

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

December 10 Christmas Coins and Minibourse
Bring coins to sell or trade. I'll bring Star of Bethlehem, Byzantine Jesus, and Magi coins. Do you have Santa Claus or something cool? *Also nomination for officers and board.*

December 28 New Coins at the Nevada Museum

January 25 New Coins at the Nevada Museum

January 28 Elections and Dinner

We will give you \$10 for dinner or desert if dues are paid. Election of officers and board members. We are down two board members with Allison gone and Ken recuperating.

After the Last Meeting

Next meeting December 10 (not Christmas Eve). 16 members got to review Constantine coins full of gods and just the X-P or first two letters of Christ's name in Greek appearing occasionally on his bronze coins. This was the sign in the sun ✱ Constantine saw with the voice saying by this sign conquer, not the cross of the medieval crusades. Constantine who shepherded the creation of the Nicene Creed defining Jesus as "very God of very God" made Christianity a licit rather than illicit religion of Rome, and his personal favored religion, not the only religion of Rome. Romans insisted on worshipping all gods as personifications of the divine, who was ultimately unknowable as Plato and the early Church taught. All gods, including us, were angels or daemons. In addition the ✱ depending on how big you made the top of the rho or P could be accepted as the star or sun sign of Mithra-Sol-Apollo ✱, who was the army's favorite god. The earliest depiction of Christ in the Roman catacombs was as Apollo and the Good Shepherd (Apollo again). The Renaissance also often depicted Christ as the blond Apollo. **We got a 2023 1/10 ounce proof US eagle from Rusty King for the club raffle!** We will sell 60 tickets at \$10 each for the \$300 prize (36 sold). Contact me: 775 815-8625 datbelliotts@prodigy.net Website: www.renecoinclub.com

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All 2024 coins here: NA, Illinois, Alabama, Maine, Missouri Innovation \$1. Famous women .25 Zitkala-Sa.



Famous women quarters .50 PDS (most S, not all)
Innovation, Native American dollars PD \$1.25

Early Bird Prize: Zitkala PDS .25 won by Bart Daniels.

Raffle prizes winners were:

Rusty King: **mystery box** gold plated NV .25 and Zitkala PDS .25, 2024 .25 set
Art Bonnel: Trish jam, grape jam.
Andy Olson: Zitkala PDS .25, 1913 .05
Rick DeAvila: NV cased state .25, .01 unc. roll
Jeff Allen: 1973 mint set, 1948 .01
Bill Naylor 2009 .01 set, 1 gr silver coin, chocolate coins
David Elliott: consecutive serial \$1
Faye Allen: cherry jam, NV cased .25
Mark King: 2 copies 19th banknotes
Joe Lamberson: 1975 proof set, 1909- filled penny book, copy Confederate bills, Zitkala PD .25
Bart Daniels: 2024 .25 set, bronze RCC medal
Mary Long: Argentina coin

Quarter Pot

David Lanza (not present) won the .25 pot

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Treasurer's report: At the end of November, our available balance was \$6,408.29. Activity included: Income included \$130 for our monthly club raffle. New expenses for the month included \$51.25 for Annual Nevada Sec'y of State filing for non-profits, \$84.63 for coin supplies, and \$81.19 for Newsletter Repro/office supplies.

Upcoming Coin Shows

December 13-14 Visalia Coin Show, Veterans Memorial Hall, 600 W. Center Ave., Admit ?, John Ward 415 601-8661

December 15 Sacramento Coin Show, Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St., Admit ?, Peter McIntosh 916 317-9055

The Other Coin: Star of Bethlehem, Magi, and Christ Coins

The big news last year was a perfect match for the Star of Bethlehem and there are coins! 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 watched Jupiter, the regal "star" that conferred kingships, undergo two

eclipses by the Moon in Aries in 6 BC. The second eclipse on April 17 was 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 (my birthday!), 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. Both Augustus and Silanus, who was governor of Syria from AD 13 to AD 17, commemorated the event with a bronze coin. Indeed, every subsequent Roman governor of Syria for 200 years issued a coin heralding the celestial event as Providential promise of their elevation to a world throne. Octavian (Augustus) did become Roman emperor, but so did Elagabalus, priest king of Emesa, Syria in 218 AD. Two 19 year olds miraculously became emperor, which became a proof of the validity of astrology for the Romans and Greeks.



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

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 many other petty kings of the East that did not issue coins. Tigranes V of Armenia, the first Christian nation should be a candidate. Rulers were often priest kings like the Roman emperors, who were Pontif Maximus, chief priest. Astronomy (with astrology)

and medicine (role of diet and exercise) were a part of any general college education that made one a magi or educated ruler.

The image of Christ appears on a series of Byzantine coins for 800 years. The gold coins travelled to Ireland and Japan and likely are the reason we think Jesus has long hair and a beard. The coins copied paintings of Christ reported to be made by St. Luke and placed in Antioch (renamed the City of God-Theopolis) where the followers of Jesus were first called Christians. The first gold image:



Justinian II (685-695 AD) with Christ holding the gospels and blessing with his right hand emphasizing with two pairs of fingers the two natures of Christ (man and God). The cross behind Christ and being held by the emperor is not the cross of crucifixion, but the cross of Christ Pantocrator, ruler of all. This can be easily seen in the halo of the common bronze coins that followed 969-1118 AD issued without attribution to a particular emperor. The reverse



proclaims Jesus the Christ King of Kings in Greek. The cross for the early church was a sign of Christ ruling the cosmos symbolized as a globe with on X the elliptic and sidereal line of the zodiac from earth's 23.4 degree tilt as seen on a coin of Constantine



held by Eternal Roma enthroned. The early Church did not have the juridical notion of an angry God demanding Christ's death because of man's sins, but saw Jesus as the godman ,who promised godhood and resurrection to all. God became man, so that man might become god proclaimed Athanasius and Irenaeus. The crucifixion like the incarnation was proof that the least of men from fetus to disgraced criminal was granted salvation as were the dead, living, and future generations and those that did not know Christ, but lead a godly life nevertheless. Christ



Pantocrator with gospels//cross on three steps (Trinity) Jesus the Christ abbreviated IS/XS, King of Kings.



Jesus Pantocrator with cross and lilies and X. Christ Pantocrator enthroned and Romanus III (1028-1034 AD) being crowned by the Virgin Mary. Jesus the



Christ King of Kings (Latin)// Mother of God preserve (help, save) Romanus. Merry Christmas.



Numismatic Potpourri

Trish and I are getting certified to present the Boy Scout coin collecting merit badge when we are at the museum. Malta has produced a coin with highlights of **gold, palladium, and ruthenium** (black). The first time the three metals have appeared together on coin. Reverse has Malta's crest in ruthenium. **Croatia has issued a cool dragon**



coin with gold highlights and antique finish. Reverse shows back of dragon. **The Royal Dutch Mint will be minting coins for Finland** after they closed their mint. France celebrates the **rebuilding of Notre**



Dame in gold, silver, and arch shaped, even colorized coins. Not as wonderful as the Perth Bond



collection, which is colorized with the different Bonds and often scenes from the movies, **Great Britain is celebrating 60 years of Bond 007** with a

collection of his vehicles all together and separately.



A nickel-sized coin **sold for \$2,520,000**. This **1652 three pence** was in production between May and October 1652, when the General Court mandated a new design to stop thieves from stealing slivers of these coins. Of the three coins the Hull Mint made within this period, including the shilling, the sixpence, and the three pence, the latter remains the rarest. It was the smallest denomination, but took the same amount of effort as the other two. Hull was paid by the ounce to make them, so made few of the three pence. **Struck to commemorate Princess Ka'iulani's 18th birthday** in 1893. From a reported mintage of just 20 pieces.



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Ireland (1866-1867) \$10 with portrait of "Wolfe Tone" at lower left and "Davis." The Fenian Brotherhood were a committed group of Irish nationalists who attempted an unsuccessful rebellion in the 1860s. Their leaders continued to harass the British for years and help inspire and participate in the eventual successful rebellion against Britain in the early 20th century.



Civil War ID Disc Dog Tag with original "McClellan" pin hanger. The 1st Maine was in 29 battles, including the First Winchester & Gettysburg. **The lost Daniel Morgan gold Comitia Americana medal** is being auctioned by Stacks Bowers. The US Mint restruck the coin in 1839 after the original was stolen in a bank robbery and the family petitioned Congress. It was sold to J.P. Morgan, then lost for 139 years.



After a nearly 50-year quest, Michael Bourne's **Comprehensive Catalog of 3c Patterns** serves not only as the definitive catalog of the US 3-cent pattern series, but also chronicles the formation of this important father-and-son collection. The US Mint produced nearly a hundred different 3-cent patterns (including the off-metal strikes), dated 1849 to 1885. On Newmann Portal:

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/booksbyauthor/554217>

Three exhibits on **virtual display at the ANA museum: The Medal in America** – Through medallary art, this exhibit illustrates the history of the United States from colonial times to the present, starting with the innovation of modern medals and how they are made. **Americana Gallery** – The Museum's newest exhibit emphasizes iconic rarities of American numismatics and the collectors who donated them.

History of Money – Money has been evolving for the last 10,000 years. This exhibit explores early money, introduces the very first coins of the ancient world, examines the development of paper notes, and highlights unique monetary moments, such as Notgeld and emergency issues. Virtual tours are available for all exhibits at money.org/money-museum/virtual-tours



US Society of Medalists bronze medal. Issued 1987.



1909 Abraham Lincoln plaque Preserve, Protect, Defend. Gilt bronze, 63 mm. Between 1907 and 1909, **Victor David Brenner** was responsible for a series of **Abraham Lincoln plaques**. President Theodore Roosevelt was impressed by an example, and commissioned Brenner to design the Lincoln cent still in circulation today.

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15 members got to see a silver round from Pegasus Gold Mine at Star Peak, Pershing County that Rusty brought in and a member snapped up. *We attributed poor attendance to those waiting for the last Tuesday of the month instead of the 4th Tuesday of the month. Some months have 5 Tuesdays.* AJ's donation of national parks map coin books were snapped up with the last few National Park coin sets at the museum. Some 780 people came to the museum on NV Day. I passed out Denver mint penny blanks to members and visitors at the museum and sold several sets of Innovation coins. Nov 14 gold 1794 flowing hair dollar, Nov 21 reverse proof Morgan and Peace dollar set, copper Army medal December 5, and reverse proof innovation set December 10 closes out the year. The US Mint website has been redone. Looks nicer. **We got a 2023 1/10 ounce proof US eagle from Rusty King for the club raffle!** We will sell 60 tickets at \$10 each for the \$300 prize (34 sold). Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net 775 815-8625 Website: www.renecoinclub.com

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~~National Park quarters~~, **SOLD OUT**
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Early Bird Prize: 2023 Maria Tallchief .25 and NA \$1, America's first prima ballerina won by Mary Long

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Andy Olson: 1999 gold plated .25 set, 1964D .10
Rick DeAvila: filled penny album, Indian .01
Joe Lamberson: 2007 P mint set, 1962 unc. roll .01
Joe Wozniak: Encased 2006P BU NV .25
Mark Kingman: consecutive unc. \$1 bills
Rusty King proof Washington .50
Andre Assam: national park .25 set
Conn Davis: \$1 & .25 Maria Tallchief
Mary Long: 2022 .25 set, 1 gram silver, 4 medal set
Bart Daniels: 2023 famous women .25 set,
Faye Allen: 1940S .01
Loretta Kingman: copies of Confederate bills and 19th century broken bank bills

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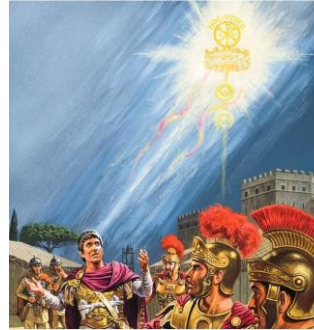
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Constantine the Great was the first Christian emperor, removing legal penalties against Christians and supporting the church by donations. He credited his victory over Maxentius in 312 on the Milvan Bridge in Rome to the Christian God's support. The 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. The motto "By this sign conquer" is not the Crusader cross, but the chi-rho, the name of Christ.



Accepting Jesus the Christ as Lord and Savior did not abolish all the other gods of the Roman world. Constantine included Him in the pantheon, and He gradually became the One True God of Plato in Plato's Trinity of the Good, True, and Beautiful or Philo's Trinity of God, Wisdom, and Logos (the Word or Reason).

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 the Roman Empire to Christianity as including Christianity in the Roman pantheon.

As my book, **Two Souls and a Body: What Every Educated Person Knew to be True and How the Educated Christian Developed Christianity in Hellenistic Times Creating the Ideas of Free Will and Modern Psychology**, demonstrates, the ideas of Christianity were already in Greco-Roman culture. The religious and philosophical debate was over what school of thought or religion 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 and the Christians were 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

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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 (top left), horse, shield, and medallion of victory on a staff. Reverse shows him with the army holding a trophy of armor, 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 him.

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 as daemons or angels much like the choirs of saints and angels that filled the heavens of Jews and Christians. Here are Jupiter, Hercules, Mars, and Sol or Mithras as patron saints of emperors, caesars, and the army.



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 (the Sun) with flail of rule and orb of the cosmos “my companion the unconquered sun.”

Nudity was a sign of the beauty of the body. Roman and Hellenistic tolerance and inclusion allowed one to consider all the gods of everyone under the One Good God as personifications, gods, ideas, or just traditional and patriotic symbols. The traditional gods had become ideas in the mind of God like angels or saints that could be venerated. This is made clear with other gods and goddesses such as the good genius of the emperor, the city Carthage, Victory, Fame, and Peace.



