

# Worcester County Numismatic Society



**September 2013**

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

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.  
Young Numismatists Meeting 6:15  
Meeting: 7:00 p.m.



## Next Meeting:

Friday September 13, 2013  
St. Joseph's Parish Center  
68 Central Street  
Auburn, MA

## Program:

***YNs discuss their summer challenge projects.*** Mark Matys and the YNs have worked hard this summer – come see their exhibits!

*In case of emergency, bad weather, or questions, you can contact Mike for an update at 508-667-9968.*

## Board Members:

Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson &  
John Frost  
Vice President: Jim Turner  
Clerk: George Bilodeau  
Treasurer: Stanley Sobiech

Hi all,

Welcome back everyone, we hope you had a great summer!

The June meeting included our now-traditional Hot Dog Feast, plus club awards, and some great camaraderie. The summer shows are in the books, and hopefully we all have picked up a few of the numismatic items we've been searching long and hard for.

As we look forward to our 2013-2014 year, we have a larger and more energized club than last year, and lots of great things in store. And the line-up of coming shows and events is strong.

Mark and the YNs will be presenting their summer projects with exhibits, so that will be exciting. In the spirit of this, please bring something of your own for Show & Tell.

See you on the 13<sup>th</sup>!

- Mike and John

## Upcoming Events

- Bay State Coin Show, **September 6-7**, Best Western Royal Plaza Trade Center, Marlboro MA
- Greater Worcester Coin Show, Sunday September 8 (**before meeting!**), Elks Club, Auburn, 9:30 a.m.
- Nashua 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Show, September 15, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, 8:00 a.m.
- Westford Coin Show, September 22, Westford Regency, 9:00 a.m.
- NH Coin Expo, October 4-5, Radisson Hotel Center, Manchester NH

Details and links can be found on the club website, [www.WorcesterCoinClub.org](http://www.WorcesterCoinClub.org)

## Double Dimes (Twenty Cents) Book gains momentum!

The work on the book on Twenty Cent Pieces (co-authored by member John Frost) is moving right along, with most of the research completed, and also most of the principle photography. The book was announced at the Liberty Seated Collectors Club (LSCC) meeting at the ANA in Chicago, and a subsequent article just appears in the September 12 issue of *Coin World*. On page 5... here it is...

## Upcoming book details Seated Liberty 20-cent coin series Digital edition of new reference book to be available online for free

BY PAUL GILKES COIN WORLD STAFF

Collectors of the Seated Liberty 20-cent coin series will have a new book in January when authors Lane J. Brunner and John M. Frost release *Double Dimes: The United States Twenty-cent Piece*.

Frost outlined the details of the 20-cent coin book in a presentation Aug. 15 during the LSCC's annual meeting held in conjunction with the American Numismatic Association World's Fair of Money in Rosemont, Ill.

Frost said the book will debut in a free online version early in January. The free Web version may not be 100 percent complete upon release, Frost said, but the most important material will be available.

The online edition will include a downloadable die marriage "cheat sheet" for attribution purposes, with links between the book and cheat sheet. Frost said that he and Brunner have already registered the Internet domain names [www.doubledimes.com](http://www.doubledimes.com) and [www.doubledimebook.com](http://www.doubledimebook.com).

A 120- to 130-page, 8.5-inch by



Images courtesy of John Frost.

The upcoming *Double Dimes: The United States Twenty-cent Piece* will detail information on the Proof 1875-S Seated Liberty 20-cent coin struck at the San Francisco Mint.

11-inch spiral-bound version and special hardcover edition will be available sometime in the spring.

Frost said the reference will chronicle the history of the series, and include narrative and illustrative details on patterns. A section about misplaced dates will present a new theory on how misplaced dates occurred on 20-cent coins. Chapters will also be devoted to

ways to collect the series, grading, a date-by-date analysis of all known die marriages, errors and more. An exonumia section will cover love tokens, countermarked coins, contemporary counterfeits, elongates and jewelry.

While the Seated Liberty 20-cent coin was produced for only a few years, the denomination still offers collectors challenges in collecting

the die marriages, Frost said.

Frost said that in July, he and Brunner conducted a week-long Double Dime Summit in Sacramento, Calif., during which more than 650 Seated Liberty 20-cent coins were examined.

To illustrate how collectors might find the series challenging to collect, Frost notes that the 1875-S coins examined represented at least 17 die marriages.

During their recent studies, Frost and Brunner examined what might be two previously unreported varieties for the 1875-S 20-cent coins. "We had identified a number of new die marriages, along with previously known ones, and all but two 1875-S coins fit into one of these marriages," Frost said. "But two individual coins did not, and we needed to re-check them carefully, as we are just being careful before we declare these coins two new die marriages, because they were only seen by one coin each."

