

Worcester County Numismatic Society

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WCNS
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Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Friday January 12

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:

The Red Book - Things included that shouldn't be, and things that should be included but are not, presented by Fred Liberatore.

YN program:

Origami It! with Guest Presenter!

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,

Happy new year! 2018 is upon us, and wow, is it cold! I'm sure those attending the FUN show in early January are looking forward to temperatures that actually exceed 20! For those who opt for the NYINC in New York, hopefully the extreme cold wave will have passed by then.

Closer to home, we look forward to our first meeting of the new year. Fred Liberatore will be presenting this month's educational program, *The Red Book - Things included that shouldn't be, and things that should be included are not*, and it sounds quite interesting!

Also at this month's meeting will be officer elections. 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.

In addition, it is dues renewal time for those who have not paid for 2018. Please see Stanley or Mike at the next meeting. We've got a lot in store for the club in the coming year, and we look forward to your participation.

On the next page, there are some photos from last month's meeting and holiday party, and we thank co-Prez and Chef Mike for the wonderful pasta feast we enjoyed. Also, on the sad side, we remember Barry Freeland, a long-time member of the club, who we lost recently – see next page.

So now we welcome 2018, and hope that it is a healthy and prosperous year for all. Hope to see you all on the 12th!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- **FUN 2018**, Tampa Florida, January 4-7, Tampa Convention Center
- **NYINC (New York International Numismatic Convention)**, January 12-14, Grand Hyatt Hotel, NYC
- **Greater Worcester Coin Show**, Elks Club, Auburn MA, Sunday January 14 9:30 a.m.
- **Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show**, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday January 17
- **Nashua 3rd Sunday Show**, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, Sunday January 21, 8:00 a.m.
- **Devens Coin Show**, Devens Common Center, 31 Andrews Pkwy, Devens MA, January 28, 9:00 a.m.

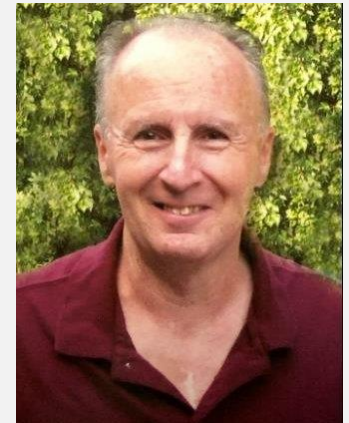


Remembering Barry Freeland

The club lost a long-time member when Barry Freeland passed away on November 22. Word did not get to us before last month's newsletter. Barry had worked as a pressman for the Woodbury Company for many years and as a security officer for Astra Zeneca before he retired. He also found time to be a soccer referee.

He was a dedicated husband and father who loved being around his family, especially his grandchildren. Barry enjoyed country music, line dancing, karaoke, the Patriots, Red Sox and the Bruins. A fiercely patriotic man, he had an affection for dogs and was passionate about classic cars.

In numismatics, Barry's passion in recent years has been Morgan Dollars. He will be missed.



Photos from the Holiday Party 2017





WCNS Monthly Auction

Item Description	Trends	Min
1. 1957 Franklin half, Unc.	\$ 22	\$ 17
2. Silver token, .999	-	15
3. Civil war token	-	15
4. 1906 Barber dime	55	30
5. 2001 man-made mule dollar	-	6
6. 1936 Walking half, MS63	85	50
7. 4 Red Unc. Lincoln cents: 1933, 1935, 1936, 1937	-	6
8. 4 Red Unc. Lincoln cents: 1934-D, 1935-D, 1937-D, 1939-D	-	8
9. 1991-S Proof silver Eagle, .999	32	22
10. 1882-O Dollar half with baseball card	-	40
11. 1923-S Lincoln cent, Good+	<i>Bid 4.75</i>	2
12. 1917-D Buffalo nickel, Fine+	36	20
13. 1926-S Lincoln cent, key date. VG	8	5
14. 1869 Indian Cent, key date, Fair	65	25
15. 1914-S Lincoln cent, Good	15	10
16. 1848 Large cent, Fine	25	15
17. 1924-D Lincoln cent, key date. Good	24	12

Kittredge Foundation donation

Cast copy of Roman coin, British Museum, well done	10	-
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Bid Board

Item Description	Trends	Min
1. Badge, Northworks	-	15
2. 1968 Lincoln year set PDS	-	1
3. 1934 Australia one-penny	-	2
4. 1907 Barber half, G	16	10
5. 1976-S Washington quarter, silver clad, Unc.	-	2
6. 1982 G. Washington half, Proof	16	10
7. 1998 Canada encased	-	3
8. 1963 Washington quarter, proof	15	10
9. 1927-S Lincoln cent, Fine	1	-
10. 1936 Lincoln cent, Unc., red and brown	2	-
11. 1883 No cents Liberty nickel, XF45	9	3
12. 1887 Indian cent, Good	2	-
13. 1955-S Lincoln cent, Choice red Unc	1	-
14. 1916-S Lincoln cent, Good	1	-
15. 1923 Canada one cent, Fine, slight bend.	-	-

Coin in the Spotlight: 1802/0 Half Cent

In the early days of the Mint, the majority of the coins produced were half cents and large cents. Silver and gold coins were made in small numbers (with the exception of silver dollars, which had healthy mintages). In 1802, however, everything dropped off dramatically, with the exception of large cents and dollars.

Only 20 thousand half cents were minted in 1802 (all with an overdated obverse from 1800), compared to 3.4 million large cents! Even the Bust dollar of 1802 had a mintage of over 200,000.

There are two types of 1802/2 half cents. Only about 2 dozen are known that were struck with the 1800 Reverse (with a single leaf at the top of the right side of the wreath). The more available variety has the Reverse of 1802 (two leaves at top of right side of wreath), but it isn't common either, with only about 400 survivors in all grades.

One other crucial thing – most 1802/0 half cents were struck on porous or otherwise substandard planchets, and finding one with nice surfaces is very difficult. Many were also struck on heavily-rusted dies. The coin pictured is a nice premium Fine+ on a smooth chocolate brown planchet. Die rust is obvious at the date and the reverse legend.



Deadline for next issue: January 26th