Note the XP with Nike (top right) and the star (lower left with fame represented by Sol or Mithras, who holds the orb of the universe. Peace has an olive branch and a military labarum representing “peace through strength.”

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 after his death. He pledges eternal piety with the orb of the world or cosmos surmounted by a chi-rho.

Within 13 years of his victory at the Milvan bridge, Constantine had the Nicene Creed declare Jesus the Christ as “very God of very God.” This did not eliminate the hosts of daemon or angel gods worshipped by all the nations. God was understood to reveal himself in “whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable” (Philippians 4:8) and to beyond all human understanding (4:7).

Due to the Latin Church following 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 as well. 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 with soldiers (exercitus) and the powerful army (militum) with campgate, urbs Roma (Rome) with Romulus and Remus, Constantinople with Nike on reverse:



So, Jesus the Christ is not just a monogram on Constantine coins, but in everything good, true, and beautiful made by God as taught by the Greeks, Jews, and early Christians. The new Roman capitol of Constantinople would preserve the Roman Empire until 1453 with Jesus the Christ becoming Christ Pantocrator, Christ Ruler of All, Everything,

holding the Bible, and proclaimed on the reverse to be Jesus the Christ, King of Kings. Original sin, predestin-



ation, a corrupt and evil world, an emphasis on the crucifixion rather than the resurrection, would await the Dark Ages and the medieval Latin church. For the Greeks, Romans, Jews, and early Church, God was everywhere and made everything. The love and joy of the original message would be eclipsed in the West to a great extent when the original message of Christ was *Joy to the world, the Lord has come...*

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

The American Numismatic Society (ANS), The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, the Israel Antiquities Authority, and Tel Aviv University are pleased to announce that Levantine Coins Online (LCO) has now launched at numismatics.org/lco. LCO is a digital, **open-access database of Achaemenid and Hellenistic period coin typologies from the southern Levant. At the time of launch LCO focuses solely on the coinage of Judah**, but additional typologies for the coinages of Philistia and Samaria will be added in 2025. *A wonderful website revealing the early understanding of Yahweh after the return of Judah from Babylonian Captivity.*

The Origins of Value: The Financial Innovations that Created Modern Capital Markets by William N. Goetzmann and K. Geert Rouwenhorst (editors), 2005 416pp. From the invention of interest in Mesopotamia and the origin of paper money in China, to the creation of mutual funds, inflation indexed bonds, and global financial securities, here is a sweeping survey of financial innovations that have changed the world. Lavishly illustrated. \$65 on Amazon. **Pawnstars had an episode where they bought the only legal 1933 double eagle for \$30 million.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P39CJbUH37E>

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Stacks Bower is auctioning a 1934 **\$10,000 Federal Reserve Note** that was once part of the legendary assemblage of \$1,000,000 in cash that was displayed at **Binion Horseshoe Casino in Las Vegas**. Composed of approximately 100 \$10,000 Federal Reserve Notes. This and other rarities can be viewed on-line at StacksBowers.com.



Fred Holabird is auctioning one of the **Carson City Mint scales** that used to be at the **John Ascuaga's Nugget** casino in Sparks. In the year 2000, the US Mint



produced its **first and only ringed bi-metallic coin**, the **2000 Library of Congress Commemorative \$10 coin**. It is composed of a gold outer ring and a quarter-ounce platinum center. The coin has one of the lowest mintages of just 27,445. A second gold coin of a **Kent King Anarevito (fl. 10-20 AD)** was found lending support to his role in the slave trade where Brits were traded as slaves for Gallic or French wine.



Along with Roman authors' descriptions of the slave trade, finds of slave manacles, and 7 gallon Roman amphorae fragments, the kings of Kent seem to have been dealing briskly in a profitable slave trade.



2,584 coins from 1066-1068AD with **Edward the Confessor (top)**, **William I the Conqueror (left)**, and **Harold II (the last Saxon king, right)** discovered by a group of metal detectorist was acquired by a consortium of British museum for 4.2 million pounds or 5.3 million dollars. **Anyone is able to access the educational opportunities and expand their knowledge of numismatics in ANA's eLearning Academy** at money.org/elearning Includes: Numisma Talks, presentations, and recordings, Aristotle's Vault courses, and the video archive. **ANA is also offering \$10 digital membership and subscriptions to the Numismatist**. I will bring the coupons. **Nebraska will be the featured state in the Central States Numismatic Convention April 23-26, 2025** in Schaumburg, Illinois. **Napoleon I and Marie-**



Louise of Austria celebrate the birth of baby Francois Joseph in 1810. And the Germans of WWII celebrate the 1939 sinking of the HMS Courageous announcing bad news for Churchill



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21 people got a good look at Russian coins and currency. The Carson City Coin Show at the museum went well with Allen Rowe's promotion. Some 16 dealers attended. We were invited, but no one told us. The museum is still having problems with communication. Their phone and e-mail are still not working. Got to talk to some more officials at museum, who said they would follow-up soon. Bob Nylen's display "From Mint to Museum" at the head of the stairs to the second floor on the left was very nice. Ken Hopple developed an infection after heart surgery and is back in the hospital. Keep him in your prayers. AJ donated some nice national parks map booklets. I have a few sets of the parks coin for \$30. I'll hang on to the albums through December for members. I will also bring some of the Denver mint penny blanks in case you missed them. October 28th Famous Woman .25, November 5 silver proof set with 5 famous woman .25, .10, .50, \$1 eagle with walking Liberty//flying eagle with olive branch W mint, other coins S mint, Nov 14 gold 1794 flowing hair dollar, Nov 21 reverse proof Morgan and Peace dollar set. **We got a 2023 1/10 ounce proof US eagle from Rusty King for the club raffle!** We will sell 60 tickets at \$10 each for the \$300 prize (34 sold). Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net 775 815-8625 Website: www.renocoinclub.com

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Early Bird Prize: 2022 famous woman quarter mint set in mint holder won by Faye Allen

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Joe Wozniak: **mystery box** 2022, 2023 famous women .25 sets P mint, and club medal of Ava Adams, 2023D famous women.25 set
Mary Long: 1971 proof set
James Arden: 1942 Merc..10, Bicentennial Revere medal
Mark Kingman: Mercury .10, 3 copies broken banknotes
Matt Anderson: 1962 unc. .10, 1927 buffalo .05, bit coin
Mark Shuey: 1986 unc. set, unc. roll of .05
Jeff Allen: 1898 Indian head .01
Rick DeAvila: bag of wheaties .01, cased NV 2006 .25, \$1 silver certificate, 1941-1962 filled penny album, coin and currency book holders
Clayton Brownell: Trish's grape jam
Bart Daniels: 2022 famous women .25 set, set 5 medals
Joe Lamberson: 1940S .01
Faye Allen: 1 gram silver

Quarter Pot

Faye Allen won the .25 pot

THANKS TO BILL GREEN AND RUSTY KING who have donated a lot of raffle prizes. *I do need some more silver coins and will pay going rates for dimes, quarters, halves, commemoratives and dollars.* Always like to get or buy mint sets and medals also.

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November 8-9 South Bay Coin Show, Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, Admit \$5, 30+ dealers. Bill Green 925 351-7605

**The Other Coin: Monstrous Coins**

The monsters of Greek mythology often make their appearance on coins, since the monster's demise is often associated with a hero or a god or associated with the issuing city. Heracles and Homer also added to monster parade.

The fisherman Glaucus begged Neptune for immortality, which was granted by drinking a potion that soon forced him into the water as a water breather and turned his legs into a fish tail.



And, it got worse. Glaucus fell in love with a maiden he saw on the seashore, but she spurned him. Crest-fallen, Glaucus went to the witch Circe, who falls in love with him and suggests he drop Scylla for her. Circe spurned, transforms Scylla into a hideous beast with legs of snakes, dogs, and a fish tail. The crab is the symbol of the city Akragas, Sicily.



Kerberos or Cerberus was the three headed dog of Hades, which guarded the underworld. He often appears on the foot of Hades throne on coins and was one of the many monsters Heracles had to defeat. Heracles managed to wrap his arms around all three necks; and, although bitten by Kerberos dragon tail, he was able to get the beast to submit and complete his 12th Labor. It was the only monster Heracles did not kill. Heracles labors are featured on ancient and modern coins both government issued and made by private mints. Bastard son of Zeus and hated by wife Hera, Heracles was not just a strong man. He killed monsters to expiate the sin of killing his wife and

family after Hera drove him mad. Heracles piously



went to a priest and oracle and was told he would have to indenture himself to a king for 12 years and do whatever he asked to expiate his sins. Later, he killed his noble host in a fit of rage and had to sell himself into slavery to a queen, who used him sexually, insisted he dress as a woman, and kill the local monsters in a second set of seven labors. The pious humbling and repentance allowed Heracles to enter Olympus, not his monster killing.

The Gorgon is one of the oldest and most ubiquitous monsters in the Greek world. Set on cornices and foundation stones to ward off the evil eye, the Gorgon was supposed to be so hideous a sight that evil spirits fled. One of the Gorgons, Medusa, was created after



Poseidon had an assignation with her in Athena's temple. Enraged, Medusa was turned into a Gorgon. The sight of her turned men into stone. Perseus slew her, used her head to kill the Kraken, and saved Andromeda about to be eaten. Athena put Medusa's head on her shield. From Medusa's severed neck sprang the Pegasus, an emblem of the city of Corinth.



Another winged creature popular on Greek coins, although it has its origins with Greece's mortal enemy, the Persians, was the griffin. The griffin was the royal emblem of Persian kings and symbol of the sun. The griffin had wings and head of an eagle and body of a lion. A monster that is shared by Phoenicia and the



Greeks is the hippocampus associated with Poseidon or Neptune, the god of both the sea and horses. The hippocampus is a horse with a fish tail and often



winged. They pulled Neptune's chariot. The sphinx (winged lion with female head), centaur horse with human torso), and chimera also appear on ancient



coins. The chimera says Homer is "lion-fronted and snake behind, a goat in the middle, and snorting out the breath of the terrible flame of bright fire." There's a tunny or tuna fish below symbol of Kyzikos.

Happy Halloween, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

20 year old and a co-conspirator charged in \$230M crypto currency theft from Washington DC. Let's hope they stole from politicians you don't like, who use their bribes, influence peddling, and thefts to buy mansions, fancy cars, and jewelry like these thieves. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s9ENa6BZXgg>

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Niue has joined Canada and others in producing silver and gold alien encounter coins. This one, a story from Sedona, AZ. *They're out there.* Mike Flaherty is selling silver dollars from the Benny Binion hoard MS 62 for \$199. (941) 231-0096 mike@mallardcollectibles.com Owner of several Las Vegas casinos, he was murdered in 1998.

March 2025 will see new Caribbean coins and currency issued by Sint Maarten and Curacao. The new guilder will be equivalent to the Netherland Antilles guilder and trade at 1.79 to the US dollar. The coins and currency all seem to have clams on them, an old bootlegger term for money harking back to the Native American and ancient use of shells for small currency. The currency has beaches and buildings on the obverse and the coins are

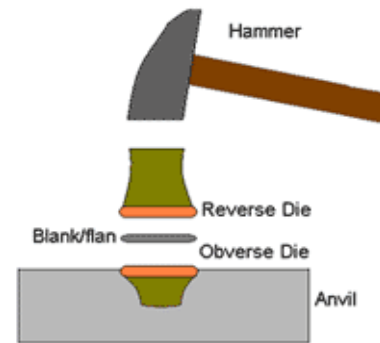


inscribed Sint Maarten or Curacao.



The rare oldest ancient die c. 6th BC from Miletos is up for auction. The die made a small silver coin diobol and is made of annealed bronze. Larger copper and silver coins were made with annealed iron dies. Most ancient dies were cancelled or more

often melted down for reuse of the valuable metal. Annealing is a process of heating the metal until it glows and then letting it cool. This is an anvil die placed in a block of wood or stone to be struck by the



hammer die. The US Mint issued a copy of the 2006 noble peace prize medal awarded to Muhammad Yunus for creating the micro loan that lifted millions out of poverty. \$20 for 1.5 inch, \$120 for the 3 inch. A Muslim from Bangladesh, a politician, professor, and



economist, he recently received US congressional and presidential awards. The Bengali on the globe on a lotus reads, "Let us send poverty to the museum." Someone who definitely deserves a medal. New coins include Switzerland celebration everything Swiss:



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all the cantons coat of arms on the front. The reverse features the Edelweiss flower, Swiss cheese, alps, clockworks, rails, roads, and bridges. **Austria** celebrates sea life, **Portugal** celebrates Ulysses or



Odysseus, **Monaco** the Treaty with Charles V in 1524 and **Luxembourg** celebrates 100 years of its steel industry with a coin on a coin showing a puddler working a blast furnace. Both on euro coins.



Two rare medals from the War of 1812:



Captain Isaac Hull in the naval engagement of USS Constitution and HMS Guerriere on 19 August 1812.



Gold medal presented to Lieutenant Robert Henley by James Madison, following the Battle of Lake Champlain. Canada celebrates the **100th anniversary**



of the Royal Canadian Air Force on a circulation coin. A hoard of 1000 gold coins were discovered



in Como, Italy from the last two decades of Rome.



Mirror reverse brockage on 1817 large cent. The obverse displays a first strike brockage of the reverse design. Such errors happen when a coin sticks to the obverse die and then acts as a die for the next fed flan.

