



# Worcester County Numismatic Society

Founded 1946

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

September  
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WCNS  
Monthly  
Newsletter

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## Next Meeting: Friday September 11

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:

*Charles Lange from Worcester – Die Sinker and Inventor*, presented by Bob Moffatt

**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  
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, welcome to September!

It's been a very strange summer since our sparse and informal June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. And as of this writing, the coronavirus situation is pretty much the same.

We **will** have our September meeting, and it will be very much like the June meeting, exactly like it, actually. We will be very well spaced as previously, and there will be 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 easily handle us safely.

There will be no YN meeting as that is in a small enclosed room, and nobody is comfortable about that. 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 11<sup>th</sup> is a spread-out social event, along with an educational program presented by Bob Moffatt, entitled *Charles Lange from Worcester – Die Sinker and Inventor*.

In addition, we will 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 worked well in June and it can work very well again this month. See photos from June on next page to see what to expect.

So if you were able to pick up anything over the summer, or merely rediscovered something you already had, please bring it to share with others!

Looking ahead, the only local show that is on the schedule is the NH Coin & Currency Expo in early October. Ernie has a COVID-19 plan with the hotel, approved by the Board of Health. See website <http://nhcoinexpo.com/> for details.

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

- 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 October 9<sup>th</sup>, next meeting of the WCNS



**This is what to expect for spacing at our September meeting**



**Show and Tell at the front of the room**

## Coin in the Spotlight: 1793 “Strawberry Leaf” Large Cent

The Wreath cent of 1793 is a widely-available and highly sought one-year type coin (along with the more-famous Chain cent). Much more available than the Chains, the Wreath cents have a sprig of three leaves between the date and the bust of Liberty. However, a single obverse die mysteriously has an unexplained cluster of four trefoil (three-lobed) leaves instead, somewhat resembling the leaves of a strawberry plant. Nobody knows why this one obverse die was made differently than all the rest, and it was actually paired with two different reverse dies. The image at right shows the Strawberry Leaf cent, along with the inset that illustrates the normal leaves for the Wreath Cent

The Strawberry Leaf obverse must have been used for a very short time, as there are just 4 examples known. The pictured coin is the finest known by far. It is the most highly prized of all large cents. This example, graded PCGS VG10, recently sold for \$660,000.



**Deadline for next issue: September 28th**