



# Worcester County Numismatic Society

Founded 1946

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

June  
2023  
WCNS  
Monthly  
Newsletter

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## Next Meeting: Friday June 9

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.

### Program:

*Coin Magic #3*, presented by  
Steve Charette

### YN Program:

*Just Joshing*

## 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 all,

It has been a busy year, and no meetings were cancelled due to snow or other weather – not even COVID! But we are entering summer and it is already time for our last meeting of the club season.

Last month, as you know, we originally planned to have the Coin Magic #3 program, but due to a scheduling conflict, we could not make May work. **However, this month allows our final meeting and hot dog feast to feature Steve Charette's magic show**, so we are sure there are many people who could not make it last month are thankful they didn't have to miss it after all. So plan to come for food, and entertainment.

**See the next page for details on the hot dog feast planned for our June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, including a new menu item.**

During the summer, our local shows are sparse, but they are happening. Auburn is still on hiatus until August, but the monthly Blackstone Valley and Nashua shows are happening throughout the summer, and Devens returns this month as well. For those of you willing to travel further, the summer ANA Convention is happening in August in Pittsburgh. A really large bourse, numerous educational talks, exhibits, and many national specialty club meetings, all await those who make the trip. Since Pittsburgh is [only] a 9-hour drive from here, it is worth a consideration.

See you on Friday!

- John and Mike

## Upcoming Events

- No Auburn Coin Show this month – show resumes in August
- June 18/July 16/Aug 20 – Nashua Coin Show, Nashua NH, 9:00 a.m., Eagle's Wing Function Center
- June 21/July 19/Aug 16 – Blackstone Valley 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Show, Uxbridge MA, Wed, 3-8 p.m., VFW Post
- June 25 – Devens Coin Show, Devens MA, 9:00 a.m., Devens Commons Center
- July 28-29 – Bay State Coin Show, Marlboro MA, Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel
- August 8-12 – ANA's World's Fair of Money, Pittsburgh PA, David Lawrene Convention Center
- August 13 – Auburn Coin Show, Auburn MA, 9:30 a.m., Elks Club
- August 27 – Deadline for the September newsletter
- September 8 – September meeting of the WCNS and kick-off for 2023-2024 club year



## June Meeting and Hot Dog Feast

Our June meeting marks the end of the 2022-2023 club year. For the first time since before the pandemic, we will have our traditional hot dog feast.

Chef Mike has solicited some help setting up and assisting in the kitchen. June's menu includes:

- Hot dogs and condiments
- Chopped onions
- Hot dog chili
- Potato and assorted chips
- Ice cream

and for a special appetizer, the master chef will make available to all that dare, his specialty (he doesn't know it yet):

- Wiener Water Soup.

Mmm mmm good! Maybe.

Or, he could just pour it down the sink.

Come hungry.

Come thirsty as well?



Hot dogs (top), Wiener Water Soup (bottom)

## Coin in the Spotlight – 1875-S Branch Mint Proof Double Dime

In June 1875, a new coin was minted in San Francisco. The new coin was a *double dime*, a twenty-cent piece. What is clear is that a handful of special coins were minted, most likely as presentation pieces to commemorate the new denomination. What isn't clear, however, is how many were made. There is no record of these coins, as they were just included in the normal mint reports along with all of the coins struck for circulation. Because San Francisco did not make proof coins for sale to the public, these coins are controversial. But the coins' characteristics speak for themselves.



1875-S Double Dime, PCGS PF64 Cameo Branch Mint

Today, there are between 7 and 9 known, and the best of them compare very favorably with Philadelphia proofs. The finest is graded Proof 64 Cameo, and at least one other is Proof 63. But some of them are impaired in some way. A couple of purported branch mint proofs are harshly cleaned and may be well-struck circulation strikes (with their original surfaces long gone and thus unable to be assessed). Research still continues on these most unusual coins, with a recent discovery of a second reverse die being utilized for some of them. A rich area for additional investigation.

**Deadline for September issue: August 27<sup>th</sup> - Have a great summer!**