

Next Meeting:

JANUARY MAYBE??!!

CANCELED

~~December 22 My Covid Coin and Minibourse.~~

~~Bring coins you found, found a new love for, or want to get rid of now after Covid lock up.~~

After the Last Cancelled Meeting

Everything December is cancelled. Covid is out there, although my wife, daughter, and daughter-in-law are already signing up for the vaccine as front line medical workers. My MD says as high risk, I should get the vaccine in January. **Ordered Kansas butterfly .25 and Bush dollar.** MD\$1 Hubble out Dec.14. Dec. 21 the **Barbara Bush bronze medal** with a Bush dollar will be selling for \$25, a 300% markup? I'm getting one but... please. **John Ward is planning a coin show at the Silver Legacy February 19-21** Call 559 967-8067 for info. Details at CoinZip. We get a table and can do a raffle. Seems hopefully early to me. **1/10 oz. Gold eagle raffle.** Same deal 40 \$10 tickets drawn when 40 tickets are sold. Please mail me a check at 2845 Edgewood Drive, Reno 89503 for your chance to win. Coin drawn as soon as I have sold 40 tickets. Stay safe. Contact me with any ideas or problems: 775 815-8625 datbelliotts@prodigy.net **DUES ARE DUE.**

Treasurer's report: Minimal activity. Income was \$140 from Jamie Thompson for 2021 dues, name tag, medals (\$90) and 2 tickets for 1/10 oz gold eagle. New expenses for the month included our annual state filing fee of \$50 and the normal expenses were paid for the newsletter, our website, and bank fees.

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2020 NA & CT, MA \$1, 2019S .25 sets here. Vermont .25 here. Kansas .25, MD \$1 at end of month.



S set of all five 2013-2019 quarters in case \$5
National Park Quarters PDS .50
Innovation, Native American \$1 D P \$1.25

New Coins

The basketball and woman suffrage coins as well as the 2019 proof set and Native American dollar are up as last chance to buy December 29th. The Mayflower and WWII coins are sold out. The 2020 SC Innovation dollar will come out Jan. 19 2021. I will order the Hubble dollar next week. The last quarter of the America the Beautiful series comes out Feb 19, the Tuskegee Airmen. I have found a six quarter case to put the S sets together then.



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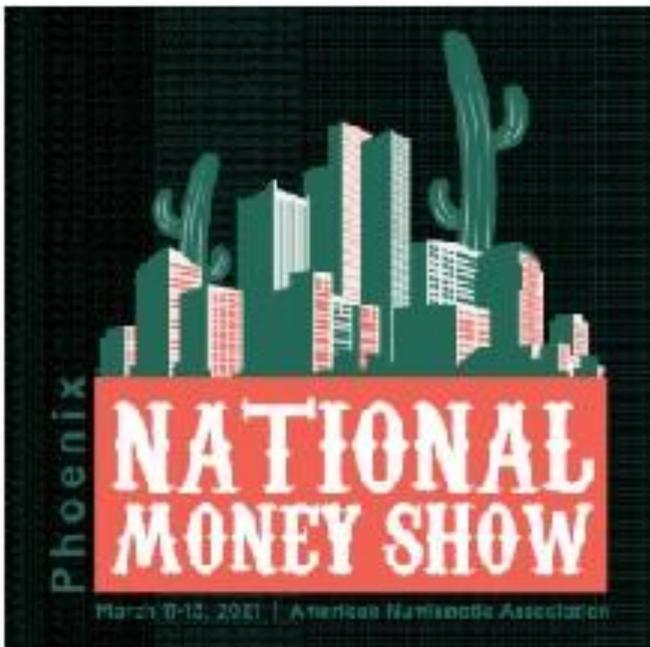


Upcoming Coin Shows (most shows are cancelled, so check before you go to make sure it's on.)

~~January 7-10 FUN 2021 is cancelled. Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida~~

February 19-21, Reno Coin Show, Silver Legacy, Admit: \$3 Tables: ? John Ward 559 967-8067

March 11-13 ANA National Money Show, Phoenix Convention Center, 100 N 3rd St. Admit: \$8 Free on Saturday and to ANA members. Tables: huge Info: <https://www.money.org/nationalmoneyshow>



The Other Coin: The Three Wisemen

There are about a dozen contenders for the magi or wisemen at Jesus' birth. There were many petty kings around the Holy Land, but we want them to be ones that issued coins. Coin contenders for the Three Wisemen: Azes II of the Indo-Scythians, Phraates IV of the Parthians, Gondophares of the Indo-Parthian (whom St. Thomas is said to have converted to Christianity) and Aretas IV of the Nabataeans:



Azes II, A.II mounted/Athena stands, 35bc-4ad



Phraates IV, head / king as archer, 37-2bc



Gondophares, bust / Nike stands, 10bc



Aretas IV, wife Shuqailat/cornucopias 9bc-40ad

Don't forget that Jesus was born at 7BC or 4BC to take into account all the personages mentioned at his birth (Herod died 4-1 BC, Emperor Augustus 14BC-37AD, Governor Quirinius 6-12AD), which was how time was kept back then, e.g. the 7th year of emperor, king, governor so and so. Herod and Quirinius were not there at the same time. Likely a different governor was taking the census roles for taxes as every governor did. They were there to collect taxes for Rome. Our year 0 was a pretty good medieval guess. Comets noted by Chinese astronomers make 7BC or 4BC the favored dates.

The Wisemen or magi could be kings, but might be just priest astronomers, the most respected scientists and religious men of the time, who rarely minted coins. Augustus and the Jewish kings before Herod were both king priests that employed magi or astronomers.

Besides wisemen candidates, Biblical related coins can be collected by person, place, or event mentioned in the Bible. Jewish kings minted their own coins starting around 140BC with the Lilly of Jerusalem on the coin. Jewish related coins begin with the end of Babylonian captivity in the 6th century BC with Judah as the name of a province placed on some Persian coins. Of course, coins can be collected from almost all the cities in the Bible, although not from Old Testament times since coins were first minted in the 7th century BC and Biblical events began with Abraham in the 17th or 18th century BC and Moses in the 13th C. BC.

Popular collecting themes include a coin from each of the cities Paul ministered in or a coin from each city that minted them in the Holy Land. Coins showing a history of Jerusalem or the Jewish kings, Roman procurators of Judah including Pilate, Jewish coins of revolt in 70AD and 135 AD. The Roman emperors minted coins commemorating their victories over the Jews known as Jewish Capta coins, often showing a weeping Jewish woman under a palm tree. You can also collect coins mentioned by Jesus like the Widow's mite, tribute penny, or one of the 30 pieces of silver (shekels of Tyre) paid to Judas. Most of the cities Jesus ministered in minted coins, often during the time of his ministry. The Handbook of Biblical Numismatics is on-line at amuseum.org/book See James B. Lovette's, Biblical Related Coins (2000). By the way, very nice Widow's mites can be had for \$10 or less. Almost anything of this nature can be found at www.vcoins.com or on ebay.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

The American Numismatic Society is pleased to announce the launch of the **Medallic Art Company (MACO) Archives website**. This website is designed to provide a glimpse into the MACO Archives and to serve as a location for updates about the collection as the ANS moves forward with the project. Website at <http://numismatics.org/maco/> *All these medals were part of the NW Territorial Mint in Dayton. In 1993, Eric P. Newman published the paper **Origin of the Dollar Sign** in the American Numismatic Society Coinage of the America Conference proceedings. This work traced the evolution of "ps" (Spanish abbreviation for peso) into the now ubiquitous \$. Nice 10 minutes video:*

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/592172>



Holabird's Holiday Auction Thursday-Monday
December 17-21 beginning at 8am pacific time.
<https://www.holabirdamericana.com/2020-holiday-auction> **3D printers are cranking out ancient coins.** <https://www.turbosquid.com/3d-model/ancient-coin>



\$25 George and Barbara Bush set. Dec.21st
US coin production held steady in October, United States Mint figures show, registering a fifth straight month atop the one billion level. **US Mint produces over 1 billion coins for circulation in October.**

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The First Coins of the Americas by Peter Jones describes the author's personal journey with Spanish colonial coins called cobs. The first mint of the Americas opened in Mexico City in 1536. A lifelong collector, Jones explores the background of the conquistadors and the Spanish colonial system, then gives the fascinating stories behind each coin with up to date scholarship on current thoughts about each series.

The book is profusely illustrated with color photos, and includes full page pictures of 129 coins. The book is 8.5 by 11 inches, hard back with 250 pages. Foreword by Daniel Sedwick. Sections include: Spanish coinage before the New World; Mexican money before the first mint of 1536; Carlos and Juana Early and Late series precobs coinage; Santo Domingo and Lima precobs; A type collection of silver and gold cobs by mint: Mexico City, Lima, La Plata, Potosí, Panama, Bogotá, Cuzco, Cartagena, and Guatemala. \$80. **Coin grading was originally a series of adjectives from "fair for the lowest grade to "brilliant uncirculated" for the highest. Later this adjectival grading was replaced with numerical grading based on a 70 scale, from one to seventy. Uncirculated grades are from MS60 to MS70. In the 1980's there was no MS64 grade. Hear the story of how this came about.** An excerpt of the video is available on the Coin Television YouTube Channel at: <https://youtu.be/kQh2FsBFJ4g> **1976 clad Bicentennial Washington quarter struck on 1976 .10**



Money and Power in Hellenistic Bactria by Simon Glenn is \$150 book that provides a history of the Greek Bactrian kingdom through coins. The eastern most empire of Alexandria the Great portrayed by Sean Connery in *The Man Who Would Be King*.

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Mike Coltrane's intense interest in history and American paper currency inspired him to form the **most comprehensive collection of War of 1812 United States Treasury Notes** ever assembled. There are two main classes of notes. First are those authorized by the acts of June 30, 1812, March 4, 1814, and December 26, 1814 (and \$100 notes from the February 24, 1815, act). They were in a large size format and paid 5-2/5% interest for one year from its hand-dated time of issuance. The second class of notes was authorized by the final act of February 24, 1815. These were in a "small" size format with denominations from \$3 to \$100, similar in size and style to slightly earlier first Bank of the United States notes. These did not pay set interest or have a set term, but were redeemable later for 7% United States funded stock. They circulated in commerce when signed by three officials including the register of the treasury or an authorized, designated official such as a commissioner of United States loans.



A metal detectorist found a \$50,000 gold stater of Caratacus struck shortly before the Roman emperor Claudius invaded Britain in 43AD. Caratacus was a military leader in the 1st century AD who resisted the Roman conquest of Britain for eight years.



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Connecticut coppers have the most complex minting history of all colonial issues from 1785-1788. There were more than 355 die combinations, with at least 126 type varieties having 26 distinct bust styles made by at least six different mints. Yet, the basic design of the Connecticut Coppers never changed; all issues imitated the British halfpenny. The obverse depicted the bust of George II or III wearing a laurel wreath, the figure sometimes faced to the left (as George II) or to the right (as George III) and was either clad in mail armor or draped in a toga. The obverse legend was one of several forms of Latin abbreviations for the phrase "By the authority of Connecticut." The reverse depicted a seated personification of Liberty closely resembling the British Britannia with a legend consisting of an abbreviated form of "Independence and Liberty."



to realize a million dollars at auction.

Alexander III, the Great, 336-323 BC, gold stater head of Athena right, wearing Corinthian helmet decorated with coiled serpent // Nike standing left, holding wreath in right hand and cradling stylus in left arm. Sold for \$5 million. A very cool \$5 series **1870 National Gold Bank Note**, First National Gold Bank, San Francisco.



One ounce silver **Covid coin** linked to national debt as a hard times token \$55. A nurse locked in a house surrounded by Covid. Reverse Federal Reserve and Treasury shields joined by an infinity sign. To infinity and beyond. 5 trillion above 25 trillion national debt payout per person \$1200, still not enough. \$55 order at <http://www.dc-oin.com/2008hardtimetoken536minted-2-3-1-1-2-2-3.aspx> An example of the legendary **1894S Barber Dime**, graded PF 65 by NGC, is poised

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Next Meeting: Nov. 24, Denny's, 205 Nugget Ave, Sparks, 4th Tuesday of month, 7PM

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November 24 **Happy Birthday NV**, Rusty King

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After the Last Meeting

14 people came with masks and a joyous heart as we finally met. They saw Sam Dibitonto's marvelous Mogans. He will bring his Seated Liberties in December. Max of 40 at Denny's and **you must wear a mask** when you come in unless eating or drinking. **Please do not come if you are feeling ill.** The museum is running the press from 11AM-3PM on Saturdays, small groups with reservations. **Got Vermont .25 and CT and MA telephone \$1.** Kansas .25 Nov.16. WWII privy marked eagles with V75 out Nov. 4 gold and silver (\$83) WWII coins out Nov. 9, silver (\$75). *I think commemorative is nicer and cheaper.* Kansas .25 November 16, MD\$1 Hubble out Dec.14. SC Innovation \$1 not set, so next year? **Mint set out Nov. 30, BUT WILL NOT INCLUDE W-.05.**

Buy proof set now if you want W-.05. The Bush \$1 is Dec. 4 and with Barbara's bronze medal Dec.21. Mayflower Brit and US set (2 silvers) Nov. 17 \$150. Trump presidential medal still not scheduled. Congressman Mark Amodei and Rusty King are trying again to get new 2021 Morgan dollars from all the mints. HR 6192 passed in Congress to produce Morgan Dollar and Peace Dollar in 2021 for the 100th anniversary of the change from the Morgan to the Peace Dollar. The bill has now gone to the Senate, which has an identical bill (S 4326). It is possible for the lame duck to pass the bill for 2021 or it will be resubmitted to commemorate the mints at a later date. **DOUG LARSON WON THE 1884 CC BOXED DOLLAR RAFFLE** and donated it back to be raffled again after the 1989 1/10 oz. Gold eagle. Same deal 40 \$10 tickets drawn when 40 tickets are sold. Please mail me a check at 2845 Edgewood Drive, Reno 89503 for your chance to win. Contact me with any problems or ideas: 775 815-8625 datbelliotts@prodigy.net

Early Bird Prize: mint bag of .50 Kennedy chocolates and \$100 Benjamin mints won by Leo Rossow

Raffle prizes winners were:

David Elliott: Morgan & Peace Dollars book, new .25 sets
 Andre Assam: 2018S .25 set
 Jerry Breedlove: 1 gm silver, 4 unc. .25, Mercury .10, book on great US coin collection
 Rusty King: chocolate coins, mint bags
 Bart Daniel: uncirculated .05s, 1989 proof set, set steel .01
 Danny Clifton: PD CT \$1, 1974 proof set, 1977 unc. .et, Indian .01, V .05
 Joe Lamberson: bit coin
 Ken Hopple: 2 presidential \$1 set, 2 mint bags
 Mary Long: RCC copper medal, PDS 2020 .25

Auctions

DOUG LARSON WON THE 1884 CC BOXED DOLLAR RAFFLE and donated it back! THANKS!

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Jim Arden (not present) won the quarter po

THANKS everyone for donating to the RAFFLE!
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FUN Show Orlando,FL on January 7-10

Bill Green is trying to get CA shows going again.

The Other Coin: 2 Large Bronzes of the 1st Crusade: Roger I and Baldwin II

With the turmoil in Syria more Crusader and other coins have entered the ebay market with hoards of the rare large bronzes of Roger I and Baldwin II of the First Crusade (1096-1099AD) evidently being discovered and becoming available. These large follis size coppers or bronzes (a little larger than a half dollar) were Byzantine imitations with crosses or bastardized Greek proclaiming titles or offering prayers on the reverse. The obverse were original with Christ or St. Peter and the two most sought after having armored knights mounted or standing.

