

Big Island Coin Club

Newsletter - December 2025 - PO Box 5691 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 December 4th, 2025, at 6:00 pm at Kama'na Center.

There will be a Holiday Party this Month, starting at 6 pm. You are more than welcome to set and share items with the group. Please invite friends and family. We will have approximately \$600 in door prizes. This will be a Potluck-style Meal

Club Announcements:

- We should have new shirts and club coins available for purchase this month.
- Do you know someone trying to get rid of a coin collection? Use our club! Our board recently approved utilizing our club to help community members get a fair price for their collections. Please see Mike for more details
- Please note that the mailing address for the Club has changed
- That being said, the club would 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 to 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, Flea Market, First Saturdays of the Month, 8- 3 p.m.
 - Waiakea Villas Collectible Show is no longer occurring.

Then & Now: The Long History of Gold and Silver

THEN: The Earliest Uses of Precious Metals

- **~4500 BCE – Varna, Bulgaria**
The *oldest known worked gold artifacts* are buried in the Varna Necropolis. These include gold beads, pendants, and ritual objects—suggesting gold was used for prestige and spiritual purposes long before coinage.
- **~3000 BCE – Anatolia (modern Turkey)**
Early civilizations begin extracting and refining **silver**, which becomes a popular metal for trade and ritual use.
- **~2500 BCE – Mesopotamia & Babylon**
Silver becomes a **standard of exchange**, measured in weight (e.g., shekels), used in commerce and contracts long before coins.
- **7th Century BCE – Lydia (modern Turkey)**
The **first coins** are struck in *electrum*, a natural gold-silver alloy. These coins standardize trade and mark the birth of state-backed money.

- **5th Century BCE – Classical Greece**

Widespread use of silver coins, including the **Athenian Owl tetradrachm**, which becomes a dominant trade currency in the Mediterranean.

 NOW: Modern Precious Metal Coinage

- **19th–20th Century**

Nations issue large silver trade coins (e.g., Maria Theresa Thaler, Morgan Dollar) for commerce and circulation, often minted in high purity (90%–92.5% silver).

- **1960s–1980s**

Many countries abandon silver in circulating coins due to rising metal prices. Silver and gold transition into **collector and bullion coinage**.

- **1986–Present**

The U.S. introduces the **American Silver Eagle** and **Gold Eagle** bullion programs. Other countries follow suit with national bullion coins (e.g., Canadian Maple Leaf, Chinese Panda).

- **2020s**

Gold and silver are still widely used in investment-grade bullion, commemorative coins, and cultural gifting, showing that their **value has endured for over 6,000 years**—from burial sites to modern portfolios.

Date 12/4/2025				
#	Date(s)	Item(s)	Grade	Minimum
1	1994 P	Comm. Silver Dollar "Prisoner of War Museum"	PCGS PF 69 DCAM	\$40.00
2	1899 O	Morgan Dollar		\$39.00
3	1943	Mercury Dime		\$11.00
4		Roll of Jefferson Silver War Nickels		\$75.00
5		2024 Club Coin #12		\$10.00
6	1886	Morgan Dollar	UNC	\$50.00
7	1893	Columbian Comm. Half Dollar		\$20.00
8	1959 D	Roll of UNC Lincoln Cents		\$3.00
9		55 Assorted 20s Lincoln Cents		\$4.00
10	1934 S	Walking Liberty Half Dollar		\$12.00
11	1993	American Silver Eagle 1oz Silver Round (Littleton)		\$57.00
12		2- 1oz Silver Rounds (Buffalo & Liberty Bell)		\$94.00
13		2- 1oz Silver Rounds (Washington & Roosevelt)		\$94.00
14		Roll of Franklin Half Dollars		\$270.00
15		10 Walking Liberty Half Dollars		\$150.00
16	2003 P	Comm. Silver Dollar Kittyhawk		\$30.00
17	1985 S	Washington Quarter Proof	Proof	\$5.00

18	2004 P	Comm. Silver Dollar Lewis and Clark	UNC	\$30.00
19	1989 S	Kennedy Half Dollar	Proof	\$5.00
20	1817	Coronet Large Cent	ANACS VG Details	\$35.00
21	1979	Susan B. Anthony Wide Rim Variety		\$10.00
22	1862	Indian Head Cent	VG	\$7.00
23	1857	Flying Eagle Cent	VF	\$50.00
24		4 Mercury Dimes	BU	\$20.00
25	1896	Barber Quarter		\$10.00
26		July 2025 CDN Monthly Greysheet		\$5.00
27	337-350	Constans, AE 3, Two Victories Holding Wreaths		\$5.00
28	348-350	Constantius II, AE Follis, Captives at Feet		\$5.00
29		Canada, 4 Comm. Quarters		\$2.00
30	14k Gold Necklace with 7 US Gold Coins (6 Quarter. Eagle and 1 Half Eagle Total Weight: 2.05 oz, 1.69 AGW)			\$6,750.00
31		1959 Roosevelt Dime (Full Torch)	NGC MS 65 FT	\$15.00
32		4 Washington Quarters		\$35.00
33		1898 Barber Half Dollar		\$22.00
34		2 Ancient Chinese Coins		\$6.00
35		2 Austria Silver Coins (.6688 ASW)		\$32.00
36	2005 S	5 State Quarter Set Slabbed as Group	PCGS PF 69 Clad	\$10.00
37	2012	4 Presidential Quarter- 24K Enriched		\$8.00
38	1936	3 Buffalo Nickels (PDS)		\$6.00
39		4 Liberty Nickels		\$8.00
40		8 Indian Head Cents		\$15.00
41		JM Bullion 1oz Silver Round		\$56.00
42		Merry Christmas 1oz Silver Round		\$56.00
43		"Morgan" 1oz Silver Round		\$56.00
44	2024	Britannia 1oz Silver Round		\$56.00
45	2002	American Silver Eagle 1oz Silver Round (Littleton)		\$56.00
46	1954 S	Washington Silver Quarter		\$10.00
47	1973	New Zealand 10 Cents	NGC MS 65	\$25.00
48	1922 S	Peace Dollar		\$25.00

49		2 Franklin Half Dollars (58D & 63 D)		\$20.00
50	1884 CC	Morgan Dollar	VG+	\$135.00
51	1887 S	Morgan Dollar	BU	\$105.00
52		3 Morgan Dollars (1896 S, 1899 O, 1921 S)		\$110.00
53		3 Morgan Dollars (1921, 2x1921 S)		\$110.00
54		Morgan Dollar Pair (1890 S, 1891 S)		\$100.00
55	1883	Kingdom of Hawai'i Dime	AU Details	\$200.00
56		Assorted Lot of Liberty Nickels		\$15.00
57	1930s	D.P.I. Kalaniana'ole Lunch Token		\$15.00
58	1942 S	Walking Liberty Half Dollar	ANACS AU 53	\$30.00
59		Hilo Dollar Belt Buckle		\$17.50
60	1919	Philippines 20 Centavos (90% Silver)		\$10.00
61		Honolulu Dollar, Original Packaging	Gem UNC	\$10.00
62	Replica	"1883 Kingdom of Hawai'i 50c Hapalua"	UNC	\$15.00
63	1896 H	Liberia, 10 Cents (20K Minted)		\$75.00
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