



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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Meets 2nd Friday of the month except July and August

WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter

January
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Next Meeting: Friday January 13

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:

Magic with Coins and Tricks, presented by
Magician Steve Charette.

YN program:

ABC or CQ?

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

Happy new year everyone!

As we enter 2017, winter is really here. We've had our snowiest December in quite some time. Hopefully the weather will treat our winter meeting nights kindly.

At our last month's Holiday meeting and party, we stuffed ourselves silly, and bought an impressive number of raffle tickets. We've never seen the bins have that many tickets in them since we've been in the club. We don't have any photos of the meeting, as we were all too busy eating, and seeing some excellent Show and Tell.

We open the new year with a magic program at our January meeting. Personally, I would like one wave of the magic wand to produce a nice 1876-CC twenty-cent piece! I'm sure that won't happen, but it will be a fun time anyway!

It is also time for the club's annual elections. All officer and Board positions are available for election. All current officers have agreed to serve again, but any member in good standing may run for any position. Nominations will be taken on the floor at the January meeting, followed by the election. The Director at Large position is currently open, with no incumbent, since Bob Hess agreed to fulfill George's position of Secretary for the remainder of his term.

Please also note that the **Westford Coin Show is no longer in Westford**. It is now in Devens – see details below.

Hope to see you all on the 13th!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- **FUN 2017**, Broward County Convention Center, Ft. Lauderdale FL, January 4-7
- **Greater Worcester Coin Show**, Elks Club, Auburn MA, January 8, 9:30 a.m.
- **NY International Numismatic Convention** – Waldorf Astoria, New York, January 12-15
- **Nashua 3rd Sunday Show**, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, Sunday January 15, 8:00 a.m.
- **Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show**, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday January 18
- **Westford Coin Show, NEW LOCATION, NEW TOWN -- Devens!** At the SpringHill Suites (Marriott), 27 Andrews Parkway, Devens MA, Sunday January 25, 9:00 a.m. I-495 to Rte 2 W to Exit 37B Jackson Rd



WCNS Monthly Auction

Item Description	Trends	Min
1. Three AU Mercury dimes – 1941P, 1941D, 1943D	\$ 18	\$ 6
2. 1911F German silver one mark, XF	45	9
3. 1921P Morgan silver dollar, AU-Unc.	43	30
4. 1932 France 10 francs, XF-AU	9	6
5. 1884P Morgan dollar, VG	30	23
6. 1932 Mexico silver peso, XF	12	9
7. 1922P Peace dollar, XF	29	22
8. 1912H Nicaragua 50 centavos, VF	12	7

Kittredge Foundation donation

1914S Lincoln cent, G. Semi-key.	25	No minimum
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Bid Board

Item Description	Trends	Min
1. 1893 Liberty nickel, G	\$ 5	\$ 2
2. 1931-D Mercury dime, G	6.75	3
3. 1945P WWII encased cent, Vet's Service, BU	7	3
4. 2000P Sacagawea \$1, BU	2	1
5. 1968D JFK 40% silver half, BU	5	4
6. 16 different tax tokens	5	2
7. Twenty Mardi Gras tokens	4	1
8. Four counterfeit coins: dollar, 50¢, 25¢, 10¢	10	7
9. Fifteen foreign coins, AU-BU	5	1

Notes about Auctions: Any WCNS member in good standing may submit coins for the Auction and Bid Board. We try to limit to 25 lots in each. Each member may put up to five items in each (auction and bid board). However, if there are only a few consignors and less than 25 items, you may always put in more than 5 items. If there is room, we will include them. If there is not room for all of your items, we will work on your prioritized list. E.g., after the first five items, put the extras in order – so if there is only room for 7 of your 10 submitted items, we will include your first five, plus the next two on your list. Email the descriptions, then just bring the coins to the meeting.

You are responsible for the auction lot listing, grading etc. The Editor only places your descriptions in the newsletter. He does not review the listing, or review or otherwise assess your grading, descriptions, or “trends” value. Each bidder should look at each lot and evaluate it themselves, and decide what it is worth.

Coins in the Spotlight: 1794 and 1795 Flowing Hair Dollars

When dollar production began, only 1,758 coins dated 1794 were produced, most with significant striking weakness, especially at the date. Today, with about 150 known, the 1794 dollar is one of the most prized issues in all of U.S. numismatics, even though the coin is not especially rare (compared to many other coins). They are typically in a collector's cabinet for many years, and are not often on the market. Most collectors have never seen one.

The 1795, on the other hand, is a different matter. With a healthy mintage of over 160,000, this date is fairly plentiful, and every collector that wants one can usually find one. Most are cleaned or damaged, many with rim bumps from mishandling. The edges are lettered (versus reeded). A few of them even have silver plugs in the center for weight adjustment. With over 10,000 estimated survivors, some specialists collect by variety (2 vs. 3 leaves under the eagle's wings on the reverse), and even by die marriage, as the dies were each hand made. With nearly 30 die marriages to choose from, there is plenty for the variety collector.



Deadline for next issue: January 28th