



# Worcester County Numismatic Society

Founded 1946

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

January  
2019

WCNS  
Monthly  
Newsletter

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## Next Meeting: Friday January 11

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:

*JFK, November 22, 1963, the Price of Peace,*  
an illustrated talk by Dr. Ed Sembor

### YN program:

*Sign Your Name... take 2*

## 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

Happy new year everyone!

As we begin 2019, we hope the weather won't impact our meetings the next few months. Some of our members are heading south for the FUN show, and others will head to New York for the NYINC show, which occur the same weekend, the weekend of our meeting.

Last month, we had a great meeting and pasta feast, and it appeared that a good time was had by all. I doubt anyone left hungry! Thanks again to Chef Mike for all his hard work. Unless you have catered a large dinner, it is difficult to imagine just how much work goes into it. The raffles were very active, and I can't remember seeing more tickets in the various draws. Some good prizes were found in the gift-wrapped packages. And a few Show & Tell items were presented by members. Not too many this year, but perhaps the membership was a little sleepy after such a big meal!

At our January meeting, Dr. Ed Sembor is giving the educational presentation on John F. Kennedy, and will surely be an interesting talk. We hope you can join us.

One final reminder – at this meeting, two-year terms for Vice President and Treasurer will be up for election. If you wish to serve the club in one of these positions, have somebody nominate you or plan to come to the meeting a week from Friday for the election.

Hope to see you all on the 11<sup>th</sup>!

- John and Mike

## Upcoming Events

- **FUN 2019**, Orange County Convention Center, Orlando FL. January 10-13.
- **NY International Numismatic Convention (NYINC)**, Grand Hyatt Hotel, New York NY. January 10-13.
- **Greater Worcester Coin Show**, Elks Club, Auburn MA, Sunday January 13, 9:30 a.m.
- **Blackstone Valley 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Show**, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday January 16, 3-8 p.m..
- **Nashua 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Show**, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, Sunday January 20, 8:00 a.m.
- **No Devens Coin Show this month.** Show resumes in February.

## WCNS Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1930 Standing Liberty quarter, EF	\$ 43	\$ 25
2. 1841 Seated dime, VG	26	20
3. 1955 Franklin half, MS65 FBL	-	150
4. 1982 Proof 90% half dollar	11	8
5. 1932-S Washington quarter, AG	-	45
6. 1959 Franklin half, BU	-	60
7. 1923-S Walking Liberty half, G	-	8
8. 1893 Columbian Expo half, Unc.	25	12
9. 1909-O Barber half, G, better date	15	10
10. 1880 Morgan dollar, MS	-	72
11. 1890P Morgan dollar, Unc., polished	36	22
12. 1882-O Morgan \$, Fine, marks	33	16
13. 1928S Peace dollar, XF	38	16
14. 1920 Pilgrim commem half, XF	50	20
15. 1946 Booker T. Washington commem half, AU	14	9
16. 1952 B.T. Washington-Carver commem half	20	9
17. 1914-1918 5 Great Britain silver coins, half crown through 3 pence, XF. Over 1 oz silver weight	75	15
Matt Erskine Donation for Juniors		
1. 1853-O arrows and rays half dollar, VG/F, slight bend	65	-
2. 1914 Canada large cent, Ch. AU	20	-

## Bid Board

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 100 foreign coin (@5¢ each)	-	\$ 5
2. Kennedy vs. Lincoln	-	3
3. Lincoln love coin	-	1
4. Heads/Tails token	-	3
5. Silver eagle 1 oz. silver	-	TBD
6. Mass Bay Tercentennial token	-	4
7. 4 Famous Americans	-	1.5
8. Roosevelt dime collection	-	1
9. Stamp/coin Jugoslavia	-	1
10. Israel 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary set	-	-
11. Confederate money value booklet	-	1
12. 1957 Choice Proof dime	\$4	-
13. 1913 Canada silver dime, VG	10	-
14. 1965 Canada silver quarter, BU	12	\$ 3
15. 1920 SLQ, Good	12	6
16. 1812 Canada half penny token	5	-
17. 1963 Franklin half, AU	8	6
18. 1967 Canada centennial silver dollar, BU	36	8

## Coin in the Spotlight: 1852 3-cent silver, 1 over inverted 2

This extremely rare coin is the holy grail of silver three-cent (or “trime”) varieties. Presently, only 4 examples are known, and 2 of these have problems.

This coin was created when the date (or at least the 2) was originally punched upside-down in the die. When the full date was punched into the die for real, clear evidence remained of the blunder.

All you need to do is look at the “1” in the date, where the remains of an upside-down “2” can clearly be seen. It is easier to discern the 2 by looking at the coin upside-down, when the 2 will appear more upright. The curls of the 2, and the curled base are clearly seen (arrows).

Of the 4 known examples, the finest is XF, plus a VF. There is also a corroded AU example (enlargement bottom right), and a damaged XF (top right).



1852 1 over inverted 2 three-cent silver



Inverted enlargement showing the upside-down 2

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