

Reno Cartwheel

December 2022

Next Meeting (We meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at Denny's, 205 Nugget Ave)

December 27: Coins of Christmas I'll put together coins of the Wiseman, star of Bethlehem, Herod, Caesar Augustus, etc. Nominations for the board.

December 31: New Coins at the Nevada State Museum

January 24: Dinner and elections Bring any cool coins you got for Christmas.

January 28: New Coins at the Nevada State Museum

After the Last Meeting

16 members attended. tourist in Mediterranean. One of my relatives at Thanksgiving tested positive for Covid, so we missed the after Thanksgiving trip to the museum. Will be going New Year Eve's day for half a day any way. They are likely to close early at 3PM, so we will be putting things away at 1:30PM. Nominations for the board at December meeting, elections in January. You can always nominate yourself. The board will be debating setting aside money for 2024 club medal. Rust is talking about making a 1 ounce square or rectangle one as a bar. It should probably have something to do with the 250th of the US in 2026. Maybe both Nevada and the US being battle born? The **first innovation dollar is due out January 30 and the Native American dollar February 6, first quarter February 14.** Lincoln silver medal comes out this year too, probably a copy of his Indian peace medal. **We will be having Morgan dollars in the raffle the next few months!** We are also looking to buy other silver coins, bars, and raffle prizes for the raffle. New raffle: **Morgans 1884O MS63, 1902O MS63, 1904O MS64 and 1964 Kennedy silver half MS64 all in PCGS cases.** Donated by John Ward when we did the show at Silver Legacy. Same deal 40 \$10 tickets, winner drawn when 40 tickets are sold. Have all 2022 coins for club and museum. Only new coin is the reverse proof Innovation dollar set November 14. Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net 775 815-8625.

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205 Nugget Ave at
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2022 NA & Tennessee P \$1 here. Famous women Otero-Warren .25 and Wong here. All 2022 coins available.

Early Bird Prize: set of 2 presidential \$1 won by Allison Navarro

Raffle prizes winners were:

David Elliott: ore sample, foreign coin book

Joe Wozniak: 2009 penny set, Bronze RCC medal, Mercury .10, copper RCC medal

Rick DeAvila: chocolate coins, Mercury .10 book

Thomas Charlton: 4 2022 Innovation dollars set, Buffalo .05 book

Milton Angel: 1975 proof set, 1993 proof set, mint bags

Bart Daniel: 2018S 5 quarter set

Joe Lamberson: 1989 mint set, 2022 quarter set, set NA\$1

Ken Hopple: 2019S .25 set

Mary Long: 2022 5 quarter set

Rusty King Northern NV ghost town atlas, NV mines book

Faye Allen: 1 gram silver

No Auctions

Quarter Pot

Phillip Shallit (not present) won the quarter pot.

S set (5) 2013-19 quarters in case \$5, 2020S (6) \$10
National Park Quarters, PD set \$60, P or D \$30
Innovation, Native American dollars D P \$1.25
Presidential set (40) \$50 (also get Bush if available)

New Coins of 2023

The designs for the new Famous Women quarters and Native American dollars are out, but the Innovation dollar designs are still just recommendations. The ballerina Maria Tallchief will be on both the quarter and the dollar.



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Treasurer's report: At the end of November our available balance was \$4,773.64. A point of interest is that we have about \$1,000 more in the bank than we did at the beginning of the year. That is partially due to the success of our July coin show, as well as just being frugal with things like no bank charges after Feb 2022. The board should discuss whether we want to accrue these funds for future medals and coins or other options like another year of waiving dues. Activity included: Income of \$111 for our monthly raffle. New expenses for the month included our newsletter expenses and \$200 towards coins for our raffle.

Upcoming Coin Shows

January 6-8, Las Vegas Coin Show at Tuscany Suites Hotel & Casino, 255 E. Flamingo Road, 20+ dealers Admit: \$4 John Ward 559 967-8067, CJ66CoinShows by Cal John 66 Silver www.CoinZip.com

January 7, Vacaville Coin Show, V. Elks Lodge, 302 Parker St. Admit:\$2 Scott Griffin 415 601-8661 www.CoinZip.com

January 13-14, Concord Coin Show, 45 John Glenn Drive, 25+ dealers Admit:\$5, Bill Green 925 351-7605 www.norcalcoinshows.com info@norcalcoinshows

The Other Coin: Christmas Coins

Plenty of countries and mints make Christmas coins every year. The US Mint makes Christmas ornaments with a circulation coin. This year they have the Vermont snowboarder from the Innovation series. Perth Mint in Australia has Christmas angels decorating a tree and Canada has a statue of Santa Claus on a coin.

Gibraltar has the wise men contemplating the star of Bethlehem.



Ancient coins may have information about the birth of Jesus not otherwise available. The star of Bethlehem as observed by the magi, the learned astronomers of the time is variously interpreted as a comet or an eclipse of planets. Julius Caesar was declared divine with the help of a comet appearing at his funeral games seen on a coin of Octavian who became Caesar Augustus and a "son of God" being adopted by the Divine Julius as written on the coin. Comets were a big deal in ancient times, portending



the rise or fall of great men or empires. Assuming the Star of Bethlehem was a comet, there were 3 possible years, 12, 5, and 4 BC. By using the one relevant, fixed date in the Gospels, the 15th year of Tiberius Caesar (AD 28/29), at which time Jesus is described as "about 30," 12 BC is too early for the date of Jesus' birth since by A.D. 28 he would have been 40 and considered elderly. Herod the Great died in the spring of 4 BC, but was alive when Jesus was born, which

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makes 4 BC unlikely, although possible. In addition, the Chinese do not describe the comet of 4 BC as anything spectacular. This leaves 5 BC. The Chinese say the comet appeared between March 9 and April 6 and lasted over 70 days, and it was bright enough to be seen during the daylight.

A spring date for Jesus birth is also the time of year the shepherds would be outside during the spring lambing. The date of December 25 is not a matter of Jesus snagging the winter solstice from Mithras or another sun god, but because the Alexandrian church insisted the Virgin Mary was the new Isis, Mother of God, who became pregnant at the spring Solstice making the winter solstice the time of Jesus birth.

Michael Molnar presents his case for a December birth in a book titled *The Star of Bethlehem: The Legacy of the Magi*. Molnar explains that Aries (a ram) was the sign of the Jews, and that ancient stargazers would have watched for the Star of Bethlehem in Syria. Jupiter underwent two eclipses by the Moon in Aries in 6 BC. Jupiter was the regal "star" that conferred kingships. The second eclipse on April 17 coincided precisely when Jupiter was "in the east," a condition mentioned twice in the biblical account about the Star of Bethlehem. In August of that year Jupiter became stationary and then "went before" through Aries where it became stationary again on Dec. 19, 6 BC. This is when the regal planet "stood over," a secondary royal portent also described in the Bible. A Roman astronomer confirms that the conditions of April 17, 6 BC, were believed to herald the birth of a divine, immortal, and omnipotent person born under the sign of the Jews, according to Molnar. The event was commemorated by a bronze coin of Roman Syria, issued by Quintus Caecilius Metellus Creticus Silanus, who was governor of Syria from AD 13 to AD 17, depicts the celestial event described as the Star of Bethlehem. Another



astronomical event was a rare conjunction of Venus and Jupiter on June 17, 2 BC, which would have been very bright and a herald of a rule of love.

Herod minted several bronze coins readily available. One with a helmet surmounted by a star and a tripod



On reverse. Also a diadem with a cross in middle/showbread table with palms on either side. And there are dozens of candidates for the magi as king priests of nearby cities or countries. The coins for the Three Wisemen have traditionally been: Azes II of the Indo-Scythians, Phraates IV of the Parthians, Gondophares of the Indo-Parthians (whom St. Thomas is said to have converted to Christianity) or Aretas IV of the Nabataeans. There were several other petty kings of the East that did not issue coins, but others did that were not chosen. Tigranes V of Armenia, the first Christian nation should be a candidate. Rulers were often priest king like the Roman emperors were Pontif Maximus, chief priest.



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



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



Gondophares, 10bc-50ad
bust/Nike stands



Aretas IV 9bc-40ad
wife Shuqailat/ cornucopias

Merry Christmas, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

The first Charles III coin is out 50 pence coin, \$15 on ebay. Should go down by 50% in a few months.



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A Guide Book of American Silver Eagles by Joshua McMorrow-Hernandez; foreword by Q. David Bowers. 384 pages, full color. Retail \$29.95. These coins are collectibles on every front, encompassing rarity, value, and numismatic challenge. The bullion strikes boast several relatively scarce issues, including the key-date 1996 and several earlier semi-key dates that have lower mintages and conditional rarity in the higher grades. There are also some significant varieties, with the 2008-W, burnished reverse of 2007. The undisputed king of American Silver Eagles is the 1995-W Proof, which has a mintage of just 30,125 pieces. But contending for that spot is the more recent 2019-S, enhanced reverse proof, which saw an output of merely 29,909.



One tarnished silver coin at a time, the US east coast is yielding new evidence that in the late 1600s, one of the world's most ruthless pirates Henry Every wandered the American colonies with impunity. **English buccaneer Henry Every**, the target of the first worldwide manhunt, hid out in New England before sailing for Ireland and vanishing into the wind. Coins minted in 1693 from Yemen are likely from the millions of dollars' worth of coins and other valuables seized by Every and his men in their brazen Sept. 7, 1695, sacking of the *Ganj-i-Sawai*, an armed royal vessel owned by Indian emperor Aurangzeb. Detectorists and archaeologists have since located 26 similar coins stretching from Maine to the Carolinas. **Ukraine has released a 10 hryvnia silver**



proof coin with a hologram which marks the granting

of candidate status to begin negotiations **to join the European Union.**

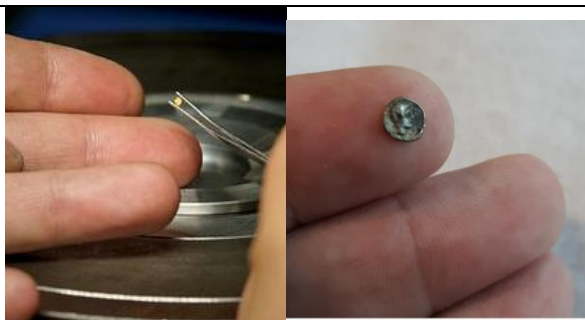


On 1 January 2023, Croatia will introduce the euro. The last kuna commemorative issue will be the world's smallest coin with a weight of 0.05g and a diameter of 1.99mm. It beats out the Swissmint, which just got its Guinness World Record for the world's smallest coin: the 2020 1/4 Swiss franc with Albert Einstein with a weight of 0.063g and a diameter of 2.96mm. The Croatian coin celebrates the world's smallest city called Hum. The coin will exclusively be offered in a set with the 1000-kuna coin on the Višnjan Observatory, 31.1g, 32mm. Hum, Colmo in Italian and Cholm in German is located on a hilltop in Istria. Its population consists of about two dozen inhabitants. Hum's history dates back to the 11th century AD, when Count Ulric I, Margrave of Carniola and Istria, fortified the southern border of his territory with small castles. One of them was called Cholm. In 1102, it came under the control of the Patriarchate of Aquileia. The latter lost all its territories, including Hum, during the Venetian conquest in 1420. Hum then belonged to the Venetian maritime empire until it was dissolved by Napoleon in 1797. The 1815 the Congress of Vienna put Istria, and with it Hum, under Austrian rule for a century. Then it became part of Italy, Yugoslavia, and today Croatia. On the coin's reverse is the head of an Istrian steer. From the private Višnjan Observatory, amateur astronomers discovered an impressive 1,749 asteroids between 1995 and 2001! This makes Višnjan one of the world's top five observatories when it comes to detecting near-Earth objects. The Indian gold fanam



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from 14th to 18th century measures 6-8mm with weights under 4 grams. The ancient Greek hemitertemoron (1/8 obol) is 4-5 mm in diameter and weighs 0.08 to 0.12 grams, the little hemitertemoron was the smallest Greek silver coin.



During a recent appearance on *The Late Show With Stephen Colbert*, Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen faced an awkward question: After nearly two years in the job, why was the signature of her predecessor, Steven T. Mnuchin, still scrawled across the nation's currency? The answer, she explained, was a quirk of currency design that required a new treasurer of the United States to be in place before the money could be remade with both of their signatures. That finally happened this month. **The new bills will also bear the name of Marilynn Malerba, the first Native American** to hold the role of treasurer. The first \$1 and \$5 notes with their signatures will enter circulation by January 2023. **The famous gold-rush steamer SS Pacific** which sank as it traveled from British Columbia to San Francisco in 1875 with nearly \$5 million worth of gold on board, killing 325 people,

has been found at the bottom of the ocean. The ship, collided with the *SS Orpheus* south of Cape Flattery in Washington. It was the deadliest maritime disaster in the history of the western US. Heritage Auctions this



month is auctioning a **rare 1854S quarter eagle**, one of 246 struck with 12-13 surviving. Only 1875 Eagle, 1875 half eagle and 1841O quarter eagle (none known) have lower mintages. Also in auction is a **unique Sacagawea \$1/ South Carolina quarter mule**.



Stacks Bowers will be auctioning **T. Boone Pickens** collection of US and foreign coins. Next year is the **Chinese year of the rabbit**, so get ready for cute bunnies before Easter: Perth Mint, Nuie, Singapore.