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September 24 Russian Coins David Elliott

September 28 New Coins at the Nevada State Museum

October 22 Nevada Coins and Medals Rusty

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After the Last Meeting

Great picnic!. Thanks Mary. Good food, good time, good fellowship. **An 1884 Carson City Morgan donated by Northern Nevada Coin is being raffled by the Nevada State Museum September 21. Tickets are \$5. Palladium Sept 5, Morgan and Peace proof Sept 12. October 15 230th anniversary of 1794 flowing hair dollar.**



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Robert's Treasure

The largest British silver coin, 1643 Charles I pound, 4.2 ounces. Very rare, second finest.



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Matt Anderson: 1949 .10, 1955D .01
Mark Kingman: Trish's jams, new and old buffalo .05
Rick DeAvila: MS 69 cased NV quarter from show, patriotic medals, 2002 mint set
Cole Allen: bit coin, 1995 proof set
Andre Azzam: 2022 famous women quarters
Angela Faulkner: **mystery box** club and ANA medals
Joy Bridgeman: 2023 .25 set
Andy Olson: Celia Cruz PDS .25
Faye Allen: 1974 mint set
Bart Daniels 1961 P unc. .01, RCC medal
Mary Long: 1 gram silver

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 600 N. Carson St., Carson City Admit \$10, 12 dealers
 8:30am-4:30pm. Northern Nevada Coin, Allen Rowe 1-800 649-2646

September 21-22 Coin Expo San Jose, Double Tree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Blvd., Admit \$6, 30+ dealers.
 Scott Griffin 415-601-8861 www.griffincoin.com

September 26-28 Sacramento Valley Coin Club Show, Four Points by Sheraton, 4900 Duckhorn Dr., Admit \$3, Thursday 3-6, F 10-6. Sunday 10-4. Robert Shanks 916 204-5168

The Other Coin: Russian Coins

The earliest Russian coins were Ukrainian minted on the Taman Peninsula in Tmutarakan, which controlled entry into the Azov Sea. The Byzantine mint of Cherson (now Sebastopol) was across the straits of Azov and minted coins from 400-1071AD. The first

Russian coins minted were Byzantine imitations in design on thin Arabic flans. The Scandinavian Rus wanted control of trade routes from Scandinavia to the Black Sea to have access to world trade.

Currency consisted of silver bars called kuna as well as Roman, Arab, and Byzantine coins. Recently converted to Orthodoxy, the Rus princes had nominally united the Russian lands from Novgorod to the Black Sea and Mstislav (988-1035AD), son of Grand Prince Vladimir and Anastasia, daughter of the Byzantine emperor Constantine IX established Kiev as his capitol. The Byzantine imitations (right) have



on the reverse simple squares or random letters. Russian had also recently become a written language based on Greek letters and several other symbols invented by Cyril (d.869), an Orthodox missionary. The thin flans followed Arabic coinage and the coins were the size between a quarter and half dollar. Vladimir (978-1015AD) had coins with actual inscriptions in Russian: "Vladimir is on the throne and this is his silver," Prince enthroned holding scepter, reverse trident or falcon symbol of Vladimir. These coins and a few gold coins with Christ are so rare that they are likely medals or presentation pieces. His son's Byzantine imitations coins have been found in sufficient quantity to be considered currency.



The Mongol hordes in 1240 utterly destroyed Kiev. The Russian wooden forts and villages became

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independent trading centers again with Moscow (c.1380) emerging as the leading principedom due to a series of long-lived princes and a willingness to be the Mongols tax collectors. Each Russian prince minted their own coins in imitation of the small bronze and silver Mongol coins with ersatz Arabic and their own designs. A coin of the Muscovite prince Dmitri Donskoi (1359-1389): in Russian



“minted by grand prince.” Prince with ax and sword. Copy of Arabic letters without meaning. Other reverses faithfully named the current Mongol ruler as khan. Dmitri met the Mongol army in battle, which completely destroyed both armies. Dmitri survived and Moscow and Russia slowly gained their independence a hundred years later. His son Basil or Vasili (1389-1425AD) has a mounted knight with falcon and an ersatz Arabic inscription.



Other principedoms minted their own coins



Clockwise are Novgorod, Pskov, Tver, and Suzdal.

As Moscow took over principedom after principedom the Muscovite mounted knight, often slaying a dragon became the standard coinage. Here, on a coin of Czar



Mikhail Feodorovich (Romanov, 1613-1645), Moscow is spelled out МОСКВА. The reverse reads Czar, grand prince Mikhail Feodorovich of all Russias. The coin type of knight with various arms and inscription remained constant through Peter the Great (1682-1725AD), who brought European presses and coin types to Russia.



The 6 foot 8 Peter the Great toured the mints in France and England, met with Newton, and secured modern screw presses with which he began minting copper kopecks and silver rubles by 1700. He was the first to establish a decimal system of one hundred copper kopecks to the silver ruble. The czars after him minted gold, silver, and copper, even platinum coins from their great mineral wealth. They championed the gold standard.



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WWI brought postage stamp coinage and the subsequent Civil War a plethora of paper money from each and every town, army, and organization.



The Soviets continued bullion currency in silver, gold, and platinum. Coins celebrated idealized workers, soviet crest, anniversaries of the revolution and most of all a new series of circulating coins every five years celebrating its victory in WWII.



The 1990s inflation eliminated the kopeck making the 25 ruble coin the lowest denomination until 1998. Currency was revalued 10,000%, then exchanged for new notes.



Numismatically yours, David E.

Numismatic Potpourri

National Geographic channel has done a three part series on the SS Central America mostly as a true crime tale about Tommy Thompson and not so much on the coins or shipwreck. You can stream it on several platforms. Another national mint will be closing next year. The national Mint of Finland will no longer mint coins. Heritage Auction sold this 1876CC 20 cent



seated Liberty for \$690,000. The US won the Coin of the Year (COTY) award for its 2023 gold eagle.



Cameroon won best historical coin for its celebration of Sumer and the invention of writing. Best silver coin went to Austria for the continuing series on stars, this



time, the neutron star. Canada won for the most inspirational coin for Peace.



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Other COTY winners were Ukraine for best contemporary coin imaging being on a knife edge and light breaking through stone. Cook Island won best crown celebrating the astrolabe with a real astrolabe on a coin. China won best circulating coin with a colorized brass coin commemorating the Peking opera. Austria won best bi-metal (silver/niobium) for global warming. Latvia for most artistic for Riga fashions, a woman in a Matisse-like dress. France won best innovation for a coin shaped like a French macaroon. **The Bureau of Engraving and Printing recently released Series 2021 \$5 uncut currency sheets.** The Series 2021 sheets feature Federal Reserve notes bearing the **signatures of two notable women** for the first time in US history: Janet L. Yellen, the first woman appointed as Secretary of the Treasury and Chief Lynn Malerba, the first Native American to hold the office of Treasurer of the United States. **The all-time finest Barber half-dollar** this 1901 graded CACG PR68 Cameo.



An 1895 Morgan Dollar, PR67+ Deep Cameo PCGS. No business strikes are known. It is possible that as many as 12,000 circulation strike Morgan dollars were produced in 1895, but if they exist, their whereabouts are unknown. Meanwhile, just 880 Proofs, including the one offered in this lot, were struck, many of which are not available to the collecting community. The *New*



York Times exposed the **Perpetual Penny Paradox**. Not only does the penny cost almost 3 cents to produce, but it is also not being used to buy things. Where stores give out pennies in change, two-thirds of pennies are hoarded and not used to pay for goods and services.

The government keeps making the expensive cent at the urging of manufacturing lobbyists and stores handing them out never to see then returned in payment. **New coins:** Fiji jukebox, Palau gold with a



real 4-leaf clover, Cook Island presents the skyline of San Francisco at night, Poland has a cool coin on coin with a grosz of King Stanislaw August (1764-1795).



The figure on the left is most likely Moneta the Roman goddess of coinage with her scales and coins. The crest of King August and monogram appear on the right.

1962 cent saddle strike when a planchet or coin receives 2 simultaneous off-center strikes from two die pairs.



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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.

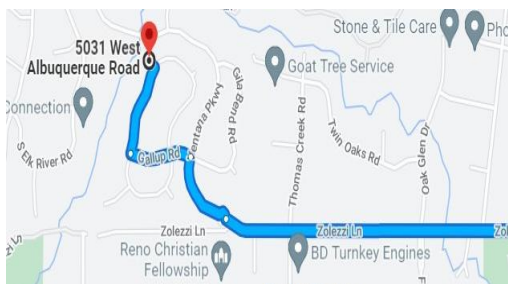
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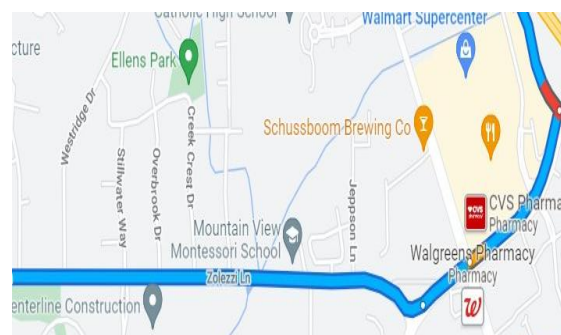
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**The Other Coin: Olympic Coins**

Iran announced they would not attack Israel until after the Olympics, which continues the ancient hope that the Olympic games would promote peace among the tribes and city-states of Greece. Like the Medieval Catholic Church forbidding warfare on feast and saint days, which were eventually celebrated 365 days a year, the other olympic games outside Olympia: Nemean, Isthmian, and Pythian (Delphi) games were staggered so every year was an olympic year with free travel and no war.

The original Olympics began in 776BC before coinage in Elis, Olympia as a means to have warring Greek tribes and city-states compete without arms. By the 5th century BC, not only was Elis minting coins, but it became increasingly popular for cities and royal competitors to mint coins honoring the winners. Elis, 252-208BC, Eagle with hare/thunderbolt of Zeus



The king of Messana, Sicily Anaxilas, immortalized his victory in the chariot race of mules by producing coins celebrating his victory. Nike flies above the



biga of mules with a reverse of the hare, city symbol of Messana and dolphin below. Aspendos's champion wrestler was not noble and his name is lost, but his victory was heralded in a remarkable coin with wrestlers on the obverse and slingers on the reverse. Slingers were the main military recruits available from Aspendos and were being advertised as well.



Probably, the most famous victor was Phillip II, father of Alexander the Great, who won both a chariot race and horse race. His entry into the Olympics marked

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Macedonia's acceptance as true Greeks. The little



bronze coin commemorating the horse race is one of the most common Greek coins. Available for \$10.



Not surprisingly, many cities got on the competitive sports band wagon advertising the prizes available for the contest on coins, usually called agonistic coins, meaning coin commemorating a trial or contest dedicate to Agon, the god of games. The regional and city games were often preliminary games for the various Olympic games and included competitions of poetry, music, painting, and plays. Julia Domna/Prize urns with palms flank Mt. Agreus and celebrates



games between uniting cities. Septimus Severus/prize table perhaps games staged when he visited.



There were many coins minted for the just concluded French Olympics by France and other countries. Here



are a few of the French 2 euro coins, but they minted bullion coins as well. The Olympic medals have bits of the Eiffel tower on the reverse.



Numismatically yours, David Elliott

The French Olympic medals are being criticized for their gold medals being silver, 500g of pure silver with 6 grams of gold, and the bronze medals quickly losing their luster:



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The LA Olympic Committee has already sent the French a medal transferring the spirit of the Olympics to the US in 2028. We are supposed to be making a special set of quarters then also.



A Macedonian policeman, arrested in Kosovo, is suspected of having produced around 2 million 2 euro counterfeit coins. Video of the 1708 Spanish treasure galleon San Jose shows cast iron cannons,



porcelain pieces, pottery and objects apparently made of gold. Video at:

www.cbsnews.com/news/san-jose-shipwreck-colombia-new-artifacts-found-billions-treasure/
The David Lisot Video Library on the Newman Numismatic Portal has the video of the **1857 SS Central America and its California gold** at:

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/multimediatdetail/522852>
From the Yorkshire museum a look at hundreds of coin molds to make counterfeit coins when Rome ruled Britain. **Why do you think coin moulds were being used in Roman Yorkshire?**

<https://fb.watch/tsPL4VZZOK/>

Archaeologists have uncovered a **hoard of gold Persian darics**, likely used to pay mercenary troops, buried in a small pot in the ancient Greek city of Notion in western Turkey. The coins show a figure of a kneeling archer with a punchmark on the reverse. Probably minted at Sardis, 60 miles from

Notion. The coins are famous as bribes to Greeks to support Persia rather than their fellow Greeks.



1794 large cent, MS66 brown NGC, a magnificent double-struck early large cent from Heritage.

Heritage had two beautiful coins in a recent auction: **1821 half eagle, MS63 PCGS**. One of the highest graded examples of this magnificent coin. And a



gorgeous example of a prized proof only issue. **1887 Liberty double eagle, PR65 deep cameo PCGS**. A surviving population of 35-40 in all grades



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Learn the story of the people who ran America's mint in Nevada that struck some of this country's most desirable coinage. This presentation includes the story of the first mint Director and all subsequent people who were involved in **Carson City Mint** by Hal V. Dunn. To watch the complete video, see:

Remembering People from the Carson City Mint

https://youtu.be/P_8IMPmT8u4 Four suspects were arrested Nov. 22 for the break-in at the Celtic and Roman Museum in the Bavarian town of Manching. **483 Celtic coins dated to 100BC appear to have been melted down.** On a lighter note, a Moscow court has

1888 proof seated Liberty half dollar.



