



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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Meets 2nd Friday of the month except July and August

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WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Friday October 9

St. Josephs Parish Center
68 Central Street, Auburn MA

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

No YN meeting

See COVID-19 notes for the meeting to the right

Educational Program:

Unusual Presentation, Even to the Presenter Himself, presented by Roger Durand

YN Program: In-person YN program is on hiatus until further notice. Upcoming online virtual meeting using Zoom will be announced, and periodic sessions will be planned.

WCNS Leadership

Officers

Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson & John Frost
Vice President: Jim Turner
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Programs

Speaker Bureau: Bob Moffatt
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Newsletter Editor: John Frost

Hi everyone, welcome to autumn.

Like last month, we will have our October meeting, and it will be the same format as September, exactly like it, actually. We will again be very well spaced, with no bourse, no auction, or bid board. Also, there will be no food or beverage. Same rules will apply: masks will be required (no exceptions), and if you are not feeling well, please stay home. The 5000+ square foot function hall can once again easily handle us safely.

There will be no in-person YN meeting until further notice. The YNs had a successful virtual meeting using Zoom, and more such events are planned until things return to normal.

What we will have on the 9th is a spread-out social event, along with an unusual educational program with an unusual title, presented by Roger Durand, entitled, *Unusual Presentation, Even to the Presenter Himself*.

In addition, we will once again have a well-spaced **Show & Tell**, where members may place items on tables at the front of the room, where they can describe them and tell the stories that go with them. Then, people can come up and look at them, one at a time. It has worked well thus far, and we will continue to do it. The meeting will continue to be mainly a social event.

By the time we have our October meeting, the **NH Coin & Currency Expo**, October 2-3, will be in the books. This time around, there will be no coupons. Tickets may be purchased online in advance for \$5, or \$8 at the door. You can print your prepaid ticket, or show the ticket on your smart phone if you have one. See website <http://nhcoinexpo.com/> for details. This is likely the only local show before the end of the year.

We hope to see some of you on the 9th!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- October 2-3, NH Coin & Currency Expo, Doubletree Hotel, Manchester NH, is a go!
- All other coin shows in the local area currently on hiatus.
- Friday November 13th, next meeting of the WCNS
- January NYCINC 2021 in New York is cancelled.
- FUN 2021 in Orlando Florida, January 7-9 is still planned.



Coin in the Spotlight: 1854-O Liberty Seated Quarter, "Huge O"

One of the most popular varieties in the Liberty Seated quarter series is the "Huge O" of 1854-O.

All dies were made at the Philadelphia Mint, including the addition of mintmarks to the dies. However, in 1854, one of the quarter dies shipped to New Orleans lacked the mintmark entirely.

Rather than ship the die back to Philadelphia for correcting or replacement, someone in the Coiner's Department in New Orleans simply engraved (or more correctly crudely carved) the letter O into the die. When the carving was done, the area on the die containing the surrounding letters was damaged, particularly the QUARTER and DOLLAR.

The hand-carved mintmark is extremely thick, tall, and odd-shaped, entirely unlike the normal large O mintmark of the period. The mutant mintmark is so bold, that it is impossible to miss. However, since the normal mintmark is so large, sometimes a normal O is misattributed as the Huge O. This popular variety is scarce, but not rare.

This Fine+ example is worth \$1500-2000, compared to about \$45 for the normal Large O.



Normal Large O



Huge O

Deadline for next issue: October 28th