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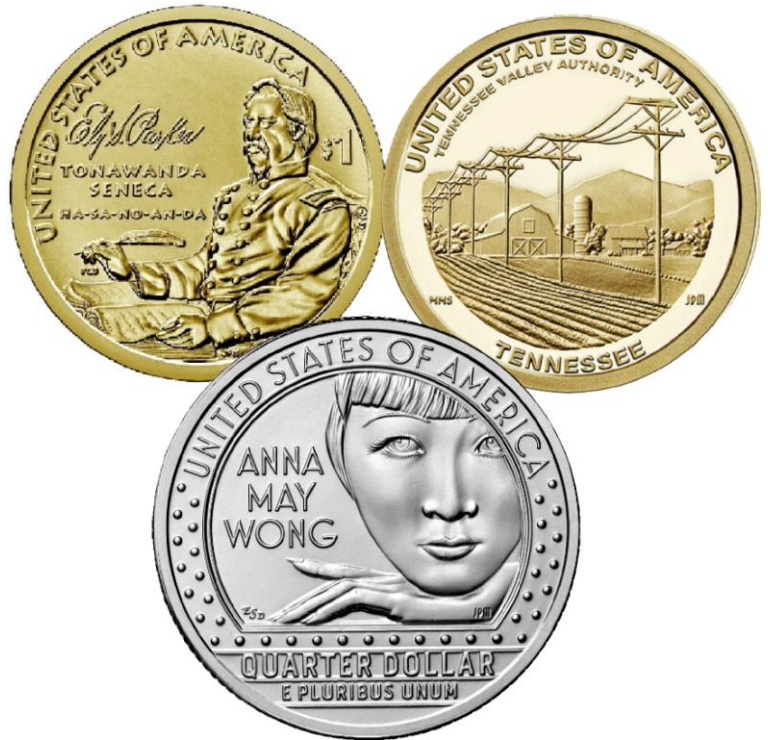
After My Return from Europe

Three weeks in Greece and a three week cruise from Portugal to Athens with three days in the Holy Land and five days in ancient sites in Turkey. October is a great time to go, a lot cooler and less tourists. November 1st Greece and many other countries (not Israel) close sites or have reduced hours. Israel, Greece, and Turkey usually have signage and displays in English by the way. Happy to be back. Last long trip for me. Other bucket list trips will be a week or ten days around club schedule. New raffle: **Morgans 1884O MS63, 1902O MS63, 1904O MS64 and 1964 Kennedy silver half MS64 all in PCGS cases.** Donated by John Ward when we did the show at Silver Legacy. Same deal 40 \$10 tickets, winner drawn when 40 tickets are sold. **Got May Wong quarters PDS.** I finally figured out you have to enroll to get the enrollment notice, then enroll within a day of getting the notice that the enrollment for the specific coin is available. Even then I got only half of what I ordered. Got an extra PD roll set of Nina Otero for some reason. The **Tennessee D dollar did not come**, so I paid to have it expedited. Should have all 2022 coins for club and museum this month. Only new coin is the reverse proof Innovation dollar set November 14. Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net 775 815-8625. Website: www.renecoinclub.com

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Robert's Treasures



This is one of the great US medallic rarities and what I consider to be the penultimate in US coins and medals for design and engraving executed by Charles Cushing Wright. It took a couple of years (1852-1854) before the medal dies were finished that now reside at the American Numismatic Society. The medal is huge (91mm) and it is unique *in silver*. It is believed that it was struck for Charles Ira Bushnell and then eventually auctioned by the Chapmen Brothers in a landmark sale in 1882. Wright struck 10-12 in bronze but with Washington on the other

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Upcoming Coin Shows

November 18-20, Las Vegas Coin Show at Orleans,
 4500 W. Tropicana. 20+ dealers Admit:\$4 John Ward
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December 10, SF International Numismatic Bourse,
 South San Francisco Conference Center, 255 S. Airport
 Blvd. Best nearby ancient, world coin show. Admit:\$8
 Scott Griffin 415 601-8661 www.CoinZip.com

December 11, Sacramento Coin Show, Lions Gate
 Hotel, 3410 Westover St. Admit:?? Peter McIntosh 916
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side from the Declaration of Independence scene. *The silver has a list of important dates from the English discovery of America in 1497 to the American attack on Quebec December 31, 1775. I had to acquire the silver since it will likely be part of an exhibition I may put together for the celebration of the 150th anniversary of 1776. The rarities I have now accumulated would result in a presentation that few, if any, museums in the country could match. It is magnificent to hold in hand. I will share it with the club. Note the image is on the \$2 bill-my additions in italics.*

The Other Coin: Tourist Coins around the Mediterranean

The Numismatic Museum at Athens is a must see with beautiful coins, well displayed and on museum row with the Cycladic and Byzantine Museum as well as the high end shopping of the Plaka. No time limits in the museum now. The other good news is that most museums, especially in Greece and Turkey have signs and descriptions in English. Greece was great: good food, friendly people, no Covid restrictions. Turkey is taking great care of their museums and archeological sites. The Istanbul museum has the sarcophagus and tomb of Alexander the Great. Missed the Chora and Byzantine mosaics. Ship got in late for the Chora, and the Hagia Sophia has been turned into a mosque again with the mosaic floors covered with green carpet and the mosaics on the walls covered with names of Mohammed's relatives except for one archangel (Michael) that is mentioned in the Koran.



The biggest numismatic surprise was in Lisbon at the Calouste Gulbenkian Museum. The richest oilman in the mid-20th century that set up oil companies in the Arab countries for Europeans with the proviso of getting 5% of the company. His art collection of ancient, Chinese, Persian, and European art with the motto of "Only the Best" is spectacular and so are the coins, mostly gold that includes a collection of Hellenistic medallions that can be seen at <https://gulbenkian.pt/museu/en/articles/the-aboukir-medallions/> and includes three medallions of Alexander the Great:



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I bought the ancient Greek Gold coin book, although the coins are not in color, so look silver. Mention should be made of two 18th century French coin cabinets with gold coins of the French kings as Roman emperors and a screw press of putti making Roman coins.

https://gulbenkian.pt/museu/en/works_museu/medal-cabinet-one-of-a-pair/



Greece had replica coins and medallions from Olympics for only \$7. Spain had replica coins and smashed 5 euro cent coin machines. Turkey had offers from people of mostly fake, but sometimes real ancient coins. I got a few small Byzantine and Roman bronzes.

Turkey and Israel offered souvenir sets of modern coins. Israel had ancient coins at licensed dealers at 10 to 100 times the price of buying them on e-bay.

Ancient coins were also offered in jewelry, usually misidentified for a 1000 times the coin's value.

I was happy to have paid a \$1000 dollars to take a private tour of the Israeli National Museum and the Bible Lands Museum. Again signage in English as well as Hebrew and Arabic. The Bible Lands museum focused on the development of writing with nice artifacts. The Israeli museum had entire temples of the ancient cultures surrounding ancient Israel as well as artifacts, armor, and weapons. You can see what things looked like mentioned in the Old Testament. I should also mention that Gibraltar is the home and base for most on-line gambling due to tax privileges. Also, Turkey and Israel grow bananas, mangos, oranges, and pomegranates for Europe. Our guide joked Israel is becoming a banana republic.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

Apparently **no decision on the designs for the Innovation dollars** next year yet. A trove of more



than 20 bronze statues discovered buried in thermal mud at a Tuscan spa town is the biggest find of its kind in Italy and will rewrite ancient Roman and Etruscan history, experts claimed. **The votive offerings and nearly 6,000 silver, gold, and bronze coins, were found in an ancient thermal bathing pool** excavated in San Casciano dei Bagni near Siena. Most bronze statues from antiquity were later melted down, which is why this collection is the most important find in the Mediterranean in decades. There are inscriptions with the names of gods never heard of. The statues include Apollo and Hygeia, the ancient Greek goddess of health, were offerings at the hot spring pool.

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A first time metal detectorist found a rare gold coin of Allectus near at his grandmother's home. One of three Roman generals that declared independence from Rome in England, Allectus is often thought of as one of the first "kings" of England. All three had very short reigns and minted very few gold coins. Right after and, believe it or not, **even during hurricanes, there is a group of brave Florida souls who take to the shore. Treasure hunters seize an opportunity to get an even better chance of finding coins, jewels and artifacts from Spanish shipwrecks from the 1700s.** These hunters were busy combing the beaches and unearthing shiny pieces of Treasure Coast history. **Less than 20% of**



central banks plan on issuing new notes according to *Currency Benchmarks 2022*. The article says the central banks are moving away from currency, but there has been a flood of new security notes the last few years, which is likely a more important consideration. **From 2027 to 2030, the US Mint will issue up to five quarters annually with reverse designs featuring youth sports, and one half dollar annually with a reverse design celebrating sports tailored to athletes with disabilities.** The Barbados \$1 glow-in-the-dark 'Flying Fish' circulation coin, struck by the Royal Canadian Mint, was named the 'Best New Commemorative' by the International Association of Currency Affairs. **Perth Mint has a Dr. No coin with Ursula Andress** along with lots of year of rabbit coins.



The seventh edition of Whitman Publishing's best-selling *Guide Book of Morgan Silver Dollars* by Q.

David Bowers, will debut this December.

Confederate Treasury Notes. The Signers and Their Stories by Charles Derby & Michael McNeil. Send \$49.95 plus postage (\$5 domestic, \$10 international) to: Charles Derby, 204 Sycamore Ridge Drive, Decatur, GA 30030. This week marks **the hundredth anniversary of the opening of the Heberden Coin Room at the Ashmolean Museum** at Oxford. The original collection of 60,000 coins and medals has expanded significantly and the coin room now houses some 300,000 items, including paper money, tokens, jettons and commemorative art medals. The collection has **the best Celtic Icenic coins** including a silver unit from c. 30BC. The head



has locks of hair and ornate bands across the forehead and is dubbed queen Boadicea. When the coin is turned, the lock of hair becomes a second eye, revealing a hidden face. On the reverse, a prancing horse is shown with sun motifs (very Picasso). The Roman Provincial Coinage (RPC) project is one of the most important research projects in numismatics, generating invaluable information about how the Roman Empire established power and governed and how the provinces responded. RPC online currently features more than 400,000 coins from 70,000 types, and draws in several million views each year, proving its impact beyond academia. PCGS MS64 1863 Indian head **full brockage mint**



error. Brockage errors are caused when an already minted coin sticks to the coin die and impresses onto another blank that hasn't been struck yet, pressing a mirror image of the coin into the blank.

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1755 French Colonies in North America, "Security on the Waves"/Safety at Sea Medal, Silver. 35 mm. 14.5 g. Signed P.P.W. (Peter Paul Werner, Nuremberg). Mercury appears at the central obverse between two war ships, the left flying an Irish flag and the right flying a French flag. Below "the (present) state of affairs." On the reverse, a Native American appears at left holding a bow and arrow with an alligator at his feet. A crowned female figure seated upon a seahorse appears at right holding a scepter and temple. "But he has the power to soothe troubled waves." Below "at the end of the year 1754." This colonial issue may refer to the action of June 8, 1755 in the Gulf of St. Lawrence between England and France. However, other theories exist. Writing in the July 1889 issue of the *American Journal of Numismatics*, George Parsons described it as an "invocation for peace, a protest against the more general hostilities which were likely to follow the events of the previous summer," a reference to the onset of the French and Indian War in 1754. *This makes more sense as the Indian would represent the Americas (French and English) and the queen on a seahorse the European sea powers with Mercury (commerce) being able to overcome nationalistic moves towards conflict and war.* And a bit of Spanish South American history:



By the middle of the 16th century, Spanish dreams of finding the mythical city of El Dorado were beginning to fade. The colonizers soon found a suitable alternative with Cerro Rico. Located deep within the Andes range, the unassuming peak, dubbed **Cerro Rico (Rich Mountain)**, provided the Spanish with unimaginable

quantities of silver, all extracted by indigenous slaves. While this silver was initially transported to Lima for coinage, the long and perilous route to the Viceregal capital proved untenable. Thus, the town of Potosi, placed at the very base of Cerro Rico, was born. By the time Philip III ascended to the Spanish throne in 1598, the Potosi mint's vast output was almost single-handedly supplying the global economy with silver and making Spain's empire fabulously rich in the process. So unparalleled was its production that the Crown shut down the Lima mint indefinitely as it could not keep up. It did not take long for this trajectory to shatter. In the early 17th century, traders began to cast doubts on the fineness and weight of Potosi coinage. Once foreign governments stopped accepting silver Reales from Potosi at their nominal value, Spain was forced into action. In 1648, Philip IV sent the inquisitor Francisco de Nestares Marin to investigate. Within a year, Nestares Marin uncovered a vast web of corruption, with parties at all levels guilty of producing debased coinage and pocketing the difference. Over 100 implicated individuals received punishment, and several of the guiltiest were executed by strangulation, including the assayers Jeronimo Velasquez and Juan Rodriguez de la Rocha. Faulty coins were melted and a new assayer took office, but these reforms were insufficient to restore global faith in Spanish silver. Furthermore, hoarding of the new specie created a disastrous shortage of circulating coinage. This crisis escalated to the point where the Viceroy of Peru, without the permission of the Crown, unilaterally reopened the Lima mint and produced the unique Star of Lima issues before the Spanish authorities shut down this illegal action just a year later. Things finally settled down in 1652 when, after a series of short-lived prototype issues, a new coin design was settled upon that included the date and assayer's name in at least three places. This bold new design ensured that the origins of faulty coins could be traced even in extremely crude examples. Sacrificing beauty for security, this type was in continuous production at Potosi until Cob coinage finally ceased more than a century later.



<https://renocoinclub.libib.com>



Fred Holabird houses the club's library at his office located at 3555 Airway Dr. #3555. Call 851-1859.

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October 25: Rusty will do something cool related to Nevada.

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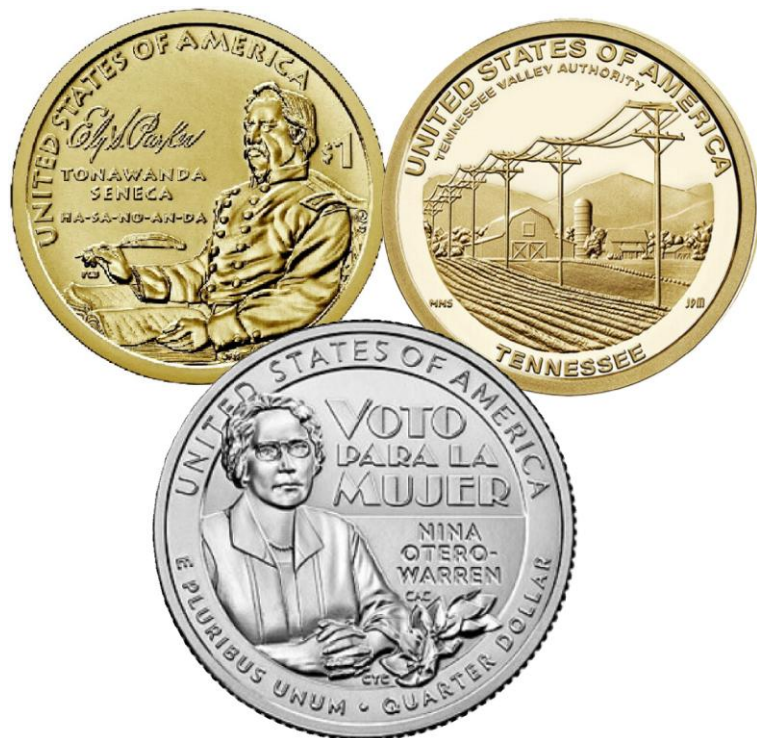


I think I mentioned the famous woman proof set with S mint is selling for \$19 on e-bay without box, but in case. Cheaper than buying the six coins for \$6 each as circulating strike. Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net 775 815-8625 I am not sure phone will work in Europe, but I should have e-mail at hotels. Website: www.renecoinclub.com

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Since Robert did not send me any Treasures, here's a **10 kilo, 22 pound gold coin from China** and a **proof Morgan** up for auction at Stack-Bowers.



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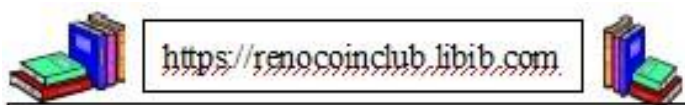
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Upcoming Coin Shows

October 29-30, SF Coin, Stamp Collectible Show, Double Tree Hotel, 275 S. Airport Blvd., South San Francisco, Admit: \$5 Scott Griffin 415 601-8661 www.CoinZip.com

November 4-5, Sacramento Coin Show, Lion's Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St., Admit:? Peter McIntosh 916 317-9055, www.CoinZip.com

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The Other Coin: Numismatic Museum of Athens



I got my hotel near the Numismatic Museum of Athens, which houses a collection of over 600,000 coins, medals, gems, weights, and related artifacts from 1400BC to modern times. The collection constitutes one of the finest coin collections in the world. The 19th century mansion of the Heinrich Schliemann, the archaeologist that rediscovered Troy and Mycenae, is decorated like a Pompeii house with wall murals, ceiling paintings, and floor mosaics. The collection is arranged in such a way so as to follow the history of coinage from ingots to the modern day. The museum holds a very important collection of coins from the 6th century BC until the 5th century AD including coinage from the Greek city-states, and the Hellenistic and Roman periods. There also major Byzantine and Medieval collections from Western Europe, the East, and the Ottoman Empire. Below a selection of gold and silver coins of the Ptolemies, the Greek rulers of Egypt.



