



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Friday, March 13

Hadwen Park Congregational Church
6 Clover Street, Worcester MA

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Meeting: 7:15 PM

YN meeting: 6:15 PM

Educational Program:

*"Engraved and Counter-stamped Liberty
Seated Dollars"*

By John Frost

YN program:

"Penny Lover"

Hello all,

Anyone else getting déjà vu with Friday the 13th again so soon? It feels like we just met (probably because February is so short)!

This month, our co-president John Frost will be presenting on engraved and stamped Seated Liberty dollars, accompanied by an extensive display for everyone's viewing pleasure.

Last month, we welcomed Marc Banks, president of the Hobo Nickels Collector's Club, as our speaker to share his knowledge of the artistic alteration of buffalo nickels. The YNs learned about the value of coin hunting, and we all made it out unscathed from one of the unluckiest days of the year.

Once again, we're faced with Friday the 13th, but consider this: how can you be unlucky when you're part of our club? Unless you don't pay your dues. Don't forget!

-Maria

WCNS Leadership

Officers

Co-Presidents: John Frost & Jim Turner

Vice President: Nancy Schultz

Secretary: Maria Matys

Treasurer: Stanley Sobiech

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Programs

Speaker Bureau: Bob Moffatt

YN Coordinator: Mark Matys

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Upcoming Events

- **March 22nd – Devens Coin Show;**
Devens, MA, 9 AM – 3 PM, Devens Common Center
- **March 15th – Nashua Coin Show;**
Hollis NH, 9 AM – 3 PM, Alpine Grove Events Centre
- **March 18th – Blackstone Valley;**
Uxbridge, MA, 3 PM – 7 PM, VFW Post 1385
- **April 3rd-4th – New Hampshire Coin & Currency Expo**
Fri 10 AM – 7 PM, Sat 9 AM – 4 PM, 700 Elm St, Manchester, NH
- **April 12th – Greater Worcester Coin Show;**
Auburn MA, 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM, Elks Club

April 10th – April meeting for WCNS

Deadline for next issue: March 29th



Unexpected Generosity

In January, I chatted with a club member whom I don't remember seeing in the past. He told a story of an antique glass coffeepot given to a coffeeshop owner who had been very nice to a local coin club. The club filled it with coins to make a still nicer gift. Many of the coins were donated by him. However, he realized she was not a collector so he pulled out the coins from the 19th century and said he would give them to me since he had noted I was a serious collector of foreign coins. What I expected in February was a handful of well-worn copper and perhaps a few nickel and maybe even a silver coin or two if I was very lucky.

Come February, we chatted and he handed me a small plastic bag full of coins. I was absolutely astonished. There were 25 silver coins among the 38 in the bag. The silver coins were mostly European. Among the French francs was a 2 franc from the second republic, a lovely VG coin of beautiful design. There were 5 German Empire 1 mark coins all G. Switzerland was represented by a couple 1 franc coins and a billion 20 rappen, mostly G. Eight coins were British including two 1 shillings, three 6 pences and three 3 pences. Most were of Victoria and all were sterling silver. Again, almost all of these coins were G to VG at best, except one 6 pence which was almost XF. Most unusually, there were two Greek 1 drachma both dated 1873 in G. They are scarce coins and the first I have ever encountered.

The Serbian 50 para dated 1916 in VF was an artifact of WWI while the Belgian 50 cents of 1909, just G, spoke of the pre-war years where money of intrinsic value was normal. Perhaps most surprising were the three Mexican coins, all from the Culiacan branch mint, a 5 centavo, VG, a 10 centavo basically uncirculated, 1895 with a mintage of just 23,000 but with a neat hole for suspension (AAARRGGHH!) and finally a 1900 copper 1 centavo, in strong VF with unusually high rims, mintage 320,000 and a strong catalog listing of \$22.50.

The unrepresented nations were also a bit of a surprise: Russian, Empire, Spain, Portugal, the Scandinavian countries, Italy, and the Austro-Hungarian Empire. For sure, these coins were representatives of intrinsic currency systems which no longer exist anywhere. Money today is base metal coins and lots of paper and electronic transfers. The latter in some nations is likely to displace physical money which will end Happy Collecting in those countries.

