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He's BAAAACK! And at a special ceremonial celebration held in Sacramento he was distributing the first California state quarters to students from Natomas Charter School in Sacramento and Los Arboles Elementary School in San Jose. Read up on all the happenings in our special report on page 38.

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Presidents' Messages

NASC...

Here we are again,

I would like to thank some members of NASC for making all of our recent events possible.

Last year a committee chairman, Dr Thomas Fitzgerald, was selected and appointed to guide a committee, consisting of George Moore and myself, through the long process of planning and overseeing the 50th anniversary project. He was also responsible for writing the special 50th anniversary booklet and narrating the slide program—oops I mean a PowerPoint presentation.



Thanks to George Moore for all his work on producing the special 50th anniversary medallion, the ribbons and the special membership cards, and the unique one-of-a-kind paperweight received by those attending the banquet. He won't admit it but he has labored long and hard on these projects over the past year.

Also, Greg Bums, for his design used on the medallion that was chosen from the selection of art work submitted for review by the committee. Also the write-ups in the *California Numismatist*, and the PowerPoint presentation we enjoyed.

Harold Katzman—it was his forward thinking and idea for a gold medallion drawing. He was responsible for getting the gold medallion made, the tickets printed and distributed, and taking care of the funds derived from the sale of the tickets. I understand the gold medallion drawing has been a huge success.

Thanks to Gary Beedon for finding a location and arranging the anniversary banquet luncheon that we enjoyed. This was not the normal awards recognition event, and we as the committee loaded some extra details on Gary's agenda.

Also to all the members who have contributed ideas, time and effort in putting this event together. *A huge thank you to all.*

NASC has items that are spread out around at different locations; for example in my garage I have a few cases of coffee mugs and a box of badges used by NASC at our last convention. What we are looking for is to itemize the NASC articles you might have stored at your place. We are not looking to get the items back, but want to get an inventory of these items. So if you could take a few minutes to check your garage and or storage shed and let me know what items you may have, that would be a great help.

Don Foster
NASC President

CSNA...

California numismatics were well-represented during the state quarter launch in Sacramento. CSNA members Garrett and Michelle Burke's concept for the California quarter out-shined all of the other designs submitted, and they are serving as numismatic good will ambassadors throughout the state.

Another way to shine is to patronize the dealers you find advertised in our journal. If you need an item to add to your collections, wish to shop, or would like some advice, these are the people who will be pleased to help you.

G. Lee Kuntz, a man who is knowledgeable, considerate, and appreciative of his fellow numismatists, retired from the office of president after having re-invigorated the California numismatic community! We are greatly blessed with several such CSNA former presidents who continue to be vital. What an honor to be allowed to follow in their footsteps.

Congratulations to the NASC for their fiftieth anniversary. To reach that milestone and enjoy such an active membership you have to be very good at what you do! I know that I truly enjoyed the NASC anniversary luncheon; with the combination of great food and good friends everyone came out a winner!

While you are delving into the future of CSNA, pay a visit to our new website at www.calcoin.org. Steven Huston has done a magnificent job of revising and updating the website. You can also visit the CSNA Library site to view some of the latest titles and so many other interesting items there to explore.

Starting immediately, a CSNA Recruiters Medal will be given to any member who sponsors a new member to CSNA (see criteria on the back cover.) We are hoping to keep Secretary Dennis Halladay busy adding member's names to his list. If you'll recall when you became a member, was it because someone invited you to join? Kay Edgerton Lenker invited me to join at the CSNA convention in Fresno in the early 1990s. I decided to become a member and so did my family. Life has never been dull since!

Add some sunshine to *your* life. Invite someone to join CSNA. Recruit a member, get a medal!



Lila Anderson
CSNA President

Editor's Page



A breath of fresh air, ahhhh! I'd been released from my editor's dungeon so that I could accompany some of our mutual friends up to Sacramento for the big quarter launch there at the end of January. Very exciting. I do believe we all had a terrific time. (Now it's time for me to go back to my little cubby.)

From left: your Editor Greg, Joel and Lila Anderson, G. Lee Kuntz, and Jim Hunt. We relaxed in the lobby of our hotel before diving into the hubbub of the state quarter launch ceremony conducted by Governor Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver. See the full story on page 38...

Mea culpa (a pretentious Latin word for "I'm guilty")... I still can't quite believe I overlooked doing a write-up last year on the 2004 Southern California Educational Symposium, but whether I believe it or not, I did. I've tried to make it up with at least a short report on the event on page 34. It really was a hoot, and I'm so looking forward to the upcoming 2005 event (will be past by the time you read this.) If you don't routinely go to the northern and southern events, you're really missing something. Start planning now for the northern event later this year.

Next, please note that the NASC Web site (www.NASC.net) now has their speaker's list on-line. If your club needs a program go look someone up and get them scheduled. Now that I'm writing this, it really is something the CSNA should do, too. Any volunteers?

Think you should be treated like royalty? To help you get the feel for the job requirements, this month's issue has the first of a two-part series by Jim Wells on King Christian IX of Denmark. You can tell Jim's put a lot of work into tracing for us the numismatic (and genealogical) legacy of this regal oak. Look for the next issue to have part two. The intervening months will give you plenty of time to practice your royal wave.

In closing, let me again beseech those of you with unsatisfied authoring desires to write-up a short article on your favorite topic. I'd love to hear from each of you.

Till next issue,

Greg Burns
Editor

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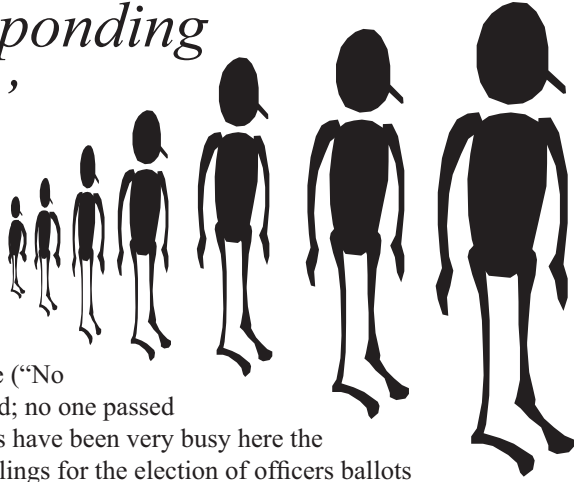
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The Corresponding Secretaries' Reports



CSNA—

by Dennis Halladay

So much for my all-quiet report in the last issue (“No one moved; no one resigned; no one passed away, etc.”), because things have been very busy here the last three months. Two mailings for the election of officers ballots (sorry about the error in the green one) produced a handful of new addresses and a semi-flurry of “no forwarding address” notices. Also, I am saddened by the passing of a friend and real gentleman, Bill Stone.

Dues renewals have been arriving steadily, with nearly 70% already returned. I’ll be doing a second notice mailing at the end of the month and with any luck we’ll get close to a 100% renewal this year.

Please join me in welcoming our six new members who are listed on the facing page. Phil Iversen has taken an early but slim lead in President Lila Anderson’s membership sponsor drive for 2005, but the race has just begun and there’s still time for anyone to get in the race.

Thanks again for everyone’s help in keeping me informed about new addresses and sending new member leads my way. Happy collecting!

NASC—

by Harold Katzman

Almost 50% of the regular members and 40% of the clubs have not renewed as of February 6, 2005. A second renewal notice will be sent.

I’ve been working to update the status of the various categories of members and have received updates from some members from the appeal in last quarter’s issue, though there are a few yet unknown. In this issue I’ve eliminated those sustaining members whose addresses were questionable to more accurately reflect our mailing list.

A list of all members has been given to George Moore III for the special 50th anniversary membership cards that the committee created. Stamps have been purchased and I will do the mailing when the committee has them ready to distribute.

Interestingly, of all the membership renewals received so far, about two-thirds of them went with the special savings on the multi-year rates, and eighty percent of those went for the full five years.

NASC Summary

Life members 15
Sustaining members 175
Regular members 134
Club members 35
Total membership..... 359

CSNA New Regular Members

- Richard R. Carr, R-6050 (NS)
Santa Rosa, CA
Modern American Money, Inc., R-6051 (NS)
Merced, CA
Jeff Sunzeri, R-6052 (PI)
San Jose, CA
Mike Archer, R-6053 (PI)
Scotts Valley, CA
Santa Maria Coin Club, C-6054 (LA)
Santa Maria, CA
Neil H. Lockley, R-6055 (GD)
San Jose, CA

New Address

- Kenneth Noll, R-2258
now in Payson, AZ
Ronald Ishizaki, L-31-08
now in Tuckerton, NJ
Vince Vento, R-6016
now in Honolulu, HI
Charlie Catlett, R-5711
now in Santa Rosa, CA
Ed Herman, R-5767
still in Mobile, AL

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- William H. Stone, R-4818
Upland, CA

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previously in Lemon Grove, CA
Norman Johnson, L-08-01
previously in Van Nuys, CA
John Wilson, L-57-08
previously in Ocala, FL
Carl Grall, L-18-01
previously in Florence, OR
Andrew Darby, R-6026
previously in Santa Cruz, CA
Peter E. Patacsil, R-5857
previously in Barrigada, Guam
Francis Weldin, R-5506
previously in Boise, ID

CSNA Summary

Membership on Nov. 15, 2004..... 522
New members 6
Members ‘lost’ (need address) 8
Deceased 1
Revised membership count -1
Membership on Feb. 15, 2005 518

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Through the Numismatic Glass: An Affair to Remember

by Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald



More than sixty-five members and guests gathered at Frank and Dean's Restaurant in Pasadena to celebrate the Golden Anniversary of the Numismatic Association of Southern California. Joyce Kuntz and her committee beautifully decorated the dining room. An adjoining room contained the first volumes of the *Quarterly*, photo albums and other items from the history of the organization.

The guests began arriving shortly after noon to reminisce about earlier times and those who were no longer with us. The food was delicious and served by accommodating servers. The program moved along smoothly with introductions by NASC President Don Foster, Banquet Chairman Gary Beedon and Master of Ceremonies Clifford Mishler. To borrow a phrase (or was it a title of a movie?) it was truly an *Affair to Remember*.

The NASC, founded in 1954, is a "Confederation of Southern California Coins Clubs." Each member club has a voice in the setting of policies and making decisions so it was fitting the clubs celebrated this auspicious

occasion. The NASC past presidents in attendance were Benjamin Abelson (1971); Dr. Sol Taylor (1975); Nona Moore (1980); Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald (1982); Albertus Hoogveen (1984); Dr. Walter Ostromecki (1992-93); William J. Grant (1994-95); Jerry Yahalom (1996-97); G. Lee Kuntz (1998-99); Harold Katzman (2000-01); and Phil Iversen (2002-03). Guests included the president of the



As usual, George Moore III was busy helping make sure that preparations for this special event went smoothly.

From left: NASC Past-President J. H. McInnis, Jr. (1979), Mary Beedon, Past-President Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald, and Thelma Katzman all examine the memorabilia exhibits at the banquet.



California State Numismatic Association, Lila Anderson, American Numismatic Association Governor Barry Stuppler and famed sculptor, Alex Shagin.

In addition to the presentation of the annual NASC awards, the program featured a PowerPoint presentation of an abbreviated history of the NASC, produced by editor Greg Burns and narrated by Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald.

Master of Ceremonies Clifford Mishler from Iola, Wisconsin shared some of his memories with the guests as he remembered past events and luminaries such as Richard S. Yeoman and Abe Kosoff. Dr. Sol Taylor remembered what it was like as a youngster in New York, collecting Lincoln Cents and later, his memories of the 25th anniversary of the Association.



From left: NASC President Don Foster, Master of Ceremonies Clifford Mishler, sculptor Alex Shagin, and NASC Past-President Phil Iversen gather before the banquet begins.

Every dinner guest was presented with the NASC 50th Anniversary Medal, created by Greg Burns, and a special bronze medallion created by Alex Shagin, to honor the Association. This is a unique medal, produced only for the banquet. Mr. Shagin caused a number of silver editions to be struck and, if you were unable to attend the banquet and wish to purchase a silver piece, they may be obtained by sending \$25 plus \$5 for shipping to: Mo Fitzgerald, 526. E. Comstock Ave., Glendora, CA 91741.

Recognition of Those Who Made The Celebration Possible

Although there were many people who helped to make the NASC 50th Anniversary Luncheon enjoyable and successful, this writer believes it is important to recognize some of them.

The Association is indebted to the committee appointed by President Don Foster shortly after he took office in February 2004. This committee, chaired by Dr. Tom Fitzgerald, includes George Moore III and Don Foster. They spent countless hours meeting, planning, presenting and then implementing numerous activities

to observe the anniversary. Projects included the publication of a history of the NASC, to conduct a contest to design an anniversary medal and paperweight, prepare a special "50th Anniversary" membership card and inform everyone about the various events. Activities included a special category for the NASC history exhibits at the Golden State Coin Show; participation at the Golden State Banquet; publication of articles regarding the anniversary in the ANA's *Numismatist*, *Coin World* and *Numismatic News* as well as *The California Numismatist*.

The committee believed it was very important to inform all interested parties regarding forthcoming events. Special bulletins were mailed to all member clubs, a complete report was presented at all NASC board meetings and a summary was published in *The California Numismatist*. With the help of Terry Foster, Mo Fitzgerald, and Nona Moore, activities were coordinated and special projects were completed. In the final analysis, the celebration of the Golden Anniversary of the NASC was the result of many people working together.

Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald wrote and



Left: Mark Watson, daughter Jennifer, ANA Governor Barry Stuppler, Kay Lenker, Virginia Bourke, and Dorothy Baber, were all looking forward to the event.

