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Annual Christmas Issue

November 1997



Bernard von NotHaus demonstrates the old time minting process on the old-fashioned 10 ton screw press.



Free Christmas pewter dala pre-dated with December 25, 1997 on any order over \$40. (The coin in the photos is dated Kepakemapa/September 4, 1997.)

## Aloha & Merry Christmas!

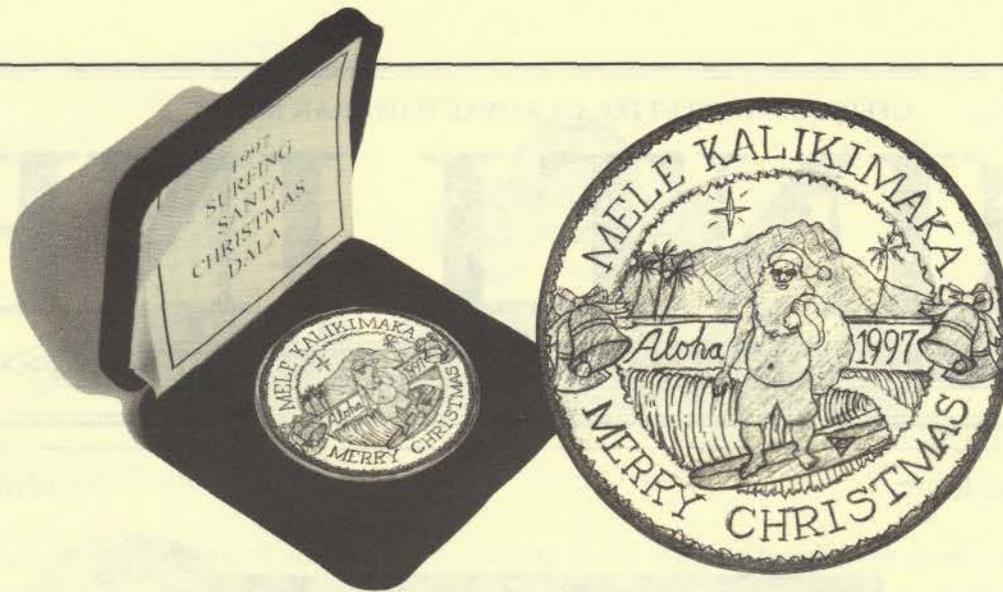
As you can see, our Christmas came early in the form of the Waikiki Branch Mint. Nestled behind the banyan tree in the world famous International Market Place, is our newly opened Waikiki Branch. Built on the historic site of King Lunalilo's home, the Waikiki Branch harkens back to days of the Kingdom.

We wanted to do something to recapture the ambiance of the way Honolulu was 100 years ago, so we installed an old-fashioned screw press. The new 10 ton hand-operated press strikes a special Hawaiian "dala" that's made of pewter and measures 30mm in diameter. The most unique feature of this dala is that the reverse die is changed every day. We did this so you can celebrate the actual day of your visit with a very Limited Edition Commemorative. You can even strike your own dala on the "old" screw press, but be forewarned, it will give you a good workout and a sense of what it took to strike coins a century ago.

The specially dated dalas are \$5.00 each, regardless of who strikes them. Identify yourself as a "Mintliner" for a free dala when you are in Waikiki. You can also get a FREE pre-dated Kekemapa (December) 25, 1997 Pewter Dala with an order of \$40 or more! Please see the photos of a coin dated: Kepakemapa (September) 4, 1997 above. The hand-struck pewter dala is as unique as the Waikiki Branch. Please note that the main Mint at the Royal Corner of King St. and Kalakaua is now closed, except by appointment.

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## 1997 SURFING SANTA OFFICIAL CHRISTMAS DALA

