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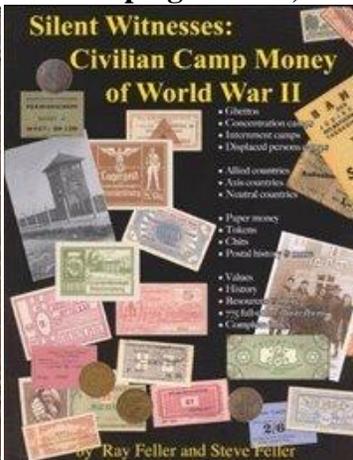
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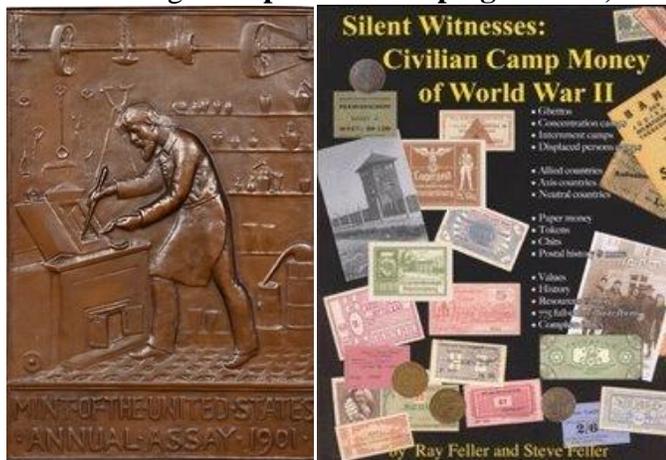
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Treasurer's report: At the end of October, our available balance was \$7,750.76. Activity included: Income: New member dues: \$50 and Monthly Raffle: \$190. New expenses for the month included \$123.01 for Newsletter repro/stamps and \$451.64 for name badges.

Upcoming Coin Shows

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November 23 Marin Coin and Collectibles Show, Best Western Novato Oaks, 215 Alameda del Prado, Novato, Dealers:13+ Admit: \$2 Info: Scott Griffin 415-601-8661

December 5-6 Visalia Central Valley Coin Show, Veterans Memorial Hall, 609 W Center Ave, Dealers:6+ Admit:? Info: John Ward 559-967-8067

December 6 San Francisco International Numismatic Bourse, Double Tree Hotel, 275 South Airport Blvd., South San Francisco, Dealers:10 Admit:? Info: Scott Griffin 415-601-8661 The Only Ancient and World/US Coin Show in the West!

December 14 Fairfield Coin Club & Vallejo Numismatic Society Christmas Party, Vallejo Naval Museum, 734 Marin, \$30, "Doc " Chani 707 425-4752
 Deadline December 8. Lots of fun & prizes. Good food

Not the Other Coin: US Coins of 2026

I have been wondering why the US 250th anniversary coin designs were not all out. We just got a Mint Director, a coin collector from Louisiana. The coins from the 250th Commission based on designs from the favorite past coins as voted on by everyone are all out in gold with a silver medal. But, the circulating 250th set 250th was still a mystery. Answer: All members of the Commission of Fine Arts were removed Oct. 27 at the direction of President Trump in order for the chief executive to appoint his own panel favorable to his causes of the \$300 million, privately funded ballroom and plans for a triumphal arch to commemorate the nation's 250th anniversary in 2026. The CFA oversees the Citizens' Coinage Advisory Committee, which collects various designs and votes on their favorite, which is given a yah or nay by the US Mint Director. I got most of the CCAC designs, but no decision on anything. The final 250th Commission gold coin and silver medal is based on the St. Gauden



double eagle and accompanying silver medal was the last in the series. Previous 1804 silver dollar tribute



and silver medal. The favorite coin, the Walking Liberty and then the Standing Liberty have been out for some time and the silver rounds have an Art Deco style with gathering clouds, then a half eagle and fraying olive branch to remind us of the coming disaster of WWI.

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The Mercury Dime tribute was the first in the series, Still Art Deco, the silver round, reminds us of impending WWI and II brewing over seas with the

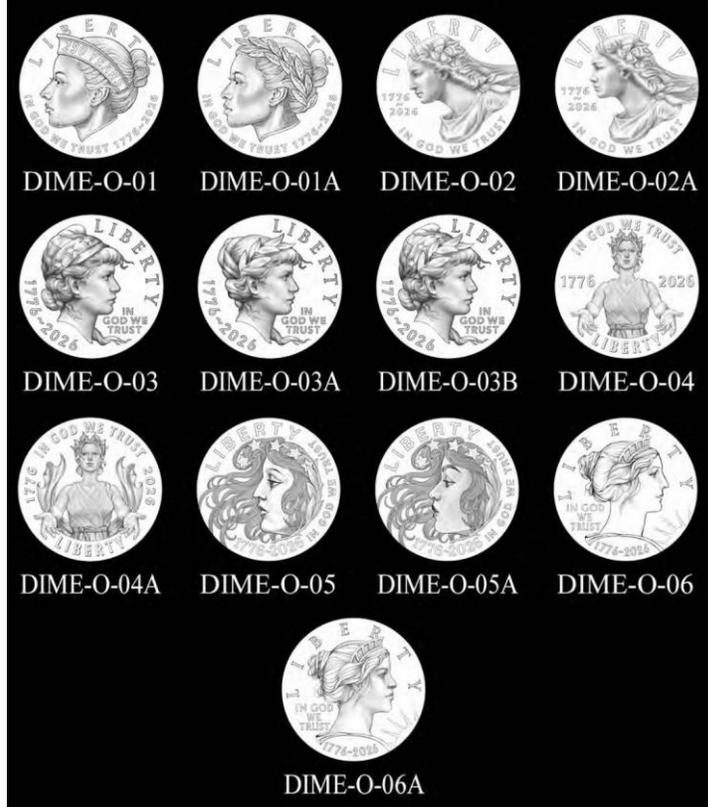


reverse portraying the movement from farm to city.

We only have some of the CCAC designs and favorite choices. The penny and nickel designs may not change at all except for a double date and Liberty Bell with 250 privy mark. Then again Trump always has his own ideas and will have a new commission.



Two recommended dime designs and the rest of heads.



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and dime tails. Favorite quarter designs, then
obverses and reverses. Half dollar on other page.



The chosen Native American dollar is in the middle: the
Oneidas helping George Washington at Valley Forge.



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The Semiquincentennial Native American \$1 for the 2026 circulating coin set is a topper, and there may be up to 5 different quarters commemorating the Declaration of Independence, the US Constitution, Suffrage, Civil Rights, and Abolitionism. The shutdown delay and presidential firings are hopefully very temporary to the progress of completing the designs. Or, everything about the circulating set may change between Trump and the new Mint Director. Here are the 2026 Innovation dollars: Dr. Norman Borlaug



holding a sheaf of wheat and wheat stalks (Iowa), a stylized aerial view of the Cray-1 super computer (Wisconsin), Steve Jobs seated before a landscape of oak-covered rolling hills (California), and a 1940s-era truck with an early front-mounted refrigeration unit (Minnesota). I'll keep an eye out for any changes in time for the December 9th meeting's power point presentation. Hunting for the other 4 quarter designs that don't exist, I think.

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No pictures yet, but there will be a new \$10 note (same design elements, but new security features) in 2026. It is still on schedule to come out next year. The



Sesquicentennial medal of 1926 featured George Washington and the current president Coolidge with a world fair in Philadelphia. **The US Mint is proposing a Trump medal for 2026.** There's a tradition that no



living president and certainly no presiding president be placed on a coin or medal. If Coolidge could do it, so can Trump, I guess. At least we get a nice free ballroom and it is safe enough now in DC that we are considering going there. **On Veteran's Day we also need to tip our hats to Trump's celebrating of the 250th anniversaries of the Marines, Navy, and Army with silver and copper medals and privy marks on Eagles.** The Space Force is supposed to get a medal too this year or next. It has also been delayed. The military parade was nice and a triumphal arch for DC is in the works with Trump waving around a model.



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October 28 Happy Birthday Nevada Rusty King

October 31, Nov. 1 NV Day at the Museum

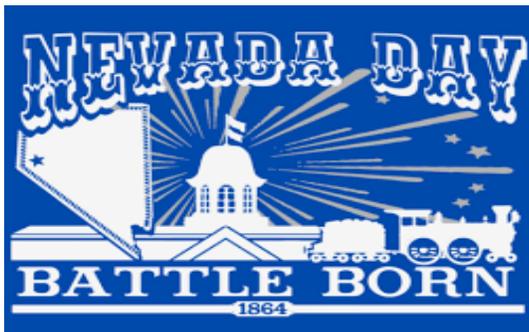
November 25 TBD

November 29 New Coins at the Museum

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28 people got to hear what Greek and Roman coins tells us about the Paleolithic matriarchy that survived in the Great Mother religions. The myths of Herakles and Psyche promoted the ideas of a life of virtue, God is Love and we are free to choose a path of divinization. All these ideas were adopted by the early Christians with changes as described in 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** and the sci-fi version **Forever**. Rusty King and David Elliott presented the designs for the 2026 Club medal (see below). Good suggestions from the membership on changes. The **Museum was minted a silver coin commemorating the NV Christmas tree being sent to the White House and a another half ounce silver coin for DatSoLaLee**, the basket maker (see below). October 7 Christmas ornaments, Oct 10 silver Eagle with Navy 250th privy mark, Oct 16 silver proof set, **Oct 21 last famous woman** .25 Aletha Gibson, and Wonder Woman Nov 13. Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net Website: www.renecoinclub.com 775 815-8625

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Famous women quarters .50 PDS (most S, not all)

Early Bird Prize: Texas PD Innovation \$1PD “space walk” won by Joe Wozniak.

Raffle prizes winners were:

- Steven Riley: Copper RCC medal, 1 gram silver, 1964 .10
- Rick DeAvila: 1989 mint set, 2006 NV cased .25, unc. Jefferson .05 1964
- Don Stamps: 2002P mint set, year set presidential dollars
- Dan Wilson 1900 Indian head .01, 1935S .25
- Anthony Hill: 2 copies of Confederate banknotes, 2 presidential \$1
- Rusty King candy coins, bronze RCC medal
- Andy Olston: **mystery box** TX Innovation \$1 PD and PDS Famous Woman .25 2025 set Stacey Milbern
- Bart Daniels: 2024 Famous Woman .25
- Joe Lamberson: PDS Famous Woman .25 2025 set Stacey Milbern
- Mary Long 1905 Barber V.05
- Faye Allen: Brasher Doubloon puzzle.

Quarter Pot

Paul Williams (not present) won the .25 pot

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October 19 Vacaville Coin Show, Vacaville Elk’s Lodge, 302 Parker St., Dealers: ? Admit: \$2 Info: Scott Griffin 415-601-8661 www.griffincoin.com

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Not the Other Coin: Nevada Medals



The proposed design for the 2024 Reno Coin Club Medal is set to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the US in 2026 by getting it minted in 2025 by this Christmas (hopefully). We are struggling with finding a press and the price of silver, and will likely ask for pre-payment from members. We might have to go to a half ounce silver coin. Don’t have Ken running the old coin press anymore. The design is based on the 1976 NV bicentennial medal, which used the US 1876 centennial medal die (above).with new reverse.



We replaced the NV 1976 reverse with a reverse more like the original (right), choosing a wreath of 50 stars rather than a floral wreath. We also substituted the

motto *Let God be with us as He was with Our Fathers* with a motto more like the official motto of the US *In God We Trust Now and Forever*. We also replaced the Civil War soldier with a modern soldier and the Liberty Bell with the state of NV and the Battle Born crest. Service clubs in 1976 minted a similar medal with the state seal, but after much thought we decided not to use the seal. The official



medal (a .75 silver coin, so as not to be an official half or silver dollar, silver was being demonetized) was set to travel across the country with a big ball of silver in 1963, but Kennedy got shot and stopped the publicity tour for the Silver State. The coin featured John Mackay for northern NV and Hoover Dam for southern NV. Note the 50 stars. It should be a cool



coin. We are still unsure if we will make off metal to sell at the museum, and maybe do half oz. of silver with a half dollar size to keep the price down.

