

Big Island Coin Club

Newsletter - May 2024 - PO Box 971 Hilo, HI 96721 ANA #1053794

Upcoming Meeting:

All are invited to attend the next meeting of our Big Island Coin Club, which will be held on March 7th, 2024, at 7:00 pm at Kama'na Center. Come early to check out the interesting coins, currency, and medals for discussion.

There will NOT be a Board Meeting this month

Presentation: Last month's presentation will be given by Steve Stein. Steve will also be provided snacks for the meeting. Thanks Steve

This month will be a presentation on Hawaiian Tokens by Steve Nemeth.

Club Announcements:

- The July Meeting has been move to July 11th. The first Thursday is the 4th of July
- You may noticed that the club is "discussing" several 5oz bars of silver bullion recently. These had been previously purchased by the club to send off to private mints to make club coins. Due to the rise in technology and web accessibility, the club board decided it would best to sell off the silver reserves instead of paying to hold them in a security box..
- That being said, the club would really benefit from some additional support. If you are interested in serving in any capacity, please let us know
- Items for Discussions- If you want to put items up for discussion, please bring them the meeting with slips. Mike has slips printed out. If you forget or cannot make it to the meeting, you can contact Mike at 724-417-3924 to arrange a pickup/dropoff between meetings
- Upcoming Shows
 - New Hope (gym) Waimea, Youth Fundraiser, Antique, Collectables, Flee Market, First Saturdays of the Month, 8-3p;
 - Waieka Villas Collectible Show - Third Saturday of the Month

Numismatic Spotlight

The Mercury Dime:

Designed by renowned sculptor Adolph A. Weinman, the Mercury Dime, officially known as the Winged Liberty Head Dime, made its debut in 1916. At first glance, the coin appears to depict the Roman god Mercury due to the resemblance of Liberty's cap to the traditional depiction of Mercury's headwear. However, the figure is, in fact, an allegorical representation of Liberty, symbolizing freedom of thought and expression.

Dynamic Composition:

One of the defining features of the Mercury Dime design is its dynamic composition, which captures the spirit of the early 20th century. On the obverse, Liberty is portrayed wearing a winged cap, known as a "cap of liberty," or "Phrygian cap," a symbol of freedom and liberty. Her profile gazes towards the left, exuding a sense of determination and resolve. The reverse features a fasces, a bundle of rods bound by a ribbon, symbolizing strength through unity—an apt representation of the ideals of the United States.

Artistry in Detail:

Weinman's masterful artistry is evident in the intricate details of the Mercury Dime design. From the delicate feathers of Liberty's cap to the intricately rendered fasces on the reverse, every element of the design reflects Weinman's meticulous attention to detail and commitment to artistic excellence. The coin's modest size—just 17.9 millimeters in diameter—further highlights the precision and finesse of Weinman's craftsmanship.

Enduring Legacy:

Since its introduction, the Mercury Dime has captured the hearts and imaginations of collectors worldwide. Its elegant design, rich symbolism, and historical significance have cemented its status as one of the most beloved coins in American numismatic history. Whether admired for its beauty, collected for its rarity, or cherished for its role in preserving the spirit of an era, the Mercury Dime continues to inspire and captivate numismatists of all ages.

Date 5/2/2024				
#	Date(s)	Item(s)	Grade	Minimum
1	2018	1oz Canadian Silver Maple	UNC	\$34.00
2	1938-D	Key Date! Walking Liberty Half Dollar (491K Mintage)	VG	\$43.00
3	1922-D	Better Date Lincoln Cent	VG	\$13.00
4	1954-S	Franklin Half Dollar	BU	\$22.00
5	1939-D	Mercury Dime	NGC-66	\$39.00
6	1945-D	Mercury Dime (Full Bands)	PCGS-65	\$35.00
7	1913	Buffalo Nickel (Type 2)	VG	\$8.00
8	1954-D	Franklin Half Dollar	BU	\$22.00
9	1921	Key Date! 1921 High Relief Peace Dollar	EF	\$170.00
10	1988-S	Olympic Comm. Dollar (.8594 ASW)	Proof	\$22.00
11	1957	US Silver Certificates		\$7.00
12	Various	Buffalo Nickels (1936, 1936-S, 1937)	Various	\$7.00
13	1964-D	Washington Quarter	AU	\$5.00
14	1953-D	Franklin Half Dollar	F	\$8.00

15	2013	1oz Canadian Silver Maple	UNC	\$32.00
16	Various	4 Sacagawea Dollars	Proof-Cameo	\$8.00
17		Henry Opukahaia Medals #1		\$125.00
18		"Waffled" Mint Destroyed Hawaii Quarter		\$20.00
19	1922	Peace Dollar		\$25.00
20	2012	1 oz Silver Eagle	NGC MS-70	\$45.00
21		Reno Silver Strike 1/2 Oz Silver		\$18.00
22		Tropicana Silver Strike 1/2 Oz Silver		\$18.00
23		Fremont Silver Strike 1/2 Oz Silver		\$18.00
24	1987 P&D	10 Coin Uncirculated Set	UNC	\$7.00
25	1978-S	6 Coin Proof Set	Proof	\$9.00
26		Cherry Pickers Guide		\$50.00
27	2024	Red Book		\$22.00
28		Kirby Puckett Silver 1 oz Coin (.999 Silver)		\$38.00
29	1976	Slabbed \$2 Bill (Chicago)	UNC	\$5.00
30	2001	Slabbed \$5 Bill Star Note	UNC	\$10.00
31	1941	"Remember Pearl Harbor" 2M-380	EF	\$15.00
32	1959	MACO Sterling Silver Statehood Medal in Box w/paperwork 2MS-2	MS	\$250.00
33		FDR/Pearl Harbor "American Mint" Medal	Proof	\$5.00
34	337-361 CE	Constantius II, Solideir Spearing Horseman, AE3		\$5.00
35	351-354 CE	Constantius Gallus, Solideir Spearing Horseman, AE3		\$5.00
36	364-378CE	Valens Antioch Mint, Angel Victory Holding Wreath		\$5.00
37	2017	Samoa, Five Tala	CU	\$5.00
38	2022	Russia, Five Rubles, Emergency Issue	CU	\$2.00
39		1 OZ Silver OPM		\$30.00
40		Rudolph 1 Troy oz		\$30.00
41		2 Walking Liberty Half Dollars		\$22.00
42		5 Roosevelt Dimes		\$10.00
43		2 No Date Standing Liberty Quarters		\$10.00
44		5 oz Silvertowne Bar (.999 Silver)		\$136.00
45		50 Annivervy Club Coin		\$10.00
46		Henry Opukaha'ia Comm. Club Coin #93		\$25.00