*Come. Have some fun this Holiday Season with the Surfing Santa.*

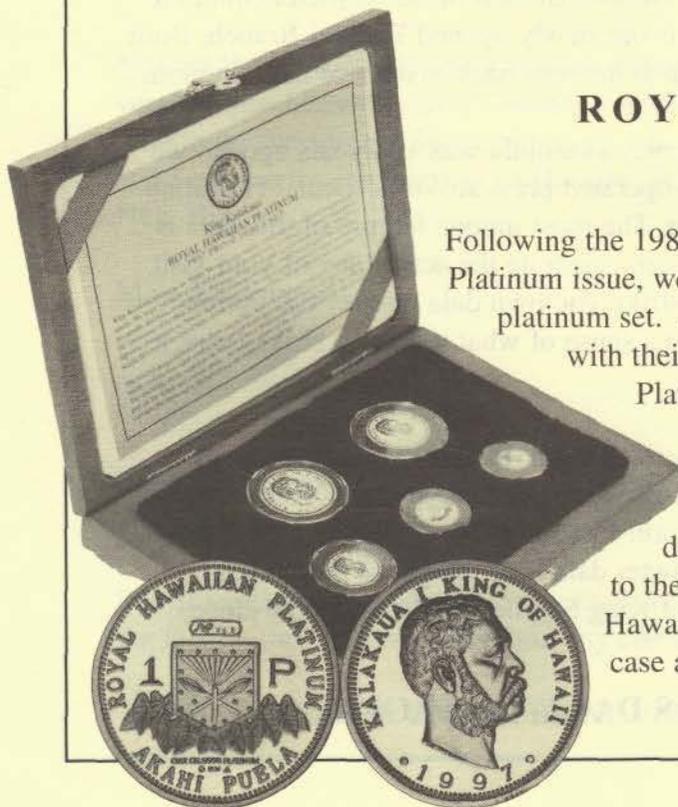
Years ago we issued a happy-go-lucky Surfing Santa - and have never stopped getting requests. So this year, Santa is back on his board! As you can see, this Santa looks like he is enjoying himself with his big belly and bag of gifts. Of course, Mele Kalikimaka is Hawaiian for Merry Christmas. For you long time "Mintliners," you will notice the new design is greatly enhanced from the 1985 original.

Even the price is "enhanced" in half. The 1997 Surfing Santa Christmas Dala is \$40.00 at the Waikiki Branch Mint. But the very same 39mm one ounce .999 Silver dala is available through this Mintline for only \$20.00. Buy two silver dalas and get a free pewter dala dated with the Christmas 1997 date. CHRISTMAS SPECIAL is five silver Christmas Dalas for only \$90.00 plus three free pewter dalas dated for Christmas 1997. All Christmas dalas are packaged in our Royal Hawaiian Silver box with certificate.

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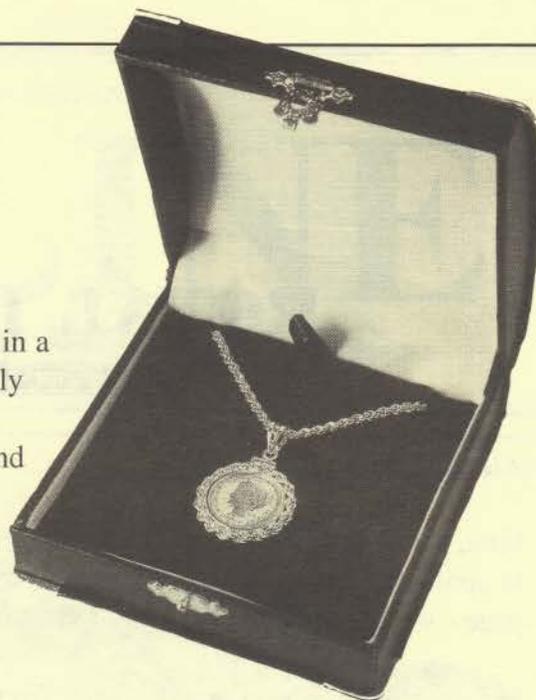
## 1 9 9 7 ROYAL HAWAIIAN PLATINUM Proof Puela

Following the 1988 Platinum trial strikes and the 1991 one tenth Princess Platinum issue, we are very pleased to announce the first complete five coin platinum set. As you may have read, the US Mint had a pretty hard time with their set of only four coins. And although our Royal Hawaiian Platinum set was not quite so problematic, it still consumed most of this past year. As we did with the first Gold and Silver issues, King Kalakaua is honored on the obverse of this first Platinum issue. The reverse consists of three bold designs. Each features the five sided heraldic Puela - central to the Hawaiian Coat of Arms and Taro leaves - the staple of Hawaiian life. Each set is packaged in a custom engraved wooden case and priced at \$2950. This is truly a great set.