The ANS has published **Local Coinages in a Roman World, Second Century BC–First Century AD: A Catalogue of the Richard B. Witschonke Collection of Coins in the Early Roman Provinces** for \$228 supplementing the RPC (Roman Provincial Coinage), which did not cover these coins. A new study on German notgeld currency 280pp. \$50 on Amazon. **Emergency Money: Notgeld in the Image Economy of the German Inflation, 1914-1923** by Tom Wilkinson. It is focused on the humorous and disturbing artworks of the currency as a reaction to hyperinflation. **Japan has revamped its currency for the first time in 20 years.** Eiichi Shibusawa, “Father



banned the sale of toilet paper with printed patterns of 1,000-ruble bills. The decorative toilet paper was deemed to "offend religious feelings" since the 1,000-ruble banknote depicts Yaroslav the Wise, an 11th-century Kievan Rus' prince who was made a saint and, in 2016, canonized by the Russian Orthodox Church. For the 85th anniversary of the comic book character



of Japanese Capitalism,” is on the 10,000 note with Tokyo Station on reverse. Umeko Tsuda, promoter of female education, on 5,000 note with wisteria, and on 1,000 note Shibusaburo Kitasato, who laid the foundation of modern medicine with the Great Wave of Kanagawa by artist Hokusai Katsushika. The new notes will incorporate cutting-edge anti-counterfeiting technologies. Japan will introduce the first 3D hologram technology on bills where the direction of the design will differ depending on the angle from which it is viewed.



Batman in 1939, Niue has minted the 1960's Batman TV show logo in a one ounce silver coin. “Holy silver bat, Batman!” As a public service, the non-profit **Anti-Counterfeiting Educational Foundation (ACEF)** will properly mark **COPY** on up to three counterfeit coins per owner free of charge at the **World's Fair of Money**. It is illegal to own a fake coin without *copy* stamped on it. I just note *copy* on the flip.

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info@norcalcoinshows.com **Please come and help with set up Thursday 18th 9AM and tear down Saturday 4PM.**

July 23 Something Patriotic Doug Larson

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After the Last Meeting

20 members got to haggle with those that brought items to sell at the mini bourse. Bob Nylen stopped by on our Saturday visit to the museum and will help us get together with the director on the projects we hope to do with the museum. Phones and e-mail are still not working and there are lots of nice new people at the museum with Bob Nyland and Gene Hatori back helping out. **An 1884 Carson City Morgan silver dollar donated by Northern Nevada Coin is being raffled by the Friends of the Nevada State Museum. The raffle will highlight the Tin Cup Roundup fundraiser planned for Saturday, September 21. Tickets are \$5.** George Washington Carver Innovation \$1 July 18, Innovation proof set July 30, August 7 proof silver eagle, August 8th silver Chester Arthur, August 19th Celia Cruz famous women .25. Please bring in the Harriet Tubman coins if you get them. Welcome new members Darren Demangate and Dan DeRouchey. **Have 150 of the 500 \$5 gold raffle tickets for the July 19th and 20th Coin Show at the J (old Sands) resort: 1st 1/10 oz gold eagle, 2nd 2.5 oz Peso, 3rd 2 peso gold, 4th Liberian \$25 gold, 5th Credit Suisse 1 gram gold ingot. Will sell at show. We got a 2023 1/10 ounce proof US eagle from Rusty King for the club raffle! We will sell 60 tickets at \$10 each for the \$300 prize (32 sold).** Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net 775 815-8625
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2024 NA, Illinois, Alabama, Maine Innovation \$1 here. Famous women .25 Mary Walker here.



Famous women quarters .50 PDS (most S, not all)
 National Park quarters, PD set \$60, P or D \$30 few left
 Innovation, Native American dollars PD \$1.25

Early Bird Prize: 2022 .25 set in holder won by Andre Azzam

Raffle prizes winners were:

Dan DeRouchey: 1888O Morgan, 1978 proof set, chocolate coins in mint bag
 Rick De Avilla: Mercury.10, Maria Tallchief set .25 & \$1
 Jeff Allen: 1961 .10, , 1983 proof set
 Bart Daniels: **mystery box:** 2022 .25 set, Confederate 50 dollars copy, unc. roll of .01, 2022 .25 set
 Matt Anderson: set of IDed Chinese coins, 2009 .01 set, RCC bronze club medal
 Mark Kingman roll unc..01, 1925S .01,
 Faye Allen: 1977 mint set
 Mary Long: 1977 Bicentennial medal
 Joe Wozniak: 2023 .25 set, Morgan & Peace dollar book
 Don Stamps: 1 gram silver

Quarter Pot

Andre Azzam won the quarter pot (\$9).

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Treasurer's report: At the end of May our available balance was \$5,793.98. Activity included: Income: \$30 for new member Dan DeRouchey, \$95 for monthly raffle, \$30 for gold coin, and \$15 for Coin Show tickets/raffle. New expenses for the month included our newsletter/mailling expenses of \$104.36.

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July 25-27 Vegas National Coin Show, Tuscany Suites & Casino, 255 E. Flamingo, Admit: ?, Dealers: 200+, Dawn 888-330-5188 or 702-528-2091
 CKShows.com

July 27-28 Fremont Coin Club 49th Annual Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Admit: ?, Dealers: ?

Not The Other Coin: Semiquincentennial Coinage Proposed and Made

As I prod the museum to display some of Robert's coins and remake the 1876/1976 centennial and bicentennial Nevada coins, the United States Mint plans to release new coins in 2026 as part of their Semiquincentennial Coin Program to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the nation's founding. The program will see new designs on many circulating coins just for 2026, including the Lincoln cent, Jefferson Nickel, and Roosevelt Dime, with special provisions for quarter, half-dollar, and dollar-denominated coinage. New obverse portraits of George Washington and John F. Kennedy will replace these now appearing on circulating US quarter dollars and half dollars. The US Mint is preparing designs of coins on themes of the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, women's suffrage, the abolition of slavery, and depictions of liberty, among many others. Up to five quarter designs may be issued, one of which must be "emblematic of a woman's or women's contribution to the birth of the Nation or the Declaration of Independence or any other monumental moments in American History." In 2026, the United States Mint is also preparing to release a collection known as the "Best of the Mint." This series will feature gold coins that reflect and showcase the rich numismatic history of the nation. Some of the examples that could be 1792 Half Disme, 1878 Morgan Silver Dollar, 1907 Saint-Gaudens Double Eagle, 1909 Lincoln Cent, 1916 Liberty Walking Half Dollar, 1964 Kennedy Half Dollar, and 1986 State of Liberty \$5 Gold Coin. The Sons of the American Revolution have a challenge coin out, but as usual Littleton is planning to



flood the US with cool offerings of coins and currency. They are making a 25 copper nickel coin set with the island of Niue. The first seven coins are out accompanied by a booklet and folder. Littleton plans to honor the 250th anniversary of the US with 25 historic

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events that led to the birth of a new nation with Littleton's exclusive America 250th Series! Each encapsulated coin has a prooflike finish. These half dollars are issued as legal tender for the island nation of Niue. \$7.95 unpainted and \$12.95 painted. But



wait, there's more! 13 silver plated, painted copper bars, a challenge coin with last verse of the national anthem and liberty bell from the Cameroons, and a



painted \$2 bill. You just got to love Littleton.



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The US Mint is joining forces with DC comics to celebrate comic book art as a uniquely American art form. This new series promises to surprise and delight comic aficionados and coin collectors alike! Batman, Superman, and Wonder Woman launch the series in 2025, but who will join them? This is where we need YOU! Help us choose six more DC Super Heroes—three each for 2026 and 2027.

<https://catalog.usmint.gov/comic-art> **Cherrypickers' Guide to Rare Die Varieties of United States Coins, Sixth Edition, Volume III** examines die varieties for Liberty Seated, Barber, Walking Liberty, Franklin, and Kennedy half dollars; Liberty Seated, trade, Morgan, Peace, and modern dollars; gold dollars through double eagles; classic commemoratives; bullion coinage; and the Philippines. \$40, 660 photos, spiral bound, 328pp.

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Several new books on Confederate notes: **The Signers and Issuers of Confederate Bonds** Charles Derby and Michael McNeil \$30, 164pp. Check by Mail: **Charles Derby, 204 Sycamore Ridge Dr., Decatur, GA 30030** or Venmo, **Interest Paid on Type 39, 40, and 41 Confederate Treasury Notes, with an Appendix on the Type 41 Tint Plate**, by Roger Adamek, 74 pp. \$22 on e-bay. **Engravers and Printers of Confederate Paper Money**, by Mark Coughlan, 535 pp., soft cover. Available on Amazon for \$55. The David Lisot video Library on the Newman Portal has **Peter Huntoon's presentation of *The Civil War, the Comptroller's Office and 73 Years of Bank Notes***. This is a nice introduction to national banknotes (as opposed to federal notes) from the civil war on. Banknotes Confederate, National or other topics have not been presented at the club for a long time. Does someone want to do that? I also have 3 books on Confederate notes that I have not put in the raffle yet. Is there interest in those from someone? <https://youtu.be/KOrFpRTQDXs> An unpublished **Cleopatra** tetradrachm from the Tyrant Collection



Alexander Shagin 1990 carved nickel to show off:



Zachary Taylor Congressional medal for battle at Buena Vista, Mexico 1847. Hungary is issuing a



Rubik's Cube coin invented in 1974 by Hungarian sculptor and architecture professor Ernő Rubik for the 50th anniversary of the puzzle. 3,000-forint coin will be released by the Hungarian Mint. They are made of an alloy of copper, aluminum, zinc, and tin known as "Nordic gold." \$30 Order:

<https://coinstampsupplies.com/product/pre-order-50th-anniversary-of-rubiks-cube-proof-like/>

Robert's Resolute Americana collection loaned a series of C. C. Wright Declaration of Independence Medals to Washington University's Olin Library in St. Louis, Missouri. The series engraved in the 1850s is made in various metals with various designs. Here is one of them.





Peru won the prize for best banknotes with colorful designs, water marks and micro optic threads that change color and cause images to move in regular light. The company claims they have not been counterfeited.



I know I discussed the Paphos, Cyprus betyl or meteorite and came across **a coin of Geta that shows the Paphos betyl in the temple**. Meteorites throughout the Middle East represented the gods as an ungraven image from heaven, including Israel. The abomination of desolation during the Maccabaeus War was likely the Seleucids putting betyls in the Jewish temple

Cool half pound gold coin of Elizabeth I:



Napoleon and Marie Louise of Austria's wedding coin:



Portugal celebrating 100 years of roller skating coin caught my eye among the new coins this month:



Star Wars from Britain comes in bullion coins and bars, colorized or not and the 4 circulating coins not colorized 50 pence set is about \$60 now, bullion silver \$100+ each. The ships are only in bullion.



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21 members got a look at a selection of African Ashanti weights and scales for weighing gold dust from Ghana (1400-1800) by Ken Hopple. The most common way things were bought and sold before coins. Museum's new phone system is supposed to be working. They told me when I went down there, so will start the process of getting an appointment. Uncirculated gold and silver eagles June 6. Silver proof set June 27. Gold Buffalo **June 13. Dr. Mary Walker, civil War surgeon .25 June 17.** She also is the only woman to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor. **Morgan and Peace dollars July 11,** and George Washington Carver July 18 Innovation \$1, Please bring in the Harriet Tubman coins if you get them. Someone did bring in the silver WWII memorial coin. **Have 200 of the 500 \$5 gold raffle tickets for the July 19th and 20th Coin Show at the J (old Sands) resort: 1st 1/10 oz gold eagle, 2nd 2.5 oz Peso, 3rd 2 peso gold, 4th Liberian \$25 gold, 5th Credit Suisse 1 gram gold ingot. Let me know if you want to buy or sell some of them. We got a 2023 1/10 ounce proof US eagle from Rusty King for the club raffle!** We will sell 60 tickets at \$10 each for the \$300 prize (31 sold). Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net 775 815-8625 www.renecoinclub.com

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Early Bird Prize: PD set Innovation dollar with defibrillator won by Don Stamps

Raffle prizes winners were:

Rick De Avilla: 50,100 Confederate notes (copies), chocolate coins, **mystery box**, unc. .01., .05, .10. .25. platinum coated presidential dollar and PD Innovation \$1, 2023 .25 set, 1980 proof set
Conn Davis: 2022 .25 set
Don Stamps: 1972 proof set, PD NA \$1 set
Ken Kingman Merc..10
Andy Olsten: PD Innovation \$1
Bart Daniels: Washington .50. 1960 .10, bit coin, 1963 roll unc, .01, RCC medal bronze
Art Bonnel 2004 mint set, 1976 Paul Revere medal
Rusty King: 1 gram silver bar
Bill Naylor roll unc, 1964 .05
James Arden 1971 D roll unc..01

Quarter Pot

Not present won the quarter pot (\$5).

Auction

Rusty King auctioned off 2 1 ounce silver bars with RCC 40th anniversary won by Doug Larson and Andy Olsten for \$130 and \$125. A great donation to the Club!!

