



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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Meets 2nd Friday of the month except July and August

January
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WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Friday January 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.

Educational Program:

*Recent Marketing Fiascoes of the
United States Mint*, by Fred Liberatore

YN program:

"Paper and Plastic, Part Deux!"

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! 2020, can you believe it?

We kick off the new year with two large premier coin shows, one kinda local, and one not. The FUN show in Orlando begins on the 8th and will attract several of our members, and the NYINC show is in New York City the following week, attracting still other members of our club. Locally, only the Nashua and 3rd Wednesday Blackstone shows are being held.

At last month's meeting, we had our annual holiday party with the gift-wrapped raffle and also the dime raffle, not to mention lots of great food. Hats off to Chef Mike for all the hard work – it was delicious! The only real business item of the evening was the ratification of the revised WCNS Constitution and By-Laws, bringing them up to date with current practices previously voted on. The current text of the Constitution/By-laws are now permanently available for everyone to read on our website. They can be found under the "About us" section on the site, using the top navigation menu on the home page.

At the January meeting, our own Fred Liberatore will share his thoughts on recent offerings from the U.S. Mint. Also at this meeting, we will have our annual elections. Two-year terms for President, Secretary, and Director at Large 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.

We hope to see you all on the 10th!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- **FUN 2020, Orlando FL**, Orange County Convention Center, January 8-11.
- **NYINC International Numismatic Convention, New York NY**, Grand Hyatt, January 16-19
- **No Auburn Coin Show this month. Show resumes in February**
- **Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show**, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday Jan. 15, 3-8 p.m.
- **Nashua Coin Show**, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, January 19, 8:00 a.m.
- **Devens Coin Show this month. Show resumes in February**
- **WCNS February meeting**, Friday February 14



WCNS Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 2016 Worc. coin encased nickel	\$ -	\$ 4
2. 2002 10-pc silver proof set	-	32
3. 2000 one ounce silver eagle	-	35
4. 1966 Special Mint Set	-	7
5. Money jar	-	5
6. Book coin bank with key	-	12
7. Quarter coin holders, approx. 100	-	3.50
8. Proof set	-	7
9. 1962 millennium 2.00 note	-	10
10. 1995 booklet Brookfield Tercentennial	-	5
11. 1798 Large cent, filler	25	10
12. 1857 Flying Eagle Cent, Fine with marks	35	15
13. 1864 bronze Indian cent, Good with one reverse mark	12	5
14. 1931D Lincoln cent, VF	8	4
15. 1865 2¢ piece, Good with marks	11	4
16. 1884 Liberty nickel, Good	17	10

Kittredge Foundation

Wooden nickel for the now-closed Lincoln Stamp and Coin Shop, when it was at 74 Franklin Street. Priceless?	-	-
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Bid Board

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. Pin town talk bread Worc.	\$ -	\$ 5
2. One cent Canada	-	3
3. National Grange Worcester pin	-	3
4. Georgia colorized quarter	-	3
5. Silver Ike dollar	-	8
6. 1997 proof set	-	7
7. Worcester 100 Anniversary token	-	5
8. 2x2 coin holders	-	3.50
9. Millennium 2.00 note, unc.	-	10
10. Cameo	-	5
11. 1960P small date cent, Ch Unc. Red	8	-
12. 1943 copper-plated steel cent	2	-
13. 1909 VDB Lincoln cent, AU, obv scratch	10	-
14. 1870 2¢ piece, AG, cleaned	8	-
15. 1910 counterfeit Barber dime	4	-
16. 1959 error cent, clipped planchet	3	-

Note! There will be no auction in February, and Bid Board submissions must be submitted by email because your editor will not be able to receive U.S. Mail until after the deadline. Thanks for your cooperation.

Coin in the Spotlight: 1872 2-cent piece

The key date of the short-lived 2-cent piece (excepting the proof-only 1873), the 1872 is the low-mintage issue of the series. With just 65,000 pieces struck, this issue is difficult to find in higher grades. Proofs are more available than uncirculated and even AU coins. Most are in very low grades, and many of these are ugly, damaged, or otherwise problematic. A nice, high-grade 1872 is a prize indeed!

When acquiring a higher-grade piece, it is important to make sure it isn't a lightly circulated proof, which is worth far less than the circulation issue. Proofs are well struck, whereas the circulation issue isn't. The coin shown here is



mint state! Luster is dull and the strike makes the coin look more like an EF coin.

Also, nearly all of the circulation issues have distinctive die cracks on the reverse. If you see a high-grade piece without these die cracks, it is most likely a proof.

1872 two-cent piece, showing reverse die crack

Deadline for next issue: January 31st