

# Worcester County Numismatic Society

Founded 1946 Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month except July and August

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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

#### Officers

Co-Presidents:Mike Simpson & John FrostVice President:Jim TurnerSecretary:Maria MatysTreasurer:Stanley SobiechDirector at Large:Bob Moffatt

### Programs

Speaker Bureau: Bob Moffatt YN Coordinator: Mark Matys Newsletter Editor: John Frost 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup>. Details will be shared during this week's meeting.

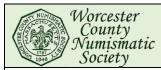
See you on Friday!

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



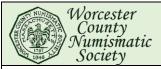


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Min Bid

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WCNS Auction Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid	Auction Item Description	Owner Value
<ol> <li>Spinner token tire Co. Greenfield</li> </ol>	\$ -	\$ 5	Donation lots in 2x2 holders	1 012070
MA	φ-	φJ	21. N is for Norway. 20 coins, 1 ore	\$3+
2. 1961 NENA silvered medal, copy	_	7	to 50 krona. All base metal. 1924	ψJ
of Confederate half dollar, Unc.		, i	to 2005 but most in the 1950-	
3. Civil War store card, Wallace	_	25	1970 range. Most EF to Unc.	
bakery, Bridgeport CT, copper,		25	Nice start to a Norway collection	
VF			22. U is for United Arab Emirates	3+
4. Incres Line – Victoria good luck	_	7	(2), Uganda (6) and Uruguay (14)	51
ship / Victoria		I	UAE 1 dirham and 50 fils, 1990s;	
5. Currency uncut sheet, one dollar	_	25	Uganda 1966-2008. Early BU	
notes, Hungarian Bank, XF		20	coppers 5 and 20 cents 1966 plus	
<ol> <li>Paul Revere Insurance Group 100</li> </ol>	4	1	50 shillings to 500 shillings 2003-	
Year Anniversary Medal in Key		-	2008, wildlife set, Uruguay 1	
Chain / New			centisimo to 50 pesos. 1909 to	
7. Netherlands 1877 1 Cent / Fits	5	2	2005. See inflation at work. Most	
Nicely into the 1877 slot of a US	-		in ef to unc. All coins base metal	
Indian Cent Album			23. B is for Bahamas(12) and Bolivia	5+
8. Wizard of Oz / Gone with the	7	3	(5) Bahamas 1966 to 2005, 1 cent	· ·
Wind / and 2 More / Unused 25		_	to 25 cents. Most unc. 6	
Cent Collector Stamps			PROOFS. Bolivia 2 centavos to 2	
9. Proof Gold Plated Washington	8	4	Bolivianos1987-1997 All but 1	
D.C. Medal of 6 Major Sights and	Ŭ		unc. All base metal.	
Presidential Seal			24. T is for Trinidad and Tobago (1)	-
10. Buffalo Nickel 1913P Type 1 with	15	5	and Tonga 2 minor coins FAO	
4 Digit Date			Unc. Tunisia 5 1918-1954, 25	
11. 3 Canada Silver Coins / 1917 10	10	6	centimes to 5 francs; Turkey 25	
Cents / 1919 10 Cents / 1920 5			coins from 1910 to 2000. 2 nice	
Cents / Middle Grades			early 1926 coins of the republic	
12. 2004 Keelboat 2005 / American	24	7	10 para and 5 kurus. Coins went	
Bison 2005 / Ocean View / 3			from 1 lira to 100,000 lira as sizes	
Bank Wrap Rolls / \$6 FV			at times decreased and	
13. Lincoln Cent 1922D Weak D	28	14	denominations rose. This is a	
14. Panda 1/2 Troy Ounce .999 Silver	29	18	stark example of runaway	
Round			inflation. All coins base metals.	
15. 1968 Canada Commemorative	33	19	25. N is for New Zealand 11 coins	7+
.925 Silver Dollar for Numismatic			including 4 large coppers, a	
Excellence / Scarce			<b>SILVER</b> VF 1939 6 pence 0.500	
16. 1857 Flying Eagle Cent / Nice	52	20	fine (0.045 oz) and a lovely BU	
Problem Free Middle Grade Coin			1962 half crown. N is also for	
17. Ben Franklin 1962 Gem Proof	56	30	Nicaragua 9 coins, 1916 to 1997 1	
with Full Bell Lines / Nice Coin			centavo to 1 Cordoba includes	
18. 1851 US Braided Hair Large Cent	60	33	SILVER 10 centavo 1928 vg	
with LIBERTY / Nice Problem			0.800 fine (0.64 oz).	
Free Chocolate Brown				
19. Great Women of the American	300	40		
Revolution / 20 Large Medals				
with Album / retail \$15 each				
20. Peace Dollar 1924P Full White	75	50		
Uncirculated / Full Hair / Full				
Feathers / Nice Coin				



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### 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 likeli-



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

hood, 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

### Deadline for June issue: May 27th