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**The Other Coin: Copy of Theodosius III and Silk, Velvet and Linen Notgeld of Bielefeld**

Bought on obvious fake of Theodosius III (715-717AD) last of the three bureaucrats of the early 8th century that became emperors instead of generals. The Moslems were on the march taking Egypt and Jerusalem and approaching Constantinople as civil war, religious fights (monophysites and iconoclasts) rocked the Eastern Roman Empire. A real one is only 21 mm, not 26,5mm and crudely made. Holding spear and globus cruciger//



M=40 nummi between palm branches and monogram of Theodosius above, theta below, SCL mint, Syracuse, Sicily. A real one starts at \$400 and goes over \$1000, so I got a nice fake for \$20. I also gave up on a coin of Charlemagne and got the 2 euro coin with his monogram that appears on his coins and another modern portrait coin. Trying to complete series without mortgaging the house. Rare ancients usually have copies from museums or counterfeiters. I learned from Joel



Anderson's recent catalog that Bielefeldt made notgeld in the 1920s from velvet (above trimmed in lace), linen, and silk, so I got a silk one. The velvet uniface notgeld

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has clowns on it and is denominated in marks and dollars. Bielefeldt, a major linen manufacturer since 1215 AD, used fabrics for money during the Weimar hyperinflation. The top silk note has two pieces of



silk about 3x5 inches sewn together commemorating the 700th anniversary of Bielefeld, 1915, because Bielefeld got returned from France to Germany after being part of the reparations for WWI. The lower note celebrates the healing springs of the city with the lame entering left and coming out healed to the right. Below is a linen note of 1000 marks depicting an



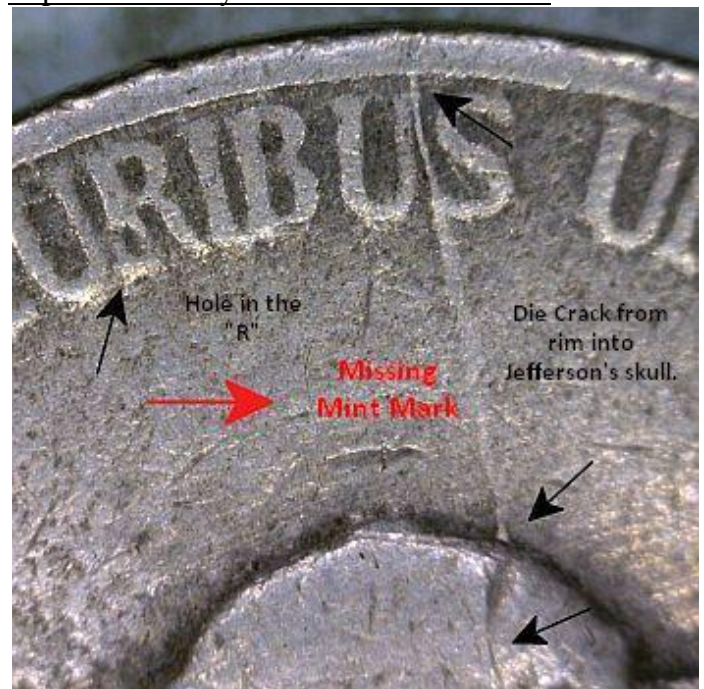
animal orchestra and the sewing machines made in in town. The Germans thought they were being clever paying WWI reparations in worthless notgeld money,

which caused the Allies to seize land, mines, and factories, but the Germans got them back. It was all a joke to Bielefeld that prospered during the Weimar Republic and the inflation caused by politicians. Many descended into bankruptcy and poverty. Colorful German notgeld is in all kinds of metals, porcelain, leather, wood, and now I know silk and other fabrics. Are we going to allow the politicians to pay back the deficit they created with worthless inflationary dollars?

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

Joe Cronin has a new book out on how to identify the counterfeit nickels of the 1950s. About 500,000 were made and they sell for \$150+. **The Henning Nickels Collectors' Guide**, 84pp., \$99 on e-bay <https://www.ebay.com/itm/186405696352>



Henning produced dies for coins dated 1939, 1944, 1946, 1947, and 1953. Since all Henning nickels “appear in circulated grades”, this means the dies were made via the transfer process. He forgot the P on the reverse of 1944, divot in the R, die crack, and some of the coins are overweight. Additionally, there are a series of raised dots on both sides of many specimens. Examples include a raised dot between the obverse “GOD” and “WE” as well below Jefferson’s cheek and in the field above the left side of Monticello. Good hunting.

The 50% silver **11 euro coin for the 11th European soccer finals** to be held in Berlin sold out almost immediately. **Great Britain and France both made**



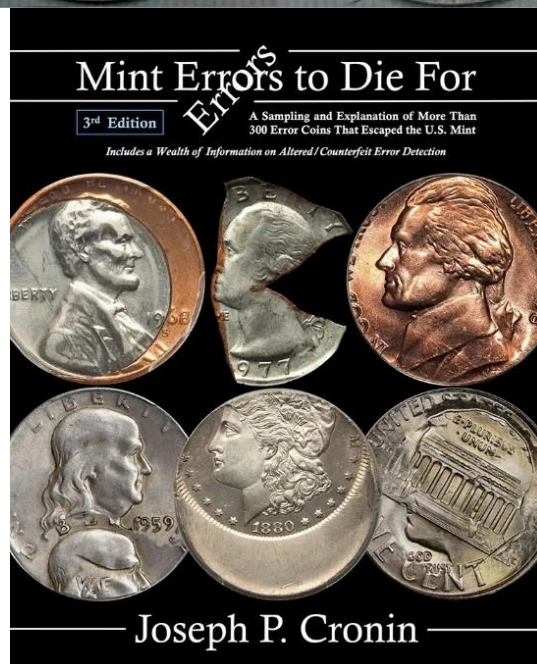
D-day coins. Great Britain has 50 pence circulating coin, and France has silver and gold coins for four different Beaches: Juno, Omaha, Sword, and Pegasus beach with different designs. I also liked



Austria's silver supernova coin that continues the series of celestial phenomena with black hole, neutron star, and Milky Way. **Jeff Shevlin's so-called book, volume 1 is up for a prize from The International Association of Professional Numismatists (IAPN)** as is the Yehud Coinage book, a 2 volume history of US and Canadian coinage, and a book on Greek and Scythian coinage on the northern Black Sea (Ukraine). Spring 2024 **Newman Portal presentations are on-line now at youtube**

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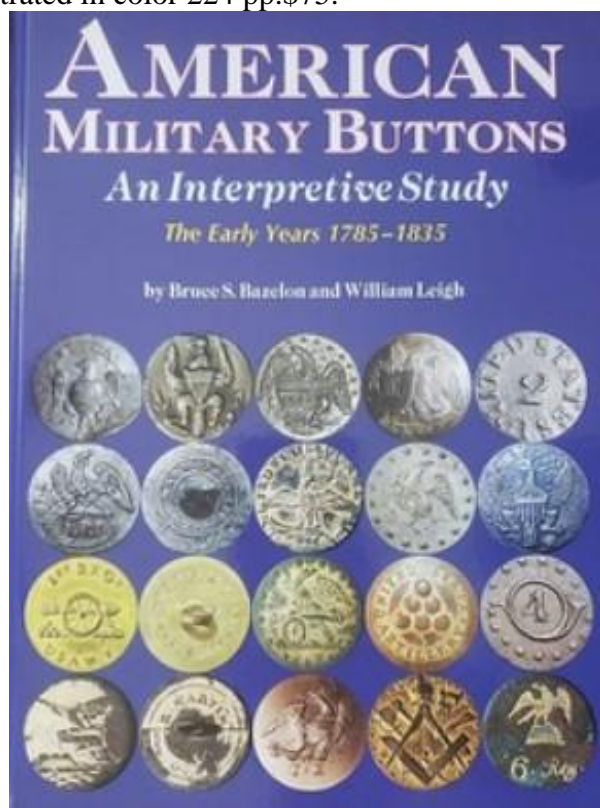
and include: Medals of the French and Indian wars, Origins of the Continental Dollar, Benjamin Franklin and Numismatics with Franklin impersonator, Notgeld, and more. Nice **History of Wells Fargo** video with emphasis on numismatics from the Dave Lisot collection: <https://youtu.be/XaAtV4V8c1U>
Two nice proof coins: 1872 toned proof seated Liberty dime, and 1899 proof Barber quarter. **Mint Errors to**



Die For, 3rd edition out. \$145, full color, encyclopedia of types and how made 304pp.
<https://www.numislit.com/pages/books/7305>

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The ultimate book of coins of the Holy Land by Haim Gitler of The Israel Museum has published the second volume, volume I. Based on the **Jeselson Collection of Coins of the Holy Land. Volume I** covers Hacksilber and Persian and Early Hellenistic coinage just published at about \$80 and probably another \$20 to ship, 444pp. **Volume II** will cover the city coins of the Hellenistic and Roman periods from Alexander the Great's conquest of the area in 333 BC to the cessation of city-coin minting under the Roman Emperor Gallienus. **Volume III** will be dedicated to Jewish coinage. It will cover the period from the Hasmoneans John Hyrcanus I (134–104 AD) to the end of the Bar Kokhba War in 136 AD. **Volume IV**, which was the first to be published in 2022, covers the coinage of Islamic rulers, from the conquest of the area by the Arabs in 634 AD until the end of the minting activity in this area around the end of the thirteenth century AD. It also covers the coins of the Crusaders, between 1099 and 1291 AD. I have bought other books from the Israeli Museum. They are friendly and you can just e-mail them and get a definite price in dollars and pay by credit card. If you go to Israel be sure to go to the museum. It is fantastic. A new guide to military buttons is available in **American Military Buttons – An Interpretive Study – The Early Years 1785 – 1835**, by Bruce Bazelon and William Leigh, 2024. Nicely illustrated in color 224 pp.\$75.



AI is coming to coins. Numi by Justin Hinh created an app using OpenAI's ChatGPT4 platform to provide coin identification and grading estimates, which in turn is being linked to current valuations. It now provides short description, coin type, year, mint mark, mintage figures, coin values, coin details such as composition, diameter, weight, etc., estimated grade and can continue with the AI to find out who designed the coin and why a certain symbol was used. Readers can contact Justin by e-mail: justintsn10@gmail.com and watch video demo: <https://i.imgur.com/5rZzOVa.mp4> So far it is working well with coins graded 20 and really well with coins graded 40 and above. 2000 US



Marilyn Monroe medal and don't forget the French gold coin, 1987 and gilt 1989, Oo-la-la.



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May 28 Tokens, Weights, and Scales Ken Hopple

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After the Last Meeting

25 members attended a brief look at the transition from shells, jewelry, and bullion to bronze or copper, silver, and gold coins. Lydia around 600BC figured out how to separate gold from silver and make pure gold and pure silver coins in denominations. The coin press at the museum is running, but the cast iron core has become brittle and is cracking even after \$20,000 repair, so small coins only will be made. Museum's new phone system is still not working, and I still can't get an e-mail or phone call to set up a meeting. I will have to go down there to set up a meeting to set up a meeting with Robert and Ken. Got the Patsy Mink .25 and the Saturn V rocket Innovation \$1. May 16 Innovation \$1 Maine inventor of the defibrillator is likely to come in time for meeting. **May 23, gold buffalo rescheduled to June 13.** Uncirculated gold and silver eagles June 6. Silver proof set June 27. Please bring in the Harriet Tubman and Greatest Generation (WWII memorial) coins if you get them. Someone did bring in the silver WWII memorial coin. It was nicer in hand than the photo. **Have 200 of the 500 \$5 gold raffle tickets for the July 19th and 20th Coin Show at the J (old Sands) resort: 1st 1/10 oz gold eagle, 2nd 2.5 oz Peso, 3rd 2 peso gold, 4th Liberian \$25 gold, 5th Credit Suisse 1 gram gold ingot.** Let me know if you want to buy or sell some of them. **We got a 2023 1/10 ounce proof US eagle from Rusty King for the club raffle!** We will sell 60 tickets at \$10 each for the \$300 prize (30 sold). Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net 775 815-8625 www.renocoinclub.com

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Innovation, Native American dollars PD \$1.25

Early Bird Prize: PD set Innovation dollar with Saturn V rocket won by Joe Wozniak

Raffle prizes winners were:

Andy Olsten: Washington silver .50, bronze club medal
Rusty King: PD Innovation \$1, NA PD\$1 set, bit coin
Bart Daniels: **mystery box** PD Innovation \$1 & PDS Patsy Mink .25,
Rick De Avilla: bag of wheaties, 1979 proof set
Steve Figaro: 2001 .25 set, 1972 proof set, pirate coins books, 1955 .01
Don Stamps: Mercury .10, gram of silver
Mark Kingman: Roman coin
Thomas Smith: unc. 1943 steel .01, PDS Patsy Mink set, 1978 unc. .25
Mark Shuey 2005 unc. set
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Treasurer's report: At the end of April our available balance was \$5,775.11. Activity included: Income: New member dues \$30; \$130 for July Coin Show coin raffle/tickets; \$20 for gold coin raffle; and net \$130 for monthly raffle. New expenses for the month included our newsletter/mailling expenses of \$27.20 and \$24 for new member badges.

Upcoming Coin Shows

May 25-26 Las Vegas Coin & Collectibles Show, Tuscany Suites & Casino, 255 E. Flamingo Road. Admit: ? Dealers: 15+, Bob Holston 805-503-0922

June 2 Sacramento Coin Show, Lion's Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St. Admit: ? Dealers: 6+, Peter McIntosh 916-317-9055

June 28-29 Nor Cal/Concord Coins Show, The Concord Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive, Admit: \$5 Dealers: 26+, Bill Green 925-351-7605 Info & coupon: <https://norcalcoinshows.com/>

July 19-20 Reno Coin Show, J (old Sands), 345 N. Arlington Ave., Admit: \$5, Tables: 30+, Bill Green 925-351-7605 info@norcalcoinshows.com

**The Other Coin: Weights and Scales**

Shall I count pure those with the wicked scales, And with the bag of deceitful weights? Micah 6:11

There are dozens of Bible verses about rigged scales and weights in the Old Testament. It must have been



quite a problem, especially when “money” was bits of silver and gold like this:



Everything was valued in weights of shekels and its fractions (nezef, pym, and beqa). *So when the Ishmaelites, who were Midianite traders, came by, Joseph's brothers pulled him out of the cistern and sold him to them for twenty pieces (20 shekels, about 8 ounces or 228 grams in weight) of silver. And the traders took him to Egypt (Genesis 37:28). And*

Abraham agreed to Ephron's terms and weighed out for him the price he had named in the hearing of the Hittites: four hundred shekels of silver (over 8 pounds of silver) according to the weight current among the merchants. (Genesis 23:16).