Opposite top: Dr. Sol Taylor reminded us of the 25th Silver Anniversary, and gave us some perspective on the passage of time.



prepared the manuscript: *Fifty Years of the Numismatic Association of Southern California – 1954-2004*.

Appreciation is due to Editor Greg Burns who prepared the manuscript for publication.

The association decided to help defray some of the costs of this celebration by striking one gold 50th Anniversary Medal. This piece was the first prize at a drawing held during the banquet. Vice President and Medals Chairman Harold Katzman took on the management of this project. Through his efforts and the help of many NASC members, the program was a tremendous success. Without Harold's hard

Alex Shagin's medal created expressly for the anniversary banquet. Though the bronze variety was only available to banquet attendees, read the story to find out how to order a silver version.

work and dedicated efforts, this would not have been possible.

Special Patrons

The NASC, the committee and all NASC members are indebted to George Moore III of Galaxie Designs and artist/sculptor Alex Shagin for their generosity and support.

Sculptor and NASC member Alex Shagin designed, produced and donated a bronze 50th anniversary NASC medal to everyone attending the banquet. He wanted to show the NASC his appreciation for their support and this was his way of saying "thank you." This medal, presented in a beautiful pouch, is unique and



designed for this special occasion. On one side is a slice of the “Anniversary Cake” while the other side pictures the hands of the sculptor, viewing his work through a magnifying glass, with his tools at the bottom.

George Moore prepared special “Golden Anniversary” ribbons that were distributed to the clubs and members during the past year. He was responsible for a banner, announcing the occasion that proudly hung over the NASC table at the Golden State Coin Show.

George also designed and produced the beautiful paperweights that were presented to all those individuals who supported the gold medal lottery. A very special limited edition paperweight was presented to everyone attending the banquet.

Although George’s business required his full attention, even with twelve-hour days and seven-day weeks, he never missed a committee meeting and fully participated with

the committee in every aspect of the anniversary activities. George Moore and Don Foster were responsible for designing, producing and, together with the corresponding secretary, distributing the 50th anniversary membership cards.

Golden Anniversary Banquet

On Sunday, February 13th, the Numismatic Association of Southern California ended its Golden Anniversary celebration with its banquet. Vice President Gary Beedon chaired this event. He sent invitations to every NASC member and every member club, all past presidents and California political and numismatic luminaries. Gary made all of the arrangements with the restaurant, ordered the anniversary cake, prepared and printed the program, made the reservations and worked many hours to insure an enjoyable and successful event. Under his direction, Joyce Kuntz and her committee provided centerpieces and decorated the tables and dining



From left: Sculptor Alex Shagin makes a presentation of a special medal to Master of Ceremonies Clifford Mishler, who retired as chairman of the board of Krause Publications in 2000. Though retired, Clifford is very active in the hobby. He has been a member of the Annual Assay Commission as well as having been honored with many top achievement awards.



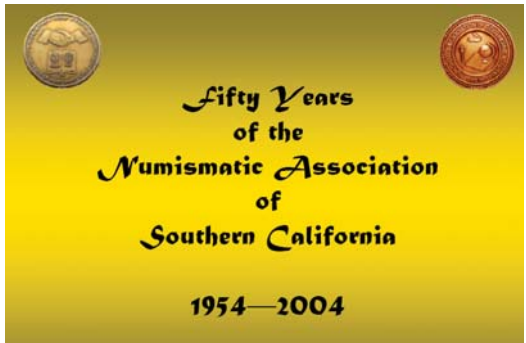
From left: YN Jennifer Watson from the Glendale Coin Club helps Harold Katzman draw the winning ticket for the unique gold 50th Anniversary Medal that was raffled at the banquet...



...and the winning ticket was held by Les Peich of the San Diego area. The medal was picked up on his behalf by Jim Hunt. (I wonder if Les knows about this yet?)



Attendees were treated to a special twenty minute slide presentation, narrated by Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald. This presentation will be made available in the future to member clubs who might wish to present it as a monthly program, most likely in DVD format.



room to reflect the importance of this occasion. Although the annual NASC Awards Luncheons are guided by policies and procedures, there are no such procedures for the 50th Anniversary luncheon. This required everyone to address many unique problems of planning and logistics.

Perhaps the committee that carries out the diamond or 75th Anniversary of the NASC will draw upon the records of these events as they prepare for that celebration.

Twenty-Five Year Pin Recipients

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N. E. Dzinovic
Clarence W. Black

David Hall
Andrew P. Lustig
James E. Richards
Jeff Heath
Bruce J. Davison
John D. Larsen
Larry Jackson

NASC Award Presentations



From left: Roy Iwata receives the Richard P. Goodson Award for his significant contributions to the NASC from last year's recipient, Joyce Kuntz. Roy has been on the Golden State Coin Show committee since 1999, been a patron chair, solicited ads, handled the Gold Benefit drawing, and is on the NASC Board of Directors as well as being an officer for many local clubs.



From left: Glendale Coin Club member Mary Yahalom presents the Maurice M. Gould Memorial Junior Achievement Award to Kim Klein. Kim contributes to the Glendale club in the position of Assistant Treasurer; Assistant YN Coordinator, and she often presents interesting material at the monthly Show 'n Tell.

From left: Mo Fitzgerald accepts the President's Trophy for Outstanding Club Publication on behalf of the Covina Coin Club from Joyce Kuntz. Covina Club News is edited by Helen Desens.



From left: Joyce Kuntz presents a certificate for second place runner-up for Outstanding Club Publication to the San Diego Numismatic Society for their publication, the Bulletin. Accepting is Editor Rex Salmon.



From left: Bob Thompson accepts a certificate for third place runner-up for Outstanding Club Publication on behalf of the Verdugo Hills Coin Club from Joyce Kuntz. Bob edits the VHCC Newsletter.



From left: Freddie Grant accepts an honorable mention certificate for Outstanding Club Publication on behalf of the San Bernardino County Coin Club from Joyce Kuntz. The Coin Press is edited by Bret Lorenz.



CSNA's 116th Semi-Annual Convention

The 116th California State Numismatic Association Semi-Annual Convention was held in January in conjunction with the San Jose Coin Club's annual Coin & Stamp Show. The arrangement benefited both organizations by bringing in more collectors and creating more activities during the convention.

Attendance at the convention was down from last year, probably due in part to the unusually heavy rains on Saturday. Still, the convention hall was swarming on Saturday with enthusiastic youngsters who took part in the Treasure Hunt. A special thank you goes to all the dealers who took time out from their business to participate, and to Sally Johnson and members of the San Jose Coin Club for organizing the Treasure Hunt and for operating the Youth Table.

The convention medal was designed by Garrett and Michelle Burke, who designed the new California quarter. The medal welcomed the new California Quarter and featured an outline of a map of California done in



state quarters. The medal proved quite popular, with the silver selling out at the show and the bronze versions selling out shortly thereafter.

Joyce and Lee Kuntz and Stephen Huston staffed the CSNA table, selling medals and banquet tickets. They had a steady stream of collectors and CSNA members stopping by for some information and enjoyable conversation. They were joined by Garrett and Michelle Burke and their daughter Katie. The Burkes were kind enough to autograph convention programs, banquet programs and just about anything else that collectors brought for them to sign.

The California Exonumist Society had a presentation by John Hoffman





Above: brave souls from the south battled fierce weather to get to San Jose. Right top: Joyce Kuntz amiably converses with visitors at the CSNA table. Right bottom: Al Lo accepts the first place exhibit award (as well as others.) Below: Al Lo's exhibit on a process set of J. F. Kennedy medals. He picked these rarities up from a contact made on eBay.



on his experiences as token collector. That was followed by the CSNA educational forum featuring Jim Hunt speaking on The Comstock Lode and the Carson City Mint. Both speakers were enthusiastically received.

About 50 people attended the convention banquet which was held at Original Joe's. Some guests were surprised to find that their baked Salmon turned out to be Salmon Sushi instead. The staff did their best to remedy the situation, though it caused the banquet to run later than planned. Al Lo welcomed CSNA on behalf of the San Jose Coin Club. He then proceeded to collect both the CSNA Baber Best of Show Award and the CES Best of

Exonomia awards for his excellent exhibit on the John F. Kennedy Inaugural Medal. Outgoing President G. Lee Kuntz awarded 25 year awards to 21 members. Phil Iversen, as Captain Koin, lead his valiant crew, consisting of Don Foster and Michael Turrini, against the Evil (Virginia) Bourke in an adventure of Stella Trek. A video tape of the escapades was made, which will soon be available for loan from the CSNA video library. Lee Gong, as ANA representative, retired the outgoing CSNA officers and board and swore in the incoming officers and board. It was a wonderful evening of friendship, fun and food.



*Above: the CSNA board meeting.
Left: CSNA Educational Symposium with speaker Jim Hunt.
Below: outgoing officers.*



CSNA Twenty-Five Year Recipients

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 John H. Powell
 Stephen R. Davis
 Dan Orian
 David Nelkin
 Alan F. Kreuzer

Michael Lindstrom
 Paul L. Brombal
 Kenneth Aring
 John Saunders
 David Cieniewicz
 Merle E. Davis
 Don W. Whaley
 John R. Riskosky
 Charles M. Luce
 Stanley Scullen



Above: the banquet room was lively and comfortable.

Right: concept designer for the California quarter, Garrett Burke, and his inspirational wife, Michelle, and collaborator (and daughter) Katie.



Right: the CSNA Thespians, Lila and Joel Anderson, Don Foster, Stan Turrini, Virginia Bourke, and Phil Iversen.



Below: the installation of the new CSNA officers.



The Numismatic Legacy of Denmark's King Christian IX

By Jim Wells

European coins of the last few centuries have reflected the continent's ever-changing patchwork of monarchies, republics, and dictatorships. Collecting these coins is a challenge that can be enriched by studying their history and the interesting people - usually monarchs - pictured on them. Many collectors may recognize that the family ties between the monarchs reach across national borders.

Further examination may reveal that many royal European families trace their roots to a Danish prince who, unlike Hamlet, was able to decisively spread his influence from his tiny Danish country across the continent.

King Christian IX reigned over Denmark from 1863 to 1906, and extended his family connections into many European royal houses. Two of his sons were kings: Frederick VIII of Denmark; and Vilhelm, who was elected King George I of Greece. Two



of his daughters married royalty. Alexandra married Queen Victoria's son, the future Edward VII, and succeeded Victoria as Queen of England. Dagmar (Maria) married Tsar Alexander III of Russia. Subsequent intermarriages resulted in Christian's family members ruling the coun-

tries of Denmark, Norway, Belgium, Luxemburg, Great Britain, Greece, Russia, Romania, Yugoslavia, and Spain. It is no wonder that Christian has been called both "The Grandfather of Europe" and "Europe's Father-in-Law."

How did he attain these distinctions? Not in the traditional ways. The role of kings and queens in world history has evolved as civilization has advanced. For centuries a monarch was a country's dominant ruler - often a powerful military leader like William the Conqueror, Napoleon, or Alexander the Great. A country's coinage showed the reigning sovereign to reinforce obedience and loyalty to



the crown A monarch's power was sometimes overthrown by war or revolution, or more often passed on to a relative after death.

More recently, many kingdoms have evolved into constitutional monarchies, where the monarch has only limited or ceremonial duties. The monarch now represents the nation's conscience or serves as a figurehead for the people. Still, the coinage of most monarchies continues to depict the current king or queen. The appearance of Christian's family on the coins of ten nations is evidence of their importance to numismatics.

The Danish Monarchy—the World's Oldest

Denmark is a small nation in northern Europe, between the North Sea and the Baltic Sea. The Danish monarchy boasts a line of fifty kings and two queens dating over a thousand years and is the oldest monarchy in the world.

In the nineteenth century, that unbroken line came into jeopardy.

Prince Christian of Glücksborg was born in 1818, the fourth son of a distant relative to Denmark's king. He had little thought of gaining the throne. But by the mid-century, the

ruling King Frederick VII was old and had no heirs. Denmark was struggling with several duchies that considered themselves German; and a Prussian Duke wanted not only the land but the Danish throne as well. The "Great Powers" of England, Russia, France and Sweden advised Prussia to retreat, and in 1852 they signed the Treaty of London that guaranteed the integrity of Denmark and recognized Prince Christian as heir to the throne.

In 1863 King Frederick VII died and Christian became king. But Prussia under King Wilhelm I and Otto von Bismarck declared war on little Denmark and occupied the disputed duchies. A treaty resulted in Schleswig being annexed to Prussia and Holstein to Austria. Prussia later annexed Holstein too.

Christian's reign had gotten off to a bad start, which made him initially unpopular. However he worked to make the most of the situation and agreed to the nation's demand for Parliamentary representation. His popularity increased substantially and he was later respected for his correct and quiet behavior.

Until the 1870s Danish coins were denominated in rigsbank skillings; 96 to the rigs(bank)daler. In 1874



Danish 4 skilling (before decimalization) silver, 1867



Danish 10 Kroner gold, 1900



Danish 2 Kroner For 40 years' Reign silver, 1903



Danish 2 Kroner At Christian's death silver, 1906

the Scandinavian Monetary Union (of Denmark, Sweden, and Norway) established a decimal system still in use today. Now one krone (“crown”) equals 100 ore. King Christian was shown not only on the older coins, but also on decimalized 10 and 20 Danish kroner in gold; 2 kroner, 1 krone; and 10 and 25 ore in silver.

In 1842 Christian married Princess Louise of Hesse-Kassel. They were second cousins in two ways, sharing King Frederick V of Denmark as a great-grandfather and King George II of Great Britain as a great great grandfather. The couple was shown on a 2 Kroner coin in 1892 for their golden wedding anniversary.

Christian and Louise were able to assure the extension of the Danish royal house; they witnessed the births of three more generations of future

kings.

