

THE NORTHWEST COIN CLUB

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The **April Meeting** of the Northwest Coin Club was scheduled for April 9, 2020. This meeting has been cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic, orders from Minnesota Governor Tim Walz to stay home, and closings of facilities by the Minneapolis Park Board.

Our **May Meeting** would be on Thursday May 14, 2020. Any decision about holding the May meeting will be put off to monitor changing conditions. Expect an official announcement in the May NWCC Newsletter to be published around May 7, 2020.

How Are You Doing?

How has your life changed because of the pandemic? Have you caught the COVID-19 disease? Are you spending more time in the basement organizing your collection? Other club members would like to hear from you.

Send the Editor a brief report on your activities and we will publish it in a future issue of the NWCC Newsletter.

Support the 1921 Silver Dollar Coin Anniversary Act

Do you support the 1921 Silver Dollar Coin Anniversary Act? Now would be a good time to write to your congress person for their support.

Greg B. provided a link to an article appearing on *Coin Week*.

<https://coinweek.com/us-coins/support-the-1921-silver-dollar-coin-anniversary-act/>

Go to this link to determine your Representative.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minnesota%27s_congressional_districts

Click the name of the Representative to go to that person's wiki page. Then you can write to them asking for their support of the House Bill

Has the club ever cancelled its coin show?

The 2020 Northwest Coin Club Money Show was cancelled earlier in March because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some club members have asked if shows were held during World War II or if any previous shows were cancelled.

The World War II question is easy to answer. No club shows were held during World War II. Our annual dinner, expositions and shows did not start until after the war. See the following article.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE NORTHWEST COIN CLUB



The Northwest Coin Club held its 13th annual banquet May 7th in the East Room of the Curtis Hotel, Minneapolis. Sixty-three members and guests enjoyed a fine meal and a well balanced program. A review of the formation and early history of the club was given by a series of short talks by several of the charter members. A large number of doorprizes were awarded, most of which went to the ladies. The evening was concluded with a short auction and a fine exhibit of much choice numismatic material.

This item appeared in *The Numismatist* for August 1947, page 580.

Note that this was called the 13th annual banquet suggesting that a first annual banquet was held in 1935. On February 5, 1942, the club held the Eighth anniversary banquet, which again suggests a starting date of 1935. No banquets were held during the war years and resumed with the 12th anniversary banquet held February 6, 1946.

The Northwest Coin Club was officially chartered on February 10, 1934, so the first anniversary would have been on February 10, 1935. This is consistent for dating anniversary banquets. However, they were not annual because none were held in 1943, 1944 or 1945.

The 1947 photo shows exhibits in the foreground and exhibits were a feature of the early banquets. The 1948 Banquet was held on May 12, 1948. It was an evening event with an auction and exhibits but no bourse.

**NORTHWEST COIN CLUB PARTICIPATES IN
MINNESOTA TERRITORIAL CENTENNIAL**

Featuring the best displays and the largest auction in its history, the Northwest Coin Club combined the Minnesota Territorial Centennial and its fifteenth anniversary celebration into a two day event at the Curtis Hotel in Minneapolis, June 11 and 12th. The exhibit and auction were open to the general public both days.

Club members exhibited everything from ancient barter material and coins to modern gold, silver, bronze and paper money. The displays were outstanding and members demonstrated great ingenuity in devising different ways of effectively mounting and showing their collections. They skillfully worked in the Minnesota Territorial Centennial theme, much to their credit and the interest of the general public.

Short speeches by Lewis Reagan, A.N.A. Secretary; H. S. Sherwin, A.N.A. District Secretary for Northern Wisconsin; G. W. Huber, club president and S. L. Stolte, general chairman were the high lights of the Saturday evening banquet. Iowa was well represented by A. M. Kagin of Des Moines and Archie Uglum of Chester.

The committee members who planned this very successful event are already planning an even greater affair for next year. They are going to make the Northwest annual Coin Exhibit one of the biggest Coin Shows in the middle west.

When the United States Government turned down Minnesota's request for a commemorative half dollar the Northwest Coin Club "coined" wooden nickels to commemorate the state's centennial. They went "like hot cakes" to collectors and the public alike. Every one wanted a Minnesota Territorial Souvenir. Wooden nickels may still be obtained at 15¢ each, special prices in quantities, from the club secretary.

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This article appeared in *The Numismatist* for August 1949, page 460. The 1949 event was open to the public and held over two days with an auction included. This was the first event that qualifies as a coin show that was well promoted and open to the public.

This article appeared in *The Numismatist* for March 1950 on page 162. The 1950 event featured an auction, a large coin exhibit, bourse tables and a banquet.

Our club history reports that this was called the “second annual exhibit, auction and banquet.”

I attended my first Northwest Coin Club show in 1968. I may have missed attending some of the shows in the next few years. I joined the club in 1987 and believe I attended every show since then over a period of 32 years. I am not aware of any show being cancelled between 1949 and 2019.

The 2021 show is being promoted as the “Northwest Coin Club 87th Annual Money Show.” This numbering error has been perpetuated for many years. It might correctly be called the 87th Anniversary Money Show, referring to the age of the club. However, as an annual coin show, the history only dates back 73 years to that show in 1949.

Northwest Coin Club to Meet

The Northwest Coin Club of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota will hold a two day Coin Meeting on May 13 and 14 at the Curtis Hotel, Minneapolis. We will have a large coin exhibit, an Auction lasting most of the day, Saturday, May 13, dealer bourse tables and a big banquet Saturday evening. The Curtis Hotel has good accommodations at very reasonable rates, but reservations are advisable. Minnesota has a beautiful spring with good trout fishing so why not make a trip out of it. We think that we can show you the biggest coin meeting in the Middle West outside of the A.N.A. meeting in Milwaukee. For further information contact the secretary. Dealers write for bourse table rates.

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