

# THE NONAGON



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NEW HAMPSHIRE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

## ARTHUR AND PRUE FITTS NUMISMATIC SCHOLARSHIP

Arthur and Prudence Fitts have established a full scholarship for an adult collector from New England to the ANA Summer Seminar in 1997, July 12 - 18. The scholarship includes tuition, class materials, room, and board. The student must pay for transportation costs to and from Colorado Springs, the location of the seminar.

It is the desire of the Committee to award this scholarship to a collector who will benefit from it, one who has shown a commitment to numismatics in New England. It is also our desire that all applicants have an equal opportunity to win the award. It is with these goals in mind that we establish the criteria for awarding the scholarship as follows:

1. The winner of the scholarship will be determined by a random drawing of all eligible applicants. The drawing will be held at the March 1997, meeting of the Boston Numismatic Society. The winner must accept the scholarship within seven days of notification. If for some reason that person cannot attend the Seminar, a second (and subsequent) name will be drawn and have the same response time. The scholarship will be awarded to the first person to firmly commit to attendance. Transportation to and from Colorado Springs is the responsibility of the winner.
2. The period of eligibility shall be between 1 January 1996 and 1 March 1997. An applicant may become eligible for this award in any one of four ways:
  - a. Publish a numismatic article in a local, regional, or national numismatic periodical. Enclose a copy of the article as published. If a submitted article has not been published by the deadline, a statement of Intent to Publish from the periodical is sufficient to meet eligibility. The editors of *NENA News* are willing to publish any and all articles submitted, and shall give the necessary certifications.
  - or-
  - b. Enter a competitive numismatic exhibit in a local, regional, or national numismatic competition. Judges' scoring sheets or a statement from the sponsor of the competition are sufficient proof of exhibit. The annual NENA Conference and Convention is an excellent venue for exhibits, and certification shall be automatic.
  - or-
  - c. Make a numismatic presentation to a local, regional, or national numismatic group. Talks to local clubs present excellent opportunities to establish eligibility, which must be certified by club officers.
  - or-
  - d. Those who cannot become eligible by any of the three means above may be nominated by any numismatic club in New England. Each of these clubs may nominate one and only one person for the award. It is recommended by the Committee that clubs do not nominate a person who is eligible by any of the other means.

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APPLICATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

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QUALIFICATION: ( ) ARTICLE ( ) TALK ( ) EXHIBIT ( ) CLUB RECOMMENDATION  
(PLEASE ENCLOSE THE REQUIRED PROOFS)

I understand that if I win, I must commit to attending the 1997 ANA Summer Seminar. If I cannot commit by the deadline required by the Committee, I will forfeit this scholarship and another name will be drawn for the award. I certify that the submitted material is my own work.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Use Only: Received \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt sent \_\_\_\_\_

41ST TRI-STATE EXHIBITION  
WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 19TH

New Hampshire Collectors' Club will hold the 41st annual Tri-State Collectors' Exhibition from 9 to 5 on Saturday, Oct. 19 at Bektash Temple 189 Pembroke Road, Concord. A well lighted hall with plenty of free parking make this an ideal location. It has easy access from Rt. 1-93, Rts. 202, 4, or 9. It is just off Rt. 106. Exit Rt. 106 near Ferry Monuments about 1 1/2 mile South of Steeplegate Mall, and Bektash Temple is first building on your right on Pembroke Road.

About 30 dealers will have bourse table to buy and sell coins, stamps, and Collectibles. Bourse chairman is Kenneth J. Fancher, 418 Chestnut St., Manchester N.H. 03101, Tel. 603-456-3596.

Exhibits compete for 10 trophies with Governor's Trophy for Best in Show. Exhibit chairman, Robert L. Wester, will provide a brochure with list of classes and awards, score card, and other information about exhibit frames etc. Reserve space now, by calling 603-225-7467. Bob works in afternoon and evening so late morning is best time to call him.