Frederick VIII succeeded his father on the throne in 1906. Frederick's son Christian X ruled during World Wars I and II and rode his horse



Danish 2 Kroner silver, 1892

through Copenhagen daily to encourage the Danish people. Frederick IX came to the throne in 1947 and continued the popularity of the royal family within the country. These four kings continued to be shown on most silver and gold Danish kroner coins. The wedding anniversary of Frederick and his Queen Ingrid was celebrated on a 5 kroner coin in 1960.

Frederick and Ingrid had no sons, but three popular daughters; two be-



Denmark's Queen Louise



Denmark's King Christian IX (left) with future kings Christian X (rear), Frederick VIII (right) and Frederick IX (front)



Denmark's Queen Ingrid



Danish 5 Kroner silver, 1960

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came queens and all three were shown on coins.

The Danish Constitution was changed in 1953 to allow female succession to the throne. A plebiscite was held to ratify the new constitution, and the vote approved it by a large majority. After his death in 1972, Frederick IX was succeeded by his eldest daughter Margrethe, who is queen today.

The wedding of Queen Margrethe

to Prince Henrik, and the wedding of her sister Anne Marie to King Constantine of Greece were also commemorated with Danish coins.



Denmark's King
Frederick VIII



Danish 2 Kroner
silver, 1906



Denmark's King
Christian X



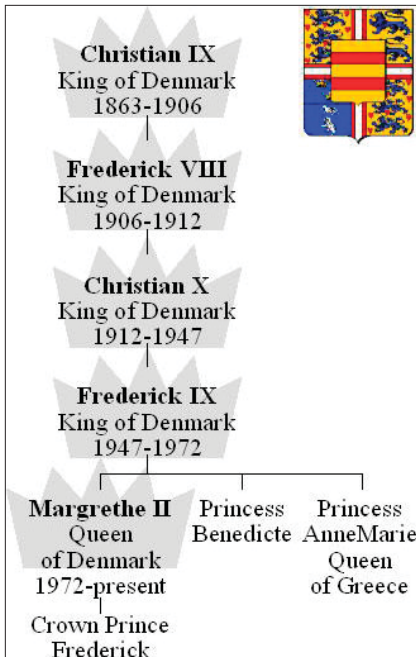
Danish 2 Kroner
silver, 1945



Denmark's King
Frederick IX



Danish 5 Kroner
copper nickel, 1961



Christian's royal Danish Descendants

Margrethe is shown on Denmark's current 1, 2, 5, and 10 kroner coins



Denmark's Queen Margrethe II



Danish 5 Kroner copper nickel, 1976



Denmark's Princess Benedikte



Danish 10 Kroner silver, 1968



Denmark's Prince Henrik



Danish 10 Kroner silver, 1967



Denmark's Princess Anne Marie (Queen of Greece)



Danish 5 Kroner silver, 1964

Ingrid and Frederick's third daughter Benedikte didn't become a queen like her sisters, but was honored on a coin issued when she married in 1968.

In 2004, Queen Margrethe's son Crown Prince Frederick married an Australian bride, Mary Donaldson. Their wedding was marked with bronze 20 kroner and silver 200 kroner coins. King Christian IX would be proud to see the five generations of his family on Danish coins.



Denmark's Crown Prince Frederick



Danish 20 Kroner bronze, 2004

The Norwegian Monarchy— Three Kings in a Century

The Scandinavian nation of Norway had once been under the rule of Denmark, but was transferred to Sweden's control in 1814. In 1905 the Norwegian parliament arranged a peaceful separation and invited Prince Carl, the second son of Denmark's King Frederick VIII, to become king. Carl took the name Haakon VII and succeeded his great-uncle Oscar II (King of Sweden and Norway) who renounced his Norwegian throne.

Norway tried to remain neutral in World War I. They resisted the German occupation in World War II but were invaded in 1940. Haakon ruled from exile from England until 1945. His son Olav V, who ruled for 34 years, succeeded Haakon in 1957.



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Norway's
King Haakon VII



Norwegian 5 Kroner
silver, 1910

Olav's son Harald is the king today.

Norway's monetary unit, like that of Denmark, is the krone, divisible into 100 ore. Each of the three kings has been depicted on the Norwegian kroner coins and on 50 ore silver coins during his reign.

As the royal family has reached its centennial on the throne, commemorative 100 and 1500 kroner coins have been struck showing all three Norwegian kings. Like their Danish cousins, the Norwegian royal family has enjoyed quiet popularity and respect.



Norway's
King Olav V



Norwegian 5 Kroner
copper-nickel, 1964



Norway's
King Harald V



Norwegian 20 Kroner
Nickel-bronze, 1994

Christian IX
King of Denmark

Frederick VIII
King of Denmark

(Prince Carl
Of Denmark)
Haakon VII
King of Norway
1905-1957

Olav V
King of Norway
1957-1991

Harald V
King of Norway
1991-present



Christian's royal Norwegian Descendants



The Belgian Monarchy— Overcoming a Tragedy

Christian's granddaughter Ingeborg continued the royal Danish tradition of wedding into foreign families. In 1897 she married Swedish Prince Carl; and their daughter Astrid married Leopold, the future King of Belgium. Two of their sons have also become Belgian kings.



*Belgium's
King Leopold III*



*Belgian 50 Francs
silver, 1940*

Leopold's reign was fiery. Queen Astrid was killed in a car accident in Switzerland, the car being driven by Leopold. His standing after the death of his popular wife was greatly diminished. This was compounded by his decision during World War II to stay in Belgium during its occupation by German forces until he was deported to Germany in 1944. A plebiscite in 1950 invited Leopold to return but after consideration he abdicated in 1951 in favor of his son Baudoin. After Baudoin died childless in 1993,



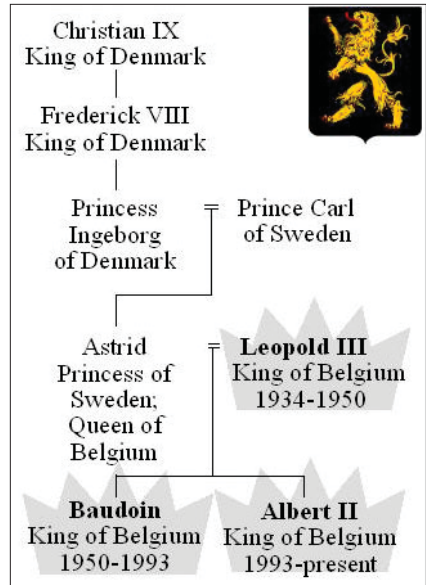
*Denmark's
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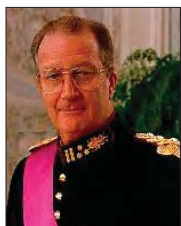
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*Belgium's
King Baudoin*



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silver, 1958*



*Belgium's
King Albert II*



*Belgian
1 Euro, 1999*

his brother Albert took the throne and still rules today.

All three Belgian kings were shown on the nation's coins. Belgium's longtime monetary system of 100 centimes to the franc was based on the French system.

Since the European Union recently switched to the Euro, all denominations of Belgian euro coins show King Albert.

The Luxemburg Grand Duchy—a Tiny But Storied Land

Christian's great granddaughter Astrid had not only two sons who were Belgian kings, but also a daughter who married the Grand Duke of Luxemburg. Josephine's marriage to Grand Duke Jean in 1953 brought this historic land into Christian's family tree.

Luxemburg has played a prominent role in Europe's history since the Middle Ages. Centuries of struggles with its neighbors Belgium, France, and Germany have left it in a reduced but significant locale in Western Europe. Its grand dukes and grand duchesses have appeared on the country's franc coins, which were divisible into 100 centimes and based on the French monetary system.

Jean is a member of the royal house of Nassau-Weilburg. In World War II he served in the British Army. After landing at Normandy, he helped liberate Luxemburg from the Germans. He served 36 years as grand duke, and then followed his family's tradition by abdicating in favor of his son Henri. Grand Duke Henri now appears on every denomination of the Grand Duchy's euro coins. He is the



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first of King Christian's fifth-generation descendants to attain a throne, although several of his first, third

and fourth cousins are waiting in the wings.



Luxemburg's Grand Duke Jean



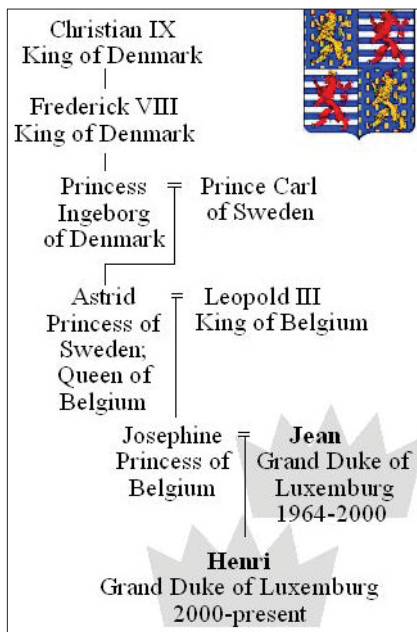
Luxemburg 100 Francs silver, 1964



Luxemburg's Grand Duke Henri



Luxemburg 1 Euro, 2002



Christian's royal Belgian Descendants

End of Part 1; look for the final installment of Jim Wells' article in the upcoming summer issue of The California Numismatist!

CSNA Has a New Web Site...

If you haven't visited CSNA's Web site at www.calcoin.org recently, we have a surprise for you!

The site has been substantially updated and has a completely new look, with an easier interface making getting around the site quicker and finding what you want simpler.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA). At the top, the title "California State Numismatic Association" is displayed in a serif font. Below it is a tagline: "The objects and purpose of this association are to promote, extend and protect numismatic activity throughout California, and to foster and encourage the study of Numismatics in all its forms and branches." To the right is the CSNA logo, which is a circular emblem featuring a map of California and the text "CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION" and "1970".

A horizontal navigation bar contains the following menu items: HOME, CONTACTS, MEMBERSHIP, EVENTS, LIBRARY, PUBLICATIONS, MEDALS, HISTORY.

The main content area begins with a paragraph: "The California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) is dedicated to the promotion of numismatic study, and to bringing California's coin collecting fraternity current information and programs of interest." This is followed by another paragraph: "California has more coin, medal, and currency collectors than any other state in the nation, and CSNA is the largest numismatic organization in the Golden State."

A section titled "Membership Benefits and regular activities include:" lists several items with diamond-shaped bullet points:

- ◆ *The California Nummatist* (TCN) — our illustrated quarterly journal — is sent to all members.
- ◆ Library — our collection of numismatic books, catalogues, slides, and videotapes is unequaled in regional organizations. All items are loaned to members by mail.
- ◆ Numismatic Educational Symposium. These programs are legendary for the lineup of outstanding speakers from throughout North America — a veritable Who's Who of distinguished numismatic personalities.
- ◆ Conventions and Coin Shows. Alternating between Northern and Southern California, our twice-yearly conventions feature dealers from across the nation, educational forums, exhibits of rare and unusual numismatic items, and meetings of specialty clubs.
- ◆ Medals are issued at each CSNA convention. These silver dollar-sized medals are struck in .999 fine silver, golden bronze, and oxidized bronze. Members can order in advance.

Below the list is a paragraph: "Information on CSNA's conventions, coin shows, clubs, medals, publications, membership, and Library are all available on this website. **Explore what CSNA has for you.**"

To the right of the text is a circular image of a "California's Quarter" coin, dated "CALIFORNIA 1926". Below the coin is the text "California's Quarter" and "Release date: JANUARY 31, 2005".

At the bottom of the page, a small note reads: "Website updated March 5, 2005 — Hosted by the American Numismatic Association".

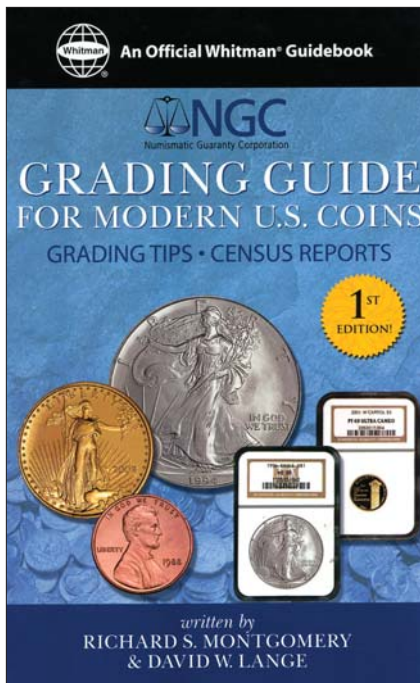
Loads of info abounds on the site. We have the library listing (including the sale of duplicate books), contacts for all the coordinators and elected officers, membership info and forms, access to our publications and medals, and a history of the first thirty-five years of the association. Gads! There's enough to keep you occupied for quite a while, or at least a short visit.

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The Book Report

by Mark Watson



Sacagawea Dollars

In 2000 the latest incarnation of the American dollar coin was introduced. The Sacagawea Dollar, selected in honor of the Shoshone guide who assisted Lewis and Clark, also featured many from for a dollar coin from the United States. Among these was an unusual golden color to better distinguish the dollar from the circulating quarters. Additionally, this would be the first dollar coin since the Gobrecht Dollar of 1836-1839 to feature a plain edge.

Mint State

With the first release of this coin, noticeable spotting became a problem. As well, the first sign of handling resulted in a noticeable "bleeding" of the coin's surface. The original red and lavender golden color will fade gray to the brown and muddy appearance once handling occurs. For Mint State Sacagawea Dollars to obtain the higher grades of uncirculated, they need to be free of spots, display their original golden luster and have minimal contact. Unfortunately the design, being of low relief and featuring a large field and face on the obverse, tends to show the marks easily when they are present on these coins. The reverse tends to be of a great a concern, as the base design of the eagle allows for certain marks to be so apparent. Due to the design, which allows marks to be obvious and apparent, NGC has certified these coins as low as MS-63. Fortunately there are plenty more that are relatively mark free, granting grade spreads of MS-69 for this series.

