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THE ICE MAN COMETH

Our speaker for the April 22nd meeting will be the world reknown numismatist and purveyor of fine ancient coins, Kenneth Hollister.

Kenn's presentation will be an enticing and eclectic mixture of insights into the early development of mankind. Topics touched upon may include the development of writing, the study of antiquities, the introduction of coinage, and various and sundry topics sure to be of interest to students of history.

Do join us for this facinating view of mankind!

THE EVENING'S SUB-TOPIC: PUBLICATIONS OF THE A.N.S.

The sub-topic for our April meeting will be a brief look at the publications of the American Numismatic Society, presented by Bill Daehn.

The A.N.S. is one of the most prolific publishers of important numismatic books and periodicals, and all numismatists should be familiar with these publications. Bill will give a very brief overview of these books and periodicals, and samples will be available for examination.

If you own some A.N.S. publications, please bring in a few of your favorites to share with us.

COIN SHOWS

Har Mar Show April 17-18. Har Mar Mall, 2100 N. Snelling, Roseville.

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Holiday Coin Show April 25. Holiday Inn—Airport. I-494 at 34th Ave., Bloomington.

Coin Show April 25. Days Inn—Mega Mall. I-494 at Killebrew Drive, Bloomington.

Signal Hills Show May 15-16. Signal Hills Mall, South Robert St., St. Paul.

CLUB OFFICERS NEEDED

Our club is booming. Let's keep it going strong. To do this, we need to continue to have new ideas, new members, leaders with enthusiasm. We need you!

The club must continue to have leaders who are willing to devote their energies to the club. The same people cannot be expected to serve year after year. Those of you who have not yet served our club as an officer, please consider doing so. It isn't hard—it's fun.

Nominations for president, vice president, treasurer and secretary will be taken at the May and June meetings. Feel free to nominate yourself.

VISTORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT THE TWIN CITIES ANCIENT COIN CLUB

The club is open to anyone interested in ancient coins and history. We usually meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at Immanual Lutheran Church, 104 South Snelling (corner of Snelling and Goodrich) in St. Paul. Meetings begin at 7:30 P.M.

An educational program is always featured, followed by an auction of coins and books. All are welcome to participate.

Annual dues are $5.00 payable each January. In addition, members are asked for a $1.00 donation at each meeting to cover the expense of renting the meeting room.

See you there. Bring something to show!

The Collector's Perspective

(Another "Back Page")

"Exploring Our Hobby's Past"

As part of my on-going Greek bibliography project, I've been doing a lot of reading in back issues of *The Numismatic Chronicle*, the annual publication of the Royal Numismatic Society. *The Numismatic Chronicle* (*NC*) has been published every year since 1836 and browsing through this venerable publication is like reliving the history and development of the hobby and science of numismatics.

From its very beginning, *NC* has been the publication of choice for authors and researchers in numismatics to publish the findings of their research. In its pages can be found the original papers in which now-commonly known facts were first published. Many of the "facts" which we read in recent numismatic books and magazine articles were "unknown" or only a theory until published in *NC* and subjected to the scrutiny of numismatists worldwide many years ago.

It is unfortunate that more collectors (especially those who are currently writing for publication) have not explored this periodical more thoroughly. If you take your numismatic knowledge from books published many years ago, you run the risk that some of the "facts" in these books have been disproven by later researchers who have published their findings in *NC*.

Aside from serious research, the casual collector can also make profitable use of those dusty volumes of *NC*. When reading issues published in the mid-19th century, one realizes how new the hobby of ancient numismatics really is. At this time, there was no *Roman Coins and Their Values* to consult, no *British Museum Catalogue*. *Historia Numorum* was not yet written, nor Mattingly's *Roman Coins*. Many of the coins we collect were as yet unpublished and information on them was scarce. Issues of *NC* in the 1840's and 1850's frequently included papers contributed by numismatists that had recently returned "from the East" with bags full of ancient coins, and the *NC* was where these coins were first published. One is reminded of the extreme rarity of most Bactrian coins (even the British Museum had only a few pieces) prior to the eastern travels of the British army in the 1830's and 1840's. New discoveries were reported in every issue of *NC*. Reading these stories is like a trip back into time.

Fortunately for us here in the Twin Cities, the Wilson Library at the University of Minnesota has a complete set of *The Numismatic Chronicle*, and it is on the open shelves in the periodicals section (lower level), just sitting there waiting for us.

Dig in!

—***Bill Daehn***