



Worcester County Numismatic Society

Founded 1946

Meets 2nd Friday of the month except July and August

April
2021
WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter

Club Address: WCNS, P.O. Box 1079, Douglas MA 01516

Club Website: www.worcestercoinclub.org

Contact phone number: Mike at 508-667-9968

Email address: wcns@worchestercoinclub.org

Next Meeting: Friday April 16

NOTE: 3rd Friday this month!

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:

Stories from the COVID-19 Numismatic World,
by Bob Moffatt and John Frost

YN program:

YN program is still on hiatus.

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, we're finally back!

April features the resumption of our in-person meetings.

This month, it will be a week later than normal, due to the conflict with the NH Coin Expo. April 16th!

Like our last meetings in the fall, we will again be very well spaced, with no bourse, no auction, or bid board. Also, there will be no food or beverage provided. Same rules will apply: masks will be required (no exceptions), and if you are not feeling well, please stay home. The 5,000+ square foot function hall can once again easily handle us safely.

The YN meeting will remain on hiatus again this month..

What we will have on the 16th is a spread-out social event, along with an educational program entitled, *Stories from the COVID-19 Numismatic World*, presented by Bob Moffatt and John Frost, with welcome participation from the audience.

In addition, we will once again have a well-spaced **Show & Tell**, where members may place items on tables at the front of the room, where they can describe them and tell the stories that go with them. Then, people can come up and look at them, one at a time. It has worked well, and we will continue to do it. The meeting will continue to be mainly a social event. We hope that we may be able to resume with our bourse, auction, and bid board in May. We will see how the COVID numbers go, and make the announcement at the April meeting.

The big event this month is the **NH Coin & Currency Expo**, April 9-10. Like the October show, there will be no coupons. Tickets may be purchased online in advance for \$5 (\$9 for both days), or \$8 per day at the door. You can print your prepaid ticket, or show the ticket on your smart phone if you have one. See website <http://nhcoinexpo.com/> for details. We hope to see some of you all on the 16th!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- **NH Coin & Currency Expo**, Manchester NH, April 9-10, at the Doubletree Hotel. See notes above.
- **Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show**, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday April 21, 3-8 p.m., VFW Post #1385
- **Blackstone Valley Spring Coin Show**, Woonsocket RI, May 16th, 9:30 a.m., Elk's Lodge #850
- **WCNS May meeting**, Friday May 14th



Coin in the Spotlight: 1822 Capped Bust Dime

Despite not having the lowest reported mintage of the series (1809 and 1811/09 are lower), the 1822 is considered the undisputed key date within the large-size Bust dime series. These were struck with an open collar, vs. the later 1828-1837 coins struck with a closed collar. The 1809-1828 coins have a diameter that is not quite uniform but averages half a millimeter larger diameter than the later 1828-1837 coins.

Many people believe the 1822's reported mintage of 100,000 includes coins made with 1821-dated dies. This is almost certainly true. Whatever the actual mintage, no more than 200 of the 1822 dimes are known in all grades, most of which have problems. If the 100,000 mintage is to be believed, this particular date would have had an atrocious survival rate!



1822 Capped Bust dime in Very Fine

Because of absolute scarcity and very high demand, the 1822 dime is rarely offered. The largest of coin shows might not have more than a single example for sale, if that. Most are in low grades. Those in collections tend to stay there for a long time. Those that do come on the market usually sell quickly, and for well more than listed values.

Deadline for next issue: April 30