The Crusaders are often condemned for invading

Muslim lands, but, of course, they were coming to the aid of the Christian Roman Empire, now called Byzantines, who were desperately trying to hold onto the remnant of their empire after the last great Roman army of 100,000 men was destroyed by the Seljuk Turks at Manzikert in 1071 and the Roman Emperor taken hostage. The Byzantines offered the Armenians southern Asia Minor, now called Turkey, which repopulated the area with a standing army and offered the Latin West territory as vassals in the Holy Land. This was the impetus to the Crusades to restore the Roman Empire. The Armenians proved to be faithful vassals, the Crusaders grabbed land for themselves and even destroyed Constantinople in the Fourth Crusade defeating the Byzantine emperor for a time. The Armenians and Crusaders were trying to restore the Byzantines to their territory lost some 20 years before, not take "ancestral Muslim lands."



Roger of Salerno (d.1119) was the son of Richard of Salerno, one of the Normans of Sicily and southern Italy that spoke Arabic and had a history of dealing with Byzantines and Muslims. He was appointed as regent and prince of Antioch (now Homs, the first Christian city, which the Byzantines dubbed the city of God). He rebuilt the city after an earthquake in 1114 that killed his father, but set out with an army of 700 knights, 3000 foot soldiers, and 500 Armenian cavalry to defeat neighboring Muslims, but did not wait for reinforcements and died with his army. Reinforcements from Tripoli and/or Jerusalem meant those princes would add new territories to their kingdoms, rather than Roger adding to his. The follis has the first image of St. George with halo and the dragon, a large snake or wyrm. The reverse spells in Greek letters Roger Prince of Antioch (POTZEP ΠΡΙΓΚΠΙ ΟC ANTIOK). The C is an S.

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In 1100, Baldwin II became the second count of Edessa, the first crusader state founded in 1098, succeeding his cousin Baldwin I, who became King of Jerusalem. Baldwin II, like most Crusaders, set upon a path of aggrandizing his own fief attacking the Byzantines, their Armenian allies, allying with the Muslims or attacking them as he struggled with other Crusaders, Muslim princes, Armenians, and others. After being captured and ransomed more than once, he was rescued by his cousin Baldwin I and succeeded to the throne of Jerusalem 1118-1131 AD. The follis depicts Baldwin II in mail dress and leggings with a pointed helmet and sword and inscription Baldwin, servant of the cross in Greek (ΒΑΓΔΟΙΝΟC ΔΟΥΛΟC ΤΑΥ(ΡΟC). Baldwin's name in his native French is Baudouin. The prayer is a variation of the common Byzantine prayer of Lord help thy servant (name), The cross is a Byzantine copy.



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Lloyd Jorgenson has released a color spiral bound book titled **AAFES -POGS Illustrated Catalog and Price Guide 2001-2018**. It has been revised and material



added due to input from other POG collectors. The first edition is dated August 2020 and the second edition is dated September 2020. On e-bay for \$27. What are these things? The coins shown in this section are money, just like ordinary nickels, dimes and quarters in America. But, unlike regular coins in America, they are not legal tender. Printing currency is against the law so AAFES (Army Air Force Exchange Services, the WalMart for the military) at the direction of the Department of Defense created these as "gift certificates" for use by service members participating in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. They are commonly referred to as "pogs." But why paper? The military operating in these regions must dedicate its shipments to vital hardware and supplies. Metal coins weigh a lot more than these pogs. Both of these problems are gone when using paper currency in the place of metal coins. Things were sold to the nearest .05, so no .01. Hundreds of designs and about a dozen series. New crusader series in Syria, I guess. <http://thetyrantcollection.com/> **The Tyrant Collection**, the most valuable and richest collection in the world is now on line with beautiful photos of gold and silver coins: Tyrants of the Thames, Tyrants of the Tigris & Euphrates From ancient Lydia to modern Iraq), Tyrants of The Tyrrhenian & Adriatic Seas (from ancient Sicily to modern Italy), Tyrants of The Tiber, Tyrants of The Seine (French coins from Visigoths to Napoleon). Half on line is Eagle of the Tyrant Collection: This exhibit contains over 300 eagles and has every circulation strike from 1795 to 1933 with all the branch mint coins also represented. There are proofs of nearly every issue

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including the ultra- rare 1804, 1838, 1839, and 1857 issues, as well as both 1907 No Motto Indian Head Proofs and the unique Matte finish 1909. There are dozens of finest known examples of both circulation strikes and proofs. You can buy catalogs of each collection for only \$10. Since 2015, **Smithsonian's National Numismatic Collection (NNC)**, has been putting their collection on-line at <https://americanhistory.si.edu/national-numismatic-collection/collection>

You can search whole collections or look for individual items or topics. Of the 1.5 million numismatic objects they have on-line: 6,128 coins from the Josiah K. Lilly Jr. Collection, 5,754 coins from the Paul A. Straub Collection, 13,678 coins and medals from the Grand Duke George Mikhailovich Collection, 8,000 East Asian coins, 5,800 Chinese banknotes, 880 West African currency objects, 274,340 proof sheets from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, 6,000 pieces of German notgeld, 119 Comitia Americana medals. A good start.



Lianna Spurrier launched a website this week about her research on Japanese bar money **The Rectangle Coins: Japanese Bar Money** <https://rectanglecoins.com/> **FREE BOOK.** Ernie Nagy's monograph **Numismatic Collateral of British and American Abolition** is the latest contribution to the field. This work serves as a catalog of American and British coins, tokens, and medals related to the 18th and 19th century abolition movement. Britain was well ahead of the U.S. in this regard, as these artifacts well demonstrate.

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/booksbyauthor/539733>
The American Numismatic Society is pleased to announce **the Greatest Coins video series**, beginning with EID Mar denarius when Brutus assassinated Julius Caesar. They have lots of videos on you tube. <https://www.youtube.com/c/NumismaticsOrg/videos>
For example Money Talks will have a great survey on The Ephemeral Flying Eagle: **Gobrecht Dollars** in the ANS Collection, so to be on you tube with article at:

<http://numismatics.org/money-talks-the-ephemeral-flying-eagle-gobrecht-dollars-in-the-ans-collection/>



Missing Sean Connery and the cancelled new movie? Perth Mint has these **Bond posters on 5 gram silver foil** at about \$45 each or \$250 the set. Randy'L Teton, the spokeswoman for the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, **modeled for the Sacagawea coin in 1998 and is the only living person who appears on U.S. currency.** She is making person al video appearances at various schools for the 20th anniversary of the coin. She is from Idaho. Fred Holabird's Halloween auction had



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extremely rare scrip note issued at **Wells Fargo, Virginia City, Nevada**. The note shows \$5 scrip denomination on the front and a \$2.50 denomination at each end of the back, indicating the note can be torn in half and redeemed for \$2.50 for each half. The serial number and all the info is duplicated left to right. The note has been trimmed. This example is one of two known, the other a ragged example sold by us in 2015. The bottom edge of the note originally showed the purported date of the concert as August 15, 1872, but it was postponed to Feb. 1, 1873. Exceptional piece of Virginia City history. An extremely rare silver penny



of **Baron Eustace Fitzjohn, a 12th century York-shire Business Magnate** has been discovered recently by a metal detectorist Rob Brown a 56. The 19 mm coin was minted in York and is one of only 20 surviving examples with this design and is estimated to fetch £10,000- 15,000. On one side of a standing helmeted knight holding a sword. Around this is an inscription which reads EUSTACIUS. On the reverse is a cross within a quatrefoil with the legend EBOR. ACIT.

DEFT. Baron Eustace was a self-made man, whom Henry I gave permission to strike local pennies. He supported Empress Matilda against Stephen in the English Civil War. **Cool error coins** from a recent auction: In 1976, the San Francisco Mint did not strike US coins for circulation, so this piece represents a proof wrong planchet striking of nickel on a penny, 2000 Lincoln Cent struck on 2000P Dime, and 1970 5C Jefferson nickel struck on clad 10C planchet.



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New Coins



Well, I was wrong, David Ryder, director of the mint got his WWII 75th anniversary coin after all. Eagle and olive branches rather than anything military, but a nice coin. Certainly better than nothing. Will be in gold and silver. Of course these are nothing compared to Russia and Canada (see below). The Kansas .25 with a butterfly and MA telephone dollar are coming out soon.



Some Russia & Canada 2020 WWII Coins



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Robert's Treasures



You still have a chance to beat Sam Dibitonto's Morgan or Seated Liberty dollar, but this has to win best dollar. One of 4 best of only 40-50 coins, the 1795 \$1 Flowing Hair, 3 Leaves, Silver Plug, MS65+ PCGS. Ex: Lord St. Oswald. Sold \$1.5 million by Heritage Auctions. Got to see this in real life.

The Other Coin: Papal Bullae

I had intended to include papal bullae when I discussed seals, but I did not have one and the seals article was growing too long. Now, I have one, or a half a one anyway found by a mudlarker in the Thames. Mudlarkers dig and use metal detectors on

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the Thames mudflats when the tide is out. I was looking for an Irish penny of Elizabeth I, the last affordable Irish coin I was missing, when I saw he had half of a bulla of Gregorius IX 1227-1241 AD for about \$60, half price, and a tenth of whole one and a pope, who did not issue coins as the reconstituted Roman Senate issued coins from 1143-1300 in place of papal coins for the most part. The only coin available for Gregory IX is a bulla.

Bullae are lead seals placed on official documents and decrees, which guaranteed the authenticity of the bulla. They were supposed to be cut or destroyed after use. And, although often of similar designs, each pope had a different number of bordering dots and his name affixed to the reverse as well as special ribbons attaching the seal to the documents.



You can get most any rare coin for much less in a poor or damaged condition, a 1795 flowing hair dollar can be bought for under a \$1000 in AG 3 and the same design in a half dollar for \$650. The half a bulla allowed me to add a rare pope for \$60 and keep my papal collection to coins under \$100.



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Above bullae of Innocent IV (1243-1254) and Gregory IX 1227-1241. St. Paul and Saint Peter are on the obverse. I have Saint Paul and the E IUS and IIII of Gregorius PP VIII. There is a nice website on the bullae as part of the portable antiquities finds in Britain that list all the metal detectorist finds: <https://finds.org.uk/counties/findsrecordingguides/papal-bullae/> I also got a corroded, but fine Elizabeth I penny at about a tenth of what it would normally cost. Nice Irish harp, full date 1602 and most of the inscription.



New eagles designs for gold and silver eagles to come out sometime in 2021. The gold will have the closeup of an eagle head, and the silver an eagle in flight with oak branch. **Canadians in at least one**

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province are hoarding \$100 bills to avoid income taxes and participate in the underground cash economy according to circulation patterns of banknotes observed by Canada's central bank. Canada also attributes the lack of circulating coins to people not wanting to get germs from coins, rather than hoarding. Perth mint year of the ox coin and a 5 ounce Zodiac. The finest known 1794 dollar will be auctioned in



Las Vegas this month. Last sold for \$10 million in 2013, it is expected to sell for \$20 million this time. It is the first American silver dollar. *Go, Go Robert. Jeff Shevlin is restriking the Wilson Dollar for the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Manila Mint.* The restrikes use the original Wilson Dollar obverse die engraved by George Morgan. Struck by Daniel Carr of the Moonlight Mint, in gold, silver, copper, brass, aluminum, nickel and select gold-plated. 38mm, the same size as the original. The gold is 1.6oz, 50 grams of gold for \$5,000, silver is \$100, copper is \$50, and the brass, aluminum and nickel are \$35. Silver with select gold-plate is \$125. The reverse die commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Manila Mint and will be identical to the original die except in the legend "Anniversary" replaces "Opening" and will be dated 2020, not 1920. *I bought one, great design, awful president.* To buy visit on-line: <http://www.socalleddollar.com/> **PCGS puts chips in its holders for coins and notes starting this month for added security.** A very good idea. You will be able to



authenticate on your smart phone. **ANA Money Museum has reopened in Colorado.** Masks and limited number of entries. Watching the coin press in **Carson City is also masked and you have to make a reservation.** They are minting new medals, but no pictures for me to print. Talbot, Allum, & Lee



engaged in the India trade. Formed in 1794, the partnership operated only until 1796. Their copper tokens dated 1794 and 1795 with the goddess of Commerce on the obverse and a sailing ship on the reverse were made in Birmingham, England **became US half cents.** At the time, penny coins in circulation were an assortment from various states (Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Vermont), British halfpence, counterfeits, and more. The Liberty head copper cents made at the Philadelphia Mint beginning in March 1793 were scarce. Consequently, just about any copper coin the size of a British halfpenny would trade at the value of one cent. The shipping firm tokens dated 1794 that cost less than a cent to make were put into circulation where they circulated at the value of one cent. The company profited from the coin and the advertising. On April 23, 1795, the firm sold 1,076 pounds of the unused tokens to the Philadelphia Mint. The coins were a godsend to the Mint, which had been experiencing severe difficulties obtaining copper stock to strike

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half cents and cents. Planchets for US half cents were cut by punching discs from the tokens, most of which were probably in mint condition. Today it is not unusual to find a 1795 or 1797 US half cent with the token undertype with some of the ship's rigging and some letters around the border of the token. Such half cents are highly prized by numismatists as they are literally two coins in one.



A rare Washington .25 error coin graded AU58 by NGC is feature in Heritage error coin auction December 15th. An off center brockage struck on the 90% silver planchet that were used for the Washington Quarter's vintage years of 1932 to 1964.



Temple Coins has minted a medallion in honor of the signing of the Abraham Accord between the United Arab Emirates and Israel showing the Israeli and UAE flags over the silhouette of Jerusalem's Old City joined with the Abu Dhabi skyline. The American eagle is beneath the Abraham Accord in Hebrew and Arabic. The reverse has a sword breaking into symbols of peace and advanced technology. In Hebrew and Arabic is the verse from Jeremiah: *For I will give you lasting peace in this place* and from the Koran: *And if one inclines towards peace, it inclines towards you*. The sword alludes to Isaiah: *And they shall beat their swords into ploughshares*. Donald Trumps signature is



on the bottom. **Stacks Bowers is auctioning a nearly complete collection of Indian Peace Medals in December. The largest hoard of coins from the 7th century AD found in Oman in 1979 was put on display. 962 dirhams both Sassanid and early Islamic.**



Closing with something Halloweeny:



This 1666 private half penny by John (Iohn) Morse of Waterford is a reminder of death *momento morium* minted in the year of the Great London Fire and many plagues. His initials are on the front with flowers. The reverse has a skeleton holding arrows and an hourglass reminding everyone that time flies and flowers quickly wither and die. The name Morse is a pun on the Latin *mors*, which means death.

Nice movie on making coins from Franklin Mint:
<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/584177>

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Robert's Treasures



Robert added to his Comitia Americana collection with a superb Anthony Wayne at Stony Point Medal from John Adams collection (*I got a couple of ancients from the presidents collection*) Obverse: The goddess America or Columbia with a headdress and of tobacco leaves with alligator at her feet and a Union shield is at her feet. She holds a crown in one hand and extends a laurel wreath to Wayne. The general stands at right, holding his tricorn. In the exergue beneath them, COMITIA AMERICANA, while the periphery reads ANTONIO WAYNE DUCI EXERCITUS or "Anthony Wayne, General of the Army." Reverse: An expansive battle scene, with the Hudson River at the right horizon and a stone fortress. Troops climb the mountain. An artillery battery appears in the right foreground. Seven masted ships appear in the distance below a cloudy sky. "Stony Point stormed by force" (expugnatum) 15 July 1779 (mdcclxxix).

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Final design for the Mayflower 400th will be sold with the British Mayflower coin. Both silver rounds. The US medal features a Mayflower family bracing against the cold and windy weather, foreshadowing their coming hardships, while the ship is anchored in the harbor. A pair of mayflower blossoms flank the design. Reverse depicts a Wampanoag man and woman planting crops.



