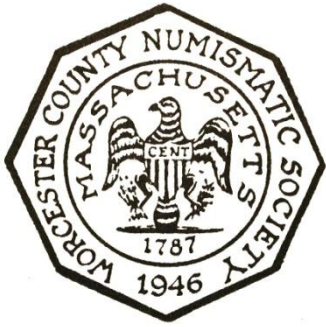


Worcester County Numismatic Society



September 2015

Meets 2nd 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 11, 2015
St. Joseph's Parish Center
68 Central Street
Auburn, MA

Program:

Can You Write Off Your Summer Vacation?, by Bob Moffatt

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

Board of Directors:

Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson &
John Frost
Vice President: Jim Turner
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Treasurer: Stanley Sobiech
Director: Ed Rossi

Hi all,

Welcome to another Club year! Summer is winding down and it is time to think numismatics again!

We hope to have a full year of interesting meetings, presentations, and exhibits, all without snow cancellations like last year. Did I really say "snow" ??? At least we have 90-degree days in front of us still. And this club year will culminate with our 70th Anniversary celebration.

In addition to what looks like an intriguing talk by Bob Moffatt this month, we will have Show and Tell, so bring some of your interesting finds of the summer.

If you have interest in giving an educational talk, or an exhibit, let us know, and we can put you in the agenda sometime.

See you on the 11th!
- Mike and John

Upcoming Shows and Events

- Greater Worcester Coin Show, Sunday September 13. Elks Club, Auburn MA, 9:30 a.m.
- Nashua 3rd Sunday Show, Sunday September 20, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, 8:00 a.m.
- Blackstone Valley 4th Wednesday Show, Wednesday Sept. 23, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA
- Westford Coin Show, Westford Regency, Sunday September 27, Westford MA, 9:00 a.m.

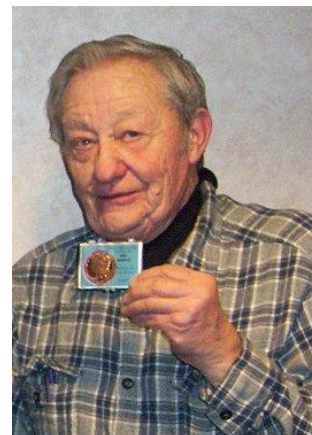
Details and links can be found on the club website, www.WorcesterCoinClub.org

Remembering John Ference

They say bad things come in threes. This summer, the WCNS lost its third member of the year when long-time member John Ference passed away on July 8. In numismatics, John was particularly excited about some of his cherrypicks, including a nice 1867/1867 doubled date Indian Cent. He enjoyed sharing finds with club members at Show & Tell.

John was a resident and long-time volunteer fireman in Ashford CT, and was also a member of the Ashford Historical Society. John is survived by Beverly, his wife of 51 years, children Jeffrey and Valerie, and four grandchildren.

The WCNS will miss him and his enthusiasm at our meetings.



New exhibit at the Nevada State Museum

Yours truly, your Co-president, was away most of August. The week after the ANA, John Frost presented at the Carson City Mint Coin Show and Education Fair, hosted by the Nevada State Museum (old CC Mint). In addition to a complete die-marriage set of 20-cent pieces, including a circulated 1876-CC on loan from its anonymous owner (see photo next page), John Frost gave two presentations at the Museum on 20-cent pieces, and the finding of the dies next to the old CC Mint in 1999. The presentation also talked about the matching one of the recovered 20-cent dies with a new, and quite rare, die marriage with a reverse die not previously seen, with major die cracks.

John worked with the staff of the Nevada State Museum most of the summer to create a new exhibit in the old mint building that features the Museum's recovered reverse 20-cent die and John's example of the rare new variety. The exhibit features enlarged photos showing the matching die cracks and mintmark position between the die and the coin.

The exhibit, entitled *A Perfect Match*, will be in place for at least a year, but more likely several years



John presenting at the Museum



Installing the exhibit



Matching mintmark and die cracks on coin and die



The die, the coin, and photos

Auction List

Item	Trends	Min
1. 1917 Standing Liberty quarter	72.00	50.00
2. 1918-S Walking Liberty half, VG	22.00	17.00
3. Pocket scale, New	20.00	10.00
4. 1924-P Peace dollar	-	22.00
5. 1921 Morgan dollar, AU	-	24.00
6. 1955 proof set in box. Half PF63, others PF65	95.00	80.00
7. 1956 proof set flat pack, PF65	57.00	50.00
8. 1957 proof set flat pack, PF65	26.00	20.00
9. 1962 proof set flat pack, PF65	26.00	20.00
10. 1890-CC Morgan dollar, Fine cleaned	99.00	80.00
11. 1896-S Morgan dollar, VG-F	43.00	35.00
12. 1971-S 40% silver Ike dollar, Unc. (blue pack)	10.00	8.00
13. 1854-O Seated half, 2 initials carved in obverse field	10.00	8.00

Kittredge Foundation Donation

Item	Trends	Min
1. 1944-D Wartime silver 5-cent, AU58	10.00	-
2. 1945-P Wartime silver 5-cent, MS63	10.00	-
3. 1910 Barber dime, Good+	3.00	-
4. 1920-S Mercury dime, Good	4.00	-
5. 1976-P half dollar, Unc.	1.00	-

Coin in the Spotlight 1876-CC Twenty-cent piece

Coined with an original mintage of 10,000, these were never released officially as many 1875-CC coins had still not yet been released, due to lack of demand. Some number of the 1876-CC coins were purchased at the mint by visitors, employees, etc. This was OK and perfectly legal at the time – nobody cared. As many as 4 might survive from the assay specimens set aside.

Today, this very rare issue is often mentioned with the 1894-S dime and the 1804 dollar as legendary rarities. Only 18 examples have been positively identified, although at least 1 additional example is probably out there. Only 4 of these show any wear, 3 of which actually entered circulation. Pictured here is the E.A. Carson specimen, an impaired XF example.

Young Numismatists Meeting with Mark Matys

September: C.O.I.N. Hunters, N.E Summer Adventure

All are welcome – Please contact Mark if you are attending - 413-436-5913 or email to: Glumark@gmail.com

Bid Board

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Item	Trends	Min
1. Disney .999 1 oz silver round	22.00	16.00
2. "Merry Christmas" .999 1 oz. silver round	22.00	16.00
3. 1912-D Liberty nickel	5.00	2.50
4. 1907 Liberty nickel	-	1.00
5. 1994-S proof set	6.50	4.00
6. 1986-S Ellis Island commen silver dollar	40.00	32.00
7. 1990-S proof set	11.00	7.00
8. 1864 two-cent piece	17.00	12.00
9. 1972 mint set	3.00	2.00
10. 1978 mint set	6.00	3.00
11. 1879 mint set	5.00	3.00
12. 1980 mint set	6.00	3.00
13. 1944-S Mercury dime, MS63	15.00	5.00
14. 1899 Indian cent, VF, spot	4.00	1.00
15. 1902 Indian cent, AU cleaned	22.00	10.00
16. 1952-S Jeff. nickel, MS63	3.00	-



Deadline for the next issue: September 25th