There are stories on-line that you are allowed only 15 minutes a room. If so I will start every day and come back every evening until I have seen it all.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

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Numismatic Potpourri

The coin press is unlikely to be up until Christmas, maybe a birthday present for me born on December 19th.



Designs for the 2023 quarters. Bessie Coleman, first African American and first Native American woman pilot; Edith Kanaka'ole, indigenous Hawaiian composer; Eleanor Roosevelt, first lady and civil liberties advocate; Jovita Idar, Mexican American journalist, activist, teacher, and suffragist; Maria Tallchief, America's first prima ballerina, an Osage Native American. **Maria Tallchief will also be on the 2023 Native American dollar.** The **Innovation dollar designs** are being narrowed down to Ohio, underground railroad or Wright brothers; Louisiana, jazz or Higgins landing craft used in WWII; Indiana, automotive design; and Mississippi, Delta Blues or first lung transplant. **CNG is offering a very nice Antioch tetradrachm of Cleopatra and Anthony:** She was a big nosed, scrawny, four foot



Woman and not a seductress like Elizabeth Taylor. That was a story Octavian spread as fake news. She had the equivalent of a Ph.D from the University of Alexandria, the finest university and spoke 29 languages. She was a skilled diplomat, first Greek ruler to learn Egyptian, which made her popular with the people. She declared herself the new Isis. She was the brains in hope of keeping Egypt out of Roman hands and making her and Anthony king and queen of the Eastern Mediterranean. **Kitchen remodeling lead to the discovery of largest hoard of gold found coins in northern England.** The cup, described as being no larger than a soft-drink can, contained more than 260 gold coins dating from 1610 to 1727. The stash of coins has an estimated value of \$116,000 in today's currency and \$300,000 in numismatic value. Nothing struck my fancy among the new coins featured in the **Cosmos of Collectibles**, but I'll mention Hungary celebrating Milton Friedman and



the Vatican commemorating Mother Theresa's death. Stack Bowers sold the half eagle below for a record



Lot 7160: 1825/4/1 Capped Head Left Half Eagle. JD-1, BD-1. Rarity-8 as a Proof. Proof-67 Cameo (PCGS). CAC. Ex Parmelee; Eliasberg; Farouk. Sold for \$4,080,000.

price. Finest known example and most valuable pre-1834 proof US gold coin. From Heritage, a **very rare lifetime gold aureus portrait of Julius Caesar with the young Octavian**, as Consul (43 BC). Julius Caesar, as Dictator Perpetuo (Perpetual Dictator) and Pontifex Maximus (High Priest). Military mint in Transalpine and Cisalpine Gaul. Note Octavian as a teenager and the aged turkey neck of Julius Caesar.



The 2021 theft of error coins from the Denver Mint involved 2021-D Kennedy half dollars and 2021-D America the Beautiful quarter dollars that had been kustered, according to Richard Delmar,

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deputy director of the Treasury Department's Office of Inspector General. The kustered errors are pieces that, after production, have been waffle-canceled in machinery manufactured by the Dutch firm Kusters Engineering. The machinery uses a series of equally spaced knives to deform a coin into a shape resembling a rippled potato chip. DN Publishing announced the publication of the 2023 Edition of **Early Paper Money of America**, the seminal reference book on the first circulating currencies of North America. Authored by the renowned scholar, numismatist, and collector Eric P. Newman, this is the first new edition since 2008. Cost is \$100 for on-line access or \$150 for hard cover 472pp.

Four primary double-struck types: the double-struck off-center, the double-struck on-center, the multi-struck, and the flip-over double-struck. The double-struck off-center occurs when a coin is struck and then fails to be fully ejected from between the dies before being struck a second time with the strike off-center. An example of a double-strike with the second strike off-center. This is the most common of the double-strike types. Double-strikes on-center generally occur when a coin is struck,



fails to be ejected from the collar die, and is struck again with the second strike directly on top of the first strike. A multi-strike is a coin with three or more strikes.



Multi-strikes can be either on-center or they can be off-center, but in order to qualify as a multi-strike, the coin must have at least three strikes present.



Flip-over double-struck coins are among the scarcest of this category of mint error. (Lot of this from Jon Sullivan PCGS)



Collecting the “best of the worst” is quite a challenge for collectors, especially with PCGS’s “Low Ball” Registry Sets that reward collectors who can find Poor 1, and occasionally Fair 2 coins without problems. There are currently 2,670 “Low Ball” sets recorded in the PCGS Set Registry. Most coins that suffer the indignities of circulation have issues like severe rim dings, corrosion, scratches and other damage that keep them from being in non-qualified holders. *Not a joke and cheap to collect.* I get rare damaged ancients on the cheap and put a picture of a nice one with it, so I can have one. I just want the coin to be clearly identifiable like this Morgan:



Low-ball coin 1878 Morgan Dollar dated by the observance of the 7 tail feathers, parallel arrows reverse.

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Heritage recently auctioned the Bender collection with lots of coins from the Battle Born collection. **Here are the Carson City treasures:** 1870 double eagle



1876 half eagle, 1871 and 1876 quarters



And, the 1873 arrows dime MS65, The 1873CC arrows dime mintage was small, only 18,791 were produced. Not surprisingly, the number of survivors from that mintage is also small. Rusty Goe estimates fewer than 135 1873CC Arrows dimes survive in all grades, with 90% of those extant grading below the XF level.



I bought Rusty goes, 3 volume CC mint book, if you want to look at it sometime. **Thanks to a generous donation by ANS Life Fellow Robert L. Rodriguez, the American Numismatic Society (ANS) is pleased to announce the naming of the curatorial position in American numismatics as the Resolute Americana Chair of American Numismatics.** The chair's new name honors one of Mr. Rodriguez's outstanding achievements, the assemblage of his Resolute Americana Collection, which includes coins and medals ranging from the beginning of the colonial period in the Americas to the earliest days of the United States Mint. Notable among them are some of the finest examples of Massachusetts silver coinage from 1652, the most complete collection of Continental dollars, and among the finest sets of 1792 mint pattern coinage ever assembled. (And the Comitia Americana medals and Lincoln gold coins). Mr. Rodriguez chose the name Resolute for several reasons, among them his belief that the word aptly describes his own personal nature. He noted that the name also evokes the HMS Resolute, a British ship whose lumber was made into the desk in the oval office after US returned ship to Britain.



Cool Tonopah token 1897, sold for a little over \$2000. Bon Voyage. See you in November.



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Next Meeting (We meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at Denny's, 205 Nugget Ave)

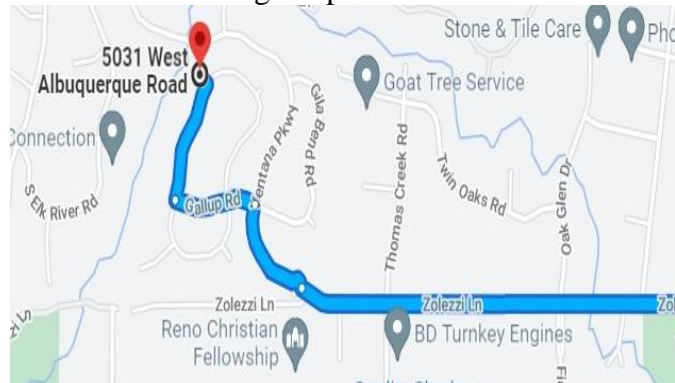
August 23 Picnic at Mary Long's, 5031 W. Albuquerque Rd. **RSVP** with number of attendees and potluck item: salad, drinks, side dish, desert. 853-0696, malong0047864@yahoo.com, 5-8PM.

Directions: From I-580 take exit 26 Damonte Ranch Parkway. Go west for 0.4 miles. Turn right onto Zolezzi and take Zolezzi to the top (1.7 miles). Continue through the roundabout onto Ventana Parkway. Take the first left onto Gallup 0.2 miles. Take the 2nd right onto West Albuquerque for 0.2 miles to 5031.

August 27: New Coins at the Museum I will be away September and October, returning to the museum in November.

After the Last Meeting

21 members were present. We got 5 new members from the coin show. Winners: \$5 gold Maria Cortez (she sold 1000 tickets). 2¹/₂ peso gold Nancy Tedder, 2 peso gold Rick de Avila, Tammi Patrick, PCGS Morgan, Aleksander Elliott (my son) PCGS Morgan, Allison Navarro (new member) US silver commemorative, Milton Angle West Point silver commemorative, Mary Arbogast, Victor Rojas, Carl Little, Faye Allen, George Lee, Wayne Johnson, Tony Gutierrez, and John Mac commemoratives, Frank Alieto new \$2 bill (donated by George Lee). David Barto of Reno won the 2021 CC Morgan. **Picnic August 23, details above, map below. We will draw the \$1 gold coin then. Up next Morgans 1884O MS63, 1902O MS63, 1904 MS64 and 1964 Kennedy silver half MS64 all in PCGS cases.** Donated by John Ward when we did the show at Silver Legacy. Same deal 40 \$10 tickets, winner drawn when 40 tickets are sold. The coin press is still down at least through September. **Wilma**



2022 NA & Vermont \$1 here. Famous women .25 still unavailable from mint. I have Maya Angelou, Sally Ride and Wilma Mankiller .25 from secondary market.



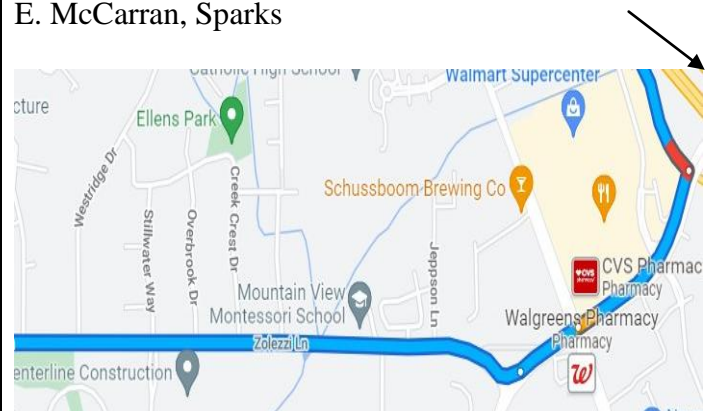
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Mankiller quarters here, stupid .75 each. The S famous women quarters are selling for \$6 now. I bought the S proof set in case without box for \$18. I will buy 3-4 S for those that have the others, but it's cheaper to get the proof set from ebay now. Next quarter Nina Otero-Warren, a New Mexico suffragette and school superintendent, August 16. Air Force 1 ounce out August 16 and August 18 is Liberty with bucking horse. August 30 is Tennessee \$1 celebrating TVA and rural electrification. September 8th is palladium coin with Mercury dime obverse and eagle with cactus walking Liberty reverse. Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net 775 815-8625 Website at www.renecoinclub.com

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August 26-28, The Vegas National Show by CK Shows, Palace Station Hotel & Casino, 2411 W. Sahara Ave. 200+ dealers Dawn 888-330-5188, CKShows.com

September 9-10, CoinExpo San Jose, Double Tree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Blvd. 35+ dealers Admit:\$6 Scott Griffin 415 601-8661, CKShows.com

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Early Bird Prize: George Lee won PD set Kentucky Innovation dollars

Raffle prizes winners were:

Faye Allen: bag of wheat pennies, Merc. .10
 Rick DeAvila: 2004 silver proof quarter, chocolate coins, a bit coin, coin holder for type set, \$1 set
 Rusty King: **mystery box** set of silver, new, and old buffalo nickels; new Innovation PD \$1; bronze RCC medal
 Don Stamps: proof set
 George Lee: 1907 Indian head penny
 Milton Angel: coin book, presidential gas station tokens, coin bags
 Ken Hopple: 1975 proof set
 Bill Nailer: 1 gram silver
 Bart Daniels: mint set
 Jeff Allen: roll of uncirculated pennies
 Mary Long: 1989 mint set
 Art Bonnel: coin book

Auctions-No Auctions

Quarter Pot

Larry Demangate (not present) won the quarter pot.

THANKS all for donating to the Raffle & Auction!

The Other Coin: Assassinations and the Praetorian Guard



The TV is awash with comparing the FBI to the Praetorian Guard of Rome, which, as the imperial guard, took it upon itself to decide who the next emperor was going to be, even resorting to assassination 13 times. Emperor Tiberius left 100,000 sesterces to each guardsman and Caligula is seen in the sestertius above addressing the army *adlocut cohortus* and one of the millions of sesterces handed out without the permission of the senate or the SC that appears on Roman coins *senatus consultum*. The

irony is immense when four years later Caligula would be assassinated by the Guard for his many crimes and outrageous insane behavior. The Guard chose Claudius as next emperor, since you cannot have an imperial guard without an emperor. The Senate had declared Nero a public enemy, and he committed suicide before the Guard caught up with him, but Nero's successor Otho, the governor of Spain, refused to give the Guard a hundred thousand sesterces or any donative at all, so they assassinated him after 8 months. Otho in a wig



proclaiming peace to the whole world.

By the way, a hundred thousand sesterces is about \$150,000 dollars or about 10 years salary for a Roman



soldier. Claudius was no dummy; he paid in gold aurei praising the guard making him emperor in their camp *Imper Recept*, the emperor received (as emperor).



The Praetorians assassinated Commodus in 192, Caracalla in 217, and Elagabalus in 224. Commodus is addressing British troops, who complained about their

commander. Commodus had him executed while proclaiming the loyalty of the army *Fides Exercitus*. Emperor Pertinax (ruled in 193) tried to curb the Guard's power. After 86 days in power, the Praetorians killed him and put the throne up for bid. A wealthy senator Didius Julianus gave 25,000 sesterces to each of 8,000 Praetorians in exchange for the throne. Civil war soon began, and the Praetorian Guard deserted Julianus to avoid fighting against battle-hardened legionaries. Praetorian bullied politicians and the populace, but did not really fight any more. In 193, after 66 days, Julianus was assassinated.