There will be a special postal station with back issues of stamps at face value. Frederick Profos, Warner, N.H. 03278, Tel 603-456-3596 is cachet chairman. He will have the show cover on sale at the show along with wooden nickels from previous shows.

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ARE YOUR DUES PAID?

Your Nonagon label tells you whether you owe dues which are \$4. a year. If your label shows 97 or higher you owe no dues. 96 means you owe dues for 1996, 95 means you owe dues for both 1995 and 1996, etc. Dues should be sent to Sam Allen, Box 1655, Dover, N.H. 03820 and keep your name on mailing list.

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FITTS SCHOLARSHIP TO  
ANA SUMMER SEMINAR

Arthur and Prudence Fitts have made a full scholarship available to send an adult collector from New England to the ANA Summer Seminar, July 12 - 18, 1997. Scholarship includes tuition, class materials, room and board, Student must provide transportation to Colorado Springs, and any other incidental expenses, including taxes.

The applicant must be a New England resident, a collector of coins, tokens, medals, exonumia, or paper money, and winner must submit a written report about the seminar after his return.

A candidate may become eligible to apply by (a) having a numismatic article published in a numismatic periodical (such as the Nonagon); (b) Exhibiting in Numismatic competition (Tri-State); (c) Giving a numismatic talk to a numismatic group; (d) if unable to qualify under above a candidate may be nominated by a numismatic organization (1 per club).

A qualified applicant must send his application to The Fitts Scholarship Committee, P. O. Box 3003, Nashua, N.H. 03061-3003 before Mar. 1, 1997 along with proof of qualification. Winner of the scholarship will be determined by random drawing from the qualified applicants. Drawing will be held at the March meeting of the Boston Numismatic Society.

SEE APPLICATION FORM INSIDE FRONT COVER.

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NUMISMATIC CALENDAR

- Oct. 4 Centennial Auctions, Holiday Inn, Exit 4, Nashua, Stamps 3PM; coins etc 6 P.M.
- Oct. 14 Tri-State Exhibition Bektash Temple 189 Pembroke Road, Concord, N.H. ( 9 to 5
- Oct. 20 Third Sunday Show, Holiday Inn, Exit 4, Nashua, 9 A.M. to early afternoon
- Oct. 20. 30th annual coin, stamp, and baseball card show Bangor Motor Inn 713 Hogan Rd, Bangor Me.
- Nov. 3, 1996 42nd semiannual Gorham Coin Club Holiday Inn, Exit 8, Maine Turnpike, Portland, 9-4
- Also 3rd Sunday in March, 1997
- Nov. 17, 3rd Sunday shows, Holiday Inn, Exit 4, Northeastern Blvd., Nashua
- Dec. 10, Centennial Auctions, stamp & Coin auction Holiday Inn, Exit 4, Nashua, Consignment deadline Nov. stamps, Nov. 7, coins Nov. 11
- There will also be coin auctions Nov. 11 and Feb. 17. Contact Jeff Kierstead at 800-682-2646
- Dec. 15, 3rd Sunday Shows, Holiday Inn, Nashua

## New Hampshire Numismatics

Thanks to Jack Jewell and Greg Williams for reporting New Hampshire "Good Fors" etc. tokens. Winter 1976-77 Nonagon listed many of such tokens. New additions are listed below:

