



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Friday, September 11

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:

"Fakes — Counterfeits and Altered Coins"

By John Frost

YN program:

Summer Adventure:

50th & 250th Birthday Bash!

WCNS Leadership

Officers

Co-Presidents: John Frost & Jim Turner

Vice President: Nancy Schultz

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Programs

Speaker Bureau: Bob Moffatt

YN Coordinator: Mark Matys

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Hello all,

I hope that everyone's been having a good summer! These past few months have gone by fast and we're already meeting again.

Has anyone been finding any of the new coin designs? I haven't found anything in Massachusetts (I have in Philadelphia, probably unsurprisingly) but I've heard they're starting to make their way into the change up here. I'll be keeping an eye out!

Last meeting we had our annual Hot Dog Feast; everyone thank our chef and co-president John for cooking up the hot dogs! (And wiener water soup, delicious.) The YNs kicked off the summer by meeting special guest Semi-Centenarian Sam in preparation for the 250th of America, and instead of a program, we had extended show and tell.

This month, John will be our speaker with a program about fake coins. It might be helpful to bring a loupe or magnifying glass, as he'll have examples to pass around! The YNs will be participating in Sam's birthday celebration and showing off the coins they found during the summer. Everyone is welcome to attend—the party starts at 6:15!

See you Friday,
Maria

Upcoming Events

- **Sep 16th – Blackstone Valley Spring Show;**
Uxbridge, MA, 3 PM – 7 PM, VFW Post 1385
- **Sep 20th – Nashua Coin Show;**
Hollis NH, 9 AM – 3 PM, Alpine Grove Events Centre
- **No Devens Coin Show this month;**
Show resumes on October 25th
- **No Greater Worcester Coin Show this month;**
Show resumes on November 8th

October 9th – October meeting for WCNS

Deadline for next issue: September 27th

WCNS Auction		Min Bid	Auction		Min bid
Item description			Item description		
1.	1972 S proof half dollar, 1981 P BU Half dollar, and Jamaica 1969 proof 25 cents. It is half dollar sized. (Mintage 8,530)	4	17.	2012 Mint set, original Mint packaging. Gray Sheet bid \$45.	35
2.	1984 S proof half dollar, 1988 S proof half dollar and 1998 S proof half dollar.	5	18.	1996 Mint set with 50th anniversary West Point dime.	10
3.	1985 S proof half dollar, 1987 S proof half dollar, 1990 S proof half dollar.	5	19.	2001 Proof set. Gray Sheet bid \$10.	8
4.	4 coins all proofs. Westward Ho nickel set commemorating the Louisiana purchase and its exploration 200 years before. Obverse standard Jefferson portrait 2004 S, reverses: Peace pipes; Keel boat. 2005 S The one year partial Jefferson face portrait, reverses, American bison, and ocean in view.	5	20.	1982 "put-together" Mint set, with the seven 1¢ varieties.	-
5.	Book: Comprehensive Catalog of US Federal Large-Size Notes 1861-1929 by Carlson R. Chambliss and Gene Hessler 2014. Soft Covers 299 pages 8 1/2x11 format. 14 Chapters including signatures and seals, interest bearing notes, US notes, silver certificates, national bank notes, errors, souvenir cards, gold certificates, and more. It is lavishly filled with nearly full sized color illustrations of the notes since an illustration is worth more than 1,000 words. Perhaps most telling is data on the numbers printed vs the numbers still outstanding or the number known. For many early notes, hundreds of thousands were issued and fewer than 5 still exist. More common notes have values listed in several grades. It really is comprehensive.	10	Donation Lots		
6.	2026 (1776) Roll Nickels Unc.	10	21.	Albania 5 coins. All aluminum and all dated 1969. All BU 5, 10, 20, 50 Quindarka and 1 Lek. No mintage figures available. 50 Quindarki and 1 Lek commemorate 25 th anniversary of the end of Nazi occupation. Nice specimens of a circulating coinage but the designs are serviceable but mundane. Coin card with 15 Q stamp and Tirane 8-6-85 postmark.	3
7.	2026 (1776) Roll Dimes Unc.	10	22.	Bahrain 5 coins. Bronze and cupronickel. All BU. All dated 1965, 10, 25, 50, and 100 fils. Typical mintage about 8 million. First coins of the nation. Palm tree obverses and script/denomination reverses. Coin card 10 Fils stamp with rulers portrait, Manama, Bahrain stamp 15-07-85.	4
8.	Walt Disney productions two (2) mini-plates.	15	23.	Morocco 7 coins Aluminum, brass, cupronickel. All BU 1, 5, 10, 20, 50 centimes 1 dirham all dated 1974 and 5 dirhams dated 1980. King's portrait 20 centimes to 5 dirhams. Denominations and coat of arms on the reverses. Mundane designs. 5 Dirhams 10 million, rest tens of millions. This is a reform coinage. Coin card with 1.4 dirham stamp, tree of life. 11-11-1983 Rabat Philatelie.	5
9.	Disney Mickey Mouse stainless steel bottle opener.	7	24.	Portugal 4 coins Cupronickel and aluminum brass. All BU 1, 2.5, and 5 escudos all dated 1984 and 25 escudos dated 1980. Most mintages in the 10's of millions except the 25 escudos 750,000 But curiously low catalog value compared to later high mintages. Shield of Portugal and ships. Coin card 16 escudo stamp 7-2-85 Lisboa Filatelica.	3
10.	1958 proof set, original Mint packaging.	50	25.	Tunisia 7 coins Aluminum and brass. All BU. 1,2,5,10,20,50, and 100 millimes Dated 1960, 1983, and 1403. Oak trees and arabic script plus denominations. No mintage figures. Coin card stamp of building design 150 millimes 1-8-1989 Tunis RP.	3
11.	1965 Special Mint set, original Mint packaging.	15			
12.	1976 3-piece Bicentennial silver Mint set.	30			
13.	2019 West Point Special Edition reverse proof cent.	15			
14.	2020 West Point Special Edition reverse proof nickel.	15			
15.	1970 Mint set, with 1970D 40% silver half.	20			
16.	Five bronze 1976 Bicentennial U.S. Mint medals.	-			