



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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Meets 2nd Friday of the month except July and August

WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter

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Next Meeting: **Friday April 21**

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:

An Illustrated Program on Coin Glass,
presented by Leo Corriveau.

YN program:

"I Gotta P"

WCNS Leadership

Officers

Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson & John Frost
Vice President: Jim Turner
Secretary: Bob Hess
Treasurer: Stanley Sobiech
Director at Large: Open

Programs

Speaker Bureau: Bob Moffatt
YN Coordinator: Mark Matys

Hi everyone,

First of all, we want to remind you that **our April meeting will be a week later than normal.** Because our normal meeting night is Good Friday, the parish hall is not available, and **we will instead meet on the third Friday this month, April 21st.** We will resume our normal schedule next month.

Also this month, April 11th is the annual Thomas P. Rockwell Lecture in Waltham, at Trinity Church, 730 Main Street (Rte. 20). This year's program is *Three Numismatic Vignettes*, presented by John Frost. The lecture will be at 7:15 p.m., and is co-sponsored by the Boston Numismatic Society, Collectors Club of Boston, and the Currency Collectors of New England.

This month in Auburn, our program will be an illustrated presentation on Coin Glass. Our own Leo Corriveau will be the speaker, so come and be fascinated by this interesting topic.

As for key coin shows in the area, this month features the Bay State Coin Show in Marlboro, Friday and Saturday April 21-22. And don't forget to mark your calendars for the NH Coin Expo early next month. Manchester will again play host to the two-day show May 5-6.

Hope to see you all on the 21st!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- **Greater Worcester Coin Show**, Elks Club, Auburn MA, April 9, 9:30 a.m.
- **Thomas P. Rockwell Lecture, *Three Numismatic Vignettes***, April 11, 7:30 p.m. Trinity Church, Waltham
- **No Nashua Coin Show in April!** (Easter Sunday). The show resumes in May
- **Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show**, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA, April 19
- **Bay State Coin Show**, Best Western Royal Plaza, Marlboro MA, April 21-22
- **Devens Coin Show**, Devens Common Center, 31 Andrews Pkwy, Devens MA, April 23, 9:00 a.m.
- **NH Coin Expo**, Radisson Center of NH, Manchester NH, May 5-6
- **Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club Show**, Holiday Inn, Norwich CT, May 7, 9:00 a.m.



WCNS Monthly Auction

| Item Description | Trends | Min |
|---|--------|------|
| 1. 1898 Barber quarter, VG8 | \$ 11 | \$ 9 |
| 2. 1883 No Cents Liberty nickel | 23 | 10 |
| 3. 1907P Barber half dollar, Good+ | 24 | 12 |
| 4. 1857 Canada bank token half penny, AU details, hairlines | 25 | 11 |
| 5. 1930P Standing Liberty quarter, VF | 16 | 9 |
| 6. 1971 Blue Ike 40% silver \$, Ch. Unc. | 11 | 8 |
| 7. 1987 Canada silver dollar, Prooflike Unc in case | 15 | 9 |
| 8. 10-pc copy (1960s) gold token type set | 35 | 15 |
| 9. 1937 Buffalo nickel pendant and chain | 10 | 3 |
| 10. Ancient Roman coin Contantius II BZ | 10 | 3 |
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| 12. 1960 D Liberty Bell shape encased cent Lincoln Bank Lynn | 6 | 2 |
| 13. 2 error off center coins -Copper memorial cent and Israel | 10 | 4 |
| 14. 1976 Bicentennial Proof set | 8.50 | 6 |
| 15. 1864 Patriotic Civil War token Fuld 54/342a VF | 25 | 15 |

Kittredge Foundation donation

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| 1914-S key date Lincoln cent, Good | 20 | - |
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Bid Board

| Item Description | Trends | Min |
|--|--------|------|
| 1. 1916P Mercury dime, Fine+ | \$ 7 | \$ 3 |
| 2. Dime size silver love token, engraved "F", holed | 10 | 5 |
| 3. 1960P Washington quarter, Unc. | 8.50 | 4 |
| 4. 1927P Standing Liberty quarter, F | 9 | 4 |
| 5. 1944D Philippines silver 10 centavos, XF | 5 | 2 |
| 6. 1968D 40% Kennedy half, Unc. | 6 | 3 |
| 7. 1982S proof set, no cover | 4.50 | 3 |
| 8. 1997 Canada Unc set \$3.91 face | 6 | 4 |
| 9. Copy America's first medals US Mint GW before Boston | 3 | - |
| 10. Copy America's first medals US Mint Horatio Gates | 3 | - |
| 11. Copy America's first medals US Mint Daniel Morgan | 3 | - |
| 12. 1975 Bicentennial Paul Revere medal and 1st day cover | 4 | - |
| 13. 1975 Bicentennial Paul Revere medal and 1st day cover | 5 | - |
| 14. 1974 Walpole, MA town medal with card | 5 | - |
| 15. Marshall Islands 1991 \$ 5 dollar coin P-40 Plane silvered | 5 | - |

Coin in the Spotlight: 1878-CC Trade Dollar

With the Bland-Allison Act creating the Morgan dollar, the issuance of Trade dollars for commerce was suspended during 1878. Distribution of Trades was halted, and coins on-hand were ordered melted for re-coining into Morgan dollars. With an original mintage of just 97,000, almost half of the 1878-CC Trade dollars were melted at the Carson City Mint when the Treasury Secretary halted paying out Trade dollars for silver, resulting in a very scarce date. Only about 350 are estimated to survive in all grades.

The Trade dollar was intended as a bullion coin for international commerce, sold by weight and not a face value. Most Trade dollars made in San Francisco and Carson City were exported, mostly to Asia and specifically China. As most collectors know, many of these Trade dollars were stamped with *chopmarks* when a merchant or trader deemed the coin to be of proper weight and fineness. Because most of the San Francisco and Carson City-minted Trade dollars were exported, the majority of chopmarked Trades are coins from these two mints.

Exporting of Trade dollars was halted in 1878, however, before the vast majority of the released 1878-CC coins made it out of the country. As a result, there are very few chopmarked 1878-CC coins known (perhaps less than a dozen). Unlike every other CC-mint issue, chopmarked 1878-CC Trade dollars are actually worth *more* than their unchopped counterparts. Last month, the illustrated VF 1878-CC with chopmarks (right) sold for almost \$6500!! [images courtesy of StacksBowers]



Deadline for next issue: April 28th