



Worcester County Numismatic Society

Founded 1946

Meets 2nd Friday of the month except July and August

**December
2022**

**WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter**

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Next Meeting: Friday December 9

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:

Expanded Show and Tell, with everyone.

YN program:

Fun with Coins!

WCNS Leadership

Officers

Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson & John Frost

Vice President: Jim Turner

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Speaker Bureau: Bob Moffatt

YN Coordinator: Mark Matys

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Hi all,

It is hard to believe it is December already! Still no snow on the ground, but certainly the days are short and it is no longer consistently warm. At least it is not brutally cold yet.

At our November meeting, William Nawrocki presented *A Science View of Coin Collecting – Numismatics*, which was warmly received and generated lots of Q&A.

This month brings our annual holiday party. No formal program, but rather an expanded Show & Tell, where you can share with the club some of the prizes you found during 2022. Plus high-end raffle, dime raffle, and a 50-50. Plenty of things for everyone! The YNs wrap up the year with “*Fun with Coins!*”

One of the things we do best is eat. And that we will this month. Chef Mike will prepare food, but scaled back a bit from previous years. He will provide his famous antipasto pasta salad, meatballs, and ziti, bread & butter, but we request members to bring side dishes and desserts, rather than all desserts.

Show-wise, we wrap up 2022 with Auburn and Nashua Sunday shows, along with Blackstone’s monthly 3rd Wednesday show. We hope to see you on the 9th!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- **December 11 – Greater Worcester Coin Show**, Auburn MA, 9:30 a.m., Elks Club.
- **December 18 – Nashua Coin Show**, Nashua NH, 9:00 a.m., Eagle’s Wing Function Center
- **December 21 – Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show**, Uxbridge MA, Wed, 3-8 p.m., VFW Post #1385
- **No Devens Coin Show this month. Show resumes in January**
- **December 27 – Deadline for the December newsletter, including auction lots**
- **January 5-7 – FUN 2023**, Florida United Numismatists, Orlando FL, Orange County Convention Center
- **January 13 – January meeting of the WCNS**
- **January 13-15 – NYINC**, New York International Numismatic Convention, at the New York Barclay.



December meeting and holiday party

At our December meeting, we will have our holiday party. Expanded Show & Tell session will be our program. No Auction this month, but our high-end raffle of gift-wrapped prizes will be on stage. Also, a Dime Raffle, plus a 50-50.

We will provide:

- Chef Mike's famous antipasto pasta salad, a perennial favorite
- Ziti
- Meatballs
- Bread and butter
- Assorted drinks

You need to bring:

- A side dish or dessert (not all desserts this time)
- An appetite

Coin in the Spotlight – 1866-S No Motto Half Eagle

As many of you may know, in 1866, the motto "In God We Trust" was added to the reverse of some of our silver and gold coins, on a ribbon above the eagle's head. The motto was first seen on the two-cent piece in 1864.

In San Francisco, only 9,000 half eagles were struck with the No Motto reverse before the change. After that, almost 35,000 were minted with the Motto reverse.

The 1866-S No Motto is a rare coin, with fewer than 80 examples known in all grades. The average grade is Fine to VF, like the illustrated example. There may be a single known example in mint state, and a only a handful in AU grades.



Motto over eagle



1866-S No Motto Half Eagle

Deadline for next issue: December 27th