The US does seem to be going the way of Rome with the Deep State and FBI becoming a new praetorian guard specializing in character assassination and making the law the means of punishment and bankruptcy. Political enemies are destroyed without consequence, since Justice has only one eye blindfolded now and we are becoming a banana republic with a new Gestapo or KGB

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

The 2023 Morgan and Peace Silver Dollars are open for enrollment! (August 2) *Just the Phillies though and probably sold out already.* A dealer told me the 3 roll set of quarters PDS have a hundred or less available on day of issue. A federal criminal complaint alleges **Caleb Jamal Griffin, 20, of Long Beach, and Owen Lazaro Thompson, 49, of Las Vegas Griffin committed at least 21 early morning burglaries or attempted burglaries between July 10 and Sept 29 at coin or precious metal dealers' shops.** They usually tied a tow line to a Jeep SUV to pull off the stores' security gates. The ATF says the duo would be in and out within 90 seconds. **The Harry Bass Jr. Collection, formerly at ANA in Colorado Springs, assembled some of the rarest US coins estimated to be worth more than \$60 million. Starting in fall 2022 Heritage will offer it for sale.** Proceeds will go to Dallas non-profits. Fans of the United States Mint's 11-year program of America the Beautiful Quarters, struck from 2010 to 2021, will be delighted by **Arlyn G. Sieber's new book, Parks in Your Pockets, newly published by the ANA.** The lavishly illustrated, 120pp, softcover

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\$28.95, plus \$4.95 shipping. Call 719-482-9812 or lvatcher@money.org The website address is several lines long and is omitted. **Robert Powers has released US Half Cents 1793-1857 Variety Identification Guide and US Early Half Dollars 1794-1807 Variety Identification Guide.** \$95 each and part of a series with lavish and detailed illustrations covering early American coins. <https://www.davidkahnrarecoins.com/> After more than 8 years of diligent research, study, and documentation, the second book in **Winston Zack's** award-winning, four-part *Bad Metal* book series of circulating contemporary counterfeit US coins, **Bad Metal Silver, 3cS to 25c**, will be printed this Fall. The first book thoroughly analyzed and documented contemporary counterfeit United States copper denominations (half-cents, large cents, small cents, two cents), as well as copper-nickel denominations (three-cent, and five cent Shield, Liberty, Buffalo, and Jefferson). \$70 each and he sells counterfeits as well. badmetalcoin.com **A selection of publications from the Original Hobo Nickel Society are now available on Newman Portal**, including issues of their newsletter (*Bo Tales*) and early auction catalogs of this specialty organization. *Bo Tales* on Newman Portal: <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/publisherdetail/546873> Original Hobo Nickel Society auction sale catalogs: <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/auctioncompanydetail/514437> **The 1785 catalog for the von Seufferheld collection is the earliest documented sale of a Continental dollar.** This sale has been used by proponents on both sides of the debate to support their theories about the origin and intent for the minting of the Continental dollar pieces. The traditional concept that the Continental dollar was issued as an American dollar is supported by the catalog description of the piece as munze i.e., a coin. As well, a Continental dollar first being offered for sale in Germany supports the more recent perception that these pieces were struck in Europe. A rare coin of **Swinthia, the first Visigoth**



king (621-631 AD) to conquer the Basque and drive out the Byzantines from Spain, uniting the country and ending the possibility of reuniting the Roman Empire begun by Justinian the Great. **Cool**



US commemorative medal of WWI: Saviours of Liberty bronze medal/so-called dollar issued 1919 (44mm) by R. R. Outhwaite. The saviours of the liberty of the world 1919, facing upper half of the Statue of Liberty between flags; below, eagle, with wings spread upon banner / American troops march left past the Arc de Triomphe. And Stack Bower's highlight of the week is a **gorgeous proof 1825 half eagle** that belonged to King Farouk.



It is the **platinum or 75th anniversary of Elizabeth II's reign** and everyone Commonwealth and private mints has a coin. I liked Canada's best, but Bradford is a close second.



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Cosmos of Coins lists the new coins every month. The Perth Griffin caught my eye, but Ukraine is minting coins promoting freedom and unity against Russia in Ukrainian and English.



Forging Secrets: Faces and Facts Inside the Nazi Operation Bernhard Scheme is a new book detailing the secret Nazi project during WWII that forced Jewish concentration camp prisoners to forge Bank of England notes. Initially intended to destroy the British economy, the forged notes ended up financing the German side of the war. 140-plus prisoners produced enough fake currency to equal the face value of all reserves in the vaults of the Bank of England, an astounding 6 or 7 billion dollars in today's money. This sensational true story has been treated by historians, survivors, Hollywood, and mainstream media, but never have all of these elements been combined into one volume. \$199, but 85% off if bought by a student. Coin & Currency Institute, www.coin-currency.com, +1 800 421 1866 Fred Holabird, president of Holabird



Western Americana Collections in Reno and Bob Evans owner of *SS Central America* artifacts stands before treasures recovered such as a mysterious a pair of jeans possibly made by Levi Strauss himself and

daguerreotypes along with nearly 1,000 Gold Rush-era treasures recovered from the fabled "*Ship of Gold*." The sunken *SS Central America* artifacts have been in secret storage, but this week begins a national tour, which started at the National Antique Bottle Convention from July 28 through 31 at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno. This was the first public exhibition of the artifacts, which will be auctioned off later this year. Among the notable recovered items are the lid to the oldest known Wells Fargo treasure shipment box; 1857 clothing, including a pair of the earliest known Gold Rush-era canvas work pants jeans with a button fly that may have been made by Strauss in his early years in business; and jewelry made from California Gold Rush "mother lode" native gold in quartz as gemstones. At the GSR:



1795 error cent:



And more treasure from *Nuestra Señora de las Maravillas* sunk in 1656 off the Bahamas and excavated for 350 years going to a Bahama museum.



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July 28 Something Patriotic Rusty King

July 30: New Coins at the Museum

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24 members celebrated Laura Frazer, first women chief engraver at the US Mint. She was responsible for the pony tail Washington on the famous women series of quarters. **We will have a picnic together in August. We have sold more than half the raffle on 1851 gold dollar donated by Glenn Fruehan.** Same deal 40 \$10 tickets, winner drawn when 40 tickets are sold. Come to the RENO COIN SHOW Friday, Saturday July 15,16. The coin press is still down at least through September. **Wilma Mankiller quarters June 14 were not available on day of issue, and I had to preorder them on the secondary market. There not there yet either. All enrollments are sold out and S is sold in rolls for \$200.** Ebay is selling the S for \$6 and lowest PD is \$1.15 plus shipping. It's crazy you cannot buy the new quarters from the mint. Next quarter Nina Otero-Warren, a New Mexico suffragette and school superintendent, August 16. Uncirculated set out July 12. Air Force 1 ounce out August 16 and August 18 is Liberty with bucking horse. **Kentucky Bluegrass innovation dollar supposed to be out June 28th, finally available from Mint July 6.** Marine Corps 2.5 ounce silver out July 12 with design change on reverse of Marine landing and rifleman in foreground covering buddies, \$160. Contact me: 775 815-8625 datbelliotts@prodigy.net Website at www.renecoinclub.com

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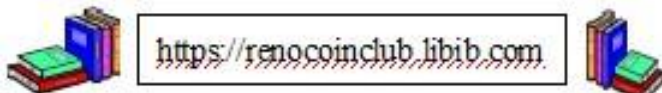
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Early Bird Prize: Larry Demangate won 2006 mint set

Raffle prizes winners were:

Don Stamps: unc. 1975D pennies, challenge medal & nugget casino token, presidential \$1 set
 Mary Long: 1979 proof set
 Milton Angel: chocolate coins
 Tom Charleton: slab boxes
 Trish Elliott: raffle tickets
 Joe Lamberson: 1976 proof set 1994 unc. set
 Rick DeAvila: 3 ANA wheat pennies, bit coin medal,
 Mega Red book, NA \$1 coin set, presidential coin medals
 Faye Allen Merc. .10, PD Vermont Innovation set
 George Lee: PDS **mystery box** buffalo .05 set
 Jeff Allen: bag of wheat pennies
 Jerry Breedlove: 2 gram silver bar
 Bart Daniels: copper RCC medal
 Joe Wozniak: capital plastics gold coin type holder
 An unknown person won the mint bags

Auctions-No Auctions

Quarter Pot

Nadine Finney (not present) won the quarter pot.

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Not the Other Coin: Cut, Stamped and Carved Coins: Store Tokens and Hobo Nickels

Coins have been cut, stamped and carved since ancient times to test metal, tariff, or express political opinions. Many Greek and Roman coins have cuts in them to make sure they are not plated. Worn coins might be made good with and imperial or legionary stamp, and coins from one city or territory needed a countermark to make them legal to use. A coin of



Side bears a bow and bow case with letters ΣΥΝ the first three letters of the magistrate's name for use in another city, The worn coin of Augustus bears XII of

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Legion XII with a thunderbolt, the legion's emblem. Another Roman practice was damnation of memory. Here Nero's face has been marred, but the Greeks did the same if not by legal decree. I have a Demetrius I extra fine tetradrachm with his profile carefully erased, a hundred years before the Romans were in the area and Nero was on the throne. Effacing coins in Europe and America began in the 17th century with coins being turned into love tokens, usually with the beloved's initials, but often more elaborate.



Stores and businesses also stamped coins to promote themselves, a frequent feature in the *Numismatist*. The



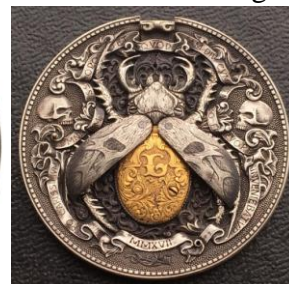
McKenney Gunsmiths of Biddeford, Maine. The most famous defacing of coins is the hobo nickel.



The 1913 nickel was thick and pliable ideal for carving. They were gifts and thank yous for wanderers, especially during the Depression and are still made today and copied by China, of course.



The silver dollar also became a parody and more recently a work of art or erotica from China from the potty dollar to the *Gold Bug* and *The Beating Heart* by Russian artist Roman Booteen. The wings open



and close and the heart beats with the Latin: *The most dear is that which is sought longer and more intensively than other things*, referring to Edgar Allen Poe's story. And someone put a mask on Washington quarter bat coin, available on ebay.

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The kilo gold coins of Australia, Canada, Britain, and China have a predecessor in the Mughal Empire of India. The *Times of India* is seeking the whereabouts of one of the **12 kilo coins minted during the rule of Indian Mughal Emperor Jahangir 1605-1627 AD** last seen at a Swiss auction house in the 1980s. Often given as ambassadorial presents, the coins were the first kilo and larger coins. I was going to ignore these two books, since they are mentioned without price or where to get them.

Baldwin Coin's 150 Greatest Rarities and 1500pp

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The Huntoon-Shiva Encyclopedia of U. S. National Bank Notes. With more than 120,000 artifacts from ancient times through the present day, the Bela Lyon Pratt Gallery of Numismatics now holds the largest numismatic collection of any US university. **The Yale University Art Gallery, the western hemisphere's oldest university art museum, has opened the doors of its new numismatic museum.** China probably rattled out counterfeiters in Germany arrested for making Canadian gold maple leaf coins successfully selling at least \$100,000 dollars worth. On *Cosmos of Collectibles* that lists all the new coins monthly, **23 Euro members joined to celebrate the Erasmus program's 35th year of student and teacher exchange with this 2 euro coin.**



The oldest known gold artifacts are located in the necropolis in Varna, a cemetery from 4,560-4,450 BC on the Bulgarian Black Sea coast. Note that the Black Sea was a fresh water lake before 6,000 BC when the Great Ice wall of Hudson Bay, Canada broke flooding the North Sea, dividing Britain from France and Ireland, creating the straits of Gibraltar and turning the Mediterranean and Black Seas salty. It is thought this was Noah's flood and the Black Sea was the place where agriculture was invented and spread across the world as the seas turned salty and people left the once fertile plains around the Black Sea until the Greeks returned in 800BC.

Stacks Bowers has at auction next month a Libertas Americana and Confederate penny.



Eleven Augustus aurei have been found by metal detectorists near Norwich in Iceni tribe territory. All from Lugdunum in France, they are in near mint condition with tiny test marks to the right of Augustus' face. Were they a year's wages to a Roman officer scoping new territory, stolen, or jeweler's hoard to make a torque? Roman invasion of Britain was a few decades away. Augustus with grandsons on



reverse celebrating their coming of age above and Augustus on horseback before legionary standards. Caesar Augustus Divine Son, Father of the Country and Augustus Divine son (of Julius Caesar). If I heard Mary Long right she is from **Nebraska, and they made coin news twice this week.** Once for a rare **1860 bank note from the Corn Exchange Bank in**

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Desota and then for their **1967 Centennial medal**. The



description of the medal: "The obverse side symbolizes Nebraska from east to west. The pioneer tree planter planting a cottonwood tree honors Arbor Day, which originated in Nebraska. On the branch of the tree is a Meadowlark, the state bird. Beneath the tree is native prairie grass, typical of the Nebraska plains. In the center right is the cabin at the Homestead National Monument, the first homestead cabin in the west. Towering above the cabin is the American Elm. On the left of the medal by the right foot of the tree planter is the Goldenrod, the state flower. Above the state flower on an open range is a herd of cattle. Here, too, the Platte River winds into the distant sandhills. On the horizon, beyond the sandhills is Chimney Rock, a famous western Nebraska landmark and now also a National Monument. The two monuments connect west with east. The arrowheads circling the medal honor the Indians part in our state's history. The reverse side features the state capitol building, standing alone before an endless sea of grass, prairie, sandhills, and bluffs stretching westward. In the sky are windswept clouds typical of the plains country. In the foreground is a quotation from Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass* selected as being most apropos of Nebraska's potential. The border radiates out like the points of a compass toward the many futures of the state inscribed on the outermost border. The ever-present life-giving

Nebraska sun is featured on both sides of the medal. On the obverse it touches the golden throat of the Meadowlark, a symbol of beauty and song. On the reverse, it extends down into the chambers of the Legislature." On June 20, Heritage Auctions sold the



2021 Nobel Peace Prize medal awarded to Russian journalist and *Novaya Gazeta* editor-in-chief, Dmitry Muratov, for \$103.5 million. *That is the highest price, by far, ever paid for a Nobel medal or a numismatic item of any kind.* Proceeds raised from the auction will support UNICEF's humanitarian response to the war in Ukraine and affected regions. The Latin around three men reads: *For the peace and brotherhood of men.* **The former President & CEO of Northwest Territorial Mint, a now bankrupt company dealing in precious metals, was sentenced in US District Court in Seattle to 11 years in prison** for a Ponzi-like scheme that defrauded customers of millions of dollars. Bernard Ross Hansen, 61 second scheduled sentencing hearing after he failed to show up for his last court date and attempted to flee. Mr. Hansen and Ms. Erdman defrauded more than 3,000 people of some \$30 million. The evidence at trial showed that Hansen and Erdmann lied about shipping times for bullion, used customer money to expand the business to other states, and to pay their own personal expenses. As a result, the company lacked enough assets to fulfill customer orders and used new customer money to pay off older customers. In total, over 2500 customers paid for orders, or made bullion sales or exchanges, that were either never fulfilled or never refunded. The total loss to these customers was more than \$25,000,000. In April 2016, the NWTM vaults were inventoried and all or part of the stored bullion for more than 50 customers was missing. The missing bullion was worth more than \$4.9 million. *I miss the Dayton mint ruined by these stupid thieves.*

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June 25: New Coins at the Museum

June 28 *The Medal Maker* DVD (Laura Fraser)

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July 28 *Something Patriotic* Rusty King

July 30: New Coins at the Museum

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19 members saw the earliest coins proposed and made by the US mint. Two coins with George Washington on them were rejected by Washington himself, who favored Liberty on the coins. **We're trying to get a picnic together in August.** The Lake Tahoe picnic doubled its price and the parks want even more and are sold out anyway. We may be able to meet at Mary Long's house. Will decide at the next board meeting. **We have sold more than half the raffle on 1851 gold dollar donated by Glenn Fruehan.** Same deal 40 \$10 tickets, winner drawn when 40 tickets are sold. **We need to sell raffle tickets for the coin show in July.** It is a great fundraiser for us. *Please help sell tickets.* Prizes are: 1st \$5 Liberty head gold half eagle, 2nd 2.5 gold peso, 3rd 2 peso gold, 3rd -15th Morgan dollars & US silver commemoratives. I sold a bunch of raffle tickets at the museum. The coin press is still down. **Wilma Mankiller quarters June 14 were not available on day of issue, and I had to preorder them on the secondary market.** All enrollments are sold out and S is sold in rolls for \$200. Ebay is selling the S for \$6 and lowest PD is \$1.15 plus shipping. It's crazy you cannot buy the new quarters from the mint.