This is a good spot to mention the museum is minting two new coins for Datsolalee and the Nevada Christmas Tree headed for the White House:



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The Roman Provinces, 300 BCE–300 CE: Using Coins as Sources by Andrew Burnett (retired from British Museum coin cabinet), Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2024. 362pp. Illus., maps, \$39.99 paper. The small copper alloy change of Roman Provincial coinage in the largely Greek-speaking cities of the eastern half of the Roman Empire were left to locals to produce. Imperial authorities went to great pains to ensure a supply of precious metal coins to pay the troops, but the needs of an urban economy, where people need to make daily small purchases were often neglected. Topics include: Precious Metal Coinages at Rome and in the Provinces, The Beginnings of an Empire in Italy and the Western Mediterranean, The Growth of an Empire during the Late Republic, Whose Coins?, A Model for City Coinage in Imperial Times, The Revolution of Augustus - and Becoming More Roman in the First Century, Reinforcing Greek Identity in the Golden Age of the Second Century, From a Kingdom of gold to One of Iron and Rust in the Third Century.

Roman provincial coins have preserved remarkable histories like **the coins of Etenna that depict the Neolithic Great Mother religion with the worship of snakes and the sacrifice of men to guarantee the fertility of the soil** all through the Roman period just as in Euripides play *The Bacchae* when the king is torn apart and eaten raw by the female worshipers (bacchant) of Dionysius. Euripides warns the ecstatic god of wine and grain must be worshiped too or even your daughter will kill and eat you. Here, the snake



dancing bacchant with amphora behind has honored the snake with food. Every Greek and Roman house

set a saucer of milk out for the household god snakes, who were the mousers of the ancient world protecting grain stores. The snakes also promised long life and fertility to the household as they renewed their own life by shedding their skins and lived in the ground with Mother Earth, learning her secrets. Lots of talking snake stories and they were good luck. As in the horror movie series *Children of the Corn* (US, other countries have told the same story set in modern times as well). Two men race with the two-headed ax (left) called a bipennis and the other holding a harpa (knife/scythe) used for castration (seen on the next coin). The loser gets castrated, his blood is sprinkled over the fields for fertilization, and his flesh is eaten. The winner gets a year of fertilizing all the women and has to compete in the next race. Our dancing bacchant is seen approaching Dionysius with a panther at his feet, celebrating another foolish male put in his place. How is that for a Halloween story? I noticed that **Marc Breitsprecher, Classical Numismatist on www.vcoins.com has quite a run of the Star of Bethlehem coins** including the ones that mention the governor of Syria Silanus cited by Luke. They start at \$15 like they used to. Going for \$80 after the new astronomy book used the coins in part to determine Jesus birth as December 19, 6BC (my birthday!!!!). **Double struck 1811 large cent and 9 times struck 1918 cent.**



The finest known of only fifty-one 1881 quarter eagles sold for \$96,000. UK Royal Mint will make an Ozzy Osborne coin and has minted a 90 years of Monopoly as a 50 pence coin and 1/40 oz. gold coin. Available for pre-order at \$35, the exciting new



book **When Coins Were King: The Coins, Power Struggles, and Personalities That Defined a Nation** by Michael F. Moran masterfully unveils the untold stories behind the nation's coinage in the late 1800s and early 1900s, a time when the coins that jingled in American pockets had real value in silver and gold. The story starts with the great Comstock Lode that fueled a rebound in our nation's shaky paper-driven economy after the Civil War. Another catalog of Silk Road coins that is well illustrated in color and comprehensive. **Kushan Coins and History: A Type Catalogue of Kushan, Kushano-Sasanian and Kidarite Hun Coins Based on the Collection of the British Museum**, The British Museum, London 2025, 870pp in 2 volumes. \$120. **A rare German iron medal**



celebrates 1918 surrender of Russia to Germany by Lenin. Peace

(treaty) with Russia around bear with olive branch// Pax with dove and olive branch.

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A bunch of bricks of fractional notes from the Civil War to 1875 were found in a fruit cake box inside a safety deposit bank in an Atlanta bank that remained unopened for 100 years. Here's one of them, Heritage Auctions has them. A WWI medal celebrating

the "Bourbon nose" (Louis XVI) proclaiming his genetic connection to the Bourbons, just as Cleopatra was proud of her large Macedonian nose proclaiming her descent from Alexander the Great (Ptolemy I being a half brother). I have been wanting



to picture this. **The large nose was supposed to reveal sexual prowess and intelligence. Wilhelm Fleiss, MD, a friend and influencer of Freud insisted the nose was the key to health and attraction, which was discredited with the rest of phrenology that taught the shape of the skull determined intelligence and personality. Phrenology was mostly racist, but skull size and shape is still much discussed in early hominid studies, and the role of pheromones as part of attraction has given the nose more prominence in human sexuality. Fleiss turned Freud's focus to sexuality (and cocaine) based on the nose maybe partly true after all, although Freud rejected the nose part.**



Bulgaria's and the Ottoman's Empire allying with Germany and Austria proclaims "Our Cause is Just and Holy, Forward!" with a hand raised in Christian blessing, implying a union of Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, and Moslem in a Holy War, which is interesting, but Ferdinand I of Bulgaria is a model of



Another case of science being right for the wrong reasons perhaps. A recent Austrian gold coin celebrating Freud and the role of lust and dreams in our psychology on the reverse. **Corbett/Fitzsimmons medal from Holabird September auction** (left). Heart shaped medal of the boxing match March 17, 1897 at Carson City. Nevada's first legal prize fight, which was also made into the first full length film. The crowd mostly supported "Gentleman Jim" Corbett. In the 14th round, when Corbett raised his gloves, Fitzsimmons landed a punch to Corbett's body, just under his heart. Corbett crumpled into the ropes and the former champ fell to his knees. He couldn't rise to his feet and the referee counted him out.



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29 people braved the rain for picnic at Mary's house. Good food and great company. Matt grilled in the rain for us before his plane flight. Mary Long drew her name for the raffle and won the wonderful jams and jellies my wife made. **Got to talk with Congressman Amodei at the coin show at the museum. He is on board with keeping the penny in mint and proof sets.** New director at the museum does not want to do coin displays, so **Robert's coins will not be in the museum.**

Washoe County Library does not accept donations of books. So **our and Fred's library should probably be one of the auction items in the last Holabird auction** in October Thomas Kuhn donated a bunch of older foreign coins to the club. AJ went through them and gave us 10 times the coins that kids like, so now I have two huge bags of foreign coins for kids. September 11 proof Peace and Morgan dollars. September 23 proof eagle with Walking Liberty then the Batman coins September 25. October 7 Christmas ornaments. Oct 10 Eagle with Navy 250th privy mark, Oct 16 silver proof set, Oct 21 last famous woman .25 Aletha Gibson, and Wonder Woman Nov 13. Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net Website: www.renocoinclub.com 775 815-8625

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Famous women quarters .50 PDS (most S, not all)

New Christmas Coin Ornaments

There are several Christmas ornaments from the US mint this year. I made the mistake of assuming they were like the old ones with a coin set in a cardboard holder. They are unique copper nickel metal medals. All three years of the Famous Women quarters are available for \$37 each. The nickel reverse is featured on the other ornaments.



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September 25-27 Sacramento Valley Coin Club Show, Four Points, 4900 Duckhorn Dr., Dealers: ? Admit: \$3 under 18 free Info: Robert Shanks 916-204-5168

October 3-4 Fresno Numismatic Society Coin Show, American Legion Post 509, 3509 N. First St. Dealers: ? Admit: \$3 Info: Richard Hunter 559-970-2392

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The Other Coin: The Mystery of Love

Heracles is one of the two great stories of Greek thought that emphasizes the strong pursue virtue and holiness through thought and prayer. This is why Athena is both the goddess of wisdom and war. Both wisdom and war require strategy (from *strategos* in Greek meaning general). Odysseus, Heracles, and David are examples of those, who thought and prayed before entering battle rather than standing toe to toe to see who could bash harder like two Scotsmen.

The other story is that of Psyche (meaning soul or butterfly) and her marriage to Eros (desire) known as Cupid. Hesiod said the cosmos began with Eros and the Void. Eros with his bow and dove wings from his



mother Aphrodite (Venus) and Eros standing with Psyche with butterfly wings. And below, Eros has the headdress of Isis on the reverse as the emblem of the last and greatest Great Mother mystery religion. The



success of Christianity in the Roman world, especially in Egypt, required Mary to adopt all attributes of Isis: blue mantle, starry robe, seated suckling Jesus (not Horus), queen of heaven, mother of god, star of the seas, etc.

The Christians adopted the idea of God as Love from the Greeks and the Jews in all its forms: the erotic (eros), friendship (filia), and divine (agape). God called us to be Christ's bride, friend on the path of virtue, and to be divinized and live with him forever. All these ideas come from the mystery religions rooted in Paleolithic times when women ruled,

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produced children on their own, controlled the shelter and larder, and made the clothes. In the mystery rites the goddess or her daughter had sex with you, became your friend and champion, and promised a place in heaven. In the Eleusinian mystery over which Athena



presided with her sister goddesses Demeter (goddess of grain and agriculture) and her daughter Persephone (wife of Hades of the Underworld, creator of seasons). Here a son Triptolemus is seated on his winged chariot loaded with grain and pulled by serpents. He is going to spread the knowledge of agriculture around the world. Snakes are a symbol of good fortune and long life. Snakes were pets, fed milk like cats, and kept mice out of the grain. It was believed they could live forever, repeatedly shedding their skins for a new life.

Life as a choice between pleasure and virtue was accepted by the Christians with occasional fights over what virtues and whether pleasure was evil or just tempting. They concluded the innumerable virtues could not be perfected until one was in heaven and each person had his own set of virtues to live, by making enduring habits. Pleasure was natural so good except for the Puritans and Augustinians who introduced dualism and Manichaeism into the faith.

Despite Paul's caution what whatever virtues you might have you have nothing without love, the Western Latin Church exemplified by some Catholics and Puritans often decided that sex and eros were Evil and friendship bad. Not true for the early Greek church where there is no Fall, Mortal Sin, or Original Sin (and if there was it was the envy and pride of Satan tempting the two teenagers Adam and Eve, which caused God to intervene before any sin could occur, because sin is only sin when it becomes a habit from numerous choices like an addiction. God made the world and everything natural is good, including sex and friendship. Adam and Eve did not have the power to corrupt the world. Rejecting paradise out of ignorance and temptation, Adam and Eve accepted the rehabilitative curses of mortality, painful

childbirth, and working by the sweat of your brow to support your family). Sex was a gift, a "great pleasure" (St. John Chrysostom) to support family formation. Couples are married under martyr crowns (the highest Christian calling), so that they will love each other with God's love. Chrysostom's collected sayings about marriage are still used as a marriage manual given to newlyweds.) Friendship is also a blessing in marriage and with others teaches love of neighbor. Many Catholics and Puritans elevated Satan to godlike status when he was just an envious petty bureaucrat in heaven, a creature like us with no power other than what we give him. Augustine, Dante, and Tertullian introduced the battle of a God of light with a god of darkness like Star Wars. It is not Christian. You love yourself, others, and God with the right use of eros, friendship, and agape. Hesiod and the mystery religions were right. No sex with a goddess unless that's what you call your wife (you should, you know).

