



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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Meets 2nd Friday of the month except July and August

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WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Friday, May 9

Hadwen Park Congregational Church
6 Clover Street, Worcester MA

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Meeting: 7:15 PM

YN meeting: 6:15 PM

Educational Program:

"Coins of the Third Reich"
by Joseph Cornelius

YN program:

"That's Money...?"

WCNS Leadership

Officers

Co-Presidents: John Frost & Jim Turner

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Hi all,

Although it feels like spring just started, we're quickly approaching the summer break; only two more meetings until July!

This month's program will be on the "Coins of the Third Reich" presented by WCNS Member & YN Joseph Cornelius.

Last month, member Karen Nunes taught us about a rising form of currency; goldbacks. Starting in Utah in 2019 and accepted across various states, this unique form of money contains a thin layer of gold ensuring the value of the bills. While not legal tender, some independent businesses do accept goldback notes.

It's great that we've been getting to hear new presentations from our very own WCNS members. If you have an interest or program you can share with the club, please reach out to Bob Moffatt. Bob will get you set up!



Although a little belated, we would like to note the passing of a long time WCNS member, Franz Hoerzer (1942-2025). Franz passed away on March 7th at 82 years old. He was passionate about collecting and belonged to several numismatic clubs, notably the Mansfield Numismatic Society, which he was a part of for over 50 years. His interest was not limited to currency, as his collections contained items from a myriad of fields such as exnumia, stamps, wood carvings, and beer steins. Not just a collector, but a creator, Franz made wood carvings, from figurines to housewares. He loved to dance and enjoyed life for all it was worth.

Deadline for next issue: June 1st

WCNS Auction	Owner	Min
Item description	value	bid
1. Germany, 1985 commemorative 5 mark for 150th anniversary of the German railroads.	\$ 15	\$5
2. U.S. Mint silver commemorative set, American Buffalo coins. Proof and Mint examples, in original government packaging with paperwork.	180*	165
3. Appreciation medal, Nelson A. Rockefeller, 1970. Shows New York arms. Gilt-proof, Franklin Mint, in case.	10	-
4. Germany commemorative 10 mark. Munich Olympics. .311 oz of silver. Unc.	30	15
5. 1949S Franklin half dollar. Key date. VF.	25	13
6. 1987 Bank of France 100¢ note. VF.	7	-
7. 1856 Seated Liberty dime. VG with a couple old scratches.	10	4
8. German State, Bavaria 1910-D silver 3 mark. VF. KM515.	35	20
9. 1885-O Morgan silver dollar. AG.	25	24†
10. Germany 1921 notgeld. 5-mark, white porcelain, with gilt edge. XF.	65	40
11. Jefferson Nickel + Roosevelt Dime Book	8	2
12. 4 Silver Certificates Plus Double Radar Serial Number \$1 Bill	20	13
13. 1944 Very Nice Looking Mercury Dime Plus An Extra Very Sturdy Coin Holder	6.50	5
14. Beautiful 1822 Farthing From Great Britain	30	15
15. 1939 P Unc Walking Liberty Half Dollar	19	19
16. 1853 Half Dime With Arrows	43	25
17. Graded And Slabbed 1962 PR67 Cameo Franklin Half Dollar	90	35
18. 4 Swedish Silver Coins	9	5
19. 1956 Gem Proof Washington Silver Quarter	12	12
20. \$2.70 Face Value In Older Jefferson Nickels	5.40	4.50

* gray sheet

† melt value

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<u>Donation Lots</u>		
1. Nigeria 5 coins. All dated 1991. All BU. 1, 10, 25, 50 kobo and 1 Naira. Steel-copper or nickel plated. Obverses corn, palms, peanuts, oil derricks, and a portrait of Herbert Macaulay. Reverse coats of arms. Coin card stamp 1 Naira.	-	3
2. Peru 7 coins. Dated 1985-88. Some toned Cupronickel and brass. 1, 5, 10 20 50 centimos: 1 and 2 intis. All obverses General Grau Reverses inscriptions or coats of arms. Coin card 80 centimos stamp.	-	3
3. Poland 8 coins. Dates vary 1976-1985. Aluminum, brass, and cupronickel. Obverses Polish eagle. Reverses denominations. Fully functional but boring designs. 10, 20, 50 Grozy and 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 Zlotych. All BU Coin card 5 zloty stamp and Warsaw cancellation.	-	3
4. USSR 9 coins. All proof like BU's. All dated 1979. 1,2,3,5,10,15, 20, 50 kopeks and 1 ruble. Brass or cupronickel-zinc alloy. Obverses coats of arms and reverses denominations. Boring but fully functional designs. Coin card 4 ruble stamp. All of these coins are totally obsolete due to massive inflation. 4 ruble coin card stamp.	-	7
NOTE: The 1 ruble is a scarce coin type for most dates and catalogs for \$65 in MS60. This one is better. Even in fine, it is a \$12 coin VF \$32 and XF \$40.		
5. The new Russian Federation. Bank of Russia. 6 coins. All dated 1992. Mostly unc with some toning. Various alloys of cupronickel, bronze and aluminum.. 1, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 rubles. Russian eagle obverse, denominational reverse. All fully functional and boring. This is the massive inflation coinage. Coin card with 100 ruble stamp.	-	5

- **May 18 – Nashua Coin Show;**
Hollis NH, 9 AM – 2 PM, Alpine Grove Events Centre
- **May 18 – Blackstone Valley;**
Woonsocket, RI, 9 AM – 3 PM, Elk's Lodge #850
- **Greater Worcester Coin** resumes on August 10th
- **Devens Coin Show** resumes June 22nd
- **June 13 – June meeting for WCNS**