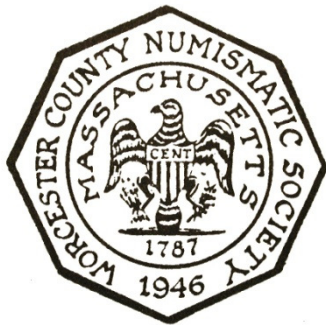


# Worcester County Numismatic Society



**April 2012**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month  
Except July and August

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



## Next Meeting:

Friday April 13, 2012  
St. Joseph's Parish Center  
68 Central Street  
Auburn, MA

## Program:

***The Branch Mint Proof 1875-S  
Twenty Cent Piece***, by John  
Frost.

*In case of emergency, bad weather,  
or questions, you can contact Mike  
for an update at 508-667-9968.*

## Board Members:

Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson &  
John Frost  
Vice President: Jim Turner  
Clerk: George Bilodeau  
Treasurer: Stanley Sobiech

## Upcoming Events

- ***NO AUBURN SHOW THIS MONTH!***
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. Night Coin Show, April 11, Brian's Restaurant, 91 Providence Rd, Whitinsville, 4-8 p.m.
- Nashua 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Show, April 15, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, 7:00 a.m.
- Westford Monthly Coin Show, April 22, Westford Regency Hotel, 9:00 a.m.
- New Hampshire Coin Expo, Radisson Hotel Center, Manchester NH, May 4-6.

*Details and links can be found on the club website, [www.WorcesterCoinClub.org](http://www.WorcesterCoinClub.org)*

Happy April !!!

Spring keeps rolling along, and we've just finished a group of shows, including the Mansfield CT Club show. A number of our members were seen going up and down the aisles searching for treasures, and some were behind tables. Your editor had a great time as always, meeting lots of new people who stopped by the LSCC/BCCS table.

Next up (after the normal monthly shows) is the NH Coin Expo in Manchester early next month. Some great exhibits, a typically excellent YN program by our own Jack and Jack, specialty club meetings, and some educational programs promise to make this a great event. The show is May 4-6 this spring, rather than late July of last year.

This month, co-Prez John will be delivering the Educational Program, highlighting an extreme rarity that most people haven't even heard of before. Please join us, and see something most people never get a chance to.

Hope to see you all on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

- Mike and John

## A Love Token's Secret Revealed

By George A. Bilodeau Jr.

Today is February 21, 2012 and Valentine's Day has passed the previous week. I thought it would be a great idea to set up an exhibit at the Mansfield (CT) Numismatic Society as a way of introducing the club membership and guests to love tokens.

The Mansfield Numismatic Society awards a silver dollar to any member who presents an explainable exhibit to the membership. The meeting was scheduled for February 27, 2012.

Two items were chosen for the exhibit which was to be titled, *Interesting Pair of Love Tokens*. The title was later changed to *A Love Token's Secret Revealed*. The two items chosen for the exhibit were an elongated dime with 3 initials engraved on one side and U.S. Treasury Oct. 12, 1881 engraved on the other side. The item was found on the Ebay love token site and was purchased approximately two years ago and was the first time it was shown to the public. It was unusual in that it was a love token engraved on an elongated dime. The other item was a 1910 2 ½ dollar Indian gold love token mounted in a bezel and engraved with 12-24-89 over 3 unidentifiable initials on the reverse. The bezel was gold and had a loop on it for an accompanying chain to be worn as jewelry.

The exhibit was to be prefaced with a history of love tokens and mention of the Love Token Society as a national club which promotes the collecting of love tokens. The oral presentation took 2 to 3 minutes to tell.

While retrieving the items for the display, I accidently dropped the 2 ½ Indian pendant love token on the ceramic kitchen floor but luckily it was in the 2x2 envelope when it slipped out of my hand. I cringed at the thought that a rim ding may have occurred to one of my most prized love tokens. I picked up the envelope and slid the love token out to review for any damage. Much to my surprise I removed a 1910 2 ½ Indian that had both the regular obverse and the eagle on the reverse. Next I removed the bezel and noticed a 1851 Liberty 2 ½ gold inside with the 12-24-89 and initials engraved on the reverse. What a shock! Also in the envelope were 3 California Octagonal Fractional Indian Gold pieces each dated 1857.

The exhibit and brief talk was well received with several MNS members commenting that it was a great discovery. Some thought the California gold token pieces were not real and there is a possibility they could be jewelers copies as they did not look golden but rather bronze in color. I am not sure and intend to show them to several dealers at our local shows.