ALL NEW  
*Gold Relief*  
 PENDANT

The favorite Princess Kaiulani design is now available in a unique gold on silver pendant. The gold is very carefully layered on just the Princess' portrait. Then the 1/10 Hapaumi dala is set in a gold vermeil rope mounting and 18 inch chain. The strikingly beautiful jewelry looks like much more than the regular price of \$109.00. Now available through this Mintline for only \$99.00. Each pendant is also presented in its own gift box. A wonderful gift for someone special.



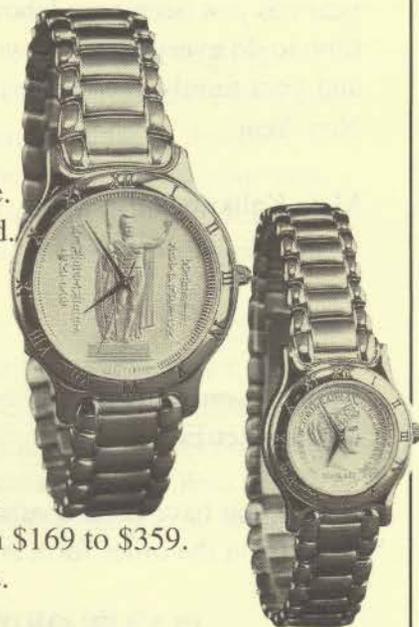
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 WAIKIKI DALA

Capturing the romantic feeling of Waikiki with the moonlight on the waves and Diamond Head in the background, can't you remember how Waikiki feels on a night like this? Keep that memory in mind with a couple of these Waikiki Dalas and share them with someone who loves Hawaii. This issue will be discontinued soon and the dies destroyed to preserve its rarity. Lustrous Brilliant Uncirculated (BU) one ounce 999 silvers are only \$15.00 through this Mintline. We also have 27 of the original 500 proofs for \$30.00 each with special box and certificate.

AMAZING !  
 HAWAIIAN COIN WATCHES

Now enjoy "Hawaiian Time" and a stunning Hawaiian coin at the same time. Every time you check the time, you will be reminded of Hawaii - guaranteed.

Royal Hawaiian Mint is proud to join with Coin Watch International to produce an absolutely stunning coin watch. The men's coin watch features the popular King Kamehameha statue design and the lady's coin watch contains the beautiful Princess Kaiulani. There are several styles including leather bands, two tone bracelet and even a pendant watch which is really outstanding for only \$159. All watches are magnificently packaged in a gift box and include a two year warranty. Prices vary for the wrist watches from \$169 to \$359. Please call 800-808-6468 to check on availability and to order for Christmas.





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Aloha Mintline Collectors!

First, I wish to thank many of you who called because you had not heard from us all year and second to apologize for being out of touch for so long. As you may already know, if you glanced at the front page - we have opened the Waikiki Branch!

In fact, 1997 has been quite a year! We started the year with Preferred Customer Service, our new mainland distributor. Very quickly we found ourselves issuing the first Royal Hawaiian Platinum set - no small undertaking as the US Mint also found out. And although difficult and very time consuming, the Platinum Puela proved to be very fulfilling with astonishing results. Certainly some of the best work we have ever done!

In June we were off to Europe for our annual two month mint tour. Incredible, would be the only word to describe the trip. The vault tours were right out of the movies and the food was just wonderful too. Many thanks to Schuler Press and MTB for their assistance.

Then upon our return to Hawaii, the Waikiki Branch Mint and a million chores almost overwhelmed us. I have never known a construction project to go flawlessly, but construction in Waikiki has its own special problems and I hope you will agree that the results are worth it. Please stop by when you are in Waikiki and get a free pewter dala from our old fashioned screw press.

Now as the Mint continues to evolve, I trust, you will never think that we have forgotten to write. This year has just been very labor intensive with the Platinum Set and Waikiki. I have just not had enough time to do everything. So we hope you will enjoy our fun-loving "Surfing Santa." Here's wishing you and your family, the merriest of Holiday Seasons. We appreciate your support and wish you a Happy New Year.

Mele Kalikimaka!

Bernard von NotHaus  
Mintmaster/Editor

PS: If you have been contacted by Preferred Customer Service, our national distributor, please check the box on the order form and add any comments you wish. Mahalo.

**PLEASE ORDER BY NOVEMBER 30th FOR CHRISTMAS DELIVERY**