

THE NORTHWEST COIN CLUB

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The **June meeting** of the Northwest Coin Club will be on June 13, 2019, at the Kenwood Community Center, 2101 West Franklin Avenue in Minneapolis. Informal discussion begins at 6:30 with the business meeting beginning at 7:00.



Election of officers for 2019-2020 will be conducted at the June meeting. There were no nominations made at the May club meeting. Nominations may be made in June with the election to follow. New officers will assume their duties in July.

The **June Program** was originally announced for the April meeting but was cancelled because of a snow storm. The description was provided by club vice president Dan H.

Almost two years ago, a grading challenge was presented in April which included 20 encapsulated 'WORLD' coins. This year's iteration will involve twenty *different* encapsulated 'WORLD' coins and possibly some tokens (non US - takes the pressure off), but this time I will include some small material too. Even down to 15 mm - make sure to bring a hand lens! We have better lighting this year, so grading efforts will probably be better than ever.

It is widely understood that our beloved TPG's (third-party graders), assign their 'scores' based on a synthesis of *physical wear, marks and hits* (or lack thereof) *and of eye appeal*. For a lot of 'WORLD' coins, there are relatively small sample sets of third-part graded material, and fewer systematic investigations of the types and strike states involved. For example, there are **98** NGC graded 1864 business strike dimes in all conditions. *That's* a nice data base. A comparably sized coin of that date from Sweden (the 25 ore, for example) has an NGC population of '**1**'. *No* data base. This renders some 'WORLD' coin categories sort of like the wild west.

When you step up to this grading challenge then, imagine that you are an NGC employee and you are looking at the very first example that your firm has been presented of that date and type. Look it over for wear and marks - measure it for its eye appeal - and then give it your best shot. That's what they do!

Fabulous prize for the winner tbd. The 'winner' this time will be the **FOURTH** place finisher.

State Fair Exhibits. This article appeared in the ANA Numismatist for November, 1937.

NORTHWEST COIN CLUB'S EXHIBIT AT MINNESOTA STATE FAIR.

The Northwest Coin Club, for the first time in its history, had a booth and exhibit at the Minnesota State Fair, September 4 to 11. Working under the chairmanship of C. L. Berggren the following men devoted long periods of their time to make the exhibit a success: J. G. Lewis, Dr. D. E. Ward, A. D. White, Oce Curtis and C. M. Becken.



In putting on this exhibit everything had to be furnished by the club's members. Frames had to be built, counters erected, signs painted and exhibits gathered and arranged. The various members of the club had to arrange their spare time so that at least two members were present at all times.

During the week over a million people passed the booth and several hundred names were taken of people interested in coin collecting. Several applications for membership were accepted. After the fair was over we were told by the fair committee that we had the most interesting exhibit in the Crafts Building and were invited to occupy the same space next year. While the Northwest Coin Club gained valuable publicity it also gave coin collecting in the Northwest a valuable push.

This was a club exhibit that occupied an entire booth in the Crafts Building. Individual numismatic exhibits will be accepted at the Minnesota State Fair again this year. Each exhibit should fit in a frame 30 x 36 inches or smaller.

If you are interested in exhibiting this year and want more information, there will probably be someone at the June club meeting who will be happy to talk with you.

Numismatic exhibits will also be shown at the ANA World's Fair of Money in August in Rosemont, Illinois Applications must be submitted by June 15.