Because of the focus on the Sacagawea Dollar, many of these coins are found in Prooflike (PL), meaning that both sides of the coin's surface are reflective.

Date/Mint	Denom.	Variety	MS	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
2000 P	\$.01	MS	23	151	1583	1882	1107	75	0	0
2000 P	\$.01	MSPL	0	1	1	7	40	0	0	0
2000 D	\$.01	MS	8	46	356	127	20	2	0	0
2000 D	\$.01	MSPL	0	27	72	28	38	0	0	0
2000 D	\$.01	MILLENNIUM SET	MS	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2000 D	\$.01	MILLENNIUM SET	MSPL	7	21	122	236	42	0	0
2001 P	\$.01	MS	0	0	30	90	240	0	0	0
2001 P	\$.01	MSPL	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2001 D	\$.01	MS	1	10	36	22	0	0	1	0
2001 D	\$.01	MSPL	0	4	3	1	0	0	0	0
2002 P	\$.01	MS	1	8	21	22	114	0	0	0
2002 D	\$.01	MS	1	4	15	4	12	0	0	0
2002 D	\$.01	MSPL	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
2003 P	\$.01	MS	0	21	47	13	1	0	0	0
2003 D	\$.01	MS	1	62	24	7	0	0	0	0

Book Reviewed: *Grading Guide for Modern U.S. Coins*
by Richard S. Montgomery and David W. Lange

Usually, whenever a group of coin collectors meet and start talking about what they have in their collection, reminisces of the "old days" comes up in the conversation. These veteran collectors talk about picking 1916-D Mercury dimes and 1909-S VDB Lincoln cents out of circulation. Likewise, many lament about how the new collector has nothing to collect out of pocket change. The authors of the *Grading Guide for Modern U.S. Coins*

beg to differ with this assumption.

Rick Montgomery and David Lange are leading figures in the certified coin market. Mr. Montgomery is the Senior Vice President at Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC) and is a past president of Professional Coin Grading Company (PCGS). David Lange is the Director of Numismatic Research at NGC along with a prolific author of many popular numismatic books. Together, they wrote

this 144 page Whitman Guidebook that covers all of the coins produced by the US Mint starting in 1965; from Lincoln cents to Sacagawea dollars, from commemoratives to platinum American eagles. They choose 1965 as the starting year of the modern coin era as that is when the US's coinage went from a silver composition to one of clad with no precious metal content—except for the half dollar which saw all silver removed from it starting in 1971. Due to this switch in the composition of the coin, dimes, quarters, and halves dated 1964 or earlier have essentially been removed from circulation because their metal content value exceeds their face value.

The book, published in an easy-to-use spiral bound format, starts off with background information on why to collect modern coins along with collection options and a discussion on buying raw or certified coins. Due to the authors' association with NGC, the book carries a slight bias towards products from that company, such as their Certified Coin Registry and multi-coin holder. After the introduction to collecting modern coins, the book looks at the various circulating coin series, providing their history as well as giving technical details, such as composition and size. This is followed by a discussion of the US Mint and the various products the Mint sells to collectors such as uncirculated mint sets, proof sets, commemoratives, and American eagle bullion coins.

After completing this overview, the main topic is introduced—grading modern U.S. coins. Here the authors focus strictly on mint state coins, those coins that would grade between MS-60 and MS-70 (PR-60 to PR-70 for

proof coinage). While the book talks about what type of lighting is used, when magnification is used, and some overall description of grading—rotating the coin while examining its strike, luster, eye appeal, etc.—the book falls short of other grading guides in the amount of detail provided. No discussion of a coin's focal area is included, and side-by-side photographs showing examples of what a MS60, MS63, MS65, MS67, MS69, and MS70 coin looks like are lacking. The section comes across with more of how NGC grades a coin and the nomenclature they use versus teaching a collector how to be able to grade themselves.

After this, the rest of the book looks at each coin series. Each series starts off with information about what to expect in quality for the various dates along with typical grade ranges for the series. Then, the book lists the then-current population report for each date with grades ranging from MS/PR-63 up to MS/PR-70. The authors also point out the varieties in the series to look for along with an occasional grading tip.

Overall, for a rookie collector interested in building their collection out of “pocket change,” *Grading Guide for Modern U.S. Coins* would give some good starting tips. It provides good, introductory material to ensure the new coin collector will understand the basics. However, the advanced collector would probably do better by subscribing to the population reports themselves to keep up with the various grade rarities.

2004 Southern California Educational Symposium... (by a blushing Greg Burns)



When I received an e-mail a month or so ago asking why I hadn't run an article for the 2004 Southern Educational Symposium, I thought, "Wow, is this guy for real? Of course I ran that; I *always* run the symposium write-ups." I started to search in my archives so that I could smugly quote the issue and page for him to look it up. And I searched...and searched...and searched. You get the idea.

I can't imagine why I neglected this, except to say that I had just gotten back from a trip to Washington, D.C., and perhaps my brain was too frazzled to keep the momentum. Regardless of the reason behind the slip, I *did* attend, and it was a *great* symposium!

We thrilled to the galloping presentation of Joseph Nardone in his pony express outfit and his tales of derring-do in the old west.

Sarah Dalton, the California State Library's Public Information Officer, spoke on the California state quarter project and the process of selecting the new state quarter (timely even now.)

Jim Wells held forth with a fascinating account of the offspring of the British Queen Victoria and their regal stories.

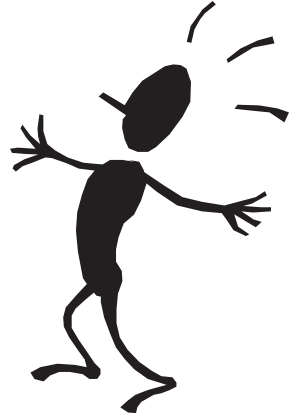
Erik Heikkenen from the ANA educated us all about the inner workings of a museum and the management of their holdings.

If you were there like I was, then I know you enjoyed yourself. In fact, by the time you read this another Southern Educational Symposium will have come and gone. I hope you made it to that one too (as I plan to do.)

In the meantime, I sure hope I don't have a brain-freeze like I did a year ago. Apologies to all for the slip...

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ANA Report

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



ANA Summer Show Scheduled for California

NOTE – CHANGE OF LOCATION!

The location for the 114th World's Fair of Money, the anniversary convention of the ANA originally slated to be held in San Jose, California, has been changed. San Jose scheduled a Grand Prix auto race during the same week as the ANA show limiting street access to the convention center.



The venue for the ANA coin show, still scheduled from July 27 through July 31, 2005, has been changed to San Francisco. Ken Barr remains as the general chairman for 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.

ANA San Francisco Convention Medal Design

This writer has just learned that Californian artist, sculptor and medal designer Alex Shagin has been invited to design the medals for the 2005 Summer Worlds Fair of Money scheduled for San Francisco, July 22-31, 2005.

ANA Spring National Money Show Report

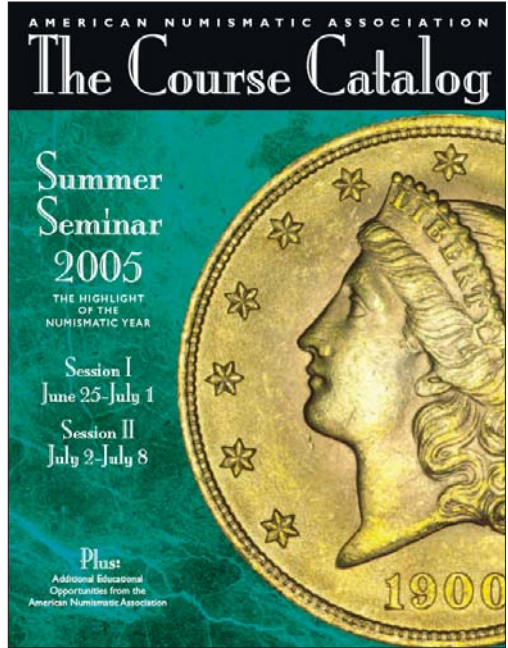
The ANA National Money Show will take place from April 8-10, 2005. It is scheduled for the Crown Center Exhibit Hall in Kansas City, Missouri. The Hyatt Regency Crown Center Hotel is the host hotel.

More information is available by calling toll free – (800) 467-5725.

ANA Elections

The newly elected ANA president, vice president and seven board members will be installed at the July 2005 convention in San Francisco. Nominations for these offices will be accepted from qualified members who are entitled to hold office, through March 31, 2005.

A course catalog for the summer seminar is available on-line at www.money.org. It lists 31 courses being conducted during the two-week period (broken into two separate sessions ranging from \$400 to \$1700 depending upon accommodations), and has an additional 18 mini-seminars (about \$59 each for any you choose).



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 (800) 367-9723 or on line at www.money.org.

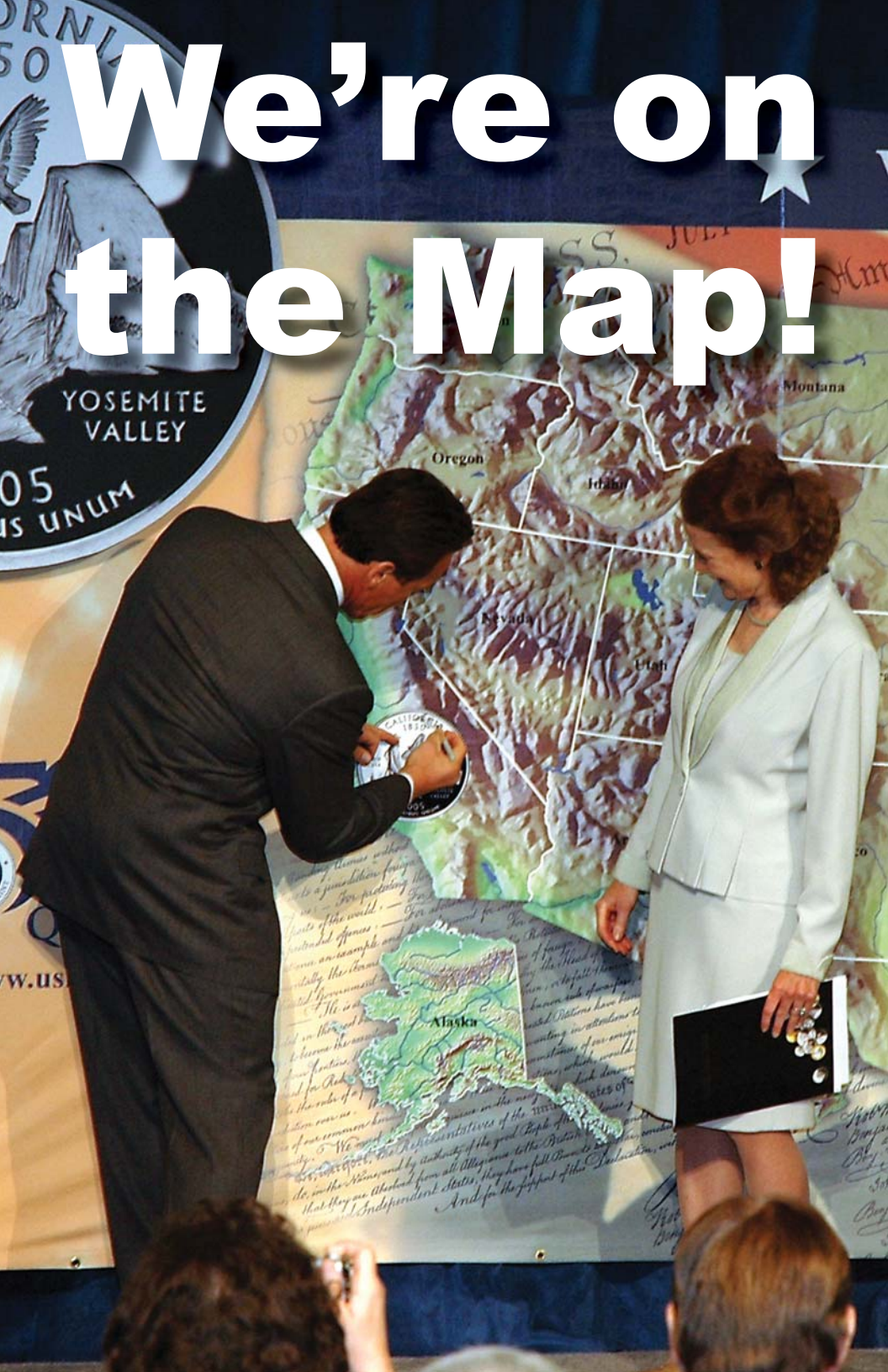
Financial Aid – Some financial aid is available to members who are active in the hobby. If you want more information, call the Seminar office for an application or visit the web site listed above. Young numismatists, ages 13 to 22, stay in a Colorado College dormitory with experienced chaperones and mentors.

San Francisco Mint Museum

For a number of years, Don Kagin has been working to establish an American Money and Gold Rush Museum in the second San Francisco Mint Building. Although efforts to get authorization of a commemorative coin or coins to help support this “one-of-a-kind” museum have been bogged down in Congress, plans have continued to go forward. It has been announced the ANA is working with the Gold Rush Museum and the San Francisco Historical Society in the development of the museum plans.



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— by Greg Burns

Well, it's finally official, though I still haven't seen any of the new California state quarters in circulation as of the writing of this article (late February). But the word is out, the thirty-first quarter to be released in the series was officially launched on January 31 in a private ceremony in Sacramento. The big names on the dais were Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, First Lady Maria Shriver, and US Mint Director Henrietta Holsman Fore.

