January 1, 2005. The club regrets that long distant member, **Dr. DeWayne Gallups**, has, due to health been compelled to resign his membership. He was a loyal and devoted, if distant, member for the past several years.

**STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB** writes that its last August Annual Picnic was a success: "for those of you who were not able to attend, you missed a great picnic at Smyrna Park this year! Counting members and their families, we had a total of 75 in attendance. Wow! I may be wrong, but I think the fact that it was catered by Tony Roma's might be have played a small part in the record number that attended," to quote SCCC President **Rasha Johnson**. SCCC Member **Mike Tandy** claimed a double win this year: designing the winning entries for both the Delta Coin Club and Stanislaus County Coin Club medals! Both in same year! His SJCC design featured Burge's Drive-In in Modesto, and his DCC design had the Mossdale Railroad Bridge over the San Joaquin River. Two in one year!

**TUSTIN COIN CLUB** is another club with postcard notices. There was no meeting in August. In September **Ken Baumheckel** gave a program on *Byzantine and Medieval Coins*. There was no meeting again in October.

**UPLAND COIN CLUB** The August meeting saw a silent film brought by **G. Lee Kuntz** of the 1958 ANA Convention in Portland, Oregon. We enjoyed seeing the dress of the era and viewing those who have since departed. In September **Dennis Halladay** spoke about his recent trip to Ireland. October's program was a White Elephant Sale.

**VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY** reminds that its 33rd Annual Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show is Sunday, May 1, 2005, is again back at the Vallejo Elks' Lodge #559, 2850 Redwood Parkway, off Admiral Callaghan and Interstate 80, in east Vallejo, hours 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This return would allow the show, this year and following years, to expand and offer more. Admission and parking are free, and bourse applications are presently available from President **Harry W. Davis**, who may be reached at PO Box 4281, Vallejo, California, 94590-0428 or telephoned at 707-643-0216. This 2005 VNS Show shall continue as a full-day event: enlarged bourse, All Gold Coin Drawing, Youth Table, much free hobby information, collector meetings, and exhibits. Two collector groups will hold their annual gatherings at the 2005 VNS Show: Solano Silver Round Club and Western Wooden Money Club, and exhibitors are warmly welcomed, with each being presented a minor Mexican gold coin as an enticement. Longtime VNS Treasurer **Michael S. Turrini** brought his highly received and educating *Counting Us III: Coin Show Fanatic* to the VNS November 3 meeting, and the stories and confessions brought laughs and interest among those



attending. Earlier, **Gerald ‘Mr. G’ Singer** spoke at the VNS October 6 meeting with his *What Is A Coin Dealer Going To Do?:* “his talk, peppered with stories and jokes, sparked many questions and advise.”

**VERDUGO HILLS COIN CLUB** In August **Mary Yahalom** presented a program *Panama Pacific International Exposition*. Mary is an avid collector of exposition material and always has fascinating items to view. The evening was also our first Mini-Bourse Night. September was the Brown Bag Auction with 16 bags, each holding a number that corresponds to a great prize, including four gold pesos—two were 5 pesos. The auction brought out spirited bidding with the most highly contested bag getting top bid of \$42. In October **Phil Iversen** presented *Lewis and Clarke: Sighting the Pacific*. **Walt Ostromcki’s** program in November was a preview of his latest numismatic article *Gold Treasure in San Pedro Bay or Just Another “Tales of Wells Fargo?” Intrigue, Murder and Gold Treasure Surround 1863 Southern California Sea Disaster*.

**VISALIA COIN CLUB** Youth Numismatist **Cameron Keifer** edits the monthly VCC newsletter, and in the October 2004 issue, he provided suggestions on coin storage: “It is always good to look at your coins at least once a year even if these are in a safe deposit box at a bank. The reason being is that the coins could start to tarnish, not tone, or other factors like humidity or heat may be causing damage. Many bank safes have higher humidity, because paper documents require it for long term storage.” Good lesson, Cameron.

**WHITTIER COIN CLUB** heard member **Roy Iwata** talk on *The Liberty Cap and Numismatics*. The talk was accompanied by slides and showed the efforts of Roy’s thorough and careful research. In September the club met at Millie’s Restaurant in La Mirada for an informal gathering with 21 members and 3 guests. In October we had a video on the features of the new colored twenty and fifty dollar notes. **Ballabh Garg** spoke on the subject of assembling a type set in November. This was Ballabh’s first main presentation for our club. He has given extended show and tell presentations that were so well researched that we asked him to give our main program this tune.