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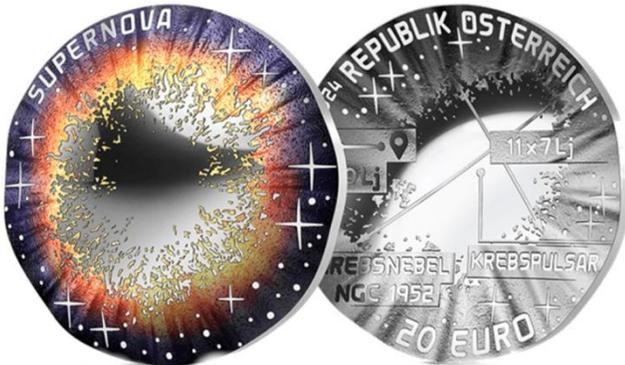


The 2026 superheroes will be **Supergirl, Robin, and Green Lantern. 2027: The Flash, Batgirl, and Aquaman.** Here are the Batman and Wonder Woman coins coming out this year:





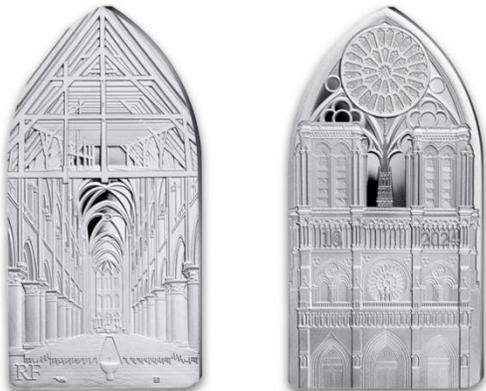
2025 Coin of the Year was won by Austria for their Supernova coin, They also won most artistic.



Austria is doing a series of astronomical coins with quasars, pulsars, black holes, etc. They won best bimetallic (silver-niobium) for “the living soil,” and best historical for salt mining. France celebrated



the restoration of Notre Dame winning most innovative with a micro chip and best contemporary event. Latvia won best silver coin for a cabbage



shaped coin. Malta celebrated bees again for best crown coin. France’s 50 cent euro coin won best circulating coin celebration Marie Curie, Ukraine got most inspirational for honoring medical workers and the **Vatican got best gold coin for praying peace would replace war.** Pope Francis crest motto is “having



mercy (compassion), He chose him” referring to the calling of Matthew by Jesus and his own calling to become pope. **This fall, Whitman will release three new titles in its Red Book Series: United States Type Coins, 4th Edition** in early September, *Private & Pioneer Gold Coins of the United States* in mid-September, and *Flying Eagle & Indian Head Cents, 4th Edition* in October. **A 16th 1804 dollar has been discovered** and shown at the World Fair of Money in Oklahoma. It is from the John Stack collection with little provenance and has raised the issue of being a restrike by the US Mint from the 19th century when the mint restruck coins for a price. Robert and Ken were able to show that a silver centered cent was one of these restrikes. It’s a beautiful coin. Hope it’s not a restrike.



The Great American Coin & Collectibles Show comes to the Chicago area for the first time, Thursday to Saturday, September 25-27, 2025. The show will be in Hall F of the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Rd., in the Chicago suburb of Rosemont, Illinois. **The Ship of Gold** will feature California Gold Rush coins and artifacts at this event. 100s of dealers.

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Circa 1750 German religious medal by Johann Leonhard Oexlein. Draped figure of Charity (agape love) sits instructing three children around her. Above, radiant hand of God emptying flowers from cornucopia. *The descendants of the pious shall be blessed*, Psalm 112// scholar sits right at table being admonished by veiled figure of the Church, holding long cross and pointing upward at radiant the tetragrammaton, Hebrew of YHWH (Yahweh) above, compass, globe, and measuring stick on ground below. *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom*, Psalm 111. God, Family, and country German style. Germany was not a country yet and still smarting from the Catholic and Protestant religious wars. Minted in Nurnberg, Bavaria where Catholicism trumped county.



General Felix Graf von Bothmer silver medal issued **1915 commemorating the Battle of the Strypa River** in western Ukraine where the Russians suffered casualties almost three times the number of the Germans and Austrians, which ultimately resulted in Russia's defeat. Bust turned left// Seminude soldier stands right with sword and shield deflecting arrows. *Defying the mighty enemy you boldly defended, throwing him back victoriously over the Strypa*. WWI seems to be repeating itself in the Ukraine. ANA's **NumismaTalks are the Saddle Ridge Hoard** Sept. 11 and **Rise of the Carolingians** Sept. 26 Live 12-1 MT. Live info.money.org/numismatalks Archived money.org/videos/



Seven of the fine gold 2000W Sacagawea dollars carried aboard the space shuttle *Columbia* in **July 1999** are to be sold **Sept. 12** by Stack's Bowers for the US Mint. The five other Sacagawea gold dollars will be archived in the US Mint. **Also to be sold is the 2025W 1/2 ounce gold Sacagawea dollars from the West Point Mint.** The 25th anniversary coins sold out within minutes of their public offering in July, priced at \$2,200 each. **The 24k gold Walking Liberty and silver art deco round** in the Best of the Mint series.



Perth Mint 5 oz silver Extragalactic with gold, pink, and white diamonds and **1 oz Year of the Horse**.



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August 26 Picnic Our August meeting is our annual BBQ at Mary's house (5031 W. Albuquerque Rd, Reno, 247-5796) on Tuesday August 26th from 4:30 - 7. If you did not sign up for a side dish, please call Mary and let me know what you wish to bring. Hope everyone is planning and able to come! Grilled meat provided. Will have new coins.

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.

September 30 Coins of Heracles

September 27 New Coins at the NV Museum

After the Last Meeting

22 got a look at the presidential wife's series that David Elliott brought in case Doug Larson did not bring in some of his treasures. We got 5 new members from the coin show and I want to thank Rick, Joe, Mary, Trish, my grandsons for helping and Bill Green for organizing it all. Sold my German collection to Fragner and some of my new books. **NV Museum Coin Show is raffling an 1884 CC boxed dollar for \$5 a chance to be awarded at coin show in August 15 and 16.** Texas \$1 here, August 7 silver set (five .25, .50, .10) with .01, .05 Sacagawea \$1, August 12 disability advocate Stacey Milbern .25. End of August we'll see the sunflower Liberty coin in gold and silver and all the famous women .25 made into Christmas ornaments as well as the Innovation \$1 proof set. September will have the palladium eagle and proof Peace and Morgan dollars. September 23 proof eagle with Walking Liberty then the Batman coin. Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net Website: www.renocoinclub.com 775 815-8625

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TX Innovation & NA \$1, here. Milbern .25 on the way.



Famous women quarters .50 PDS (most S, not all)

Early Bird Prize: CC Mint Director Crawford book won by Greg Bauer

Raffle prizes winners were:

Jeff Bauer: slabbed .10
Seena Drapula: RCC copper medal, NA \$1 set
Steven Riley: women .25 set, 1 gram silver, Indian head .01
Joe Wozniak: **mystery box** coins, unc. Ike \$1
Joe Lamberson: Nazi coin, English rationing coin
David Elliott: NV centennial coin bolo
Bart Daniels: slabbed NV .25, 1986 medal, 2 consecutive \$1
Art Bonnel: roll of unc. .05
Matt Anderson: 1962 .25
Jim Arden set: Innovation \$1
Don Stamps: 1972 proof set
Andy Olsten: CC Mint Director Crawford book
Anthony Hill: 1943S .01
Jan Johnson: 1901 .05, recent Red Book
Bill Naylor: chocolate coins in mint bag

Quarter Pot

Mary Long won the quarter pot.

THANKS TO Bill Green, Fred Holabird and Rusty King who have donated raffle prize. AJ donate. America the Beautiful maps to be given to kids at the museum.

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Treasurer's report: At the end of July, our available balance was \$7,972.16. Activity included: Income: Coin Show Raffle \$850.86 (net with mailing expenses), July Monthly Raffle (\$130), \$20 for auction, \$180 for 6 new members. New expenses for the month included \$155 for Newsletter repro/stamps. I also updated the Roster with new members Jeff Bauer, Adam Blasquez, Seena Drapala (returning member from 2019), Mark and Jan Johnson, and Jim Simpson. Thanks to all who helped with the Coin Show. Bill Green gave us an additional \$157 for our support of this event. We netted \$950.86.

Upcoming Coin Shows

July 26-27 Fremont Coin Club Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Admit FREE, Vince Lacarriere 510 366 1365

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August 25 Sacramento Coin Show, Lion's Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St. Admit: ? Dealers: ?, Peter McIntosh 916-317-9055

September 5-6 Coin Expo San Jose, Double Tree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Blvd., Admit \$6, 30+ dealers. Scott Griffin 415-601-8861 www.griffincoin.com

September 5-6 Las Vegas Locals Show, Tuscany Suites and Casino, 256 E. Flamingo. Dealers:32 Info: Dawn 888-330-518 CKShows.com

The Other Coin: Why is Hercules Beating Up All Those Monsters?

In addition to the Nemean lion, Caledonian boar, hydra, flesh eating mares, and Kerberos, Hercules or more properly Heracles (glory of (to) Hera) fought Amazons, giants, man-eating birds, Cretan bull, and more. Why? Not to prove he was the biggest and baddest, but to expiate his sins.

Like Odysseus he had to plan out how to defeat the monster or think before he acted. Hera was out to kill him, and he had hope his name would mollify Hera, but she drove her husband's bastard insane, and he killed his family. An oracle said he must indenture himself to a local king and do whatever was asked of him, which included the famous 12 Labors. He even had to clean the stables to expiate his sins and avoid the Furies wrath (permanent insanity). Not long after he killed his noble friend and host (a much more serious crime in ancient Greece) in a fit of rage. The oracle sternly told him he would have to sell himself into slavery for three years and a woman bought him. He was put to killing all the monsters in the neighborhood, but also made a sex toy, had to wear women's clothes, and do women's chores. Below, he is in a dress making thread while she has his lion skin and club. Cupid is aghast and angry while Pan is

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giving the eye proud of the sex switch. The worse sin



demands expiation by degradation and humiliation not just the hard work of killing monsters, but he does it without complaint. The gods demand obedience, prayer, labor, and humility. Think and pray, work and meekness. We find the old Heracles on coins standing or sitting at rest in contemplation:



Doubtless famous statues like the Farnese marble in Naples, a Roman copy of a ancient Greek bronze destroyed by Crusaders. What is Heracles thinking? Xenophon tells us that Socrates tells a story of the young Heracles facing the choice of the two paths of Virtue and Pleasure and decides to pursue the path of virtue, honor, family, and community. His choice of the right path of virtue is what brought him to divinity and Olympus as well as marriage to the beautiful goddess Hebe. The pursuit of happiness in our

Declaration of Independence is Hercules pursuit of virtue. We all have our monsters to fight and sins to overcome. Life is hard work, and we should think and pray. Seek to make amends or go thoughtlessly through life. Be godless without hope or a prayer, seeking the immediate pleasure and not caring about



anyone else. So, Heracles was not trying to get into heaven by beating up a bunch of monsters. He was expiating his sins on the pursuit of happiness or virtue. Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri



1850 Baldwin Company \$10 gold MS61, 1 of 25 known as Baldwin shorted the gold content and they were mostly melted. Still, a neat territorial gold coin.



The gold standing Liberty quarter is out complete with bare breast. The companion silver round is as strange as the 1916 gold Mercury dime presumably



signifying the coming clouds of WWI and peace fleeing. If we can have just an eagle head on one coin, we can have just a rear on another, I guess, but why not a bare breast on a very skinny Liberty to go with the 1916 Liberty? Sidney Sweeney the model?



2021 gold eagle head. Penny Trump outside SC restaurant. **Trump's order to end the penny has been made into a bipartisan bill. You can SAVE THE PENNY by letting your federal politicians know you want the penny continued in proof and mint sets. The bill's sponsors are Rep. Lisa McClain, R-Michigan, Rep. Robert Garcia, D-California, Sen. Cynthia Lummis, R-Wyoming and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-New York.** It is easy to leave a note on their website comment section in DC or home office. A penny bear at Burning Man.