Kentucky Bluegrass innovation dollar out June 28th. Silver proof set out June 23 and Marine Corps 2.5 ounce silver out July 12. Contact me: 775 815-8625 datbelliotts@prodigy.net Website at www.renecoinclub.com

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2022 NA & Vermont \$1 here. Famous women .25 still unavailable from mint. I have Sally Ride .25, ordered Mankiller .25 on secondary market.



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Robert's Treasures



This is the finest Queen Elizabeth Half Angel, 1572-73, five shillings with Archangel Michael slaying a dragon and the English crest before a ship. Not a touch of wear on this coin. This came out of the Hird Collection that was auctioned last year. The abbreviated Latin legends translate on the obverse *Elizabeth by the Grace of God, Queen of England, France and Ireland*; on the reverse *This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.* Psalm 118. Also 1785 Bar Cent. This is an iconic design that is so modern. Coined in England.



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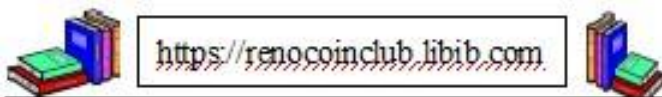
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Treasurer's report: At the end of May our available balance was \$4,076.09. Activity included: Income from March meeting raffle and gold coin raffle. New expenses for the month included the normal expenses paid for the newsletter and our annual web expenses for the domain and web builder.

Upcoming Coin Shows

June 24-25, Concord Coin Show, The Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnet Ave., Admit:\$4, Tables:30+ Bill Green 925-351-7605 www.norcalcoinshows.com info@norcalcoinshows.com

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Early Bird Prize: Milton Angel won PD Vermont Innovation dollars

Raffle prizes winners were:

Joe Lamberson: 3 cent piece, NA dollars
 Cody Daniels: Mercury dime, 1976 unc. roll of pennies, raffle tickets
 Rick DeAvila: US WWII coin set, chocolate coins, wheaties, **mystery box** 1999 quarter set, 1989 proof set
 Ken Hopple: Vt Innovation dollars PD, bag of books

Milton Angel: 1971, 2004 proof sets, 2022 Sally Ride PD quarters
 Art Bonell: Presidential dollars
 Jim Arden bronze RCC medal
 Tom Charleton: raffle tickets

Auctions-No Auctions

Quarter Pot

Bart Daniels won the quarter pot.

THANKS all for donating to the Raffle & Auction!

The Other Coin: Women on Roman Coins



In honor of Laura Fraser, who won the contest for the design of the 1932 Washington quarter, only to have it rejected by the US Mint even though both she and her husband worked there. Her design did appear on the 1999 commemorative of Washington's death.



Women fared much better on Roman coins. The Greco-Roman religion was an overlay of the worship of the Great Mother from Neolithic times, so there were many more goddesses than gods and the virtues were pictured primarily as women. The male gods of the Bronze Age literally married into the pantheon of goddesses or married up. The earth and everything on it: the woods, streams, plants, cities as well as virtues: wisdom, security, justice were female. The male gods resided in the sky with their wives and lovers, where they were outnumbered again.

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Making the Earth and everything female was not a cute convention. Women and goddesses ran the world in the beginning and so it remained until ships and hurricanes could not be female according to the woke feminists. Pre-Greek women created shelter, food, and children; men just hunted and roamed around. Minoans had only female gods, the women were drawn larger and with white skin. They ruled at home while men went out fishing or trading browned by the sun. So here is Egypt, Rome, Money, and Mercy (Clementia) as female:



Women, goddesses, and female personifications adorned Republican coins, but Livia decided her portrait should be used for virtues even though she was promiscuous and likely poisoned her husband and his grandchildren to make an emperor for her son Tiberius by another man other than Augustus. Livia is Justice and Piety on two Roman coins, and appeared on several provincial coins when she gifted towns with imperial largesse and changed their names to include her name in them.



Living imperial women jumped at the chance to be memorialized on coins and cities with the wives of Mark Anthony Fulvia and Octavia (Augustus' sister) the first. Most imperial women got on Roman coins both those minted in Rome and in the provinces. Julia, Augustus' daughter, for example, had many towns named after her and coins, although she did not hold any title or office.

After the Claudio-Julian line ended with Nero, empresses were the women to be found on the obverse with the majority of reverses sporting female goddesses and personification, especially Nike, goddess of victory. The women can be collected in lower grades, because they usually had distinctive and elaborate hairdos.

Many Byzantine empresses were same size co-rulers with husbands or sons. Justin II and Sophia enthroned side by side and Phocas and Leontia standing. Empress Irene was ruler in her son's minority and when he asserted independence, she raise an army and had him blinded and imprisoned. Left without an heir or someone to be regent of, she placed her image on both sides of the coin as empress or queen. Women in Roman society were co-rulers and on coins although some women chose to be wives and mothers.



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The Carson City Mint's final year striking Morgan silver dollars was in 1893, with a mintage of just 677,000 coins. **The 1893-CC**, along with the 1889-CC, have long been recognized as the key dates and

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the toughest Carson City coins of the series. In MS-64 condition, the coin being offered in Stack Bowers June 14 auction. *At \$14,500 last I looked.* **Cosmos of Collectibles** offers collections of coins, euro, German, Polish, Swiss, Austrian, and British modern coins as well as **all the new coins that have come out on a biweekly basis**. There is a free newsletter you can subscribe to as well <https://cosmosofcollectibles.com> A new 16 minute film on YouTube *Ciphers from the Past Imagma* <https://youtu.be/plvm8GXkutg> explores the **origins of Germanic coinage and has come to “new” revolutionary findings**. German imitative coinage was thought to have started with the Goths in the late fifth and sixth centuries AD when they made up most of the Roman army, but two centuries earlier the Goths from what is now Western Ukraine invaded Greece, Asia Minor, and Roman provinces along the Danube. The emperor Trajan Decius (249-251) lost his life and treasury to the Goths, who reproduced the coinage they captured as jewelry and coins. This was made easier by the many local mints they captured from Germany to Asia Minor where they took not only metals, but dies, tools, and minters. This explains the gold coins from copper coin dies from plundered Alexandria Troas and the Roman copies with backward



letters from coins made in molds from Roman coins impressed in them. I have an early crude silver copy of



Septimus Severus (193-211 AD). It seems the Goths preferred to melt looted and tribute gold and silver into coins rather than carry around hack silver like the



Vikings. Not mentioned are the mints in the Crimea that produced Greek, Roman, and Byzantine coins for a millennium. The Goths did not have to wait for Trajan Decius to be aware of and use coinage as Russian and Ukrainian scholars have pointed out for a century. **Heritage is having a huge auction of error coins on July 5:** <https://coins.ha.com/c/auction-home.zx?saleNo=60267&ic=breadcrumb-coins-121913-interior> They have early US errors as well as modern. Fun to look at. Ebay has error pennies for around \$20 by the way. I liked these:

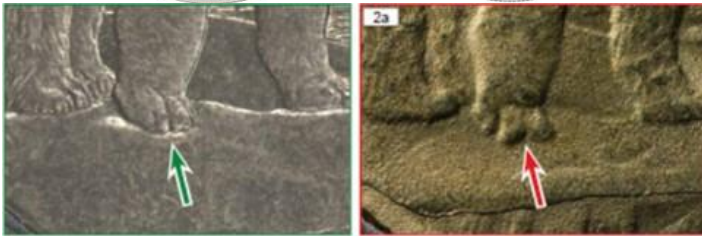


The Ultimate, a one-of-a-kind one-kilo pure platinum coin issued by the Royal Canadian Mint with hundreds of pink diamonds from the famed Argyle mine, sold for \$1.261 million after flurried bidding during a live auction conducted in Toronto.



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And the Canadians finally caught the counterfeiter of the \$2 polar bear coin. The three toed bear was a dead giveaway, but the coin is pretty good otherwise. New *toonies* have latent images and micro engravings on them. Some 10,000 counterfeits have been found.



A new printing of **William Nyberg's book Robert Scot Engraving Liberty** is back in print. The book contains a wealth of information about the man who was the first Chief Engraver of the US Mint, responsible for the Capped Bust coppers, all the Draped Busts (copper, silver and gold), and most likely later designs until his death in 1823. Colombia's army has shared unprecedented images of the legendary **San Jose galleon shipwreck, hidden underwater for three centuries and believed to have been carrying riches worth billions of dollars** in today's money. Note part of the bow covered in algae and shellfish and a cannon surrounded by gold coins. Two other 18th C. shipwrecks were found nearby.



There are fluorescent elements on many banknotes as part of their security features. The euro and China have them and the strip on US banknotes turn blue (\$5), orange on the \$10, and green on the \$20 under ultra-violet light. The Australians have various birds on their bills. China has a dragon, and the Euro has various elements of the bill light up.



Second finest 1839 C (Charlotte) half eagle is in the news bought by an unknown buyer. The mint operated from 1831-1861 and like the Dahlonega Mint in Georgia (1838-1864) the coins are rare and only gold. *One C is better than two CC, I guess.* **Pope Francis has issued a medal to promote Peace in Ukraine.** Refugees with the "Peace" in Latin and Russian



A prayer: Jesus (remember) those born under bombs in Kiev, dying in their mother's arms in Kharkiv, and 20 year olds sent to the front lines. Have mercy on us.

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We got 24 people to examine the coins of Constantine, revealing the inclusion of Christianity as one of the many religions Rome accepted, feeling that all gods had to be worshipped. Our Founding Fathers adopted the same idea from Rome. Towards the end of his life, Constantine accepted Jesus as "very God of very God" as the Nicene Creed states, but continued to honor the gods of Rome and the army as daemons or angels. No Robert. His old dog died as did ours last week.

We have sold half the raffle on 1851 gold dollar donated by Glenn Fruehan. Same deal 40 \$10 tickets, winner drawn when 40 tickets are sold.

Bill Green was at the meeting with the raffle prizes and raffle tickets for the coin show in July. Please help sell tickets. Prizes are: 1st \$5 Liberty head gold half eagle, 2nd 2.5 gold peso, 3rd 2 peso gold, 3rd -15th Morgan dollars & US silver commemoratives. I will start selling raffle tickets at the museum. The coin press is still down. **Got Sally Ride quarters for .75 for PD and \$6 for S.** Got 5 S. All enrollments are sold out and S is sold in rolls for \$200. Ebay is selling the S for \$6 and lowest PD is \$1.15 plus shipping. It's crazy you cannot buy the new quarters from the mint.

Vermont snowboarder innovation dollar ordered. P rolls unavailable so got P bag and 2 D rolls ordered. Contact me: 775 815-8625 datbelliotts@prodigy.net Website at www.renecoinclub.com

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Presidential set (40) \$50 (also get Bush if available)

New Coins

The one ounce gold buffalo nickel design coin out May 12. In June comes the Wilma Mankiller quarter (14), one ounce gold eagle (16) silver proof set (23), Kentucky Innovation dollar (28). The uncirculated coin set is due out July 12, and the US Marine 2.5 ounce medal July 15.



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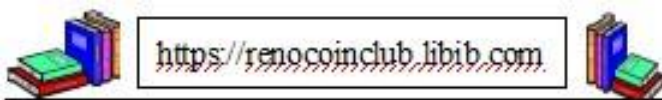
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Upcoming Coin Shows

May 13-14, Visalia Coin Show, Memorial Hall, 609 W. Center Ave., Admit:\$4, Dealers:11+ John Ward 559 967-8067, coinzip.com

May 21, SF International Bourse, South SF Conference Center, 255 South Airport Blvd., Admit: \$8, Scott Griffin 415 601-8661 www.griffincoin.com
A great show for ancient and world rarities as well as US.

May 27-29, Las Vegas Coin Show, The Orleans, 4500 West Tropicana Ave, Admit:\$4,Dealers:11+ John Ward 559 967-8067, coinzip.com



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Early Bird Prize: Larry Demangate won unc. 1999 first state quarters set

Raffle prizes winners were:

Rick DeAvila: **mystery box** large green silver eagle box with 2010 unc. PD quarter set, bag of wheat .01, Merc. .10, 1968 unc. set
 Rusty King: 5 gram silver bar, candy coins, famous women quarter album with coins
 Milton Angel: horseshoe penny, 1975 proof set
 Mary Long: 1989 proof set
 Bart Daniels: unc. penny roll, silver dime
 Danny Clifton: 3 foreign notes, 2 coin bags
 Tom Charleton: PD Sally Ride .25, \$1 set
 Joe Lamberson: 1960 proof set. Coin books
 Gerald Breedlove: ANA wheat pennies

Auctions

Milton Angel won 1987 Eagle donated by Larry Demangate for \$44

Quarter Pot

Doug Harper (not present) won the quarter pot.

THANKS all for donating to the Raffle & Auction!

Not The Other Coin: US First Coinage

The slides by Robert Hoge do not show up well, so I am presenting the coins with my own comments drawn from the US Mint *History of US Circulating Coinage* (on-line), *2017 Mega Red Book*, and Pete Smith, et al, *1792: Birth of a Nations Coinage*.

The Coinage Act of 1792 established a national mint located in Philadelphia. Congress chose decimal coinage 100 cents, and set the US dollar to the already familiar Spanish milled dollar and its fractions (half, quarter, eighth, sixteenth). This resulted in coins of the following metals and denominations: Copper: half cent and cent; Silver: half dime, dime, quarter, half dollar, and dollar; Gold: quarter eagle (\$2.50), half eagle (\$5), and eagle (\$10). The Spanish milled dollars and its fractions were the most plentiful and accepted currency in America. Foreign currency, state and merchant tokens, British and French coinage were all more plentiful than US coinage until a few

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decades before the Civil War. 1792 8 reales:



The Liberty on the front of the US coinage is based on Ben Franklin's commissioned Libertas Americana medal made in France. The flowing or wild hair of Liberty is



based on Artemis (Diana) goddess of the untamed wild, representing freedom from civilization and law. The cap on a pole is the pileus given to freed slaves by the Romans. The reverse shows France protecting the infant Hercules (America) from the British lion with the Latin inscription: The child is courageous with divine help.

The first US coin is the half dime or half dime, the smallest silver denomination made from silver given to the mint by George Washington and first spent to promote the coinage by Thomas Jefferson. The US Mint considers the half dime as a "presentation piece" and accords the first coinage to the 1793 cents and half cents, which were minted in several varieties. Hoge also displays three pattern pieces: two with Washington and one with Liberty that were proposed by minters in 1791 and 1792. Washington did not want to be on coinage and championed the head of Liberty on the obverse. Both the



pattern coin and half dime continue the wild hair of Artemis and include the skinny eagle, often called a

chicken with spread wings.



The first cent of 1793 continued the chain motif of the fugio cent, which many saw as an emblem of slavery rather than a symbol of union of the states.