The event was preceded by a "Collector's Forum" the evening before. Holsman Fore hosted a public session attended by about 85 interested collectors. The point of the forum was to seek feedback directly from collectors on current and potential mint products,

Above: CSNA Director of Education Jim Hunt is hob-nobbing with the big guy just after the conclusion of the private ceremony that marked the launch of the California quarter. Stan Turrini and Phil Iversen look on jealously.

Opposite page: Arnold signs the coin he and the Mint director just pinned up.

Below: the new beauty in town.





Above: San Jose Coin Club Youth Coordinator, Sally Johnson, greets attendees at the Collector's Forum along with Holsman Fore and Jim Hunt.



Left: Holsman Fore, Jim Hunt, and Greg Burns sneaking into the shot <grin> during the forum.

and to answer any questions posed by the public. Holsman Fore gracefully fielded a stream of comments (and sometimes complaints) and herself asked questions of those present. The Mint plans on producing about 500 million of the California quarters for the 10 week production cycle before starting production on the next coin in the series. According to the Mint director this is a relatively low number and could lead to the coin becoming "somewhat rare."

The official launch day started off with the private ceremony being held at 11:00 a.m. Fortunate California numismatists that were invited by the governor to attend included: Lila Anderson, Garrett and Michelle Burke, Greg Burns, Jim Hunt, Phil Iversen, Sally Johnson, Don Kagin, G. Lee Kuntz, and Stan Turrini. About

50 invited guests were present, as well as approximately 60 schoolchildren from select San Jose and Sacramento schools and perhaps 30 media representatives and miscellaneous security personnel and other functionaries. Outside the room where the private ceremony took place, media people were raking over the surging crowd that was developing. Photographers popping pictures with their cameras, reporters interviewing people left and right, and a general buzz circulating through the growing crowd. Inside, after opening remarks by Maria Shriver on some of the symbols on the quarter and the importance of the role that the children that were present that day could make to the efforts of conservation, Holsman Fore took the podium and briefly outlined the state quarter program overall. Especially important



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Right: Glendale Coin Club President Mark Watson was first in line at the coin exchange the day of the launch event. Here he holds open the door for the children attending the private ceremony.



Below: Garrett and Michelle Burke along with Muir's grandson, Ross Hanna (seated), and members of his family.



in the design elements was the figure of John Muir, conservationist and naturalist who helped to found the Sierra Club. The beauty of Yosemite's Half Dome graces his view as a California condor soars in the sky. The condor was once close to extinction, down to only 22 birds, but due to conservation efforts has rebounded to a healthy and growing population of over 200. "Muir lit the torch of conservation in our state, and he has inspired generations of Californians to preserve our natural beauty, and this is what makes him so special" said Schwarzenegger. "Because Yosemite would not be the cathedral that it is today, and the California condor would be extinct, if it hadn't been for John Muir. He was the original environmentalist. He was an incredible man." Finally, Schwarzenegger advised those present to "spend your quarters...here in *California!*" Ha, ha, always on stage.

Finally, the governor invited all of the schoolchildren to come up and receive a free quarter in the special commemorative holder; then he, the first lady and the Mint director patiently passed the goodies out to the excited kids (see the cover of this issue to get an idea of the melee that resulted) and spent the next fifteen minutes or so autographing the holders for their pumped-up fans. Closing the ceremony, the governor's handlers whisked him and the first lady away. As the participants left the room, members of the governor's staff handed out new quarters in the special commemorative holder as a souvenir of the day's event. You can get one yourself; just take a peek at the ad at the end of this article.

Promptly at noon, the official coin exchange conducted by Wells

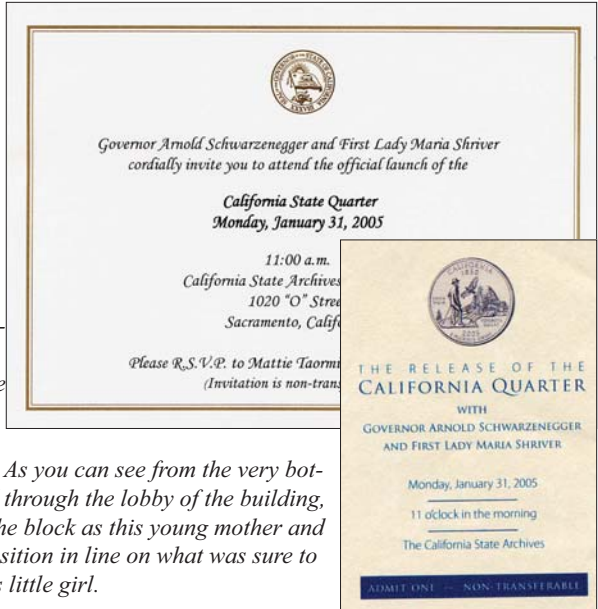
Fargo began. Glendale Coin Club President Mark Watson had arrived four hours earlier just to ensure a first place spot in the line that eventually reached clear around the block. Mark was quoted in the *Sacramento Bee* as saying, "To be able to attend the opening day ceremony is a once-in-a-lifetime event for me." The Mint and Wells Fargo had arranged for \$50,000 in rolled quarters to be available for the public coin exchange. For the first couple of hours there was a limit of five rolls per person allowed to ensure that everyone who wanted some of these brightly sparkling coins would be satisfied. As one got closer and closer in the line the pitch of the dozen or so attendants could be heard, "Get your shiny new quarters here! Step right up; shiny quarters only \$10 a roll!" Though it seemed to take forever, it was only about 45 minutes of line-waiting to finally get to a position in front of one of these folks, and finally get your hands on the cherished coins.

Leaving the courtyard tent where the eventual sales took place, the Burke family (Garrett was the concept designer, along with inspiration from his wife, Michelle) stood patiently signing autographs. As we left and the hub-bub died down, we finally calmed ourselves, regrouped and headed for the airport for the return trip back home.

As I'm writing, rolls of California quarters are going on eBay for about \$12-15 per roll (not including the shipping charge). Guess no one's going to get too rich, too quick, investing in these. That's okay. Mine are just fine as souvenirs of an exciting day.

Right and far right: the invitation sent to selected guests for the governor's launch ceremony and the entry ticket given to the guests as they checked in at the security desk just prior to the event. Media personnel were given a special "media pass".

Below: there was lots of media hub-bub going on at the event. Cameras and satellite vans were everywhere and the excitement was thick enough to eat with a spoon. As you can see from the very bottom picture, the line snaked through the lobby of the building, out the doors, and around the block as this young mother and her daughter raced for a position in line on what was sure to be a memorable day for this little girl.





Left: Jeff Shevlin was wandering around the line greeting familiar faces just after he received his quarters. Hi, Jeff!

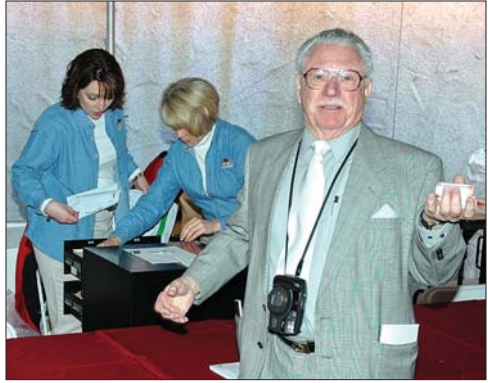
Below: it was a hotbed of activity around the Burke family as they patiently signed autographs on commemorative holders, rolls of coins, and nearly anything else people would bring to them.



Far left: Stan Turrini and CSNA President Lila Anderson stand in line willingly to get their share of the goodies.

Near left: this is one of the little girls that were lucky enough to both attend the private event as well as get those special scribblings on their holders. Look closely and you can see Arnold's and Maria's signatures.

Right: looks like CSNA Past-President Lee Kuntz has gotten his fill of new shiny quarters.



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Going's On

by Greg Burns

It's been busy lately. Both the CSNA and the NASC have had a lot of "going's on", the state quarter was officially launched, there've been banquets and shows, and as I write this the educational symposium is just around the corner. The calendar has been just *packed!*

In January the CSNA had a board meeting in conjunction with the convention in San Jose. These things usually happen on the first morning when all the folks can get together—a Saturday (because so many are from out of the immediate area). In this case it was January 8th. After a flag salute, a count for the quorum, we dove right in to the work.

First item of business was Dennis Halladay's membership report (given by Joyce Kuntz because Dennis couldn't make it.) You can read about the latest numbers in this issue. The election results were also in Dennis' report showing:

President - Lila Anderson
Vice President - Freddie Grant
Recording Sec. - Ginny Bourke
Corres. Sec. - Dennis Halladay
Treasurer - Roy Iwata

Directors, South:

Gary Beedon
Don Foster
Rex Salmon
Craig Roubinek

Directors, North:

Joe Lang
Mike Stanley
John C. Hoffman
Stan Turrini



Then Treasurer Kay Lenker reported that CSNA was still solvent. Not only that but the association had won three gold coins at the Golden State Coin Show, and now held a total of four. A suggestion that these be used as drawing prizes at the educational symposiums was made. What do you think? Give them to the editor? Whatever. The net worth of CSNA was reported as \$76,805.63.

Regarding the convention, Joel Anderson expressed disappointment at the lack of exhibits, and hoped that there would be a better turnout in future conventions. Joel also passed along the news that at that time 41 people had signed up for the banquet at Original Joe's, and that CSNA brought in \$185 from patrons for the event.

Kay Lenker said that August 26 - 28 were reserved for the Golden State Coin Show to be held at the Arcadia Masonic Center. Mark your calendars now for this important event. Seems we've contracted with this location through 2009, so get used to it.

Mike Stanley presented a report on behalf of ANA Representative Tom Fitzgerald regarding the change of location for the ANA show mid-2005 from San Jose to San Francisco. Seems a road race was lately scheduled for the same time and many of the local streets were planned to be blocked off for this. I guess that wouldn't make it very easy to get to the show, would it?

Kay Lenker (Audio-Visual) reported that most folks were turning to using Microsoft PowerPoint to do presentations for club programs, etc., and Steve Huston pointed out that it would be helpful if CSNA could collect copies of people's programs on CDs (reimbursing for the cost of the CD if requested). Lee Kuntz suggested that we put something in this issue, so here it is: *please send in copies of your PowerPoint presentations to the Audio/Visual Coordinator*. Later in the meeting it was decided that the librarian would take over the audio/visual duties. So send your request, etc. over to Ruth Phillips for processing in the future.

Historian Joyce Kuntz remarked that the CSNA scrapbook had been updated with new photos and was located at the CSNA table in the convention hall for people to peruse at their leisure. Highly recommended. Lots of nostalgia in those pages.

Librarian Ruth Phillips said that the duplicate book sale was going great (see www.Calcoin.org for an updated listing.) She's taken in \$2,200 so far, and that even with the 25% discount given to CSNA members. (I know I've bought about three or four books—great bargains.)

Joyce said that the medals were going fast, and that the silver were all gone. You do know that those who attend the banquet get a special off-metal (aluminum) version, don't you? Well, you better sign up next time then.

Membership Coordinator Phil Iversen told how he had mailed out 100 membership applications to northern California, and that he was preparing another mailing to the southern

region. Good going, Phil!

Lee Kuntz relayed the latest info on the upcoming NASC Anniversary Banquet (both associations report back and forth to each other at board meetings.) You can read all about how it ended up in Tom's column at the front of this issue. I think everyone considered it a great success.

Mike Stanley reported that the NCNA (Northern California Numismatic Association) had put on a successful "NorCal V" show with 1,500 people attending 47 dealer tables, and that another one was planned for December 3 - 4, 2005.

For the Northern Educational Symposium, Steve Huston remarked that the PCNS had hosted it for five years now, and wanted to pass along to torch so as not to hog all the glory. Stan Turrini immediately chimed in offering the Vallejo Numismatic Society as future hosts, and this was greeted with a unanimous vote of approval. Initial plans are for accommodations of 100 people at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum (go see them at www.vallejomuseum.org). Several speakers have been tentatively lined up, and there should be some type of catering or other comestibles. Plan for it around the end of October or thereabouts.

Jim Hunt updated everyone on the southern symposium. You'll be reading about the results in the next issue.

I very briefly spoke about the journal, and asked for help with finalizing our literary awards. I heard loud and clear that people would prefer medals to plaques and other gimcracks. Thankfully, that has how been coordinated with both associations through a joint committee, and I look forward

to a ratified approach to culminate in awards at the upcoming GSCS in August. As Advertising Manager, Lila Anderson also talked about preparing to mail out ad invoices. Good girl, Lila. Keep those checks coming in!

Steve Huston passed along the news about our new Web site (go see www.Calcoin.org), that it was updated and on-line, hosted by the ANA. Take a look at it to be sure your club information is correct, and if not, have a club officer get in touch with Steve (contact info is on the site) and get it updated. I know from personal experience that people use these resources to find clubs in their area to join, so don't let them be disappointed with outdated information.

We discussed the recent balloting for the election and several suggestions were made for improvements in how it could be conducted.

Phil Iversen stated that many of the CSNA cases were sold, raising upwards of \$1,700 for the association. Good job, Phil!

Lila came up with a new member recruitment idea. See the rear cover of this issue for the latest way to get a special medal engraved with your name. Be the first on your block with the special three-metal set.

Whew! Lot of catching up to do on the CSNA side of the fence, huh?

Now, on to the NASC board meeting held February 6...

A moment of silence started the meeting off. Syd Singer (Murray's wife) passed away. Though I didn't know her I understand she had been heavily involved with the NASC at some point in the past.

