



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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Meets 2nd Friday of the month except July and August

**September
2019**

**WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter**

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Next Meeting: Friday September 13

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:

*Their Secrets Revealed! Early American College
Secret Society Medals, presented by John Sallay*

YN program:

"Sheriff mCCoin Returns!"

WCNS Leadership

Officers

Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson & John Frost
Vice President: Jim Turner
Secretary: Maria Matys
Treasurer: Stanley Sobiech
Director at Large: Bob Moffatt

Programs

Speaker Bureau: Bob Moffatt
YN Coordinator: Mark Matys
Newsletter Editor: John Frost

Hi everyone -- welcome to a new club year! It's hard to believe it is Labor Day already. It seems like our June hot dog feast was just yesterday. But a new year it is!

We're going to start out our educational programs for the year with an interesting talk on medals of secret societies at early American colleges. Our guest speaker is John Sallay, current President of the Medal Collectors of America.

Also at our meeting will be a discussion on the upcoming year for the club. As mentioned in the spring, we've gone ahead and discussed some ideas on how we might inject some additional enthusiasm into our meetings, and we'll continue bouncing ideas around. Topics will be length of meetings, raffles, frequency and extent of auctions, the frequency of educational programs, and whether doing everything we've traditionally included in our meetings every month is what the club wants.

As part of Show and Tell, if you picked up anything over the summer, please bring it to share with everyone.

Your editor had a busy summer, especially at the ANA convention in Chicago. The extensive research into the Barbers netted John Frost 4 different national numismatic literary awards for the various articles published last year. These included the Kamal M. Ahwash Award from the Liberty Seated Collectors Club, the David Lawrence Literary Award from the Barber Coin Collectors' Society, and two awards from the ANA – the Dr. George F. Heath Literary Award and the Wayte & Olga Raymond Award for original numismatic research, both second place finishes. In decades of writing, these are the first literary awards John has ever won!

We hope to see you all on the 13th!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- No Auburn show this month. Show resumes in October
- Nashua Coin Show, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, September 15, 8:00 a.m.
- Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday Sept. 18, 3-8 p.m.
- No Devens Coin Show this month. Show resumes in October.
- New Hampshire Coin & Currency Expo, Doubletree Hotel, Manchester NH, October 4-5
- WCNS October meeting, Friday October 11



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WCNS Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1976-S 3-coin silver set, unc.	\$ -	\$ 20
2. 1971 Ike silver dollar	-	8
3. 1962 proof set, sealed envelope	-	15
4. 1974-S cameo proof silver dollar	-	15
5. 1993-S silver proof set	-	21
6. 1993-S regular proof set	-	4
7. 1997-S regular proof set	-	6
8. Coin ring, hand made	-	12
9. 1971-S regular proof set	-	4
10. 1943 Mercury dime, Unc.	-	4
11. 1987 mint set	-	12
12. 1970-D 40% silver half, unc.	-	15

Bid Board

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. Knights of Columbus token	\$ -	\$ 5
2. 1968-D 40% silver half dollar, unc	-	4
3. 1913 Barber half, G	-	3
4. Mason token, Worcester	-	5
5. 1972 Worcester 250 th , sterling	-	10
6. 1986 P&D mint set, unc.	-	4
7. 1966 Special Mint Set	-	6
8. 1994-S proof set	-	5
9. Star note	-	2
10. 2018 Canada 25-cents, unc.	-	0.50
11. 1987 P&D unc. set	-	4
12. 1966 Special Mint Set	11	9
13. 1969 mint set	7	6
14. 1971 mint set	5	4
15. 1963 silver proof set	22	20
16. 1963 (peg leg I, accepted hair half)	45	40
17. 1961 Canada PL set, 1.1 oz. ASW	25	21
18. 1963 Canada PL set, 1.1 oz. ASW	25	21

Coin in the Spotlight: 1942/1 Mercury Dime

One of the most obvious (and popular) overdates in U.S. coinage is the 1942/1 Mercury Dime. One interesting fact about the coin is that it isn't a true overdate in the traditional sense. An overdate is normally created when an existing die wasn't used in the year in which it was dated, and is then repunched with the current date for use in the new year (instead of discarding a perfectly good die). The 1942/1 story begins with the U.S. entry into WWII.



1942/1 doubled die obverse (DDO) Mercury Dime

After Pearl Harbor, things got hectic at the Mint, needing to produce millions of coins to keep the awakening U.S. Economy going as the war effort ramped up. At the end of December, the mint was still making 1941-dated dies for current use, but also got a start manufacturing 1942 dies so that they would be ready once January 1st arrived.

Two hubbing presses were set up for die-making – one with 1941 hubs (master dies), and the other with 1942 hubs. Dies for both years were being made simultaneously. Two dime dies were first hubbed on the 1941 hubbing press, then were removed for annealing before receiving their second impression from the hub. However, for these two dies, they received their second impression from the 1942 hub by mistake! This created the overdates, but they are actually doubled die obverses. One of these dies was sent to Denver, and the other used in Philadelphia. Both 1942/1 and 1942/1-D dies were dispersed into circulation, and weren't noticed until later. As a result, they are rare in Mint State, and almost always found in circulated grades.

Deadline for next issue: September 28th