# Directory of Member Clubs

*Please review your club's information. Changes may be sent by a club officer via mail to the editor at P.O. Box 2031, Glendora, CA 91740, or by e-mail to: gburns@adelphia.net. CSNA and NASC membership status is indicated in parentheses at the end of each club's listing.*

- Alameda Coin Club**—meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Citibank Savings Meeting Room, 1516 Webster Street, Alameda; mailing address: P.O. Box 1763, Alameda, CA 94201. (CSNA)
- Ancient Coin Club of Los Angeles**—meets 2nd Sunday, 1:30 p.m., Balboa Mission Town Hall shopping center (between barber shop & beauty supply), 16916 San Fernando Mission Blvd., Granada Hills; mailing address: c/o K. L. Friedman, 16255 Ventura Blvd., Encino, CA 91436; e-mail: Fausta@pacbell.net; Web site: <http://mjconnor.home.mindspring.com/accla/>. (NASC)
- Bay Cities Coin Club**—meets 1st Saturday, 1:00 p.m., Santa Monica Public Library, 17th Street and Montana Ave., Santa Monica; mailing address: P.O. Box 943, Santa Monica, CA 90406. (CSNA, CSNA)
- California Exonumist Society**—meets quarterly at Golden State Coin Show, CSNA Conventions and at an all-day show in June or July; mailing address: Kay Edgerton Lenker, P.O. Box 6909, San Diego, CA 92166. (NASC, CSNA)
- California State Numismatic Association**—meets twice a year during CSNA conventions at various locations; mailing address: Dennis Halladay, 20567 Nathan Dr., Riverside, CA 92508; e-mail: bilfeb@msn.com; Web site: [www.coinmall.com/csna](http://www.coinmall.com/csna). (NASC, CSNA)
- Chula Vista Coin Club**—meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Norman Park Senior Center, 270 F Street, Chula Vista; mailing address: 11842 Rocosco Road, Lakeside, CA 92040. (CSNA)
- Coiners Coin Club**—meets 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., 4675 Tecolote Road, San Diego, CA; mailing address: 829 Portsmouth Court, San Diego, CA 92109. (CSNA)
- Covina Coin Club**—meets 3rd Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., American Legion Post 888, 1436 N. Hollenback Ave.; mailing address: Helen Desens, 282 W. Bygrove St., Covina, CA 91722. (NASC, CSNA)
- Culver City Coin Club**—meets 2nd Thursday, 8:00 p.m., Veteran's Memorial Building, Urupan Room, Culver and Overland, Culver City; mailing address: Steve Demmer, P.O. Box 813, Culver City, CA 90232. (NASC)
- Cupertino Coin Club**—meets 2nd Friday, 7:00 p.m., West Valley Presbyterian Church, 6191 Bollinger Avenue, Cupertino, CA; mailing address: P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, CA 95015-0448; Web site: [www.cupertinoclub.homestead.com](http://www.cupertinoclub.homestead.com). (CSNA)
- Delta Coin Club**—meets 2nd and 4th Fridays, 7:00 p.m., St. Paul's Church Auditorium, 2220 West Alpine Street, Stockton; mailing address: P.O. Box 216, Victor, CA 95253. (CSNA)
- Diablo Numismatic Society**—meets 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Concord Veterans Memorial Building, 2290 Willow Pass Road, Concord; mailing address: P.O. Box 117, Concord, CA 94122-0177. (CSNA)
- Downey Numismatists**—meets 4th Monday, 7:30 p.m., Downey Retirement Center, 11500 Dolan Ave., Downey; mailing address: Albertus Hooegeveen, P.O. Box 222, Downey, CA 90241. (NASC)
- Eureka Coin Club**—meets 1st Tuesday (Sept. to May), 7:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Sonora Blvd. and F Streets, Eureka; mailing address: P.O. Box 505, Eureka, CA 95501-0505. (CSNA)
- Fairfield Coin Club**—meets 4th Wednesday (except December), 7:00 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, Parish Hall #1, corner of First and Kentucky Streets, Fairfield; mailing address: P.O. Box 944, Fairfield, CA 94533-0094. (CSNA)
- Fontana United Numismatists**—meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 9260 Mango Ave. (& Randall), Fontana; mailing address: P.O. Box 71, Fontana, CA 92334. (NASC, CSNA)
- Fremont Coin Club**—meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Fremont Elks Club, #2121, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont; mailing address: P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, CA 94538. (CSNA)