The fugio cent was designed by Ben Franklin with the 13 links for each state and the Latin fugio over a sun dial means (time) flies, mind (pay attention) to you business (own affairs). The chain cent was replaced with wreath, then a Liberty with less wild hair and a



pileus or liberty cap, but again that had an association with slavery and the cap was dropped in 1796 as seen in the 1794 dollar and 1796 dime. Note the hair



becomes less and less wild. All denominations were required to have the same designs. The 1795 half eagle and 1796 quarter eagle complete the coins Hoge discusses. Now the hair is in a fashionable wrap.



Liberty is no longer wild, but civilized. The hair of the 1796-1807 is clearly brushed and beribboned.



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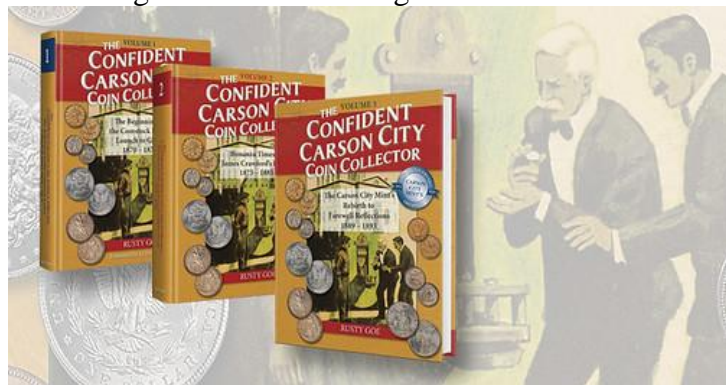
Stacks Bowers has a **copper dime** (one of 15) in its August auction. It is considered to be a pattern piece. They also had a **rainbow proof Barber quarter** worth seeing on line. The Professional Numismatists Guild



STACK'S BOWERS GALLERIES



stated, "The Robert Friedberg Award, presented to an author in recognition for an outstanding book or other literature, was given to **Rusty Goe of Southgate Coins in Reno, Nevada, author of *The Confident Carson City Coin Collector***. This acclaimed **three-volume, 2,500-page reference work is about the historic Nevada branch mint** and coins struck there from 1870 to 1893." This is the second time Goe has won both the Numismatic Literary Guild's and Professional Numismatists Guild's Book of the Year awards. In 2004, Goe's *The Mint on Carson Street* received Book of the Year recognition from both organizations.



Video from NNP Symposium is now available. 24 presentations on US and world numismatics. Link: <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/multimediatdetail/539070?Year=2022&take=50>

Cool mining 1698 thaler from Saxony with motto: "Protect and increase" or safety and providing for the miners leads to increase in silver production. The silver mines in Germany made the dollar size coin possible in early modern times. Depicted are the mines of Ilmenau with miners from Saxony and Henneberg next to their crests.



First Indian Peace medal 1757 from French and Indian War. Philadelphia Treaty of Easton or Duffield Indian Peace Medal of George II, dies for this medal engraved by Edward Duffield for the Society of Friends (Quakers) in Philadelphia. Inscription reads:



Let us look to the Most High who blessed our fathers with peace. **An amateur Swiss archaeologist discovered a trove of 1,290 Roman coins** that date back to the reign of Constantine the Great. Using a metal detector, Daniel Lüdin found the coins inside a clay pot that was buried underground in a forest near Wildenstein Castle in Bubendorf, Switzerland. The coins represent two months wages for a soldier.



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Experienced metal detectorists in Britain found a hoard of late Roman silver coins worth hundreds of thousands of dollars in mint condition including this rare coin of the usurper Eugenius (392-394). The coins were scattered around their tent that they accidentally discovered while preparing to go to a field to search for coins. The 142 coins were probably buried as Roman army left Britain.

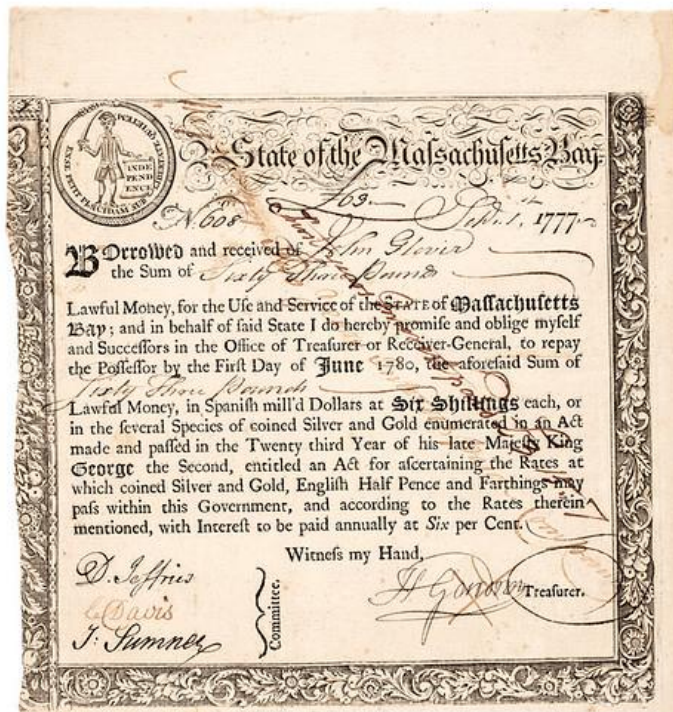


A double strike on the wrong planchette of a Susan B Anthony dollar found in a bag of the coins. **South Africa won the best circulation coin of the year 2022** for its celebration of 25 years of democracy and the freedom and security of the individual.



The Harry Bass US gold coin collection, which is incredible, is leaving the ANA museum in Colorado Springs on its way to be auctioned in June. Hope you've seen it before it's gone. Israel Asher, **Guide Book – Coins, Banknotes and Tokens of Israel 2022/23**, 224 pp., Isranumis 2022, \$27. New bilingual

(Hebrew and English) catalog and price guide on the Israeli coins and banknotes, those of the State of Israel and the British Mandate of Palestine and primary trademarks from the preceding period of Ottoman rule to the present are extensively described including variants, illustrated in color and valuations in US dollars. Not in Amazon. www.isranumis.com, E-mail: isranumis@yahoo.com **1777 US Treasury loan note to General John Glover** (1732-1797). American patriot and military leader from Marblehead, MA who served as Colonel of the 14th Continental Regiment of Marbleheaders and directed the creation of the first US Naval Fleet, commonly called Washington's Schooners by converting existing vessels into privateers or warships. He saved Washington's army in October of 1776 by evacuating Washington and 9,000 Continental soldiers from Manhattan to Brooklyn. He was a Brigadier General in the Continental Army under Major General George Washington during the American Revolutionary War. (Estimated Value: \$3,000 - \$4,000). *What a cool thing. I did not know the story or that such treasury notes existed.*



Note that payment is in Spanish milled silver dollars, the lawful currency of colonial and early US.

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Upcoming Coin Shows

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April 29-30, SF Area Coin, Stamp, Collectible Show, Double Tree Hotel, 275 South Airport Blvd., Admit: \$5, Scott Griffin 415 601-8661 www.griffincoin.com

May 6-7, Sacramento Valley Coin Club Show, Four Points, 4900 Duckhorn Dr., Admit: \$3, Tables: 60 Robert Shanks 916 204-5168

May 13-14, Visalia Coin Show, Memorial Hall, 609 W. Center Ave., Admit:\$4, Dealers:11+ John Ward 559 967-8067, coinzip.com

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May 21, SF International Bourse, South SF Conference Center, 255 South Airport Blvd., Admit: \$8, Scott Griffin 415 601-8661 www.griffincoin.com

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Early Bird Prize: Rusty King won unc. PD Maya Angelou quarters

Raffle prizes winners were:

Rick DeAvila: partially filled state quarter map, bag of wheat .01,PCGS 1958 .01. 1916S Merc. .10, RCC. copper medal, Merc. .10, 1 gm silver, set Jefferson & Jackson \$1

Milton Angel: PD innovation dollars, candy coins, 1964PD au .25, 1978 unc. set

Mary Long: proof set of state .25, 1997 proof set, set NA \$1

Tom Charleton: **mystery box** 2022 Innovation and NA PD dollars, PD Angelou .25

Robert Rodriguez: copper round 1818 \$1, history of US proof coins book

George Lee: set NA \$1, coin bags

Bill Miller: 2020 Innovation \$1 PD set

Don Stamps: 1956 unc. 01 from ANA

Ken Hopple: 1963D roll of unc. .01

Gerald Breedlove; 4 unc. dimes

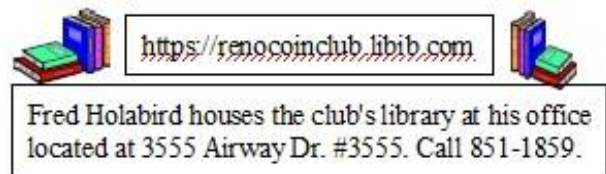
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Auctions No auctions

Quarter Pot

Phillip Shallit present won the quarter pot!

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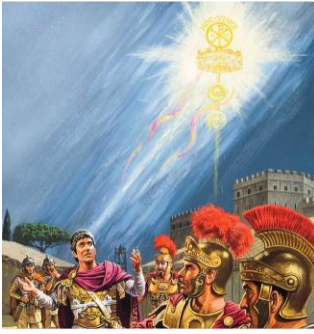


The Other Coin: What the Coins of Constantine Reveal

Constantine the Great was the first Christian emperor, removing legal penalties against Christians and supporting the church by donations. He credited his victory over Maxentius in 312 on the Milvan Bridge in Rome to the Christian God's support. The sun shined with the chi-rho, the first two letters of Christ (XP) in Greek, made into a monogram ✱. His soldiers by in large worshipped Mithras or Sol (the sun god), whose symbol was a star or the sun much like our asterisk ✱. So, depending on how large you made the top of the P or rho, the symbol worked for both Christians and Mithrans.

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Like all educated Greeks and Romans, Constantine accepted Plato's idea of the One Good God ruling over any number of divinities, gods, and daemons or angels. The Romans believed that all gods should be honored including the new Jesus god. The Romans were upset with the Christians for not worshipping the god emperors and traditional Greek and Roman gods along with Jesus. Like any good politician or Roman, Constantine wanted to make room for the Christians, especially since he was going to found a new capitol of Constantinople in the East where Christians were an important constituency. He was not so much converting to Christianity as including Christianity in the Roman pantheon.

As my book demonstrates the ideas of Christianity were already in Greco-Roman culture. The religious and philosophical debate was over whom or what school of thought best embodied the ideas of the times. The Christians would win promoting energy physics, free will, equality, Mary, Mother of God as the new Isis, and Jesus as the new Apollo or Mithras, the Good Shepherd. Constantine was not making a radical change in beliefs. As C.S. Lewis remarked, Christianity combined the best of Jewish and Greek teachings. Jesus said Christianity can be summed up as love of God and neighbor. Even the atheist Douglas Adams quipped that Christianity was basically the suggestion that everyone be nice for a change. The coins reflect this.



Constantine appears on this rare medallion with the chi-rho on this helmet, horse, shield, and medallion of victory on a staff. Reverse shows him with army

holding trophy, being blessed by Nike or Victory and Constantine blessing the troops with the inscription "health or salvation (salus) of the republic." There are likely chi-rho banners behind.

The Greeks, Jews, Platonists, and Stoics were united with the early Christians in seeing that there was one Good God ruling over a good world with sin existing only in the choices of individuals to do wrong knowing what was right. Constantine upheld the traditional gods that supported Rome and the Army: Jupiter, Hercules, Mars, and Sol or Mithras.



Jupiter holds Nike and his eagle holds a wreath with "Jupiter saves or preserves the emperor," Hercules with club and lion skin "to Hercules the Victor," Mars with spear and shield "Mars preserves or saves," and Sol with whip and orb of cosmos "my companion the unconquered sun."

Nudity was a sign of the beauty of the body. Roman and Hellenistic tolerance and openness allowed one to consider the gods under the One Good God as personifications, gods, ideas, or just traditional and patriotic stories. This is made clearer with other gods and goddesses such as the good genius of the emperor, the city Carthage, Victory, Fame, and Peace. Ideas were in the mind of God and had worshippers and temples. The Greek and Roman and other gods were also ideas or angels that could be worshipped.



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Emperor Constantine was a god as well complete with nimbus, depicted as pious and prayerful with eyes raised to heaven and like Elijah or Apollo ascending to heaven



in a chariot where the hand of God reaches down. He pledges eternal piety with the orb of the world or cosmos surmounted by a chi-rho.

Due to the Latin Church with Augustine and Tertullian we lost a lot of the early church's belief in the goodness of God and the world, tolerance for a variety of understandings of the unknowable One True Good God, the veneration of things less than God, the beauty of the world and mankind, the acceptance that everything natural is God made and good including sex, wine, food, and the pleasures of daily life. As John said, *For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him* (John 3:17)

Most of all Constantine praised the army and great cities of the empire, making them gods. Divinization was also taught by the early church. God became man, so that we might become gods proclaimed Irenaeus and Athanasius. Everything was divine and divinely wrought. *Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good* (Genesis 1:31). The glorious army (exercitus) and the powerful army (militum), urbs Roma with Romulus and Remus, Constantinople with Nike on reverse (not shown).



Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

Coin shows are popping up all over this Spring.
First coins minted from California Gold? The contenders are 1848 (dated 1849) gold struck by Mormons that brought California gold to Salt Lake.



The next coin to be struck was the famous 1848 CAL quarter eagle struck a few days later in December of 1848 with the counter-stamp CAL impressed on the reverse of the coin. The two coins were likely struck about a month apart in late 1848. The third coin



struck from California gold is that of the Norris, Gregg, & Norris, a \$5 territorial coin. This coin preceded literally dozens of private mints which began operation prior to both the US Assay office and later the San Francisco mint.

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Princeton now has the largest Byzantine coin collection in the world, adding the Theodotou collection to the Peter Donald collection acquired in 2016. **Double-struck fugio cent.**



Off center buffalo nickel.



1909S Lincoln Cent. VDB. MS67 red (PCGS).



Vermont's innovation dollar comes out April 26 with a snowboarder.

100% of the profits from the sale of **medal honoring Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky** will go to the Ukraine. The cost is \$150 plus \$15 per order for shipping, with a limit of 3 medals per order. Send payment to the non-profit Jewish-American Hall of Fame, 5189 Jeffdale Ave., Woodland Hills, CA 91364, or call 818-225-1348, or pay with PayPal using email address of directorjahf@yahoo.com



2023 women on quarters: Bessie Coleman: pilot and pioneer who flew to great heights as the first African American and first Native American woman pilot. **Jovita Idar:** Mexican American journalist, teacher, and suffragist. **Edith Kanaka'ole:** indigenous Hawaiian composer, chanter, dancer, teacher, and entertainer. **Eleanor Roosevelt:** first lady, author, reformer, and leader. As chairperson of the Human Rights Com-mission where she oversaw the creation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. **Maria Tallchief:** America's first prima ballerina, she broke barriers as a Native American ballerina. The women to be honored on 2023 quarters:



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The 2.5 oz. Navy medal took the two favored obverse designs with some modifications to make the medal.



