



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Friday April 13

St. Josephs Parish Center
68 Central Street, Auburn MA

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

Educational Program:

Sometimes the value is in the name – is it a token or a medal?, presented by Bob Moffatt

YN program:

In Search of... the Indian Head Cent

WCNS Leadership

Officers

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

Programs

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

Hi everyone,

Although it is now spring, at the time of writing, we are getting one last (hopefully last) snowfall. All in all, the Club fared well this winter, as none of our meetings were cancelled because of snow.

Two special events happen in April (in addition to our normal monthly coin shows). The annual **Bay State Coin Show** is April 19-21 in Marlboro. Although it is a far different show that when it was in downtown Boston, it is closer and has free parking. Well worth a visit!

The **Annual Thomas P. Rockwell Lecture** this year features our own Bob Moffatt as one of the two featured speakers. Bob will present *Charles Lang and Son, Diesinkers and Medalists, Worcester, Massachusetts*. Neil Musante, author of *Medallic Washington*, will present *Francis Nalder Mitchell, a 19th Century Boston Die Sinker*. The Lecture is jointly sponsored by the Boston Numismatic Society, the Collectors Club of Boston, and the Currency Club of New England. For further information please contact Bill Harkins at 781-938-8167. A good crowd is expected, and it should be a great evening.

Bob is also presenting this month's program at our meeting next week, *Sometimes the value is in the name – is it a token or a medal?*

Hope to see you all on the 13th!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- **Greater Worcester Coin Show**, Elks Club, Auburn MA, Sunday April 8, 9:30 a.m.
- **Nashua 3rd Sunday Show**, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, Sunday April 15, 8:00 a.m.
- **Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show**, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday April 18
- **Bay State Coin Show**, Best Western Royal Plaza, Route 20, Marlboro MA. April 19-21.
- **No Devens Coin Show until June**
- **Thomas P. Rockwell Lecture**, Waltham MA, Tuesday April 24, program begins at 7:30 p.m., at the Trinity Church, 730 Main Street. Our own Bob Moffatt is one of the two speakers. Refreshments before and after.



WCNS Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1964 NENA medal. Copy of 1694 Elephant token. Bronze, Unc.	\$ 5	\$ -
2. 1899 Admiral Dewey/Kirkman's Borax Soap token XF	10	5
3. 1927 Lucky Lindy's good luck token. Not the common piece.	8	3
4. 1922 Springfield, Mass. Hampden County Bridge dedication token.	8	3
5. 1844 Montreal, Canada half penny bank token, VF.	12	3
6. Token of Esteem. Rulau lists as a GW token. Rev. ctrstamp 1877.	15	3
7. 1828 Large cent. Obverse counterstamped 5	10	3
8. 1992 Proof set, sealed envelope	-	20
9. 1994 World Cup half – young collector	-	12
10. 1936 Walking Liberty half, MS63	83	60
11. Knife Dugas Vending Webster	-	4
12. Korea War Memorial dollar, 90%	-	25
13. 1992 silver Eagle	-	19
14. 1864 two cent, F	20	12
15. 1907 Barber half, G	16	12
16. Alaska Good For	14	12
17. 1872 Half Dime, AU Details - light obverse scratch	60	35
18. 1858 Liberty Seated quarter, VF	50	30
19. 1914-S Barber quarter, Good	120	90
20. 1932-S Washington quarter, F15	135	100
21. 1937 Washington qtr., NGC MS62	75	30

Kittredge Foundation donation

Mini coins 2 items. A. dollar, half, quarter, dime nickel. B. Gold miniature \$20 St. Gaudens.	-	-
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Bid Board

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1936 encased cent – Kennedy's Boys Clothes	\$5	-
2. 1852 Bank of Upper Canada half penny token. Fine	10	-
3. 1883 Racketeer nickel pin – gold plated. No pin on rev	10	-
4. New York Worlds Fair, 1940. Metropolitan Insurance Co.	5	-
5. 1970 Expo – Osaka Japan. U.S. Pavilion. Bronze medal.	5	-
6. 1864 Nova Scotia half cent. KM#7. VF, one obverse scratch	8	-
7. Hebrew Kindergarten & Infant's Home token, NYC. Copper AU	5	-
8. 1968 PDS Lincoln cents	-	1.25
9. 1983 Lincoln error cent dated	-	4
10. 1987 U.S. Proof set	-	4
11. 3-dime set, Unc.	-	2
12. 1954 British Virgin Island 25-cent	-	2
13. Coins of Israel Mint set, Unc.	-	3
14. Choice dime set, Unc.	-	4
15. Book with 15 Liberty nickels	50	20
16. Copy mini coins	-	2
17. 1954-D Lincoln cent, MS66 Red	12	7

Interested in consigning? Get us the lot information before the deadline (below)

Coin in the Spotlight: 1805 Half Dime

The 1805 half dime has the second-lowest mintage of the Draped Bust Heraldic Eagle design with only 15,600 pieces coined (behind only the extremely rare 1802). The 1805 is also the last issue of the type. The few minor silver coins minted in the early years of the U.S. Mint, despite annual yellow fever outbreaks that hit Philadelphia and the Mint, provided little circulating change for the young country, and those pieces were heavily used.

Today, only about 300 examples of the 1805 half dime are believed to exist, and most of these are in low grades, bent, scratched, corroded, or otherwise impaired. This



Fine+ example is one of the exceptions. Half Dimes would not be minted again until 1829.

Deadline for next issue: April 27th