Corresponding Secretary Harold Katzman reported that there were

many non-renewals for membership (see his report in this issue.) My thinking was that it was still early in the renewal cycle (some folks are just plain slow), and that the renewal rate wasn't too far behind that reported by CSNA. More on this in the next issue.

Albertus Hoogeveen has been distributing meeting minutes by e-mail. Seems like everybody's going this route now, doesn't it?

Treasurer Kay Lenker passed out the financial report (net worth of \$43,599.24) along with the news that Morgan Stanley had dropped us and sent us checks for our funds. Another holder is being sought.

As the newly-assigned historian, Thelma Katzman reported that she has all of the boxes and books now. Good luck sorting all of the material out, Thelma!

Gary Beedon brought us up to date on the San Jose/San Francisco debacle, and said that Don and Terry Foster would be chairing the exhibits at the mid-2005 ANA show. Get your material ready, folks!

Joyce Kuntz and Gary Beedon updated us on the then-pending NASC Anniversary Banquet and the status of the awards to be presented. Trust me, all went well.

Jerry Yahalom finally was able to pull together the info from all the chairs to complete a budget. Good news, it looks like there will be a surplus of a couple thousand or so, at least enough to keep doing what we're doing.

Lee Kuntz and Tom Fitzgerald both made comments about the literary awards. Garrett Burke (concept designer for the California quarter) had apparently offered to help with design-



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ing a medal. Wow, does that guy ever sleep? Anyway, I'm looking forward to seeing what he comes up with.

The board voted to provide \$2,000 to Roy Iwata for 30 gold coins for the next Member Club Gold Benefit Drawing at the GSCS. We also voted to give away a ticket for every five bought. Sounds like a good deal to me, especially since I know how well the clubs can do financially with this. Especially those that take selling the tickets seriously.

Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald gratefully acknowledged a lack of grievances. Since he's the Grievance Chair I guess he should be grateful.

Kay Lenker stated that Garrett Burke would likely be one of the speakers at the GSCS educational forum, and Joyce Kuntz assured everyone that we would *not* be going back to the Holiday Inn for the Saturday evening banquet that weekend. Our last experience there was just that... our last.

Harold Katzman reported that half of the silver medals had been sold, and that three were set aside for special purposes (off-metal sets for the designer—me—and other folks.)

Bill Grant has mailed out newly updated listings for the Speaker's Bu-

reau to each of the member clubs. You can also get it on-line at www.NASC.net, along with other association news.

The other chairs didn't really have too much to pass along, or were absent, so I'll just move along to other tid-bits.

The group voted unanimously to sponsor Jennifer Watson as a junior for the ANA's summer seminar. You may recall that Jennifer took home the first place Young Numismatist's award (as well as third place in the Modern Foreign category) from last year's GSCS for her exhibit on "Non-Round Coins of the 20th Century." Way to go, Jennifer!

There is always a lot of other things that get brought up in these meetings. I only summarize what seems to me to be the high points in this column. So please allow me to recommend that you attend either (or both) of these association's meeting the next time around. The next NASC board meeting is scheduled for 5/15/05 at 10AM at the Arcadia Masonic Center, and the next CSNA board meeting will be at the GSCS.

Hope to see you there!



We Get Letters...

Loot From the Old West?

I found your email address on the http://www.nasc.net/Articles/carson_city_mint.htm website, so I decided to see if you can give me any leads on getting some information, as there was a mention of the Nevada City Mint on the page.

I was going through some things in a drawer, and I came across something I found many years ago. I was camping on the Yuba river with some friends in the late 70's, and we were swimming in the river. One of my friends was diving to the bottom, and found a coin. I jumped in, and to my surprise, I also found one. They looked freshly minted, with no sign of oxidation. The one my friend found had a flaw, caused by a poorly fitting strike. They say "Nevada City Mint" on one side, and have the year 1869 on them.

I would like to try to find out how these coins got into the river, they probably fell off a stagecoach and got washed downriver. They were found about 1/2 mile upriver from the bridge.

Please forward this to anyone you think may be able to help

—**Jim Azeltine**

Hi Jim,

The only person I know who may have specific information on your piece is Hal Dunn, but I don't have any contact information for him. He's a specialist on the Carson City Mint and local issues. You might try posting your picture on the web and putting a message up on the usenet newsgroup



Jim Azeltine's mystery token from the deep. Can our readers crack the case?

rec.collecting.coins. They have a lot of knowledgeable people there. Good luck!

Greg

Note: if any readers can shed some light on either the origins or circumstances of Jim's piece please let me know and I'll forward the scoop to him and print it up in the next issue.

Quicker Picker-Upper

A number of our computer-savvy readers who pick up an early copy of the California Numismatist electronically via the journal's Web site at www.CalNumismatist.com noted that our last on-line issue downloaded extremely quickly compared to previous issues. Steve Huston, Mark Watson, and others noted the quick downloads. As a point of comparison, our last electronic issue was 3.6 megabytes compared to the issue before that which was 19.7 megabytes (almost five and a half times as large). This improvement was due to an upgrade to the software used to generate the file. So if you've been reluctant to get the on-line issue previously because of large file sizes and long download times, give the new improved file sizes a try and be one of the first on your block (or in your club) to get the electronic version of the journal.

Greg

Kudos on New Software

Greg,

I made the change to InDesign this year as well, so I know about the learning curve. However, for the work of learning a new program that provides benefits to your readers -- YOU DO GET TO TAKE THE CREDIT. (I know people who still use WORD as

their page layout program of choice, and their PDFs are really no fun to use.)

You are correct that InDesign is tightly integrated with Acrobat, both having been reworked by Adobe to be used together. I was stunned by the amount of new control this combination of software gave to print options, better graphics rendering, image downsizing, etc.

Thanks for the changes, no matter what form they had to take. Take the credit for picking a good tool and using it well !

—**Stephen Huston**

Well, Steve, my second time around with this new combination is easier than the first, that's for sure. Thanks...

Greg

Please Do Not Feed the Editor

[From the] Feed Prisoners in Dungeons Society (FPDS)

We have come to help you survive your dungeon ordeal as pictured in the past issue of *The California Numismatist!* As an "official" of the popular Feed Prisoners in Dungeons Society or FPDS, I offer a one pound bag of crumbs as requested. These are special toasted bread crumbs, which are approved by the National Crumb Association of Europe.

Q: What did they do to you? My wife (or House Cook as they say in Australia) says you look like ##### in the picture. I can't say ##### in print because I don't know what she means when she says #####. <humor, I hope>

Greg: Another great issue in my opinion!

—**Gary Beedon**

Thank you for the bread crumbs, Gary, My plate runneth over. Actually, Phil Iversen also passed along some moldy bread to me at the NASC board meeting in early February. I nibble a bit each day (I'm getting dizzy, dizzy..)

Greg

San Josefrisco?

I recently asked Ken Barr of the San Jose Coin Club (host club for the upcoming ANA "World's Fair of Money") about the switch of venue from San Jose to San Francisco and if the SJCC would still be hosting the show. He replied via return e-mail with the following:

Hi Greg,

Yep...we had our regularly scheduled Board meeting last night and overwhelmingly (but not unanimously) voted to continue to act as host club for the convention, at the ANA's request. I'll remain as General Chairman and all of my committee chairpersons have also agreed to continue to serve.

The main problem now is the theme, which is currently "San Jose - Capital of Silicon Valley". I'm torn between "San Jose - It's Fifty Miles South Of Here" and "San Jose - They Have A Stupid Road Race This Weekend", but one of the SJCC board members last night recommended "San Jose - Apparently We DON'T Know The Way!" ...

Take care,

—Ken Barr

VAM Update

Greg:

Just received my issues and they look great!

Remember all the PCGS VAM

stuff I said I knew about but couldn't write? Well it's gotten MUCH bigger since we last talked. When PCGS finally does pop the announcement I could write at least two other articles if you are interested:

One, a general analysis of how easy/difficult some of the coins are to find.

Second, an "I've been there and have the scars to prove it" description of what it's like trying to get PCGS to put other companies' coins into their holders. (Oh man have I been there!!)

—Dennis Halladay

Both sound good to me, Dennis. Just got back at 2:30 this morning from Paris and am leaving mid-day tomorrow for San Jose. If you're going I'll see you there, either way I'll look forward to future articles...

Regards,

Greg

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Youth Corner

by Stan Turrini
CSNA Youth Numismatist
Coordinator

Sitting here at my PC and wanting Editor Greg Burns to be happy by being on-time, and wondering what the world of money has to offer a youngster these days, three ramblings come to mind.

First rambling: I know where there is pictured a 1904 double eagle, a Roman numeral dated fifty dollar gold eagle, a beautiful Indian-head 1908 eagle next to a 1894 Liberty-head eagle, a 1908 Saint Gaudens double eagle and a Pratt-designed 1914 Indian half eagle; plus, there are silver coins, all pristine: two constitutional commemorative dollars, a 1984 Olympic commemorative dollar and other 1984 commemorative dollars; also buried is a Statue of Liberty 1986 commemorative half dollar, one or two silver eagles, and even a silver trade unit, plus the reverse of a trade dollar. All coins are in uncirculated high grade, definitely BU and MS-63 or better. The photograph is excellent, and the proof surfaces are clear black with no reflections. A small fortune in a numismatist's dream you might say.

Where did I see this? Surprisingly, it is a color picture used in the California Department of Education approved textbook *Economics: Principles and Practices*, used by high school seniors for the required course in economics. A picture that could grace one of those well-known Krause Publication's an-



nual calendars is the cover for a high school textbook here in California!

With all that pristine coinage (and just check the dates listed) you would think that some students might be sparked to ask about the coins. Well, to this date I have yet to have any senior inquire, even though it is quite common knowledge at my high school that "Mr. Turrini is a coin collector."

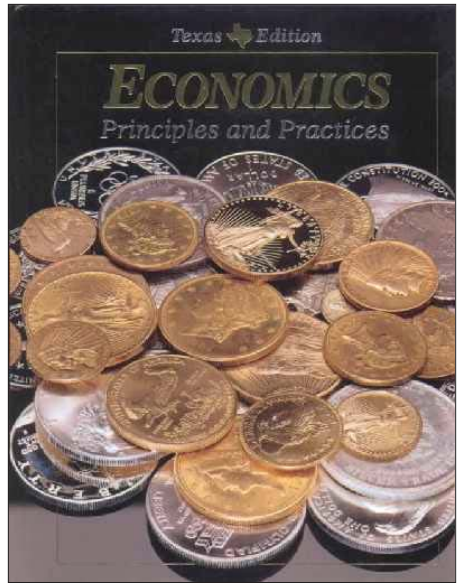
Adding to this, in chapter 11 on money and banking there is pictured the well-known series of 1907 five dollar United States note, with the famous Spellman and White signature combination. Included also is a picture of a Yap stone with a native, the stone about five feet diameter, and the opening page of chapter 11 has a collage of foreign coins and currency. Later in this chapter is a figure which classes our lowly cent as either the "old penny" or the "new penny". What? The textbook teaches that pennies (not using the numismatically-preferred cents) before 1982 are different from those after. All of this numismatic information is in an approved California public education textbook. Now, if evidence does confirm that numismat-

ics is in the classroom, it is *Economics: Principles and Practices*.

Next rambling: a yearbook staff member—I am also my high school’s yearbook director—remarked to me when going across the way to the vending machines, “Mr. Turrini, did you note that the nickel is different? What is this?”, passing me one of the Lewis and Clark coins. I explained and talked for a few minutes, and his reaction was to give me the coin, causally remarking, “Here you can have it for your collection”, and then continued his walk over to the vending machine.

Last rambling: a few of my students seem to have some curiosity about numismatics, and if they do, it usually is reflective of a parent’s involvement. Occasionally I might pass to them a recent copy of *Coins* or *Numismatic News* or *Coin World*, and always in passing and always appreciated. For example, I have a senior in my Advanced Drafting class, a nice kid who really enjoys fishing and hunting with his father. One recent day, knowing that he has spoken some off-the-cuff remarks about my hobby, I gave him a copy of *Coins*. So? He was turning each and every page slowly and surely, skimming and checking intently. Of course that action would not wrought him a coin hobbyist, and certainly not after he and girlfriend rode away at the school day’s end in his real pride: his rebuilt Jeep! But.

That is my point in these completely unrelated ramblings: the key word is “but”. None of these have any relationship to the other, the cover of a California high school textbook or a 2005 Lewis-Clark nickel or a

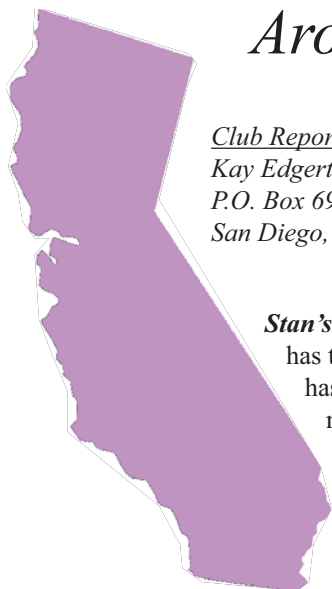


February 2005 *Coins* magazine. But to create or ignite the light that can glow into a coin hobbyist you have to do something. Those works of art on the textbook cover could be beyond even most seasoned coin hobbyist, but a Lewis and Clark nickel can be found in circulation and a *Coins* magazine is readily available to give to a youngster. The success of youth numismatics must be founded on opportunity and a readiness to assist.

My intention with these ramblings was not so much to provide answers but to have the reader pause and think. Youth numismatics can be won or lost whenever we respond, or fail to respond, to an opportunity to assist. Give it some thought.

Lastly, if you get a chance, check that cover of *Economics: Principles and Practices*, Glencoe/Macmillan/McGraw-Hill, publishers, and study the condition and estimate the value of those beautiful gold and silver coins. Makes your mouth water.

