

# Front Page News



# Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club Monthly Newsletter

Celebrating 62 years in the numismatic hobby ANA-C1206438

## ~March 2024 Edition~

# The **722<sup>nd</sup>** meeting of the Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club will be held on **Thursday, March 21**, **2024** at **The WESTERLY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER**, **39 State Street**, **Westerly, Rhode Island. Doors open** @ 6:00 PM, **Bourse** @ 6:30 PM and **Meeting** @ 7:00 PM.

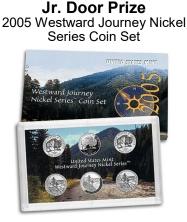
We are continuing to change and update the format of our newsletter. Please contact Tom Omlor (tomlor214@gmail.com) for any additions, announcements, and interesting story contributions, and these will be included as soon we can get to them. To ensure timely insertion to a newsletter, have your article/submission to Tom by the last week of the preceding month for the newsletter in which you'd like to see it published. For example, for the April 2024 newsletter, please have your submission to me by the last week of March 2024. I should be able to get it into the March newsletter by then. Thank you.



The State of Rhode Island guidance for indoor customer/ public facing venues with capacity of fewer than 250 people allows the facility to make their own rules for health guidance. There will be a PVCC Club Auction this month. The March Auction List is posted in this Newsletter and has 60 fantastic items, 10 of which are for the Junior Auction and 50 are for the Senior Auction!

This month "Coin and Currency Related Collectibles" All members are encouraged to participate in this month's theme. See the '...in local news...' for more information. And, as always, any personal exhibits are also always welcome. There will be a Junior and a Senior Door Prize, and Raffle tickets will be sold for the Junior and Senior Raffle

#### PVCC Door Prizes for Thursday, 21 March 2024







Please remember, if you are NOT comfortable attending our regular meeting due to health concerns, we understand. Please refrain from coming. We will not be offended.

### **Raffle Prizes**

#### Junior Raffle:

1914 D Barber Dime VG 1967 England One Penny BU Washington Quarter Partial Set Roosevelt Dime Partial Set Jefferson Nickel Partial Sey

#### Senior Raffle:

1942 Washington Quarter BU
Gold Enameled Teddy Roosevelt 7 PC Quarter Set BU
1974 Two Dollar Canadian Ottawa VF25
2023 Eleanor Roosevelt Women Quarter Roll BU
2000 United States Proof Set



#### ...in local news

Items of interest for the members to consider and be aware:

1. As mentioned on our Front Page, the theme for this month's meeting is:

"Coin and Currency Related Collectibles"

All members are encouraged to participate in this month's theme. We will show coin and currency related collectibles and discuss them briefly to the club. Examples of related collectables could be old coin boards, coin banks, postcards featuring coins & currency, U.S. Mints, etc, coin paperweights, trading cards featuring coins, stamps featuring coins, etc. This month's Coin World features an article about numismatic postcards. Join the fun and bring in some items to share. Members should set up their display on the front table prior to the meeting so others can view them. Participants will receive a silver dime from Woody.

2. And I'm going to continue to remind everybody about our upcoming Coin Show. Again, it'll be on Sunday, the 5th of May. If you're able, please think about helping out at the coin show. We can use all kinds of help setting up, manning the tables, selling raffle tickets, or however you'd like to help. And if you're in a generous mood, we can always use donations for the raffle events at the show. These donations don't have to be expensive. At each raffle event we have 6 items to be drawn on. The first two, those are on the nicer, maybe a bit more expensive side. But the other 4, we've had items such as a magnifying glass, or hardware to maintain a coin collection such as plastic clear sheets to hold 20–2" x 2" carboard coin holder (or flips), and even those 2" x 2" coin flips themselves. You're only limited by your imagination. Anything donated will be greatly appreciated.

# From the American Nuismatic Association (ANA) NumismaTalks

#### March Webinars:

Topic: The Numismatic Circus: B. Max Mehl and Farran Zerbe (LIVE from the Colorado Springs National Money Show<sup>®</sup>)

Date: March 14

Presented by Russ Bega

B. Max Mehl and Farran Zerbe were two of the biggest, and in some cases, most controversial figures in 20th century numismatics. The intrigue and artifacts they left behind are truly a rich story fit for P. T. Barnum and his famous circus.