See here the photos of the previously mentioned love token.



The love token pendant secret could have been hidden for possibly 100 years. The best part is that I acquired the 2 ½ love token pendant from a local dealer's mail bid sale with myself being the only bidder and placing a minimum bid. I thought U.S. gold Indian love tokens were rare and wanted to own one. Obviously my hunt for one continues.

## Auction List

<u>Item</u>	<u>Trends</u>	<u>Min</u>
1. 1933 Lincoln Cent, NGC MS64	65.00	50.00
2. 1939 Jefferson Nickel, CH BU steps	50.00	40.00
3. 1913 Buffalo Nickel, Type 1, AU	25.00	21.00
4. Bag of misc. tokens	12.00	8.00
5. 1942 Walker Half, MS 65+	130.00	90.00
6. 1916 Barber Dime, XF	17.50	12.00
7. 1932 Washington Quarter, Ch. BU	65.00	50.00
8. 1934 Walker Half, VF	22.00	17.00
9. 40 gold plated State Qtrs. in boxes	24.00	10.00
10. Ronald Reagan commemorative silver dime	-	4.00
11. SBA dollar 14-coin set in album	50.00	25.00
12. WWII Short snorter on a German Reichmark	32.00	20.00
13. 3 proof sets: 1981,1982,1983	-	15.00
14. 3 proof sets: 1987, 1988, 1989	24.00	18.00
15. 1969 Israel Commem 90% silver	27.00	25.00
16. 1920 Pilgrim Commemorative, XF	75.00	50.00
17. 1937 N Zealand 1 Florin, 50% silver	7.00	5.00
18. 1923 Lg size \$1 Silver Cert. AG	12.00	5.00
19. 1916 Walker half, AG	20.00	10.00
20. 1920 Walker half, F	20.00	10.00
21. 1905-S Barber Dime, VF	20.00	10.00
22. 1893 Columbian Half, XF+	18.00	10.00
23. 1898-P Morgan Dollar, AU58	45.00	30.00
24. 1954 Proof Set, Capital holder	100.00	65.00
25. 1958 Proof Set, Capital holder	35.00	25.00
26. 2006 Silver Proof Set	55.00	40.00
27. Byzantine bronze Ancient coin, Justin II, 565-578 A.D.	12.00	5.00

### Kittredge Foundation Donation

<u>Item</u>	<u>Trends</u>	<u>Min</u>
1. 1909 VDB cent, AU	15.00	-
2. 1839 Seated dime, AG-Fair	-	-
3. 1915-S Barber dime, AG-G	-	-
4. 1918 Mercury dime, G	-	-
5. 1946 Roosevelt, Unc. toned	-	-

### Young Numismatists Meeting

with George Bilodeau and Mark Matys 6:15 p.m.

**This month:** *Coin Blanks & Dies*, with special guest Jack Haroian

May: *In Search of Wheat Pennies*  
June: *Summer Fun*

The YNs would like to invite all members to participate with us to share your knowledge /or learn with us! Contact Mark at 413-436-5913 or [GlueMark@gmail.com](mailto:GlueMark@gmail.com)

### Bid Board

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Trends</u>	<u>Min</u>
1. Worcester St. Railway Token	3.50	2.50
2. 1930-S Lincoln Cent, VF	1.50	1.00
3. 1976 Bermuda Dollar	3.00	1.50
4. Bag 17 Misc. tokens	-	7.00
5. 1902 Liberty Nickel, VG	4.25	2.50
6. Roll 1930's wheat cents	4.50	3.50
7. 1962-95 Blue Book Jefferson nickels	10.00	6.50
8. 1864 Large Motto 2-cent G	16.50	6.00
9. 1982 Proof set	7.00	4.00
10. 2 Famous Americans medals, JFK and John Wayne	-	1.00
11. 1893-S Barber Quarter, AG	20.00	5.00
12. 1911 Barber Quarter, VG10	10.00	5.00
13. 1907 Barber Quarter, VG	9.00	5.00
14. 1916-D Barber Quarter, VG	8.00	5.00
15. 1905 Barber Quarter, G6	15.00	6.00
16. 1972 Proof set	6.00	3.00
17. 1909 Indian cent, XF	20.00	10.00
18. 1907 Indian cent, VF	3.00	-
19. 1966 ANA US Mint Medal	15.00	-
20. 1864 Large Motto 2-cent AG	5.00	-

**Deadline for the next issue: April 27**