- Fresno Numismatic Society**—meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Las Palmas Masonic Temple, 2992 East Clinton, Fresno; mailing address: P.O. Box 11525, Fresno, CA 93773-1525. (CSNA)
- Full Step Nickel Club**—Call for local meeting dates and locations; (818) 841-2959; mailing address: Darrell Crane, President, P.O. Box 10909, Burbank, CA 91510; e-mail: grannis@earthlink.net; Web site: www.fullstepnickel.com. (NASC)
- Gateway Coin Club**—meets 1st and 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., California Federal Bank, 19th and M Streets, Merced; mailing address: P.O. Box 3101, Merced, CA 95344-1101. (CSNA)
- Glendale Coin Club**—meets 2nd Friday, 7:30 p.m., CitiBank, 2350 Honolulu Blvd., Glendale; mailing address: Mark Watson, 327 Delaware Road, Burbank, CA 91504; e-mail: mark.c.watson@sbcglobal.net; Web site: www.GlenCoin.com. (NASC, CSNA)
- Greater Orange County Coin Club**—meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center, Fairview Room, 1845 Park, Costa Mesa; mailing address: Gary Beedon, P.O. Box 2335, Huntington Beach, CA 92647; e-mail: Beedon@earthlink.net. (NASC, CSNA)
- Heartland Coin Club**—meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Bostonia Park Recreation Building, 1049 Bostonia St., El Cajon; mailing address: Dorothy Baber, 611 Oakwood Way, El Cajon, CA 91945; e-mail: Dotbaber@aol.com. (NASC, CSNA)
- Hemet Numismatists**—meets 3rd Wednesday, 12:00 Noon, Provident Savings Bank, 1600 Florida Avenue (Northwest Corner Giard and Florida), Hemet; mailing address: P.O. Box 51, Homeland, CA 92548. (NASC, CSNA)
- International Numismatic Society of San Diego**—meets 4th Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., North Park Recreational Center, 4044 Idaho, San Diego; mailing address: P.O. Box 161081, San Diego, CA 92176. (CSNA)
- Israel Numismatic Society/Israel Coin Club of Los Angeles**—meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Westside Jewish Community Center—Founders Room, 5870 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles; mailing address: 6266 Drexel Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90048. (NASC)
- Leisure World Coin Club**—meets 2nd Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., Clubhouse No. 3, Room 2, Seal Beach Leisure World; mailing address: Austin Overholtz, 1331 Pelham Road, #67A, Seal Beach, CA 90740. (NASC)
- Liberty Numismatic Society**—meets 1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Millbrae Recreation Center, 477 Lincoln Circle, Millbrae; mailing address: P.O. Box 300, Millbrae, CA 94030-0300; Web site: www.lns-coinclub.org. (CSNA)
- Long Beach Coin Club**—meets 1st Monday, 7:00 p.m., Millikan High School Cafeteria, 2800 Snowden Ave., Long Beach; mailing address: P.O. Box 8101, Long Beach, CA 90808. (NASC, CSNA)
- Northern California Numismatic Association**—meets in annual convention each July (Nor-Cal Show), presently in Concord, CA, mailing address: Michael Turrini, P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, CA 94590. (NASC, CSNA)
- Northrop-Grumman Coin Club**—meets 2nd Friday, 7:30 p.m., 5500 Canoga Avenue, Building 30, APD Engineering Conference Room, Woodland Hills; mailing address: Walt Wegner, Box 521, Woodland Hills, CA 91365; e-mail: wlwegner@msn.com. (NASC, CSNA)
- Oceanside-Carlsbad Coin Club**—meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Encinitas Community Center, 1140 Oakcrest Park Dr., Encinitas; mailing address: c/o Eblen, 1772 Caliban Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024. (NASC, CSNA)
- Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**—meets 4th Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Fort Mason Center, Building C, San Francisco; mailing address: P.O. Box 457656, San Francisco, CA 94147-5656; Web site: www.pcns.org. (CSNA)
- Peninsula Coin Club**—meets 2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m., Palo Alto Elks Lodge, #1471, Board Room, 4229 El Camino Blvd., Palo Alto; mailing address: P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, CA 94306-0484; Web site: www.stanford.edu/~clint/pcc. (CSNA)
- Redwood Empire Coin Club**—meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Veterans Memorial Building (opposite the county fairgrounds across from highway 12), 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa; mailing address: P.O. Box 9013, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. (CSNA)

