



# Worcester County Numismatic Society

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Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month except July and August

May  
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WCNS  
Monthly  
Newsletter

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## Next Meeting: Friday May 14

St. Josephs Parish Center  
68 Central Street, Auburn MA

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

YN meeting: 6:15 p.m.

### Educational Program:

*Collecting Overview of Ancient and Medieval coins,*

Presented by Bob Fritsch

### YN program:

YN program is still on hiatus.

## 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,

Things are very slowly returning to a sense of normalcy, at least more so than in a long time. At this month's meeting, we will once again be resuming our dealer bourse (although more spread out than usual), along with our auction and bid board. We ask that people don't all crowd around each other, but take turns and keep an appropriate distance. The raffle and YN program are still on hiatus.

Masks continue to be required (no exceptions), and if you are not feeling well, please stay home. The 5,000+ square foot function hall can easily handle us safely, even with more attendees. Last month, we had 15-20 in attendance, including some folks we hadn't seen in more than a year! It was good to see everyone.

What we will have on the 14<sup>th</sup> is a spread-out social event, along with an educational program entitled, *Collecting Overview of Ancient and Medieval coins*, presented by Bob Fritsch. Like last month, we will record the presentation and post on our website for those of you who cannot make it.

In addition, we will once again have a well-spaced **Show & Tell**, where members may place items on tables at the front of the room, where they can describe them and tell the stories that go with them. Then, people can come up and look at them, one at a time. It has worked well, and we will continue to do it. The meeting will continue to be mainly a social event.

The main event this month is the **Blackstone Valley Coin Club Spring Show**, Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> in Woonsocket RI (details below). We hope to see many of you on the 14<sup>th</sup>!

- John and Mike

## Upcoming Events

- **Blackstone Valley Spring Coin Show**, Woonsocket RI, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m., Elk's Lodge #850
- **Blackstone Valley 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Show**, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday May 19, 3-8 p.m., VFW Post #1385
- **WCNS June meeting**, Friday June 11<sup>th</sup>
- **NH Coin & Currency Expo**, Manchester NH, June 25-26, at the Doubletree Hotel.



**WCNS Auction**

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1909 VDB Lincoln cent, AU	\$ -	\$ 9
2. 1868 Shield nickel, VF	-	35
3. 1902 Liberty nickel	-	7
4. 1909-D Barber dime, tough date	-	9
5. 1876-CC dime, under bow, Fine	-	30
6. 1911 Barber quarter, Fine cleaned	-	12
7. 1930 P Standing Liberty quarter	-	8
8. 1956 P Wash. Quarter, Ch. Unc.	-	7
9. 1937 J German 5-mark Reichmark VF, .402 oz ASW	-	11
10. 1934 Irish silver 1/2 crown, Fine .340 oz ASW	-	9

**If you have lots for June, be sure to have them to us by May 27<sup>th</sup>!**

Item description, owner's value, minimum bid  
WCNS@worchestercoinclub.org

**Bid Board**

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 2010 (2) Dollar set, Littleton Coin, Unc.	\$ -	\$ 2
2. 1999 & 2000 U.S. dollar coins Littleton Coin, Unc.	-	2
3. William Mc Kinley U.S. dollar 2013P, Littleton Coin, Unc.	-	1
4. 2002 JFK half dollars P & D, Littleton Coin, Unc.	-	2
5. US Mint WWII 50th Anniv. Children's Story Book, with half dollar, Unc.	-	2
6. 1967 40% silver half dollar in a bezel	-	4
7. 1984 Louisiana World Exposition Medal, Bronze, Unc. in holder	-	2
8. 2002 U.S. mint set P & D, Unc.	-	6
9. 1990 Aruba 7-piece mint set	-	3
10. 1965 Israel 6-piece proof-like set	-	2

**Coin in the Spotlight: 1909-S Indian Head Cent**

Even though the famous 1877 is the key date of the series and prices as such, the 1909-S actually has the lowest mintage, at 309,000. Because it was the last of its kind, it was saved to some extent, but still costs a pretty penny!

It is easy to compare the 1909-S Indian to the first-of-its-kind and higher mintage 1909-S VDB. About 3,000 survive in all grades, compared to 50,000 for the S-VDB! But this Indian cent sells for much less than the Lincoln.



**1909-S Indian Head cent, Extremely Fine – note weakness in feather tops, and mintmark style**

Because of its value, this date is often found as a fake. Genuine examples always have striking weakness at the tops of the feathers in the headdress. The mintmark is a large open S with the top serif closer to the curve of the S than the bottom serif. Also, many 1909-S coins have a wood-grained appearance that is not found on altered P-mint coins.

**Deadline for next issue: May 27**