- BERLIN. W. J. MOORE/ JEWELER/BERLIN/ N.H.// GOOD FOR/50¢/ON FIVE/ DOLLAR/ TRADE. 31 mm.  
 " MT. FORIST HOUSE/BERLIN, N.H.// BOARD/100/ AND LODGING. 24 mm., copper.
- CLAREMONT. BOSTON FRUIT CO./CLAREMONT/(star)/ N.H.// GOOD FOR/5¢/IN TRADE. 19 mm., aluminum  
 " TOY CASTLE/ CLAREMONT,N.H.//GOOD LUCK TRADE COIN 5¢. 16 mm., bronze.
- DOVER. ELECTRICAL ROTATING DEVICES, SERVO ALTERNATORS, MOTOR BLOWERS, BAD EASTERN AIR DEVICES  
 DOVER, N.H.//ROUND AND ROUND SHE GOES, WHERE SHE STOPS NOBODY KNOWS, YOU PAY (arrow)  
 (spinner) 32 mm., aluminum.  
 " TO SAVE MONEY BUY YOUT HATS, CAPS, and FURS OF PURINGTON & HAM, 11 CENTRAL ST. DOVER  
 N. H. // (Liberty head brass shell oard, 13 stars around) 1868. 34 mm., brass.  
 " G. A. ROBERTS/ 5/ DOVER, N. H. // reverse same 25 mm., German silver.  
 " J TERRIEN, GOOD FOR 5¢/ DOVER, N. H.// Reverse same. 28 mm., aluminum.
- EXETER, GOOD FOR 50¢ ON \$10.00 CASH PURCHASE MADE AT A. C. TURNER Co. CLOTHIERS AND HATTERS,  
 EXETER, N. H. //FOUR LEAF CLOVER AND HORSESHOE ARE ALLRIGHT FOR LUCK/ IF YOU WANT A  
 SURE THING/CALL ON. 30 mm. aluminum.
- HANOVER. THE/ ARCADE/ HANOVER, N.H.// GOOD FOR/ 5 IN TRADE. 21 mm., brass.
- LITTLETON. RENFREW BROS./TOP TO TOE/ CLOTHIERS/ LITTLETON, N.H. BETHLEHEM//THE HOLDER OF THIS  
 CHECK WILL BE ALLOWED 50¢ REBATE, MEN'S SUITS OR OVERCOATS 36 mm., copper.
- MANCHESTER. THE BLUE STORE/THREE STORY FRONT/1077 ELM ST. MANCHESTER, N.H.// THE HOLDER OF  
 ONE OF THESE CHECKS WILL BE ALLOWED 50¢ REBATE ON ANY SUIT OR OVERCOAT, 38 mm. BR.  
 " RAY BROOK GARDEN CO/OUT/FLOWERS/and/FLOREAL DESIGNS/MANCHESTER,N.H.// GOOD FOR 5¢/  
 ONE GLASS SODA 24mm.  
 " N. G. GUERNSEY & CO. MANCHESTER and KEENE,N.H.// YOU PAY (arrow) 35 mm. Alum.spin  
 " JOSEPH/QUIRIN/ MANCHESTER, N.H.// GOOD FOR/ 5¢/ AT BAR. 22 mm.  
 " STAR STAMPCO./ MFRS/CHECKS,SEALS/STAMPS & STENCILS (3 stamps)6 PLEASANT ST./  
 MANCHESTER, N.H.// GOOD FOR 10¢/ IN MERCHANDISE. 29 mm, aluminum.
- NASHUA. P. P. LEMIEUX AGENT FOR HAPFENREFFER & CO., BREWERS, 44 CANAL ST.,NASHUA, N.H.//  
 MEMBERSHIP EMBLEM OF THE DON'T WORRY CLUB (Swastika)GOOD LUCK, 33 mm., Copper.  
 " NASHUA/BOWLING/ALLEYS/ H. WILLIAMS PROP// GOOD FOR/5¢/in TRADE. 20 mm.  
 " TALBOT CLOTHING STORE/GOOD FOR/ ONE DOLLAR/ ON A/ SUIT OR/ OVERCOAT/NASHUA,N.H.//  
 WEAR OUR CLOTHES AND HAVE (good luck emblems) GOOD LUCK 32 mm., bronze.
- Portsmouth. W.H. FAY BOOT, SHOE, AND CLOTHING HOUSE, 3 CONGRESS SE.,PORTSMOUTH,N.H.// THE  
 HOLDER OF THIS CHECK WILL BE ALLOWED 50¢ REBATE ON ANY PURCHASE OF \$10.00 AND  
 UPWARDS. 36 mm., bronze.
- ROCHESTER. HOWES PHARMACY/ CHOICE/SCDA/&/ CONFECTIONERY/ROCHESTER,N.H.// GOOD FOR 5¢/ONE  
 GLASS SODA. 24mm.
- SUNCOOK. GEORGI'S MARKET/& CAFE/SUNCOOK/ N.H.// GOOD FOR/ 5¢/ IN TRADE. 27 mm, octoganal.
- WEIRS BEACH. FUN SPOT/ RT. 3 WEIRS BEACH,N.H.//GOOD ONLY FOR ONE GAME AT ANY FUN SPOT,  
 HAVE/ THE GAMES/ PEOPLE/ PLAY. 25 mm., brass.

