



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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**February
2023**

**WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter**

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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.

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

YN meeting: 6:15 p.m.

Program:

Future of our club – Discussion. See notes at right.

YN Program:

C.E. 102

WCNS Leadership

Officers

Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson & John Frost

Vice President: Jim Turner

Secretary: Maria Matys

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Programs

Speaker Bureau: Bob Moffatt

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Hi all,

We just endured the 1-day blast of extreme cold, and are now back to moderate weather, accompanied by days that are noticeably longer. Many of us are back from our winter trips, and back to business.

This month is our Silver Fund-raiser Raffle. If you would like to help, bring a silver item, value \$10 to \$15, that you are willing to donate. In return you will receive three free raffle tickets. We will sell raffle tickets for \$2 each, 3 for \$5, and 7 for \$10. We have a number of nice silver items donated thus far, with a promise of at least three more. Please donate if you can.

This month's meeting features an extremely important topic – the future of the club. See the note below.

We hope to see you on the 10th!

- John and Mike

Future of our club

As you may have heard, we received a letter from St. Joseph's stating that this month our rent will go from \$70 per month to \$150 per month – more than double. This unexpected increase, coupled with falling attendance has prompted us to take a look at the future of our club. We have options that we need to explore and discuss. In place of this month's program, will explore these options and solicit opinions. This is an important meeting. We want your input. Remember, this is your club. Please plan to attend if you can.

Upcoming Events

- February 12 – Auburn Coin Show, Auburn MA, 9:30 a.m., Elks Club.
- February 15 – Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show, Uxbridge MA, Wed, 3-8 p.m., VFW Post #1385
- February 19 – Nashua Coin Show, Nashua NH, 9:00 a.m., Eagle's Wing Function Center
- No Devens Coin Show this month – show resumes April
- February 27 – Deadline for the March newsletter
- March 13 – March meeting of the WCNS

WCNS Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1996 U.S. commem silver dollar, "Community Service", proof with original Mint packaging.	\$ 25	\$ 18
2. 2020 silver Eagle, AU-Unc w spot.	35	28
3. 1970 Mint Set, contains the '70D silver half.	15	12
4. 1993 U.S. Mint Thomas Jefferson commem dollar. Proof. Original Mint packaging.	24	18
5. 1964 JFK 50 cent. Toned, uncirculated, in memorial holder.	15	10
6. 1970 proof set. Original Mint packaging.	12	9
7. 1958D uncirculated set of coins, put together in plastic holder.	20	15
8. 3 partial Mint Sets. 2002 Denver, 2003 Denver, 2004 Philadelphia. Uncirculated. \$8.75 face value	11	9
9. 1988 U.S. Mint Olympic commem dollar. Proof, original Mint packaging.	25	18

Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
In Vinyl sheets:	\$ -	\$ -
10. Mexico, 48 coins, from 1000 pesos and Reform coinage. 1 silver piece.		
11. Great Britain, 27 coins. From WWII to the 1990s. Base metal, nice selection.	-	-
12. Hungary, 29 coins, from WWI to 2008. Nice selection.	-	-
13. Greece, 30 coins, from 5 lepta to 100 drachma, 1920s to 1990s. Nice selection.	-	-
14. Haiti, 9 coins, from 1904 to 1998. Also Hong Kong, 19 coins. Also Guatemala, 19 coins, 1 silver piece.. Many Uncs.	-	-

Kittridge Foundation donation:

15. 1909 VDB cent, Brown AU-Unc.	\$ 10+	-
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Three unique coins sell at FUN 2023 Auctions

At this year's FUN Show, three famous unique coins from three different collections were sold at auction.

First up, the unique 1870-S three dollar gold piece from the Harry Bass Foundation sold for \$5.52 million, despite the fact that the coin had reverse graffiti, a mount removed, and had been polished. A duplicate of the Cornerstone piece at the SF Mint, I guess because it is the only one, it doesn't matter there are major problems – someone thought it was worth a cool 5.5 mil.

Next, the unique 1870-S half dime, also believed to be a duplicate of a cornerstone example, sold for \$3.12 million. This coin was sold twice as AU55. Over the years, NGC and PCGS have upgraded this coin to MS61, MS62, MS63, and lastly MS64 CAC. Is the only known example worth more in MS64 rather than the AU55 it actually is? Regardless, it is a really nice coin.

Finally, the very famous and unique 1873-CC No Arrows dime sold for \$3.6 million. This coin has always been regarded as a gem, and it has consistently been in an MS65 holder.

Anyone win the lottery and purchase any of these?



Deadline for March issue: February 27th