



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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**WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter**
**October
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Next Meeting: Friday October 13

St. Josephs Parish Center
68 Central Street, Auburn MA

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

Educational Program:

An Illustrated Story of Two Currency Artists,
presented by either Jack Haroian

YN program:

*The San Francisco Mint – Not Just for Proofs
Anymore*

WCNS Leadership

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Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson & John Frost
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Hi everyone,

Now that it is officially autumn, coin season is in full swing, with the full complement of local shows happening each month. And the larger regional shows like PAN, the NH Coin Expo, and Baltimore are also just around the corner. I for one, hope to find something interesting at one of these shows, as it has been a while since I've found anything significant.

Speaking of local shows, please remember that the Auburn show is this coming weekend. It is normally the Sunday after our meeting, but because of the calendar, it is the weekend before our meeting this month.

Big happenings when it comes to circulation finds. See next page for a report of a remarkable coin found in circulation this past month. We all hope to find something collectable in change, but this was incredible.

At this upcoming meeting, our own Jack Haroian is giving the educational presentation, an illustrated look at two currency artists. Should be interesting, so we hope you can come this month.

And now that I have been back from my eclipse trip for a month, I'll be well rested. Last month, I came to the meeting straight from the road, before I even stopped at home!

Hope to see you all on the 13th!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- **Greater Worcester Coin Show**, Elks Club, Auburn MA, Sunday October 8th 9:30 a.m.
- **Nashua 3rd Sunday Show**, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, Sunday October 15, 8:00 a.m.
- **Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show**, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday September 18
- **Devens Coin Show**, Devens Common Center, 31 Andrews Pkwy, Devens MA, October 22, 9:00 a.m.
- **NH Coin Expo**, Manchester NH, November 3-4, (Does not conflict with our meeting)
- **WCNS November meeting**, Friday November 10, doors open at 6:00 p.m., YN: 6:15, Meeting begins 7:00



WCNS Monthly Auction

Item Description	Trends	Min
1. 1911S Lincoln Cent, Fine, key date	<i>Bid \$42</i>	\$ 30
2. 1909 Indian Cent, XF	<i>Bid 15</i>	6
3. 1893S Ten Cent, Good	<i>Bid 9.50</i>	5
4. 1949P Fifty Cent, AU-58	<i>Bid 20</i>	10
5. 1878P 7TF Dollar, VF	<i>Bid 40</i>	28
6. 1878S dollar, XF cleaned	<i>Bid 41</i>	28
7. 1894-O dollar, Fine, cleaned	<i>Bid 37</i>	24
8. 1934P dollar, XF cleaned	<i>Bid 40</i>	24
9. Utah good-for token, NGC MS64	-	15

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Bid Board

Item Description	Trends	Min
1. Canada, Manitoba silvered commem dollar	-	-
2. NENA 1966 silver Worcester medal, AU	<i>Bid \$20</i>	10
3. 1935 Pony Express so-called half dollar, Unc	-	3
4. 1908 Indian cent, XF cleaned	<i>Bid 8</i>	-
5. 1930 Mass. Bay 300th anniv, Worcester token	-	4
6. Lincoln U.S. Mint restrike medal, bronze, AU	-	-
7. England 1795 Conder token, Brunswick, VF	<i>Bid 15</i>	5
8. 1921 Masonic membership medal	-	-
9. Worcester \$1 good-for token, Hadwen Park Market. Uniface, Fine with some rust	-	6

Want to consign the Auction or Bid Board?

All you need to do is send your lot descriptions, value, and minimum bid (if any) to the club at our email address, wcons@worchestercoinclub.org before the deadline for the newsletter (below). All WCNS members can submit 5 items for both the Auction and Bid Board. You can also submit more, and if we have fewer than 25 items in each category, you may be able to get more lots into the auction. *The Editor does not view or grade the items* – the Editor merely reprints the descriptions provided by the Consignors. Each bidder should view each item personally and grade/judge for themselves. Then just bring the items to the meeting. It's that easy! The club takes just 5% of the winning bid.

Coin in the Spotlight: 1838-O Dime Circulation find last month in Louisiana

Remarkably, the pictured coin was found in circulation on September 26th in Louisiana! This XF 1838-O No Stars Liberty Seated dime, was found in a cash register taken in change at a retail establishment in the same state in which it was minted. It was found by the Louisiana sister of a friend of mine from Chicago. The sister routinely finds silver coins in her cash register, but usually they are Roosevelt dimes and Washington quarters. But she had never seen anything like it, and sent me pictures to help tell her what she had found.

The New Orleans Branch Mint opened in 1838, and this dime and the similar half dime were the first coins struck. Just over 400,000 were struck that year, this being the only No Stars dime from New Orleans. With about 800 believed to still exist, most are low grades. 1838-O dimes in XF like this one, however, are quite elusive. Somehow, without ever being cleaned or damaged, this coin found itself back in circulation after nearly 180 years, and it appears this coin never left the state of Louisiana. An amazing find, and worth \$600+.



Deadline for next issue: October 27th