

Milwaukee

CSNS spring seminar to focus on paper money

The Central States Numismatic Society is teaming up with three Wisconsin coin clubs to put on a daylong paper money seminar May 23. Presentations will cover topics ranging from pre-Civil War bank notes to world paper money.

The seminar, the first of two Central States seminars planned for 2015, is co-sponsored by the Milwaukee Numismatic Society, the South Shore Coin Club and the Midwest chapter of the International Banknote Society. It will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel Airport, 5311 S. Howell Ave., Milwaukee, WI.

CSNS Education Director Ray Lockwood said the speakers and their topics are:

Bill Brandimore: *Small Size \$1 & \$2 Bills*

Brandimore, a past Central States president and Bank Note Reporter columnist and price guide analyst, will discuss low-denomination, small-size paper money.

He said, "I will be discussing small size \$1 bills of the 1928 through 1957 silver certificate issues and the \$2 legal tender bills of the 1928 through 1963 issues. Explaining the mule phenomena and emphasizing star note issues will allow collectors to look for scarce items they might not have been aware of previously."

Peter Huntoon: *Wisconsin National Bank Notes*

Huntoon, a noted author and expert in the field of national bank notes, is known for going beyond catalog listings to telling the engrossing tales behind the bills. His presentation is tailored for the Wisconsin audience.

He said, "There is a richness and depth to Wisconsin national bank notes that goes well beyond the simple challenge of attempting to collect one from every issuing town or bank in the state.

"The corporate history of The First National Bank of Milwaukee is about as convoluted as it can get;



Brandimore



Huntoon

and even though notes from this bank are considered dirt common, some of its issues are flaming rarities as a result."

"Wisconsin has the distinction of having hosted the smallest national bank note issue of any bank in the country.

"The population of Mineral Point was larger than that of Chicago and Milwaukee combined in the 1830s, and decades later the banker there ruined the local economy by operating a Ponzi scheme with his depositors' money that rivaled the best of them."

As with each of his previous CSNS state presentations, Huntoon said he will bring a slew of scans of Bureau of Engraving and Printing proofs from the National Numismatic Collection for banks from all over Wisconsin for which no notes are reported. "These alone," he said, "are worth the price of admission."



Shafer

Neil Shafer: *Commemorative Paper Money of the World*

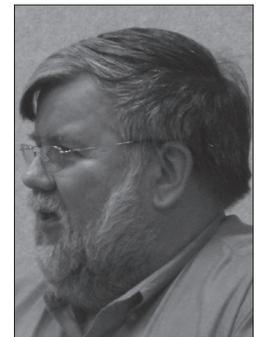
Shafer, a numismatic Hall of Fame paper money writer and researcher, said, "There are many events and personalities of great historical value, and their stories are brought to light through special notes prepared in their honor. I will show and discuss some of those that I feel have had the most influence on the world scene. Also, this area has been one of my favorites for a long time, and I glad to be able to share some of my own enthusiasm about them with others who may also find them of interest."

Wendell Wolka: *Antebellum Badger Banking*

Wolka, a paper money collector and educator for more than 40 years, said, "The presentation will explore the origins of banking in Wisconsin and follow the course of events that unfolded, culminating in the significant dislocations to the state's banks due to the instability of the nation's credit markets during the early stages of the Civil War. Images of many extremely rare Wisconsin issues will be shown to illustrate the presentation and extensive use of contemporary sources will augment the narrative."

Registration is \$20 for Central States members and \$30 for non-members, with \$15 going toward a one-year CSNS membership. Registration deadline is May 12.

The fall seminar is scheduled for Sept. 12 in Indianapolis. For more information, contact Lockwood at sunrayofmarion@aol.com 



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