

Worcester County Numismatic Society

Celebrating 70 years! 1946-2016

Meets 2nd Friday of the month
except July and August

**WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter
October
2016**

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Next Meeting: Friday October 14

St. Josephs Parish Center
68 Central Street, Auburn MA

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Young Numismatists Meeting 6:15
Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Educational Program:

George Bilodeau, Jr., Numismatist,
presented by Bob Moffatt

YN program:

Blinded by the Light

WCNS Leadership

Officers

Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson & John Frost
Vice President: Jim Turner
Secretary: George Bilodeau
Treasurer: Stanley Sobiech
Director at Large: Bob Hess

Programs

Speaker Bureau: Bob Moffatt
YN Coordinator: Mark Matys

will be available for purchase. See Bob Moffatt for these at the October meeting. Also, the dies for our Elongates are done, and we will be soon striking the elongated coins for distribution to the club. Stay tuned. And finally, November 11-12 brings us the big NH Coin Expo in Manchester, and the NENA 75th anniversary banquet.

Hope to see you all on the 14th!
John and Mike

Hi all,

As most of you know by now, we lost George Bilodeau this past month. George has been a long-time fixture at this club, and in others in New England, and served this club faithfully for years as our Secretary. Diagnosed with pancreatic cancer several years ago, George refused his "six months" prognosis, and made several big comebacks, outliving even the most optimistic estimates. It was great that George was able to attend our 70th anniversary banquet. Even having plenty of time for us to prepare for this wasn't enough. He will be sorely missed, and his life in numismatics will be the subject of this month's presentation; more remains to be said of his life. We hope you can make it. Don't forget that our encased coins (1946 nickel and 1946 cent) are available to our members at our cost of \$5 for the pair. We want all members to have an opportunity to buy these, and once everyone has had a chance, the additional sets



(photo of George volunteering at the 2010 ANA in Boston)

Local Calendar

- **Greater Worcester Coin Show**, Elks Club, Auburn MA, Sunday October 9, 9:30 a.m.
- **Nashua 3rd Sunday Show**, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, Sunday October 16, 8:00 a.m.
- **Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show**, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday October 19
- **Westford Coin Show**, Westford Regency, Westford MA, Sunday October 23, 9:00 a.m.
- **NH Coin and Currency Expo**, Radisson Center of NH, Manchester, November 11-12
- **NENA's 75th Anniversary Banquet**, Friday November 11, Radisson, Manchester

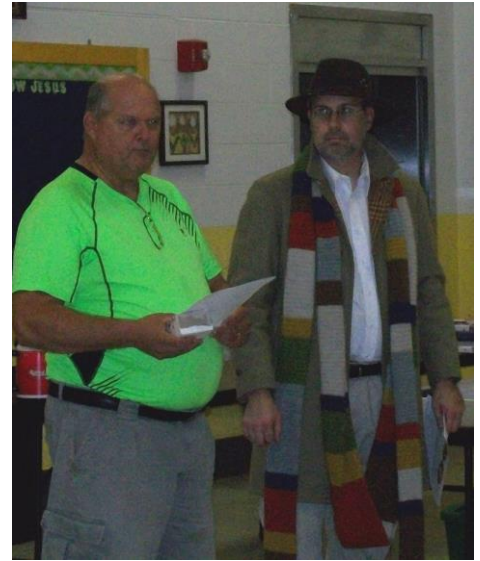


August 6, 2016, I bought on Ebay a partial set of early Lincolns in the 1909-1940 folder from a man named John Marshek who lives in Palm Desert, California. This is what he said. "My Dad got interested in coins and became a coin dealer over 30 years ago. Joe Marshek was President of the Cedar Rapids Club in Iowa for many years. He had a TV show on coins and started hundreds of new collectors including one that became President of the ANA. My dad passed away in 1991 and I have been carrying his coins for 25 years. I hope each of you will buy a set for your kids or grandkids."

August 10, after receiving the coin set, I sent an email to Mr. Marshek summarized: Thank you for the coin set and thanks go out to your Dad for advancing the coin collecting hobby to young collectors. I further told him that I was an active member of the WCNS and we have an active YN group.

August 26, I received the following package in the mail from John Marshek who asked me to donate these coins to our YN group for prompt distribution and education.

September 9. Tonight, I am giving to Mark Matys, our YN Coordinator, the coins received from Mr. Marshek with the sole request he give the coins to the YNs for their education and distribution. On behalf of the WCNS, I would like our club minutes to recognize Mr. John Marshek of Palm Desert California for his gift to our YNs – WCNS member Elmer Voisine



Elmer presenting the YN Program the coins from John Marshek

WCNS Monthly Auction

Item Description	Trends	Min
1. First day cover with sterling silver medal, Virginia City, Nevada, 25 grams sterling. Over \$14 melt (at \$19.35/oz.)	20.00	15.00
2. 1956P Franklin half, Choice BU, MS63	18.00	10.00
3. Silver-centered Flamingo gaming token, .6 oz silver	20.00	16.00
4. Ancient Roman bronze coin, Constantine, 337 – 361. Fine	15.00	5.00
5. 1910S Philippines silver peso, U.S. Mint. Fine	22.00	16.00
6. 1899P Barber half dollar, VG spots	25.00	12.00
7. 1943P Walking Liberty half, AU50	18.00	7.00
8. 1937P Walking Liberty half, VF	17.00	7.00
9. 1863 Civil War token	-	20.00
10. 1871-S Proof Ike, Brown box	-	11.00
11. 1953 Franklin half, BU	-	20.00
12. 1955 Franklin half, BU	-	22.00
13. 1909 Barber half, VG	-	13.00
14. 1892-O Type 2 Barber quarter, G	-	10.00
15. 300 foreign coins	-	20.00
16. 1945 Federal Motor Vehicle stamp	-	5.00

Kittredge Foundation donation

1830 Large cent, XF40. Good color and strike. One mark above head. Bids \$115 60.00

Bid Board

Item Description	Trends	Min
1. 1851 Italy Papal states, Pope Pius IX, 1 Baiocco, VG mks	8.00	2.00
2. Hawaii commemorative dollar, Honolulu, brass, Unc.	5.00	1.00
3. 1938D Buffalo nickel, VF	3.50	1.00
4. 1893 Columbian Expo U.S. Mint medal, sm letters, AU	10.00	2.00
5. 1917 counterfeit half dollar, lead, old, VG	5.00	1.00
6. 1974S 40% silver Ike, AU, stain on reverse	7.50	3.00
7. 1905 Indian cent, VF	3.00	1.00
8. 1935 Pony Express commem so-called half dol. Nickel, Unc.	5.00	1.00
9. Bicentennial token	-	2.00
10. 1981 proof set	-	6.00
11. Walter Reilly wooden nickel	-	1.25
12. Small jar real gold	-	12.00
13. 1976 50¢ encased in plastic	-	3.00
14. Hadwin Park "Good for" token	-	7.00
15. Worcester Police buttons	-	5.00
16. 1961 Confederate "good for" token	-	4.00
17. (18) Mexican coins, \$39 face	-	5.00
18. (11) Swedish coins	-	5.00

Deadline for next issue: October 24th