



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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Next Meeting: Unknown presently

We will have to see. There will be an update in the February newsletter, and on the WCNS website as soon as we know more.

WCNS Leadership

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Hi everyone, winter is really here, with our latest snowstorm!

COVID-19 continues to be an issue despite some improvement. Massachusetts still has size restrictions on indoor gatherings, so to nobody's surprise, **our February meeting is CANCELLED.**

We will resume in-person meetings when the numbers go down and we can once again hold well-spread-out get-togethers and educational programs. We're not sure how long it will be, but best guess will be several months.

We hope for your continued understanding, and hope for things to improve here quickly.

Stay safe everyone!

- John and Mike

Coin in the Spotlight: 1884-S Morgan Dollar

With a mintage of 3.2 million, the 1884-S Morgan dollar should be a common coin. And it is. Very common. Even up to grades of AU58.

What makes this particular coin special is that almost all of the issue went into circulation, and relatively few remain in mint state – not available by the hundreds of thousands like most Morgans. While not strictly rare in uncirculated condition, it is very hard to find, and most collectors with an Unc. 1884-S keep them for a very long time – they seldom come on the market.

They also come baggy, and coins grading Choice BU (MS63 or better) are very scarce, and extremely pricey. An MS63 will run you \$50,000! The finest known is from the Jack Lee collection grading PCGS MS68, Old Green Holder, CAC. Pictured here is the 2nd-finest, sold for \$735,000 in 2018. Only the coveted 1893-S in mint state is worth more than the 1884-S. Not any of the CC issues. Nothing. But you can easily find an AU58!



1884-S Morgan Dollar, PCGS MS67

Deadline for articles, Spotlight items, etc., is February 25th