



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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Meets 2nd Friday of the month except July and August

**WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter**
**March
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Next Meeting: Friday March 10

St. Josephs Parish Center
68 Central Street, Auburn MA

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

Educational Program:

The Hobo Nickel, an illustrated program,
presented by Marc Banks.

YN program:

Penny Lover

WCNS Leadership

Officers

Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson & John Frost
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Programs

Speaker Bureau: Bob Moffatt
YN Coordinator: Mark Matys

Hi everyone,

We dodged a bit of a bullet last month by missing the snowstorm, but with all the snow still on the ground, attendance was far less than normal. At least we didn't have to cancel. I for one, was in Charlotte that day, so that's why I wasn't there! Hopefully this run of warm weather that we have right now will continue to make it easy this month.

We also want to remind members that our friends at the Mansfield Numismatic Society in Connecticut are having their annual coin show on March 26 in Willimantic. This is a great show, and we really enjoy going every year. Check it out. It is at the Prospect Street School, easy access off Route 6 via I-395.

An early reminder about two things next month. Because our normal meeting night falls on Good Friday this year, the facility is unavailable that night. Therefore, our meeting is postponed until the 3rd Friday of the month or April 21st. We will remind you again next month.

Also, April 11th is the annual Thomas Rockwell Lecture in Waltham, at the Trinity Church on Main Street. This year's program is *Three Numismatic Vignettes*, presented by John Frost. Save the date - more information next month.

This month in Auburn, our program will be an illustrated presentation on *The Hobo Nickel*. Our speaker, Marc Banks, is a nationally respected leader in this area and a familiar face.

Hope to see you all on the 10th!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- **Greater Worcester Coin Show**, Elks Club, Auburn MA, March 12, 9:30 a.m.
- **Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show**, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday March 15
- **Nashua 3rd Sunday Show**, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, Sunday March 19, 8:00 a.m.
- **Mansfield Numismatic Society Annual Show**, Prospect Street School, Willimantic CT, March 26, 9:00 a.m.
- **No Devens Coin Show in March!** The show resumes in April
- **Thomas P. Rockwell Lecture**, *Three Numismatic Vignettes*, April 11, 7:30 p.m. Trinity Church, Waltham



WCNS Monthly Auction

Item Description	Trends	Min
1. 1963 Proof set in Capital holder	\$ 18	\$ 12
2. 1958 Proof set in Capital holder	30	22
3. 1961 Proof set in Capital holder	25	15
4. 1948 Franklin half, Unc	20	15
5. 1909 Barber half, VG	35	20
6. 1934 Walking Liberty half, F	16	10
7. 1940 Walking Liberty half, XF	25	14
8. 1899 Barber quarter, AG	12	7
9. Statue of Liberty token	15	7
10. 1943 Jefferson 5¢, Unc, with steps	20	15
11. 1878-S Morgan dollar, AU58	80	40
12. 1879-O Morgan dollar, AU50	60	30
13. 1882-O Morgan dollar, AU58	59	30
14. 1884-O Morgan dollar, AU50	59	30
15. 1885-P Morgan dollar, AU58	64	30
16. 1897-O Morgan dollar, VF30	40	30
17. 1926-S Peace silver dollar, VF20	27	23
18. 1935-S Peace silver dollar, XF40	50	30

Kittredge Foundation donation

1914-S key date Lincoln cent, Good	20	-
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Bid Board

Item Description	Trends	Min
1. Coins of Europe – Italy	\$ 7	\$ 4
2. Coins of Europe – Finland	7	4
3. Coins of Europe – Greece	7	4
4. Large copy Jefferson Nickel	-	3
5. Large copy Mercury dime	-	3
6. Society of Gun Collecting medal	12	4
7. New Hampshire Consistory medal	8	2
8. Bag of 100 foreign coins	-	5
9. 1893 Columbian half, AU	20	12
10. 1965 M counterstamped Mexican peso coin, silver	20	12
11. 7 D-mint cents, Unc.	-	3
12. 6 D-mint Jefferson 5¢, Unc.	-	3
13. 7 D-mint dimes, Unc.	-	3
14. 1971-P Ike dollar, Ch. Unc.	5	1
15. 1972-P Ike dollar, Unc.	2	1
16. 1976-P Ike dollar, Ch. Unc.	7.50	1
17. 1964 half dollar, Ch. Unc toned	15	7
18. 1967 half dollar, Ch. Unc toned	6.20	3
19. Four 2007 Presidential dollars, Unc. mint set	8	4
20. 1963 Red Seal \$5 note, XF	8	6
21. New-in-box Christmas spoon, Unc.	5	1

Coin in the Spotlight: 1893-S Morgan Dollar

With the lowest mintage in the series for circulation (just 100,000 coined), the 1893-S is the key date Morgan dollar. Luckily, silver dollars really didn't circulate widely. As a result, many 1893-S dollars have survived to the present day. Literally thousands exist, so any collector who has the means can easily find one. However, the issue is very pricey given the intense demand, and even a VF coin will cost several thousand dollars! AU coins will cost five figures.

Most examples are cleaned or otherwise impaired. However, this key date is available with ease up to VF (even nice), and even higher grades are available for impaired pieces. However, original XF coins are fairly scarce, and problem-free AU coins even more so. True mint state pieces are quite rare.

Anyone collecting the entire set of Morgans will ultimately choose their 1893-S based almost entirely on their budget.

One thing that should make a collector careful – make sure the coin you are trying to buy is genuine! There are many 1893-P coins that have been altered by adding an S mintmark, and some 1898-S coins have been modified by changing the 8 to a 3. Genuine examples have a diagonal raised line inside the T in LIBERTY and “rabbit ears” from a die gouge in the lower left base of the R (see arrows right).



Deadline for next issue: March 28th