The thieves that stole the largest hoard of Celtic coins found in Germany were convicted of gang theft and given up to 11 years for the 2022 robbery. The 483 Celtic coins were discovered during a 1999 archaeological dig were dated to around 100 BC with a large lump of unworked gold and some bronze rings used for small change. The coins were not recovered and are presumed to have been melted. Cool Danish



Viking silver penny of Harthacnut, 1035-1042 AD. HARDACNVT RX, with coiled Jorgandmunder serpent// DORCETL ON LVN, curvilinear cross on shield. The Midgard serpent was a dragon of great evil that lurked in the sea and circled the world. In the Ragnarok, this serpent would devour Thor. Danish nobles rebelled against Cnut for his English dominated Christian government and his pagan son Harthacnut was made co-regent with his father. Harthacnut was Cnut's legitimate son with Emma, while Harold I (of England) was the illegitimate son of Ælfgifu of Northampton, England. In 1037, while Harthacnut was still occupied with matters in Denmark, Harold took the throne. Harold I soon died and Harthacnut regained the throne briefly. He soon died in 1042 while drinking at a wedding feast. Then there was no son of Cnut to rule

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the huge Anglo-Danish empire. Edward the Confessor came to power in England, marking the fall of the Viking domination of England from foreign thrones, and a couple subsequent attempts to reinvade England failed in the later 11th Century.



US mint product with a great finish commemorates the 1796 flowing hair dollar, offered for \$40,000 by Stack's Bowers. The wreck of the SS Central America



yielded silver and foreign coins along with all the gold. In particular, the ship's safe was recovered with a bag of dimes and a cashbox of quarters and halves. There were nine rare 1856 S over S quarters in the cashbox. On Thursday, **President Donald Trump nominated Hollis**, an elected member of the Louisiana Board of Education and a former state representative from St. Tammany Parish, **to run the U.S. Mint**. You can write him too to **SAVE THE PENNY**.



Two 1892 Columbian Exposition medals for the 400th anniversary of Columbus discovery of the New World from Italy and Germany. Around Columbus, native princess and Columbia with globe above and eagle below//winged personification of Civilization with genii representing Education, Commerce, and Industry. Native chief, maiden, and two warriors before coastline in stance with the US capitol, border comprised of alternating stars and state shields. Columbus holding charts//Italia seated and America stands before expo ground; Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria on horizon. Eagle above.

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At Mary Long's August 26

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30 members brought their favorite coin. Rodriguez topped everyone as usual with coins of Queen Bess and Ben Franklin. I brought some of the Yehuda coins I have with blown up pictures, Rusty brought a rare Hoover dam 60th anniversary coin, and there were interesting notes and coins of Hercules. New administrators at museums. Have not met them yet. They are raffling an 1884 CC boxed dollar for \$5 a chance to be awarded at coin show in August. July 10 Morgan and Peace \$1, July 14 Teddy Roosevelt silver medal, July 17 mint sets, July 24 gold and silver Superman, July 29 Texas \$1 with an astronaut on a spacewalk before the International Space Station, July half oz. gold Sacagawea (eagle), August 7 silver set (five .25, .50, .10) with .01, .05 Sacagawea \$1, August 12 Famous women .25 disability advocate Stacey Milbern. The 2026 designs will include a penny and designs for 5 quarters and the rest are being voted on now. Contact me: 775 815-8625 datbelliotts@prodigy.net Website: www.renocoinclub.com

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Florida Innovation \$1, NA \$1 here. Vera Rubin .25 here.



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Early Bird Prize: Rubin .25 PDS won by Andy Olsten.

Raffle prizes winners were:

Don Stamps: 1960 mint set
Rick DeAvila: 2 unc. .01, 2010D mint set, 9-11 note
Anthony Hill: copper RCC medal
Bart Daniels 2022 .25 set
Mark Kingman: Riverside casino chip \$1
Allison Navarro copper Mercury .10 medal
Robert Rodriguez: unc, Ike \$1, GW & John Adams \$1, NA \$1 set
Andre Assam: 1972S .05
Andy Olston: raffle ticket
Jim Arden: Book on CC mint director, unc. Kennedy .50
Steven Riley 1 gram silver, proof .01
Joe Lamberson: 2009 penny set
David Elliott: 1960 unc. .01

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Joy Bridgeman (not present) won the .25 pot

THANKS TO Jerry Breedlove, Darren Demangate, Fred Holabird and Rusty King who have donated raffle prizes.

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The Other Coin: Lead Tessera of Hadrian



I tried to find a better example of this very rare lead tessera, but mine was the best I found. Here is an example with same obverse and different reverse:



Roman Egypt, Antinöopolis. 2nd-3rd century AD. Lead tessera (19mm). Confronted busts of Antinöos left, wearing hem-hem crown and Isis right, wearing Hathor headdress // Euthenia (goddess of abundance, wealth) standing right, crowning the river Nile reclining right. The Nile or Nilus is riding a hippo with a cornucopia on second coin holding ears of wheat as Euthenia is on the first coin. The hemhem



crown was the festival crown placed on two ram horns with two cobras (uraeus), ostrich feathers (blue here) and 3 atef crown of reeds with gold solar disks. Hathor crown of two cow horns with a solar disk and cobra. Isis is often identified with Hathor, so you have the ultimate party crowns combo and indeed the festival of Isis/Hathor was celebrated well into the 400s AD with coins minted from Diocletian to Theodosius I, including Constantine the Great. The

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religion of Isis was Christianity's biggest competitor until the Virgin Mary was made the new Isis.



Antinoos is another kettle of fish. Emperor Hadrian had married Trajan's grandniece, but they had no children. Hadrian loved all things Greek and was nicknamed the "Greekling." He spent most of his life abroad, made Athens the cultural center of the Empire and met the beautiful Antinoos on his travels around the Mediterranean. (Think JFK and Marilyn Monroe) The affair lasted several years until Antinoos died in the Nile. Hadrian deified him, built statues and temples all over the world and made him the new Osiris husband of Isis. The cult of Antinoos became wildly popular and survived for centuries making the Isis festivals, the gay pride parade as well as the Hathor/Isis ultimate rock (Greatful Dead) party with ancient Egypt's promise of eternal life from the Antinoos/ Osiris cult, which the Ptolemies had fashioned into the latest mystery religion drawn from Athen's Eleusinian mysteries of Demeter and Persephone. Not only all that, but the Jews also revolted again and Hadrian made a greater slaughter of them than Vespasian and Titus in 70AD destroying the temple and turning it into a temple to Zeus and Hadrian's family. He also put a temple of Venus on the site of Jesus's tomb considering him just another troublesome Jew. Constantine the Great removed that temple and built the first church of the Holy Sepulcher, but he also commemorated the cult of Isis.



Here is Isis of the Seas (why Mary became Stella Maris (Star of the Sea) patron of sailors. Of course Isis had a famous lighthouse and imported goods from India and Ceylon, across the Mediterranean, and China (transported overland to India).

Lead tesserae were coin tokens used as entry tokens to gladiatorial combats, chariot races, brothels, temples (Jupiter/Mercury, Diana/stag, Christ the Good Shepherd carrying and caring for sheep), dinners (probably funeral), wine making, tokens to receive government welfare in form of a modius of grain, and Yahweh (IAW) has been reduced by the Gnostics to the evil god of Earth with snake limbs. He says Abraxis (where abracadabra came from).



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Numismatic Potpourri

The designs for the 250th Celebration circulating coins are being discussed and voted on by the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) and the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA). The proposed designs should be out soon. In addition to an updated cent and nickel, a unique dime, half dollar, five semiquincentennial quarters will be issued. Each quarter will highlight a theme tied to the nation's founding and progress, including the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, Abolition, Suffrage, and

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Civil Rights. The first of the **1-year-only Best of Mint 2026 Gold Coins**, which will be composed of 24k gold, faithfully represent the original historic designs, feature their original dates of issue, come in fractional formats that approximate the size of the original coins (1oz., 1/2oz., 1/4oz., and 1/10oz.), have an uncirculated finish, feature a semiquincentennial privy mark showcasing the Liberty Bell and the numerals "250." The Mercury dime



representing freedom of thought is out without the privy mark and 250 evidently, but along with it is a 1 ounce art deco silver round also without 250 and



Liberty Bell. Not sure why freedom of thought has a sword. 1916-1945 was the time of leaving the farm



for the big city and Freedom of Thought looks like a genie, but it's cool anyway. (See, its is making me think.) Each of designs of the coin will be in 24 carat gold accompanied by a new silver round. Besides the Mercury dime, the 24 carat gold coins will reproduce: 1916 Walking Liberty Half Dollar, 1916 Standing Liberty Quarter Dollar, 1804 Silver Dollar (Class I Version), and 1907 Saint-Gaudens High-Relief Double Eagle. Another 250th anniversary celebration of the



first Jewish settlement in America in 1655. The obverse depicts Liberty and Justice triumphing over Intolerance, while the reverse shows History holding a tablet inscribed with the dates 1655 and 1905. Gold medals were given to Teddy Roosevelt and Grover Cleveland. Jewish refugees had fled Brazil for New Amsterdam (NYC) and were granted permanent resident status. Another 2025 US coin makes me think.



Coming out at the end of August, the Liberty gold eagle features a screaming eagle (OK) and a bee on a sun-flower. This has what to do with Liberty? Looking at the 38 proposed designs: <https://www.coinnews.net/2024/04/26/2025-american-liberty-gold-coin-and-silver-medal-candidate-designs-unveiled/> there was a surfeit of graffiti based designs as if the Grateful Dead had rioted and taken over the CCAC. Lots of complaints. The CCAC wanted a

virtue, not party on. And, get off this old curmudgeon's lawn. CCAC chosen design left and a runner up.



India has opened with displays of the largest gold coin of 12 kilograms about 26.5 pounds of 1613 Mughal Emperor Shah Jahangir. The mint was the first in India



to make milled coins, but started striking coins by hand in 1803. Short video tour on Instagram [officialhumansofhyderabad](https://www.instagram.com/officialhumansofhyderabad) **Jeff Garret former ANA president has picked up my idea of continuing the cent in mint and proof sets** and also mentioned that Britain and France will be minting coins celebrating America's 250th. In 2025, **gold from the SS Central**

Henry VIII half sovereign with elderly Henry on throne//crest held by lion and dragon. One of nineteen



amphora with freshly minted coins of Diocletian. **The largest hoard (over 50,000) of Roman coins found in Spain in 2016** and now on display. Likely hidden or buried by the mint as an opposing usurper army approached. **Saifabad Mint Museum in Hyderabad**



America was used for a series of extraordinary restrikes of the 1849 \$20 Liberty Double Eagle. Struck in both Specimen Proof-Like, to look like the Smithsonian pattern specimen, and a limited Proof Deep Cameo finish, these commemoratives pay tribute to the original coin, the California Gold Rush, and the dramatic maritime legacy of the Ship of Gold. Offered by Adam Crum's Finest Known. Two other restrikes designs are offered by Ron Landis. See the restrikes, gold dust, bars, and coins on the Ship of Gold e-bay site best found by searching SS Central America gold. Nice history of US currency video, see: **History of U.S. Currency History is Our Story | J. P. Morgan** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Cdj1hc6PPU>)



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22 members got a quick look at the designing of coins from large clay models reduced by Janvier reduction machine to modern computer and laser creation. He also brought in several zombie coins. Paul Williams let us know that Fred Holabird is planning on retiring this summer, and the July auction will be his last. Robert Rodriguez is now on the board of the ANS, which is moving from New York to Ohio. Progress is being made on minting the next club medal. We will be getting a bid from Capitol Medals in NC. They have a NV seal medal. June 3 is the Rubin .25, June 5 gold eagle, June 13 silver eagle with 250th of the Army privy mark, July 10 Morgan and Peace \$1, July 14 Teddy /Roosevelt silver medal, July 17 mint sets, July 24 gold and silver Superman, July 29 Texas \$1 with an astronaut on a spacewalk before the International Space Station. **Coin Show at the museum August 15 and 16.** We will have a table. Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net 815-8625 Website: www.renecoinclub.com

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Mary Long 2011P mint set, bronze 50 state set

Ken Hopple RETURNS!: candy coins

Conn Davis: unc, Ike \$1, replica Confederate notes

Bill Naylor: replica 1933 \$20

Mark Kingman: **mystery box** PD Florida \$1 and 4 space themed \$1. 2009 5 .01 set

Jeff Allen: 1 oz. silver strike, 1974 broken proof set

Rick DeAvila: 1909-1940 .01 filled book, SBA set

Andy Olston: 1947S .10, presidential \$1 set

Faye Allen: 1 gram silver .01

David Elliott: NV centennial coin bolo

Aaron Richardson: bronze RCC medal

Angela: American women .25 set

Dan Wilson replica NC currency

Rusty King: new \$1set

Art Bonnel: 1960 unc. .01 roll

Cody Daniels: 1971 mint set, PD Michigan

Doug Larson: RCC medal

Loretta Kingman: copy of Texas 19th C. banknotes

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Mary Long won the .25 pot

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July 26-27 Fremont Coin Club Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Admit FREE, Vince Lacarriere 510 366 1365

Nevada State Museum Coin Show August 15 & 16

Not The Other Coin: Save the Penny!



