

Worcester County Numismatic Society

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Meets 2nd Friday of the month except July and August

October
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WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter

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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.
Meeting: 7:15 p.m.
YN meeting: 6:15 p.m.

Educational Program:

"End Game - What will my family do with my coin collection?" by Bob Hess.

YN program:

Subject to "M & Ms"

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
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Hi all,

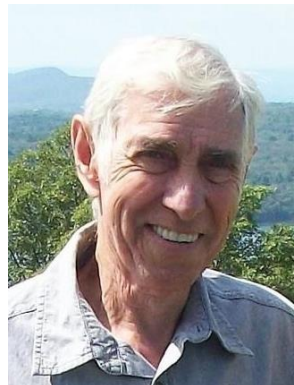
We start off this month remembering two friends and fixtures around the WCNS, Peter Hastings and David Stebbins, both of whom suddenly passed away not long after last month's meeting. They will be missed and our condolences to their families and friends. See remembrances below.

On the brighter side, this month features two key local shows, including October 15's Blackstone Valley Fall Show in Woonsocket, and the Fall NH Coin Expo in NH two weeks later.

We hope to see many of you on the 13th.

- John and Mike

Remembering Peter Hastings



A long-time member, Pete was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He enjoyed history, and perhaps this fueled his interest in numismatics. Perpetually a friendly face with a huge desire for learning, Pete was just the kind of member that fit in well with the WCNS. He leaves his wife, daughter, and two grandsons.

David Stebbins



A frequent presence at WCNS, David was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force during Vietnam. A man of great faith, the Douglas MA native was always seen helping his friend and life partner, Co-President Mike Simpson, at our meetings. In addition to Mike, David leaves two brothers.

Upcoming Events

- No Auburn Coin Show this month, show resumes November 12.
- October 15 – Blackstone Valley Fall Coin Show, Woonsocket RI, 9:30 a.m., Elks Lodge, 380 Social Street
- October 15 – Nashua Coin Show, Nashua NH, 9:00 a.m., Eagle's Wing Function Center
- October 18 – Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show, Uxbridge MA, Wed, 3-8 p.m., VFW Post #1385
- September 24 – No Devens Coin Show. Show resumes November 26
- October 25 – Deadline for the November newsletter, including auction lots
- October 27-28 – New Hampshire Coin & Currency Expo, Manchester NH, Doubletree Hotel
- November 10 – October meeting of the WCNS



WCNS Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1893 silver British crown, Fine, cleaned.	\$ 40	\$25
2. 1859 copper-nickel Indian cent, first year, Fine.	18	10
3. Two Curacao coins. 1947 1¢, AU. 1948 2½¢, Unc.	7	-
4. 1894 Liberty 5¢. Key, Fine.	75	30
5. 1989 20 year \$5 commem, First Landing on the Moon. Copper-nickel, Unc.	4	-
6. Two 1937 British coppers. 1937 half penny, red & brown Unc. 1937 Penny, red and brown Unc.	30	-
7. 1853 Arrows and Rays half dollar. VF-Cleaned.	260	75
8. Four Great Britain commem crowns. 1951, PL, 1977 AU-Unc. 1981 Unc., 1990 Unc, on card.	20	-
9. 1888 Canada large cent. XF	20	-
10. 1998 Premiere silver proof set.	25	16
11. Liberty Seated Half Dollar, 1870, about good, clear date	-	10
12. US Postage Plate Blocks 3 cent 200th Anniversary Betsy Ross and 3 cent Cadillac at Detroit 1951. 24 cents face value	-	1
13. US Postage Plate Blocks. 3 cent American Turners. A Century of Health 3 cent 1948 and Washington and Lee University 1949. 24 Cents face value	-	1
Kittredge Foundation Donation		
14. British Museum ancient silver coin copy.	-	-

Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
Donation lots in 2x2 holders		
15. Pakistan 11 coins, 1949-1977 all base metal, all minors. Panama 13 coins, 1907-2001, all base metal, 1 cent to 50 cents. Face value \$1.45 on par with US dollar, the 1907 2 1/2 centesimo is scarce, mintage 800,000, catalogs \$10 in VF this one near XF	\$ 40	\$ -
16. Papua New Guinea, 1975, 10 Toea, base metal. Paraguay 15-50 centimos, 1953, 10 guaranies FAO 1996, all base metal. Peru 1944 to 2010, 23 coins, Centavos, Centimos, and Soles up to 500. Several half dollar sized. All base metal. Many types, sizes, and metal compositions indicating an unstable, inflationary currency. Quite a selection.	5	-
17. Philippines 30 coins. 1930 to 2002. 1 centavo to 5 piso. All base metal. Inflation at work but not to the extent seen in Peru	5	-
18. Poland 24 coins. 1918 to 1996. 1 grosz to 5 zlotych. All base metal. WW1, interwar years, post war, independent post 1990. Many design changes and some inflation. Quite a selection	5	-
19. Portugal 16 coins. 1924 to 1992. 10 centavos to 200 escudos. 5 are half dollar sized. Inflation at work.	5	-

Coin in the Spotlight – 1851-O Silver Three Cent Piece

In 1851, the silver three cent piece was introduced. It was originally created to facilitate purchase of prepaid postage with a single coin and was our nation's first subsidiary coin (bullion value significantly less than face value).

Produced until 1873, the entire mintage was coined at the Philadelphia mint, with a single exception. The first year, the New Orleans mint produced the 1851-O, the only mintmarked coin in either the silver or nickel three cent series. Not rare, this slightly better date is in intense demand for the mintmark and the first-year status by type collectors. Nice higher-grade examples are elusive and worth a premium.



Deadline for next issue: October 25th