



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Friday May 12

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.

Program:

The Coins of Puerto Rico, Part II, presented by
Fred Liberatore

YN Program:

Mystery Meeting

WCNS Leadership

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Hi all,

On May Day (the first of the month), your co-Prez was in Greece, where it was a national holiday, like most of the world. It is very similar to Labor Day here in the U.S., a day off for the working person. Greek dancing took place in the town square. May reminds us that we are now well into spring and nearing the end of the club year. Hard to believe, but long days are here for a while.

At this month's meeting, we were planning on having the Coin Magic show again with new material, but a scheduling problem popped up and we will be rescheduling. However, our own Fred Liberatore will be speaking with more fascinating information on the coins of Puerto Rico. If you were here for Part I, you learned something (I did!). Come and learn some more. Another good-sized auction also awaits, along with the dealer bourse.

A reminder that while the Auburn coin show is on hiatus again this month, on the 21st, the Spring Blackstone Valley show will once again be held at the Elks Club in Woonsocket. A great opportunity to see some of your usual dealers, plus numerous dealers who do not set up at Auburn, but attend this excellent club show. Make your way south of the border (just a little) to Woonsocket. Show opens at 9:30 a.m., no early birds.

Finally, save the date for our June season finale, on Friday June 9th. Details will be shared during this week's meeting.

See you on Friday!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- No Auburn Coin Show this month – show resumes in August
- May 21 – Blackstone Valley Spring Coin Show, 9:30 a.m., Elks Club, Social St., Woonsocket RI
- May 21 – Nashua Coin Show, Nashua NH, 9:00 a.m., Eagle's Wing Function Center
- May 17 – Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show, Uxbridge MA, Wed, 3-8 p.m., VFW Post #1385
- No Devens Coin Show this month – show resumes in
- May 27 – Deadline for the June newsletter
- June 9 – June meeting of the WCNS and our season-ending party



WCNS Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. Spinner token tire Co. Greenfield MA	\$ -	\$ 5
2. 1961 NENA silvered medal, copy of Confederate half dollar, Unc.	-	7
3. Civil War store card, Wallace bakery, Bridgeport CT, copper, VF	-	25
4. Increas Line – Victoria good luck ship / Victoria	-	7
5. Currency uncut sheet, one dollar notes, Hungarian Bank, XF	-	25
6. Paul Revere Insurance Group 100 Year Anniversary Medal in Key Chain / New	4	1
7. Netherlands 1877 1 Cent / Fits Nicely into the 1877 slot of a US Indian Cent Album	5	2
8. Wizard of Oz / Gone with the Wind / and 2 More / Unused 25 Cent Collector Stamps	7	3
9. Proof Gold Plated Washington D.C. Medal of 6 Major Sights and Presidential Seal	8	4
10. Buffalo Nickel 1913P Type 1 with 4 Digit Date	15	5
11. 3 Canada Silver Coins / 1917 10 Cents / 1919 10 Cents / 1920 5 Cents / Middle Grades	10	6
12. 2004 Keelboat 2005 / American Bison 2005 / Ocean View / 3 Bank Wrap Rolls / \$6 FV	24	7
13. Lincoln Cent 1922D Weak D	28	14
14. Panda 1/2 Troy Ounce .999 Silver Round	29	18
15. 1968 Canada Commemorative .925 Silver Dollar for Numismatic Excellence / Scarce	33	19
16. 1857 Flying Eagle Cent / Nice Problem Free Middle Grade Coin	52	20
17. Ben Franklin 1962 Gem Proof with Full Bell Lines / Nice Coin	56	30
18. 1851 US Braided Hair Large Cent with LIBERTY / Nice Problem Free Chocolate Brown	60	33
19. Great Women of the American Revolution / 20 Large Medals with Album / retail \$15 each	300	40
20. Peace Dollar 1924P Full White Uncirculated / Full Hair / Full Feathers / Nice Coin	75	50

Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
Donation lots in 2x2 holders		
21. N is for Norway. 20 coins, 1 ore to 50 krona. All base metal. 1924 to 2005 but most in the 1950-1970 range. Most EF to Unc. Nice start to a Norway collection	\$3+	\$-
22. U is for United Arab Emirates (2), Uganda (6) and Uruguay (14) UAE 1 dirham and 50 fils, 1990s; Uganda 1966-2008. Early BU coppers 5 and 20 cents 1966 plus 50 shillings to 500 shillings 2003-2008, wildlife set, Uruguay 1 centesimo to 50 pesos. 1909 to 2005. See inflation at work. Most in ef to unc. All coins base metal	3+	-
23. B is for Bahamas(12) and Bolivia (5) Bahamas 1966 to 2005, 1 cent to 25 cents. Most unc. 6 PROOFS. Bolivia 2 centavos to 2 Bolivianos 1987-1997 All but 1 unc. All base metal.	5+	-
24. T is for Trinidad and Tobago (1) and Tonga 2 minor coins FAO Unc. Tunisia 5 1918-1954, 25 centimes to 5 francs; Turkey 25 coins from 1910 to 2000. 2 nice early 1926 coins of the republic 10 para and 5 kurus. Coins went from 1 lira to 100,000 lira as sizes at times decreased and denominations rose. This is a stark example of runaway inflation. All coins base metals.	-	-
25. N is for New Zealand 11 coins including 4 large coppers, a SILVER VF 1939 6 pence 0.500 fine (0.045 oz) and a lovely BU 1962 half crown. N is also for Nicaragua 9 coins, 1916 to 1997 1 centavo to 1 Cordoba includes SILVER 10 centavo 1928 vg 0.800 fine (0.64 oz).	7+	-



Coin in the Spotlight – 1875 Trade Dollar

The lowest mintage circulation/business strike Trade dollar from the Philadelphia mint is the 1875. The Trade dollar was minted as a bullion coin for trade primarily with the Far East. As a result, the bulk of the coins were struck at the western mints at Carson City and San Francisco. Mintages in Philadelphia trended lower, and reached a low of just 218,000 in 1875.

By far the scarcest P-mint issue, the 1875 is a prize in any grade, and is the most desirable Trade dollar behind only the series key, the expensive 1878-CC. Priced much lower than the 1878-CC, the 1875 is often more difficult to find, as it is very underrated when considering rarity and price. It simply lists for too cheap a number. Therefore, those who own 1875 Trade dollars don't give them up easily. Prepare to pay a premium over listed prices for any decent problem-free example.

The other important thing to know about the 1875 is that it is by many accounts the single most difficult Trade dollar to find with chopmarks, neck and neck with the 1878-CC. In all likelihood, fewer than a dozen 1875s are known with chopmarks. Beware, however of an 1875 coin with a chopmark where the mintmark would be! It is likely an 1875-S offered as an 1875-P



1875 Trade Dollar, XF (top), 1875, PCGS XF40 Chopmark (below)

Deadline for June issue: May 27th