



# Worcester County Numismatic Society

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

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WCNS  
Monthly  
Newsletter

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## Next Meeting: Friday October 11

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.

### Educational Program:

*Pirate Booty*, presented by Mike Simpson

### YN program:

*"Paper or Plastic"*

## 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 –

Now that the leaves are beginning to fall, we are into full swing in the new club year. This month features 4 local shows, as well as the NH Coin Expo in Manchester, and fortunately does not conflict with our meeting this month. But first, the news from last month's meeting.

After we had an excellent talk by John Sallay on medals from college secret societies, we had a session on trying to revitalize interest in our meetings. Over the summer, a number of members had observed that we lost some interest as the meetings got later, and the fact that having an auction each month (with only 1-2 consignors) along with a detailed presentation might be too time-consuming. Many agreed, and at the meeting, we proposed the idea of having an auction about *every other month*, which might bring more consignors and a wider variety of coins. At those meetings, we would only have a very short educational program, and in the off-months, we would have no auction, but a more detailed educational program. That way, the meeting won't run quite as late, and those members who can stay later simply will have more time for the dealers and informal conversations that people have anyway, before and sometimes during the meeting itself. We will have a Bid Board each month.

This month is the inaugural attempt at this approach, with a short program by Mike Simpson and an auction that features an auction with 35 lots by 4 consignors (plus two donations), with many higher-interest and higher value coins. Bring your checkbooks! We'll likely do this again next month to recalibrate (so our December holiday party will have no auction).

We hope to see you all on the 11<sup>th</sup>!

- John and Mike

## Upcoming Events

- New Hampshire Coin & Currency Expo, Doubletree Hotel, Manchester NH, October 4-5
- Auburn/Greater Worcester Coin Show, Elks Club, Auburn MA, October 13, 9:30 a.m.
- Blackstone Valley 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Show, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday Oct. 16, 3-8 p.m.
- Nashua Coin Show, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, October 20, 8:00 a.m.
- Devens Coin Show, Devens Common Center, Andrews Parkway, Devens MA, October 27, 9:00 a.m.
- WCNS November meeting, Friday November 8



## WCNS Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1927 Liberty Standing Quarter, AU in Capital holder.	\$ 75	\$ 65
2. 1814 Large Cent, S-295, G6, Clean Planchet	160	125
3. 1828 Large Cent, N7, VG10	50	40
4. 1939 Jefferson Nickel, Doubled Die Reverse, VF30	110	90
5. 1887 O/S Morgan Dollar, AU58	125	95
6. 1858 3-cent silver (Type 2), VF35	105	90
7. 1870 3-cent nickel, VF	24	19
8. 1905-O Barber dime, normal O and Micro O, Good+ (2 coins)	70	53
9. 1956 proof set, original holder	50	45
10. 1957 proof set, original holder	22	20
11. 1963 proof set, original holder	17.25	15
12. 1958 mint set (put together), choice unc.	95	75
13. 1961 mint set (put together), P mints, nice	46	35
14. 1970 mint set, original holder	13.50	12
15. 1967 Canada commem prooflike set, 1.1 oz ASW.	25	18
16. 1961-1965 Civil War Centennial bronze medal	20	10
17. 1961 JFK official inaugural medal, in box	35	25
18. 2000 Leif Erickson/Iceland proof 2 coin U.S. Mint set, in box with paperwork	80	70
19. 1976-S 3-coin silver set, unc.	-	20
20. 1971 Ike silver dollar	-	8
21. 1962 proof set, sealed envelope	-	15
22. 1974-S cameo proof silver dollar	-	15
23. 1993-S silver proof set	-	21
24. 1993-S regular proof set	-	4
25. 1997-S regular proof set	-	6
26. Coin ring, hand made	-	12
27. 1971-S regular proof set	-	4
28. 1943 Mercury dime, Unc.	-	4
29. 1987 mint set	-	12
30. 1970-D 40% silver half, unc.	-	15
31. 1941 Mercury dime, MS62	-	8
32. 1945-S Micro S Mercury dime, ANACS EF40	-	8
33. 1857 Flying Eagle cent, VG+	-	10
34. 1863 Indian cent, VG+	-	8
35. 1835 Bust dime, AG-G	-	14

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## Kittredge Foundation Donation

36. Miniature gold St. Gaudens \$20 \$ 20 \$ -

## NH Donation to club

37. Book: History of Worcester Banks - 4

## Bid Board

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1967 Great Britain 12 coin decimal set.	\$ -	\$ -
2. 1965 Great Britain 10 piece coin set, Unc.	-	-
3. 1967 Mint set \$1.83 face.	-	-
4. 1971 Mint set \$1.83 face.	-	-
5. 1970s John Tyler U.S. Mint Indian Peace Medal restrike.	30	-
6. Silver and gold plated copper medal, Mt. Rushmore/Geo. Washington.	10	-
7. Knights of Columbus token	-	5
8. 1968-D 40% silver half dollar, unc	-	4
9. 1913 Barber half, G	-	3
10. Mason token, Worcester	-	5
11. 1972 Worcester 250 <sup>th</sup> , sterling	-	10
12. 1986 P&D mint set, unc.	-	4
13. 1966 Special Mint Set	-	6
14. 1994-S proof set	-	5
15. Star note	-	2
16. 2018 Canada 25-cents, unc.	-	0.50
17. 1987 P&D unc. set	-	4

## Consigning to the Auction and Bid Board

It's easy to consign to our Auction and Bid Board. All you need to do is send in your lot information before the deadline (at the end of each newsletter) to our email address: [wcons@worcestercoinclub.org](mailto:wcons@worcestercoinclub.org). The information should include:

- Lot description (date/mintmark, type, grade, and other information to describe the lot). Please be as brief as possible, as we have limited amount of space in the auction listings
- Owner's value – amount the item is worth, either on a retail or wholesale basis. This is optional.
- Minimum bid – the lowest acceptable bid that will be accepted, if any (you can also specify no minimum).

If a lot sells at the Auction or Bid Board, the club will take a 5% commission and you will receive 95% of the hammer price. There is no "buyer's premium" so a winning bidder will pay the hammer price.



## Coin in the Spotlight: 1914-D Lincoln Cent

The key date of the Lincoln Cent series in higher grade, the 1914-D has a mintage of 1,193,000, over double that of the much more famous 1909-S VDB. Why is it so much harder to find than the “S VDB” in grades EF and above? The 1909-S VDB, as the first year of the series, was saved in high numbers, enhanced by the controversy of the prominent V.D.B. initials and their quick replacement and resulting low mintage of 484,000.

But nobody saved the 1914-D. With over a million minted, it really didn't stand out and simply wasn't preserved in higher grades. As a result, a typical 1914-D will only grade Good to VG, with middle grades requiring some looking. Higher grades are scarce, whereas most 1909-S VDB examples are in high grades.

Many forgeries exist, mostly by adding a “D” to a 1914. The genuine 1914-D mintmark has squared serifs, and the right inside of the D consists of two straight lines (not a curve), giving it a triangular appearance.



1914-D Lincoln Cent in AU (left) and enlargement of date and mintmark (above) showing squared serifs and triangular interior

**Deadline for next issue: October 26th**