Not the Other Coin: Hard Time Tokens

The US government produced so little coinage that foreign coinage circulated freely until 1857. There was not enough currency for trade or commerce, so credit notes, then locally state chartered banks issued paper money from 1800 to 1865. Counterfeiting and the collapse of hundreds of banks during the panics of 1819, 1837, and 1857 made paper currency a necessity of dubious reputation with worthless paper money from failed banks known as “broken bank notes.” People hoarded gold and silver coins, and even copper coinage. Hard Times tokens were minted from 1832-1844 by individuals in response to the disappearance of coins when inflation and the expansion of paper money was compounded with the election of Andrew Jackson and his promised repeal of the Bank of the United States, an early Federal Reserve. Banks no longer exchanged gold and silver coins for paper money. Most Hard Times tokens could be used as substitutes for the large one cent coin. Businesses, advertisements, and other varieties were made to resemble legitimate currency, featuring a similar Liberty head to the standard large cent on one side and a reverse reading “Not One Cent.”



There were also political or satirical issues, usually featuring commentaries on Andrew Jackson, Martin Van Buren, William Seward, or Daniel Webster. Champions of Andrew Jackson made one token and detractors used imagery of a lock box and a donkey marked with “LLD” to represent Andrew Jackson, implying the President was a jackass and ridiculing his honorary law degree from Harvard. He vetoed the Bank of the United States bill and took responsibility for locking up all the gold and silver. Daniel Webster

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promoted the restoration of the bank and credit system guaranteed by the United States while Martin Van Buren wanted to continued the system of state banks and gold and silver currency.



Abolitionists messages were placed on hard time tokens illustrated with an image of a slave bound in chains encircled by text reading, “Am I Not A Woman, Man & A Sister, Brother?” Store tokens, also called trade tokens, or store cards, featured advertisements for goods, services, and inventions, and are the most numerous types. There is a design for a wood planer, Peacock’s jewelry store where time is money, and a button store, wrapping itself in Americana and awards. There are man stores from several states.

There are both Standard Catalogs and Guide Books for these tokens as well as the broken bank notes that often have wonderful 19th century engravings. Lots of information on line as well.

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Ursula Kampmann in an article *The Gold Standard: How and Why Gold Became the Most Important Metal For Coins* relates the story of the fluctuating values of gold and silver as a commodity depending on large discoveries of either metal, but giving gold an edge as an inflationary hedge. For centuries, silver was the preferred metal across the world when it came to coins and savings. In the 19th century that changed. It actually all started with Isaac Newton, or rather, with the huge gold deposits discovered in Brazil, and the trouble they caused him. These finds pushed down the price of gold in such a way that the established mint ratio between gold and silver coins had to be constantly recalculated. Even Isaac Newton, who was, at the time, master of the Royal Mint in the Tower of London failed to keep up with these developments. In his final adjustment in 1717, he valued the silver coins too highly. This effectively caused them to disappear from circulation. California and other gold rushes, our own Comstock load made silver an inflationary metal and gold a deflationary metal, such that world governments (creditors) preferred gold and debtors preferred silver, so debtors could pay debts with money of ever decreasing value. Gold became a world standard until after WWI when paper money set inflationary rates from 3% to 10,000% or more as in Venezuela now and Russia and other places not so long

ago. **Fun error** coins a die cap error where a coin gets stuck on a die and gets smashed on other coins and a war nickel on a penny blank:



The Confederate Treasury included a large quantity of Mexican silver 8 reales coins. At the war's end the Treasury was shipped south from Richmond by rail, and along the way Confederate notes were redeemed for silver coin at the rate of 70 to 1. The remaining coins were paid out to escorting troops. Some of the coins were kept as souvenirs of the war and later engraved.



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Whitman Encyclopedia of Colonial and Early American Coins, second edition, by Q. David Bowers. The 352 page hardcover book for \$49.95. Kenneth A. Sheedy and Gillan Davis (editors), **Metallurgy in Numismatics 6. Mines, Metals, and Money: Ancient World Studies in Science, Archaeology and History**, 326pp., 396 illus., 23 studies on geology and mining in ancient Greece, the manufacture and metallurgy of ancient Greek coins and the analysis and conservation of these coins. **Cool Canadian coins** circulating \$2 WWII commemorative based on WWII nickel bimetel and painted or not. Also the first Canadian on the shuttle craft gets a trimetal coin of brass, copper nickel, and bronze.



California fractional gold for over \$10,000 features California seal and Assay Office eagle. Graded MS65 by NGC. With more people



banks, restaurants and retail stores has dried up. For its part, the US Mint is actually on track to produce more coins this year than it has in almost two decades, having ramped up production to fill the void. Like everything else about this pandemic, the coin shortfall is unprecedented, at least for modern times. Making

more coins does not put them in circulation if no one wants to handle them. *I have found some new 2020 quarters, but no Ws yet.* **Oak Tree Massachusetts shilling** sold by Heritage for \$161,000 along with many other rarities like 1894S dimes, 1795 dollar.



ANA has put an online exhibit exploring the period starting with the reign of Charles I and the English Civil Wars to the first years of the restored British monarchy under Charles II, through the coins, medals, people and objects associated with Oliver Cromwell. A display of part of the Geoffrey Cope Collection, one of the finest collections of coins from this period, to help tell the story of this turbulent time in English history. <https://www.money.org/money-museum/virtual-exhibits/cromwell> **Current favorite design for the Christa McAuliffe 2021 medal.** She is the teacher that died on the Challenger shuttle. Aluminum **brothel**



token from The Roost in Goldfield, Nevada.



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Barbara Bush's new coin is the only one out this month, aside from the colorized basketball coins mentioned last month. Half ounce gold in proof and uncirculated. You have to order on-line; they are not taking calls due to the virus. No call centers open. The advisory board for new designs also seems closed as there is no decision on the Mayflower coin design.



The Other Coin: Seals

Seals are even older than coins and used to identify the owner or sender of missives or trade goods among other things. The earliest seals, all the way back to Neolithic and Sumerian times 6000 BC were made of clay, but by Roman times lead was the common medium for seals. In addition to use of seals on letters and goods, lead seals or tessera were used as local coinage in Egyptian nomes and Roman cities. The Roman tessera were used like hard time tokens to advertise good and services for theaters, games, food, and even brothels.



Sumerian cylinder seal of the sun god Shamash and his sister moon goddess Ishtar or Inanna (2200 BC) each with their tutelary animal grasshopper and gazelle. Clay seal of Hezekiah, King of Judea (727-698 BC) with Hebrew inscription: *Belonging to Hezekiah [son of] Ahaz king of Judah*. With a winged Sun and ankh symbols. A Darius I seal 6th BC has a



trilingual inscription in Old Persian, Elamite, and Babylonian: *I (am) Darius, the king*. A lion hunt is depicted. Note the Sumerian, Jew, and Persian are all worshipping a sun god Shamash, Ra, and Ahura Mazda.

Seal art like engraved gems was the basis for designs on coin. Stone cylinders were replaced by stamps and signet rings with designs on lead surviving readily over wax seals. Lead seals are usually

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cheaper and sometimes cover periods where coins are rare like rural Egypt, Syria during the Muslim invasion and Crusades, Kievian Russia, or our own pre-Civil War hard time tokens. Like the hard time tokens the lead seals and tessera can copy coins or have completely new designs promoting politics, religion, and businesses that are non-governmental.



Roman seals of the 4 tetrarchs: Diocletian, Maximian, Galerius, and Constantius I and Constantius II with an inscription from coins: DN CONSTANTIVS PF AVG or our lord Constantius, pious and fortunate Augustus (emperor). Below are two tessera, a square one with Diana and hound/stag and tree and one of the famous erotic tessera/ V. The Egyptian nomes used the lead



tessera as coinage. Winged Nike holding palm over



victor/ Nilus (the Nile) riding hippo and pharaoh with papyrus branch/ crocodile god in wreath with name of nome in Greek around (Arsinoe). Byzantine lead seals are even more numerous by private people, religious, and government officials. Below is Virgin and child



stands/ Anastasius II Artemius, 713-715. faces, cross globus d N APTHEMIVS ANASTASIVS MVL “our lord Artemius Anastasius the Second. And a lead seal of John, Archbishop of Ephesus 6th AD that has a cruciform monogram the spells out in Greek “Mother of God, help you servant, and John, archbishop of Ephesus on reverse.

The early years of Kievian Rus produced few coins and were Byzantine copies, which were likely medals, not currency. Thousands of lead seals from trade goods going to and from Byzantium, usually in Greek or attempts at Greek, but sometimes with Russian letters. A seal depicting the Annunciation of



Prince Vsevolod Mstislavich, grandson of Prince Vladimir Monomakh of Kiev 1095-1138. A seal of Sviatopolk II of Kiev, ruler in Volhynia in the period 1100–1118 with John the Baptist identified with Greek letters and Russian ДѢНЪСЛОВО, which is a name Dinslovo maybe of a town. Small seals probably of goods have VII and the Greek letter psi



or a cross and H, which is the Russian letter N. Metal detectorists have found tens of thousands of these seals and allow you to have “coins” from a period that would otherwise cost thousands of dollars.



Similarly, expensive Crusader coins can be replaced

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with a variety of lead tokens Here St. George and the dragon and a pilgrims cross to be worn as a souvenir from the Holy Land. Both around 12th AD. There are inexpensive Crusader coins too.

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An updated and revised seventh edition of the **Guide Book of United States Paper Money** will be available in September 2020. The new book is a collector's price guide and history of the paper currency of the United States dating from federal issues introduced during the Civil War to modern day cash. Written by numismatists Arthur L. and Ira S. Friedberg, the 416 page guide is printed in full color with hundreds of high resolution images. It retails for \$24.95. The coin commemorating



the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower is stalled in Congress by inaction, but the Treasury Department is going ahead on its own. 26 designs were proposed in April 2019 and the final candidates are unknown, but will be gold and silver and paired with the British Mayflower coin. CoinNews.net has all 26th designs in their April 16, 2019 issue. A metal detectorist unearthed the 'biggest haul of his life' when he found **more than 1,000 silver coins estimated to be worth £100,000 near a Suffolk pub**. Luke Mahoney, 40, and two of his friends stayed up for 3 nights straight as they searched a field behind the Lindsey Rose pub. Starting at 10am on Sunday, July 26, Mr. Mahoney scoured the 15 acre field

and first found a gold coin and sixpence before taking a break for lunch. Upon their return to the field the trio began discovering coins "everywhere," as well as a cracked clay pot. They stayed up over three nights keeping watch over the field to prevent 'nighthawks' (rival detectorists hoping to loot valuable sites in the dark) away. Overall, the group unearthed 1,061 silver hammered coins dating back to somewhere in the 15th to the 17th century. This 1973S proof error coin,



an Eisenhower \$1 really went astray when it was made and somehow escaped quality control to be available for error coin collectors today. The dollar was struck on a half dollar planchet. Next, the portrait as well as the reverse are doubled with two heads and two tails sides. A spectacular error coin. And being



auctioned now, a **US 1970S quarter overstruck on a Canadian George V 25 cent coin**. You can see the maple leaves on line.



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Canada beats Perth this month for cool coins: a kilo-gram of gold polar bear, 3 and 5 ounce silver incuse maple leaf with black rhodium and a coin celebrating the 150th of the North-West Territories.



Colonial History in Your Hands: A Colonial Coin Collector's Collection by Peter Jones, 598pp., \$89. A lifelong collector of colonial coins, Jones gives the fascinating stories behind each coin with up to date scholarship on the current thoughts about each series. The book is profusely illustrated with color photos, and includes full page pictures of almost 300 coins. And from the same author, **The First Medals of America: Comitia Americana and Associated Medals** by Peter Jones 100pp, \$29.99. The American Continental Congress issued eleven medals for valor during the American Revolution. This book tells the stories behind these brave men and their exploits, and the long process of procuring their individual medals. Twenty-six medals are pictured in full page color photographs. The book includes full information about types of medals available and their cost. **This 1944 Allied military note for Germany is a forgery by the Russians.** The US notes (same design) have a nine digit serial number printed by a numbering device with nine wheels. The Russians didn't have nine wheel equipment, so they had

to nudge together a 6 wheel and a 3 machine, thus the irregularity in the serial number.



Favored design for Trump presidential medal with “the forgotten men and women of our country will not be forgotten again” from Trump’s inaugural address and 45 stars denoting Trump as the 45th President of the United States. It will be made in silver and bronze. **A unique set of face and back proofs of Series 1914 and 1918 Federal Reserve notes of each denomination: \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1000, \$5000, and \$10,000, all housed in a custom binder. In the Fall of 1914, proofs were printed from the actual currency plates onto card stock. The Treasury seal and the all zero serial numbers were glued on by hand by the pressman. The \$5000 and \$10,000 notes are only collectable as part of this set. There are no examples of either denomination in private hands.**



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The 100th anniversary of the Women’s suffragettes silver dollar comes out August 18. The clad half and



Silver dollar basketball coins, both curved, get colorized, the first US coin to do so August 28 for \$55 and \$95 limit 2, 9AM on-line orders only. The silver dollar just has a red rim and white net. The half has an orange ball, red rim, and white net. 2020 US mint set to get the W nickel cheaply is still to be determined TBD.



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Not Entirely the Other Coin: Bits, Bitten, and Bitty Bits

Well, I am all twitterpated about getting two early coins of England Cnut (the Viking that ruled England 1016-1035 and Scandamavia and Edward the Confessor (1042-1066, the last Anglo-Saxon king of England). Of course, I didn’t spend \$1000s and get



a whole one from \$300-\$5000 and more, but almost a half and a half one for under \$75. Both these monarchs have strange crowns that appear on the coins, which along with lettering and crosses and buying from reputable dealers let me know I got a couple of very rare coins at a price I can afford. For \$10 each I also got copies of Harold II and William I from the Battle of Hastings in 1066 that gave England to the Normans. Two complete the series Guernsey has a coin of William II and after them I have whole or cut pennies of everyone else. Ancient and medieval



often allow for worn, damaged, cut, copies ancient and modern and modern coins, so even rare coins can be collected on a budget.

For example rare ancient silver coins, although too thick to cut, came in denominations from the size of a half dollar to 7mm with the same designs. In addition silver and gold coins often bare test marks or cuts to

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make sure the were not plated copper. An Athenian tetradrachm worth several thousand with lots of test marks becomes a \$100 coin with the same design or historv. Although Romans also had denomination in all



metals, change was often made by cutting the coin in half or quarters with an axe. So. a \$300 As of Nemausus



becomes a \$10 treasure with a head of Augustus or Agrippa and the crocodile of the legion that conquered Egypt and Cleopatra and retired in Gaul or France. Thin



medieval silver pennies are even easier to cut and often had a cross on the back to make. We did the same with Spanish coins as small change was hard to come by until after the Civil War. The silver dollar size eight real was cut into 8 bits. 1 bit 12 and half cents, 2 bits a quarter, 2 quarters a half dollar. We did this to our own coinage as well. Pictured is a quarter of a Barber half or a 12 1/2 cent bit. US and Mexican silver coins were given test marks



to assure the Chinese that the coins were silver. It would be smart not to buy any silver coins from China because they are not usually silver. They make nice copies, however. Again Spanish reals and US trade dollars can be had for a fraction of the cost without chop-marks. I got mine from Sears in the



1960s for \$65. When I get a cut, quartered, worn, or damaged coin I find a photo of a perfect one and put in my flip. Or give up and get a copy. This month after getting a copy of a 6th century AD Gepid coin for \$3. (They defeated Atilla the Hun's army and were in turn defeated by the Lombards.) The coins were copies of the Gothic King Theodoric in Rome coins and have his monogram on the reverse with a copy of the Byzantine emperor Justin coin on the obverse. I surprisingly got a real one, so the copy will be my picture. You can hold a piece of history in your hands for very little if you give up having a mint state largest coin.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

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The Mint insisted on charging outrageous postage and handling fees to Alaska banks after Congress authorized Alaska to get 5 million 2020 Native American dollars to put in circulation. No Alaska bank would order them from the Federal Reserve with the surcharges involved. **Even an Act of Congress will not let us buy our own coinage at face value.** The interruption of shipping by the US

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Mint and Federal Reserve has caused a **coin shortage in some areas**. Shipping has just renewed. Covid19 has encouraged cashless transactions as no one want to touch “dirty” money. **A cool \$100 (33mm) pattern coin proposed by George T. Morgan** came to light in



Australia. Made by Jeff Garret about 12 years ago to raise funds for a numismatic museum only 999 were made. Morgan’s sketch is found in [The Private Sketchbook of George T. Morgan, America's Silver Dollar Artist](#). A nice bit of sleuthing by *E-sylum*. **Britain is celebrating its 1.5 million treasure finds** mostly by metal detectorists since the 1997 Portable Antiquities Act. BBC *History Magazine* lists the ten best: <https://bit.ly/3f8shje> that includes bronze age and Celtic gold, papal bullae, 320, 000 Roman coins, and Celtic, Anglo-Saxon, Viking coin hoards, a lost Roman Emperor Domitianus, new coins of Harold II and Alfred the Great’s competitor for English rule Ceolwulf II, and significant jewelry of Richard III and Thomas Becket. The Portable Antiquities Act allows you to keep what you find once registered or sell it to a museum at market value. The landowner gets 10%. The sale of uncirculated



W eagles sold less than a hundred thousand on initial offering. No phone orders and website had a notice that they were unavailable. *And some people want the government to run healthcare?* **Auction houses are doing well selling rarities despite closed stores and cancelled shows**. At least \$150 million of US coins were sold by auction firms in private transactions in the first half of the year. One of the many examples of superb quality rare coins commanding record prices was the \$101,251 winning bid for the finest known 1905 Barber design silver quarter dollar graded PCGS MS68.

