

Big Island Coin Club

Newsletter - August 2026 - 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 3rd, 2026. There will be a Board meeting at 6 pm prior to the meeting. If interested, please join us!

Club Announcements:

- We have new shirts and club coins available for purchase!
- 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 Discussion- 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, Collectibles, Flea Market, First Saturdays of the Month, 8- 3 p.m.

Eleven 1933 Double Eagles Together for the First Time

On August 28, 2026, collectors attending the ANA World's Fair of Money in Pittsburgh witnessed something that had never happened before: the U.S. Mint displayed all 11 of the 1933 Saint-Gaudens \$20 Double Eagles in its possession together in one place. The coins are part of one of the most unusual chapters in U.S. numismatic history. The Philadelphia Mint struck 445,500 Double Eagles dated 1933, but changes to the nation's gold policy during the Great Depression prevented them from being released into circulation. Nearly the entire mintage was eventually melted.

A small number, however, escaped the Mint. Two were legally transferred to the Smithsonian Institution, while others entered the coin market through Philadelphia jeweler and coin dealer Israel Switt. Nine were recovered by the government during the 1940s and 1950s and destroyed. Another surfaced in 1996 and became the subject of a legal settlement. That coin was eventually authorized for private ownership and sold for \$7.59 million in 2002. In 2021, it sold again for \$18.87 million, making it one of the most expensive coins ever sold.

The largest discovery came in 2004, when Switt's family produced ten additional 1933 Double Eagles. After years of litigation, the courts determined that the coins had never legally left the Mint and therefore remained property of the United States. Those ten coins were preserved rather than melted and are normally kept at the U.S. Bullion Depository at Fort Knox. An 11th

example was later voluntarily surrendered by a collector who had unknowingly purchased it on the open market.

The Pittsburgh display marked the first time that this 11th coin had been reunited publicly with the group of ten. The ten had previously appeared together at the 2006 ANA convention in Denver, but all 11 had never been assembled for public viewing. The exhibit did not include the two Smithsonian examples or the privately owned specimen, but seeing 11 examples together was nevertheless a remarkable concentration of coins that, according to the government's original records, were never supposed to have left the Mint.

Date 9/3/2026				
#	Date(s)	Item(s)	Grade	Estimated Value
1	1838	Seated Liberty Dime		\$18.00
2	1904 O	Morgan Dollar		\$65.00
3	2001 P	US Capitol Comm. Proof		\$20.00
4	1989	Denver Mint Comm. Copper		\$7.00
5	1873	Seated Liberty Dime (w/arrows)		\$15.00
6		Roll of Silver Quarters		\$420.00
7		16 Silver Half Dollars		\$330.00
8		Roll of 40% Kennedy Half Dollars		\$130.00
9	1919 D	Walking Liberty Half Dollar - Semi-Key Date		\$40.00
10	1878 CC	Morgan Dollar		\$180.00
11	2019 S	River of No Return Wilderness Silver Quarter		\$5.00
12	1924	Honolulu Rapid Transit Token		\$5.00
13	2009	Presidential Proof Set		\$5.00
14	2019	Quarter Proof Set (6 Coins)		\$10.00
15	2009	4 Coin Lincoln Cent Set		\$4.00
16	1901	5 Liberty Nickels		\$7.00
17	1936, 1937	4 Buffalo Nickels		\$8.00
18	1937	4 Buffalo Nickels		\$8.00
19	43 S, 45 S	Mercury Dimes	EF	\$8.00
20	42-45	7 Mercury Dimes		\$22.00
21	1960	Greece, 20 Drachmai Silver Coin KM 85	XF	\$13.00
22	1982	Tahiti, French Polynesia 500 Francs ND		\$11.00
23	1918	Russia, 100 Rubles Note		\$16.00

24	1942	Great Britain, 2 Shillings Silver WW2 Era Silver Coin		\$12.00
25	1943	Australia, One Schilling Silver		\$9.00
26	1936	Great Britain, 1 Schilling Silver		\$9.00
27	1948	New Zealand, Florin, Key Date - Low Mintage Kiwi		\$4.00
28	1964 (Yr 39)	Japan, 100 Silver	BU	\$12.00
29	1941	Netherlands East Indies, Silver 1/4 Gulden		\$5.00
30	1923	Germany, 100,000 Mark Note		\$2.00
31	1826	Coronet Large Cent		\$20.00
32	1929 D FB	Mercury Dime		\$20.00
33	1913	Barber Quarter		\$35.00
34	1892	Colombian Comm. Half Dollar	PCGS MS 62	\$70.00
35	1926 S	Peace Dollar	NGC AU 58	\$90.00
36		Singapore, 1 Dollar Bank Note		\$5.00
37		Zambia, 50 Kwacha Banknote, Crisp		\$5.00
38		35, 36, 37, Buffalo Nickels		\$3.00
39		Guatemala, Un Quetzal Banknote		\$4.00
40	1832	Capped Bust Half Dime		\$20.00
41	376-375 CE	Valens, AE3, Siscia Mint, Angel Victory		\$6.00
42	337-340 CE	Constantius II, AE 3, Two Soldiers w/ Standard, Const. 27		\$6.00
43	337-361 CE	Constantius II, AE 3, Soldier Spearing Horseman, Choice Portrait		\$6.00
44	1944 D	Philippines, US Occupation, 10 Centavos, Silver		\$1.50
45	1942	Netherlands East Indies, Japanese Occupation		\$3.00
46	1959	Canada, Silver Quarter		\$8.00
47	1953	Panama, Silver 1/4 Balboa		\$11.00
48	1915	Cuba, 5 Centavos		\$2.00
49	1921	Morgan Dollar		Melt +2
50	1922	Peace Dollar		Melt
51		Club Coin #9		\$10.00