

Worcester County Numismatic Society

Founded 1946

Meets 2nd Friday of the month except July and August

December
2021

WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Friday December 10

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:

Remarkable Research Resource, and a Cool Story,
presented by John Frost

YN program:

This month's program: *Fun with Coins!*

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,

It's that time of the year again – the end of the year. Although things are better than they were a year ago, we were all hoping the pandemic would be behind us by now. At least we are able to meet safely, and attend coin shows again.

Last year, we had to cancel our annual December meeting and Holiday Party. This year, we are able to have the party. The church Parish Hall requires masks while indoors and not eating/drinking, but we are planning to have a great time with food and drink. Instead of our traditional pasta feast, we will be ordering pizza for the meeting. **As in the past, we are asking people to bring pot luck desserts to the meeting,** to fill us up after the pizza.

We will have an **expanded Show & Tell session**, so please bring something that you have acquired in 2021 to share with the others. If you think it is interesting, others surely will as well!

We will also have brief program, entitled *Remarkable Research Resource, and a Cool Story*. It talks about a wealth of new information available to those who want to discover and learn. An example of such learning will be presented, sure to interest you! That and our raffle and auction will wrap up another year as we look forward to 2022.

We hope to see many of you on the 10th!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- **Greater Worcester Coin Show**, Auburn MA, Sunday December 12, 9:30 a.m., Elk's Club.
- **Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show**, Uxbridge MA, Wed. December 15, 3-8 p.m., VFW Post #1385
- **Nashua Coin Show**, Nashua NH, Sunday December 19, **9:00 a.m., *** NEW LOCATION AND TIME ***** at the Eagle's Wing Function Center, 10 Spruce Street
- **No Devens Coin Show this month**
- **FUN 2022**, Orlando FL, at the Orange County Convention Center (North/South building, NB), January 6-9.
- **NYINC 2022**, New York NY, at the InterContinental New York Barclay Hotel (**new location**), January 13-16
- **January meeting of the WCNS**, Friday January 14th



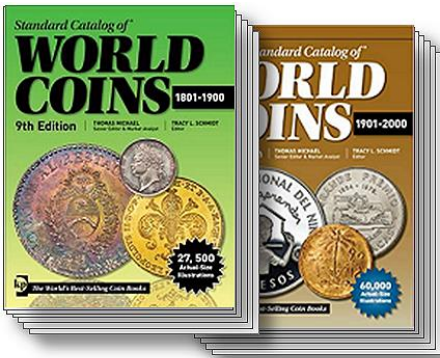
WCNS Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1916 dime set: 1916 Mercury in F plus Barber in G, custom holder	\$ 5	\$ 3
2. High grade 1886 dime love token, AE or EA, well done	12	6
3. 1866 three cent piece, fine, cleaned at some point	14	9
4. 1996 Flamingo LV 50th anniv. .999 fine silver gaming token, AU	25	15
5. 1909 VDB Lincoln centaur brown	10	4
6. 1883 Shield five cent piece, VF	30	15
7. 1950-S dime toned Ch. Unc., semi- key	20	10

Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
8. 1926 Lincoln cent Ch Unc. Red and Brown	\$ 12	\$ 6
9. 1814 Classic Large cent good	100	75
10. One real silver cob Potosi, made into pendant with loop (nice gift)	65	35
11. 3-piece silver bicentennial set, BU	-	20
12. 1977 proof set plus 1977 mint set	-	10
13. 1977 proof set	-	5
14. \$5 silver certificate, XF-AU	-	10
15. Half cent with counterstamp	-	5
16. Limited edition 1996 Yugiove movie cards (15)	-	3
17. 1820s Palembang tin money	-	2

No Bid Board this month



Krause Publications to cease publishing the Standard Catalogs

At our November meeting, Fred Liberatore reported that according to the November 2nd issue of *Numismatic News*, Krause Publications announced that they will no longer be publishing their *Standard Catalog of World Coins*, the phonebook-sized reference books, each covering a century of world coins with invaluable information (history, composition, precious metal content, mintages, values, etc). Going forward, this will be web-based, via subscription. So you may want to save your past copies of these books.

Featured article

Improbable Events Do happen Once in A While By Fred Liberatore

The November 12th Worcester Coin Club meeting had the raffle with the proceeds to be donated. Roughly 30 club members were present and it looked like 30 tickets were in the bin. That gave everyone about 3% odds of winning, assuming 1 ticket per person. I was astonished to hear my ticket number called to win the 1-ounce silver medal. As is club custom, a basket was held above my head for drawing the door prize. I made some remark about not drawing my ticket number, and promptly did so! A club member remarked he had not seen that happen before, ever.

I know enough about statistical probability to estimate the odds of this event happening, assuming 30 members present, and ticket sales the same. It is roughly 0.03×0.03 or .0009. That is 0.09%, which is close enough to one-tenth of 1%, or 1 chance in a thousand. That equates to once in 100 years, assuming 10 meetings a year!

But it could happen again at the next meeting. That's probability for you. It was a day of Happy Collecting!

Fred Liberatore.

Deadline for next issue: December 28th