



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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WCNS
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Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Friday September 14

St. Josephs Parish Center
68 Central Street, Auburn MA

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Young Numismatists meeting: 6:15 p.m.

Educational Program:

*Our Trip to the ANA, with Bob Moffatt and a
Cast of Thousands*

YN program:

Mint Mark Society of America

WCNS Leadership

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Hi everyone,

It's Labor Day, signaling the traditional end of summer and the beginning of a new club year. This year has been unlike any other in memory since 2010, when the ANA was held in Boston.

This year, the convention of the national coin club was held in Philadelphia, close enough that a strong contingent of WCNS members were able to attend, many for most of the week! Whether they drove down or took the train, there was plenty of excitement for everyone.

This, by coincidence, is the subject of this month's educational program. Let's hear some of the trouble our gang got into while in Philly.

The groundbreaking exhibit on William and Charles Barber had some important visitors, including John Mercanti, the last Chief Engraver of the U.S. Mint, plus new Director of the Mint, David Ryder. Most importantly, Pierre Trepagnier and his wife Louise were at the table. Pierre is the great-grandson of Charles Barber (and great-great grandson of William Barber. Also visiting was ANA President David Adkins and author Q. David Bowers. John Frost's ANA Money Talks presentation on Friday was well attended and was claimed by the ANA to be the best presentation of the show.

If you bought a new coin or treasure at the ANA or any show over the summer, please bring it for Show and Tell at the meeting!

Hope to see you all on the 14th!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- **No Auburn coin show this month! Show resumes in October**
- **Nashua 3rd Sunday Show**, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, Sunday September 15, 8:00 a.m.
- **Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show**, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday September 19
- **Devens Coin Show**, Devens Common Center, Andrews Pkwy, Devens MA, Sunday September 23, 9:00 a.m.
- **New Hampshire Coin Expo** – Doubletree Hotel (formerly Radisson), Manchester NH, November 9-10



WCNS Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1885 Morgan dollar	\$ 40	\$ 28
2. 1891-CC Morgan dollar	120	100
3. 1834 Half cent, slab, EF with problem	55	30
4. 1943 Walking Liberty half, MS66	120	95
5. 1908-S Indian cent, VG slab	110	80
6. 2001-D slabbed Signature Series Washington quarter	-	14
7. Fine silver copy 1 troy ounce	-	12
8. 2 Euro cent	-	2
9. 1964 Canada proof-like set, (Charlottetown)	20	15
10. 1967 South Africa 7-piece proof set	30	20
11. 1967 Canada Centennial proof-like set	20	15
12. 1965 So. Africa 7-piece proof set	30	20
13. 1957 proof set	24	20
14. 1962 proof set	20	16

Bid Board

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. Magic nickel	\$-	\$4
2. Victory WWII cent	-	3
3. Standing Liberty quarter	40	20
4. 1931-D cent, VF	9	7
5. 41 Israel and Palestine coins	-	12
6. 1994 Masonic token, Unc.	-	5
7. Series 1934E silver certificate, motto mo ret	-	4
8. Pin – General D. MacArthur	-	4
9. 1968 Proof set	7	5
10. 1969 Proof set	7	6
11. Set of 11 silver war nickels, circulated	11	9
12. 1999 proof set of state quarters	5	4
13. 1972 Mint set	3.50	2
14. 1980 Susan B. Anthony dollar set	5	4
15. 1999 P&D Susan B. Anthony dollar set	8	4

Coin in the Spotlight: 1911-D Indian Head Quarter Eagle

Indian Head quarter eagles were minted from 1908-1929, along with the half eagle of the same design. Bela Lyon Pratt's coins were the only incuse circulating coins in the history of the United States.

Most issues of the quarter eagle series are readily available and affordable to collectors (with only a modest premium over the gold bullion value for most circulated coins). The 1911-D, however, is the exception.

With a mintage of 55,600, the 1911-D is the undisputed key date of the series. It is challenge to find, and making it even more difficult is the mintmark itself. The mintmark itself is *raised* on the coin (whereas the rest of the design is below the field). As a result, the mintmark is often weakly struck, plus it is the single-highest place on the entire coin, subjected to immediate wear. On the soft 90% gold coin, it wears quickly and is often difficult to see on coins grading Extremely Fine. On coins VF and below, it may be completely worn off, and identification as a 1911-D becomes tough. Almost all of the coins came from a single pair of dies, with peculiar striking characteristics and a raised die line within the reverse arrow tip.

1911-D coins with a strong D mintmark are worth substantially more than pieces with a weak D and



1911-D with close-up of the mintmark, showing some weakness in strike

especially more than coins where the mintmark is completely worn off.

Deadline for next issue: September 27th