The US Mint announced its last order of penny blanks that may last through 2026. It costs 4 cents to make a penny now, so the penny is impossible as a circulating coin. We will have to make do with the billions floating around or make transactions rounding up or down to the nearest nickel. Pennies will exist electronically in credit card and banking transactions, but there is still a good chance for the penny to survive as a coin past 2026.

Pennies should be included in mint and proof sets. The silver set could even have a copper penny. The mint will be charging us a lot more than 4 cents for the penny when it is in a set. Let the penny live. We must not remove Lincoln from our coinage.

The Fugio cent was our first penny coin:



Designed or inspired by Benjamin Franklin, the images can be found on some of his Continental dollars and notes with a sundial *Mind your business*, *Fugio* (time) flies and 1787. The reverse has 13 joined rings of the thirteen colonies with their names visible on very fine coins. The center has *We are One* (which would later be the Latin *e pluribus unum*, from many one) and *United States*.

At the urging of Washington, Liberty was put on the large cent and other coins rather than his own portrait. She began with wild or "flowing" hair, a tribute to Artemis, the wild and free and Rousseau's noble savage. Liberty became a French revolutionary with

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a Roman pileus cap, given to slaves who were publicly made freeman. The Jacobin horrors of the French Revolution ended the wild and free Liberty



with a series of increasingly matronly Liberties named draped bust, classic and matron head and braided hair. Then came the short lived flying eagle small cent (1856-1858) followed by the Indian head



and Lincoln in 1909 with wheat ears, the Lincoln memorial, and now the union shield.

You can save the penny by writing, e-mailing, or calling your senators, congressmen, the mint director, and Trump. Very few people actually do this, so if enough people contact the officials with our reasonable request to have the penny be continued in mint and proof sets, it will actually happen. I got a third year of Star Trek and a W nickel by campaigning for them. Let's do this. Let others know. Short and sweet is best:

Save the Penny, Congressman Amodei:

Although the penny has become too expensive to remain a circulating coin, **please continue the penny coin in mint and proof sets**, and a copper coin in the silver set. The Fugio cent was our first coin and pennies are still the most collected coin. Please continue the penny in a limited form for collectors.

Everyone has e-mail now, but you can still write and call. They count the number of contacts to decide if they need to address the issue. There are computers at the library or use your smart phones to get on websites.

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Numismatic Potpourri

Roberto Delzanno traces the history of the world from Primordial Chaos to Rome using the reverses of Roman coins in **Rome - The Legacy - Coins as Storytellers** for \$79 on Amazon and E-bay at end of June. Promises lots of coins and depictions of Rome and the white statues colorized as we knew they were. Brighter than Las Vegas neon the author says. **Bad Metal Silver. 50c to \$S1: Circulating Contemporary Counterfeit United States Coins** by Winston Zack \$75 400pp. This is the 3rd book in the award-winning 4-part encyclopedic publication series on the fascinating history of circulating contemporary counterfeit US coins. badmetalcoin.com/product-page/

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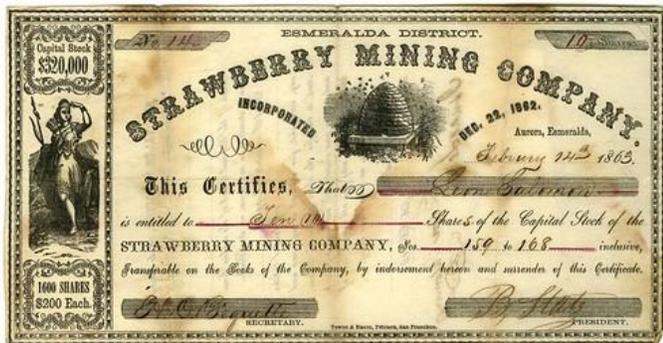
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Defeat of the Spanish Armada, 1588 medal, Philip II of Spain, and the heads of the Catholic Church and state, blindfolded, seated in discussion, their feet on a spiked floor, *Oh the blind minds of men, oh the blind hearts, It is hard to kick against goads, rev., the Spanish fleet, some foundering on rocks, 1588 You God are great and do great things, You God alone. Come. See. Live.* 51mm. Sovereign Rarities



also has a **spectacular coronation coin of Queen Anne of James I (VI) bust facing Anne, by the grace of God, Queen of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Daughter and Sister of Kings of Denmark // crowned crest *Deceitful cunning is safer than innocence.* Cool Nevada mining stock from the**



Aurora, Nevada Territory, Esmeralda County 1862. 10 shares of capital stock of Strawberry Mining Company. Black printing with bee hive at top center under company title and Native woman with bow and arrow at left. And an old baseball commemorative coin from Massachusetts. A good

inauguration of summer. **Pioneer Base Ball Club //**



Organized April 30, 1858 Play Ground on Hampden Park, Springfield, Mass. **1881S toned Morgan.**



Whitman has launched a new series of Prestige coin albums in nice colors and better organized in series including varieties and proofs. Although the Roman



coins found in the Caribbean can be attributed to ballast in English ballast ships (yes, Roman coins are common as dirt), the Maine Penny found was indeed a genuine coin from the Norse world. Furthermore, it was established that the coin was struck sometime between 1065 and 1080 during the reign of King Olaf III. The occupation of the prehistoric Goddard site by Vikings has been dated to between 1180 and 1235, but Olaf's coins were known to circulate for over a hundred years. The Maine penny was discovered on 18 of August 1957 by Guy Mellgren in an old Native American settlement, at Naskeag Point, Brooklin, Maine.

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The Grand Army of the Republic, the largest of all Union Army veterans' organizations, was the most powerful single-issue political lobby of the late nineteenth century, securing massive pensions for veterans and helping to elect five postwar presidents from its own membership (Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Harrison, McKinley). They included black and women veterans like Dr. Mary Edward Walker, promoted Memorial Day and black voting rights. They had hundreds of local chapters and were a social and charitable organization organized in 1866 and continued until the last member died in 1956. They had yearly national encampments. Doug Larson has a nice collection of their medals and mementos. A good topic for July perhaps. Norwich Castle Museum in Norfolk,



England has acquired the 7th century gold hoard of **Frankish tremisses** minted in the Merovingian kingdoms. The hoard is made up of 129 coins and includes 118 different coin designs and 51 different European mints. The hoard was discovered by two metal detectorists in a west Norfolk, England farmer's field between 2014 and 2020. **The 1870S 3 dollar** dies



were rejected by San Francisco Mint Coiner Joseph Breck Harmstead and sent back to Philadelphia because they lacked the required S mintmark. Only two 1870S 3 dollar coins were made. **SF never got dies for the 1870S dollar from Philadelphia.** For the 1870S dollar Harmstead had enough reverse dollar dies since they had several reverse dies (with mintmarks) available for use from previous years. Two well known silver dollar experts from the Liberty Seated Collectors Club have determined that **the obverse die for the 1870S dollar came from Carson City mint.**



The Norwegian ship *Restauration* with 45 immigrants, many of whom settled in Minnesota, arrived in America in 1825. One hundred years later, **the US Mint in Philadelphia celebrated the arrival of the Restauration and the launch of the Norse-American community with the striking of a series of medals.** Now, a century after the centennial celebration, a selection of the rarest of those medals will be offered in the ANA US Coins Signature® Auction August 26-31 by Heritage Auctions. The coins were issued in a variety of metals. **A cache of 933 1st BC Iron Age**



Catuvellauni gold coins likely dated to Caesar's second invasion of Britain in 54 BC will be displayed as the Great Baddow Hoard in an Essex museum. The hoard was likely buried to hide the royal treasury from Julius Caesar or collected to be used as tribute, but not recovered as the Catuvellauni were warring with the neighboring Trinovantes tribe and losing. The Picasso-like head with wreathed head right// horse right with sun and moon below, big dipper above (?).

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Faye Allen: Mercury .10 set, 1986 medal
Mark Kingman: copy colonial paper money, 2 president \$1
Joe Wozniak: PD Michigan \$1
Conn Davis: New Rusty Goe James Crawford Carson City mint director book, filled .01 album
Bart Daniel new 1986 Olympic coins set, unc. roll .01
Andre Assam: National Park S set, PDS Low .25, NA\$1 set
Andy Olston: NV bicentennial medal
Doug Larson: RCC medal
Jeff Allen: 1 gram silver bar
Loretta Kingman: copy of Texas 19th C. banknotes

Auction

Andy Olston won 2 NV medals for \$10 donated by Darren Demangate
Bart Daniels won 3 silver coin set for \$18, Mark Kingman won 5 silver coins set for \$20, and Andy Olston won Barber coins for \$23. All donated by Jerry Breedlove

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June 6-7 Concord Coin Show, The Concord Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive., Admit \$5, Bill Green 925 351-7605 Save \$1 with add, more info at:
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Not The Other Coin: Observations on Changes at the US Mint since 1999



The US is minting its first series of pop culture coins from DC comics. It appears Marvel comics is whining about getting coins too. Despite colorizing a basketball on a coin a few years ago, the comic hero coins will not be colorized like they are at other major mints around the world. Nevertheless, the US Mint's coin have gone through a radical transformation since the state quarters came out in 1999.

The most annoying change was the inability to get the new coins from the banks, starting in 2009 at the end of the state series with the DC coin and territorial quarters. We could no longer get a brick of quarters and exchange them for a .25 at the museum. We had to pay a premium and postage at get the new coins from the Mint.

The good news is the new series of state quarters, then National Park quarters (2010-2021) were popular and could be found in change. S mint circulation strike National Park quarters were issued by the Mint with low mintages starting in 2012 ignored by album makers, causing me to have to put them in year cases. They sold well. At even lower mintages W quarters were minted 2019 and 2020 and put in circulation. Uncirculated S retail around \$3 and W retail about \$8. In 2017 a P was placed on the penny for the 225th anniversary of the Philly Mint. In 2019 a W penny was issued in proof, mint, and uncirculated sets as a premium followed by a 2020 W nickel. There



was already W dime from 1996 50th anniversary of the Roosevelt dime and a silver proof included with the 2015 March of Dimes commemorative silver \$1.



A Kennedy half in 2014 as part of a set to honor the 50th anniversary of his assassination. There were two



W Sacagawea dollars: 1) 39 bullion gold pattern coins were made, but rejected. 27 were melted, and the 12 surviving examples sent space aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia to commemorate Eileen Collin as the first female US astronaut to be a commander. The 12 coins were then put in Fort Knox. In 2007 the coins were briefly displayed at the ANA's World Fair of Money in Milwaukee. 2) an enhanced proof coin offered as a premium for proof and silver proof sets in 2015 and in the \$1 Coin and Currency Set with a note beginning with 911 serial number. A Mohawk iron worker is depicted building



the Empire State building. The W mint also appears on bullion coins beginning in 1983 and on the silver eagle dollar first coin in 1995, then continuously



since 2001. The Westpoint Mint has produced many

“instant rarities.”