- Sacramento Valley Coin Club**—meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 5026 Don Julio Blvd., North Highlands; mailing address: P.O. Box 160122, Sacramento, CA 95816; Web site: [www.sacvalcc.org](http://www.sacvalcc.org). (NASC, CSNA)
- San Bernardino County Coin Club**—meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. (except November which is 1st Thursday), San Bernardino County Museum, Fisk Auditorium (1-10 & California Street to Museum), 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands; mailing address: P.O. Box 2745, San Bernardino, CA 92406. (NASC, CSNA)
- San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council**—meets 1st Saturday in February, May, August and November, 7:00 p.m., Peninsula Community Center, 3740 Sport Arena Blvd., San Diego; mailing address: 11842 Rocoso Road, Lakeside, CA 92040. (CSNA)
- San Diego Numismatic Society**—meets 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., North Park Adult Center, 2719 Howard St., San Diego; Mailing address: Hunt, 1183 Niles Ave., Chula Vista, CA 91911-3720. (NASC, CSNA)
- San Jose Coin Club**—meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., American Legion Hall, Post #318, 1504 Minnesota Avenue, San Jose; mailing address: P.O. Box 5621, San Jose, CA 95150-5621; Web site: [www.sanjosecoinclub.org](http://www.sanjosecoinclub.org). (CSNA)
- Santa Ana Coin Club**—meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society Building (Dr. Willella Howe-Waffle House), 120 W. Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana; mailing address: Santa Ana CC, P.O. Box 1404, Santa Ana, CA 92702. (NASC)
- Santa Barbara Coin Club**—meets 4th Monday of even months (except December), 7:30 p.m., Page Youth Center, 4540 Hollister Avenue, Room 5, Santa Barbara; mailing address: P.O. Box 6205, Santa Barbara, CA 93160. (NASC, CSNA)
- Society of Lincoln Cent Collectors**—meets as available; mailing address: Dr. Sol Taylor, 13515 Magnolia Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA 91423. (NASC)
- Solano Silver Round Club**—meets 2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., J.J. North's Grand Buffet, Banquet Room, 21315 Gateway Blvd., #D2, Solano Hall, Fairfield; mailing address: P.O. Box 3518, Fairfield, CA 94533-3518. (CSNA)
- Stanislaus County Coin Club**—meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Denny's Restaurant, 1525 McHenry Ave., Modesto; mailing address: P.O. Box 1672, Modesto, CA 95353-1672; e-mail: [editor@stancocoinclub.com](mailto:editor@stancocoinclub.com); Web site: [www.stancocoinclub.com](http://www.stancocoinclub.com). (CSNA)
- The World Coin Club**—meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Senior Citizens Center of West Covina, Rm. 15, Cortez Ave. (between Citrus and Hollenbeck); mailing address: c/o Lloyd Beauchaine, 1629 Chetney Dr., West Covina, CA 91790. (CSNA)
- Tustin Coin Club**—meets 1st Friday, 7:00 p.m., Tustin Senior Center, 200 South "C" St., Tustin; mailing address: Roy Iwata, P.O. Box 2449, Seal Beach, CA 90740. (NASC)
- Upland Coin Club**—meets 3rd Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Magnolia Recreation Center, 651 W. 15th Street, Upland; mailing address: P.O. Box 1306, Garden Grove, CA 92842-1306. (NASC, CSNA)
- Vallejo Numismatic Society**—meets 1st Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Uncle Sam's Chinese and American Food, corner of Broadway and Sereno Drive, Vallejo; mailing address: P.O. Box 4281, Vallejo, CA 94590-0428. (CSNA)
- Ventura County Coin Club**—meets 2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Church of Christ Church, Ventura; mailing address: P.O. Box 3263, Ventura, CA 93006. (CSNA)
- Verdugo Hills Coin Club**—meets 2nd Monday, 7:15 p.m., CitiBank, 2350 Honolulu Ave., Montrose; mailing address: P.O. Box 26, Tujunga, CA 91043. (NASC)
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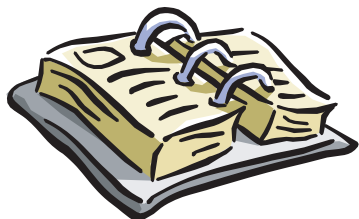
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- Dec. 17 - 19      **Coin & Stamp Expo** (Glendale), Civic Auditorium, 1401 N. Verdugo Road, Israel Bick, (818) 997-6496, [iibick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:iibick@sbcglobal.net).

