



Worcester County Numismatic Society

Celebrating 70 years! 1946-2016

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except July and August

WCNS
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Next Meeting: Friday April 8

St. Josephs Parish Center
68 Central Street, Auburn MA

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Young Numismatists Meeting 6:15
Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Educational Program:

A Visit to Pawn Stars, by Mike McDonald

YN program:

Portraits of Liberty – Icon of Freedom

WCNS Leadership

Officers

Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson &
John Frost
Vice President: Jim Turner
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Director at Large: Bob Hess

Programs

Speaker Bureau: Bob Moffatt
YN Coordinator: Mark Matys

Hi all,

Welcome to Spring! First of all, I expect you have noticed the new format of the newsletter. Several suggestions on improvements prompted me to think about the overall format. After some thought, I decided the old style had become a bit tired, and it was time for a redesign. I hope you like the new modern look, but I am still working on the back, to be enhanced next month!

The past two weeks featured the MNS show in Willimantic CT, and we had a great time as usual. Good foot traffic meant the time went by quickly. The NH Coin Expo in Manchester was also well attended, especially on Friday. A very new find walked into the LSCC/BCCS meeting – the fascinating 1839 Pie Shattered Obverse dime, which was just found on St. Patrick's Day. It is the pinnacle of rarity, as this new example is just the seventh known. See the **Coin in the Spotlight** column next page.

At our April Meeting, we'll be discussing the final details of our upcoming **70th Anniversary Banquet** in June, including costs for guests, ticket distribution, and reviewing the program. We hope to have some dignitaries in attendance for this major milestone, and the banquet should be a great way to end the 2015-16 Club Year.

This summer, I (John) am teaching two classes at the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado – a week-long class on *Developing a Passion for Liberty Seated Coinage*, and an evening seminar on *Collecting the Oddball Denominations*. Interest in both is high, and registrations are coming in. Looking forward to it!

Hope to see you all on the 10th!

- John and Mike

Local Calendar

- **Greater Worcester Coin Show**, Elks Club, Auburn MA, April 10, 9:30 a.m.
- **Rockwell Lecture** by Prue Fitts - Monday April 11 Trinity Church, 730 Main St. (Rt. 20) Waltham
Topic: *Visual Propaganda on Coins of the Eastern Roman Empire (Byzantium), Perception and Reality*
- **Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show**, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday April 20
- **Nashua 3rd Sunday Show**, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, Sunday April 17, 8:00 a.m.
- **Westford Coin Show**, Westford Regency, Westford MA, Sunday April 24, 9:00 a.m.
- **WCNS 70th Anniversary Banquet, Save the Date!** Friday June 10th in Millbury MA. Details coming...



WCNS Monthly Auction

Item Description	Trends	Min Bid
1. 1950D Jefferson nickel, MS63	20.00	10.00
2. 1943P Silver War nickel, MS64	15.00	9.00
3. 1943S Silver War nickel, MS64	15.00	9.00
4. 1944S Silver War nickel, MS64	15.00	9.00
5. 1945P Silver War nickel, MS64	20.00	10.00
6. 1945S Silver War nickel, MS64	15.00	9.00
7. 1830 Capped Bust Half Dollar, G-4	50.00	40.00
8. 1983P Olympic, U.S. Mint Commem dollar, .7736 oz silver Unc	20.00	15.00
9. 1965 Cuba sterling silver copy of old peso. PL-Unc.	25.00	15.00
10. 1893 Columbian Expo commem. half, toned AU-Unc.	24.00	15.00

Kittredge Foundation

Item Description	Trends	Min Bid
1. 1909 VDB Lincoln cent, AU	10.00	none
2. 1939 Jefferson nickel, Unc.	3.00	none
3. 1947D Jefferson nickel, Choice Unc	2.00	none
4. 1914 Canada 5-cent silver, VF dark	3.00	none

Bid Board

Item Description	Trends	Min Bid
1. 1922S Peace Dollar, G	20.00	17.00
2. 1887-O Morgan dollar, G	20.00	17.00
3. 1936S Walking Liberty half, VG	9.00	7.00
4. 1937 counterfeit Walking Lib Half	5.00	1.00
5. 1908D Barber Half Dollar, G/AG	16.00	6.00
6. 1893 counterfeit Barber half	5.00	1.00
7. 1892? Barber quarter, AG	5.00	3.00
8. 1904 counterfeit Barber quarter	3.00	none
9. 1937S Mercury dime, XF40	5.50	1.50
10. 1964 Kennedy 90% silver half, AU	7.00	6.00

Future Meeting Dates:

Friday May 13 – Program TBA

YN Program: *Summer Adventure - Grab your watch!*

Friday June 10 – 70th Anniversary Banquet in Millbury

Coin in the Spotlight

1839 Pie Shattered Obverse Liberty Seated Dime

One of the rarest of all varieties of the Liberty Seated dime is the 1839 Pie Shattered Obverse. It also has the “wow” factor that is associated with most of the highly-coveted varieties of any series.

It is simply an exceptionally late die date coin, struck from, you guessed it, a shattered die. What is truly remarkable about this coin is that the die itself managed to stay together in the press so that all pieces of the die struck the coin.

Of the two die breaks, one runs through the center of the obverse from top to bottom. The other runs from the center of the obverse, at the primary crack, and runs to the side. The resulting coin has an obverse that looks like someone sliced into it, like cutting pieces from a pie.

Pictured here is the Gerry Fortin coin (2nd finest known at XF45), and below that, the newly discovered piece, a low-grade bent example found just 2 weeks ago here in New England, and walked into the Manchester NH show last week.

