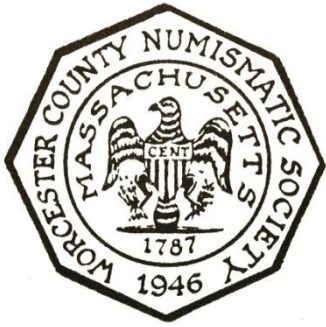


Worcester County Numismatic Society



March 2016

Meets 2nd Friday of the month
Except July and August

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Young Numimatists Meeting 6:15
Meeting: 7:00 p.m.



Next Meeting:

Friday March 11, 2016
St. Joseph's Parish Center
68 Central Street
Auburn, MA

Program:

Terry O'Connor presents **Rebuilding NENA**, plus Show & Tell, with a riddle from member Roger Durand.

In case of emergency, bad weather, or questions, you can contact Mike for an update at 508-667-9968.

Board of Directors:

Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson &
John Frost
Vice President: Jim Turner
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Hi all,

Coin show news dominates March. It is time for the annual Mansfield (CT) Numismatic Society show in Willimantic on the 20th. Also, the Blackstone Valley club's show has been moved to the 3rd Wednesday each month (vs. 4th). We also look forward to the NH Coin Expo in Manchester at the end of the month. Note there is no conflict with our meeting! Also, mark your calendars for the Rockwell Memorial Lecture on April 11th in Waltham, sponsored by the BNS, CCNE, and CCB. More next month.

At this month's meeting, a short presentation by Terry O'Connor of NENA will be joined by a Show and Tell session with a riddle. If you have any new finds, bring them with you!

Also at this month meeting will be a discussion on a possible change to the WCNS By-Laws, so we hope you will join us.

See you on the 11th!

- Mike and John

Upcoming Shows and Events

- Greater Worcester Coin Show, Elks Club, Auburn MA, March 13, 9:30 a.m.
- Blackstone Valley **3rd Wednesday** Show, Wednesday March 16, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA
- Annual Coin Show of Mansfield Numismatic Society, Prospect School, Willimantic CT, March 20
- Nashua 3rd Sunday Show, Sunday March 20, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, 8:00 a.m.
- NH Coin Expo., Radisson Center of NH, Manchester, March 24-26.
- **NO WESTFORD SHOW THIS MONTH!**
- Rockwell Lecture by Prue Fitts - *Visual Propaganda on Coins of the Eastern Roman Empire (Byzantium). Perception and Reality*, Monday April 11 Trinity Church, 730 Main St. (Rt 20) Waltham

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

Auction List

| Item | Trends | Min |
|---|---------|-------|
| 1. 10 different 1930s Washington qtrs, five with mintmarks, avg. circ | \$50.00 | 29.00 |
| 2. 10 different 1910s and '20s Mercury dimes, 5 mintmarks, most G or better | 26.00 | 18.00 |
| 3. 1921-P Morgan dollar in silvertone necklace, AU | 30.00 | 20.00 |
| 4. 1932 Washington quarter, MS63 | 45.00 | 23.00 |
| 5. 1839 Large cent, silly head. F with couple rim dings | 40.00 | 20.00 |
| 6. 1891 Seated Liberty dime, F, cleaned | 18.50 | 9.00 |
| 7. 1919 Mercury dime, AU | 23.00 | 15.00 |

Kittredge Foundation Donation

| Item | Trends | Min |
|------------------------------------|--------|-----|
| 1. 1945-D Mercury dime, Unc. | 7.00 | - |
| 2. 1945-S Mercury dime, Unc. | 7.00 | - |
| 3. 1944-S Mercury dime, toned-Unc. | 7.00 | - |

Coin in the Spotlight – The 1840-O No O Half Dollar

Long assumed to be a Philadelphia coin, there is a scarce variety of 1840 Liberty Seated half that was made in New Orleans without a mintmark.

The 1839-O Bust Half had the mintmark on the **obverse** above the date, and not on the reverse, with the standard eagle reverse with medium letters. Later in 1839, there was a design change to the Liberty Seated design, and coinage began only in Philadelphia that first year.

In 1840, New Orleans began striking the Liberty Seated half too. However, when New Orleans began coinage, the branch mint had only received its 1840 obverse dies, but *not* the new mintmarked reverse dies. So, when production began, New Orleans paired an 1840 obverse die with a leftover but still serviceable reverse die from the Bust series, resulting in "1840" Seated halves with no mintmark, despite their New Orleans origin.

Bill Bugert (of WB or Wiley-Bugert fame) discovered this variety originated in New Orleans when he found an 1840-O coin that used the exact same obverse as the coin without mintmark. This unusual pairing is scarce, but not rare, and can be recognized by the slightly different eagle and medium letters in the legend.

Young Numismatists Meeting

with Mark Matys

March: "Hobbies 'Я' Us" & "Do you feel lucky Punk? YNs?"

April: Portraits of Liberty: Icon of Freedom

May: Summer Adventure Grab your watch!

June: ???

All are welcome – Please contact Mark if you are attending - email to:

Glumark@gmail.com

Bid Board

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| Item | Trends | Min |
|---|--------|------|
| 1. 1935-D and 1935-S quarters, F | 12.50 | 6.00 |
| 2. 1945-P and 1945-D Mercury dimes, XF-AU | 6.50 | 3.00 |
| 3. 1959-D quarter, AU | 5.10 | 3.00 |
| 4. 1934-P quarter, F. Heavy motto | 7.75 | 3.00 |
| 5. 1916-S Mercury dime, VG | 5.00 | 3.00 |
| 6. 1927-S and 1928-S Mercury dimes, G-VG | 6.50 | 3.00 |
| 7. 1937-S Mercury dime, XF40 | 5.50 | 2.00 |



1840 (O) Liberty Seated Half

Deadline for the next issue: March 27th