It sold for four times its price guide value. Over a half dozen coins brought \$1 million or more. The two most valuable US coins sold at auction so far in 2020 were a record \$2,160,000 for a 1927D Saint Gaudens gold \$20 graded PCGS MS 65+ and \$1,920,000 for an 1854S gold \$5 graded PCGS AU 58. **Stack’s**



Bowers Galleries is auctioning a collection of British Coronation Medals formed by the “Duke of Lansing” in their August 2020. Beginning with James I and continuing through the coronation of the current sovereign Elizabeth II. **One of eight 1787 Brasher Doubloons, the only with the minter's 'EB' initials counterstamped on the eagle's breast, is now available for \$15 million**. The sale is being marketed by Jeff Sherid, of LA PCAG Inc., who identified the owner as a former Wall Street executive.



\$39,500 an 1853 \$20 PCGS MS64 San Francisco Assay Office \$20. Only 8 graded higher at PCGS!



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Everything Australia in one coin for \$73 with an opal Australia. **Silver proof set selling well at \$63.25 and you get the W nickel with reverse proof** (not silver). The initial offering sold out, but they are making more.



NGC is certifying a stockpile of backdated gold and silver coins from US Mint. The hoard includes 2016 and 2017-dated American Silver Eagles, American Gold Eagles, First Spouse gold coins and silver medals. The US Mint sold tens of thousands of gold and silver coins from its reserves to bulk buyers. The coins include: the 2016W 30th Anniversary 1 Ounce Proof Silver Eagle, the 2017W 1Ounce Proof Silver Eagle, 225th Anniversary American Liberty Silver Medals, and First Spouse 1/10 Ounce \$10 Gold coins. The 2020 West Point Mint Hoard designation are available exclusively from Rare Collectibles TV and other retailers. Probably overpriced, but at least they will be authentic unlike

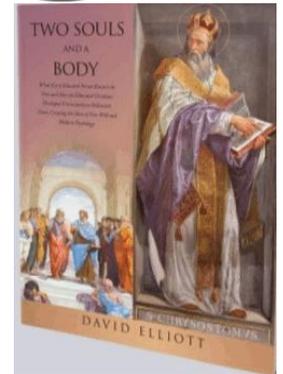


PCGS has confirmed a new die marriage for the

1795 Flowing Hair Half Dollar. The coin was struck with a previously unknown obverse die and is now recognized as the new Overton 133 variety. It is the first new major die variety to be discovered on a 1795 Flowing Hair Half Dollar in more than 90 years. The 1831 Capped Head Left half eagle is the third finest known with PCGS Coin Facts estimation of the surviving population at 25-30 examples in all grades, a solid R6. Heritage is auctioning it in August.



My book Two Souls and a Body: What Every Educated Knew to be True and How the Educated Christian Developed Christianity in Hellenistic Times, Creating the Ideas of Free Will and Modern Psychology is being printed and at Amazon, Barnes & Noble for \$32,524pp. Learn what every educated person knew to be true when the New Testament was written and Christianity was defined.



You will discover what was accepted from Hellenistic culture, what was changed, and what was rejected to develop Christian theology. You will learn how the ideas of the person, equality, free-will, psychology, and salvation were taken from the Hellenism and made into Christian theology. You will know how to lead the truly Christian life according to the Early Church. On the cover John Chrysostom, doctor of the Catholic Church and chief theologian of the Orthodox Church looks back to Plato and Aristotle. Christ came in the *fullness of time* (Galatians 4:4) when the best of Greek thought and Christian revelation were joined just as Christ Jesus united God and man. *Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciple. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."* (John 8: 31-32)

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Next Meeting:**JULY MAYBE??!!****CANCELED**

June 23 Board Meeting 6:30 PM Denny's

July 28 Can you beat Sam Dibitonto's Morgan? Sam will bring his MS Morgans. Bring your best and see if you can beat his.

July 17, 18 ~~Reno Coin Show, Reno Ramada Hotel & Casino, 1000 E. 6th St.~~

After the Last Cancelled Meeting

Everything June is cancelled except a board meeting at Denny's. Only 8 allowed, so call me if you want to come. **The July Reno Coin Show is closed as is Long Beach and every else nearby.** Hopefully just a month more of this quarantine. **Got the Weir Farm .25. No other coins are scheduled to ship besides the basketball coins.** Will raffle off 3 club medals at board meeting June 23. Tickets are a \$1 or 6 for \$5. We will also decide on how many tickets to sell for 1884 CC boxed dollar raffle. 40 \$10 dollar tickets is what I remember. **You can mail me money for raffle tickets.** #3 medal will be going along with a copper and bronze. Dan Waterman is in New Hampshire for awhile. Laurel and Paul are hunkering down. Andre's back to work finally. That's all I know. Let me know how you are doing, so I can tell everyone. Will reschedule Stan Paher, and I want to see Sam's Morgan dollar collection before I die. Stay safe. Contact me with any ideas or problems: datbelliotts@prodigy.net 775 815-8625.

Treasurer's report: Minimal activity, especially since we had no monthly meeting due to COVID-19. Income was \$260 including \$60 for a medal sale (thanks, Rusty) and the \$200 refund from the canceled Reno Coin Show. Normal expenses were paid for the newsletter and our website. and bank fees.

We meet at **Denny's**,
205 Nugget Ave at
E. McCarran, Sparks



2020 NA & Georgia \$1, 2019S .25 sets here. Connecticut here.



S set of all five 2013-2018 quarters in case \$5
National Park Quarters PDS .50
Presidential, Native American \$1 D P \$1.25

Not the Other Coin ANA Offers Free and Cheap Classes, Magazine, and Podcasts

Two Bits, a new podcast from the ANA, is now available on money.org/podcast. ANA Museum Curator Douglas Mudd and *The Numismatist* author Mitch Sanders discuss wide-ranging topics about numismatics and the world of coins and paper currency. In the inaugural episode of *Two Bits*, the hosts discuss collecting during the isolation of the COVID-19 crisis. They explore the virtues of virtual meetings, online museum exhibits, and numisma-tourism, along with other online resources and research tools. Mudd and Sanders expect to release a new episode 1-2 times per month. **ANA is also offering membership to club members for \$5.** You see the on-line magazine and back issues since 1888, FREE admit to all shows (Phoenix next year), borrowing privileges from library, their virtual exhibits on-line, various discounts, and more. For another \$20 you can get the hard copy of the magazine. Special code is CLUB2020. Call 800-514-2646 or go to money.org/join *It's a great deal you should take advantage of it.* On top of all this ANA instead of the ANA annual Summer Seminar event June 29-July 10, the Association will offer **free virtual courses through its new ANA eLearning Academy. ELEVEN FREE COURSES with more to come are offered:**

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Courses are open to both ANA members and non-members; **there is no charge to participate but preregistration is required.** **Two-hour classes:** Grading 101 (June 30, 11 am all MDT), Detection of Counterfeit and Altered Coins (July 2, 12 pm), Introduction to Early U.S. Paper Currency: 1765-1865 (July 6, 12 pm), Understanding the Art of Rare Coin Submissions (July 6, 2:30 pm), The Modern Minting Process: Errors and Varieties (July 7, 12 pm), Collecting and Investing in Morgan Dollars: A Comprehensive Approach (July 8, 12 pm), Mexican Voices in Metal and Paper (July 9, 1 pm). **One-hour classes:** Young Collectors Panel (June 29, 12:30 pm), CAC and its "Green Beans" (July 1, 1 pm), Italian Numismatics: Insights Through Modern History (July 3, 10 am), Creating a Great Club Newsletter (July 10, 11 a.m). **After this first round of courses, the ANA eLearning Academy will continue to offer two to three classes each month** to the collectors community. Class topics are designed to appeal to a range of collectors. For detailed class descriptions and to register, visit info.money.org/elearning; or contact Seminars Manager Brianna Victor at (719) 482-9865 or at seminars@money.org for more information. *This should take care of what we get from the ANA for our yearly dues for a decade or so. Enjoy.*

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Upcoming Coin Shows (most shows are cancelled, even ours, so call before you go to make sure it's on.)

CANCELLED

~~**June 26-27 Concord Coin Show**, Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Ave. Admit: \$4 Tables: 39 Bill Green 925-351-7605-info@norcalcoinshows.com-www.norcalcoinshows.com~~

~~**July 17, 18 Reno Coin Show**, Reno Ramada Hotel & Casino, 1000 E. 6th St. Admit Tables: 38 Bill Green 925-351-7605 info@norcalcoinshows.com-www.norcalcoinshows.com~~

Got a notice San Francisco Ancient Coin Society is meeting June 20. Too scary to go even before corona19.

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FREE FREE FREE Engraved Gems and Propaganda in the Roman Republic and under Augustus by Pawel Golyzniak, 618 pages, contains 1,015 figures in color. This book presents the use of engraved gems from self-presentation (3rd-2nd century BC) to personal branding and propaganda purposes in the Roman Republic and under Augustus (until 14 AD). Coin die engravers were originally gem engravers and the book gives examples of coins with same or similar images like Julius Caesar's elephant and a young Heracles on a Republican coins

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and gems. I remember the Farnese gem collection in Naples. You can oh and ah for hours. At: <http://archaeopress.com/ArchaeopressShop/Public/displayProductDetail.asp?id={F81E84A2-AEA8-4EBF-A141-8E57469A3E07}> **More free stuff:** On May 8, the **Finance Museum posted the first video in its new *Out of the Vault* video series**, which is now available on its YouTube channel and across its social media platforms. These short videos explore objects and documents from the Museum's collection that were featured in the *Out of the Vault* exhibit. David Cowen, the Museum's president and CEO, narrates the series from his home during the COVID-19 lockdown. The *Out of the Vault* exhibit showcased some of the most unique, interesting and historical artifacts in the Museum's collection such as **Alexander Hamilton's Report on the Public Credit** and **1792 George Washington bond, which was signed by President Washington**. Michael van den Heuvel of Denmark is the author of [World Square Coins 1900-2000](#). He recently produced a series of YouTube **videos on unrealized foreign coin designs**. See videos: Square Coin Talk <https://youtu.be/WkNykpFsf8c>

The PCGS quest, which kicked off early in the year, challenged collectors to find circulating examples of 2020 Philadelphia and Denver Cents, Nickels, and Dimes and to be among the first to submit them to PCGS for a coveted PCGS Early Find label. Collectors were then tasked with completing the six-coin set in the PCGS Set Registry for a chance to win up to \$2,500. The official deadline was May 15, 2020 and two skilled collectors were notified of their victories. PCGS Coin Quest 2020 had two available prizes: \$2,500 to the collector with the top-ranked set and another \$2,000 to a lucky random collector who completed the set before the deadline. While PCGS Coin Quest 2020 has come to a close, the **PCGS 2020 Quarter Quest is in full swing** with two of the five 2020W America the Beautiful Quarters already in circulation and another to be released in early June. Collectors looking to participate can find more information on our website at www.pcgs.com/2020quarterquest. **No limits on the basketball coin** if you want a bunch. *Selling slowly, I guess.* Nice **interview of Eva Adams** by Ed Rochette. On my computer and will try to get it on the club page. Or see it at: <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/578942> On the night of April 14, 1865, Lewis Powell, a co-conspirator to John Wilkes Booth, attempted to kill Seward in his Washington, DC home. That very night



President Lincoln had gone to Ford's Theater and was assassinated by Booth. Although Seward was attacked by Powell and suffered considerable stab wounds, he survived. Several of his children were also wounded, along with Robinson. **Above medal was struck to commemorate George F. Robinson, a soldier who was assigned to protect William H. Seward, the secretary of state under Abraham Lincoln.** These medals were issued with the obverse showing Robinson's bust, the reverse with a scene of Seward in bed (still recuperating from a recent carriage accident) and Robinson defending against the knife-wielding Powell. **Canada's new coins include**



4 Swarovski gems, the navy for the 75th of WWII, maple leaf, first crest of Canada, parliament building and violets. **Scotland has new polymer notes:**



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Mary Somerville, a scientist with a quote from her The Connection of the Physical Sciences. Behind is beach at Burntisland. Reverse has two otters and an excerpt *Moorings* by Norman MacCraig. All reverses have UV ink (see on-line). 5 pound note has Nan Shepherd, a poet with a quote from her *The Living Mountain*. Background picture of the Cairngorms Mountains. Reverse two mackerel and an excerpt from the poem *The Choice* by Sorley MacLean. 20 pound note has Catherine Cranston, a leading figure in the development of tea rooms during the temperance movement. Reverse is red squirrels.

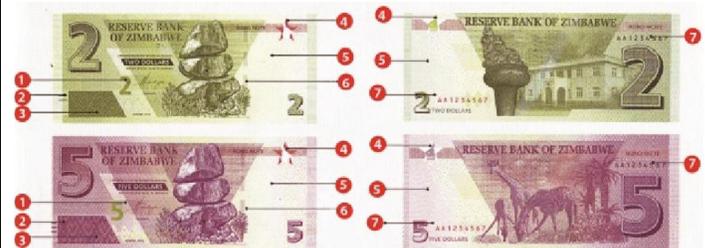


The 1st Olympic gold medal for basketball ever awarded has come to market and NGC.. This ultimate symbol of the sport's rise to a global phenomenon was presented to US team captain William "Bill" Wheatley by James Naismith, the inventor of basketball, during the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games. Basketball, which had

been invented by Naismith in 1891, made its Olympic debut at the 1936 Games. The championship pitted the US against Canada and was played on an outdoor dirt court during a rainstorm. On account of the playing conditions, the final score was only 19-8, won by the Americans with a height advantage that allowed them to pass the ball through the rain while avoiding the mud. The trillion dollar banknotes of



Zimbabwe are gone, replaced by new polymer security notes 2-20 dollars. With only 676% inflation the \$2 bill is worth about .08 cents. So higher denominations coming soon.