Russ Bega began collecting U.S. coins when he was eight years old after a trip to his local coin shop in Northern Colorado. He was previously employed by Heritage Auction Galleries, before departing on a decade long career as a U.S. Army Infantry Non-Commissioned Officer. In 2021, he joined the Harlan J. Berk team in Chicago, IL. His specialty is Liberty Seated coins and 19th century numismatics.

Registration is required

Topic: Sovereign Money, Past, Present and Future Date: March 28 Presented by Douglas Mudd

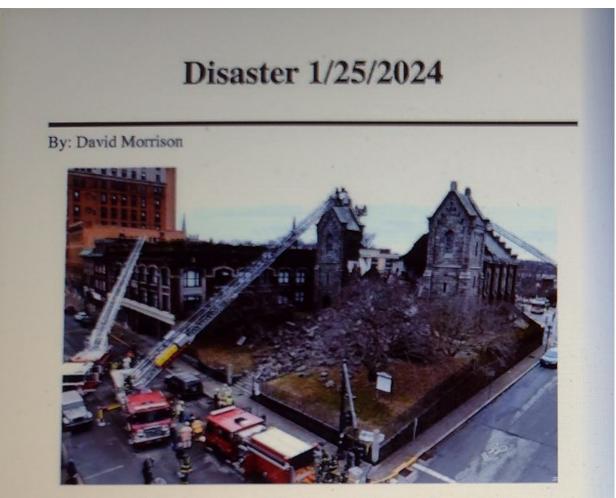
This talk is an exploration of the history and origins of money as a form of mass media - a conveyor of meaning and how it expresses the messages issuing authorities intend and what they tell us about the authorities. To do so, it is necessary to develop an understanding of the symbolism and written shorthand used to convey messages on coinage over time. Case studies will be used based on Roman Republican, English and early American coinage along with paper money from the 18th century to the present, ending with a short review and speculation about the future of money, including cryptocurrencies.

Douglas Mudd is the Curator / Director of the American Numismatic Association's Edward C. Rochette Money Museum in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He is responsible for developing, planning, and content of the Museum's exhibition program and the organization and care of the ANA collections. He has created dozens of numismatic exhibits for the museum and for the ANA's semi-annual conventions. His recent work has expanded the museum's exhibits into the virtual world of the internet including **Trenches to Treaties: World War I** in Remembrance and **Money of Empire: Elizabeth to Elizabeth** which are available at money.org/money-museum.

Registration is required. To register, sign on to the ANA website (money.org), select the ANA Events link on the left side bar, select the top menu 'Online Learning' pulldown, and select the 'NumismaTalks' selection. I would have put in a link for this, but it wasn't working correctly for me, so this is the best I can currently do...

So, again, to register for either of these talks, logon to the ANA website, go to the eLearning area and register for NumismaTalks.

The article put into NENA by David Morrison on the church collapse in New London and I'm posting here for your reading pleasure.



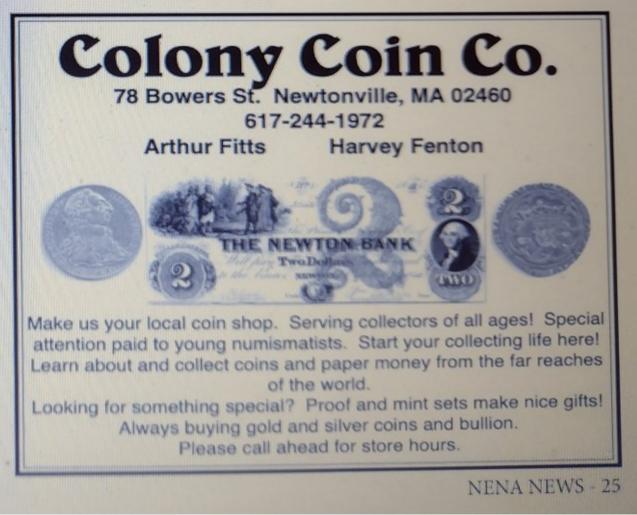
A 173 year old New London, CT church collapses! Remarkably, no one was killed or injured, as the building collapsed into itself. The lone occupant was in a rear section of the building, and walked out unscathed. The iconic granite structure was pictured on an 1853 "Bank of Commerce" New London obsolete note. The church building and the Bank of Commerce each came to be at the same time.

