

Worcester County Numismatic Society

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WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Friday February 9

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:

Odd and Curious Money, presented by Michael Simpson

YN program:

RADAR Love!

WCNS Leadership

Officers

Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson & John Frost
Vice President: Jim Turner
Secretary: Bob Hess
Treasurer: Stanley Sobiech
Director at Large: Open

Programs

Speaker Bureau: Bob Moffatt
YN Coordinator: Mark Matys
Newsletter Editor: John Frost

Hi everyone,

The days are finally starting to get a little longer, and there has been a break from the bitter cold. Hopefully there will be no interference from the weather for our upcoming meetings.

At last month's meeting, the officer elections were deferred until this month, as weather concerns resulted in low attendance last month. Reminding everyone, up for voting this year are the offices of President and Secretary, each of them for 2-year terms. In addition, the Director at Large position for a 1-year term will also be voted this month. Voting for the VP and Treasurer positions will be in 2019, also for 2-year terms, thus staggering Board terms.

The program for this month is our own Mike Simpson and his presentation, *Odd and Curious Money*. As many of you know, Mike collects many unusual forms of money that have been used across the world, and across the centuries. Mike will be presenting a number of his highlights, including some of his more outstanding recent finds. You will not want to miss this presentation.

And don't forget to pay your dues if you have not already done so. We'll be happy to collect it at the meeting.

Hope to see you all on the 9th!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- **Greater Worcester Coin Show**, Elks Club, Auburn MA, Sunday February 11 9:30 a.m.
- **Nashua 3rd Sunday Show**, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, Sunday February 18, 8:00 a.m.
- **Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show**, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday February 21
- **Devens Coin Show**, Devens Common Center, 31 Andrews Pkwy, Devens MA, February 25, 9:00 a.m.
- **Thomas P. Rockwell Lecture**, Waltham MA, Tuesday April 24 – Save the date!



WCNS Monthly Auction

Item Description	Trends	Min
1. 1977 Jamaica 9 piece proof set with silver 5 and 10 dollar coins	\$ 40	\$ 30
2. 1976 US proof set	Bid 7	5
3. 1977 Barbados 8 piece in holder with 2 silver coins	40	30
4. 1885 O Morgan silver dollar, AU50	Bid 33	25
5. 1977 Queen Elizabeth Sterling silver Proof Crown	25	15
6. 1965 Special Mint Set	bid 7.50	5
7. 1977 9 piece Specimen set from the Bahamas	10	4
8. 1966 Special Mint Set	Bid 7	5
9. 1884 P Morgan silver dollar XF 40	Bid 27	23
10. 1978 Bahrain 8 piece proof set with silver 500 Fils coin	35	20
Kittredge Foundation donation Copy of Ancient coin well done British Museum	-	-

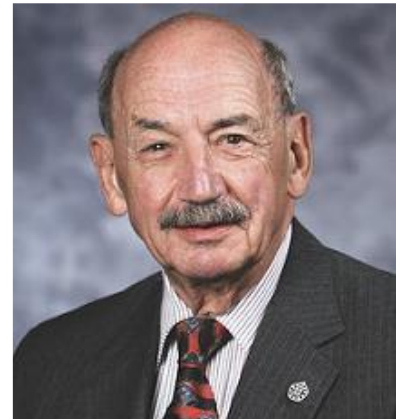
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Item Description	Trends	Min
1. 1935 E silver certificate avg. circulated	2	1
2. 1968 mint set	Bid 5	3
3. 1969 mint set	Bid 5	3
4. 1976 Bicentennial Ike dollar Unc.	1.50	-
5. 1979 24 kt. gold plated SBA 1.00	1.50	-
6. 1976 G.W. U. S. mint medal Unc. In holder	1.50	-
7. 1976 24 kt. Gold plated Ike dollar	1.50	-
8. 1976 3 piece 24 kt. Gold plated set	2.50	1.50
9. 1976 British 6 piece coin set	3.00	-
10. 1976 2.00 bill unc. In holder with story	2.50	-

Interested in consigning? Get us the lot information before the deadline (below)

Edward C. Rochette, "Mr. ANA" – 1927-2018

Former ANA President Ed Rochette has passed away at age 90. While he is best known for his work at the ANA for over 50 years, many people don't know he was a member of the WCNS many decades ago. He was born in Worcester, and after WWII, he relocated to the Midwest. However, he returned home after his mother's death and joined our club. He remained here until 1960 when he became the Editor of *Numismatic News*. In 1966, he became the Editor of the ANA's publication, *The Numismatist*, a post he held for 20 years. He served on the ANA Board of Governors, ANA President, and its Executive Director. He oversaw the expansion of the ANA Library and the Money Museum. The Museum was named for him in 2005, and he had many numismatic awards presented to him, including the ANA Medal of Merit (1972), Farran Zerbe Memorial Award (1987), the Lifetime Achievement Award (1999), the Numismatist of the Year Award (2003), and many others.



Coin in the Spotlight: 1885 Liberty Nickel

Just three years into the Liberty nickel series, we have the key date of the series. With a relatively low mintage of under 1.5 million, this coin is generally found in low grades (AG-G), and many of those are ugly – stained or damaged.

Finding this coin problem-free in middle to upper circulated grades is a big challenge. Mint state coins are also scarce. However, this issue is surprisingly easy to find in Proof. Many collectors who desire an uncirculated example will have to settle for a proof instead. Despite having a mintage over five times as the 1912-S (with just 238,000 minted), this is the undisputed key of the series, and not surprisingly the most expensive.



Deadline for next issue: February 26th