



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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Meets 2nd Friday of the month except July and August

December
2023

WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Friday December 8

St. Josephs Parish Center
68 Central Street, Auburn MA

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting: 7:15 p.m.

YN meeting: 6:15 p.m.

Educational Program:

"The Money of Checkpoint Charlie"
presented by John Frost.

YN program:

Fun With Coins

WCNS Leadership

Officers

Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson & John Frost

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Programs

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Hi all,

We are at the end of another calendar year. The evening of our December meeting is actually that of the earliest sunset. Although the days get shorter for another couple of weeks, it is in the morning that we lose the daylight. That's the astronomy lesson for today.

At our meeting on Friday, we will have an expanded Show & Tell, our holiday higher-end raffle, and a new educational program. Yours truly (John) will present *The Money of Checkpoint Charlie*. And the YNs will be discussing *Fun With Coins*. Please join us!

And of course, we will have our **Holiday Party with eats – pasta and meatballs**. See the reminder in the box below. Remember, we need volunteers to come early and set up the room, plus side dishes and desserts.

Hope to see you all on Friday, and happy holidays to everyone!

- Mike and John

Reminder! 2023 Holiday Party on Friday

This Friday, doors open for the meeting at 6:00.

But we need some help at 5:00 to set up the room.

- *Please bring a side dish or dessert.*
- We will supply pasta and meatballs, and assorted beverages.
- And bring something for Show & Tell

Upcoming Events

- December 10 – Greater Worcester Coin Show, Auburn MA, 9:30 a.m., Elks Club
- December 20 – Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show, Uxbridge MA, Wed, 3-8 p.m., VFW Post #1385
- December 17 – Nashua Coin Show, Nashua NH, 9:00 a.m., Eagle's Wing Function Center
- No Devens Coin Show. Show resumes in March.
- December 26 – Deadline for the January newsletter
- January 4-6 – FUN 2024. Orlando FL, at the Orange County Convention Center
- January 11-14 – NYINC (NY International Numismatic Convention). InterContinental NY Barclay Hotel
- January 12 – January meeting of the WCNS



Coin in the Spotlight – 1822 Bust Quarter, 25/50

In the Bust quarter series, the 1822 is a better date. A lower mintage coin, it is difficult to find nice. However, one of the most interesting varieties of entire the series is from 1822. It is the 25/50 variety.

By mistake, one of the reverse dies was made with “50 C” for the denomination, in error. Perhaps the engraver thought he was making a half dollar die? The error was discovered before use and corrected by punching a “25” over the “50” in its place.

The fix was apparently considered unsatisfactory, and the reverse die was quickly pulled from the press and replaced with a new, normal, reverse die. Surely this was when the coiner saw the resulting coins and was horrified at the results. (Seeing one of these coins in person really bears out how obvious the mistake was.) We also know the die was pulled quickly because of the very few survivors that are known today. It is estimated that only about 40 examples exist in all grades, with 8 or so in grades above VF.

The 1822 25/50 C is highly prized by specialists.

Perhaps most surprising is that the defective die was not discarded, but rather was put on the shelf and forgotten. By accident, a coiner pulled this old die off the shelf in 1828 and used it to make quarters once again, with the same result. The error was caught again, but probably not as quickly, as there are about 90 examples of the 1828 25/50 C coins known.



No Auction this month
Get us your lots for January by the deadline below

Deadline for next issue: December 26th
Happy new year!