



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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WCNS
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Next Meeting: Friday February 10

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:

*A 1690 Massachusetts Note with a Pedigree
Going back to a WCNS Member, presented by
Bob Moffatt.*

YN program:

Penny Lover

WCNS Leadership

Officers

Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson & John Frost
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Programs

Speaker Bureau: Bob Moffatt
YN Coordinator: Mark Matys

Hi everyone,

Although we are in the middle of Winter, the days are getting longer, and we certainly are enjoying another fairly easy season, especially by New England standards. I (John) will again be on the road the first part of the month, attending the Knoxville and Charlotte coin shows in Tennessee and North Carolina.

The FUN show was OK, given the location – many people did not travel to the expensive Ft. Lauderdale area, compared to Tampa and especially Orlando, where costs are much lower. Still there was a lot of education to be had. The clubs presented FUN Seminars on Seated Dimes and also Collecting Barber Coinage. The counterfeit 1872-S Seated Half discovered in December made the rounds to all of the grading services, auction houses, and many of the dealers on the bourse floor. And the story got picked up by *Coin World*, *Numismatic News*, the *Greysheet*, and other coin forums. So the word is out!

I also had good feedback from the new Devens Coin Show (the replacement for the Westford show). People liked the venue – it was large enough, bright, and clean. For us in Worcester County, it is also a little closer for most of us.

Our own Bob Moffatt will be the featured speaker this month, talking about a special colonial note with an interesting pedigree. Should be interesting, so we hope most of you can make it.

Hope to see you all on the 10th!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- **Greater Worcester Coin Show**, Elks Club, Auburn MA, February 12, 9:30 a.m.
- **Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show**, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday February 15
- **Nashua 3rd Sunday Show**, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, Sunday February 19, 8:00 a.m.
- **Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show**, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday February 15
- **Devens Coin Show, NEW LOCATION.** At the SpringHill Suites (Marriott), 27 Andrews Parkway, Devens MA, Sunday February 26, 9:00 a.m. I-495 to Rte 2 W to Exit 37B Jackson Rd



WCNS Monthly Auction

Item Description	Trends	Min
1. 1989-S silver Eagle, in <i>Coin World</i> holder	\$ -	\$ 25
2. Two 1964 Kennedy halves, Unc.	-	16
3. 1916 Barber Dime, AU	-	50
4. 1986 NENA Medal (Worcester)	-	5
5. 1923 Peace Dollar, Worcester Federal Bank key holder	-	30
6. 1963 Proof set in Capital holder	18	12
7. 1958 Proof set in Capital holder	30	22
8. 1961 Proof set in Capital holder	25	15
9. 1948 Franklin half, Unc	20	15
10. 1909 Barber half, VG	35	20
11. 1934 Walking Liberty half, F	16	10
12. 1940 Walking Liberty half, XF	25	14
13. 1899 Barber quarter, AG	12	7
14. Statue of Liberty token	15	7
15. 1943 Jefferson 5¢, Unc, with steps	20	15
16. 1941 Walking Liberty half, AU58	30	12
17. 1992 Canada double dollar proof set with sterling silver commem. dollar	25	15
18. 1919 Walking Liberty half, VG10	27	15
19. 1862 copper nickel Indian cent, VG	10	5
20. 1992 Canada 2 bird commem. sterling silver proof half dollars	20	10
21. 1890 Liberty Seated dime, VF	26	10
22. 1987 Canada double dollar set, .500 fine silver dollar	15	7
23. 1913 Barber dime, toned VF	8.50	4
24. 1912 Liberty nickel, F15	14	5

Kittredge Foundation donation

1911S Lincoln cent, G.	40	20
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Bid Board

Item Description	Trends	Min
1. Coins of Europe – Italy	\$ 7	\$ 4
2. Coins of Europe – Finland	7	4
3. Coins of Europe – Greece	7	4
4. Large copy Jefferson Nickel	-	3
5. Large copy Mercury dime	-	3
6. Society of Gun Collecting medal	12	4
7. New Hampshire Consistory medal	8	2
8. Bag of 100 foreign coins	-	5
9. 1893 Columbian half, AU	20	12
10. 1965 M counterstamped Mexican peso coin, silver	20	12
11. 7 D-mint cents, Unc.	-	3
12. 6 D-mint Jefferson 5¢, Unc.	-	3
13. 7 D-mint dimes, Unc.	-	3
14. 1926-S Mercury dime, key, AG with obverse scratches	6	4
15. 1998 Canada 7-piece specimen set	7	3
16. 1882 Shield nickel, filler	8	3
17. 2000 Canada Unc. 7-piece set	6	3
18. 1845 Large cent, VG dug.	10	5
19. 1941-S Mercury dime, AU	6	3
20. 1900 Liberty nickel, VG	6	2
21. 1881 Indian cent, G	3	-
22. 1961 Providence RI 325 th anniversary good for token and wooden nickel	3	-

Coin in the Spotlight: 1844 Half Cent

The half cent had been minted since the opening of the U.S. Mint building in Philadelphia in 1793. Mintages in many years were plentiful, and by the end of the 1830s, there was a glut of already-minted half cents sitting unissued and unneeded. Beginning in 1840, for more than a decade, no half cents were coined for circulation. However, a few proofs were minted as presentation pieces for officials, visitors, and collectors. During most of the years from 1840-1852, only a few dozen (or fewer) were minted, making them rare the day they were minted. So much so that in the late 1850s, additional pieces using both new and reused dies were struck for collectors (restrikes).

Today, the original issues are so rare as to be nearly uncollectable. Most half cent collectors don't even try, and exclude the proof-only years from their set. Today, an estimated 16-20 1844 half cent originals are known (and this is actually one of the more available dates!). Pictured here is one of the very few circulated examples, an XF-AU coin.



Deadline for next issue: February 28th