In 1650, the First Church of Christ was the first congregation organized in New London. They had several smaller locations around the city until they built the massive 1100 seat church building in 1852-1853. The gothic revival style church featured a 150 feet center steeple topped with a gold ball and a weather vane. The spire was framed by two smaller towers on either side. Pineapples, a good luck symbol of the era, were featured throughout the structure.

The "Bank of Commerce" of New London CT opened in 1852. Their first 1853 \$3.00 note featured a vignette of the brand new church. The parishioners must have been proud of the tallest building in the downtown. Although I have not researched it, there is likely a connection between the 24 - NENA NEWS church and the bank's board of directors. The bank became the "National Bank of Commerce New London" in 1864. The reputable bank lasted well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century, so there are numerous issued notes for collectors to seek out. The note pictured above is of course a favorite of New London area collectors. Coincidentally, John Fererri brought this vignette to my attention a year or two ago. Neither of us could have imagined, at that time, the church building's fate. ◊



Photo courtesy of C. John Ferreri



# March 21 Auction List

	JUNIOR AUCTION LIST						
#	DESCRIPTION	START	RESULT				
1	JUNIOR 1964 KENNEDY HALF KEY CHAIN	10					
2	JUNIOR 1996 .999 SILVER NATIONAL PARK TREASURE 15.5 GRAMS	18					
3	JUNIOR 1968 PROOF SET	6					
4	JUNIOR 1969 PROOF SET	6					
5	JUNIOR 1984 PROOF CANADIAN DOLLAR	4					
6	JUNIOR 2003 QUARTER PROOF SET C/N	2					
7	JUNIOR 2005 QUARTER PROOF SET C/N	2					
8	JUNIOR 10 CIRCULATED VARIOUS STEEL PENNIES	1					
9	JUNIOR 4 KENNEDY PROOF HALF DOLLARS 1976-S,1988-S,1984-S, 1983-S C/N	3					
10	JUNIOR 1963 P FRANKLIN HALF DOLLAR BU	12					
	SENIOR AUCTION LIST						
11	1780 M. THERASA RESTRIKE	24					
12	1797 GREAT BRITAIN 1-PENNY CARTWHEEL GEORGE 3 VG	10					
13	1899 O MROGAN DOLLAR BU	48					
14	1889 P MORGAN DOLLAR BU	55					
15	1900 P MORGAN DOLLAR BU	50					
16	1923 S PEACE DOLLAR UNC	35					
17	1908 D BARBER DIME AU	50					
18	1911 P BARBER DIME AU	50					
19	1854 WITH ARROWS LIBERTY SEATED DIME VG	13					
20	1853 LIBERTY SEATED DIME W/ARROWS VG	13					
21	1809 HALF CENT AG/GOOD	45					
22	1802 LARGE CENT AG	40					
23	1843 LARGE CENT SMALL LETTERS VG	35					
24	1852 3 CENT SILVER GOOD	25					
25	1852 3 CENT SILVER VG	30					
26	1853 3 CENT SILVER FINE	35					
27	1868 3 CENT NICKEL XF	25					
28	1913 P TYPE 1 BUFFALO NICKEL BU	25					
29	1916 P BUFFALO NICKEL VF	5					
30	1930 P BUFFALO NICKEL BU	20					
31	1936 S BUFFALO NICKEL UNC	25					
32	1910 P LINCOLN CENT BROWN CHOICE BU	15					
33	1913 P LINCOLN CENT AU	20					
34	1917 P LINCOLN CENT BU	8					
35	1918 P LINCOLN CENT BROWN UNC	8					
36	1918 S LINCOLN CENT AU	22					

