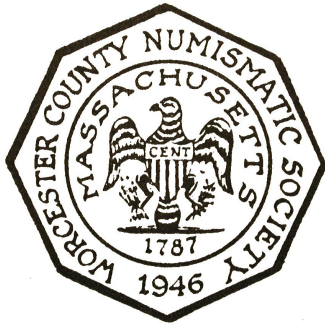


Worcester County Numismatic Society



June 2011

Meets 2nd Friday of the month
Except July and August

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Young Numismatists Meeting 6:45



Next Meeting:

Friday June 10, 2011
St. Joseph's Church
194 Oxford Street
Auburn, MA

Program:

Bob Fritsch presents ***The Story of
Hard Times Tokens.***

If you would like to submit articles to the
newsletter or website, please email the club at:
WCNS@WorcesterCoinClub.org.

Board Members:

Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson & John Frost
Vice President: Jim Turner
Clerk: Ed Rossi
Treasurer: Stanley Sobiech

Hi folks,

We are nearing the end of the 2010-2011 Club Year. And what a year it has been! Many new members and a growing and vibrant club. New speakers with great presentations. An active YN Program. The ups and downs (mostly ups) of the metals market and the significant changes in the hobby this has caused. Not to mention some interesting finds by our members, with Show and Tell being part of each meeting.

We close our Spring with a Hot Dog Feast, provided by Co-President Mike at our June meeting, and look forward to a summer full of events, including the BCCS and LSCC meeting and Exhibit at the NH Coin Expo in July, and the Chicago ANA in August.

Thanks to all for a wonderful year, and hope to see you on the 10th.

- Mike and John

Upcoming Events

- Greater Worcester Coin Show, Sunday June 12, Elks Club, Auburn MA, 9:30 a.m.
- 2nd Wednesday Night Coin Show, June 15, Brian's Restaurant, 91 Providence Rd, Whitinsville, 4-8 p.m.
- Westford Coin Show, Sunday June 26, Westford Regency Hotel, 9:00 a.m.
- New Hampshire Coin Expo, July 29-31, Manchester NH. [Joint BCCS-LSCC Meeting on Friday 29th!](#)
- First meeting of the 2011-12 season: Friday September 9, ***possibly from a new location. Stay tuned.***

Details and links can be found on the club website, www.WorcesterCoinClub.org

Meeting of Friday June 12

At our June meeting, in addition to Bob Fritsch's program on *The Story of Hard Times Tokens*, we will have a *special presentation* to make to a member of the club. Please come join us, at what could be the biggest meeting of the year. And it looks like our largest auction as well.

And to give you extra incentive, we will have a hot dog feast. You can bring 1 guest, but please let *Mike* know at least a week in advance (June 5) by calling him at

508-667-9968

or you can send email to the club email address at WCNS@worchestercoinclub.org. We need to know if guests are coming so we can have an accurate count for the food.

Young Numismatists Meeting

with George Bilodeau
and Mark Matys

6:45 p.m., located in the Kitchen

Topics:

June: *In search of – "Five Cents"*

If you have a neat 5¢ coin, bring it with you to the meeting to show the YNs!

Sept: *Presentation of summer projects.*

If anyone has a specialty and would like to Guest Star with the YN's in the fall, please let Mark know at: 413-463-5913 or Glumark@gmail.com

The club has one of the more active YN programs around – check out the Monthly YN Newsletter, now posted on our website!

At the New Hampshire Coin Expo in July...

The **Barber Coin Collectors' Society** (BCCS) and the **Liberty Seated Collectors Club** (LSCC) will hold a joint Regional Meeting at the New Hampshire Coin Expo in July. Visitors welcome, including a Show and Tell session. Meeting time is Friday July 29, 12:30 p.m.

The Clubs will also share a large Club Table on the bourse floor on Friday and Saturday, with **club information** and **exhibits**:

- **The Gerry Fortin complete registry set of Liberty Seated Dimes**, ranked #1 of all time by PCGS, missing only the unique and uncollectible No Arrows 1873-CC.
- **The John Frost complete "condition rarity" collection of Barber Quarters**, not exhibited since the 2001 ANA in Atlanta.

Plus other rare and notable Seated and Barber type coins. Please join us!

Location, location, location!

During the Summer months, the club Officers will work to find a meeting location for the fall. Our current site, *St. Josephs*, is a fine facility (and we are warmly welcomed there), but the long sloping walkway and the flight of stairs can be difficult for some of our members, as well as the dealers who set up at the meeting, especially in winter. So, with any luck, we may be announcing a new location before the meetings resume in September. *Cross your fingers!*

Non-coin of the month...

