



# Worcester County Numismatic Society

Founded 1946

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month except July and August

February  
2022

WCNS  
Monthly  
Newsletter

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## Next meeting: Friday February 11<sup>th</sup>

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:

*Coin Magic*, presented by nationally known  
magician Steve Charente

**YN program:** On hiatus for the time being

## WCNS Leadership

### Officers

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

### Programs

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

Hi everyone,

At the time of writing, we just had our big snowstorm which hit blizzard status in the eastern part of the state. We were spared the brunt of the storm. It did remind us of the season some years ago where snowstorms seemed to hit on meeting nights. Let's hope our recent good luck continues.

All of our local coin shows are being held this month, including Auburn and Devens. For those of you who haven't been to the Nashua show since it moved, the new venue works very well.

At this month's meeting, we have a repeat speaker, one of the club favorites, magician Steve Charente, will do another program for us, *Coin Magic*. If you have never seen Steve perform, you won't want to miss this!

Due to the recent Omicron surge among children, the YNs are once again on hiatus and will not be meeting in person. At least things finally seem to be on the downslope.

We hope to see you on the 11th!

- John and Mike

Submit your Auction items by sending email to us at [WCNS@worchestercoinclub.org](mailto:WCNS@worchestercoinclub.org).

Provide us with the item description, your "owner's" value, and your required minimum bid, if any, for each lot. Easy! Just send your lots before the newsletter deadline each month.

## Upcoming Events and Calendar

- February 13 – Greater Worcester Coin Show, Auburn MA, Sunday 9:30 a.m., Elk's Club.
- February 16, Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show – Uxbridge MA, Wed, 3-8 p.m., VFW Post 1385
- February 20 – Nashua NH 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Show – Nashua NH, 9:00 a.m. at Eagle's Wing Function center
- February 23, Devens Coin Show – Devens MA, Sunday 9:00 a.m., Devens Commons Center
- February 25<sup>th</sup> – deadline for March newsletter, including auction lots
- Friday March 11 – March meeting of the WCNS



## WCNS Auction

Item	Owner's Value	Min Bid
1. 1/2 roll 1946P dimes, Choice Unc., 25 pieces	\$ 100	\$ 70
2. 1900-P Morgan dollar AU55	50	40
3. 1949-P Franklin half AU50	20	14
4. 1875-S Twenty cent piece AU55 with marks	335	260
5. 1864 bronze Indian cent, Good	18	12
6. 1863 Civil War token 12/297a, Rarity-2 Ch Unc. Red & Brown.	40	25

Item	Owner's Value	Min Bid
7. 1853 Arrows dime, obverse counter-stamped "USE GGG" (Goodwins Goose Grease NH) coin and C/S XF	\$ 75	\$ 40
8. Quarter-size silver love token, "D/G" plain edge, holed	35	20
9. 1833 Liberia (anti-slavery) coin/token, copper, VF	75	40
10. 1992 Hungary silver 500 Forint KM 686, Unc.	30	22

## Coin in the Spotlight – 1912-D Liberty Nickel

All nickels struck beginning in 1866 were minted in Philadelphia. Only in 1912 did Denver and San Francisco finally get in on the act, making nickels during the final year of the Liberty Nickel.

One of only two Liberty Nickels struck at a branch mint, the 1912-D loses the popularity contest to the low-mintage and semi-key date 1912-S.



**1912-D, PCGS MS66 CAC (likely the finest known)**

Although the 1912-S has the lowest mintage of the entire series, they always seem to be available at coin shows, especially in grades VF and below. But try to find a 1912-D!

The key thing about the 1912-D is strike. This issue is notorious for weak strikes. A coin with a full strike showing corn kernels in both right and left ears of corn in the wreath is extremely rare, such as shown at right. Usually both ears of corn will show significant weakness, and coins with kernels almost completely absent are commonplace.



**Deadline for next issue: February 25th**