

Worcester County Numismatic Society

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Meets 2nd Friday of the month except July and August

November
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WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Friday November 12

St. Josephs Parish Center
68 Central Street, Auburn MA

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

YN meeting: 6:15 p.m.

Educational Program:

The 1980s Coin Boom to Bust to Boom, presented
by coin dealer Rob Weiner

YN program:

YN meetings resume this month. This month's
program: ~~Summer~~ COVID Adventure!

WCNS Leadership

Officers

Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson & John Frost

Vice President: Jim Turner

Secretary: Maria Matys

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Programs

Speaker Bureau: Bob Moffatt

YN Coordinator: Mark Matys

Newsletter Editor: John Frost

Hi everyone,

The leaves are finally falling from the trees and by the time of our November meeting, daylight savings time will be at an end and you will arrive at our meeting in the dark.

One thing, however, that is *actually good* about this month is that we return to a full schedule of local coin shows, with four of them this month! We see a return to our local Auburn show, and after a long hiatus, Nashua is back on the calendar. Don't go to the Holiday Inn, however, as it is closed and the show has a new location. The Eagle's Wing Function Center on Spruce Street is the new venue, so this long-running show restarts in a fresh location. For us travelers, this month also marks the return of the big Baltimore show for the first time in 2 years, and Mount Kisco NY also returns after 2 years off. Slowly, things are returning to a little sense of normalcy, as we learn to live in the COVID-19 world.

This month also marks a return to in-person YN meetings, and instead of the traditional "*Summer Adventure*" theme in the new season, it is instead, "~~Summer~~ COVID Adventure!"

For our program this month, long-time local dealer Rob Weiner is presenting, "*The 1980s Coin Boom to Bust to Boom*." Come hear a dealer very experienced in the ups and downs of the coin market give us his perspectives. Should be interesting!

We hope to see many of you on the 12th!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- **Greater Worcester Coin Show**, Auburn MA, Sunday November 14, 9:30 a.m., Elk's Club.
- **Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show**, Uxbridge MA, Wed. November 17, 3-8 p.m., VFW Post #1385
- **Nashua Coin Show**, Nashua NH, Sunday November 21, **9:00 a.m., *** NEW LOCATION AND TIME ***** at the Eagle's Wing Function Center, 10 Spruce Street
- **Devens Coin & Currency Show**, Devens MA, Sunday November 28th, 9:00 a.m., Devens Commons Center
- **December meeting of the WCNS**, Friday December 10th



WCNS Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1924 Peace dollar, Unc.	\$ -	\$ 30
2. 2010 4-pc bronze First Spouse medals	-	17
3. 1910 Barber dime, VF	-	10
4. 2019-W quarter War in the Pacific, Unc.	-	8
5. 1945 Walking Liberty half, F	-	8
6. 1887-S Morgan dollar, VF	37	30
7. 1921-P Morgan dollar, Unc.	43	35
8. 1921-S Morgan dollar, AU	38	30
9. 1922 Peace dollar, Unc.	35	30
10. 1922-S Peace dollar, VF	38	25
11. 1923 Peace dollar, Unc.	35	30
12. 1924 Peace dollar, toned AU	32	25
13. 1964 Kennedy half 90%, Unc.	12	9
14. 1893 Columbian Expo half, XF	12	10
15. 1989 silver eagle, Unc, in presentation box	40	35

Bid Board

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1903 Liberty nickel, VG	\$ -	\$ 2
2. 1911 Liberty nickel, VG	-	2
3. 1911 Barber dime, G	-	3
4. 1911-D Barber dime, G	-	3
5. 1976-P Unc. Mint Set	-	3
6. 1965 40% Kennedy half, Unc.	5	4
7. 1966 40% Kennedy half, AU	5	4
8. 1967 40% Kennedy half, Unc.	5	4
9. 1968 40% Kennedy half, Unc.	5	4
10. 1934 Washington quarter, VG-F	6	5
11. 4 2013C \$1 Federal Reserve notes Unc. consecutive serial numbers	6	5

Benefit Programs

12. Group 27 Swedish coins, 4 silver	5	4
13. Group 42 Danish coins, avg. XF	3	2
14. Group 15 Swedish bank notes, avg. VF	5	3
15. Five 2000-P Sacagawea dollars, AU-UNC	6	5

Coin in the Spotlight: 1883/2 Shield Nickel

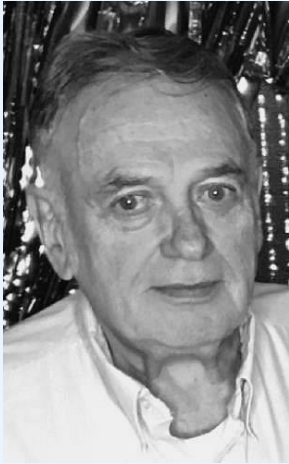
Last month we covered the second-most misattributed U.S. coin, so this month, we highlight the king of misattribution, the famous 1883/2 Shield nickel. There are actually several different varieties of 1883/2, as multiple unused 1882 dies were repurposed for the new year. The 1883/2 coins aren't particularly rare, but are somewhat scarce and definitely in high demand, and pricey as such. However, the majority of coins touted as 1883/2 at coin shows and shops are actually 1882 nickels with a filled 2 (and this is common!). At a glance, the viewer sees the last digit and knows something is unusual, and jumps to the conclusion that it is an 1883/2. It is important to ask, "Where's the 3?" When an "1883/2" is really a filled 2, I say, look at the date and tell me what year it was minted. If they say 1882, then how can it be an 1883/2 when there's no 3! This is usually met with disappointment and sometimes anger, but an 1882 filled 2 is an 1882, not an 1883/2. See enlarged photos. The 1883/2 must be an 1883 nickel with 1882 visible underneath or next to the 1883 date digits (photos).



1883/2 Shield Nickel along with date enlargement and a common 1882 Filled 2 for comparison



Remembering Duncan MacLean



This fall, we learned that the WCNS lost a longtime member, Duncan MacLean. Originally from Shrewsbury, he was a longtime member of the Masonic Temple in Worcester and the Worcester County Numismatic Society. He had a love for travel, was an avid collector of all types of 5-cent coin and currency.

We haven't seen Duncan for a while, as he was certainly spending time with his very large family.

He volunteered to talk to the YNs a number of years ago (surely about nickels), and one of the last times he was here, there was bidding on a mint state Liberty nickel. Our condolences to his friends and family.

Deadline for next issue: November 27th