



# THE NORTHWEST COIN CLUB

## Newsletter

### February 2019



The Northwest Coin Club will meet on Valentine's Day February 14, 2019, at the Kenwood Community Center at 2101 West Franklin Avenue in Minneapolis. We will gather for informal discussions at 6:30 with the business meeting starting at 7:00.

For our February educational program, Shawn Hewitt will give "An Introduction to Minnesota Obsolete Bank Notes and Scrip." Shawn will present an overview of how obsoletes fit into the overall picture of U. S. paper money and zero in on collecting Minnesota notes. He is the author of "A History & Catalog of Minnesota Obsolete Bank Notes and Scrip" and current president of the Society of Paper Money Collectors.

#### UPCOMING COIN SHOWS

Saturday, February 17, 2019; 9 am to 4 pm  
South St. Paul Monthly Coin Show  
VFW Post 295  
111 Concord Exchange South  
South St. Paul, MN 55071

February 24, 2019; 9 am to 4 pm  
Liberty Coin Club Show (club show)  
Ideal Hall  
1494 North Dale Street  
St. Paul. MN 55117

March 3, 2019; 9 am to 4 pm  
Bloomington Coin Show (commercial show)  
Crowne Plaza  
3 Appletree Square  
Bloomington, MN 55420

Saturday March 5, 2019; 8:30 am to 4:00 pm  
Roseville Coin Show (commercial show)  
Roseville Skating Center  
2661 Civic Center Drive  
St. Paul, MN 55113

March 15-17, 2019

Northwest Coin Club Money Show  
Earle Brown Center  
6155 Earle Brown Drive  
Brooklyn Center, MN

April 24-27, 2019

Central States Numismatic Society  
Schaumburg Renaissance Hotel  
1551 North Thoreau Drive  
Schaumburg, IL 60173

#### OTHER LOCAL CLUBS

Liberty Coin Club  
Weekly meetings are on Tuesday evenings at the Washington County Oakdale Branch Library, 1010 Heron Avenue North, Oakdale, MN. Business meeting begins at 6:30, followed by an auction.

Twin Cities Ancient Coin Club  
The club meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 104 Snelling Avenue South, St. Paul, MN 55105.

The program for February 28, 2019, will be on Roman Coins of Ephesus.

## Viking Ship

For the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, a replica Viking ship was constructed in Norway and sailed to America. The ship was copied from the Gokstad which was excavated from a burial mound in 1880. This is exhibited at the Viking Ship Museum in Oslo.

The exposition would have liked to exhibit the original but they had to settle for a replica. This was built at Christen Christensen's Framnaes Shipyard in Sandefjord in Norway. Although it is described as an exact replica, some details could not be determined from the Gokstad.

The ship was built with the "clinker" style construction. Each side was made of sixteen oak planks with each plank slightly overlapping the one below. They were held together with iron rivets. The hull was formed first with a lightweight frame added inside.

Captain of the ship was newspaper editor Magnus Andersen with a crew of eleven selected from 280 applicants. Among the crew was Rasmus Elias Rasmussen. He wrote his personal account *Viking from Norway to America*, published in English in 1984.

The ship was christened "*Viking*" and launched February 4, 1893. After a few coastal visits, the ship sailed from Bergen on April 30, 1893. The crew sighted Newfoundland on May 27, Cape Cod on June 11, and sailed into New York harbor on June 17. The ship sailed up the Hudson, was towed through the Erie Canal and arrived in Chicago on July 12, 1893.

Following the exposition, the *Viking* sailed down to New Orleans. It was returned to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago and later to Lincoln Park. The ship fell into disrepair with various efforts to preserve it. In 2019 it is under a canopy in Geneva, Illinois.

For the Norse-American Centennial in 1925, an image of the *Viking* appeared on a commemorative stamp and on the Norse-American medals. The ship on the stamp is a fairly accurate picture of the *Viking*. The ship on the medals has seven oars in the water. The *Viking* would have had sixteen on each side.

When the Northwest Coin Club was formed in 1934, the constitution stated that the emblem of the club be the Norse-American medal. The ship then appeared on the club medals struck in 1936 and on various later issues. The ship also appears on the club letterhead and on the club newsletter.