Around the State...



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Stan's Statement: Hello! Well, my fellow collectors, it has taken six months, but, at last, my work telephone has been resolved: it is now 707-454-3749, and that number rings directly in my classroom. I know many have been unable to communicate readily with me; an apology is expressed to those of you that have that telephoned only to become lost in the answering system. Of course, you can always contact me via e-mail, EMPERORI@juno.com. Remember, that is Emperor with an "I"

("eye"), not a "1" (one). Think your roman numerals! Local coin clubs, please send me your newsletters and bulletins. Some coverage in the *California Numismatist* issue is less than complete because nothing has been received. Thank you.

Club Reports...

WHITTIER COIN CLUB will feature **Mark Carlisle** speaking about *Civil War Reenactment Activity*. The program in January was a video titled *The U.S. Mint, The Money Machine*. This is a History Channel, Modern Marvels series video that shows the U.S. Mint as a factory that runs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week making coins. The other half of the video on *Note and Postage Printing* will be shown at a future meeting.

VISALIA COIN CLUB Writes that its 2004 officers became its 2005 officers: **Dave Shankel**, President; **Bill Terry**, Vice-President; **Cameron Kiefer**, Secretary; and **Dixie Tuck**, Treasurer, and these were reelected at its December 23 meeting which "went on to more important stuff, at least for the month of December, and had a pot-luck dinner with lots of great food brought by the members."

VERDUGO HILLS COIN CLUB The December meeting was *Christmas Bingo*. Installation by **Walter Ostromecki** of President **Jeff Klemzak**, VP **Irene DeMattei**, 2nd VP **Walt Ostromecki**, Treasurer **Earl Fritcher**, Asst. Treas. **Mike Baldwin**, Secretary **Doris Fuller** and Editor **Bob Thompson**. It was announced that the 40th annual show would be held on Sunday, April 10th, at the Van Nuys Masonic Hall. At the February meeting **Barry Stuppler** will speak on *A Bigger and Better Hobby and ANA*. January meeting was hampered by the

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rains. The room was flooded. Our program *Fantasy World Coins* was presented by VHCC member **Oded Paz**.

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Several VNS members are engaged in “Road Kill Numismatics”, trying to assemble collections from the change found in the gutters, roads, and streets of modern society. They are: **Irene Carrillo**, **Harry W. Davis**, **Gordon R. Donnell**, **Sydney Kass**, **Michael M. Stanley**, and **Michael S. Turrini**. In addition, ten VNS members have collaborated with the Ocean County (New Jersey) Coin Club with a ten week, leading-up to April 2005 National Coin Week, state quarter search. They are examining rolls of state quarters and ascertaining circulation populations of the popular coins. The VNS began 2005 with **O.L. Wallis** speaking and showing slides at its February meeting, on *Official Presidential Inaugural Medals*, one of his specialties. Mr. Wallis is a VNS past-president and CSNA past-president, and past-president of a few other local coin clubs in the San Francisco Bay area. You might title him “Past President Emeritus.”

UPLAND COIN CLUB had a white elephant sale in November. December was *Let's Celebrate*. Participants brought their favorite desserts and we played bingo. January's speaker was **Dr. Tom Fitzgerald** who gave an interesting and exciting talk on *The World's Most Expensive Coin Auction*. The mystery coin was the 1933 gold double eagle and its interesting history. February's speaker will be **Gary Beedon** on *The Good, The Bad And The Ugly*.

TUSTIN COIN CLUB will have **Roy Iwata** give a slide program on *Counterfeit Detection* in February. The program has diagnostics of key items.

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB **Doug Daniels** story time: “I see **Rasha Johnson** showing another guy a Hawaiian Overprint note. The guy insists that he has a Hawaiian Overprint Two Dollar and tells Rasha it is very rare. Rasha agrees with him that it is in fact rare, especially since there was never a Hawaiian Two Dollar Note printed. The guy said that he would go home and get it. Of course, he never came back”. Another tale soon, Doug?

SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB elected its 2005 officers, and they are: **Harry W. Davis**, President; **Robert W. Belleau, Sr.**, Vice-President; **Robert Tedder**, Secretary; and **Dr. Rodney W. Baker**, Treasurer. Note: there was a one-month delay in the placing of the order for the club's "Opening of Japan" silver round. Orders are anticipated for delivery in March or April. Apology is expressed to all! The club is scheduled to gather on May 1 at the Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show, at 10:30 AM, in Vallejo Elks Lodge #2121, 2850 Redwood Parkway, off Admiral Callaghan and I-80, Vallejo, California.

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB The January 2005 SJCC Coin, Stamp, and Collectibles Show exhibit winners: **Al Lo**, Best of Show, "John F. Kennedy Official Inaugural Medal Process Set"; **Gary Acquistapace**, First Place, "The Gaming Tokens of Diamond Tooth Gertie's"; **Elliot Wehner**, First Place Junior, "AAFES Pogs"; **Ray Iwata**, "1937 Roanoke Island Commemorative Half Dollar"; **Gordon R. Donnell**, Third Place, "Depression Era Wooden Money and Script." Special announcement: long-time booster and life member **Edward Sins** has authored a monumental history of the San Jose Coin Club, titled *San Jose Coin Club: The First Fifty Years, 1947-1997*. Wow! The price is \$10.00, and you can request a copy, autographed if you wish, via PO Box 5621, San Jose, California, 95150-0562.

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB continues to move along. SFCC joined neighbors, Pacific Coast Numismatic Society (PCNS), last December 22, and it was somewhat hilarious, since PCNS and SFCC held board meetings simultaneously at opposite ends of the meeting room, compelling **Mark Wm. Clark** and **Michael Wehner** to "switch chairs." But both groups got their respected business completed, and both enjoyed much good food and talk. Even your assistant editor gained weight!

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY held elections at the November meeting with the following results: President **Ken Spindler**; VP **Dave Jones**; Secy **Kay Lenker**; Treasurer **Jim Hunt**; 3-year board members **Les Peich** and **Ginny Bourke**. In November **Jim Wells** gave a PowerPoint lecture on *Numismatics Of The Republic Of Texas*. December was the *Benefit Auction and \$3 Linguini Dinner* by **Rex Salmon**. In January **Phil Iversen** installed the officers at a dinner meeting at Coco's. He also spoke on **Lewis And Clark Sighting The Pacific**. The participation prize for 2004 was won by **Bob Fritsch**. **Jim Wells** gave another PowerPoint presentation in February on King Christian the "Grandfather of Europe." **Rex Salmon** fills the monthly bulletin with lots of facts and pictures.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB This is a classic line from SVCC President **Bud Randolph** in the SVCC January newsletter: "It is a job that is best done with many members helping. Arriving at 6:15 PM would be considered early. And, younger members would be those under 55 years old." Thank

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you, President Randolph! Wow! Brings tears to my eyes! The SVCC 2005 Officers are **Bud Randolph**, president; **Bob Spacek**, vice-president; **Vi Asher**, recording secretary; **Bill McCaslin**, corresponding secretary; and **Joe Bardon**, treasurer. Continuing, President Randolph remarked that he once “remembered when 1984 seemed a long way off”. Well, the same here!

RENO COIN CLUB Our friends in the Silver State heard at their January meeting **A.J. Jacobs** do “a talk and slide presentation of *Political Hard Times Tokens*.” The RCC has a new meeting site, and not be confused with their show site, and it is Reno Elks Lodge, 597 Kumble Lane, across Virginia Street and the Reno Convention Center, in Reno, Nevada. Speaking of the RCC, you have to admire RCC member **Paul Williams**, for he is the club’s Web site coordinator, *Reno Cartwheel* editor, incoming 2005 president, and the club’s 2005 show bourse coordinator. Wow!

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB At its January meeting, President **Merle Avila** presented the personal Carmody-Lebo Citation upon **Wilie Quarate** and **Michael Aranda**. Congratulations to both! Congratulations are also in order for these other RECC members: **Harry W. Davis**, for being elected Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) president; **Bob Tedder**, who enjoyed his birthday at the club’s December meeting (but no year of age given?); and **Merle Avila**, who owns a 1907 High Relief Saint Gaudens Double Eagle: “His was purchased when PCGS was starting to encapsulate coins. At that time, it was graded XF-40. With more experience and coin population information, it is now graded XF-45, which is an increase in value as well”. That is real congratulations!

PENINSULA COIN CLUB reminds that its club, during the regular school year, meets in classroom 14 of the Jane Leland Stanford Middle School, 498 East Meadow Drive, between Middlefield Road and Alma/Central Expressway, in south Palo Alto, California. If you visit the club, enter via the service road between the middle school and next-door elementary school, and drive to the back area, near the shops and custodian area. Classroom 14 is neither the com-

puter room nor the stage room. Read the room numbers! That is the error your assistant editor has made at times!

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY ended 2004 with a joint affair with its neighbors, the San Francisco Coin Club, on Wednesday, December 22, 2004: “**Herb Miles** ended his long tenure as Drawing Chairperson with an ‘Everybody Wins Extravaganza’, with even **Gordon R. Donnell** winning something!” **O.L. Wallis**, a PCNS past president, installed the 2005 officers, and they are: **Sarah Nordin**, president; **Rich Webster**, vice-president; **Stephen Huston**, treasurer; and **Herb Miles**, secretary. PCNS began 2005 with a nice PowerPoint program by **Elliot Wehner** on *Post-MPC Military Currencies* at its January meeting.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION had its successful Nor-Cal V Show on December 4 and 5, 2004, hosted by the Fremont Coin Club, at the Fremont Elks Lodge #2121. At the show’s Saturday, December 4, 2004 dinner, NCNA’s coveted Ron Miller Memorial Award, its “Miller Medal”, was presented to **Ken Barr** and **Vince Lacareire**. Congratulations to both! Also at this show dinner, **Dr. Walter A. Ostromecki, Jr.**, from Encino, California, himself an honored “Miller Medal” recipient, installed NCNA’s 2005-2006 executive officers: **Harry W. Davis**, president; **Michael M. Stanley**, first vice-president; **Vincent O. Lacariere**, second vice-president; **Fred G. van den Haak**, secretary; and **Michael S. Turrini**, treasurer.

LONG BEACH COIN CLUB **Gwen Heistand** spoke on *Athens to Athens, 1896-2004* in December. Installation banquet was held Sunday, January 23rd, at the Lakewood Country Club. Officers are President **Howard Feldham**, VP **Jeff Hosek**, Secy **Warren Heisland** and Treasurer **Floyd Bradford III**. The January slide program was presented by **Ken Baumleckel** entitles *Biblical Ancient Coins*. In February **Bob Smythe** will present a program titled *Irish Coins* that he accumulated during his travels in the Irish Isles.

LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB ended 2004 with its December 13, 2004 Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner, plus meeting, and as reported, “It was the annual Eat-A-Thon Christmas meeting followed by normal drawings, bingo, and Christmas gifts. It was held this year at the Livermore Public Library. At least three members never came close to a Bingo, and one did not even have a Bingo card! The “On-Time Winner” was **James Laird**; the “Gold Drawing” was **Rich Spivey**. The “Junior Slab Toss” winner was **S. Kramer**, which could be anyone in the Kramer Family, but it was Sean. The “Senior Slab Toss” winner was **Gordon R. ‘Smedley Golden Arm’ Donnell**”. Hmm, folks, here is “I never win” Gordon again!

LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY meeting change reported: The LNS now meets on the third Wednesday with doors open at 6:00 PM and 7:00 PM

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meeting sharp at Millbrae City Library, Conference Room A, 1 Library Avenue, Millbrae, California. This change was effective with the LNS' February meeting. Speaking of the February meeting, noted numismatist **Ken Barr** traveled up I-280 to address the society on *Love Tokens*, to which it was promoted "with that title you may want to bring your wife or girl friend". Earlier, at the society's January meeting, **Donald R Barsi** spoke on *Ebay and the IRS*, and in his talk, he suggested, "that (if) you deal on 'ebay' you should read *Ebay Tips For Dummies*." The LNS has also installed its 2005 officers, and they are: **David E. Evans**, president; **Mark Wm. Clark**, vice-president; **Gene Hoy**, secretary; and **Bob Piper**, treasurer.

INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO heard **Mike Shaw** with *Exploration and Espionage in Central Asia*. At the dinner meeting in January **Stewart Westdal** discoursed on *Coins in Shakespeare*. February's topic will be *Wartime Emergency Money and Military Issues*. We have selected our topics for the coming year and have included a swap night in October. Club now meets at 6:15 p.m. versus the previous 7:00.

HEARTLAND COIN CLUB held its Christmas dinner in December. The slate of officers for 2005 remains the same as for 2004. The installation dinner was held on February 16 at Tyler's Taste of Texas.

GREATER ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB has new officers. President **Jeff Stahl**, VP **Mike Ontko**, Treasurer **Ken Arnold**, and Secy **Mark Baskin**. Auctioneers are **Gar Travis** and **Jim Ewert**. In November Gar Davis gave a slide presentation on *Commemorative Coins*. He showed a small area and asked us to name the commemorative. December was *Pot Luck and Bingo*. At the January meeting **Jeff Stahl** gave an enlightening program on *General Emiliano Zapata*. **Dr. Walt Ostromecki** will speak in February on *Forgotten Women in Numismatics*.

GLENDALE COIN CLUB had **Jerry Yahalom** host the video *California Commemoratives and Commemorabilia* in November. It covered the 1936 San

Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge half dollar, 1925 California Diamond Jubilee half dollar, 1915 Panama Pacific Expo, and the 1935 & 1936 San Diego half dollars commemorating the California Pacific International Expo. The club has a refreshment coordinator in **Beth Watson**. Members are asked to sponsor a month by donating \$10. The coordinator takes care of buying and bringing goodies to the meeting. The rain flooded our meeting place in January. President **Mark Watson** and **Greg Burns** attended the launch of the California quarter in Sacramento. Pictures and an article were included in the February bulletin. It was the program given by Mark and Greg.

