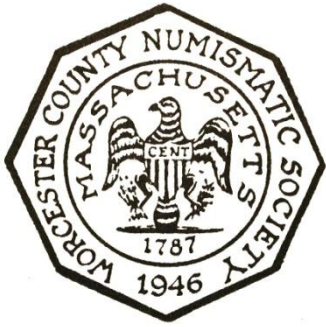


# Worcester County Numismatic Society



## December 2015

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 December 11, 2015  
St. Joseph's Parish Center  
68 Central Street  
Auburn, MA

### Program:

***The Andrew Jackson-Earl-Sevier  
Flying Eagle Dollar***, by John Frost

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

### Board of Directors:

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

Hi all,

It's time for our annual December meeting and holiday party. We've got a special program on tap, along with expanded Show and Tell, so bring those special items you found this year. And come hungry, as we will have our big pasta feast, courtesy of Chef Mike. **Dessert is pot luck, so please bring a dessert item to share.**

We will also have the drawing for our **2015 Charity Raffle**. The majority of tickets are still unsold. At our last meeting, a number of people took tickets to try selling, but we still had 500 tickets wrapped in the plastic they came in. PLEASE bring the stubs and money for tickets you've sold, and we will also have them for sale at the meeting. The drawing will close the meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

If you will be bringing a guest (\$3), please let Mike know so we have a good count.

See you on the 11<sup>th</sup>!

- Mike and John

## Upcoming Shows and Events

- Greater Worcester Coin Show, Sunday December 13. Elks Club, Auburn MA, 9:30 a.m.
- Nashua 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Show, Sunday December 20, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, 8:00 a.m.
- Blackstone Valley 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Show, Wednesday Dec. 23, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA
- Westford Coin Show, Westford Regency, Sunday December 27, Westford MA, 9:00 a.m.
- NYINC International Coin Convention, Waldorf Astoria, NY NY, January 7-10
- FUN 2016, Tampa Convention Center, Tampa FL, January 7-10

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

**December 11<sup>th</sup> - Reminder**

- Meeting and Holiday Party
- Pasta feast with Chef Mike
- Expanded Show and Tell
- Program: *The Andrew Jackson-Earl-Sevier Flying Eagle Dollar*
- Upscale raffle, plus Charity Raffle

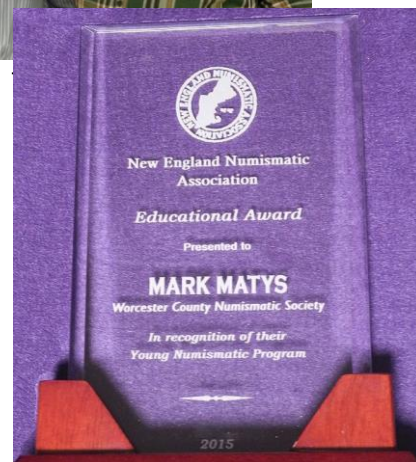
**Young Numismatists Meeting**  
with Mark Matys

**December:** Fun with Coins, Part II

All are welcome – Please contact Mark if you are attending - 413-436-5913 or email to: [Glumark@gmail.com](mailto:Glumark@gmail.com)

**WCNS recognized for YN Program!**

At the recent NH Coin Expo, the New England Numismatic Association (NENA) presented our club, the Worcester County Numismatic Society, with an award marking our outstanding Young Numismatists (YN) Program over a period of many years – by far the most comprehensive program in New England. The award also recognized the achievement of our current YN Chair, Mark Matys. Congratulations to the club and to Mark for this great recognition.



**Coin In the Spotlight**  
**1836 Flying Eagle Dollar**

After the 1834 proof sets were delivered using 1804-dated dollars and eagles, a decision was made to re-introduce the silver dollar as a circulating issue.

In 1836, Christian Gobrecht engraved a beautiful Liberty Seated obverse based on a drawing by Thomas Sully, and a Flying Eagle reverse based on a drawing by Titian Peale of “Old Pete” – the Philadelphia Mint’s late bald eagle.

Initially struck as a pattern, a few were delivered to President Andrew Jackson, who approved the design. In December 1836, 1,000 pieces were coined, the majority being delivered to the Bank of the United States for circulation. Thus, this famous pattern did actually become a commercial issue. Most of the 600-750 survivors show circulation wear, and many were holed for use as jewelry. While not particularly rare, they are prized for their great beauty.

Today we know these coins as Gobrecht Dollars.



**Deadline for the next issue: December 27<sup>th</sup>**