



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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Next Meeting: Unknown presently

We will have to see. There will be an update in the February newsletter, and on the WCNS website as soon as we know more.

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Hi everyone, Happy new year!

COVID-19 continues to rage, and Massachusetts has size restrictions on indoor gatherings anyway. Regardless, as we all know, we cannot gather safely, so **our January meeting is CANCELLED.**

We will resume in-person meetings when the numbers go down and we can once again hold well-spread-out get-togethers and educational programs. We're not sure how long it will be, but best guess will be several months.

Even the FUN show has been cancelled, so things are tough everywhere.

We hope that our members understand, and wish for things to improve here quickly.

Stay safe everyone, and let's hope 2021 brings us to the end of the pandemic!

- John and Mike

Coin in the Spotlight: 1795 Flowing Hair Half Dollar

The first silver coins produced at the Philadelphia Mint were made in 1794, using the Flowing Hair design. This short-lived design can be found for 1794 and 1795 half dimes, half dollars, and silver dollars. Replacement with the famous Draped Bust motif occurred in late 1795 on silver dollars and migrated to other denominations the following year.

The 1795 half dollar had a mintage of just under 300,000, ten times that of the 1794. The half dollars of this era come with a lettered edge (versus reeded). The edge reads, FIFTY CENTS OR HALF A DOLLAR, with decorations between the words.

The 1795 comes in two distinct varieties – with either 2 or 3 leaves under each wing on the reverse. The coin pictured has two leaves, which is the more common variety. There is also a dramatic re-punched date, which is widely collected with a premium price tag.

All early coins in nice original condition are very difficult to locate, and are highly prized.



1795 Flowing Hair half dollar, PCGS VF25 CAC

Deadline for articles, Spotlight items, etc., is January 25th