The presidential, Sacagawea, and Innovation golden dollars were supposed to replace the dollar bill, but the cost of metal and reformulation of the paper for the dollar has put an end to any cost savings. The golden dollar tarnishes and stains easily as well. The dollar coins have been removed from circulation and also need to be ordered from the mint. The penny is also probably doomed except for being in yearly sets.

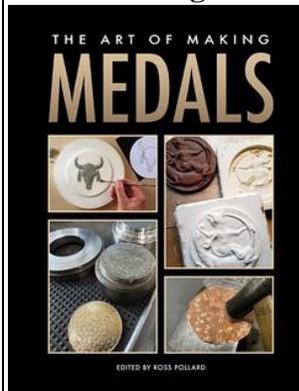
Modern coinage includes the 2004-2005 Westward Journey Nickel and the 2009 Lincoln penny series. We



are finishing up the Famous American Women series this year and have the 250th Anniversary of the US and Olympic quarters to look forward to as well as two yearly commemorative sets. There are various gold, platinum and palladium coins as well. We can hope Superman heralds colorized, special metals, gems and other special designs for our coins.

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The Art of Making Medals: Sculpting, casting, and metalworking techniques for artists by Ross Pollard.



The book explores a wide range of traditional and modern sculpting, casting, and die-striking techniques via step-by-step demonstrations and essays. Each chapter was contributed by a member of the American Medallist Sculpture Association and documents the creation of an original medal

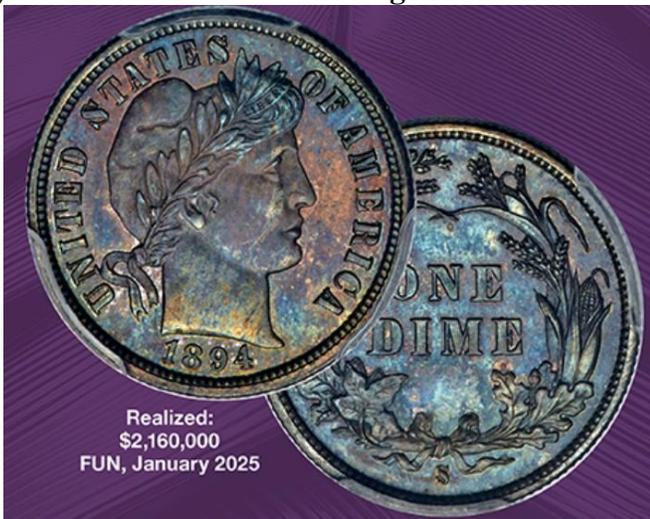
from start to finish. \$20 on Amazon, 88pp. **A truck tipped over and spilled \$800,000 worth of dimes** on a highway in Texas. It took a day to shovel and vacuum them up. In 2018, a semi-truck with \$800,000 in dimes crashed and spilled its load near Las Vegas.



Parmelee-Garrett 1733 pattern **Rosa Americana twopence** One of five examples known. An early British authorized minting at half weight of British coins, which circulated in America and Britain.



Reverse of 1963 1000 **Swiss note with Danse Macabre**. Death taking a child, maiden, and old man. For decades the highest denomination Swiss note featured this memento mori *Remember death for we all die*. A recent **Heritage auction treasure**.



Realized:
\$2,160,000
FUN, January 2025

Sincona is offering a **series of gold medals that illustrate the rule of Queen Anne** (1702-1714) of Britain. She was a daughter of the Stuart James II, who has last Catholic King of Britain. Anne became queen after her older sister Mary and brother-in-law William died without children. She was a Lutheran,

but did not want to be just a puppet of the nobles.



Anne arrived with her husband's fleet and army and the motto God our defender; justice our companion. On the reverse: *against the child of perdition* (Bonnie Prince Charlie) and *the naval expedition for the liberty of England 1688*. To emphasize she was no pushover her coronation medal has her as Athena wielding thunderbolts against a Titan as *Vice-regent of the*



Thunderer. Her grandfather Charles II had depicted himself as Zeus throwing thunderbolts after his defeat of Cromwell. Here slaying many giants.



Anne was no pushover. She curbed the powers of Parliament and defeated France with the help of the Duke of Marlborough during the Spanish War of Succession. The Bourbons wanted to unite France and Spain. She won the Rock of Gibraltar and trade in the Americas. She won through diplomacy and war getting Austria and the Dutch to join her in the Battle of Blenheim, defeating the French King Louis XIV.

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The French and Bavarians again defeated on the Danube, Marlborough commanding, 1704. Anne also celebrated the permanent union of Britain and Scotland in 1707. *Always the same* (together, one) says the gold.



A spectacular coin celebrating the capture of Gibraltar and victories over Bavaria and France. *England's rich*



triumphs. There are more than a dozen medals for the Spanish War of Succession. And two medals celebrating chasing away the French fleet attempting to invade Scotland in 1708. *French fleet flees*.



The Chinese love making copies of these and other rare medal. I got several Russian medals from China.



Congressional Gold Medal for the 6888 Central Postal Directory Battalion, an all African American Battalion of women tasked with sorting the accumulated mail that piled up in France and England during WW2. *No mail, low morale*. Perth Mint is making gold and silver pillar dollars with Charles III



on obverse. **Canada won Best Commemorative for its high relief Wood Dragon for the Year of the Dragon. A 450 BC 10mm coins from Lesbos with an illusion of two heads facing each other with a single eye serving both.** Athena on the obverse. Most coin



die engravers were gem engravers used to working in small spaces. **Finest 1792 pattern copper dime.**



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- Loretta Kingman: copies of Confederate notes
- Cody Daniels: 2007 unc, set, 1963 .10, 2022-2025 Famous Women .25 set
- Bill Naylor: 2009 \$1 set
- Don Stamps: 2 presidential \$1 set
- Rusty King: Riverside casino chip
- Conn Davis: 2009 Coin Club medal
- Jeff Allen: Maria Tallchief \$1 and .25
- Andre Assam: 2009 Lincoln set

Auction

Cody Daniels won album of America history coins and stamps donated by Darren Demangate

Don Stamps won album of America history Franklin Mint bronze coins donated by Darren Demangate

Quarter Pot

Quoc Nguyen (not present) won the .25 pot

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Treasurer's Report: At the end of March, our available balance was \$6,746.72. Activity included: Income: no income was posted, so I expect next month's income will be higher than normal. New expenses for the month included \$125.26 for Newsletter Repro/postage/office supplies and \$245 for coins needed for the monthly raffles.

Upcoming Coin Shows

April 17-19 Sacramento Valley Coin Club Show, Four Points, 4900 Duckhorn Drive, Admit \$3, Robert Shanks 916 204-5168

May 9-10 Visalia Coin Show, Veteran's Memorial Hall, 609 W. Center Ave., John Ward 559 967-8067

May 10 San Francisco International Numismatic Bourse, Double Tree Hotel (South San Francisco), 275 S. Airport Blvd., Scott Griffin 415 601-8661
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Reno Coin Show July 18th and 19th at the J (Sands)
Nevada State Museum Coin Show August 15 & 16

The Other Coin: Iconic Coins



ANA is celebrating National Coin Week by heralding

the US Mint's six coin series of DC comics superheroes. Superman will be on ½ ounce gold \$50 coins, 2 ½ oz. ounce and 1 oz. silver medals, and 1.2-inch clad medals, all in a proof finish. Above is the recommended design with Superman on the Kent farm. Unlike similar coins minted around the world by private and national mints, it appears the coins will not be colorized and not be issued as circulating coins. Canada, Australia, Great Britain, Poland, Austria, and most other national mints as well as private mints have promoted commemorative and circulating coins with images from comics, movies, books, and cartoon shows. Currently there are series for James Bond, Simpsons, Star Wars, Harry Potter, Chinese New Year, WWI and WWII, and much more.



Perth (Australia) mint usually makes iconic bullion and colorized iconic coins. Britain usually has circulation coins as well (10 pence coin right). Britain and Commonwealth have the advantage of having to design only the reverse as the monarch will be on obverse. The recent Star Wars series from the Royal Mint was produced in gold, silver, colorized or not and a circulating 50 pence coin.



2019 brought a plethora of WWI commemorative and circulating coins from the Commonwealth nations and France, but Russia still wins for its every five year set of WWII commemorative mostly circulating coins. Russia was portrayed every battle, weapon



system, town involved, monument, etc. on coinage. Canada wins for the most iconic coins of the greatest icon for its Star Trek original series coins. Captain Kirk and Scotty are Canadian. Great Britain and the Commonwealth also minted coins. Perth Mint



produced at even larger collection placing the coins in transporters or communicators. Perth, Franklin Mint



Bradford Exchange, have done the other Star Trek series including coins in the shapes of badges, ships, and insignias. There's a checker set and much more.

Live Long and Prosper,
David Elliott



Numismatic Potpourri

ANA just had a nice introduction to error coins and is planning a series of webinars for National Coin Week including presentations on changing images of Liberty, Populism on coins, and the penny dreadful and comic books. Upcoming presentations can be found at info.money.org/numismatalks Past presentations can be found at money.org/videos/ France has a new set of five bullion coins celebrating four works of Jules Verne: *Around the World in 80 Days*, *From the Earth to the Moon*, *20,000 Leagues under the Sea*, and *Journey to the Center of the Earth*. The fifth coin has a bust of Jules Verne and vignettes of all four books. Great Britain



continues the **Harry Potter** series with the flying car, begins a **Beatles** series with John Lennon, and there is a **Mary Poppins** and **Camelot** series.



The Newman Numismatic Portal has free zoom presentations April 24-26 with topics on error coins, silk road coins, lots on Nebraska topics from the

Central States Show, and the Great Kentucky gold hoard. All fee, sign up starts soon.

https://nnp Symposium.org/schedule?mc_cid=946526b904&mc_eid=7cc629f901 Perth Mint honors

Jimi Hendrix. A nicely toned **Alexander the Great**



tetradrachm minted by Ptolemy I, who stole Alexander's body and mummified it in Alexandria Egypt to increase his prestige. He is wearing an elephant's headdress and has his boxer's nose. Reverse is Athena Promachos (fighting on the front line) with spear and shield, helmet and Lagid eagle before. **Medal for Field Marshall Paul von**



Hindenburg's 1914 victory over the Russians in East Prussia in the Battle of Tannenberg. He is standing naked over the Russian bear.



An electrotype 1794 silver dollar from the British Museum mid 1830s. Along with the Ashmolean Museum tens of thousands of different electrotypes were made from 1836-1931 by Robert Ready and his sons for collectors, other museums, and teaching institutions. Much like chemical 3D printing, thin

microscopic layers of metal are placed on a mold. An electro-chemical process creates the desired thickness, then the reverse and obverse molds are put together, leaving a seam, but making a much more detailed copy.



The process replaced casting in molds. I have a British Museum electrotype of the famous Syracuse tetradrachm. This is a superior copy than a coin made in



a mold or struck on Russian or Chinese press because it keeps all the detail of a hand struck coin and hand engraved die. **The Crown Coin is the most valuable coin in the world with 6,426**



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natural diamonds estimated to weigh over 475 carats and nearly 8 pounds of gold. It was made for Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee and is now presented as a memorial after her death. With a diameter of over 9.6 inches, a collection of 11 24-carat gold coins, with the centerpiece coin weighing in at over 2 pounds. Six of the surrounding coins represent the guiding virtues as seen on the Victoria Memorial outside of Buckingham Palace: courage, justice, truth, victory, charity, and consistency. The five others chronologically showcase the Queen's portrait. On one side, the abundance of diamonds is arranged to simulate the United Kingdom's flag while the other side follow the designs of the late monarch's intricate tiaras. The one-of-a-kind commemorative piece is engraved with quotes from Queen Elizabeth. One side reads, "With age comes experience and that can be a virtue if properly used. By being willing to put past differences behind us and move forward together." On the other, the border includes an inscription from her first televised broadcast in 1957, "Throughout all my life and with all my heart I will strive to be worthy of your trust. The things I have here before promised I will perform and keep so help me God." The coin is valued at \$23 million dollars.