GATEWAY COIN CLUB This is a good one, and it is from the GCC's February 2005 monthly *Coinnections*: "Thursday, February 3, 2005, Program: Slide/Video Show from the Token and Medals Society (TAMS), entitled *The Case of the Misplaced Soda Token*. This is not a misprint. For those members who were at the last meeting and sat through the mis-efforts at getting this slideshow going, you have the opportunity to come back and actually see it shown! Your projectionist will again run through the program before the meeting, as TAMS recommends, to eliminate all the hitches. Of course, this was done last time, all worked perfectly on Thursday afternoon, and everyone knows what happened a few hours later. PS: For anyone who would like to make sure they get a chance to see this program, without question, come to John Hoffman's house when he runs through it earlier Thursday—it is almost guaranteed to run okay then, surely much better odds that Thursday evening—just give him a call to reserve a seat." Now you have it! "As The World Turns" in Merced, California!

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY has been active in December and January: December 14, 2004 was the date for the society's Christmas Pot Luck Dinner, and as reported, the meeting "was called to order by President **James Obler** and then we preceded to chow down and that is pretty much all we did at that meeting as it was our annual Holiday pot-luck." The January meeting witnessed a special treat when numismatic scholars and boosters, **Phil and Sarah Nordin**, traveling from Vallejo, spoke on *Philippine Guerrilla Money*. Mr. Nordin was a former member of the FNS when he was stationed at neighboring Lemoore Naval Air Base years previously. Your assistant editor always enjoys reading and skimming the monthly *Fresno Numismatist* edited and published by **Randy Clifton**, and Randy is there always to remind: "Wow! We are already well into the second half of the Fifty State Circulating Quarter Coin Program. It just does not seem like it has been over five years ago that Delaware Quarter made its debut and began the program". Five years!

FREMONT COIN CLUB Sad News: **Roger and Irene Lyles** tragically suffered the passing of their daughter, **Eva-Marie Lyles**, who lost her years-long battle with cancer. Roger has served the FCC in most all capacities over the years and was most recently its monthly newsletter, *Double Eagle*, editor. At the club's annual installation dinner in January, the FCC installed its 2005 of-

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ficers, and ANA Regional Coordinator **Michael S. Turrini** did the honors. The officers are: **Alan Douglass**, president; **Bill Burke**, first vice-president; **Jackie Collins**, second vice-president; **Briita Ehlers**, treasurer; **Dave Collins**, recording secretary; and **Alistair Skinner**, corresponding secretary. At this dinner, Alan Douglass was honored with an ANA Regional Coordinator's Citation, the first in 2005 to be bestowed by ANA Northern California Regional Coordinator Michael S. Turrini.

FONTANA COIN CLUB held its annual potluck in December with bingo. November was the white elephant sale.

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB elected its 2005 officers, and they are: **Russell Leach**, president; **Robert W. Belleau, Sr.**, vice-president; **Dr. Rodney W. Baker**, treasurer; and **Robert Tedder**, secretary and editor. The big event for the FCC is its September 18, 2005 Sixteenth Annual Fairfield Coin Show, and Robert Tedder is doing the bourse, and he may be reached at 707-253-7332. Note: previously listed contacts are not correct and have been changed. You may also write the club at PO Box 944, Fairfield, California, 94533-0094.

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY ended 2004 with a social gathering, its Annual Holiday Party, again hosted by President **James H. and Lisa Laird**, at their Alamo, California estate. Bingo was played with these winners: **Dorothy Galovich, Gerald Doherty, Mike Stanley, Gordon Donnell**, (Folks, Did You Just Read His Name Earlier?), **Chuck Call, Trish Green, Char Doherty, Lisa Laird, Lucille McClure, and Ron Kenela**, along with these "good Neighbors", **Bonnie Shackelford, Char Doherty, Carl McClure, Nancy Stanley, Steve McClure, and Chuck Call**. The only loser, really, was your assistant editor, who called the games. Oh well! The society did reelect its 2005 officers, and they are: James H. Laird, president; Gordon R. Donnell, vice-president; Michael M. Stanley, secretary; and **Mark Clarkson**, treasurer.

DELTA COIN CLUB Wow! Next January 2006 is going to be this club's fiftieth anniversary, and copying its friend, the Vallejo Numismatic Society, the

club is soliciting ideas for this mega-event. It should be noted that founder and charter member #1, **Norman F. Pruitt**, still remains active and in regular attendance. The club gathered January 14, at UJs, a Stockton landmark eatery, and celebrated its annual dinner. **Michael S. Turrini**, again, served as the dinner's master of ceremonies, and "Certificates of Esteem", nicely prepared and mounted, were presented to **William E. Horning, Loris Enzminger, Tony Rantz, Luella Griep, Syd Kass, Debbie Enzminger, Don Kendrick, Ruben Smith III, Tom Jackson, Bee Grimm, John McClure, Joseph Griep**, and Michael S. Turrini. The highlight of this annual dinner was the 2005 Elden Ezminger Memorial Award honorees, and they were: Norman F. Pruitt and Syd Kass, who join the 2004 recipients, Loris Enzminger and Michael S. Turrini. What was nice among the attendees were these visiting neighboring local coin club Presidents: **Donald R. Barsi, Harry W. Davis, Gordon R. Donnell, Rasha Johnson**, and Michael S. Turrini. At this dinner, the club's 2005 officers were installed, and they are: Tony Rantz, president; **David Lanphear**, vice-president; Luella Griep, recording secretary; Syd Kass, corresponding secretary; and Loris Enzminger, treasurer.

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB like its neighbor, the Alameda Coin Club, ended 2004 with a celebration at its December meeting, complete with Santa Claus too! "After a very enjoyable meal of Togo's sandwiches, salads, chips, dip, and desserts, and drinks, our December meeting proceeded, as usual, when it was suddenly interrupted by the arrival of Good Ole Santa Claus, who gave numismatic presents to all the good Youth Members. All the Adult Members were given a drawing ticket for a gold coin, and the Lucky Winner was **Nancy Perkins**, who took home a gold Australian Kangaroo. President **Bill Burke**, as usual, asked for the 'Naughty Girls List' but Santa chided him for his audacity to even think that there was such a list of Cupertino Coin Club (CCC) members! Shame On You, Bill!" Hmm, maybe Santa knows something or maybe Bill Burke knows! And at a coin club, too! Well, that is the reason your assistant editor enjoys reading the CCC's monthly *Coin Press*: Acting Editor **Al Lo** always gets the truth told! Changing the subject, the CCC amended its bylaws to reflect a more appropriate title for its junior president, rather than the older "Youth Vice-President", and the new titleholder is Junior President **Emily Burns**.

COVINA COIN CLUB held elections in November with the following results: President **Gene Kemble**, VP **Bill Nash**, Secy **Helen Dessens**, Treasurer **Mo Fitzgerald**. Board members are **Tom Fitzgerald, Don Foster, Glen Franks, John Lear, Neil Osina, Matt Miller** and Emeritus **Marie Menegatti**. Past President Matt Miller installed the officers in December. They also had a Christmas party with desserts and a dice game. The Walter H. Menegatti Award was presented to a very deserving and hard working member, Bill Nash. Our Coin-O-Rama is set for the last Sunday of April and our awards banquet will be in May.

COINEERS COIN CLUB November was a white elephant sale in place of the auction. They also had a video by past ANA President **Bob Campbell** on *Artificial Toning on Coins*. New officers are President **Lance Dohe**, VP **Edmund Lee**, Secy **Wayne Joy**, and Treasurer **Andrew Woodruff**. March program will feature **Jim Hunt** who will focus on his experiences as a member of the selection committee that recommended designs for the California state quarter. The last newsletter included the history of Coiners from the October, 1972 newsletter.

BAY CITIES COIN CLUB held *Show and Tell* in December. This covered things missed during the year. In February BCCC President **Phil Iversen** was in a group of only a few numismatists who were invited to attend the gala release ceremony held in Sacramento on 31 January. U.S. Mint Director Henrietta Holman-Fore joined Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger for a launch ceremony of the California quarter at the State Archives Reference Room. After the speeches, all were able to purchase the quarters in new rolls or in special souvenir holders. At the February meeting of the club Phil had photographs that he took, and gave out the first quarters of 2005.

ANCIENT COIN CLUB OF LOS ANGELES held its installation in January at Balboa Mission Town Hall. Past officers accepted and were elected for another year include as President **Hugh Kramer**, VP **Richard Baker**, Secy **Dave Stepsay** and Treasurer **Barry Rightman**. Also in January **Paul Rove** spoke on *Roman Imperial Quadrans*. This was the lowest denomination of coinage turned out by the Romans. Annual dues are \$10 plus meeting attendance dues. The Web site averages 50 visitors per day. They are looking for volunteers to do articles on the 12 Caesars. **Kelly Ramage** and **Michael Sheldon** gave a talk in February on a recent trip to Petra.

ALAMEDA COIN CLUB As this *California Numismatist* issue is being prepared, the “Island Coin Club”—remember, Alameda is not only its own city but is on an island—is voting to change its meeting nights to the first Monday to avoid conflicts with other neighboring local coin clubs; however, nothing has been confirmed in time for the *California Numismatist's* deadline. The ACC ended 2004 with its December Christmas Party Dinner, and these were the lucky winners: **Don Barsi**, **Ben Malia**, and **Wendy Barsi**. The special raffle drawing honored **Alan Douglass**, **Gordon R. Donnell**, **Ben Malia**, **Tom Gesner**, **Don Barsi**, **Bob Sturn**, and **Rueben Edwards**. Folks, note that Gordon R. “I never win” Donnell’s name is listed. Hmm? Does he win?

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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., Veteran's Building, 2203 Central Avenue at Oak 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. (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. (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 177, Concord, CA 94122-0177. (CSNA)
- Downey Numismatists**—meets 4th Monday, 7:30 p.m., Downey Retirement Center, 11500 Dolan Ave., Downey; mailing address: Albertus Hoogeveen, 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, 6:15 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)
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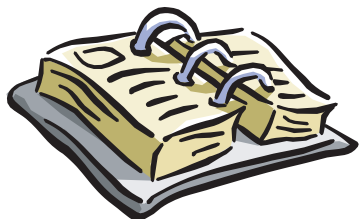
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- April 9 **Coin Show** (Visalia), Sons of Italy Hall, 4211 West Goshen Ave., Leo J. D'Andrea, (559) 738-8128, dandrea@lightspeed.net.
- Apr. 10 **Verdugo Hills Coin Club Show** (Van Nuys), 40th Annual Coin & Collectibles Show, Van Nuys Masonic Hall, 14750 Sherman Way, Bob Thompson, (818) 249-1237, bobcat237@earthlink.net, free parking. Youth coin auction.
- Apr. 17 **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.
- April 24 **Covina Coin Club Coin-O-Rama** (Arcadia), Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Rd., 9AM to 5PM, free parking.
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- May 1 **33rd Annual Vallejo Coin Show** (Vallejo), BPOE/Vallejo Elks Lodge #559, Banquet Room, 2850 Redwood Pkwy. (off Interstate 80 at Admiral Callaghan), info: (707) 642-0216 or (707) 547-0518, emperori@juno.com.
- May 13 - 14 **San Francisco Coin, Currency & Stamp Expo**, Cathedral Hill Hotel, 1101 Van Ness (at Geary), Israel Bick, (818) 997-6496, iibick@sbcglobal.net.
- May 14 - 15 **Sacramento Valley Coin Club 48th Annual Coin Show**, Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd.

- May 15 **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.
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Fifty Years Ago

- Ike was in the White House (with Dicky in the warm-up pen), postage was 3 cents, minimum wage was 75 cents an hour, and the *Honeymooners* was on the air in stunning black and white.
- *Calcoin News* reported that after 101 years churning out coins the San Francisco Mint had ceased production on March 24, 1955, concluding their run with the one cent piece.
- NASC's founders were planning their first meeting to be held at the Hayward Hotel in Los Angeles on July 31, 1955. Twenty dealers and collectors attended, and the NASC name was adopted.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

- Carter lived on Pennsylvania Avenue (with Mondale playing second fiddle), postage was up to 15 cents, minimum wage was now \$3.10 an hour, and *Benson* had supplanted the *Honeymooners*.
- NASC President "Mac" McInnis, Jr., wrote in his president's message that he had visited 23 of the 69 member clubs, with his goal being to have visited each of them during the course of the year. Interestingly, he also reported that the subsequent issue would be the first *Quarterly* to contain advertising (up till then not allowed by the postal regulations or the board of directors.)
- The "Calendar of Numismatic Events" in *Calcoin News* stretched out five years from May, 1980 to October, 1985. Talk about a long planning horizon for conventions!

Ten Years Ago

- Clinton and Gore were our top executives, postage had more than doubled to 32 cents, though minimum wage had only gone up to \$4.25 per hour, and *Walker, Texas Ranger*, had sent *Benson* packing (so to speak.)
- Alex Shagin's medal of Albert Einstein graced the cover of *Calcoin News*, setting the tone for the third part of the series on Mr. Shagin written by Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald. Pictured inside were six of the medals Mr. Shagin created in the mid-1980's.
- Folks were still buzzing about the recent closing of the San Francisco Mint at the end of the previous year (as had happened 39 years before that in 1955 and again in 1973.) In an editorial in the *Quarterly*, Bob Wilhite recommended that coin enthusiasts consolidate their resources and focus their efforts on critical issues, instead of diluting their activities by running after every "wish" on their list, and by so doing perhaps save the "Granite Lady" yet again.

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