Scales continued to be used and misused for transactions up to today. Once coins were used they were both adulterated with cheaper metals or coated with silver and gold, so that easiest remedy was to tariff the coins by weight. Below a money lender weighing gold coins to make sure they are gold. Thin medieval coins did not need to be cut. Thick ancient



coins and our own silver dollars often received a test cut to make sure they were silver or gold. Below an Athenian owl cut to reveal a bronze core and an 1874S trade dollar with multiple Chinese chop marks. The Athenians accepted any owls wherever minted if it was of the correct weight. If you do buy silver and gold from marketplace or flea markets an electronic scale and the list of the minted weights will let you know if the coin is genuine. Gold and silver coins from ancient times were the weighed to establish their true value, and compensate for clipping.



Pocket Scales were popular in the 18th and 19th century to check thick coins without marring them.



Numismatically yours, David Elliott

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Austria's new niobium coin celebrates the edaphon or biosphere of soil necessary for all life. My first

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teaching credential was in science, and I continued doctoral work in the history and philosophy of science. Terraforming of Mars and Venus is one of the themes in my new scifi book **Forever** at the publishers. Life on earth has been destroyed several times by asteroids, volcanoes, and ice ages, but the soil containing life at least in the form of viruses and amoebas has allowed a comeback each time. The obverse depicts factors that contribute to soil development: time, climate (rain and sun), minerals in soil, and soil organisms. These appear on the niobium core. The relief of the landscape is shown on the outer silver ring. The coin depicts a plant's roots at the center. The reverse's outer silver ring features a mole at the top, an earthworm on the left, a snail at the bottom, and an ant on the right. The niobium core on this side shows a leaf on top and three other important organisms below: a fungal mycelium on the left, a beetle on the right, and an earthworm above. Mars and Venus need living topsoil from somewhere to make a living planet.



In 2014 the Bureau of Engraving & Printing (BEP) requested that the Washington, D.C., facility print a batch of dollar bills. Two years later, the BEP sent the same request to the Fort Worth facility, resulting in **6.4 million pairs of notes with matching serial numbers** between B00000001*-B00250000*, and B03200001*-B09600000*. The BEP didn't catch

the mistake, but a discerning collector did, and the error has recently been gaining more traction. **A modern dollar bill became worth thousands of dollars instead of just one dollar.** There is even a website where you can work with others to match up pairs and find out what has already been found. Project2013B project2013b.blogspot.com

CONECA, the international error coin and variety club, will be offering free examination of error and variety coins to collectors at educational tables at coin shows across the United States throughout this year and into next. <https://conecaonline.org>



A coin of Tyre 335/334 BC minted just a couple years before Alexander the Great would move a mountain to create a causeway to conquer the great island city of the Phoenicians. Melqart (the Phoenician Heracles) rides a winged hippocamp (horse headed sea serpent) over the waves with a dolphin below. On the reverse is an owl with Egyptian crook and flail and an Aramaic date. All three figures are shared with Egypt, Greece, and Etruscan mythology as psychopomps or conductors of the dead to the afterlife. A nice emblem of the Phoenician international trading empire and patronage of sailors lost at sea. A 1809 medal commemorating



William Wilberforce MP the friend of Africa, bust of facing right // Britannia seated on a dais, inscribed "I have heard their cry" and attended by Mercury, Prudence, and Justice crowned by Victory, hovering above; slave trade abolished MDCCCVII in exergue.

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Governor Newsom called for **ideas for California's Innovation dollar** and in addition to druggies, Harvey Weinstein, he mostly got variations of tent cities:



Moneta: A History of Ancient Rome in Twelve Coins by Gareth Harney traces ancient Rome's unstoppable rise, from a few huts on an Italian hilltop to an all-conquering empire spanning three continents, through the fascinating lives of twelve remarkable coins. About \$30 on ebay 384pp. **A study in *Antiquity* with laser spectrography of 7-8th century silver coins from England and northern Europe has shown that the silver came from the Eastern Roman Empire that sparked trade revival and commerce.** It is still argued about whether the silver came from trade, prestige objects from Constantinople, mercenary payments, or raids, but the silver was not mined locally or from Western Roman hoards or melted coins. Later the mines of Melle in France provided more silver aiding the Franks and Charlemagne's rise to power. The new x-ray and laser spectrography allows one to define the source of metal from a particular vein or source of ore as each vein has trace amounts of various other metals. **Robert Rodriguez and Tony Lopez** paper *History Recovered: Saga of the 1792 Silver Disme* is now on the Newman Portal:

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/637653>

The Kentucky farmer, who discovered a cache of more than 800 gold and silver Civil War-era coins buried in a cornfield valued at more than \$2 million dollars has come forward at a local TV station. His

story can be found in two parts at YouTube under The Great Kentucky Hoard. Here's a cool picture.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3njgJjVizs>



One of 50 known portrait gold coins of Julius Caesar and earliest known portrait coin in gold issued a year after his assassination. Nephew Octavian on obverse C•CAESAR•COS•PONT•AVG• / Julius Caesar C•CAESAR•DICT•PERP•PONT•MAX



Hungary set the record with the hyperinflation of the pengo in 1946. In just under a year, the value of the currency fell to 41.9 trillionth with a daily average of 207% inflation. The world's largest denomination ever issued is one billion billpengo banknote, equivalent to 1,000 trillion or a sextillion pengos.

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Clayron Darnell: **mystery box** gold plated year set state quarters

Don Stamps: 1977 proof set

Rick De Avilla: bag of wheaties, candy coins, PD NA \$1

Rusty King: 1981 mint set

Jeff Allen: 1856 seat .10. Louisiana \$100 note 1861 copy

Andy Olsten: 1983 proof set, Innovation \$1 PD

Daniels: 2023.25 set

Joe Lamberson: 1999 painted .25 set, emerald

Faye Allen: bit coin

Mary Long: 2023 .25set

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**The Other Coin: Primitive Money**

I got a second piece of 19th century African primitive money from Joel Anderson for the display case I take to the museum. I added a *manilla* or slave copper bracelet to my iron Kissi penny. The Kissi penny named for the



Kissi tribe in Western Africa is 9-15 inches long and is thought to have a soul trapped in it. Worth about penny, they were often bundled in groups of 200 to buy more expensive items. The *manilla* from Portuguese "bracelet" was made in copper or brass and also used in West Africa and in the Congo. The Katanga cross, which I do not have is a large cross of copper from the Congo. The province of Katanga broke from the Congo from 1960-1963 and minted their own coins including one with a Katanga on it (bananas on the other side). The cross goes for \$75-100+ and the coin for only \$4. Other African primitive money usually sells for under \$20. Like the Celts the primary universal currency was salt.

Small change in ancient times began with the cowry all through Asia, eastern Africa, India, and the southern Middle East. Larger purchases were made with jewelry or metal bits and bars. The Sumerians began this practice c. 6,000 BC although it was probably part of Indian and African economy at nearly the same time. The ancient Near East has written records and hoards of the shell, jewelry, silver bits and bars have been found.



Jewelry was the middle currency and bullion the high end currency. The Sumer shell money on the left was carved from conch shells and could be worn as a ring or necklace. The cowries were also usually made into necklaces and came in a variety of colors and sizes. The Chinese were just the same as today. They used cowries as small change, but went on to make knock offs in

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bone, clay and cast bronze. The last on the far right is also called ant nose or ghost face, but says “cowry.”



Cast bronze became currency in many shapes throughout Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and Asia. China wins in variety: bridge and two bells on top. Two hoes on left, an oval and round cash coin, a fish, a “key” (actually a knife coin), and a knife coin on the bottom right. Note all the coins have holes, so they can be strung together to make larger purchases. China had very little silver and the Spanish grew rich exchanging South American silver for Chinese gold at a premium. Chinese would need cartloads of brass cash coins to buy land or a silk suit. That’s why even very ancient Chinese coins are usually less than \$5 and found by the ton.



Greeks, Romans, and Celts also used token metal coins of bronze or copper. Greeks on the Black Sea had a variety of dolphin and arrowhead coins. The Romans had scallops, acorns, and knucklebones, a type of dice. Early cast bronze round coins had the scallop, acorn, and knucklebones imaged on them.



The Celts also have a variety of cast bronze primitive money: beads, bell, rings, and wheels in a variety of sizes that can be worn as necklaces, rings, and

torques. Unlike the Chinese, the Celts had lots of silver and made these designs in silver and gold. The Celts imitated Greek and Roman coins, making cast bronze coins called potins. The coin on the left has a warrior with torque and spear marching right and reverse with snake and beast (horse, boar, deer?). Potin on the right has a wild man head right with a horse reverse.



Cast bronze or copper won over shells and salt throughout the world. Mixed silver and gold in lumps and bars replaced jewelry, which in turn was replaced by silver and gold coins once the Lydians figured out how to separate gold from silver and make pure gold and silver coins in denominations.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

The Houthis who have been sending missiles at our ships and Israel from Yemen have issued their first coin. They took possession of the Yemen Central Bank some time ago when the official Yemen government fled to Aden in South Yemen in 2015. The 100 rial coin is said to be a new front in the war between

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North (Houthi) and South Yemen.



A beautiful so-called dollar from the **1898 Omaha, Nebraska, Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition** graded MS65 with less than 200 known. The bust of an idealized Nebraska woman on the front and an Indian hunting a buffalo dated 1848 when Fort Kearney was moved to near where Omaha would be settled.



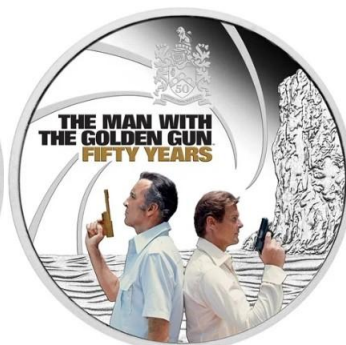
Before California's, there was Brazil's gold rush starting in 1690 and immediately after in 1852 there was a gold rush in Adelaide, Australia. Both gold rushes produced ingots and **Degussa Goldhandel in Germany is displaying The Industry Collection of gold ingots**. This collection was formed by N.M. Rothschild & Sons (Australia) Limited, which includes 1,084 gold bars from 35 different countries. Brazil gold rush bar from 1812:



And Adelaide gold bar from 1852:



In case you missed it, **one of the largest cash heists in Los Angeles history of as much as \$30 million happened on an Easter Sunday** burglary at a San Fernando Valley money storage facility. **Perth Mint 125th anniversary coin with Charles III and latest Bond coin with Elizabeth II.** A very cool V nickel



1897 cameo proof selling at Stack-Bowers for \$12,900. Nice, perfect one. 2nd finest known.



Arthur & Ira Friedberg's Gold Coins of the World, 10th edition is out. 852pp, 22,000 coin types, which are illustrated with more than 8,500 photos. \$95 or \$40 as e-book, kindle \$48. Covers 50 countries from 6th BC to present. Updated valuations in three grades are provided for the first time.

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Victoria gold Proof "Una and the Lion" 5 Pounds 1839
PR62 Ultra Cameo NGC

Another perfect coin offered by Heritage. **The Yehud Coinage** by Jean-Philippe Fontanille, Haim Gitler, and Catharine Lorber surveys and has a die study of the Persian coinage issued after the Babylonian Captivity ended in 539 BC. Judah became a Persian province and many of the coins bear the Aramaic or Hebrew inscription of Judah (Yehud) on the coins. The small silver coins have images of Jewish governor Hezekiah, Yahweh, Athena, the lily and falcon both symbols of Jerusalem. There are 44 types in all.



Yahweh is seated on a winged wheel, throne, chariot as depicted in Ezekiel and Daniel holding a falcon symbol of Jerusalem. Before is a mask, more likely a carved stone betyl or meteorite. On the obverse is the Persian satrap in a Corinthian helmet, so probably a Greek mercenary. Bagaos would be of the right date. Here is



another satrap named Hezekiah after the faithful Jewish king in the Old Testament with a falcon. The beardless face suggests Hellenization of the presumably Jewish satrap or governor. The standard international coinage of the Mediterranean in addition to the Persian silver

siglos and gold daric, was the Athenian owl coin imitated by the Jerusalem Jews as well as the Samaritan and Edomite Jews. The Yehud coin below



has Athena and her owl, but has replaced the olive branch with the lily of Jerusalem. A few of the coins have replaced the image of the enthroned Yahweh with just an ear, saying He listens or a shofar, the Jewish ram horn, which implies they were temple issues. The coins were mostly produced by the Persian governor and there were no Jewish prohibitions in their design.



On the left are sigloi, the gold daric and silver siglos with the most common images of a standing king with spear and bow running or a kneeling king with bow, The reverse is a simple punch. In the middle is the carved betyl of Aphrodite of Paphos, Cyprus. Note the eyes, nose, and mouth. To the right is the second most common Yehud coin with lily and falcon. The **Yehud Coinage** book has won the prestigious Shekel Prize from the America, Israel Numismatic Association.