1) Optical variable ink application: The note's value is shown with a color shifting process and changes from magenta to green on the \$5 note and green to azure on the \$2 note, 2) Tactile print: This tactile print feature identifies the denomination in a series of lines added to aid visually impaired persons, 3) Latent image: The numeral of the notes' value is seen when the note is tilted under a light source, 4) See through perfect register, 5) Aligned print application: A perfect registry of Zimbabwe's National Bird is printed on both face and back, when held up to a light source, the bird is able to be recognized in perfect register, 6) Holographic security thread: This vertical strip appears segmented and solid when held up to a light source and includes see through micro lettering of RBZ, 7) Alpha numeric serial number. **China is flooding the market with counterfeit silver eagles and counterfeit \$20 and \$100.** The silver eagles are

not silver, the currency does not have micro lettering or blue and red fibers, or other security features, but the coins and currency are passing. NGC is now attributing



Proof Franklin Half Dollars and Proof Kennedy Half Dollars according to the die varieties by **Rick Tomaska in Cameo and Brilliant Proof Coinage of the 1950 to 1970 Era**. Continuing the paper money theme: **North American Printers Promotional Sheets & Test Notes: From American Bank Note Company to E. A. Wright BNC** 198 pages, 2020 by Roland Rollins is selling on E-bay for \$45, spiral bound lots of color photos. Covers 200 years and 113 firms. http://currency_den.tripod.com/testnotes/order.html www.CurrencyBanknotes.com is selling **movie prop notes** like the one people were trying to pass from *Oceans 11* filmed in Vegas. There's quite a variety from several studios and times often attributed to a particular film like WC Fields *My Little Chicadee* and *Elysium*



Some are imaginary or fake looking, but some are realistic enough that Vegas people tried to pass them. There's a hard to find 800 page catalog **Show Me the Money! The Standard Catalog of Motion Picture, Television, Stage and Advertising Prop Money** by Fred L. Reed. **Watch Euro notes be made with all the cool security features** once they get past the gate opening and closing fixation. *New 20 Euro Banknotes Printing on* . <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=77GqqF90Yrc> **Heritage recently had Civil War notes sale**. Here are 4 and a gold Pyrrhus stater. Perth mint recent offerings of tarantula, happy birthday minion, and Back to Future car on-line. Stay safe.



Next Meeting:

JUNE MAYBE??!!

CANCELED

~~April 24,25 National Coin Week at the Museum~~

~~April 28 NCW: Remarkable Women: Catalysts of Change featuring Eva Adams~~

~~May 26 Stan Paher Ghost Towns of Nevada~~

May 21 6:30PM **Board Meeting** My house

June 23 **Can you beat Sam Dibitonto's Morgan?** Sam will bring his MS Morgans. Bring your best and see if you can beat his.

~~July 17, 18 Reno Coin Show, Reno Ramada Hotel & Casino, 1000 E. 6th St.~~



After the Last Cancelled Meeting

Everything May is cancelled except a board meeting at my house with masks and social distancing at no more than 10 people. **The July Reno Coin show is closed as is Long Beach and everywhere else.** Hopefully just a month more of this quarantine. **The US Mint's shipping is closed til May 18** when the new quarter will be ordered basketball coins to ship June 4. Will raffle off 3 club medals when we next meet and then start the 1884 CC boxed dollar raffle. Will reschedule Stan Paher. Did not get any updates from club members as of 5-15. I got one of my wife's extra masks, finally got the stimulus money, cancelled Fall cruise to Athens and Jerusalem until 2021, and had a lot of time to bid on coins, winning more than I usually do. Let me know how you are doing, so I can tell everyone. Stay safe. Contact me with any ideas or problems: datbelliotts@prodigy.net 775 815-8625.



Heritage will be offering a 1871CC \$20 AU58 NGC, variety 1-A at their Long Beach auction in June 4-7. If you rule out the famous first year 1870CC double eagle as an unobtainable rarity, then the 1871CC twenty would rightly take its place among the most challenging Carson City issues collectors could ever hope to obtain. Rusty Goe claims in his 2003 reference, The Mint on Carson Street, that 14,687 coins were struck. The Guide Book reports a total production of 17,387 pieces. Experts are in relative agreement when it comes to the number of survivors: 200 to 250 coins with an AU survivorship of 45 to 50 coins. Heritage is taking bids on-line now. Long Beach show is cancelled.

2020 NA & Georgia \$1, 2019S .25 sets here. Connecticut ordered soon. 2020 NA & Georgia \$1, 2019S .25 sets here. Connecticut here.



S set of all five 2013-2018 quarters in case \$5
 National Park Quarters PDS .50
 Presidential, Native American \$1 D P \$1.25

Treasurer's report: Minimal activity, especially since we had no monthly meeting due to COVID-19. Income was \$0. Normal expenses were paid for the newsletter, our website, bank fees, plus \$425 for our annual insurance.

Upcoming Coin Shows (most shows are cancelled, even ours and Long Beach)

~~June 4-6 Long Beach Coin, Currency, and Stamp Show, Long Beach Convention Centre, 100 S. Pine St. Admit: \$8 Tables: huge Taryn Warecker 805-680-0294 TWarecker@collectors.com www.longbeachexpo.com~~

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The Other Coin: Coins I Won During the Corona Virus



Evidently, dealers with shops closed and stuck at home have been selling more on line. The competition has been fierce among bidders also stuck at home. My chief prize was the sestertius commemorating Marcus Aurelius' funeral. The long bearded philosopher emperor is a chapter in my new book and a favorite of mine. The many storied funeral pyre with life sized

statuary and a real chariot taking the emperor to heaven of Apollo or Sol. My second favorite coin



is a 9mm or 1/16 shekel of Sidon, the great trading city of the Phoenicians. The obverse has the three towers of the city wall before which a galley full of soldiers docks. Below, mostly off the flan is a lion, the symbol of Sidon. On the reverse is the Persian king Darius II standing with bow and quiver with stamped goat head left and god Bes right. Darius II was overlord to King Baalsillem ("Vindicator of Baal") 425-401 BC, ruler of Sidon. Bes was the ugly dwarf god of Egypt that protected infant and women in childbirth from evil spirits that want to kill mother and child. Glenn wanted to see the French Revolution penny or centime I won with Liberty in pileus cap



Republique Francasie. Reverse has un centime and L'an 7 or 7th year of the revolution 1798, an A or Paris mint mark and the minter symbols of Artemis with bow left and a cock. Another tiny Greek silver coin, an obol 10mm from an unknown city in Cilicia of 4th century BC has a facing head of Herakles in lion skin and reverse of eagle standing on stag head. As the stag is the symbol of Ephesus and eagle of Tarsus, this may be a coin commemoration a battle between Tarsus and Ephesus.



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I got a satrapal coins of a Persian governor before Alexander the Great. A rare AE 10mm



II, a Spartan and his son that sided with the Persians in the war against the Greeks at Salamis and Marathon. He was awarded with a satrapy of Pergamon in Mysia. I also got a the first coin of Kaunos, Caria 490-470BC with Iris, messenger goddess of the rainbow and a baetyl on the reverse. The cone shape baetyl is made from meteorites, which were early idols. Best known as the three idols placed by Antiochus IV on the Jerusalem altar and called the “abomination of desolation.” Judas Maccabees rose up and miraculously defeated the Seleucid Empire, getting rid of the baetyls, making an independent Jewish Kingdom and establishing Hanukkah. Jason, who had bought the High Priesthood and wanted to integrate Judaism with Greek religion and Yahweh with Zeus thought baetyls, not being an image and just a shape was an acceptable idol for Jews and Greeks. I also got a coin that depicts the change of Panormos, Sicily to Palermo after the first Punic War when the Romans defeated the Carthaginians. The horse and barley grain/man headed bull river god is replaced



by Janus/Romulus and Remus and wolf, after 254BC. I also got Greek olympic coins and some medieval coins as well as bit coins and a Libertas American copy for the raffle. A lot got away, but not as many as usual. Hope you had the time to find some treasures.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

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The American Numismatic Society is pleased to announce the **launch of CoinHoards (coinhoards.org)**, a new web-based, linked open data tool for research in ancient Greek numismatics and ancient economies. CoinHoards provides primary data and other info on

2,387 hoards of coins produced by Greeks and other non-Roman peoples between c. 650 and 30 BC.

TEAM MEMBERS



VALUED CONTRIBUTORS



Robert Rodriguez, team leader of the research project of the 1792 so-called silver center cent, recognized those who contributed much to bring this project to fruition. Since November 2017, the research team of Stuart Levine, Maureen Levine, and Tony Lopez conducted research on the 1792 Morris cent, ending in publication on the Newman Numismatic Portal, <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/538104>. The study's conclusion is that the silver plug was inserted after striking and therefore not authentic. To better understand how this was done, six Indian Head Cents were modified by inserting and hand-engraving a silver plug. The six fabricated silver center Indian heads were encapsulated and named after the respective recipients: Stuart and Maureen Levine received the #2 specimen; Tony Lopez #3; Jim Halperin, Co-Chairman, Heritage Auctions, #4; Ron Guth, founder of The Numismatic Detective Agency, #5; and, Ken Hopple, former Chief Coiner of the Carson City Mint, #6. Robert got



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the first specimen for himself after commissioning and paying for them to be made. The team very much appreciates the support it has received from the numismatic community. In June 2020 Santa Ana Auction is **an incredible MS-68 (PCGS) 1862 Indian cent** that stands alone at the top of the condition census.



1936 buffalo nickel NGC Proof 68 sold for \$14,000. Incredible color toning in an album.



David E. Schenkman of the *Civil War Token Journal Society* (<http://cwtociety.com/>) has an article on **sanitation fund medals** begun during the Crimean War of 1853-1856, promoted by Florence Nightingale to improve sanitary conditions on the battlefield where more soldiers died from infection than bullets. The idea for a US Sanitary Commission came from the British. During the Civil War era, two Union soldiers were perishing from diseases for every one dying from combat. The US Sanitary Commission was officially established on June 18, 1861, by federal legislation, and branch associations rapidly sprang up in numerous other cities. During the war they distributed more than \$15 million to military camps, hospitals, prisons, etc. More than 15,000 women volunteered their services to work at hospitals and aid centers during the Civil War. They also raised money by collecting donations, making uniforms, comforting the sick and dying, and were instrumental in organizing the sanitary fairs. In 1864 an Austin, Nevada general tore owner by the name of Reuel Colt Gridley made a wager with a friend, wherein the loser had to

walk through town accompanied by the local band, carrying a 50 pound bag of flour. The bag was auctioned with the proceeds going to the Sanitary Fund. The high bidder donated it back to reauctioned, and each high bidder thereafter did the same, until more than \$8,000 was raised. American sanctions



and economic mismanagement have caused the **Iranian rial to plummet to 156,000 rials to the dollar**. The coronavirus pandemic, which turned Iran into a regional epicenter of the disease, appears to have played a decisive role, contributing to a further devaluation of the rial. The Iranian Parliament took that step, authorizing the replacement of the rial with another basic unit of currency called the toman. Each toman will be worth 10,000 rials under the new system. The currency has been devalued 3,500 times since 1971. The \$100,000 rial below is exchanged for \$2.38 officially on \$1.56 in the markets. The 500 and



100 rial coins have been joined by 1000 and 5000 rial coins. **Cleaning can be disastrous to a coin's value.** 30 of 439 lots in the George Cook Collection were recertified by PCGS with *cleaned*, *repaired*, *altered surfaces*, *surfaces smoothed* or *questionable color* and given no grade. For example, a 1905 specimen Canadian half-dollar recertified with an *altered surfaces* brought \$3,360 just 6% of the \$50,000 the collector originally paid for it before cleaning. *Don't clean your coins unless they're ancients.*

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Love penny creations. In 2015, Kelly Graham, owner of Etsy shop Camias Jewelry Designs, one-upped the concept of penny tile: **She decorated her floor using 7,500 real pennies.** Privy marks on US coins are making a comeback. In addition to the V75 on W quarters celebrating victory in WWII, **each American Innovation \$1 Coins will include a unique privy mark every year until the program's end in 2032.** **Smyrna coins is selling the first 2 W quarters of 2020 for \$49.99 each** or bid on them at e-bay starting at \$1 or \$18.50 buy it now. *I got one.* Speaking of ebay nice article on selling: *11 Things You Don't Know About Selling Coins on eBay* (<https://coinweek.com/coins/coin-collecting-strategies-2/tips-for-new-collectors/11-things-you-dont-know-about-selling-coins-on-ebay/>) A famous British rarity certified by NGC realized **\$810,000.** **The 1839 Victoria "Una and the Lion" Gold Five Pounds** graded NGC PF 65 Ultra Cameo was the star of the sale May 3, 2020.



After spirited bidding from 11 different collectors and dealers, **the finest 1938 Walking Liberty Half Dollar ended up selling for a new all-time record price of**

\$81,562 at Great Collections on Sunday, April 26th.



Link to **Yellow Fever & the U.S. Mint** on Newman Portal:<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/multimediatetail/529486?Year=2020&take=50> **The United States Mint facility at San Francisco resumed operations the morning of Monday, May 4, 2020,** utilizing a reduced staffing plan in order to maintain social distancing. West Point was closed April 21. **Stephen Album's Checklist of Islamic Coins, 3rd Edition (2011) available as a free PDF:** <https://www.stevealbum.com/pdfs/hecklistOfIslamicCoins3rdEdition2011Free.pdf> The third edition has greatly expanded the descriptive information for individual types and subtypes, aspiring to present more details that might help the reader identify their coins. When the printed illustrated volume becomes available, there will be more than 1000 illustrated coins. Fortunately, the internet is now providing thousands more photos, over 32,000 at www.zeno.ru. The author and manager of that superb website, Vladimir Belyaev, has applied my appropriate Checklist number to most of the photos, and Steve Album is immensely thankful. Browse and search the **Fake Bullion Database** to view examples of counterfeits. Learn how to test bullion with articles and videos in the Identification section. Read about the bad guys getting caught with Counterfeits in the News www.FakeBullion.com **California Gold Rush gold nuggets lost at sea in 1857 on the SS Central America,** are available: www.govmint.com/goldnuggets **You can email to the US Mint** at inquiries@usmint.treas.gov **The email can be on any subject, including ideas for new coin designs.** *That's how I got the W nickle campaign started.* George HW Bush is getting a dollar coin. See design on-line.

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Next Meeting:

MAY MAYBE??!!

CANCELED

~~April 24,25 National Coin Week at the Museum~~

~~April 28 NCW: Remarkable Women: Catalysts of Change featuring Eva Adams~~

May 26 Stan Paher Ghost towns of Nevada

June 23 Can you beat Sam Dibitonto's Morgan?
Sam will bring his MS Morgans. Bring your best and see if you can beat his.

July 17, 18 Reno Coin Show, Reno Ramada
Hotel & Casino, 1000 E. 6th St.

After the Last Cancelled Meeting

Everything April is cancelled. Stan will be ready to go in May if Denny's is open and Sam is eager to show off his Morgan collection. Hopefully just a month more of this quarantine. **The US Mint is closed indefinitely** with the new quarter and other items delayed. **The July Reno Coin show is still a possibility** if things open up and dealers are willing to come. The raffle prizes include a 1907 \$5 US gold, Liberian \$25 gold, Mexico \$2 gold, 1881 S MS63 Morgan and 1887S Morgan and 10 2020 silver Eagles. The club gets the first \$200 for tickets. Bill Green gets the next \$905 for prizes, and we then split any profits 50/50. Hope this all happens. Will raffle off 3 club medals when we next meet and then start the 1884 CC boxed dollar raffle.

Laurel has collected notes on club members: Milton reports he's doing well. Laurel's well. Dave Loder's well, but his senior living home does not allow any visitors, so our June picnic is cancelled. Dan Waterman is enjoying his snowbird 2nd home in AZ. Dan also got married! Laurel thinks it was in March. He has to wait until the governors allow us to cross state lines again before we can meet his wife Chrisina. Before all this virus stuff, Dan was able to attend a coin show in Mesa AZ. Larry Demangate's church held services in the parking lot with everyone staying in cars and listening on FM radio. My family watched a streaming service on a tablet with a family Easter egg hunt. With daughter, wife, and daughter-in-law all working

ER or home care, I keep thinking someone will bring the virus home, but so far so good. Reno is still not a hot spot like Vegas or New York. I am mostly upset about Greek post offices closed, so coins I purchased are delayed, the comic book store is closed, I am housebound as high risk and doing lots of yard work. Rusty seems to be doing a lot of yard work too. Let me know how you are doing. So I can tell everyone. Contact me with any ideas or problems: datbelliotts@prodigy.net 775 815-8625.

Samoa .25, 2020 NA & Georgia \$1, 2019S .25 sets here.



