

Husband, wife lease Royal Hawaiian Mint NORFED founder issues RHM piece

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Eight years after his last release under the Royal Hawaiian Mint banner, Bernard von NotHaus has released his latest issue – a 2007 .999 fine 1-ounce silver Hawaii dala with a face value of \$20 U.S.

The Hawaii dala is modeled after the Liberty Dollar silver and gold medals produced under the NORFED umbrella.

NORFED – the National Organization for the Repeal of the Federal Reserve Act – advocates the repeal of the Federal Reserve Banking Act of 1913 and the Income Tax Act of 1913. It issues both the metallic Liberty Dollars and paper receipts it says are redeemable in precious metal. Von Nothaus is NORFED's "monetary architect."

Von NotHaus retired from operating the Royal Hawaiian Mint in 1998 to launch the Liberty Dollar program. The Royal Hawaiian Mint was leased to Polynesian Resources Inc. the past five years, with very few products produced under the RHM banner, von NotHaus said.

Bud Gregory and his wife, Jackie, both with the firm Pacific Mills, recently leased the Royal Hawaiian Mint, its premises and equipment, and plan to issue gold releases under the RHM hallmark. New silver issues under the RHM hallmark, along with the recent Hawaii dala medal, are being produced by the Sunshine Mint in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, although the pieces will carry the RHM hallmark.

Since von NotHaus was responsible for the new silver release under the RHM banner, the reverse is struck with his personal registered hallmark, which has the letters rhm followed by a triangle with a circle and the letter b inside. All other future RHM issues will likely carry just the RHM hallmark without von NotHaus' personal mark.

The obverse of the 2007 Hawaii dala depicts a statue of a caped King Kamehameha holding a spear and standing on a pedestal. The reverse is inscribed hawaii dala, with the face value reflected both as \$20 and as twenty dollars. Also inscribed is the liberty dollar trademark. At the center is the royal crest of Hawaii.

Von NotHaus explains that the RHM has released a number of precious metal issues over the past 32 years featuring King Kamehameha I, but this is the first to carry a face value. He said it can be used "as voluntary kala [money] for \$20 dalas in Hawaii! This is actually quite easy as one Hawaiian dala is equal to one U.S. dollar. As a currency, it is modeled after my hugely successful Liberty Dollar."

In 2004, **von NotHaus** issued a six-piece commemorative dala set for the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Royal Hawaiian Mint, incorporating six obverse designs he did while at RHM, with a \$10 common reverse.

The six designs, according to **von Nothaus** are, are Kamehameha I, Queen Liliuokalani, King David Kalakaua, Princess Kaiulani, a warrior and discoverers.

Under the Gregorys' supervision, the RHM will again issue the six designs, but in three sizes for a total of 18 issues, one design per size per month. The three sizes, all composed of .999 fine silver, will be a 1-ounce \$20 Hawaii Dala, a half-ounce \$10 hapalua dala and a quarter-ounce \$5 hapaha dala. Previously issued dalas will be available for re-order. The Gregorys may also be producing the same designs in gold Proof versions, **von NotHaus** said.

In addition to each of these 18 silver dala issues, a minimum of 100 of each issue will be hallmarked with a micro hand stamp with the outline of the Hawaiian Islands and the postal designation hi to denote "First Day of Issue" (FDI). An additional minimum of 100 will also be hand numbered 001 to 100 with the FDI hallmark and the postal designation hi. Both issues will be available at a premium and market priced, **von NotHaus** said.

For more information, contact **von NotHaus** via the Liberty Dollar Web site at www.LibertyDollar.org, or the Gregorys via e-mail at pacmills@hotmail.com.

Von NotHaus said he is continuing to write and assemble for publication a book, Waifs in Gold Boots, covering the first 25 years of the Royal Hawaiian Mint and its issues, beginning with the first issue that **von Nothaus** and his partner, Telle Presley, issued in 1974. **Von NotHaus** said the book will be illustrated with the nearly 750 different issues from the RHM.

THE CO-FOUNDER of the Royal Hawaiian Mint, Bernard **von NotHaus**, has released his first precious metals piece under the Royal Hawaiian Mint banner in eight years, but this silver issue has a face value to promote its "voluntary use" as a private currency.

SOME HAWAII DALAS have been counterstamped on the reverse from 001 to 100. Like the piece illustrated at the top of the page, this piece bears a First Day of Issue counterstamp.