



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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Meets 2nd Friday of the month except July and August

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WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Friday April 8th

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:

Peter Hastings and Dick Lisi present a joint program with audience participation

YN program:

On hiatus, perhaps returning in May

WCNS Leadership

Officers

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

Programs

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

Hi all,

It is finally spring and the days are getting longer. With daylight savings, we are all now arriving at the meeting while the sun is still in the sky, and it feels great!

Last month's meeting featured a program about some of the U.S. Mint's Chronicle Sets, including commentary, by Fred Liberatore. A lively discussion followed and we all found it very interesting.

This month's meeting will feature a program by our own Peter Hastings and Dick Lisi of the Oxford-Nipmuc club. The topic of the program is being kept a surprise, and expect audience participation. The YNs will take another month off meeting in person out of an abundance of caution, perhaps looking at a May return.

This month features the Spring NH Coin and Currency Expo in Manchester, and a great show is shaping up. This 2-day event accompanies the Auburn and Devens shows, but there is no Nashua show this month (Easter). Advance notice that the Spring Blackstone Valley Show is coming up mid-May, so mark your calendars.

And finally, after losing this season-ending event for the last two years, we are looking forward to our June Hot Dog Feast.

We hope to see many of you on the 8th!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- **Greater Worcester Coin Show**, Auburn MA, Sunday April 10, 9:30 a.m., Elk's Club.
- **Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show**, Uxbridge MA, Wed. April 20, 3-8 p.m., VFW Post #1385
- **NH Coin & Currency Expo**, Manchester NH, April 15-16, Doubletree Hotel
- **No Nashua Coin Show this month**
- **Devens Coin Show**, Devens MA, Sunday April 24, 9:00 a.m. Devens Commons Center
- **May meeting of the WCNS**, Friday May 13th
- **Blackstone Valley Spring Coin Show**, May 15th, Woonsocket RI, Elks Club #850, Social Street



WCNS Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1864 L on ribbon Indian cent, filler, poor shape	\$ 5	\$ 2
2. 1866 2¢ piece, fine, rim bumps	10	3
3. 1923 Lincoln cent, choice unc., mostly red	20	10
4. 1860 copper-nickel Indian cent. Fine. Rev rim ding	13	6
5. 1939D Lincoln cent, choice unc., mostly red	4	2
6. 1875 Indian cent, counterstamped "Pat. May 1 1877" on obv and rev	10	3

Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
7. 1810 Classic Large Cent, AG with obverse damage before face.	\$ 20	\$ 10
8. 1885 Indian cent. Good, some marks	5	2
9. 1859 Indian cent made into tie clip. Fine condition.	10	3
10. 1894 Indian cent, AG bent	4	2

Kittredge Foundation donation

11. 1909VDB Lincoln cent, AU.	13	-
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Save the date:

WCNS (returning) Annual Spring Finale and Hot Dog Feast

If all goes to plan, we will have our season-ending meeting and hot dog feast this year, after losing the past two years' events to the pandemic. We hope to resume this tradition on June 10th, so save the date!

Item of the Month – Columbian Exposition Award Medal

A world's fair, formally called the World's Columbian Exposition was held in Chicago from May through October in 1893, commemorating the 400th Columbus' arrival in the New World. This expo presented America and its advances to the world. Impressive architecture included Machinery Hall and palace-like structures with plaster-facades, and the grandeur of this expo shined by being electrically lighted at night. Electricity was presented in America for the first time, along with many other inventions. An enormous undertaking, the success of the Columbian Expo depending on contributions, both expertise, service, and contributions, by many companies and individuals.

The Columbian Exposition Award medal was produced and awarded to these people and companies. Designed and engraved by Augustus Saint-Gaudens (obverse) and Charles E. Barber (reverse), this very attractive and popular medal was individually struck and customized for each awardee by using an inset die with the name of the awardee.

The obverse of the medal features Christopher Columbus stepping ashore in the New World, and October 12, 1492 in Roman numerals. The reverse features a globe flanked by two females, sitting on a cartouche with inscription next to two torches, all above a sailing ship.

The medal pictured at right was the actual medal presented to Charles E. Barber himself, as personalized on the reverse.



Deadline for next issue: April 29th