S set of all five 2013-2018 quarters in case \$5
National Park Quarters PDS .50
Presidential, Native American \$1 D P \$1.25

Treasurer's report: Minimal activity, especially since we had no monthly meeting due to COVID-19. Income included \$30 for medals raffle sales and \$20 for 2020 renewal dues. Normal expenses were paid for the newsletter, our website, bank fees, plus \$400 (\$200 for raffle tickets and \$200 for 1884 CC to raffle off) for the planned Reno Coin Show-related expenses. At the end of February our available balance was \$2,875.92.

We meet at **Denny's**
205 Nugget Ave at
E. McCarran, Sparks



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Upcoming Coin Shows

June 4-6 Long Beach Coin, Currency, and Stamp Show, Long Beach Convention Centre, 100 S, Pine St. Admit: \$8 Tables: huge Taryn Warecker 805 680-0294 TWarrecker@collectors.com www.longbeachexpo.com

July 17, 18 Reno Coin Show, Reno Ramada Hotel & Casino, 1000 E. 6th St. Admit Tables: 38 Bill Green 925-351-7605 info@norcalcoinshows.com www.norcalcoinshows.com

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The Other Coin: Salus and Hygeia, Goddesses of Health and Disease

Whom did the Greeks and Romans pray to when plagues came? Salus in Roman religion was the goddess of health and welfare, identified with the Greek Hygeia, the daughter of Asclepius, who was the son of Apollo. Apollo was the original healing god, but that was mostly a matter of praying he stop sending arrows of plague into cities and places that had offended him. Asclepius added sanitariums or places of healing where people could be treated by rest, diet, and exercise. Diet, rest and exercise were the principal medicines of Greek, Roman, and Western medicine until 1800 AD when the cabinet of medicines had grown to include effective anesthetics, antiseptics and analgesics. The Greeks and Romans relied primarily on diet and exercise with medicine that were purgatives, laxatives, or both. Of course, diet, exercise, and rest

are still the best medicines.



Above Hygeia stands feeding a snake from a shallow bowl called a patera. Her father Asclepius stands with staff around which a single snake entwines. Sometimes in the late Middle Ages, Hermes' or Mercury's caduceus with the two entwined snakes replaced Asclepius staff for doctors. The caduceus is a sign of commerce used by pharmacists and replaced the healing staff of Asclepius. Why all the snakes? Snakes were symbols



of good luck and offered prophetic healing dreams in Asclepian hospitals, especially when feed milk from the pateras. You were expected to sleep in a room full of snakes, which were symbols of regeneration, being reborn anew when they shed their skins.

The Roman Hygeia or Salus besides giving us the terms hygiene and salubrious, also let us know when plagues or health problems beset a town and Rome in particular. Roman coins bore Salus at times of plague or disease to honor the goddess. Greek coins were used to advertize the local hospital or Asclepeion.



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Salus head and standing with a snake on a Republican coin and enthroned and feeding a snake from a patera, as the snake rises from an altar. The phrase Salus Publica or “public health” is a sure sign that prayers are being offered to the goddess for aid in a plague or other wide spread health problem. I pray that we all are spared from the corona virus and get to meet soon.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

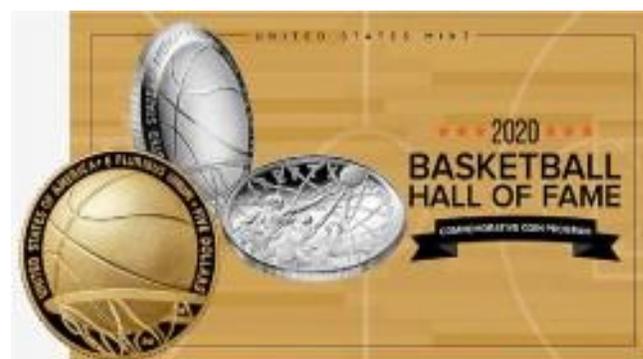
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Robert Rodriguez is well and sheltering some friends from LA. **He landed a 1798 half eagle above and is on the trail of some quarter eagles** to complete a set of pre-1800 gold coins. *It will be great to see them.* No comprehensive and authoritative reference guide has been written about these beautifully designed coins. Their story has never been told, until now. **United States Classic Gold Coins of 1834-1839**, a book written by Daryl J. Haynor. The book is priced at \$95.



The unreleased **Weir Farm quarter** will have both **W** for West Point mint and **V75** on left to celebrate **75 years after WWII**. Keep an eye out. Also **delayed until at least May** is the basketball coin.



The American Numismatic Association (ANA) announced that the **2020 Summer Seminar, scheduled for June 27-July 9 in Colorado Springs, Colo., has been cancelled** due to coronavirus safety concerns. The ANS **has launched a podcast!** Hosted by Publications Director Andrew Reinhard, each episode of *The Planchet* will be a conversation with numismatists covering a range of topics. Episode 1 features ANS Assistant Curator of the Americas Dr. Jesse Kraft on how Americans spent foreign currency before the Coinage Act of 1857. *The Planchet* is available on Apple Podcasts, Google Android, Spotify, and Stitcher. Subscribe and hear a new episode each month! ANA is also putting more and more of their collection on-line. **Coin Week also has a podcast by the way.** Thank God for stupid thieves. Gerry Fortin reported a shipment missing in the US mail. Two coins were in the package, an 1871 Liberty seated quarter and half dollar (NGC MS62). With tracking, it was clear the package made it to the local post office, then disappeared. The collector put out notices to local stores and the thief brought them in

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to sell. **Dealer called police and had woman arrested in store.** She confessed that her post office accomplice had promised her half of what she could get for them. He and several others at the post office were arrested, breaking up a theft ring. *I had the same problem with my local post office.* Lost a dozen shipments or so, all the tracked packages stopped at the post office. Nothing rare enough to circulate pictures. No help from post office that said the thief will retire soon and end the problem. Had to have coins mailed to other relatives. Movie on arrest at: <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/581061>



One of the largest ever hauls of treasure from the Roman period to be found in Poland and the largest ever in the Lublin region has been uncovered in Hrubieszów. Excited archaeologists think that the treasure of 1,753 silver coins weighing over 11 pounds was abandoned in the last stand of the Vandals before fleeing from the arriving Goths at the end of the 2nd century AD when the Western Roman empire was collapsing. Coins of Nerva and Septimus Severus were found dating the hoard. **George Bush is going to get his presidential dollar coin and Barbara Bush her gold coin and bronze medal** by special Congressional authorization. CCAC is meeting for design reviews by teleconference. **Yellow fever outbreaks that began in the US in 1793 struck the Philadelphia Mint that year.** To protect the currency supply, the director of the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia suspended operations during each outbreak of yellow fever. Letters in the Mint's archive show that he put workers on furlough with guaranteed half pay for the two to three months that yellow fever lasted. This policy became the Mint's standard response to yellow fever and was applied six times over eight years. The latest publication on so-called dollars by **Jeff Shevlin & Bill Hyder So-Called Dollars from the Pacific Coast Expositions won awards at the American Numismatic Association World's Fair of Money as the Best Book of the Year on medals and tokens.** So-called dollars are medals struck to commemorate events in the United States history. **The 2021 Official Red Book** came out April 7. 464 pages spiral bound paper \$16, hard cover \$20, large print \$30. Get yours today.



Aruba won banknote of the year. *Guess lizards are in.* **David Ryder's secret formula for nickels is revealed:** The metal alloy is a replacement for cupronickel alloy for nickels costing 7 cents now. The new metal alloy is composed of 73-77% iron, 22-26% nickel, 0.2-0.5% carbon, and 1-5% manganese. It will work with existing vending machines where widely used copper or nickel clad steel will not. The new formula has been patented and tested on trial strikes.





Soon after the World Health Organization designated the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic, a private coin issuer in Italy began selling what are believed to be the world's first coronavirus coins. A ten yuan, one ounce fine silver coin offered by Powercoin features coloration and a glow in the dark effects. The virus on the reverse with the Chinese temple of the Forbidden City and 2020 year-date are on the obverse. **1872 \$1**



seated Liberty dollars struck in copper from the regular dies were not trial pieces as often recorded, but instead were part of off metal coinage sets that the Mint marketed to contemporary collectors. The off metal pattern sets were coined in both copper and aluminum. It is doubtful that many sets were actually purchased by collectors, as only two examples of the copper dollar are known today. *Don't know if this is a creepy rotten donut or a cool medal up for an international award. Save our Planet by Keiko Kuboya-Miura* is 6" diameter, made from copper and gold foil. The medalist will make duplicates for \$2000 each: keikokmny@gmail.com



Definitely cool is a **Ptolemy I Soter, tetradrachm in the name of Alexander III the Great**. Alexandria mint struck circa 306-300 BC. Horned head of the deified Alexander right, wearing elephant skin headdress. Reverse Athena Alkidemos advancing right, holding shield and spear with Corinthian helmet, monogram, and eagle standing on thunderbolt to right. **Free 1 year membership to The Numismatist only during National Coin Week, April 19-25, available by visiting:** info.money.org/free-membership and using code NCW20F, or calling 800-514-2646. Includes: Every issue of *The Numismatist* from 1888 to the present, virtual exhibits from the Money Museum, videos, *Money Talks* radio program archives, blogs, coin collecting tips and the ability to join the ANA members-only Facebook group, fun quizzes, games and teacher tools for parents (or grandparents) with kids at home, plus exclusive discounts on publications, seminars and more. **Canadian, UK, and Australian mints are all closed.** So n new coins from them. **The Watergate burglars were paid in cash with new sequential \$100 bills that are yet to be discovered,** but should be as valuable as D. B. Cooper or Lindbergh ransom notes. Serial numbers are:

C 03642257 A through C 03642264 A.
 F 02457423 A through F 02457430 A.
 F 02457433 A through F 02457440 A.
 F 02457503 A through F 02457510 A.

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Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 24th of March **7 PM (4th Tuesdays)**
Denny's, 205 Nugget Ave.(at E.McCarran),Sparks

March 24 **Can you beat Sam Dibitonto's Morgan?** Sam will bring his MS Morgans. Bring your best and see if you can beat his.

March 28 **New Coins at the Museum**(Saturday)

April 24,25 **National Coin Week at the Museum**

April 28 **NCW: Remarkable Women: Catalysts of Change** featuring Eva Adams

May 26 **Stan Paher Ghost towns of Nevada**

July 17, 18 **Reno Coin Show**, Reno Ramada Hotel & Casino, 1000 E. 6th St.

At the Last Meeting 34 members saw **Robert Rodriguez's amazing Comitia Americana medals. Rob Rodriguez and Tony Lopez are torturing silver dismes in the Chicago cyclotron.** Apparently, the 1792 disme obverse was created from a hub (device punch) that was later used in 1793 to create the two half cent obverses among other discoveries. With Bob Nylen's retirement from the museum, changes are afoot. The first change is the **NV museum's coin press will be running the last Saturday of the month instead of last Friday of the month**, so we will be going down on Saturdays now. We are trying to set a potluck on a Saturday in June at same place as last year. **Next quarter out April 6, 2 days after basketball coin. Also raffling off sets of club medals at \$1 ticket, 6 for \$5.** Will give set for each \$125 raised. **Got 1884 CC boxed dollar at \$10 ticket, limit 40 tickets also in April.** Bring up to 5 coins for the bid board now. We have **board meetings before the meeting and ask for quiet so we can conduct business. Please leave upper right seats open for board members.**

Contact me for any reason:

datbelliotts@prodigy.net 815-8625.

We meet at **Denny's**,
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Early Bird Prize: set of 2020 NA \$1 won by Jeff Allen

Raffle prizes winners were:

David Elliott: Washington medal, steel .01 set, unc. 1961 PD .01

Bill Naylor: 1988 mint setr

Jerry Breedlove: 1 gm silver

Joseph Drapula:1973,1974 unc. .25

David Loader: unc.1961D .25

Shannon Holmes:bronze RCC medal

Bob Hoffman: coins in holder

Laurel Hoggan: coin case

Jeff Allen Mercury .10

Milton Angel: chocolate coins

Faye Allen: unc.1973 PD .10

Bart Daniel: **mystery box** Trump and Obama medals, fancy birthday year holder

Ken Hopple: PDS bats .25, 2002 PD mint sets

Rick De Avilla: penny album, 1961D dime

Mary Long: 1976 proof set. 1977 proof set, Sitting Bull \$1

Danny Clifton: mint bag

Auctions

Fancy presidential \$1 set won by Bob Hoffman for \$60.

Copper and silver 150th CC mint medals donated by David Elliott won by Milton Angel for \$90.

Quarter Pot

Doug Harper **WON** the quarter pot \$28.50!

Samoa .25, 2020 NA &Georgia \$1, 2019S .25 sets here.

THANKS everyone for donating to the RAFFLE!



Set of all five 2013-2018 quarters in case \$5

National Park Quarters PDS .50

Presidential, Native American \$1 D P \$1.25

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Upcoming Coin Shows

March 20-21, Sacramento Coin Show, Lion's Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St. Admit: \$3, Tables: 66 Peter McIntosh 916 317-9055 peter@mcintoshcoins.com www.sacramentocoinshow.com

March 27-29, Western States Token Show, Veteran's Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa Merle Avila 707585 3711 707 824-4811 pm merle@avilaarchitects.com

June 4-6 Long Beach Coin, Currency, and Stamp Show, Long Beach Convention Centre, 100 S, Pine St. Admit: \$8 Tables: huge Taryn Warecker 805 680-0294 TWarecker@collectors.com www.longbeachexpo.com

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Board meeting at 6:30PM before regular meeting, please be quiet, so business can be conducted.

Treasurer's report: Activity: Minimal activity. Income included \$227 for medal sales, \$160 for 2020 renewal dues, \$117 raffle, and \$150 in auctions. Expenses were for the newsletter, our website, bank fees, \$90 for coin purchases.

Not the Other Coin: Morgan Dollars



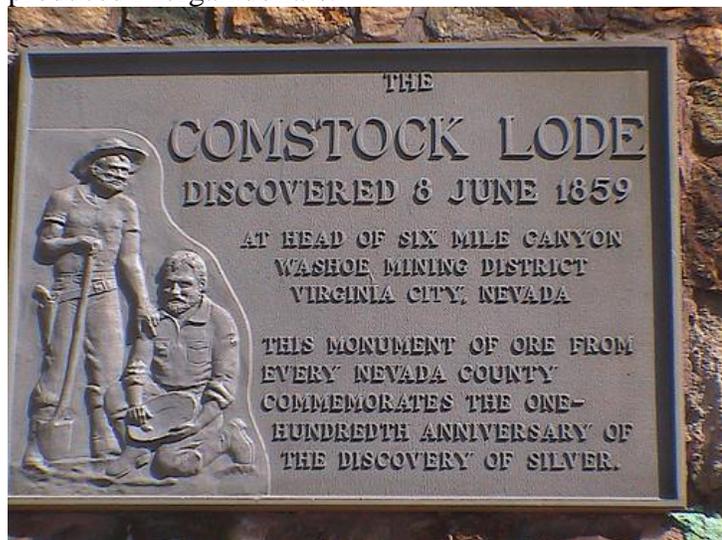
Morgan silver dollars are the *King of America's Coins* with a rich history centered on our own CC mint and the Comstock. Morgan dollars are named after designer George T. Morgan, whose beautiful Liberty head design was modeled after schoolteacher Anna Williams and the French 5 Franc coin. Morgans



were struck at five US Mints from 1878-1904, and again in 1921. Composed of 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper, Morgans circulated mainly in the West, the cowboys of the Old West dubbed the coins "cartwheels" because of their hefty size and weight.

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Liberty is featured on the coin's obverse, with a somewhat gaunt eagle depicted on the back, giving the Morgan its other nickname of *the buzzard dollar*. It's reported that over half a billion Morgan coins were struck between 1878 and 1921. Most of the output came from the original mint facility in Philadelphia, while Carson City, New Orleans, and San Francisco sites also made them. Later, in 1921, the Denver mint also produced Morgan dollars.