# March 21 Auction List (Con'd)

	SENIOR AUCTION LIST CON'D						
#	DESCRIPTION	START	RESULT				
37	1924 D LINCOLN CENT VG	25					
38	1930 P LINCOLN CENT RED GEM	5					
39	US MINT MEDALS OF THE PRESIDENTS WASHINGTON TO REGAN	45					
40	1996 BERMUDA STERLING SILVER PROOF DOLLAR	28					
41	1994 BERMUDA STERLING SILVER PROOF DOLLAR	28					
42	1917 P TYPE 1 LIBERTY STANDING QUARTER AU	125					
43	1804 PLAIN 4 HALF CENT VF	135					
44	1857 FLYING EAGLE CENT VF	50					
45	1858 P (LL) FLYING EAGLE CENT VF	50					
46	1858 (SL) FLYING EAGLE CENT VF	50					
47	1859 INDIAN PENNY VG	10					
48	1863 INDIAN CENT EF	30					
49	1939 GERMANY 50 R PFENNING AU	40					
50	1940 D GERMANY 50 R PF EF	20					
51	1865 GREAT BRITAN 1 CENT EF	20					
52	1806 BRITISH PENNY EF	50					
53	1893 GREAT BRITIAN FARTHING EF	25					
54	1951 FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN W/BOX	20					
55	1997 UK UNC 2 POUNDS IN BOX	1					
56	CHALLENGE COIN FROM CHILI	40					
57	GERMAN HITLER 1 SCHILLING AU	25					
58	1978 FRANCE PROOF SET	28					
59	1979 FRANCE PROOF SET	28					
60	10 ELONGATED PENNIES VARIOUS ONES	5					

# March 2024 Local Coin Shows

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 <b>Dedham, MA</b> 9am—4pm	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 <b>Auburn, MA</b> 9:30am—2:30pm <b>Orange, CT</b> Am Leg, Post 127 9am—2pm	11	12	13	14	15	16 <b>Naugatuck, CT</b> 9am—2pm
17 <b>North Attleboro, MA</b> 9am—2pm <b>Nashua, NH</b> 9am—2pm	18	19	20 <b>Blackstone Valley, MA</b> 3pm—8pm	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 <b>Manchester, NH</b> 10am—7pm	30 <b>Manchester, NH</b> 9am—4pm
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#### Admission is free unless otherwise noted

AUBURN MA: Elks Lodge, 754 South Bridge Street (Route 12) 46 Tables. Contact EBW Promotions, LLC 978- 658-0160 BLACKSTONE VALLEY: VFW Post 1385, 16 Cross Rd., Uxbridge MA 01569, Contact Mike 774-280-4333 DEDHAM MA: Holiday Inn-Boston, Dedham 55 Ariadne Road, Dedham MA 02026, Contact Edward Donegan 508-631-1423 DEVENS MA: Devens Common Center, 31 Andrews Parkway, Devens MA 978-658-0160, \$1 Admission HARTFORD CT: Courtyard Marriott, 4 Sebethe Dr. Cromwell CT. 718-323-1930 or stassinsJ98@aol.com MANCHESTER NH: EBW Promotions/Double Tree, 700 Elm St. Manchester NH, 978-658-0160, \$7.00 Admission MANSFIELD CT: New Community Center in Willimantic, Willimantic CT 06226, C John Ferreri, 860-508-8620 MARLBOROUGH, MA: Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, 181 Boston Post Road West, Marlborough, MA 01752, Contact Edward J. Aleo (781) 729-9677, \$10.00 Admission

NASHUA NH: Eagles Wing Function Center 10 Spruce St. Nashua NH 03060 49 tables, 978-658-0160 NAUGATUCK CT: American Legion, 21 Cedar Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770, Contact John Stassins, Jr. 718 323-1930 NORTH ATTELBORO MA: Elks Lodge # 1011 52 Bullfinch Street No Attleboro, MA 02760, Contact Bart Leonard 774-203-3158 ORANGE CT: American Legion Post 127, 630 Grassy Hill Rd., Orange, CT 06477, Fred Riso 203-265-1813, 2\$ Admission ORANGE CT: Liberty Coin Club, Courtyard by Marriott, 13 Marsh Hill Rd., Orange, CT 06460, Perry Carpinella 203-687-9677 PAWCATUCK VALLEY (PVCC) SHOW: Maureen Farrell, PO Box 1051 New London, CT. 06320, <u>tfarrell10@cox.net</u> WESTPORT MA: Westport Town Hall Annex, 856 Main Rd, Westport, MA 02790, Contact Patti Bourgeois 508-679-5910 WEST SPRINGFIELD MA: Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield, MA 01089, Contact Carl Hartdegen 413 265-0712 WHITE PLAINS, NY: Coins, Coffee & Conversation, Sheraton Tarrytown Hotel, 600 White Plains Rd., White Plains, NY 10591 Note: Entries in this color indicate no show for the month displayed