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Upcoming Coin Shows

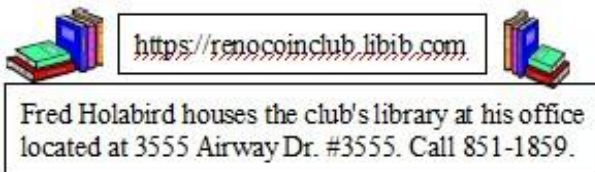
March 25-26, Sacramento Coin Show, Lion's Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St., Admit: \$3, Tables: ? John Ward 559-967-8067

March 25-27, Las Vegas Coin Show, Orleans Hotel and Casino, 4500 West Tropicana Ave, Admit: ?, Tables: ? Peter McIntosh 916-317-9055

April 1-2, Fresno Coin Show, American Legion Post, 3509 N First St. St., Admit: \$3, Tables: 20+ dealers John Ward 559-967-8067

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Early Bird Prize: Someone won 1968 Israel unc. coin set (Neither Andre or I noted.)

Raffle prizes winners were:

Rick DeAvila: bag of wheaties, bicentennial coin,
 PCGS MS64 1956 penny, 5 unc. .05, roll of unc. .01
 Joe Lamberson: 1972 unc. set, presidential \$1 coin set, U.S. Grant medal
 Mary Long: 1985 unc. set, 1990 unc. set
 Bart Daniel, **mystery box**-knife with flag on it
 George Lee: set NA \$1
 Ken Hopple: chocolate coins
 Gerald Breedlove; 4 unc. dimes
 Larry Demangate: Merc. Dime
 Andre Assam: Red book, 2 coin bags

Auction

No auctions

Quarter Pot

Larry Demangate present won the quarter pot!

THANKS all for donating to the Raffle & Auction!

The Other Coin: The First Byzantine Collapse

The Byzantine or Eastern Roman Empire managed to survive the rise of Germans, Muslims, and Bulgars with a mixture of superior military, diplomacy, and technology. The loss of the Western Roman Empire to various German tribes did not diminish Constantinople, which maintained its control of Sicily and southern Italy. The Arabs wrested Egypt and Syria, taking two of the largest cities and largest grain area, but N. Africa and Anatolia supplied grain and the trade routes from India and China shifted north along the Silk Road and Central Asia. Europe remained dependent on the Eastern Roman Empire for luxury goods (silk, jewelry, crowns, large metal works, books, and reliquaries, etc.).

Heraclius (below, solidus and 12 nummi from Alexandria with sun and moon) and his descendents ruled the empire for a hundred years until anarchy, civil war, and mutiny assailed the Empire from within



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leading to three Emperors with short reigns of two years or less that created three numismatic rarities for those collecting by emperor. Much to my surprise I got the second of the three in the last six months.



Philippicus was sent by the last Heraclian, Justinian II to quell a revolt at Cherson on Northern Black Sea (Ukraine). He chose to side with the rebels, who declared him emperor and managed to sail to and sneak into Constantinople and then kill Justinian II and his son. He proclaimed himself a heretic of monothelism, alienating the pope and deposed the patriarch. He denounced the Bulgars, bringing their armies to the walls of Constantinople and could not rally the army and navy to prevent Arab fleets harrying Roman shipping at the harbor walls. The army rose in revolt and blinded and deposed him after a reign of 19 months.



The army chose Artemios, renamed Anastasius II, who “resurrected” the Roman Empire in 491 AD. He was a high bureaucrat that rebuilt the fleet and walls, and when the Arab caliph died sent the fleet to destroy the Arab fleet at Rhodes. He also got rid of the heretical patriarch and restored relations with the pope. The new navy resented that he had the officers executed that put him on the throne and did not reward them. They put forward a tax collector as Theodosius III who followed the army to Constantinople, which surrendered after a 6 months siege. Anastasius II ruled 29 months.



Theodosius III lasted 24 months. A real general Leo allied with the Arabs and marched on Constantinople. Theodosius allied with the Bulgarians ceding territory to them. Leo managed to capture Theodosius’ son, so Theodosius surrendered and became a monk along with his son and later bishop. Emperor Leo III the Syrian or Isaurian was a founder of another successful 100 year dynasty.

The three rare emperors all have pageboy hairstyles and hold a globus cruciger. Fortunately, the banged up bronzes I have with little inscription can be distinguished by eagle tipped scepter, cross, or no device to the right. Philippicus and Theodosius III

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wear bejeweled loros and Anastasius a Roman toga or consular robes. I have shown gold solidus for all and a half follies with a K for 20 nummi all minted in Constantinople. For Theodosius III I have included a silver hexagram and a follies of 40 nummi M minted in Sicily SCL. Note Theodosius III wears a loros and holds a spear. I want that coin to complete the three rare emperors. The other rare emperor is the last emperor Constantine XI. There are maybe 40 of them, and they go for \$100-150,000. Trish won't let me mortgage the house for one of those.

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Numismatic Potpourri



Who knew the **famous women quarters** would be so popular? Sold out to dealers day of issue, proof and silver sets sold out, and you cannot even subscribe to future issues to make sure you get them. That is sold out too. I wonder if we will see them in circulation. I ordered them on secondary market where S coins sell for \$5, rolls for \$19.95 plus postage. **The museum is going to make a set of famous Nevada women.** Since I got the TV and laptop working with my power points, **I will begin to show the older power points and slowly make new ones.** I need to get them on the website too and links to the videos on youtube. My wife and daughter say my health problems give me about 10 years, so I am working on my bucket list. I feel fine or no worse than I have always felt. I have done most everything I have wanted to do, so I have a short bucket list. **Paul and Bente Withers continue their coin weight series** with volumes 2 and 3 of **Coin Weights of Europe**. These lead and tin weights were used to check the proper weight of coins on scales both large and small to check for counterfeits. Sometimes they are copies of the gold and silver coins, but they come in all kinds of designs and shapes. **The British Coins Weights and A Guide to the Coin-weights of England, Scotland and Ireland** are already out to help identify the pesky odd tokens. A study of the introduction of greenbacks under Lincoln, which led to us getting off the gold standard and getting on paper money is found in the new book

Ways and Means: Lincoln and His Cabinet and the Financing of the Civil War by Roger Lowenstein \$30, 445pp. Also available in kindle edition. Now, here's something for Robert Rodriguez.



When a national treasure from the American Revolution was stolen in a brazen bank heist in 1818, a dutiful heir involved former President Thomas Jefferson and lobbied for an Act of Congress to replace it. This is the medal his decades of persistence achieved, **the only example struck, the only gold Comitia Americana medal in private hands**, and the only Congressional Gold Medal ever authorized by two separate Acts of Congress. Struck at the Philadelphia Mint in 1839 from dies fashioned in Paris, it is utterly unique. It is offered at auction for the very first time, a majestic testament in gold to the debt owed this nation's first military heroes and the efforts to honor their legacy. The Royal Canadian



Mint is donating its **proceeds from the Ukrainian eggs series to Ukraine Relief.** **Canada is putting their money where their mouth is.** The decorated Easter Egg shaped bullion coins called pysankas have been very popular for their intricate designs. **Asset Marketing Services, a direct-to-consumer retailer of collectible coins, announces that David J. Ryder, the former Director of the United States Mint, will advise the company on an exclusive basis.**

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Newman Portal is pleased to announce the fourth NNP Symposium, which will take place via Zoom on April 8-10. NNP Symposium attendees should register at <https://nnpsymposium.org> and will receive updates. Symposium registration is free. The previous presentations are available for viewing at <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/multimediatdetail/539070>.



1968S Lincoln Cent bonded with a Costa Rica 5 centimos blank. The San Francisco Mint struck 1967 dated five centimos for Costa Rica. The stainless steel coins had a diameter of 14.92 mm. San Francisco also struck Lincoln cents during 1968 with the S mintmark appearing for the first time on the denomination since 1955. A five centimos blank and a Lincoln cent planchet were fed together between 1968S cent dies.



2022 platinum coin honoring freedom of speech with oak tree branch and eagle with olive branch. This makes no sense, but the current government opposes free speech anyway. **American Silver Eagles: A Guide to the U.S. Bullion Coin Program**, 4th edition by John M. Mercanti is out for \$30. **The mint box of gold eagles from the SS Central America has been preserved along with 123 coins**, including four of the 1857S \$20 gold coins graded NGC MS 67+, and a fifth graded MS 67 PL, making it the finest known. These are the last great treasure for sale from the SS Central America. **To the right coin art** (<https://forums.collectors.com/discussion/1056570/showing-off-my-coin-art>)



Offered by Stack's Bowers a scarce 1939-D MS67.



Reno Cartwheel-No Dues this year.

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After the Last Meeting

We got up to 20 people and Denny's fed us. **Two people forgot to pay their bill that had a salmon and a chicken bowl.** I've done that. I paid the bill, please reimburse the club. **Faye Allen won the boxed 1884 CC dollar at the dinner, and we started the raffle on 1851 gold dollar donated by Glenn Fruehan.** Same deal 40 \$10 tickets, winner drawn when 40 tickets are sold. All the board and officers were reelected. **I will bring the America the Beautiful quarters to sell for a quarter except for the S mints, still .50.** I will be taking the quarters to the museum to sell for a .25 after the meeting, so this may be your last chance. The coin press is running again. **We will not ask for dues for 2022 due to the disarray.** Bill Green is advertizing a Reno Coin Show for July 15-16, 2022 at the Ramada. *We have a coin show again!* **Buy more raffle tickets now \$2 each or 3 for \$5.** You can come by if you want to get quarters before the next meeting or have me set some aside by email, mail, or calling. I will continue to sell S sets for \$5 and have them all except 2012. On sale will be **Maya Angelou in American Women quarter series Feb. 7, the NA dollar Feb. 9, Innovation dollar Feb. 23.** Hope to have the first two at the meeting. Silver Polk 1 ounce \$65 out Feb 14 and US Navy 2.5 ounce March 11. Proof set of quarters \$21 March 8 and **gold Eagles March 17.** Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net 775 815-8625. Website at www.renecoinclub.com

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2022 NA & Maya Angelou quarter ordered, Innovation \$1 to be ordered Feb. 23.



S set (5) 2013-19 quarters in case \$5, 2020S (6) \$10 National Park Quarters, PD set \$60, P or D \$30 Innovation, Native American \$1 D P \$1.25 **Presidential set (40) \$50**

2022 Coins

The 2022 commemoratives celebrating the **Negro Baseball League** are out. The 2.5 ounce Navy coin is down to two designs and is to come out March 11, so they have probably decided on first design, but it is not official.



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Treasurer's report: Income from Jan meeting raffle, our auction and gold coin raffle. New expenses for the month included the normal expenses paid for the newsletter and monthly bank fees. Additionally, we paid \$170 for our annual meeting celebration, paid directly to members in attendance. We're on track to transition from Bank of America to 1st Independent Bank by the 1st of March which will save us \$16/month starting in March.

Upcoming Coin Shows

March 4-6, Las Vegas Numismatic Society Coin Show, Palace Station Hotel and Casino, 2411 W. Sahara Ave, Admit: ?, Tables: 200+
 Dawn 888-330-5188 CKShows.com

March 25-26, Sacramento Coin Show, Lion's Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St., Admit: \$3, Tables: ? John Ward 559-967-8067

March 25-27, Las Vegas Coin Show, Orleans Hotel and Casino, 4500 West Tropicana Ave, Admit:?, Tables: ? Peter McIntosh 916-317-9055

April 1-2, Fresno Coin Show, American Legion Post, 3509 N First St. St., Admit: \$3, Tables:20+ dealers
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Early Bird Prize: Rusty King won 1968 Israel unc. coin set

Raffle prizes winners were:

Mary Long: 1987 unc. set
 Milton Angel: candy coins, 1992 proof set, medal, presidential \$1 set
 Bart Daniel, **mystery box** gold coin tie tack, 1979 proof set
 Joe Wozniak 1968 Israeli unc. set
 Clayton Brownell: 2 grams silver bar, Mercury .10
 Gerry Breedlove: roll of buffalo nickels, \$1 set
 George Lee: set NA \$1
 Bill Naylor: coin bags, Guide to Morgan Dollars, Guide to Peace dollars
 Ken Hopple: 1959 unc. penny roll
 Joe Lamberson: 2 medals

Auction

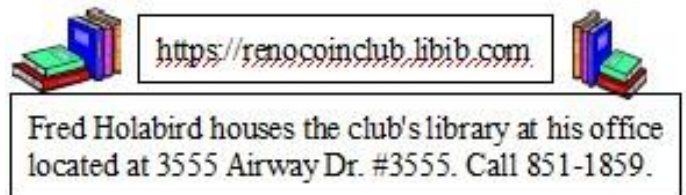
Doug Larson won Silver Eagle donated by Ken Hopple for \$29

Milton Angel won the 1960 small date proof set for \$31.

Quarter Pot

Conn Davis won the quarter pot!

THANKS all for donating to the Raffle & Auction!

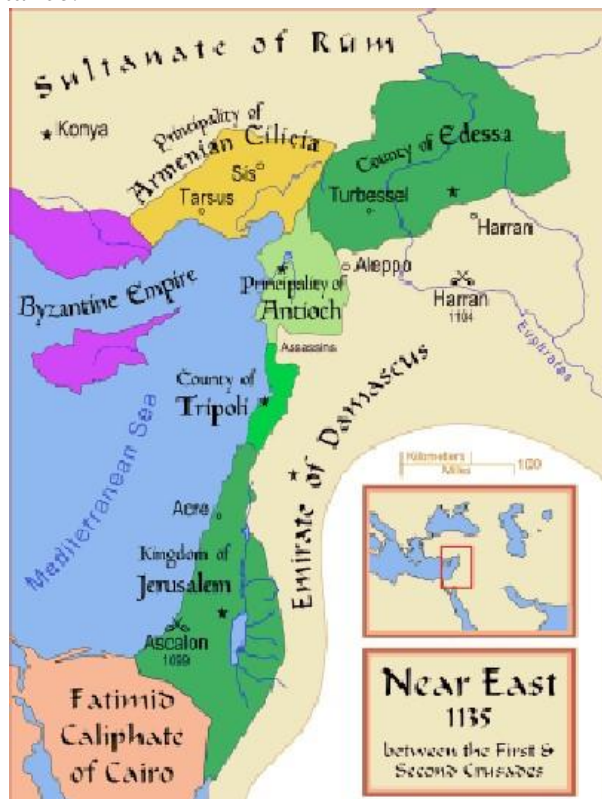


The Other Coin: Crusader Coins

Crusader coins are accessible, but many of the crusader principalities are rare. The Crusades were an attempt to take back the Holy Land and restore the Eastern Roman Empire from 1095-1272. Shortly after Justinian the Great's restoration of Roman Empire in the 6th century and defeat of the Parthians, the unification of the Roman Empire was halted by the spread of the Black Plague. This outbreak was worse than the medieval Black Death often killing two-thirds of a city's population. Islam rose from the desert where the virus died from the heat. The Arabic tribes conquered much of the Roman Empire from

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North Africa to Asia Minor. Five centuries later the Roman Army was defeated at Manzikert, and the Roman Emperor beseeched the Western powers for assistance.



The first crusade 1095-1099 succeeded in retaking Jerusalem and setting up several small Christian kingdoms. Subsequent crusades (1147, 1187) saw the loss of Jerusalem, but the expansion of the Christian kingdoms in the Middle East, especially Cyprus and Rhodes. The 4th Crusade was the most infamous of all as the knights of the crusade led by Venice sacked the Roman Constantinople and set up petty kingdoms all through Greece. The looting of Constantinople's art, churches, and libraries in 1204 gave rise to the Renaissance as Greek scholars followed their looted libraries and taught in the West. St. Marks in Venice is entirely constructed from Byzantine loot, for example. Later crusades got a foothold in Egypt and retook Jerusalem briefly, but by the end of the 13th century the crusader kingdoms were gone, although the Knights Templar ruled Cyprus until 1489 and Venice ruled Cyprus until 1571 when it was lost to the Ottoman Turks. The Crusades were successful at first, but the small crusader armies could not hold their new states without Europeans settling in the newly won territories.