The Comstock vein of gold was encased in a heavy black soil thrown aside by the ton and used to set the stones and cobbles in the streets. JF Stone sent a sample to be assayed. The discarded clay turned out to be incredibly rich in silver, yielding \$4,700 a ton. For the next two decades, the Comstock Lode produced more than \$300 million in 19th century dollars. Today, the Comstock Lode of Nevada is still known as the Queen of the Silver Strikes. The Comstock Lode and other mines caused Nevada's population to grow ten-fold by 1880. Prior to the Comstock discovery, silver was used sparingly for coinage, but afterward a flood of silver coins and dollars were struck. In fact, this abundance of silver and the fabulous Comstock Lode helped give birth to the Morgan silver dollar.

The Morgan silver dollar was first minted in 1878, after a lapse of five years in the production of silver dollars. The Mint Act of February 1873 ended the production of the Liberty Seated silver dollars in favor of trade and gold dollars. Silver dollars made up less than 1% of circulating silver and were considered too heavy and bulky by most of the public. Mine owners

out West lobbied and pressured Washington until Congress finally authorized the production of a new silver dollar in 1878. When Morgan dollars were first issued, large quantities of silver were being mined at a time when very few industries needed silver. To make matters worse, Germany had converted to the gold standard and had dumped 8,000 tons of silver on the open market. Western congressmen pushed through a bill that required the Treasury to purchase over 140 tons of silver each month to mint silver dollars enriching the mine owners and leading to a financial collapse of 1893. Congress stopped all silver purchases and silver stock on hand ran out in 1904, which ended Morgan production.

No one expected the Morgan silver dollar to ever again be minted. The dies were ordered destroyed. The government melted down \$350 million worth of silver dollars for Great Britain and shipped to India. The government then bought an equivalent amount of domestic silver to replace those coins that were melted down. In 1921, after a lapse of 17 years, three US mints struck Morgan dollars: Philadelphia, San Francisco Mints, and Denver, opened in 1906.

Peace dollars were struck from 1921-1935 due to political pressure from silver-mining interests with millions of the coins stored away in government vaults. They remained there until 1918, when the Pittman Act sent millions of them to the melting pot to help finance the military effort during World War I. In 1965 when the U.S. Mint stopped producing coins in .900 fine silver and stopped redeeming paper money in silver dollars, the government made an accounting of silver dollars still in storage. To everyone's surprise, a hoard of uncirculated Carson City Morgan silver dollars was discovered in a forgotten corner of the main Treasury building in Washington. The government decided to seal them in special holders and sell them to the public as boxed dollars. The final tally was over 2.8 million CC Morgan silver dollars. The special sale ignited a surge of popularity in the Morgan dollar series and this popularity remains just as strong today, making the Morgan silver dollar the most collected silver coin in the world. *I'm bringing my CC boxed dollar.*

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

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Numismatic Potpourri



A rare 1804 silver dollar, the most famous prize in coin collecting, will be sold in Baltimore on March 20, at an auction conducted by Stack's Bowers Galleries. One of just 15 known to exist, the auction house expects the coin to bring between \$1.2 and \$1.5 million. Though dated 1804, the Garrett specimen of this renowned rarity was struck in secret at the Philadelphia Mint sometime between the 1850s and early 1870s. Ben Weiss has written a well-researched 265-page book [Medallic History of Slavery, Racial Oppression as Chronicled by Historical and Commemorative Medals](http://www.historicalartmedals.com/MEDALLIC%20HISTORY%20OF%20SLAVERY.pdf) and free online. <http://www.historicalartmedals.com/MEDALLIC%20HISTORY%20OF%20SLAVERY.pdf>

Eva Adams video covers the introduction of the Kennedy half dollar as well as the 1960s coin shortages and subsequent introduction of clad coinage. The former Mint Director opposed legislation that would have removed presidents from US coins and replaced them with figures emblematic of Liberty. Adams concludes with a few remarks on the construction of the (fourth) Mint in Philadelphia, which opened in 1969 during the final year of her administration. Link on Newman Portal: <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/578942>

100 Greatest Modern World Coins by Charles Morgan and Hubert Walker, hardcover, 168 pp.; full color; \$29.95. **Old Regime France and its Jetons** by James E. McClellan III, \$100 hardcover, 268pp, b/w figures. Kolbe and Fanning have [The Half Cent, 1793–1857: The Story of America's Greatest Little Coin](#), by William R. Eckberg for \$125. **Smithsonian coin collection is gradually coming on-line.** **China's central bank in Guangzhou announced it will destroy cash collected by hospitals, buses, and markets in coronavirus afflicted areas** to curb the outbreak's contagion, news outlet Caixin reported Saturday.

505 Gold coins found during renovation work at Jambukeswarar Temple in Tamil Nadu. The pot was found by workers engaged in renovation work near the Akhildandeswari shrine in the temple complex. The temple is believed to have been constructed in the early Chola period, almost 1800 years ago. **Mutilated Currency Division of the**



Treasury Department's Bureau of Engraving and Printing. These experts play forensic scientist with damaged bank notes; you might call it "CSI: Currency Victims Unit." They inspect an owner's unusable money to determine a value, which the Treasury Department will redeem in check form. Every week, the federal office in SW Washington receives hundreds of padded envelopes, boxes and even safes stuffed with cash ravaged by water, fire, shredding machines, insects or a canine's teeth. "Your dog ate your money. Your grandma buried \$100,000 in her backyard. Your 2-year-old shreds an envelope filled with \$1,000," says program manager Ty Hensell. "Look it up on YouTube."



The Chapman proof 1921 Morgan dollar is a clandestine issue. As an unofficial U.S. Mint issue, the only items that we can be sure of is that these were produced by George T. Morgan at the behest of prominent Philadelphia coin dealer Henry Chapman In March 2020 Baltimore Auction. Certified proof 67 (PCGS) is the finest example.

Besides having an up to 30% off their Star Trek coins, **Perth Mint** has a Venom, Harry Potter, surfboard, and *HMS Endeavour* coins:



Records indicate that the Philadelphia Mint struck 99 **proof double eagles in 1913**, though just 58 coins were distributed due to the declining interest in the matte, roman and sandblast finishes used since 1907. Proof 66 in auction. **The thieves of the 221 pound**



gold maple leaf coin got 4 years in prison in Berlin.



A medal awarded to a boxer who helped save the Princess Royal from an attempted armed kidnap is to be sold. Former heavyweight Ronnie Russell, 72, punched Ian Ball in the head as he tried to abduct the princess at gunpoint in London in 1974. Mr. Russell was awarded the George Medal for bravery by the Queen, who told him: "The medal is from the Queen, but I want to thank you as Anne's mother." ANA list **most valuable US coins**: 1794 Flowing Hair dollar: \$10 million, 1933 St. Gaudens gold double eagle: \$7.6 million, 1787 EB on breast Brasher doubloon: \$7.4 million, 1913 Liberty head nickel: \$4.5 million, 1804 bust dollar: \$4.1 million. See them on-line. A woman at the FUN coin show in Florida received a **rarity in her change**, a mismatched serial note worth hundreds of dollars. Also on-line UK's **Agatha Christie and Mayflower coins**. The C4 Colonial Coin Collectors Group over 100,000 posts were transferred from Yahoo to Newman Portal. Yahoo shut down all the groups and their archives. It is searchable.



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Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 25th of February 7 PM (4th Tuesdays)
Denny's, 205 Nugget Ave.(at E.McCarran),Sparks

February 25 **Something Presidential** Come see Robert Rodriguez's Comitia Americana medals of honor that went to Washington, John Paul Jones

February 28 **Bob Nylen Retirement Party** 3:30-6:30 \$15. We're all invited.

March 24 **Libertas Americana**

March 27 **New Coins at the Museum**

April 24,25 **National Coin Week at the Museum**

April 28 **NCW: Remarkable Women: Catalysts of Change featuring Eva Adams**

July 17, 18 **Reno Coin Show**, Reno Ramada Hotel & Casino, 1000 E. 6th St.

At the Last Meeting 30 some members at the annual dinner voted in the current board by acclamation. Thanks everyone for re-upping. **Robert Rodriguez should bring his set of Comitia Americana medals** for February meeting. He was ill in January. **US Mint Director David Ryder** was great talking to everyone, signing medals, and there was a fee lunch. Also 100s of kids were at the weekend event. Everyone got a nice copper medal (See below) and several people said they want to join the club. **First 2020 quarter (Samoa)** with an upside down bat ordered, **NA \$1 Feb. 12.** Thanks Jerry Breedlove for taking over mystery box. **Closing out presidential dollars for \$1 in February.** I found a 1802 large cent in foreign coins. Will go to raffle. **Also raffling off sets of club medals at \$1 ticket, 6 for \$5.** Will give set for each \$125 raised. Plan to raffle CC boxed dollar at \$10 ticket, limit 40 tickets also in April. **Auctioning off a fancy set of presidential medals next meeting.** We will sell medals at the Reno Coin Show too. Bring up to 5 coins for the bid board now. We have **board meetings before the meeting and ask for quiet so we can conduct business.** *ain Please leave upper right seats open for board members.*

Contact me for any reason:

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Early Bird Prize: set of 4 2019 Innovation \$1 won by Frank Wheeler

Raffle prizes winners were:

Danny Clifton: fancy PD set of state .25, 1972 mint set, set of PDS.25 Idaho

Joe Wozniak 1992 proof set. 1963 Canada .01 roll

Laurel Hoggan Mercury .10, 2 world coin books, 5 year set holders

Thomas Charlton: 4 2019 Innovation dollars

Milton Angel: CA gold coins books

Don Stamps: 1 gram silver

Bart Daniel: 2019 P mint set **mystery box**, 2 Ikes, steel .01 set, NA \$1 set

Ken Hopple: 2019S .25 set

Rick De Avilla: chocolate coins, Bz club medal, fancy birth year holder

Mary Long: Presidential \$1 set, Georgia \$1PD set

Bill Naylor: 2 coin bags \$25 & \$100

Auctions

2017 Eagle donated by Larry Demangate won by Rick DeAvila for \$27

2020 Eagle donated by Rusty King won by Milton Angel for \$31.

Quarter Pot

Judy Thomas (not present) won the quarter pot.

Samoa .25, on way, Georgia dollar, 2019S .25 sets here.

THANKS everyone for donating to the RAFFLE!



Set of all five 2013-2018 quarters in case \$5
National Park Quarters PDS .50
Presidential, Native American \$1 D P \$1.25

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February 16, Cupertino Coin Club Show, St. Joseph parish gym, 10110 N. De Anza Blvd. Admit: \$2
Tables: 45 Bruce Braga 408 839-1883
Bruce Braga@aim.com

June 4-6 Long Beach Coin, Currency, and Stamp Show, Long Beach Convention Centre, 100 S, Pine St. Admit: \$8 Tables: huge Taryn Warecker 805 680-0294
TWarecker@collectors.com www.longbeachexpo.com

July 17, 18 Reno Coin Show, Reno Ramada Hotel & Casino, 1000 E. 6th St. Admit Tables: 38 Bill Green 925-351-7605 info@norcalcoinshows.com
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Treasurer's report: Minimal activity. Income included \$65 for medal sales, \$540 for 2020 renewal dues (AJ is now paid thru 2039), 1 new member (Danny Clifton), \$91 raffle, and \$58 in auctions. Normal expenses were paid for the newsletter, our website, bank fees, and our annual dinner payment of \$10 to paid members in attendance.

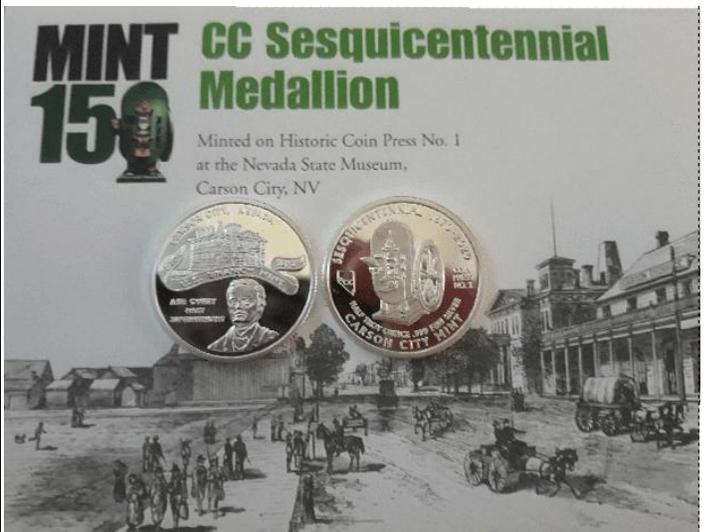
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205 Nugget Ave at
E. McCarran, Sparks



Not the Other Coin: 150th Anniversary of the Mint with David Ryder



Reno Coin Club started the New Year with a bang. We celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Carson City Mint and Coin Press #1 with David Ryder, Director of the US Mint. In addition to a new coin with Abe Curry, the mint, and the press, David Ryder signed all the newly minted coins and told us what is in store for the mint. Final approval from Treasury Department is waiting, but we will get a W nickel in all the mint sets this year. *Remember the e-mail campaign I started last year to get that, so we will have all denominations with a W now.* The 2nd to 5th .25 will have a special privy mark V75 for the 75th anniversary of WWII and new W .25. There will also be a special set of commemorative coins for WWII and the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower. Next year we will see the new Washington quarter with the crossing the Delaware reverse followed by 26 quarters featuring famous woman. In 2026 there



will be new reverse designs on all circulating coins to celebrate our 250th anniversary followed by quarters focused on youth sports as a build up to the 2028 Olympics. David Ryder complained about the cost of pennies and nickels and wants to change the metal, but not to copper and nickel plated steel like the euro coins.

150th anniversary of the CC mint continued with a special kids weekend February 8, 9 with a new copper medal given to each child. 100s of children attended, and we were able to give pencils, penny blanks, coin books, and some Roman coins. Everyone liked the coin and story of Cleopatra. She was a 4 foot scrawny thing with a huge nose and overseeing a country bankrupted by her father. The poor and ugly Cleopatra attracted Julius Caesar with her advanced education from the University of Alexandria, and being able to speak 29 different languages. He was amazed to be able to have intelligent conversations on religion and politics with her. Marc Anthony needed someone with brains to try and become king of the world. Brains beats beauty every time, so stay in school and go to college is the moral of the story of Cleopatra. The Byzantine Jesus coins are

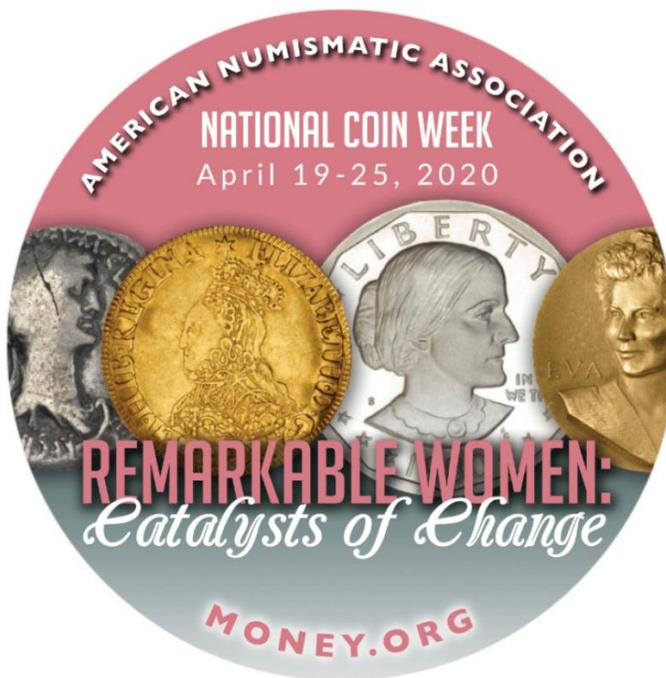


a big hit copied from paintings of St. Luke. **Bob Nylen is retiring as curator of the Nevada State Museum, and we are all invited.** February 28, 3:30-6:30 PM. \$15 per person catered by Bella Vita Bistro RSVP by February 18th to Leslie Phillips 775 687-4810 Ext.244 chamain@nevadaculture.org



Numismatically yours, David Elliott

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National Coin Week is celebrating women in numismatics with the theme of Remarkable Women: Catalysts of Change. We have Eva Adams on our coin club medal, and she also appears on ANA's advertising at the far right above. In FY 2019, **the cost to make, administer and distribute the penny eased to 1.99 cents from 2.06 cents while the cost for the 5 cent coin rose to 7.62 cents from 7.53 cents.** The four circulating denominations (.01,.05, .10,.25) added up to 12.466 billion coins, marking an 8.8% reduction from the 13.668 billion coins in FY 2018. The U.S. Mint's FY 2019 circulating revenue for coinage totaled \$798.1 million, down 7.5% from \$862.7 million in FY 2018. After subtracting the year's cost to produce the coins, which totaled \$479.8 million, the U.S. Mint's circulating seigniorage or profit reached \$318.3 million. **The latest additions to the Newman Numismatic Portal are photos of the Carnegie Museum George H. Clapp Large Cent collection.** <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/imagecollection/515508> Alaska has officially asked for 5 million **Elizabeth Peratrovich dollar coins** to be released to circulation in Alaska. Highland mint in Melbourne, FL made the **Superbowl coin** that is flipped at the beginning of the game. On the NFL site for \$99. The day was sweet as honey for Latvia when

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its **5-euro Honey Coin** was given top honors as **2020 Coin of the Year** during an awards ceremony held Feb. 1 in conjunction with the World Money Fair in Berlin, Germany. Other winners were France and Australia for



WWI coins (best historical and most inspirational)



Most innovative Lithuania 50 euro gold & silver:



Best crown Australia



Austria won for best bimetallic Anthropocene and best gold (Adler):



Other winners on-line. **A. Kirschner of NJ got 10.5 years for fake gold and silver coins worth more than \$46 million** if they were genuine after Anti-Counterfeiting Educational Foundation turned him in. Abdicated **Edward VIII gold sovereign coin sold for more than a million dollars**. Highest paid for modern British coin only 7 made never issued.



