



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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WCNS
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Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Friday May 11

St. Josephs Parish Center
68 Central Street, Auburn MA

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

No Young Numismatists Meeting this month

Educational Program:

*Searching for Father-Son U.S. Mint Engravers
William and Charles Barber*, presented by
John Frost

YN program:

No YN program this month

WCNS Leadership

Officers

Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson & John Frost

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Programs

Speaker Bureau: Bob Moffatt

YN Coordinator: Mark Matys

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Hi everyone,

Spring is in full swing, and we are down to our last two meetings of the club year. Last month was a busy time, with lots of shows, and the Rockwell Lecture. Within the club, the Board voted to simplify the New Member process, eliminating the two "Readings" that no longer seems efficient. The YNs wrapped up their meetings for the season, but there will be a Summer Adventure, so stay tuned.

This month's meeting features the largest Auction and Bid Board in quite some time. With more desirable, higher-value, higher-grade items, we expect some real action. And the program this month will feature some new amazing discoveries about two of the Engravers of the U.S. Mint. Some unique artifacts will be on display as accompany the program, some of which will be seen in public for the first time anywhere.

A reminder that next month's meeting will be our annual Hot Dog Feast to wrap up the season, along with Show and Tell. There will not be an auction next month, but we will feature our Bid Board.

And on the second page, read about the incredible discovery of a multi-million-dollar rarity right here in New England. Somebody in the region sure hit the Jackpot!

Hope to see you all on the 11th!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- No Auburn Coin show this month! Happy Mother's Day.
- Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday May 16
- Nashua 3rd Sunday Show, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, Sunday May 20, 8:00 a.m.
- Blackstone Valley Annual Spring Show, Elks Club #850, 380 Social St., Woonsocket RI, May 20, 9:30 a.m.
- No Devens Coin Show, resumes in June
- Last WCNS meeting of the season – Friday, June 8. Hot Dog Feast, Show & Tell, Bid Board, no Auction



WCNS Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1913 Buffalo nickel Type 1, EF	\$ 19	\$ 17
2. 1895-S Barber dime, Good-6	50	42
3. 1902 Barber dime, ANACS AU58	90	75
4. 1939-D Mercury dime, PCGS MS65, old green holder	30	25
5. 1945-S Washington, ANACS MS63	15	13
6. 1934 Peace dollar, EF	24	22
7. 1860 Indian cent, Fine+	20	15
8. 1863 Indian cent, VG	8	6
9. 1888 dime love token, VF+	14	10
10. Gold dust (pinch) from S.S. Central America, certified	120	75
11. 1986 Statue of Liberty set original mint package, silver dollar, clad half	32	19
12. 1853 3 cent silver Good, tape stain	25	12
13. 1914 \$5 Federal Reserve note Blue Seal VG	45	30
14. 1992 Franklin Mint Columbus Coin and Stamp set	10	3
15. 1971-S 40% silver Ike, Choice Unc	9	5
16. 1909 VDB Lincoln cent XF	9	4
17. 1957 Canada silver dime Ch. Unc. Toned	15	5
18. 1865 3 cent nickel VF dark	20	10
19. 1993-W Bill of Rights half, numbered coin, Unc.	22	18
20. Alaska Good For	10	9
21. YN collector game	-	10
22. 2000 Lincoln, Type 1 Type 2 reverse, Unc.	-	6
23. 1929 Lincoln cent, MS60	-	6
24. 1936 Walking Liberty half, Unc.	42	30
25. 1875 Seated dime	19	8
Kittredge Foundation donation		
1944 Lincoln cent, MS64-65 Red	4	-

Bid Board

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. Counterfeit Morgan and Trade dollars (2)	-	\$4
2. 1870 3-cent nickel, F, lite damage	-	5
3. 3 German Nazi coins 5, 10, 50, Pfennig avg. fine	3	-
4. 1979 S SBA dollar Ch. Unc.	2	-
5. 1928 P Lincoln cent XF 45	1.50	-
6. 1914 D Barber dime Good +	2.25	-
7. 1899 Liberty 5 cents Good	1.50	-
8. 1976 Mass. Bronze State Medal in holder, Unc.	3	-
9. 1957 Canada 5 cent pc, Ch. Unc	3	-
10. Worcester Tercentenary coin #26	-	4
11. 1979-PDS SBA dollar set, Unc.	-	4
12. Sterling silver proof token	-	12
13. Roman coin, AD 410	-	5
14. 1944 Steel Cent counterfeit	-	4
15. Off-center cent	-	3
16. 1923 Worcester AF of L convention token	-	5
17. Lincoln cent "I love you" counterstamp	-	3
18. USA Famous Americans, 4 pcs.	-	3
19. Korean embroidered cloth	-	5
20. 1899 Piedmont Church ribbon	-	2
21. 1968 Lincoln year set	-	1
22. 1932 Washington quarter	-	12

**Reminder – No Auction next month!
but
There will be a Bid Board**

Coin in the Spotlight: 1854-S Half Eagle

A New England collector made the find of the century. One of the rarest of the rare. This \$5 gold coin was one of just 268 coined during the first year of the San Francisco Mint, and during the height of the California gold rush. All were released into circulation, and until recently just 3 were known. The last public sale of *any* 1854-S Gold Five was way back in 1982 – more than 35 years ago.

Recently, a New England collector purchased the newly-discovered coin (shown right) as a counterfeit. All parties involved believed it was fake, simply because it was simply too rare to be real. But real it was, the 4th known!



This new example is worth several million dollars today. Its very existence after 164 years is unbelievable!

Deadline for next issue: May 27th