

# Worcester County Numismatic Society

Founded 1946

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

**June  
2021  
WCNS  
Monthly  
Newsletter**

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## Next Meeting: Friday June 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:

*Coin Quiz!*

### YN program:

YN program is still on hiatus until the fall.

## 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

Hi everyone,

Massachusetts has reopened, and we're back in business, just in time for one more meeting before our summer hiatus! Hopefully we will be back to full normal by September. In the meantime, we have a fun time lined up for this month, including pizza and a coin quiz! The dealer bourse and auction/bid board also will be held.

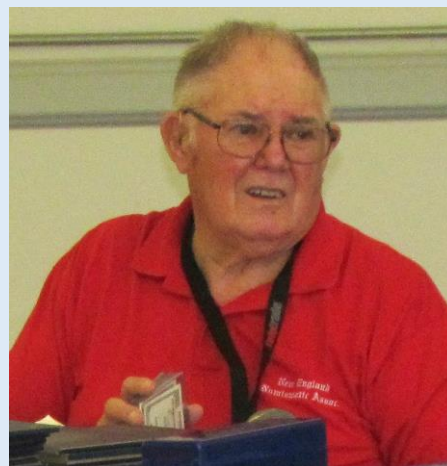
The main event this month is NH Coin & Currency Expo in Manchester – a special summer version of the show. Details below and on the show website, [www.nhcoinexpo.com](http://www.nhcoinexpo.com).

We hope to see many of you on the 11<sup>th</sup>!

- John and Mike

### Remembering Jack Kiley

As we announced last month and in an email, the club lost an institution when long-time member and friend, Jack Kiley, passed away. Jack was active in the club for many years, and was a former Board member of NENA. He co-hosted the NENA YN program at the NH Coin Expo for



several years. He was his usual fun and cheerful self at our April meeting. His enthusiasm and energy brought a lot to the club, and he will be sorely missed.

◀ **Jack at the YN session at the NH Coin Expo**

## Upcoming Events

- **Blackstone Valley 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Show**, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday June 16, 3-8 p.m., VFW Post #1385
- **NH Coin & Currency Expo**, Manchester NH, June 25-26, at the Doubletree Hotel.
- **Bay State Coin Show**, Marlboro MA, July 29-31, at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel
- **Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club Show**, Norwich CT, Sunday August 1, at the Holiday Inn
- **ANA's World's Fair of Money**, Rosemont (Chicago) IL, August 10-14, at the Stephens Convention Center
- **September meeting of the WCNS**, Friday September 10th



## WCNS Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1961 Franklin half dollar, Proof 65 Cameo	\$ 50	\$ 25
2. A-Mark 1 oz. silver round, Liberty Bell .999 fine, Unc.	35	30
3. 1893 Columbian Expo commem. half dollar, XF	15	12
4. 1935P Buffalo nickel, AU 58	15	10
5. 1925 Peace dollar choice AU	35	30
6. 1900 Liberty nickel, proof like AU, polished	20	15
7. 1865 two cent piece, Good	15	10
8. 1964 JFK 90% silver half, AU	13	11
9. 1909 VDB Lincoln cent, AU	12	5
10. 1863 brass Civil War Token, Oliver Boutwell Troy, NY, Fine	20	10

## Bid Board

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1916D Barber quarter, Good	\$ 8	\$ 6
2. 1928 Mercury dime, Good	3	-
3. 1941P error cent, last 1 in date slanted	5	-
4. JFK Memorial medal, XF	3	-
5. 1858 Flying Eagle cent, Good with rim damage	10	5
6. 1846 Large cent, Fine, holed	8	4
7. 1943 PDS set of steel cents AU - Unc	6	-
8. 1955 PDS set of cents, Unc.	1	-
9. 1943S silver war nickel, VF	2	-
10. 1967 JFK 40% silver half dollar AU	4.50	-

## Coin in the Spotlight: 1885 \$3 Indian Princess

The \$3 gold coin is one of the more unusual denominations in U.S. history. The rationale was that one could buy a sheet of 100 3-cent stamps with a single coin. The initial year, 1854, saw the highest mintage, and the denomination was abolished after 1889. After the early years, demand dropped quickly. With the exception of 1874 and 1878, the later years of the series had very low mintages, especially in the 1880s, mostly less than 10,000.

The 1885 gold three has a total mintage of **only 800 circulation strikes**, plus 110 proofs – one of the lower mintages of regular issues in U.S. history. With such a low mintage, one would think it is extremely rare. It is scarce, but not rare, because it was late in the series, it didn't circulate much, and many were saved in new condition or close to it. Almost all are proof-like.

Like other gold threes, there are many counterfeits of the 1885. Almost all are made of real gold, and many of them will fool novice collectors. Most, however, won't get by anyone with experience with this denomination. Mushy details, tooling marks, sharp edge reeding, and unnatural luster will give most of them away.



Genuine 1885 \$3 gold coin in XF (left), and counterfeit (right) showing tooling lines

**Deadline for next issue: August 27th**