Co-Prez Mike's favorite non-coin. This is an 1875 Pattern 20¢ piece, J-1407, designed by William Barber, based on the Sully-Gobrecht obverse design for the Liberty Seated series. The 20¢ piece was in limbo – greater than a dime (with a wreath reverse) but less than a quarter (by law, with a mandated eagle). As a result, multiple designs were tried. This concoction went with a wreath, but placed the denomination on the coin *twice*, in two different forms: **20 Cents**, and also **1/5 of a Dollar** !



About 30 were struck, and about two dozen of these are believed to exist. Originally struck as a Proof, this VF specimen is one of just two circulated examples known today. You can next see this Pattern at the NH Coin Expo in Manchester, on Saturday July 30, when other Co-Prez John presents “**Collecting Patterns**” as an educational presentation at the show.

As this newsletter is being completed on Memorial Day, this is an excellent time to publish the poem presented by YN Maria Matys at our regular meeting on Veterans Day. As requested by the club, here it is. Enjoy, and remember...

Freedom Isn't Free, by Cadet Major Kelly Strong

I watched the flag pass by one day,
It fluttered in the breeze –
A young soldier saluted it
And then he stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform,
So young, so tall, so proud;
With hair cut square and eyes alert
He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought how many men like him
Had fallen through the years;
How many died on foreign soil,
How many mothers' tears.

How many pilots' planes shot down?
How many dead at sea?
How many foxholes are soldiers' graves?
No, freedom is not free.

I heard the sound of Taps one night,
When everything was still.
I listened to the buglers play
And felt a sudden chill.

I wondered just how many times,
Taps had met “Amen.”
When a flag had covered a coffin,
of a brother of a friend.

I thought of all the children,
The mothers and the wives,.
Of fathers, sons, and husbands,
With interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea,
Of unmarked graves at Arlington,
NO, FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!

Auction List

<u>Item</u>	<u>Trends</u>	<u>Min</u>
1. 1883 <i>No Cents</i> 5¢, VF20	9.00	6.00
2. 1882 Indian cent, XF40	22.00	11.00
3. 1838 Large cent, Fine+	30.00	20.00
4. 1865 2¢, VG, rev. scratch	-	4.00
5. 1892 Barber 25¢, G/VG	12.00	6.00
6. 1862 Indian cent, G4	11.00	7.00
7. 1898 Type set, G+	25.00	18.00
8. 1949-S cent, Red Unc	-	3.50
9. 1956 dime, Proof	-	4.50
10. 1948-P Franklin half, Unc.	-	15.00
11. 1960 quarter, Proof	-	7.00
12. 1955 dime, Proof	-	7.00
13. Robert H. Goddard medal	-	30.00
14. 1956 Franklin half, Unc.	-	16.00
15. 1923-S cent	-	4.00
16. 1819 Large cent, counterstamp	-	10.00
17. 1971-S Ike \$, Brown holder Unc.	-	10.00
18. Veterans Memorial coin collection	-	1.00
19. 1868 Three cent nickel, VG8	15.00	10.00
20. 1867 Three cent nickel, F12	25.00	15.00
21. 1894 Indian cent G	6.00	3.00
22. 1776-1976 Washington 25¢ Proof	8.00	5.00
23. 10¢ fractional note, F1255, VG	25.00	15.00
24. 1976 3-pc silver bicentl. mint set	30.00	22.00
25. 1846 Large cent, F	29.00	20.00
26. 1863 \$5 Confederate note, avg circ.	20.00	10.00
27. 1963 put-together mint set, Unc.	30.00	22.00

Kittredge Foundation Donation

<u>Item</u>	<u>Trends</u>	<u>Min</u>
1. 1821 Bust dime, Fair	5.00	-
2. 1834 Bust dime, AG	10.00	-
3. 1823 Bust dime, AG	10.00	-
4. 1830 Bust dime, AG	10.00	-
5. 1833 Bust dime, G/AG	15.00	-

Bid Board

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Trends</u>	<u>Min</u>
1. 1968 Liberia \$, Fine	-	2.00
2. Venetian Casino token (out of service)	-	1.25
3. 1992-S 10¢, PF68	-	2.00
4. Roll circ wheats, 10's-30's	-	2.00
5. Roll circ wheats, 30's-50's	-	1.50
6. 1957-B silver cent	-	4.00
7. 1894 1-cent, G	5.00	2.00
8. 1887 1-cent, G	2.50	1.00
9. 1899 1-cent, F	4.00	2.00
10. 1898 1-cent, G	1.75	1.00
11. 1896 1-cent, G	1.75	1.00
12. 1891 1-cent, G	1.75	1.00
13. 1906 1-cent, VG	2.50	1.50
14. 1979-S SBA \$, Ty 1, Proof	8.00	4.00
15. 1788 Connecticut colonial copper, Fair	15.00	8.00
16. 1828 Half cent, AG-damage	15.00	7.00
17. 1858 SL Flying Eagle cent, AG/G	15.00	7.00
18. 1861 CN Indian Cent, G, dark	20.00	8.00

Have a great summer, see you in September !