Your editor would appreciate other reports of "Good FORs" and other N.H. tokens for future Nonagons. Send to Wayne S. Rich, 11 South ST, Concord, N.H. 03301.

## COLLECTORS AND COLLECTING by Bob Fritsch (continued)

Since we have talked so much about things that are collected, it is time to examine what a collection actually is. Again, Webster's definition leaves much to be desired: "Something collected; esp: an accumulation of objects gathered for study, comparison, or exhibition or as a hobby." However thin that definition may be, there is good stuff in there. Note that it says that there is a specific purpose to an accumulation that makes it a collection.

An accumulation is merely a gathering of similar objects. The word itself is from the French word "to heap up." When I was stationed in Japan in the late Sixties, I had a three-pound coffee can that I would dump all my Japanese change into when I came back to the barracks each night. At the end of my tour, I took the best coin of each type and date from that can and kept them. At that point, it ceased being an accumulation and became a collection. That was my beginning as a coin collector also. As for the rest of the coins, I spent them on a great three-day going-away party.

I would imagine that just about all of us have accumulations at home that are potential collections. I have lots of refrigerator magnets, but they are just stuck on the fridge with no particular effort at organization or classification. They are an accumulation, but could become a collection with a little work. I have a collection of Japanese matchbooks (if I can ever find it) that I picked up over there. I have done nothing with them except assembling the collection with the intent of doing something with them in the future. That is one of the differences between an accumulation and a collection.

Since there are so few references about collections, I have come up with my own sequence in the development of a collection, a taxonomy if you will. In order, the steps are Accumulation, Organization, Research and Knowledge, Focus, Refinement, Completion, Dissemination, and finally Exhibition.

We have already talked about Accumulations, so I won't repeat it. However, I do feel that most collections start with an accumulation of stuff, and when enough is gathered, the collector begins to Organize and Classify it. This presumes Research if the job is to be done correctly, even if it is looking up an item in the catalog. And from Research comes Knowledge, THE MOST IMPORTANT BENEFIT FROM COLLECTING THAT I CAN SEE. Knowledge is for life, and the mere act of building a collection means a building of knowledge. The collection may disappear but the knowledge stays. At this point, let's say there is just a small amount of it.

At some point in these initial efforts comes the decision to collect only certain things in the accumulation, and that is what I call Focus. My main collections are coins of countries I have been to. However, with the recent proliferation of "Collector only" Non-Circulating Legal Tender coins, I have focused my collections on Circulating coins of countries I've been to, and forget all that other junk. With Focus comes more Knowledge.

Once Focus has been determined, the collection can be Refined by adding missing pieces and upgrading existing pieces. Add more Knowledge. If the collection is focused narrowly enough, Completion is the eventual goal, then another collection can be started. Some collections, though, are so broad in their Focus that they can never be completed. My <sup>reign</sup> reign collections are a good example. As completion nears and another collection is contemplated, a new gathering of material and knowledge is needed.

Concurrent with Refinement, the collector can use the Knowledge collected and write a book about his specialty or give a talk on it. This is Dissemination. George Yailis is an excellent example. Not only did he write the definitive reference on Morgan Dollar Varieties, he is an expert on coin scales and weights. But you don't have to be a real

(To be concluded)

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