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- Feb. 13      **North County Monthly Coin Show** (Anaheim), Embassy Suites Hotel, 3100 Frontera Street (91 Fwy at Glassell Street), Don Brady, (208) 433-9464, [DBCCnumis@aol.com](mailto:DBCCnumis@aol.com).
- Feb. 19 - 20      **42nd Coin & Collectibles Show** (San Bernardino), San Bernardino County Coin Club, Damus Bldg, National Orange Show Fairgrounds, Mill Street Arrowhead Ave., Kevin Akin, (951) 787- 0318, [kevinakin1950@hotmail.com](mailto:kevinakin1950@hotmail.com).
- Feb. 20      **Cupertino Coin Club Coin Show** (San Jose), Napredak Hall, 770 Montegue Expressway, admission \$2 (Juniors free), 10AM - 5PM, Bruce Braga, (408) 865-0720.

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- Apr. 10     **Verdugo Hills Coin Club Show** (Van Nuys), 40th Annual Coin & Collectibles Show, Van Nuys Masonic Hall, 14750 Sherman Way, Bob Thompson, (818) 249-1237, bobcat237@earthlink.net, free parking. Youth coin auction.
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- May 1     **Heartland Coin Club Spring Show** (El Cajon), El Cajon Valley Masonic Lodge, 695 Ballantyne St., Lee Darnell, (760) 789-7181, jyjoylee@pacbell.net, Free admission and parking.
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# Numismatic Nostalgia



## Fifty Years Ago

- 405 CSNA members paid \$2 for their yearly dues. Cash on hand was listed as a princely \$554.03.
- The NASC transitioned from the concept stage to the beginning meetings that served to organize the association.
- Bread was 17 cents a loaf, milk 92 cents per gallon, eggs 77 cents a dozen, a car was under \$2,000, gas 29 cents per gallon, the average house cost \$17,500, a first class stamp 3 cents, average income was under \$5,000/year, and the minimum wage was 75 cents per hour.

## Twenty-Five Years Ago

- Over 2,000 people registered for the NASC convention held at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. At the Saturday evening banquet, a special tribute to Abe Kosoff celebrated his fifty years in numismatics.
- *Calcoin News* noted that twelve-year old member Michelle Lopez of San Bernardino had recently become ANA member 100,000. The ANA played that up quite a bit at the time. I wonder if Michelle is still collecting at the age of thirty-seven?
- The Shah left Iran to Ayatollah Kohmeini, and Iranian militants seized the US Embassy in Tehran and held fifty-two captives as hostages.
- There were 4.378 billion people in the world compared to the current population of 6.310 billion. That's a 44% increase in just 25 years. How many do you think collect coins, tokens, medals, exnumia and paper-money?

## Ten Years Ago

- In *Calcoin News* Joyce Kuntz passed along thanks from husband G. Lee Kuntz for everyone's good wishes following his triple bypass surgery. Either the surgery or the good wishes (maybe both) must have really made a difference, because Lee's still going strong today!
- Walt Ostromecki published a story in *The NASC Quarterly* on "The First White House Christmas Tree: A Numismatic Tale of Sorts." Seems President Benjamin Harrison's wife, First Lady Caroline Harrison, purchased the first tree for the White House in 1889 for "one silver dollar." Walt wondered if it may have been an 1889-CC, the most expensive specimen up to that year. The tree? Oh, yes, it was a "tall, graceful New York spruce."
- Cupertino Coin Club member Gary Acquistapace reported that on a trip to Alaska he had eaten a 13-inch high hamburger. He reportedly finished digesting it just this last May.



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