Note the lily top right found on a modern Israeli coin copied from a Yehud coin.

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After the Last Meeting

28 members attended presidential coinage with a nice assortment of coins, medals, and buttons. Next meeting, I will discuss paper money a bit. I have Russian Civil War currency, WWII currency and some odds and end. **If you have some interesting currency bring it in please.** The Rutherford B. Hayes silver medal is out; and, Rusty was right, he had the longest presidential beard. Famous women proof set and platinum \$100 are out. The regular proof set comes out March 14. The congress woman Patsy Takemoto Mink of Title IX fame is out March 28. April 8 has the Saturn V rocket in the Innovation series and April has the silver proof sets out. **Please bring in the Harriet Tubman and Greatest Generation (WWII memorial) coins if you got them. Have 200 of the 500 \$5 gold raffle tickets for the July 19th and 20th Coin Show at the J (old Sands) resort: 1st 1/10 oz gold eagle, 2nd 2.5 oz Peso, 3rd 2 peso gold, 4th Liberian \$25 gold, 5th Credit Suisse 1 gram gold ingot. Let me know if you want to buy or sell some of them. We got a 2023 1/10 ounce proof US eagle from Rusty King for the next raffle! We will sell 60 tickets at \$10 each for the \$300 prize (24 sold). Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net 775 815-8625 www.renocoinclub.com**

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2024 NA, Illinois \$1 here. Famous women .25 Pauli Murray here.



Famous women quarters .50 PDS (most S, not all)
National Park Quarters, PD set \$60, P or D \$30
Innovation, Native American dollars PD \$1.25

Early Bird Prize: New coins: PD NA and Innovation, PDS Famous women won by Allison Navarro

Raffle prizes winners were:

Joe Lamberson: **mystery box** roll 1970S unc. .01& 2009 penny set, silver gram bar
Joe Wozniak: 1974 proof set
Rick De Avilla: candy coins, roll of unc..01,2023 .25 set
Rusty King: 1981 mint set
Jeff Allen: Washington .50
Bart Daniels: 2001.25 set, 2022 .25 set
Robert Rodriguez: 2006 proof set
James Arden: Byzantine history book
Bill Naylor: 2024 PD Innovation \$1
Faye Allen: PD 2024 NA \$1
Mary Long: 2024 PDS .25
Allison Navarro: RCC club medal

Quarter Pot

Rick De Avila won the quarter pot (\$7).

Donation

Rusty sold medals for \$60 donated to the club. Thanks Rusty

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Upcoming Coin Shows

March 15-16 South Bay / Sunnyvale Coin Show,
 Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real. Admit: \$4
 Tables: 34, Bill Green 925-351-7605

April 5-7 Las Vegas Numismatic Society Coin Show,
 Tuscany Suites & Casino, 256 E. Flamingo, Admit:
 Free with Coin Zip notice, Tables: 200 dealers, Dawn
 888-330-5188 CKShows.com

July 19-20 Reno Coin Show, J (old Sands), 345 N.
 Arlington Ave., Admit: \$5, Tables: ? dealers, Bill
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**The Other Coin: Paper Money**

All the new anti-counterfeit measures of new paper, watermarks, micro printing, polymer windows, holograms, 3-D images, and changing colors have not prevented counterfeiting almost as soon as the new bills hit the street. The British pound, Canadian dollar, Euro notes, Australian dollar, and Chinese notes seem to be easily duplicated on high tech copiers and presses. Alerts on how to detect counterfeits like the yellow magic marker and looking for the right countermark will let you know if the paper is wrong or low denomination notes have been washed and reprinted with higher denominations. Still, good copies need more elaborate tests. The US and China have the additional problem of not having demonetized the older banknotes. See World Economic Forum for security features of ten different notes. Here is ours and Canada's.

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2018/06/10-banknotes-from-around-the-world-and-their-security-features/>



Paper money and coinage were counterfeited almost as soon as they were created. The earliest coinage from

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gold nuggets (having some silver and other metals) were melted down and adulterated with silver until it became “white gold.” The invention of coinage in 6th century BC Lydia was designed to make pure silver and pure gold coins by separating the metals.



White gold of Ephesus and pure gold of Croesus

Paper money offers vividness of designs and variety of topics. After all you can put anything on a piece of paper. Paper money has been reluctantly accepted as currency when the metal money has no intrinsic value and is often considered another form of fiat money.

Fiat money encourages governments to create inflation like Germany, Russia, Turkey, and recently Venezuela and several African nations have had to issue notes in the hundreds of billions of the local dollars as inflation ravished their countries. Runaway inflation is largely from failed attempts to impose socialism through expropriating other people's wealth, which quickly runs out.



Russia 1919 civil war 10,000 ruble note, Venezuela's 2017 100,000 bolivars note, and the 100 trillion dollar note of Zimbabwe 2008

The first paper money appeared in China about 806 AD for letters of credit. The first widespread use of paper money was 300 years later between 1050 and 1450 when the Mongols ruled China. Marco Polo noted its use. China's currency of fiat cash bronze coins with square hole made paper more acceptable. China had little silver and the cash coins were strung

In strings of a hundred or thousand, making it necessary to have cartloads of the coins to by something expensive,

The Bank of England began issuing notes in 1694, following the practice of goldsmiths and local banks, which issued letters of credit backed by gold or silver. Paper currency was adopted throughout Europe and the US in the 17th century. In desperation and needing to fund the new war with the French Colonies in Canada, an impoverished England first authorized the Massachusetts Bay Colony to print bills of credit in 1690. Gradually in pre-Revolutionary America, each colony began to print its own form of currency. The first was issued by Rhode Island in 1710. 13th century Chinese note, 1770 Maryland dollar, Continental



Continental note of 6 dollars

To finance the American Revolution, and because the Colonies were powerless to tax, the Continental Congress authorized the first American currency on May 10, 1775. Not having bullion backing and easily counterfeited, Continental notes were worth only 2 1/2 cents to the dollar by 1780. Thus began the phrase, “not worth a Continental.” By 1836, banks in the United States had swollen to over 1,600 in number. With scant regulation, these state-charted, private banks ran wild issuing over 10,000 different varieties of banknotes. When the banks failed, the paper money became worthless and called obsolete banknotes from broken banks. The banknotes often traded at a fraction of their face value, making coins the preferred money.

During the Civil War, both the North and the South developed their own paper currency. Ripped apart by war and teetering on bankruptcy, Congress ordered the printing of a number of notes. These notes were commonly called horse blankets because of their large

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size. Fractional notes from 3 cents on up were also issued by the Federal government.



North and South Civil War paper money

In 1863 there was a problem of stabilizing the value of our currency. Since over 75% of all bank deposits were held by nationally chartered banks, national banknotes backed by US government securities came into being. This lasted until 1928. To create greater confidence in our paper money gold certificates were issued against US gold holdings by the Department of the Treasury from 1865 until 1922. Beginning in 1878 and continuing through seven series, Large Size Silver Certificates stayed in circulation until 1923 with the smaller size remaining until this day. Government stopped redeeming them for silver bullion on June 24, 1968. Starting with the reduction in currency size in 1929, the US Government has minted over 1,200 issues of currency: Legal Tender Notes; Silver Certificates; National Bank Notes; Federal Reserve Notes; World War II Emergency Notes; Gold Certificates; and Military Payment Certificates. In 1990 new notes were introduced to improve security and stay ahead of counterfeiters. These notes include micro-printing and an embedded security strip.



1934 \$100,000 gold note

There's a nice collection of US currency and history on the web by the Federal Reserve in San Francisco at uscurrency.gov/history

Foreign countries are making notes out of plastic or paper and polymer mixes with watermarks, micro printing, new textures, foils, and more vivid colors trying to keep a step ahead of the counterfeiters. Collecting foreign banknotes is a fun and cheap way to get involved in currency collecting. I have added Russian Civil War notes to my Russian coin collecting and try to get notes from WWII and the Iron Curtain with a note representing the free, occupied, and liberated country. Many Greek, Israeli, and Cyprus notes have ancient coins or archaeological sites on them, so I add them to my ancient coins.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri



One of the few **gilt Washington funeral medals**, several silver, and lots of copper. Sold and worn at the funeral memorial gatherings and as souvenirs. **Stack's Bowers Galleries is pleased to present Part I of the Richard Margolis Collection** on March 25. Sale includes **the only privately-owned specimen of the extremely rare John Stewart at Stony Point medal**.



George III Peace Medal with lion representing England and wolf representing American Indians. Benjamin Franklin, The Lord of Lightning Medal in silver, and two other Franklin medals besides much more. Go Robert go.

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Cool error coins a 2000 broadstruck (collar error) brockage (coin sticks and becomes a die striking another coin, and 1991 3 bonded penny group.



The Newman Numismatic Portal has David Lisot's video of Prue Fitts slide lecture on the **Coins and Commerce along the Silk Road**. Someone has talked to me a couple of times about interest in them, I have a collection of them too. See the video at <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/557168> Among the new coins is a 20 euro silver coin celebrating the **salt mines of Bergbau** in Tyrol, Austria. They were active

since Neolithic times and pictured here from the 11th to 12th century. Salt was both mined and drawn from



brine wells and then evaporated. **Croatia has a basilisk** in silver and gold.



Silver coin commemorating passenger transatlantic flight service across the Atlantic by a Zeppelin:



German Hercules and American eagle showing route across the Atlantic Zeppelin passing over Santa Maria. George Washington Peace Medal.



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March 26 TBD

March 30 New Coins at NV State Museum

After the Last Meeting

Larry Demangate passed away, one of the founders of Reno Coin Club, please attend the service. I just noticed typing this up that I am supposed to be at museum and will go with the three new coins and meet with the new director Joshua Bonde, Ph.D., who seems interested in doing more with us. Bob Nylen is helping too. The elections ended up with Allison being elected unanimously to the board with Ken and Bart staying on. Bill Green came and presented his proposal for having a show at the J (Sands) in July with a gold coins raffle. **Coin show in July all ready to go.** Robert **Rodriguez got a huge gold Charles I Triple Unite and the unique Horatio Gates gold Comitia America medal** that he displayed at the NY Historical Society with the silver and bronze medals together for the first time since made (see below). Please bring in the Harriet Tubman coins if you got them. **We got a 2023 1/10 ounce proof US eagle from Rusty King for the next raffle!** We will sell 60 tickets at \$10 each for the \$300 prize (21 sold). Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net 775 815-8625 www.renecoinclub.com

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National Park Quarters, PD set \$60, P or D \$30
Innovation, Native American dollars PD \$1.25

Early Bird Prize: 1981 proof set won by Don Stamps

Raffle prizes winners were:

Clayton Brownell: gold stamp album, 4 Red Books
Allison Navarro: 1979 proof set, loop
Jerry Breedlove: 1988 Olympic \$1, 2001 unc. set, 2015 Blue Book
Jeff Allen: 1944S Merc. .10, 2022 .25 set
James Arden: George Washington .50
Joe Lamberson: 1970 roll unc. .01, 2009 .01 set
Faye Allen: 1972 proof set
Rick De Avilla: 2023 .25 set. Chocolate coins, Chinese banknote
Bart Daniels: **mystery box** 4 2023 Innovation \$1
Mary Long: Maria Tallchief \$1 & .25 set
Bill Green: RCC club medal

Quarter Pot

Andre Assam won the quarter pot (\$5).

Donation

Rusty sold Medallie Arts 1976 13 piece bronze bicentennial set for \$40 to Rick De Avila

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Upcoming Coin Shows

February 23-24 Sacramento Coin Show, Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St. Admit: ? Tables: 4+ dealers, Peter McIntosh 916 317-9055

March 1-2 Las Vegas Coin & Collectible Show - Tuscany Suites & Casino, 255 E Flamingo Road, 16+ dealers, Admit: ? Bob Holston 805-503-0922

March 3 Livermore Valley Coin Clubs Coin Show, Livermore Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Dr. Admit: Free Tables: 34, Jonathan Mitchell 925-548-6197

March 10 Vacaville Coin Show, Vacaville Elks Lodge, 302 Parker Street Admit: \$2 Tables: 3 dealers, Scott Griffin www.griffincoin.com 707-434-9200

March 15-16 South Bay / Sunnyvale Coin Show, Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real. Admit: \$4 Tables: 34, Bill Green 925-351-7605

Not The Other Coin: Presidential Coins and Medals

The first Washington inauguration did not have any mementoes at all. Among the most cherished of American political items is the Washington inauguration button. It is recorded that Washington wore a set of specially made metal buttons inscribed with an eagle on them for his inaugural ceremony. He was not the only one wearing such special buttons. The button manufacturers of New York and Connecticut seized this opportunity to sell to the public sets of buttons with various designs, all intended to commemorate the inauguration. A.A. Albert, the foremost authority on Washington buttons, listed 27 varieties which he believed dated from Washington's first inauguration, or from his first term. Some of these also have an eagle motif, while others are inscribed with Washington's initials, or such legends as, "Long Live the President" and "March the Fourth Memorable Era."



The inaugurations of Presidents Adams, Madison and Monroe were without any recorded medallic commemoratives, but Jefferson and John Q. Adams had fine medals struck privately, followed by Martin Van Buren, John Tyler, James K. Polk and Zachary Taylor who minted a curious series of four similar medals, all struck by the U.S. Mint. All used for the obverse, the medium size Indian peace medal die for the respective President.