Two Comitia Americana coins came to auction.



Kittanning in 1756. The medal's obverse depicts the City of Philadelphia's shield of arms, and the reverse shows the burning village of Kittanning, Armstrong with a rifle, and two guards, along with the inscription "Kittanning Destroyed by Coll. Armstrong, September 8 / 1756." The original medals were made from smoothed Pillar 8 reales coins and were awarded to the veterans of the raid. The US Mint later produced restrikes of the medal from the original dies. **President Trump and the Elon Musk-led Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) have now targeted the San Francisco Mint for closure** in a bid to sell the real estate in San Francisco. **The Bavarian Mint is making a bid to establish German bullion coins,** which Germany as a whole does not have. Bavaria is hoping the standardization of one ounce silver and gold coins with Neuschwanstein Castle will become popular. It is a model for Disneyland castles.



A Gen. George Washington copper overlooking Boston



And a toned silver John Howard at Cowpens. **The first American decoration for valor in battle, awarded to Colonel John Armstrong and his officers after the destruction of the Native American village of**



Switzerland's 2 kilo silver Matterhorn with original climbers of 1865. Also at Disneyland.



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

October 28 Happy Birthday Nevada Rusty King

October 31, Nov. 1 NV Day at the Museum

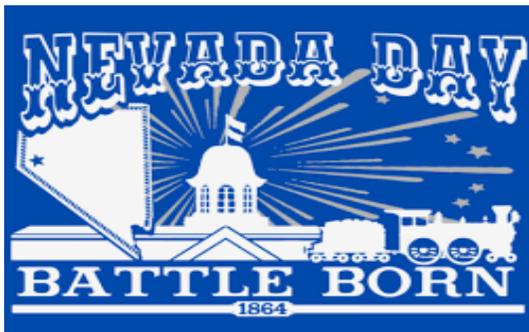
November 25 TBD

November 29 New Coins at the Museum

After the Last Meeting

28 people got to hear what Greek and Roman coins tells us about the Paleolithic matriarchy that survived in the Great Mother religions. The myths of Herakles and Psyche promoted the ideas of a life of virtue, God is Love and we are free to choose a path of divinization. All these ideas were adopted by the early Christians with changes as described in 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** and the sci-fi version **Forever**. Rusty King and David Elliott presented the designs for the 2026 Club medal (see below). Good suggestions from the membership on changes. The **Museum was minted a silver coin commemorating the NV Christmas tree being sent to the White House and a another half ounce silver coin for DatSoLaLee**, the basket maker (see below). October 7 Christmas ornaments, Oct 10 silver Eagle with Navy 250th privy mark, Oct 16 silver proof set, **Oct 21 last famous woman .25 Aletha Gibson, and Wonder Woman Nov 13**. Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net Website: www.renecoinclub.com 775 815-8625

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Famous women quarters .50 PDS (most S, not all)

Early Bird Prize: Texas PD Innovation \$1PD “space walk” won by Joe Wozniak.

Raffle prizes winners were:

- Steven Riley: Copper RCC medal, 1 gram silver, 1964 .10
- Rick DeAvila: 1989 mint set, 2006 NV cased .25, unc. Jefferson .05 1964
- Don Stamps: 2002P mint set, year set presidential dollars
- Dan Wilson 1900 Indian head .01, 1935S .25
- Anthony Hill: 2 copies of Confederate banknotes, 2 presidential \$1
- Rusty King candy coins, bronze RCC medal
- Andy Olston: **mystery box** TX Innovation \$1 PD and PDS Famous Woman .25 2025 set Stacey Milbern
- Bart Daniels: 2024 Famous Woman .25
- Joe Lamberson: PDS Famous Woman .25 2025 set Stacey Milbern
- Mary Long 1905 Barber V.05
- Faye Allen: Brasher Doubloon puzzle.

Quarter Pot

Paul Williams (not present) won the .25 pot

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Treasurer’s report: At the end of September, our available balance was \$7,685.41.

Activity included: Income: Renewing member dues: \$40 and Monthly Raffle: \$145. New expenses for the month included \$140.57 for Newsletter repro/stamps, \$43.03 for name badges and \$80 for annual BBQ.

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October 17-19 Las Vegas National Coin Show, Tuscany Suites and Casino, 255 E. Flamingo. Dealers:200+ Admit: Free with CoinZip add Info: Dawn 888-330-5188 CKShows.com

October 19 Vacaville Coin Show, Vacaville Elk’s Lodge, 302 Parker St., Dealers: ? Admit: \$2 Info: Scott Griffin 415-601-8661 www.griffincoin.com

November 7-8 Sacramento Coin Show, Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St., Dealers: ? Admit: ? Info: Peter McIntosh 916-317-9055

November 14-15 Sunnyvale Coin Show, Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real, Dealers:30+ Admit: \$5 Info: Bill Green 925-351-7605

<https://norcalcoinshows.com/sunnyvale-coin-show/march-2020/discount-coupon/>



Not the Other Coin: Nevada Medals



The proposed design for the 2024 Reno Coin Club Medal is set to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the US in 2026 by getting it minted in 2025 by this Christmas (hopefully). We are struggling with finding a press and the price of silver, and will likely ask for pre-payment from members. We might have to go to a half ounce silver coin. Don’t have Ken running the old coin press anymore. The design is based on the 1976 NV bicentennial medal, which used the US 1876 centennial medal die (above).with new reverse.



We replaced the NV 1976 reverse with a reverse more like the original (right), choosing a wreath of 50 stars rather than a floral wreath. We also substituted the

motto *Let God be with us as He was with Our Fathers* with a motto more like the official motto of the US *In God We Trust Now and Forever*. We also replaced the Civil War soldier with a modern soldier and the Liberty Bell with the state of NV and the Battle Born crest. Service clubs in 1976 minted a similar medal with the state seal, but after much thought we decided not to use the seal. The official



medal (a .75 silver coin, so as not to be an official half or silver dollar, silver was being demonetized) was set to travel across the country with a big ball of silver in 1963, but Kennedy got shot and stopped the publicity tour for the Silver State. The coin featured John Mackay for northern NV and Hoover Dam for southern NV. Note the 50 stars. It should be a cool



coin. We are still unsure if we will make off metal to sell at the museum, and maybe do half oz. of silver with a half dollar size to keep the price down.

This is a good spot to mention the museum is minting two new coins for Datsolalee and the Nevada Christmas Tree headed for the White House:



Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

The Roman Provinces, 300 BCE–300 CE: Using Coins as Sources by Andrew Burnett (retired from British Museum coin cabinet), Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2024. 362pp. Illus., maps, \$39.99 paper. The small copper alloy change of Roman Provincial coinage in the largely Greek-speaking cities of the eastern half of the Roman Empire were left to locals to produce. Imperial authorities went to great pains to ensure a supply of precious metal coins to pay the troops, but the needs of an urban economy, where people need to make daily small purchases were often neglected. Topics include: Precious Metal Coinages at Rome and in the Provinces, The Beginnings of an Empire in Italy and the Western Mediterranean, The Growth of an Empire during the Late Republic, Whose Coins?, A Model for City Coinage in Imperial Times, The Revolution of Augustus - and Becoming More Roman in the First Century, Reinforcing Greek Identity in the Golden Age of the Second Century, From a Kingdom of gold to One of Iron and Rust in the Third Century.

Roman provincial coins have preserved remarkable histories like **the coins of Etenna that depict the Neolithic Great Mother religion with the worship of snakes and the sacrifice of men to guarantee the fertility of the soil** all through the Roman period just as in Euripides play *The Bacchae* when the king is torn apart and eaten raw by the female worshipers (bacchant) of Dionysius. Euripides warns the ecstatic god of wine and grain must be worshiped too or even your daughter will kill and eat you. Here, the snake



dancing bacchant with amphora behind has honored the snake with food. Every Greek and Roman house

set a saucer of milk out for the household god snakes, who were the mousers of the ancient world protecting grain stores. The snakes also promised long life and fertility to the household as they renewed their own life by shedding their skins and lived in the ground with Mother Earth, learning her secrets. Lots of talking snake stories and they were good luck. As in the horror movie series *Children of the Corn* (US, other countries have told the same story set in modern times as well). Two men race with the two-headed ax (left) called a bipennis and the other holding a harpa (knife/scythe) used for castration (seen on the next coin). The loser gets castrated, his blood is sprinkled over the fields for fertilization, and his flesh is eaten. The winner gets a year of fertilizing all the women and has to compete in the next race. Our dancing bacchant is seen approaching Dionysius with a panther at his feet, celebrating another foolish male put in his place. How is that for a Halloween story? I noticed that **Marc Breitsprecher, Classical Numismatist on www.vcoins.com has quite a run of the Star of Bethlehem coins** including the ones that mention the governor of Syria Silanus cited by Luke. They start at \$15 like they used to. Going for \$80 after the new astronomy book used the coins in part to determine Jesus birth as December 19, 6BC (my birthday!!!!). **Double struck 1811 large cent and 9 times struck 1918 cent.**



The finest known of only fifty-one 1881 quarter eagles sold for \$96,000. UK Royal Mint will make an Ozzy Osborne coin and has minted a 90 years of Monopoly as a 50 pence coin and 1/40 oz. gold coin. Available for pre-order at \$35, the exciting new



book **When Coins Were King: The Coins, Power Struggles, and Personalities That Defined a Nation** by Michael F. Moran masterfully unveils the untold stories behind the nation's coinage in the late 1800s and early 1900s, a time when the coins that jingled in American pockets had real value in silver and gold. The story starts with the great Comstock Lode that fueled a rebound in our nation's shaky paper-driven economy after the Civil War. Another catalog of Silk Road coins that is well illustrated in color and comprehensive. **Kushan Coins and History: A Type Catalogue of Kushan, Kushano-Sasanian and Kidarite Hun Coins Based on the Collection of the British Museum**, The British Museum, London 2025, 870pp in 2 volumes. \$120. **A rare German iron medal**



celebrates 1918 surrender of Russia to Germany by Lenin. Peace

(treaty) with Russia around bear with olive branch// Pax with dove and olive branch.

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A bunch of bricks of fractional notes from the Civil War to 1875 were found in a fruit cake box inside a safety deposit bank in an Atlanta bank that remained unopened for 100 years. Here's one of them, Heritage Auctions has them. A WWI medal celebrating

the "Bourbon nose" (Louis XVI) proclaiming his genetic connection to the Bourbons, just as Cleopatra was proud of her large Macedonian nose proclaiming her descent from Alexander the Great (Ptolemy I being a half brother). I have been wanting



to picture this. **The large nose was supposed to reveal sexual prowess and intelligence. Wilhelm Fleiss, MD, a friend and influencer of Freud insisted the nose was the key to health and attraction, which was discredited with the rest of phrenology that taught the shape of the skull determined intelligence and personality. Phrenology was mostly racist, but skull size and shape is still much discussed in early hominid studies, and the role of pheromones as part of attraction has given the nose more prominence in human sexuality. Fleiss turned Freud's focus to sexuality (and cocaine) based on the nose maybe partly true after all, although Freud rejected the nose part.**



Bulgaria's and the Ottoman's Empire allying with Germany and Austria proclaims "Our Cause is Just and Holy, Forward!" with a hand raised in Christian blessing, implying a union of Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, and Moslem in a Holy War, which is interesting, but Ferdinand I of Bulgaria is a model of



Another case of science being right for the wrong reasons perhaps. A recent Austrian gold coin celebrating Freud and the role of lust and dreams in our psychology on the reverse. **Corbett/Fitzsimmons medal from Holabird September auction** (left). Heart shaped medal of the boxing match March 17, 1897 at Carson City. Nevada's first legal prize fight, which was also made into the first full length film. The crowd mostly supported "Gentleman Jim" Corbett. In the 14th round, when Corbett raised his gloves, Fitzsimmons landed a punch to Corbett's body, just under his heart. Corbett crumpled into the ropes and the former champ fell to his knees. He couldn't rise to his feet and the referee counted him out.