Cool silent film on minting coins 100 years ago: http://urc.universityrarecoins.com/urccontent/wbd/V101_Early-Minting/engage.html **Brexit coin is out and selling for \$6 to \$20 on e-bay.** Might wait awhile for the 50 pence coin to be cheaper. I imagine Joel Anderson will have it for less



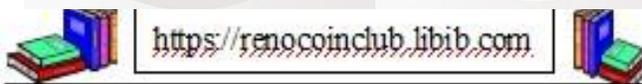
Swissmint said that the 0.12-inches (2.96mm) gold coin is the smallest in the world. The coin weighs just 1/500th of an ounce (0.063 grams) and has a nominal value of 1/4 Swiss francs (about 26 cents). Its weight is comparable to that of two grains of rice. Swissmint said the coin, of which just 999 have been made, will be sold for about \$200 with a special magnifying glass so owners can see Einstein. The Swiss made a 500 year Indian fanam sell for over \$200 with less than \$8 gold and tariffed at .26 cents, Now, that's a mark up and false advertising as fanams were often smaller, but with Indian gods and symbols, not Einstein's face. The coin is the size of a match head. **PCGS will be offering prizes for 2020W quarters again. The NGC Registry (NGCcoin.com/Registry) continues to grow and now includes more than 15,000 participants, 135,000 sets and 1.1 million coins.** Each year, NGC recognizes the top collectors and collections in the NGC Registry. More than \$20,000 in prizes were awarded this year.



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A huge hoard of Alexander the Great decadrachms larger than a silver dollar were found in Gaza by fisherman and are being sold at auction houses. Story as an interactive mystery investigation found at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/resources/idt-d4a6df1b-995d-4d0d-a562-43bd47b86afb>

You can report counterfeits at <https://acefonline.org/> by clicking the counterfeit alert button. **Anti-Counterfeiting Educational Foundation (ACEF)** is a new program with education and news stories about counterfeits. **A gold trinket on a bracelet sold for more than \$500,000.** The coin was an Indian "half mohur" minted in 1605 in India, during the Mughal Empire and reign of Muhammad Akbar, who is famous for attempting to forge a peaceful coexistence between the Islamic faith and Hinduism. It combines Hindu deities, Rama and his wife Sita on one side with an Arabic inscription on the back with his name and date.



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Tuesday, 28th of January 7 PM (4th Tuesdays)
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January 28 **Dinner, Nominations, Elections**

January 31 **New Coins at the Museum**
 weather permitting

February 4 **150th Anniversary of CC Mint** with
 director of the US Mint David J. Ryder 10AM,
 reception at gov. mansion 5-7 PM \$100
 (see below for details, p.5)

February 8, 9 **Kids at the Museum** 2 days with
 special medal for kids

February 25 **Something Presidential**
 February 28 **New Coins at the Museum**

At the Last Meeting No one wanted to meet
 Christmas Eve, but we have a Christmas present
 from Robert Rodriguez of a **chance to see a set of
 Comitia Americana medals** at the dinner as
 mentioned in last issue. If you want to hang out
 with US Mint Director David Ryder get your
 evening tickets quick. Otherwise join us for the
 day events starting at 8:30AM, FREE admission.
First 2020 quarter (Samoa) with an upsidedown
 bat Feb.3, NA \$1 Feb. 12, and Innovation dollars
 all TBD. **Have the Georgia \$1 and ordered some
 more 2019 S .25** to make sets, but available to all.
**Closing out presidential dollars for \$1 in
 February, will bring in January.** Thanks to those
 that sent me dues. Remember \$10 instant rebate
 for dues payers at dinner in January. **Nominations
 still open for officers and 2 board seats.** No one
 volunteered yet. Bring up to 5 coins for the bid
 board now. We have **board meetings before the
 meeting and ask for quiet so we can conduct
 business. Please leave upper right seats open for
 board members.** Contact me with any ideas or
 problems: datbelliotts@prodigy.net 815-8625.

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Idaho .25, NJ & Georgia dollar, 2019S .25 sets here.

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 Presidential, Native American \$1 D P \$1.25

Last six .25 for National Park series:



Treasurer's report: Minimal activity. Income included
 \$100 for medal sales, \$60 for 2020 dues, \$4.77 in coin
 sales. Normal expenses were paid for the newsletter, our
 website, 2 name plates, annual Numismatic Society dues,
 annual state filing and bank fees.



Dues are Due, \$20 January 1

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Upcoming Coin Shows

February 4 Tuesday, 8:30 AM 150th Anniversary of CC Mint with director of the US Mint David J. Ryder, 600 North Carson St., Carson City. Admit: FREE Special commemorative will be minted on old coin press #1 1.800-NEVADA8; 5-7PM reception with David Ryder at Gov. Mansion, \$100 30mm medal included, limited tickets. Reserve with Sandra Silva 687-1410 ex224 s.silva@state.nv.us

February 7, 8 Kids Weekend at Museum

February 7, 8 SF Area Coin, Stamps & Collectibles Show, S. SF Conference Center, 255 South Airport Rd. Admit:\$5 Tables: 35, Scott Griffin 415 601-8661 scott@griffincoin.com www.griffincoin.com

February 14, 15 Redwood Empire Coin Club Show, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, EL Finely Building, 1350 Bennet Valley, Santa Rosa. Admit: \$2 Tables: 60 Merle Avila 707 585-3711 am, 707 824-4811 pm

February 16, Cupertino Coin Club Show, St. Joseph parish gym, 10110 N. De Anza Blvd. Admit: \$2 Tables: 45 Bruce Braga 408 839-1883 Bruce Braga@aim.com

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Not the Other Coin: Lost *Comitia Americana* & *Libertas Americana* Medals

Robert Rodriguez got 8 of 9 *Comita Americana* medals that are available in silver. Henry Lee's medal was probably never made, but perhaps a gold medal was given to the family and lost. A few medals were struck later from original dies, but only replicas are available. Robert E. Lee's father dismounted his 300 horse at Paulus Hook, NJ and defeated the British in a sneak attack taking 159 prisoners. The obverse reads Henry Lee, officer of a mounted legion and the reverse reads: xix August 1779, Notwithstanding rivers and ramparts he conquered the enemy with handful of man by skill and valor.



John Stewart's gold medal was made, but he died before it could be awarded. The gold medal is also lost and no other original medals were made. He saw action at Stony Point. Replicas available. America or



Columbia bestows palm frond to John Stewart leader of a cohort. Reverse Stony Point Battle. Anthony Wayne, also saw action at Stony Point and did receive his gold medal. The Boston Historical Society has the only silver medal and there a few copper medals originals in private hands. Like others

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Washington sent him a *Libertas Americana* medal.



Goddess America in tobacco skirt with shield and alligator extends wreath to Anthony Wayne General of the Army. Reverse: Stony Point Battle and date below July 16, 1779. Finally, in the one that got away category (I suppose) is the Nathaniel Greene medal. General Nathaniel Greene fought the British in South Carolina and successfully prevented British forces from joining Cornwallis at Eutaw Springs near Charleston, SC. The



medal says To General Nathaniel Greene from the American Congress Reverse: Victory treads fallen arms Salvation of the Southern Region, The enemy utterly defeated at Eutaw September 8, 1781. There were 23 struck, so I assume Robert is on the hunt. Robert also



got a *Libertas Americana* medal. One of the most famous and cherished of all the medals related to American history. The inventor of the medal was Benjamin Franklin, who wrote: “I have had a mind to strike (a medal) representing the United States by the figure of an infant Hercules in his cradle, strangling the two serpents; and France by that of Minerva, sitting by as his nurse, with her spear and helmet, and her robe specked by a few *fleurs-de-lis*.” The leopard represents England with the quote from Horace: The infant is not without divine assistance. The obverse of the medal shows a head of Liberty with flowing hair, facing left, a liberty or freedman's cap atop a pole in the background. This model served as the inspiration for some of the US Pattern coinage of 1792 and for the first US half cents in 1793. There are some 2 dozen silver and up to 125 original coppers out there.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri



Stack's Bowers Galleries is proud to continue their tradition of presenting world-class rarities at auction by featuring **1884 and 1885 Proof trade dollars in their March 18-20, 2020 Baltimore Auction**. These should go for a few million each. And at the Fun Show, January 8, a **1927 D MS65+** sold for **\$2,160,000** as one of the finest known. (On-line)

**Dues are
Due, \$20
January 1**



A gold bar found in a Mexico City park in 1981 was part of the Aztec treasure looted by Hernan Cortes and the Spanish conquistadors 500 years ago, a new study says. The 1.93-kilogram bar was found by a worker during excavations for a new building in a picturesque park in the heart of the Mexican capital. Specialized X-rays has now confirmed that the bar came from the Spaniards' hasty, though temporary, retreat during the so-called *Noche Triste*, or "Sad Night." The night of June 30, 1520, the Aztecs, furious over the slaughter of their nobles and priests, drove the Spanish invaders from their capital, Tenochtitlan, and fleeing Spaniards dropped some loot of their loot. **The 2019 winner of the best increase from issue price to current value is the 3rd release of *Micromosaic Passion* series.** A 3 ounce coin issued for Palau that recreates famous art masterpieces using thousands of carefully arranged colored tiles. The 2019 coin is called *Girl with a Pearl Earring* by Johannes Vermeer. The 499 coins sold for less than \$500 and is selling for more than \$1800 now. The earlier issues of the *Mona Lisa* (on-line) and *Venus* (Botticelli) did almost as well and won international awards. *I say our W quarters selling for \$18-50 is a better percent increase, not to mention the winners of first coin for \$2000.*



Canada's WWII 75th anniversary silver and gold:



Joseph M. Segel, founder of The Franklin Mint in the 1960s and QVC cable television marketing enterprise in the 1980s, died Dec. 21 in Gladwyne, PA, at age 88. The firm began with the output of privately minted gold and silver medals. Operations at The Franklin Mint were expanded in the 1970s and 1980s to include legal tender coins. Several engravers from the US Mint worked for the Franklin Mint, which also produced casino tokens from 1965 to 1969 for Nevada and the world. They appear to be selling for under \$10 at e-bay. **Happiness** joins Life



& Liberty in the **platinum** coins from the US Mint.



Parked between two Falls Church City buildings is this plane, a statue created in early 2008 by artist Courtney S. Hengerer of Alexandria, Virginia. It stands more than six feet tall and is **covered entirely in pennies – 14,000 of them**, to be exact. Hengerer titled her work, which resembles a fighter jet, *Pennies from Heaven*. **US produced 6.83 billion pennies this year**, 3.352 billion and 3.486 billion pennies from the Denver and Philadelphia mints, respectively. There are many more billions in circulation. Do we need to make more? Maybe just enough for mint and proof set and a few rolls for collectors. They cost over 2 cents to make now

Prices up on everything from US Mint, especially silver products. I bought roll of S quarters \$23.80 with \$5 postage. 2020 .25 proof set for 18.50 out.

Product	Price	Increase
2019 Reverse Proof New Jersey American Innovation Dollar	\$11.50	\$1.55
2019 Reverse Proof Georgia American Innovation Dollar	\$11.50	\$1.55
2020 ATB Quarters Proof Set	\$18.50	\$2.55
2020 ATB Silver Proof Set	\$42.50	\$5.55
2020 Proof Set	\$32.00	\$4.05
2020 Birth Set	\$23.00	\$3.05
2020 Happy Birthday Coin Set	\$23.00	\$3.05
2020 Congratulations Set	\$65.50	\$8.55
2020 National Park of American Samoa Quarter Three-Roll Set	\$49.25	\$2.30
2020 National Park of American Samoa Quarter Two-Roll Set	\$34.50	\$1.55
2020 National Park of American Samoa Quarter 40-Coin Roll	\$19.75	\$0.80
2020 National Park of American Samoa Quarter 100-Coin Bag	\$36.75	\$1.80
2020 National Park of American Samoa Quarters Three-Coin Set	\$11.50	\$1.55
2020 National Park of American Samoa Five Ounce Uncirculated Silver Coin	\$178.25	\$23.30
2020 Native American \$1 Coin Roll	\$34.50	\$1.55
2020 Native American \$1 Coin 250-Coin Box	\$289.75	\$13.80
2020 Native American \$1 100-Coin Bag	\$117.50	\$5.55
2020 Proof American Silver Eagle	\$64.50	\$8.55
Andrew Jackson Presidential Silver Medal	\$46.00	\$6.05

Could not get a schedule of Feb. 4th festivities from the Museum, but CoinNews.Net had one. On Tuesday, **February 4, the Nevada State Museum celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Carson City Mint** with a .999 pure silver commemorative medal. The day's guest of honor is the director of the US Mint, David Ryder, who will strike the first sesquicentennial medallion on Coin Press No. 1. **Tentative Schedule:**
 8:30 a.m.: Free admission to the museum. Planchets for sale in the museum store.
 9:30 a.m.: Parade down Carson St. from Capitol to Mint with a local high school marching band.
 10 a.m.: The Mint opens its actual front doors allowing historic access to the museum.
 11 a.m.: Sesquicentennial Program with keynote speaker, David Ryder, Director of the U.S. Mint. Buffet lunch reception sponsored by the Nevada Mining Association follows the program.
 Noon: Coin Press No. 1 demonstrations begin and minting a new sesquicentennial medallion.
 1 p.m.: Cutting of the sesquicentennial cake.
 5 p.m. (ticketed): Cocktail reception Gov.'s Mansion with David Ryder. Tickets \$100 include a silver sesquicentennial medallion.



Stack's Bowers Galleries displayed an **incredible tribute to the *Libertas Americana* medal**, assembled by the Cardinal Collection Education Foundation, at the FUN Convention in Orlando, January 9-11, 2020.



Elizabeth I gold "Ship" ryal of 15 shillings from Heritage recent auction. One of the rarest British coins and most sought after Elizabeth I. Jeff Garret **got his 1795 MS 62 half eagle back** when coin dealer spotted it, and had cops ready to nab thief. Stolen from mail. In police evidence now.

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