



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Friday November 16 NOTE SPECIAL DATE THIS MONTH!

St. Josephs Parish Center
68 Central Street, Auburn MA

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
No YN meeting this month.

Educational Program:

Colonial Paper Money, presented by
Dick August

YN program:

"Sign Your Name"

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,

The growing season is over and we'll soon be losing daylight savings time, meaning we're finally headed into the winter months. With gardening and summer sports finished (with a great Red Sox championship), this hopefully leaves more time for coins!

A good month for coins, as it kicks off with the New Hampshire Coin and Currency Expo in Manchester. Ernie has the largest show he's had in a while, so I hope we'll see many of you up there. Dealers from as far south as Georgia will be at the show.

As a reminder, because of the conflict with the show, our November meeting will be held the 3rd Friday of the month this time around. It was too problematic having the club leadership race south to Auburn after a long day at the show, only to turn around the next morning and head back north.

Dick August will be this month's educational program, as he presents *Colonial Paper Money*. You will find it very interesting and informative. The YNs also have a meeting with the program being *"Sign Your Name."*

And a reminder that next month will be our annual Meeting and Holiday Party, with Chef Mike and the pasta feast, expanded raffle, and expanded Show and Tell. Save the date on your calendar!

Hope to see you all on the 16th!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- **New Hampshire Coin Expo** – Doubletree Hotel (formerly Radisson), Manchester NH, November 9-10
- **NO AUBURN COIN SHOW THIS MONTH** – Show resumes in December
- **Nashua 3rd Sunday Show**, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, Sunday November 18, 8:00 a.m.
- **Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show**, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday November 21, 3-8 p.m.
- **Devens Coin Show**, Devens Common Center, Andrews Pkwy, Devens MA. Sunday November 25, 9:00 a.m.
- **WCNS December Meeting and Holiday Party** – Friday December 14. Save the date!



WCNS Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. Postcard, Bob Cousy	\$ -	\$ 4
2. 1944 cent, Unc.	8	3
3. 1861 Liberty Seated dime, EF	-	32
4. 1942-S Washington quarter, BU	65	50
5. 1930 Standing Liberty quarter, EF	42	25
6. 1953 Franklin half, MS63		70
7. 1955 Franklin "Bugs Bunny" Unc.		200
8. 1955 Franklin half, Unc FBL		100
9. 1841 Liberty Seated dime, VG	26	20
10. 1934 Mercury dime, Unc.	35	25
11. 1829 half cent, VG cleaned	45	25
12. 1860 Lg cent, F, couple rim dings	25	20
13. 1923P Lincoln cent, AU 50	8	5
14. 1865 2 cent piece, VG	13	8
15. 1865 3 cent nickel, Fine	17	10
16. 1883 No Cents Liberty 5¢, AU58	14	10
17. 1886 Seated Liberty dime, VG with pin marks	16	10
18. 1946 Booker T. Washington commem half, Unc.	20	10
Matt Erskine Donation for Juniors Patriotic Civil War token, Indian Princess/Our Navy, Good	15	-

Bid Board

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1922 encased cent	\$ -	\$3
2. 1997 error nickel with date	-	7
3. 1989-D Congress half, MS69 slab	-	7
4. 2002 bi-metal coin	-	1
5. Canada meat ration token	-	5
6. 1880 Morgan dollar, AU	-	20
7. Copy - 1922 No D cent	-	5
8. 1896 Morgan dollar, Unc.	-	40
9. 1945 Lincoln cent, Unc.	-	5
10. Booklet on Confederate money	-	3
11. 1840 Large cent, Good with damage	10	5
12. 1904 Indian cent, VF	2	-
13. 1918D Lincoln cent, Good	1	-
14. No date Lincoln Memorial cent, off center error, Unc.	5	-
15. 1969S Jefferson five cent, Choice Proof	2	-
16. 1928P Dime, Fine	2	-
17. 1961 Franklin half dollar, Choice Proof	10	6
18. 1974D Ike from Mint set, choice Unc.	7.50	-

Coin in the Spotlight: 1864 Small Motto Two-cent piece

The 1863 pattern two-cent pieces had the Motto "GOD OUR TRUST" in letters that were as wide as they were high. When the regular issue 1864 coins with the new motto "IN GOD WE TRUST" made their debut, they had the same letter style. These initial coins were soon replaced with a new letter style on the motto, with the letters being taller than the original issue. These two varieties became known as "Small Motto" for the original, and "Large Motto" for the final version, which was used for the remainder of the series through 1873.

The exact mintage of the Small Motto coins was not recorded, but believed to be only a few to as many as ten thousand, versus over 19 million of the Large Motto. The 1864 Small Motto is rarely cherry-picked, as the variety is so well known and easy to distinguish. Still, mistakes do happen as this gem example was purchased as a Large Motto at a local show many years ago.



Comparison of Small (Left) and Large Motto (Right)

While locating one takes some looking, the Small Motto coins are available. This is because as a first-year issue, it was saved in decent numbers.

Deadline for next issue: November 27th