**James Polk's Inaugural Medal**

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Subsequent inaugurations through that of Rutherford B. Hayes in 1877 are represented by private medallic commemoratives struck in different sizes and metals. The Garfield inauguration of 1881 is important in that it was the occasion for the issuance of the first official souvenir; a colorful silk ribbon on which was gilt stamped a handsome eagle seal, an inaugural inscription and the name of the committee on which the wearer served. Past committees had used plain colored ribbons as a means of identification, but this was the first time that the ribbon was also suitable as a souvenir of the occasion.



The inauguration of Benjamin Harrison in 1889 had added significance because it was also the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington. For this special occasion, the committee not only ordered a ribbon badge identifying the wearer's committee assignment, but it also attached a medal to that badge. The obverse of the medal portrayed the busts of President Harrison and Vice President Morton and the date 1889, while the reverse bore a bust of Washington and the date, 1789. This was the first inaugural medal issued with the official sanction of the Official Inaugural Committee.



In both 1893 and 1897, even more elaborate and high quality committee badges with suspended medals were authorized. The medals, in fact, were so large and heavy that their suspension ribbons are seldom found intact. In 1901, for the first time, The Inaugural Committee appointed a Committee on Medals and Badges to replace the old Committee on Badges. The Inaugural Committee designated a medal as the "official medal" of the inauguration. This was the first Official Inaugural Medal! An example was struck in gold and presented to President McKinley. Thus began the tradition, followed ever since, of presenting the new President with his own gold inaugural medal.



The designation of the chosen medal as "official" was a significant act in the history of the inaugural medal. It created an atmosphere where talented sculptors and the most capable of our mints wished to compete for the honor of being associated with the official medal. Info: www.inauguralmedals.com

And my favorite presidents are Calvin Coolidge, who cut the budget in half, supported woman's suffrage, and Native American rights. He was also Reagan's favorite president.



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Robert's Treasures

Robert Rodriguez is now a member of the board of the American Numismatic Society based in New York. He got the unique Horatio Gates gold medal and let it be displayed with the silver and bronze Comitia Americana medals of the Revolutionary War hero at the NY Historical Society. This is the first time the medals have been together since they were made.



Robert also got a Charles I (1625-1649) triple unite coins, the largest gold coins made in England to



gain support for the crown. The reverse has the legend relig prot leg ang liber par in three lines: *The religion of the Protestants, the laws of England and the liberty of Parliament*, around is the exurgat deus dissipentur inimici (*Let God arise and His enemies be scattered* (Psalm 68)).

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Pressed pennies have become one of the most common souvenirs purchased from our favorite museums, zoos, and landmarks. Organized alphabetically by state and city \$15.



Super Bowl LVIII (58) started with the Flip Coin!

This is the same coin used for the Official Coin Toss to start the game. This is a unique limited edition minted coin measuring 39mm in diameter and plated with .999 fine silver then selectively plated with 24kt gold. \$99 Ugly and pricey unless you're a KC fan.

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Late bulletin: Robert says he just got second best of 10 or so known **Jefferson inauguration medals** and will bring it to the meeting weather permitting. And, Bill



announced: **I want to confirm that there will be a Reno Coin Show at the J Resort. Show dates are Friday and Saturday, July 19 and 20.** It would be great if the club could: 1) help me with set up on Thursday morning, July 18 and break down Saturday after show close, 2) help spread the word with show fliers, newsletter mentions and anything else that would support turnout, 3) help with the gold coin raffle.



The first joint coin from the US mint and the British Royal Mint bullion coins in silver and gold feature Liberty and Britannia, orders started February 9.



Cook Island minted a coin for the 400th anniversary of the Romanov dynasty in the style of the Holy Roman Emperors of the Hapsburgs (bottom left). Are the Romanovs making a comeback? Is Putin going to declare himself a new Romanov emperor?



France is using Heracles versus a demon before Notre Dame as the Olympic coin on gold, silver and the 2 euro coin for the 2024 Olympics in Paris.



Britain has a T-Rex and Chewbacca on silver, gold, rose gold, circulation 50 pence and colorized coins.



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18 showed up after Christmas. Mary Long was made a life member for all her contributions as treasurer. It is so cool to have an actual accountant as treasurer. Rusty discussed Nevada in WWII and David brought his Jesus coins including a Bethlehem star coin. The Native American dollar on January 29th, Innovation dollar on 25th and the Harriet Tubman commemorative coins on the 4th. Coin press is running again and Bill Green is moving closer to having a coin show in Reno at the new J (Sands) in July. He will try to make the meeting in January. **Sad to report Milton Angel has passed.** Allison will run against Bart for a board position. If the loser wants to stay on board, we can always expand the board. No one has come forward to run as an officer. **We got a 2023 1/10 ounce proof US eagle from Rusty King for the next raffle!** We will sell 60 tickets at \$10 each for the \$300 prize. I got that wrong, thinking it was \$20 for 40 tickets and will double the number of tickets for those that paid \$20. Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net 775 815-8625 www.renocoinclub.com



\$20 dues for 2024. Come to the dinner in January and get \$10 rebate or mail to Reno Coin Club, 2845 Edgewood Drive, Reno, NV 89503.



2023 NA, Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana, and Mississippi \$1 here. Famous women .25 Maria Tallchief here.



SOLD OUT S coins & sets (5) 2013-19 in case \$5
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Early Bird Prize: 2023 5 famous women .25 set won by Doug Larson

Raffle prizes winners were:

Amanda Lamberson: 1975 proof set, Tallchief \$1 & .25 set, roll of unc. nickels, Casino half roll .05
Mary Long: 2000 unc. mint set
Jeff Allen: George Washington .50, 1945P Merc. .10
Allison Navarro: 2023 .25 set, 1991 unc. set
Bart Daniels: **mystery box** 2023 .25 set
Rusty King 1 gram silver bar
Rick De Avilla: 1905 penny, wooden nickel, 1970 unc. roll .01
Matt Anderson: S quarter set, book, Tallchief PDS .25
Faye Allen 1930 Buffalo .05
David Elliott 1913 Buffalo .05
Andre Assam: coin books

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Not The Other Coin: Famous Women Quarters Series announced for 2023 & 2024

Got excited by another women deserving to be honored for her achievements and talents. Maria Tallchief was America's first prima ballerina and an Osage Native American appearing on the famous women quarter and Native American dollar in 2023. Her family used their oil money to move to LA and get their children good educations. Maria became one of the best of the best. Too many of the honored women are democrat activists—no American saints, WCTU members, women who championed prison reform, free education, mental health hospitals, and sanitary laws. Saint Mother Cabrini gets a movie this March, no coin though. And the coins are woke requiring one Native American, Hispanic, Black, White, and Democrat politician. Oh well,

2024 brings us the Black woman Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray, civil rights lawyer, one of the founders of NOW and Episcopal priest. From her poem comes the phrase, "hope in a weary throat." She left NOW because she felt it was just for white women, who stripped away much of the affirmative action money and positions from blacks and other minorities, which it did. Zitkala Ya (Red Bird) is a Sioux and political activist. Celia Cruz was a popular Cuban dancer who shouted out *azucar* (Sweet!) when dancing. Patsy Takemoto Mink was a Japanese American born in Hawaii and the first Asian woman to be elected to Congress. She got Title IX passes for equity in sports for women, which is now being dismantled. Dr. Mary Edwards Walker was a surgeon during the Civil War and the only woman to receive the Medal of Honor. A Republican, she was an abolitionist and fought for women rights and suffrage. She wore men's clothes to work as a surgeon. Like Russia, America encouraged women to become nurses and doctors. In 2025, a journalist, the founder of Girl

Scouts, a disabilities activist, first black tennis star, and an astronomer will be honored. A nice short series to be followed by 250th anniversary quarters and then quarters for the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles. The 1794 flowing hair dollar is to reappear this Fall as a gold or silver coin. Below are the designs for The World War II Memorial and The Greatest Generation, which will be honored in a set of coins. More Morgan and Peace dollars.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri



Not sure why this 5 ounce silver coins depicting the topography of the Grand Canyon is so cool. Liechtenstein Trust AG made it for Cook Island (Charles II on obverse) and they try to do something different and a

technical marvel. **Here is a topographical map of the Grand Canyon in 3D and color.** Only 777 made. Sells for a little under \$900. Mike Abramson of usare.com has a new book out on the 500 rarest serial numbers on US banknotes old and new. Great pictures, price list, stats, and more. **Special Serial Number Banknotes**, 270pp. \$60. He also sells them on his website. Heritage Auctions is selling **one of**



seven known penny dime mules. Mules come from mismatched dies most common now in penny/dime combos and quarter/dollar coins. Sell for six figures. Keep an eye out. Australia's first coin of the year



celebrates its role in space exploration. **The reverse depicts an Australian astronaut on a spacewalk and the launch of WRESAT-1 on a modified US Redstone rocket in 1967.** The coin's design also includes Earth, with the Australian continent clearly visible, and the moon, the latter a homage to the country's role in relaying the live television signal during Apollo 11, the first moon landing, and to an Australian built robotic rover that will explore the lunar surface as part of NASA's future Artemis program. **An 1840 medal awarded for rescuing people from another steamboat on fire in Tuscaloosa.** The Smithsonian Institution Scholarly Press has published a **free** 384 page electronic book by William L. Pressly called ***America's Paper Money: A Canvas for an Emerging Nation***. <https://scholarlypress.si.edu/store/all/americas-paper-money-a-canvas-for-an-emerging-nation/>

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I'll just mention the recent finds of a 1983 penny on a copper planchette and a 1965 dime on a silver planchette as examples of why you still need to check your change and search rolls. **Stack's Bowers is selling a run of MS67 CC Morgan dollars**, toned and untoned. They feature this one.



Many Oregonians traveled to California to seek their fortunes in the gold fields, returning home with quantities of gold nuggets and dust. Like California, local money was in short supply and use of gold dust as a medium of exchange was difficult. Then, the **Oregon Exchange Company was established to mint coins in early 1849**. The obverse of the five-dollar coin bears a rustic depiction of a beaver on a log and the initials of the company officers who contributed to the purchase of the coining equipment. While no effort was made to standardize the alloy, the coiners compensated for this by deliberately making the coins overweight. Assays at the US Mint reported that the five-dollar coins were valued at \$5.50. While this helped to guarantee acceptance, a value above their stated denomination ensured that the pieces would be taken in at \$5 and melted down for their intrinsic worth. Stack's Bowers is auctioning a worn one. Here is a nice one:

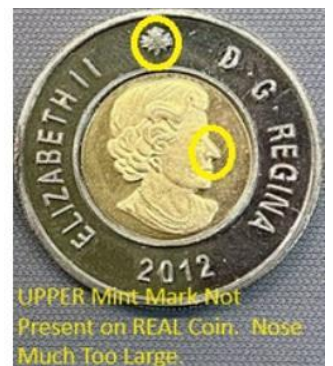


Around the beaver are the initials of those that paid for the minting press. The expanded (852pp, 22,000 coin types), all in color tenth edition of Arthur L. Friedberg and Ira S. Friedberg's spectacular

Gold Coins of the World is available as hardbound book \$95 or as a full-color e-book, on a stick, or Kindle book for \$45. www.GoldCoinsOfTheWorld.com
The AI ChatGPT has written **A Practical Guide To Becoming A Coin Dealer** It's supposed to be good and edited by a human, although written in minutes. <https://numismaticdetectives.com/blog/f/the-business-of-coins> Kennedy half and Lincoln penny on dimes.



Don't have to count bear toes on the **new fake Canadian \$2 (toonies) coins**. There are glaring errors, but they are still passing.



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Added mint mark on top of obverse and a big nose Elizabeth II. Reverse has \$ instead of 2 and Canada twice, so there is no denomination.



The Russian medal was struck “in memory of the miraculous salvation of the royal family” from a train wreck in Borki. October 17 1888. The Imperial family of Alexander III is shown in their travelling clothes with their five children. Reverse depicts Mother Russia praying to her guardian angel, who states: “your guardian angel will protect you wherever you go.” The coin in silver is pricey in the \$1000s, but a copper can be had for a few hundred dollars, and I am sure the Chinese and Russians make copies for a few bucks. The designs for the WWII Memorial Greatest Generation medals are out and they are very nice.



The gold obverse features a section of the Wall of Stars at the World War II Memorial with an Olive Branch. Each star on the wall represents 100 Americans who lost their lives in the war, and the Olive Branch represents the peace that followed thanks to their

sacrifice. The reverse shows a folded American flag, such as one that would be presented at the funeral of a fallen service member. The silver obverse features six



figures supporting the Earth, illustrating the cooperation of each of the military branches (Army Air Forces, Coast Guard, Navy, Army, and Marine Corps), as well as the Merchant Marine during World War II. The reverse features a view from beneath a sculptural canopy inside a Victory Pavilion in the World War II Memorial. The sculpture depicts four eagles holding a laurel wreath, within which is a globe centered on the Pacific Ocean. The clad obverse

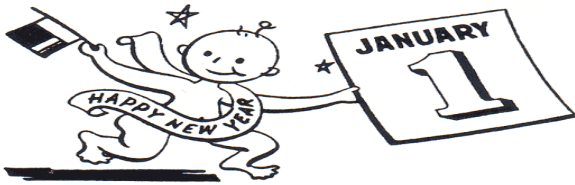


reimagines the Victory Medal that was awarded to all who served in the Armed Forces during World War II. The figure of Liberation stands with open arms holding two halves of a broken sword, symbolizing the war's conclusion. The reverse depicts the World War II Memorial from the point of view of a person walking up a ramp leading to one of the towers.



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