The coins are mostly silver deniers copied from the French denier of Tours with a castle on the reverse and



cross on obverse. Local barons from Tripoli, Antioch, Jerusalem, Tyre, Beirut, and Edessa minted their own coins. There are also coins of the great orders of knights, the Order of St. John of Jerusalem and the Order of Malta. Coins

struck in and around Constantinople for the years of Crusader rule 1204-1261, as well as various kingdoms:

Thessalonica, Cyprus, Malta, Achaia, and Athens. The coinage of the Crusader era had only one silver coin (a penny or denier) and two gold



coins (dinar and quarter dinar). Bronze coins initially imitated Byzantine coins, both in the cup shaped trachy and the flat follis with images of Christ or the Virgin and cross or ruler on the reverse. The coins were often cut smaller to conform in weight of coinage in the West. Alas, most of the coins made by the Crusaders in Constantinople were made from thousands of Greek bronze statues that had been collected by the Byzantine emperors to adorn the city. The denier bore the name of the mint around the castle or other device and the name of the ruler around the cross. Coins of Cyprus have a lion rampant and cross. Sometimes an armored knight appears or Arab coins are imitated. Gold coins were made, but immediately cut as gold was too valuable in the denier size coin. Crusader coins are still cheap, often \$40 in fine grade and have a colorful history. You can also collect coins of the great opponents like Saladin or Mehmet II. Venetian coins are also plentiful as are the Western rulers like Richard the Lionhearted. Coins of the Crusader States by Alex Malloy is the standard reference.

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1. Cyprus Lion/Jerusalem cross, James II 1460-1476
2. Sicily, William I, trachy, Rex W with Arabic around/Madonna and child, 1154-1166
3. Bohemund IV, denier, in chain mail/cross 1201-1216
4. Latin Imitation (trachy) Christ enthroned, Emperor stands, 1206-1261



Achaea, Isabella, AR
denier, castle
gate/cross, 1297-1301

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Numismatic Potpourri



To continue the theme of crusades. Here is a gold medal commemorating the **recapture of Belgrade from the Ottoman Turks in 1688**, taking their principle fortress

in Europe. "The cross and the church conquer in the war with the Turks." Bowers continues updating the series of guidebooks of US coins with **A Guide Book of Quarter Eagle Gold Coins** by Q. David Bowers Softcover, 6 x 9 inches, 448 pages, full color \$29.95. And a free illustrated book (doctoral dissertation) of Civil War currency: **Greenbacks and Greybacks: Iconographic Depictions of Union and Confederate Nationalism on Civil War-Era Currency** by Christian Martin Lengyel

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1929 Congressional Gold Medal for the Conquest of Yellow Fever

awarded to John Kissinger. In 1900, Kissinger was the first person to volunteer to be infected in order for his commanding officer, Dr. Walter Reed, to test and confirm his working theory of how the deadly disease was spread. Reed later wrote that in his opinion, Kissinger's exhibition of moral courage has never been surpassed in the annals of the Army of the United States. The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest civilian honor bestowed by the government, equal to the Congressional Medal of Honor and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, but far less frequently awarded. This comes up every year but it is still fascinating the **cost of making coins**: The price for manufacturing US coins for circulation went up last year, except for the half dollar, the United States Mint disclosed this month in its 2021 Annual Report. And for a sixteenth straight year, the unit cost for both cents and nickels was above their face value. The Mint struck nearly 15 billion coins for circulation during the fiscal year. In FY 2021, the toll to make, administer, and distribute the 1-cent coin climbed to 2.1 cents from 1.76 cents while the cost for the 5-cent coin increased to 8.52 cents from 7.42 cents. Higher prices for copper and zinc accounted for much of the increases. Lincoln cents have a composition of 2.5%

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copper, 97.5% zinc. Five cent coins are minted in 25% nickel, 75% copper. Dimes, quarters, and half dollars are each composed in 8.33% nickel the rest is copper. The US Mint made money striking dimes, quarters, and half dollars because the cost of manufacturing and distributing them was lower than their face values.

In FY2021, the unit cost for the quarter increased to 9.63 cents from 8.62 cents and the dime's unit cost rose to 4.39 cents from 3.73 cents. The unit cost for the half dollar, meanwhile, decreased to 11.67 cents from 25 cents, supported by an increase in the number of half dollars made and shipped to Federal Reserve Banks.

Artist Shay Rose (aka Crescent Shay) used over 2,000 pennies in her latest handmade garment: a shimmering cocktail dress with cross-back straps and a bottom fringe. Canada had 10 entries in the **Coin of the**



Year Awards this year, but won nothing. I liked these two for the underground railroad and the Lost Franklin expedition looking for NW passage. US won for most

historical for woman's suffrage coin.



France won for best contemporary historical event:



Barbados Most Innovative, a spherical coin:



Latvia won best silver coin, a linden leaf and city map.



Austria won best gold coin and several others:



Reno Cartwheel-No Dues this year.

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Next Meeting:

January 25: Annual Dinner and Elections

January 29: New Coins at the Museum

February 22: Crusader Coins David Elliott

February 26: New Coins at the Museum

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After the Last Meeting

We just had an enlarged board meeting of a dozen or so. I brought a Hanukah coin depicting the suicide attack on an elephant during the War of the Maccabeus and 12 contenders for the three magi or wisemen. We sold enough tickets to raffle off the **boxed 1884 CC dollar** at the dinner. You can still buy tickets at the dinner or from me.

Denny's will let us have our January dinner there and you can still make nominations at the dinner for the board and officers. **I will bring the America the Beautiful quarters to sell for a quarter** except for the S mints, still .50. I will be taking the quarters to the museum to sell for a .25 after the meeting, so this may be your last chance. The coin press is running again. **We will not ask for dues for 2022 due to the disarray.** Bill Green is advertizing a Reno Coin Show for July 15-16, 2022 at the Ramada. *We have a coin show again!* **Buy more raffle tickets now \$2 each or 3 for \$5.** You can come by if you want to get quarters before the next meeting or have me set some aside by email, mail, or calling. I will continue to sell S sets for \$5 and have them all except 2012. **Next up for raffle will be an 1851 gold dollar donated by Glenn Fruehan.** Same deal 40 \$10 tickets, winner drawn when 40 tickets are sold. Contact me with any problems or ideas: datbelliotts@prodigy.net 775 815-8625. Website at www.renecoinclub.com

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2022 Coins

The 2022 commemoratives will celebrate the **Negro Baseball League** and those honored with the **Purple Heart** in the half dollar clad, silver dollar, and \$5 gold coin. The designs are attractive. Rube Foster was the founder of the Negro League.



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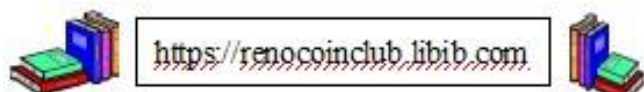
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Treasurer's report: At the end of October our available balance was \$3,748.64. This reflects a growth in income of just under \$1,200 for the year. We agreed to waive 2022 dues and celebrate our club with the \$10 donation towards dinner for those in attendance at the January meeting. Activity included: Income from Nov meeting raffle (in bank late) plus multiple coin sales and the biggest income was from our silver dollar raffle. New expenses for the month included the normal expenses paid for the newsletter and monthly bank fees.

Upcoming Coin Shows

February 4-5, CoinExpo San Jose, Double Tree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Blvd. Admit: \$6, Tables: 35+
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Fred Holabird houses the club's library at his office located at 3555 Airway Dr. #3555. Call 851-1859.

The Other Coin: Antioch

A coin club member asked me to find him a coin of Antioch for a friend from there. Putting together a set of coins to explicate Antioch's history is one of the fun and creative things that collecting ancient coins is all about. Antioch was founded by one of Alexander the Great's generals Seleucus in 300BC as his capitol for the empire that stretched from the Mediterranean to India, the bulk of the old Persian Empire. The city is on the Orontes that flows to sea, and is an inland port city like London on the Thames. Seleucus named his son and the city after his father. The Turkish city of Antakya sits on the site with a Arabic spelling of Antioch. First, one has to decide whether to get a coin of Seleucus or his eponymous son Antiochus. A worn bronze coin of either will cost \$20 and a nice one \$40 or more. The large silver and gold coins are considered the finest portrait coins of Greece and the Hellenistic period, costing thousands of dollars. I would choose a coin of Antiochus I with his name displayed and a portrait of the king: head left with



Apollo seated on a stone of prophecy called on omphalos, often a betyl or meteorite and holding a bow. The letter NTI of Antiochus are visible, more prominently displayed below an elephant as



ANTIOXOY "of Antiochos" with basileus or king above. The elephants that Alexander the Great brought back from India were the tanks of the ancient world with a large platform placed on the elephant's

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back from which arrows or spears were thrown. The elephants often frightened and scattered horses as well as trampled soldiers. The obverse of the coin depicts a Macedonian shield with an anchor, the birthmark of Seleucus that foretold his rise to kingship. The Romans under Pompeii the Great defeated the Seleucid Empire, but the coinage remained Greek. A nice bronze shows the head of Tyche or Fortuna, the most popular goddess of Luck or Destiny. She has a crown of city towers. The



reverse has a lit altar with garlands and date below year (ET) five (E) 59/60 AD. Antioch became the 4th largest city of the Roman Empire after Rome, Alexandria, and Constantinople. Diocletian established a Roman mint, which continued into the 7th century AD. Like most Roman coins the coins of Antioch bear the mint name of ANT. A coin of Honorius “DN (Our Lord) Honorius PF (Pious and Fortunate) Augustus. Reverse with three



Emperors. Honorius, Arcadius, and Theodosius II, asserting the glory of Rome (Gloria Romanorum) with a prominent ANT mintmark followed by a Δ, or 4th minting. Antioch was a major religious center of Christianity and a patriarchal see emphasizing the human and historical Jesus, encouraging people to be Christ-like since Jesus was human too. The followers of Jesus were first called Christian here and the city was visited by Peter, Paul, and Luke among others. In 526 AD a great earthquake like the one in San Francisco leveled the city and caused it to burn to the ground.

Justin and Justinian rebuilt the city and its many churches, renaming it the City of God (Theopolis), giving Antioch a new mintmark as seen on this Byzantine coin. Justin and Sophia sit enthroned



M stands for 40 nummi or cents anno means year 10 (X), Γ is third minting, and THEUP is one of the abbreviations for Theopolis.

Antioch was a major center of activity during the Crusades. It had been recaptured from the Muslims shortly before the First Crusade by the Byzantines and the Crusaders captured it from the Arabs again. Coins were minted imitating Byzantine bronzes and French deniers. The Sicilian Norman Tancred was one of the first Western Christian rulers of Antioch. On his coin he is wearing a turban, holds a sword, with inscription



seen in part saying “Lord, help your servant Tancred” in Greek. Reverse has a Byzantine cross with “Jesus Christ is victorious.” The Normans (Vikings) in Sicily were remarkably cosmopolitan with coinage in Greek, Latin, and Arabic and all three religions living and worshipping together. That’s another story.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

ANA in Colorado Springs will be holding live seminars in June again. Always a good time. **ANA Money Show will also be held in Colorado Springs in March 10-12.** Great exhibits and bourse as always.

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The Fugio Cent has long been one of the most desired early American collectibles, and now numismatists can count it as the earliest of all United States regular-issue coins. PCGS announced a groundbreaking reclassification after an exhaustive study by a team of leading numismatic experts including John Dannreuther, Gordon Wrubel, Craig Sholley, Brian Greer, Chuck Link, Tony Terranova, Chris Victor-McCawley, David McCarthy, and Erik Goldstein.



Will the Continental dollar be next? Heritage is auctioning **errors on notes** at the FUN show. Here is a doubled printed and a fourth printed. I thought there



was some sort of optical reader that prevented errors from being distributed. Guess not. **Stacks Bowers is offering an 1870CC eagle** in their Spring 2022 auction. The Liberty head ten-dollar gold series ranks as the very rarest of the Carson City issues, outranking even the lower mintage 1879CC. The mintage of just 5,908 was quickly reduced through circulation and melting, leaving very few for today's collectors. Specialist Doug Winter

estimated just 35 to 45 surviving examples when writing in 2001. Carson City scholar Rusty Goe more recently estimated 60 to 75 extant in his 2020 reference. Most grade no finer than VF and the 1870CC is unknown in Mint State.



Stacks Bowers is also selling the **Duke of Wellington's medals for victories in Afghanistan**:



Britain's **biggest hoard of forged coins** has been



unearthed in Staffordshire. Buried 220 years ago by notorious criminal George Fearn, it has been dug up by novice metal detectorist John McGimpsey. The 64-year-old found the 332 fake silver coins in a field near Leek. Research revealed

they were buried in 1801 by forger George Fearn in a bid to hide the proof of his crimes. He had been caught passing forged notes to two undercover policemen during a sting operation at a pub. Although the stash remained unfound for two centuries, the police still had enough evidence to prosecute him and he was hanged at Stafford Gaol in 1801. **ANA has a short video on the Morgan dollar** with a ridiculously long address. Cut and paste or find it on You tube.

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https://www.money.org/museum-masterpiece/morgan-dollar?utm_medium=email&_hsmi=195777900&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9Xt7QfwJFQ6FSYZzxsA6E7RURRErMpG3czTctHl_HMoaytwoL5I1Xw0qWSX1THdJ_kM3fbjETmSo3SNrMhmALtPUxl7iOdSvPv8OCjih27aHs_Gg8&utm_content=195777900&utm_source=hs_email



Spain's first gold bullion coin was issued in December featuring an Iberian lynx and a pattern from the pillar dollars. The large silver tetradrachm of Cleopatra



and Mark Anthony sold in NY recently. The coin was minted by Cleopatra to commemorate her marriage and military union and is considered an accurate depiction of the two lovers. Young Octavian soon to be Caesar Augustus tried to make Cleopatra some sort of foreign seductress that got Mark Anthony to abandon his wife, Octavian's sister. But Cleopatra was a short, flat chested, big nosed homely at best woman, who was well educated at the great university at Alexandria,

spoke 29 languages and offered Anthony the brains and resources to contend with Octavian politically and militarily for rule of the world. She was no Elizabeth Taylor. I got a copy of the coin. For those that

dream of the beach when it gets cold here is the **new note for the British Eastern Caribbean.**



Ran out of news stories except for a badger in Spain digging up a hoard of Roman coins, so here is one of my new coins with a seated Baal of Cilicia (southern Turkey) minted before Alexander the Great was a gleam in his father's eye. Baal is easily equated with Zeus as we can see on Alexander the Great's coin below made after he conquered Cilicia and the rest of the Persian Empire. Baal and Yahweh were also



equated, which is why the throne of God is so often mentioned in Jewish writings. Cilicia was famous for its grapes (wine) and wheat found on 2 coins with Aramaic, the language of Jesus written on the larger coins. My \$40 obol has same

design \$1000+ coins.

