



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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Meets 2nd Friday of the month except July and August

**March
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WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter**

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Next Meeting: Friday March 9

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:

Contributing to the Red Book, presented by
John Frost

YN program:

Oh Canada!

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,

As we enter March, we offer a big welcome to our new Directors elected at our next meeting. Thanks to Bob Hess who took the reins as Secretary when we lost George Bilodeau, and thanks to Maria Matys for taking the helm in this important position. Congratulations to Bob Moffatt for becoming Director at Large – we all know Bob's long-term contributions to our club! Thanks to Matt Erskine for donating \$750 for our meeting room rent for the year! This really helps keep our dues at their current low level.

A reminder that our friends in Connecticut have their big Mansfield Numismatic Society Annual Coin Show in Willimantic on Sunday the 25th. This is a great show, and many dealers and collectors attend only this show during the year, so this is a great opportunity to see new inventories and new collectors. See details below under Events. Also, the following weekend, we have the NH Coin Expo in Manchester NH on the 30th and 31st. This is also a great show with lots of activities for collectors and YNs alike.

The program for this month is *Contributing to the Red Book*, presented by John Frost. It will provide some insight on how the values are determined, and how the entire process works to bring you the publication that it is.

Hope to see you all on the 9th!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- **Greater Worcester Coin Show**, Elks Club, Auburn MA, Sunday March 11 9:30 a.m.
- **Nashua 3rd Sunday Show**, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, Sunday March 18, 8:00 a.m.
- **Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show**, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday March 21
- **Mansfield Numismatic Society Annual Show**, Prospect School, Willimantic CT, March 25, 9:00 a.m.
- **No Devens Coin Show until June**
- **NH Coin Expo**, Radisson Center of NH, Manchester NH, March 30-31
- **Thomas P. Rockwell Lecture**, Waltham MA, Tuesday April 24 – Save the date!



WCNS Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1936 Walking Lib. Half, MS63	\$ 83	\$ 42
2. 1982-S Proof G.W. silver half	-	8
3. 1925 Standing Liberty quarter, F	-	20
4. 1982 Proof set	11	5
5. 1982-PD Lincolns 7 varieties Lg-Sm dates, Unc.	-	7
6. 1963 silver Proof set	-	16
7. 1998-S Proof set	21	20
8. 1971-S Proof set	5	4
9. 1987 United Kingdom set	-	7
10. 1883-S Morgan dollar VF	46	30
11. 1974 World Soccer pure silver medal, proof-like, AU	25	15
12. 2003 U.S. Mint silver eagle, Littleton holder	25	18
13. 1880-S Morgan dollar, AU hairlines	30	25
14. 1971 150th anniv. State of Missouri silver medal. 27.5 grams silver	25	15
15. Political button – Eisenhower 1957 Kentucky coat tail	15	10
16. 1893 Columbian Expo commem. half dollar, toned AU	24	7
Kittredge Foundation donation Copy of ancient Roman coin, ex British Museum	10	-

Bid Board

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. Mini coin set	-	3
2. 1901 Liberty nickel, XF	-	20
3. 1991 Canada nickel, VG	12	6
4. 1999-P Lincoln cent error	-	3
5. 1911-D Barber Half	15	10
6. Set coin/stamp Yugo	25	5
7. John F. Kennedy mem.	-	10
8. Roll wheat cents	-	3
9. Young collectors half	-	8
10. 1956 Roosevelt dime, Choice Unc, MS65 toned	9	3
11. 1964D Washington quarter, Choice Unc, toned, MS63	20	6
12. 1909 Indian cent, VG, Rim dings	12	4
13. 1923P Mercury dime, XF Obv hairlines and one scratch	8	3
14. 1935P 25¢, XF	8.50	4
15. Political pin – Landon and Knox, Kansas sunflower pin	5	2
16. 1943P silver war nickel, XF	2	-

Interested in consigning? Get us the lot information before the deadline (below)

Coin in the Spotlight: 1945 Mercury Dime

One of the most common dates in the entire series, the 1945 Mercury Dime had a mintage of over 159 million. There are literally hundreds of thousands of these still in existence, mostly in bags of 90% silver bullion. Still, likely more than 20,000 exist in mint state.

The most notable thing about this common issue is the fact that it is a strike rarity. Most 1945-P dimes had an extraordinarily poor strike, with little or no central details visible, even on uncirculated examples. Fully struck examples with Full Spilt Bands on the reverse fascies are almost never seen, and are in fact rarer than a 1916-D with full split bands! A gem full bands 1945 is a 5-figure coin!

For the major grading services to award a Full Bands designation, the central band must be fully split, without any bag marks or other contact marks interrupting the ridge. At right, the top example shows a typical 1945 strike, and the bottom coin is a 1945 that had full bands when it left the minting machine, but has since received a contact mark that would disqualify it from FB designation.



Deadline for next issue: March 29th