— F.A. Liberatore

The aforementioned coffeepot was a Christmas gift from the Southbridge Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Club (SCSCC) to the owner of the Sturbridge Coffee House as thanks for letting them meet there. More info about the Sturbridge Coffee House can be found at sturbridgecoffeehouse.com. For more information about SCSCC, contact Mark at gluemark@gmail.com.

— Maria





WCNS Auction			Auction		
Item description	Owner value	Min bid	Item description	Owner value	Min bid
1. 1 1769 – 1969 California 2.5 inch Bicentennial Brass Medal	\$25	\$12	22. 1982 Mexico one silver Onza BU	87	80
2. 1943 PDS Lincoln Steel Cent Roll / 50 Coins / Little to no rust	24	12	23. 1930 Worcester MA Mass Bay 300 th anniv./copy of pine tree shilling VF	25	10
3. 1965 Special Mint Set with Silver Kennedy Half in Original Package	30	20	<u>Donation Lots</u>		
4. Liberty Head Nickel 4 Coin Lot all with Full Dates - 1889 1903 1908 1910	12	6	24. Laos 3 coins. All dated 1980 Aluminum 10, 20, 50 Att. All BU. Farming designs. Star hammer and cycle. Coin Card, Colorful stamp postmark Dec 16 1995.	6*	2
5. 913 Type 1 and 1938D Buffalo Nickel Lot (First and Last Minted)	10	5	25. Papua New Guinea 4 coins. Copper and Cupronickel 1,2,5,20 Toea. All BU. All dated 1990. Bird of paradise. Reverses include butterfly, turtle, lionfish and cassowary. Coin Card 21Toea stamp Postmarked July 22, 1992	6*	4
6. Indian Head Cent LOVE TOKEN.	12	6	26. Paraguay 4 coins. All stainless steel. All dated 1980. 1,5,10, 50 Guaranies. All BU. Obverses national heroes. Reverses farming and a dam on the 50. Coin card. Colorful 30 G stamp-dancer. Postmarked 1 Feb 198?	3*	2
7. 1959 Hawaii 50th State Good For Dollar	14	7	27. Thailand 7 coins. Variety of metals including Tin, Copper, Aluminum and Nickel. 1, 5, 10, 25, 50 Satang and 1,2 Baht . All BU. Buyer can date them. Obverses King with glasses facing left. Reverses-temples, gods, designs. Coin card 2 Baht stamp of king facing. Note: There is a myriad of types for the various denominations. Some of the coins may have been only included in mint sets based on the number issues, 10,000. Is this coin card a mint set? Maybe some of it.	-	5
8. 1969 PDS 10 Coin Mint Set with Silver Kennedy Half in Original Package	30	20	28. Yemen 5 coins Brass and Cupronickel 5,10,25,50 Fils and 1 Riyal. Dated 1974-1980. Obverses national arms. Reverses dates and denominations. Coin Card Airline stamp postmarked May 16, 1987.	-	5
9. 1898 Indian Head Cent with obverse and reverse etching	8	4	Note: Yemen is a failed state with a grotesque civil war going on for years. Iran supports one side (The Houthis) and Saudi Arabia the other. Plus the rebels like to attack international shipping and Israel so the United States, Israel, and Great Britain have bombed them. The war is still on.		
10. 1968S Proof Set with Silver Kennedy Half in Original Package	30	20	29. 1927 Standing Liberty quarter, V	20	10
11. 1972 Hawaii Kona Dollar Aloha	12	6	30. 1877-S Liberty Seated quarter, VG10	34	17
12. 11 Old Coins from many different countries	10	2			
13. 50 Coin Roll Indian Head Cents 1880s 1890s 1900s / Low Grade	80	40			
14. Vintage Abraham Lincoln Token "Great Emancipator with Gettysburg Address"	25	12			
15. 1883 No Cents and 1912D Liberty Head Nickel Lot (First and Last Minted)	10	5			
16. 1966 Special Mint Set with Silver Kennedy Half in Original Package	30	20			
17. 1962 Lucky Lincoln in a Lottery Ticket Scratcher from Arcadia California	25	12			
18. Very Low Mintage Key Date 1915S Barber Quarter	75	50			
19. 858 Flying Eagle Cent with Small Letters – Very Nice Middle Grade Type Set Coin	70	35			
20. 1970 PDS 10 Coin Mint Set with Key Date Silver Kennedy Half in Original Package	60	40			
21. 1964P silver mint set Made up BU in holder .85 OZ silver	75	65			