



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter

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Next meeting: Friday October 8th

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:

Bimetallic Coins of the World, presented by
Peter Hastings, as illustrated by his collection

YN program:

To be announced.

WCNS Leadership

Officers

Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson & John Frost
Vice President: Jim Turner
Secretary: Maria Matys
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Director at Large: Bob Moffatt

Programs

Speaker Bureau: Bob Moffatt
YN Coordinator: Mark Matys
Newsletter Editor: John Frost

Hi everyone,

It is officially Fall now and the new club year is in full swing. After having resumed our Auction and Bid Board, we continue to hope we make progress toward returning to normal. In October, we will resume having our Raffle for the first time in a year and a half.

October starts off (right now, October 1-2!) with the NH Coin Expo in Manchester the only show to have operated consistently in New England in 2021. As we move further into autumn, more of our local shows resume, including Auburn and Devens. At the time of writing, Ernie has announced a new venue for the Nashua Coin Show, starting November 21st – the Eagle's Wing Function Center, 10 Spruce St, Nashua NH

At this month's meeting, our own Peter Hastings will give a program entitled, *Bimetallic Coins of the World*, as illustrated by his collection. It should be an interesting presentation, so you won't want to miss it!

Also this month, the YNs will resume in-person meetings at their usual time of 6:15 p.m. Program to be announced, as well as their upcoming schedule.

We hope to see you on the 8th!

- John and Mike

Submit your Auction and Bid Board items by sending email to us at WCNS@worchestercoinclub.org.

Provide us with the item description, your "owner's" value, and your required minimum bid, if any, for each lot. Easy! Just send your lots before the newsletter deadline each month.

Upcoming Events and Calendar

- **October 1-2, NH Coin Expo** – Manchester NH, at the Doubletree Hotel
- **Nashua NH 3rd Sunday Show** – **CANCELLED** – resumes in November at the new location
- **October 20, Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show** – Uxbridge MA, Wed, 3-8 p.m., VFW Post 1385
- **October 24, Devens Coin Show** – Devens MA, Sunday 9:00 a.m., Devens Commons Center
- **October 25th** – deadline for November newsletter, including auction lots and bid board items
- **Friday November 12** – November meeting of the WCNS
- **November 14** – **Greater Worcester Coin Show**, Auburn MA, Sunday 9:30 a.m., Elk's Club.



WCNS Auction

Item	Owner's Value	Min Bid
1. 2009-2013 Native American Dollar 5 coin set	\$ 10	\$ 6
2. 1966 Bahama mint set .7333 oz. ASW	25	17
3. 1982 G.W. U S Mint Comm. Half dollar 90 % silver	13	10
4. Euro -Zone Countries coin set 12 coins, Unc.	10	5
5. 2009 D.C. and territories quarter. Set, 12 coins Unc.	8	4
6. 2004 Westward Journey U.S. Mint nickel set	8	4
7. 1982 G.W. proof 90% US Mint comm. Hhalf dollar	13	10
8. 2009–2014 Native American six-dollar set	10	7
9. 1995 WWII comm. half dollar and medal set	10	6
10. 15 Comm quarters American Territories and Natl. Parks	8	4

Bid Board

Item	Owner's Value	Min Bid
1. Stamp and Medal cover 50th anniv. Of first Trans-Atlantic Flight	\$ 5	\$ 2
2. 2007 P & D half dollars and dollar set, Unc.	4	2
3. (5) 1974 encased in black plastic paper weight	2	-
4. 1967 Israel one Lira, Unc. On card	1	-
5. Ultimatic nickel set 2004–2006, 17 coins, Unc.	3	-
6. 1967 Coins of Israel, 6-piece set, Unc.	3	-
7. Stamp and medal cover, subject Brock of Canada	5	-
8. Worldwide coin set (15 coins), on card	3	-
9. Sunoco 1999 Millenium 12 tokens, Unc., on board	5	2
10. (1933) F.D.R. Natl. Recovery Act aluminum token, Unc.	5	2

Coin in the Spotlight – 1848 Large Date half dime

One of the most mis-attributed coins in all of U.S. numismatics is the 1848 Large Date half dime. It ranks right up there with the 1883/2 shield nickel.

What happened to cause the large date? A single 1848 half dime obverse die was accidentally made using the date punch for a dime. The resulting date is much too large to fit in the space provided. It intrudes into the rock and nearly touches the bottom of the shield!



1848 Large Date half dime



Medium date (top) and Large date

The misattribution comes into play because the normal (medium) date is already quite sizeable, and assumed by many to be the scarce large date by mistake. Most coins seen at a show that are labelled Large Date are actually Medium Dates. If the top of the date isn't well into the rock, it is the Medium Date!

Deadline for next issue: October 25th