Brunner and Frost also traveled to Nevada to the former Carson

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### **Double Dimes – The United States Twenty Cent Piece**, by Lane J. Brunner and John M. Frost

1. History of the series
2. Patterns
3. New theory on 20C Misplaced Dates
4. Collecting Double Dimes
5. Grading
6. Date-by-date analysis of all known die marriages
7. Errors
8. Exonumia – love tokens, countermarked, elongates, contemporary counterfeits, etc.
9. Anecdotes/Stories

Coming January – [www.DoubleDimes.com](http://www.DoubleDimes.com)

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City Mint, which now houses the Nevada State Museum. While there, the researchers examined and photographed canceled dies that were discovered in a pit next to the structure during excavations begun in 1999.

Frost said his and Brunner's research has determined that only one pair of 1876 dies, with the reverse a doubled die, were used for 1876-CC 20-cent coins.

Frost said it was assumed that only two die pairs had been used for the 1875-CC Seated Liberty 20-cent coin production. At the show, on opening day, Frost said he met with collector Mark Obstalecki, who showed him his newly discovered 1875-CC 20-cent coin from a third reverse die. Frost said

he confirmed a new reverse die discovery.

"The obverse was an early die state of the obverse paired with what was previously believed to be the first reverse die, and given the 'new' reverse was badly shattered, the conclusion is that the first reverse die broke quickly, and was replaced, with a new reverse married with the first obverse," Frost explained.

On Aug. 14, Frost said he located at a dealer's table on the bourse another previously unknown die marriage for the 1875-CC coins – a previously unidentified pairing of two known dies.

"So we went from two marriages to four in under 24 hours," Frost said. "Never stop looking!" ■

[www.coinworld.com](http://www.coinworld.com)

## Auction List

<u>Item</u>	<u>Trends</u>	<u>Min</u>
1. 3-inch Large Mint Medal, FDR, Bronze, Unc.	-	10.00
2. Four (4) NGC Presidential Golden Dollars, PF69	-	20.00
3. 1850 Kissi Penny, broken/repaired	-	10.00
4. Solid 24ct gold Mini \$20 gold	-	10.00
5. 25 Dinars Iraqi note, Unc.	-	3.00
6. 1957A silver certificate * Note, Unc.	-	7.50
7. NGC BU: Washington \$1, missing edge lettering	-	75.00
8. 6-coin set plus 1 stamp	-	3.00
9. 10-coin set of plated Jefferson nickels	-	5.00
10. 1970-PD Mint Set, no envelope	16.00	9.00
11. 1837 Canada Half Cent with name tag	-	5.00
12. 1865 3-cent nickel, VG	13.00	7.00
13. Ancient Roman bronze foils of Licinius I, 306-324 A.D., Fine	20.00	10.00
14. 1979 Maldive Islands 100 Rufiya silver proof, .8411 ounce KM60A	25.00	20.00
15. 1978 France silver 50 Francs, .8682 ounce, Unc.	30.00	25.00
16. 1936-S hobo nickel, Zapata	45.00	30.00

### ***Kittredge Foundation Donation***

<u>Item</u>	<u>Trends</u>	<u>Min</u>
1. Surprise item #1	-	-
2. Surprise item #2	-	-
3. Surprise item #3	-	-
4. Surprise item #4	-	-
5. Surprise item #5	-	-

### Young Numismatists Meeting with Mark Matys 6:15 p.m.

**September:** *Coin Safari "Zoo" Tour*  
**October:** *Copy Cat Coins* with Matt Lisi  
**November:** *Coins to Remember*  
**December:** *Fun with Coins 2*

.All members are welcome to attend.  
 Thank you. Mark at 413-436-5913 or  
[Glumark@gmail.com](mailto:Glumark@gmail.com)

### ***Bid Board***

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Trends</u>	<u>Min</u>
1. 7 assorted 1 <sup>st</sup> -day covers	-	1.00
2. Bag of assorted foreign coins	-	1.00
3. 1909 Lincoln Cent, VG	-	2.00
4. 1906 Canadian Cent, VG	-	1.00
5. 7 assorted USSR coins	-	2.00
6. Genuine gemstone parcel	-	2.00
7. 1961 silver dime, encased, Atomic Energy Museum, Irradiated, Unc.	15.00	10.00
8. 1946 aluminum horseshoe-shaped lucky encased cent, Pittsburgh Asphalt Vault Corp, VF	6.00	3.00
9. Boston, Mass. Masonic Chapter Penny. St. James R.A.C. AU	10.00	5.00
10. Hard Times token, ca 1837. Merchants Exchange NYC, VG-F	15.00	7.00
11. 1909 Indian Cent, G+	11.00	5.00

**Deadline for the next issue: September 27<sup>th</sup>**