

Big Island Coin Club

Newsletter - September 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 September 4th, 2025, at 7:00 pm at Kama'na Center.

There will be a Board Meeting this month at 6pm

Club Announcements:

- Want to know the winner of the club vote for the 2025 Coin and Shirt Logos? Come to the meeting and find out!
- 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
- 60th Anniversary Club coins are now available for purchase! They are going fast, so get 'em now. We are going to auction the first 15 numbers off in monthly auctions. If you want a specific number, just let me know. I have a list of the numbered coins that we have left
- 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.

The Morgan Dollar: America's Iconic Silver Giant

Few coins capture the essence of American numismatics quite like the **Morgan Silver Dollar**. Struck from **1878 to 1904**, and briefly in **1921**, the Morgan Dollar represents the golden age of U.S. silver coinage—both literally and symbolically. It is bold in size, rich in silver content, and steeped in the politics, economy, and industrial identity of its era.

Born of the Silver Boom

The Morgan Dollar was a direct product of the **Comstock Lode** and the **Bland-Allison Act of 1878**, which required the U.S. Treasury to purchase large quantities of silver and convert it into coins. Designed by **George T. Morgan**, the coin featured a striking profile of Lady Liberty on the obverse—modeled after Philadelphia schoolteacher Anna Willess Williams—and an eagle with outstretched wings on the reverse.

Its large format (38.1 mm, 26.73 grams of 90% silver) made it ideal for commerce in the expanding American West, though it saw more use in banking vaults than daily transactions.

A Coin of Controversy and Commerce

While intended to support the silver mining industry, the coin also reflected deep political divisions over the gold vs. silver standard. Millions of Morgan Dollars were minted and then quickly stored in Treasury vaults, with relatively few entering actual circulation. These hoards remained hidden for decades, leading to dramatic discoveries—such as the 1960s Treasury releases that flooded the market with previously uncirculated coins.

1921 and Beyond

Production ended in 1904 but resumed briefly in **1921**, before being replaced by the Peace Dollar. In 2021, the U.S. Mint revived the Morgan Dollar design in a modern silver bullion version, celebrating its enduring appeal.

A Collector's Favorite

Today, Morgan Dollars are among the most collected U.S. coins. Their large size, wide range of mintmarks (from Carson City to New Orleans), and historical ties to the Wild West and American industry make them perennial favorites. Some issues—like the **1893-S** or high-grade **1889-CC**—command significant premiums due to rarity and condition.

		Date 9/4/2025		
#	Date(s)	Item(s)	Grade	Minimum
1	1872	Nickel Three Cent Piece	F+	\$20.00
2	1926	Peace Dollar		\$40.00
3	2005 W	American Silver Eagle 1oz Silver Round		\$45.00
4	1998 S	RFK Comm. Silver Dollar	PCGS MS 69	\$38.00
5	1907 A	German States, Prussia, 5 Mark Coin (ASW .8037)		\$40.00
6	1879 S	Morgan Dollar		\$20.00
7	1880 O	Morgan Dollar		\$25.00
8	1887 O	Morgan Dollar		\$20.00
9	1898	Morgan Dollar		\$25.00
10	1922	Peace Dollar		\$25.00
11		Roll of Silver Dimes (45 Rosies and 5 Mercs)		\$120.00
12		Silver War Nickels (Set of 11)		\$25.00
13		Roll of 40% Silver Kennedy Half Dollars		\$65.00
14		16 Buffalo Nickels Diff. Dates and MMs		\$50.00
15		19 Flying Eagle and Indian Cents (\$450-\$800 Retail)		\$240.00

16		4 Washington Quarters (Silver)		\$26.00
17		Frankling and Walking Liberty Half Dollars		\$26.00
18	1971	Austria 50 Schilling	UNC	\$25.00
19	1933	Great Britain Half Crown		\$10.00
20		2 Ancient Chinese Coins		\$5.00
21	1937 S	Mercury Dime	EF	\$4.00
22	1902	Barber Half Dollar	G	\$20.00
23	1941	Walking Liberty Half Dollar		\$10.00
24	1969 D	Kennedy Half Dollar	UNC	\$4.00
25		6 Mint Sets (76,77,78,79,80,81)		\$24.00
26	1889	Morgan Dollar		\$29.88
27	2024	1 Oz Silver Round Britannia		\$38.82
28	2022	1 Oz Silver Round Philharmonic- Austria		\$38.82
29	2022	1 Oz Silver Round Hibernia		\$38.82
30	1992	1 Oz Silver Round China Panda - Low Mintage		\$50.00
31		Hawai'i Currency Display		\$22.00
32	1900 O	Barber Half Dollar		\$20.00
33	1950 D	Frankling Half Dollar	UNC	\$20.00
34	1966	HSNA Liliuokalani Bronze and Silver Coins w/Holder		\$90.00
35	1934	Walking Liberty Half Dollar	ANACS AU-55	\$30.00
36	222-35	Julia Mamaea Nicaea Bithynia AE20		\$5.00
37	326-328	Constantine IAE3 Campgate		\$5.00
38	317-340	Constantine IIAE3 Sol standing w/globe Arles Mint		\$5.00
39	364-367	Valentinian IAE3RIC IX 7a Angel Victory		\$5.00
40	2021	Mexico, 20 Pesos, Augmented Reality		\$4.00
41		4 Sheets of Carded Wheat Cents and Jefferson's		\$7.50
42	1964	N. Antilles 2.5 Guldens (.5787 ASW)	"GEM BU"	\$20.00
43	2000	Colorized American Silver Eagle (.999 Silver)		\$40.00
44		Lot of 3 Walking Liberty Half Dollars		\$40.00
45	1878 S	Morgan Dollar (1st Year Issue)		\$35.00
46	1894	Barber Dime		\$20.00
47	1912 D	Lincoln Cent		\$5.00
48	1845	Large Cent		\$10.00

49		1961 and 1962 GEM Proof Franklin Half Dollars		\$35.00
50		Smallest Coins in the World (4 coins)		\$5.00
51	1992 S	Silver Proof Premier Set	PF	\$19.00
52	2004 P	Comm. Silver Dollar - Lewis and Clarke		\$33.00
53	2005 P	Comm. Silver Dollar - John Marshall		\$33.00
54	1994 S	Silver Proof Set		\$21.00
55	2003 P	Comm. Silver Dollar - Kittyhawk		\$33.00
56		1 oz Silver Bar 75th Anniversary Coca Cola		\$56.00
57		Copper Round		\$12.00
58		Copper Round		\$12.00
59		Copper Round		\$12.00
60		Silver 4oz Bar- \$100 Dollar Bill Replica		\$190.00
61		20 Wheat Pennies		\$5.00
62		20 Wheat Pennies		\$5.00
63		20 Wheat Pennies		\$5.00
64		20 Wheat Pennies		\$5.00
65		20 Foreign Copper Pennies		\$5.00
66		60th Anniversary Club Coin #10 of 100		\$10.00