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September 23 Coins of Heracles and Eros

September 27 New Coins at the NV Museum

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29 people braved the rain for picnic at Mary's house. Good food and great company. Matt grilled in the rain for us before his plane flight. Mary Long drew her name for the raffle and won the wonderful jams and jellies my wife made. **Got to talk with Congressman Amodei at the coin show at the museum. He is on board with keeping the penny in mint and proof sets. New director at the museum does not want to do coin displays, so Robert's coins will not be in the museum.**

Washoe County Library does not accept donations of books. So **our and Fred's library should probably be one of the auction items in the last Holabird auction** in October Thomas Kuhn donated a bunch of older foreign coins to the club. AJ went through them and gave us 10 times the coins that kids like, so now I have two huge bags of foreign coins for kids. September 11 proof Peace and Morgan dollars. September 23 proof eagle with Walking Liberty then the Batman coins September 25. October 7 Christmas ornaments. Oct 10 Eagle with Navy 250th privy mark, Oct 16 silver proof set, Oct 21 last famous woman .25 Aletha Gibson, and Wonder Woman Nov 13. Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net Website: www.renecoinclub.com 775 815-8625

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TX Innovation & NA \$1, here. Milbern .25 here.



Famous women quarters .50 PDS (most S, not all)

New Christmas Coin Ornaments

There are several Christmas ornaments from the US mint this year. I made the mistake of assuming they were like the old ones with a coin set in a cardboard holder. They are unique copper nickel metal medals. All three years of the Famous Women quarters are available for \$37 each. The nickel reverse is featured on the other ornaments.



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Treasurer's report: At the end of August, our available balance was \$7,764.01. Activity included: Income: None. New expenses for the month included \$131.56 for Newsletter repro/stamps and \$76.59 for annual BBQ (more expenses to pay). Thanks to all who helped make our Rainy Day BBQ a success. Dave and Trish bought some of the general supplies and loaned some needed furniture/canopy, plus donating our door prize. Thanks to Matt Andersen for grilling in the rain. Thanks to all the attendees for bringing a wonderful assortment of food and all who made the event so much fun. Kudos to all!

Upcoming Coin Shows

September 25-27 Sacramento Valley Coin Club Show, Four Points, 4900 Duckhorn Dr., Dealers: ? Admit: \$3 under 18 free Info: Robert Shanks 916-204-5168

October 3-4 Fresno Numismatic Society Coin Show, American Legion Post 509, 3509 N. First St. Dealers: ? Admit: \$3 Info: Richard Hunter 559-970-2392

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The Other Coin: The Mystery of Love

Heracles is one of the two great stories of Greek thought that emphasizes the strong pursue virtue and holiness through thought and prayer. This is why Athena is both the goddess of wisdom and war. Both wisdom and war require strategy (from *strategos* in Greek meaning general). Odysseus, Heracles, and David are examples of those, who thought and prayed before entering battle rather than standing toe to toe to see who could bash harder like two Scotsmen.

The other story is that of Psyche (meaning soul or butterfly) and her marriage to Eros (desire) known as Cupid. Hesiod said the cosmos began with Eros and the Void. Eros with his bow and dove wings from his



mother Aphrodite (Venus) and Eros standing with Psyche with butterfly wings. And below, Eros has the headdress of Isis on the reverse as the emblem of the last and greatest Great Mother mystery religion. The



success of Christianity in the Roman world, especially in Egypt, required Mary to adopt all attributes of Isis: blue mantle, starry robe, seated suckling Jesus (not Horus), queen of heaven, mother of god, star of the seas, etc.

The Christians adopted the idea of God as Love from the Greeks and the Jews in all its forms: the erotic (eros), friendship (filia), and divine (agape). God called us to be Christ's bride, friend on the path of virtue, and to be divinized and live with him forever. All these ideas come from the mystery religions rooted in Paleolithic times when women ruled,

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produced children on their own, controlled the shelter and larder, and made the clothes. In the mystery rites the goddess or her daughter had sex with you, became your friend and champion, and promised a place in heaven. In the Eleusinian mystery over which Athena



presided with her sister goddesses Demeter (goddess of grain and agriculture) and her daughter Persephone (wife of Hades of the Underworld, creator of seasons). Here a son Triptolemus is seated on his winged chariot loaded with grain and pulled by serpents. He is going to spread the knowledge of agriculture around the world. Snakes are a symbol of good fortune and long life. Snakes were pets, fed milk like cats, and kept mice out of the grain. It was believed they could live forever, repeatedly shedding their skins for a new life.

Life as a choice between pleasure and virtue was accepted by the Christians with occasional fights over what virtues and whether pleasure was evil or just tempting. They concluded the innumerable virtues could not be perfected until one was in heaven and each person had his own set of virtues to live, by making enduring habits. Pleasure was natural so good except for the Puritans and Augustinians who introduced dualism and Manichaeism into the faith.

Despite Paul's caution what whatever virtues you might have you have nothing without love, the Western Latin Church exemplified by some Catholics and Puritans often decided that sex and eros were Evil and friendship bad. Not true for the early Greek church where there is no Fall, Mortal Sin, or Original Sin (and if there was it was the envy and pride of Satan tempting the two teenagers Adam and Eve, which caused God to intervene before any sin could occur, because sin is only sin when it becomes a habit from numerous choices like an addiction. God made the world and everything natural is good, including sex and friendship. Adam and Eve did not have the power to corrupt the world. Rejecting paradise out of ignorance and temptation, Adam and Eve accepted the rehabilitative curses of mortality, painful

childbirth, and working by the sweat of your brow to support your family). Sex was a gift, a "great pleasure" (St. John Chrysostom) to support family formation. Couples are married under martyr crowns (the highest Christian calling), so that they will love each other with God's love. Chrysostom's collected sayings about marriage are still used as a marriage manual given to newlyweds.) Friendship is also a blessing in marriage and with others teaches love of neighbor. Many Catholics and Puritans elevated Satan to godlike status when he was just an envious petty bureaucrat in heaven, a creature like us with no power other than what we give him. Augustine, Dante, and Tertullian introduced the battle of a God of light with a god of darkness like Star Wars. It is not Christian. You love yourself, others, and God with the right use of eros, friendship, and agape. Hesiod and the mystery religions were right. No sex with a goddess unless that's what you call your wife (you should, you know).

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

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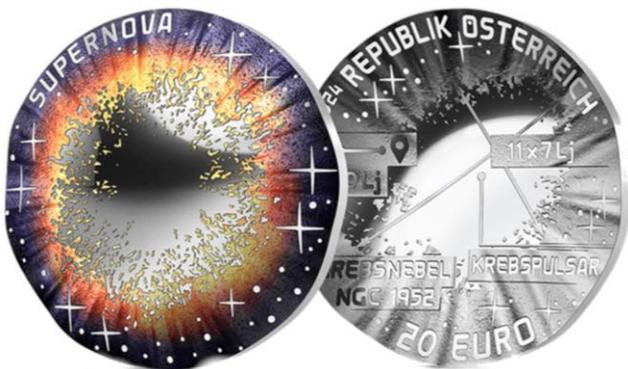


The 2026 superheroes will be **Supergirl, Robin, and Green Lantern. 2027: The Flash, Batgirl, and Aquaman.** Here are the Batman and Wonder Woman coins coming out this year:





2025 Coin of the Year was won by Austria for their Supernova coin, They also won most artistic.



Austria is doing a series of astronomical coins with quasars, pulsars, black holes, etc. They won best bimetallic (silver-niobium) for “the living soil,” and best historical for salt mining. **France celebrated**



the restoration of Notre Dame winning most innovative with a micro chip and best contemporary event. Latvia won best silver coin for a cabbage



shaped coin. Malta celebrated bees again for best crown coin. France’s 50 cent euro coin won best circulating coin celebration Marie Curie, Ukraine got most inspirational for honoring medical workers and the **Vatican got best gold coin for praying peace would replace war.** Pope Francis crest motto is “having



mercy (compassion), He chose him” referring to the calling of Matthew by Jesus and his own calling to become pope. **This fall, Whitman will release three new titles in its Red Book Series: United States Type Coins, 4th Edition** in early September, *Private & Pioneer Gold Coins of the United States* in mid-September, and *Flying Eagle & Indian Head Cents, 4th Edition* in October. **A 16th 1804 dollar has been discovered** and shown at the World Fair of Money in Oklahoma. It is from the John Stack collection with little provenance and has raised the issue of being a restrike by the US Mint from the 19th century when the mint restruck coins for a price. Robert and Ken were able to show that a silver centered cent was one of these restrikes. It’s a beautiful coin. Hope it’s not a restrike.



The Great American Coin & Collectibles Show comes to the Chicago area for the first time, Thursday to Saturday, September 25-27, 2025. The show will be in Hall F of the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Rd., in the Chicago suburb of Rosemont, Illinois. **The Ship of Gold** will feature California Gold Rush coins and artifacts at this event. 100s of dealers.

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Circa 1750 German religious medal by Johann Leonhard Oexlein. Draped figure of Charity (agape love) sits instructing three children around her. Above, radiant hand of God emptying flowers from cornucopia. *The descendants of the pious shall be blessed*, Psalm 112// scholar sits right at table being admonished by veiled figure of the Church, holding long cross and pointing upward at radiant the tetragrammaton, Hebrew of YHWH (Yahweh) above, compass, globe, and measuring stick on ground below. *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom*, Psalm 111. God, Family, and country German style. Germany was not a country yet and still smarting from the Catholic and Protestant religious wars. Minted in Nurnberg, Bavaria where Catholicism trumped county.



General Felix Graf von Bothmer silver medal issued **1915 commemorating the Battle of the Strypa River in western Ukraine where the Russians suffered casualties almost three times the number of the Germans and Austrians, which ultimately resulted in Russia's defeat.** Bust turned left// Seminude soldier stands right with sword and shield deflecting arrows. *Defying the mighty enemy you boldly defended, throwing him back victoriously over the Strypa.* WWI seems to be repeating itself in the Ukraine. **ANA's NumismaTalks are the Saddle Ridge Hoard** Sept. 11 and **Rise of the Carolingians** Sept. 26 Live 12-1 MT. Live info.money.org/numismatalks Archived money.org/videos/



Seven of the fine gold 2000W Sacagawea dollars carried aboard the space shuttle Columbia in July 1999 are to be sold Sept. 12 by Stack's Bowers for the US Mint. The five other Sacagawea gold dollars will be archived in the US Mint. **Also to be sold is the 2025W 1/2 ounce gold Sacagawea dollars from the West Point Mint.** The 25th anniversary coins sold out within minutes of their public offering in July, priced at \$2,200 each. **The 24k gold Walking Liberty and silver art deco round** in the Best of the Mint series.



Perth Mint 5 oz silver Extragalactic with gold, pink, and white diamonds and 1 oz Year of the Horse.



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August 26 Picnic Our August meeting is our annual BBQ at Mary's house (5031 W. Albuquerque Rd, Reno, 247-5796) on Tuesday August 26th from 4:30 - 7. If you did not sign up for a side dish, please call Mary and let me know what you wish to bring. Hope everyone is planning and able to come! Grilled meat provided. Will have new coins.

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.

September 30 Coins of Heracles

September 27 New Coins at the NV Museum

After the Last Meeting

22 got a look at the presidential wife's series that David Elliott brought in case Doug Larson did not bring in some of his treasures. We got 5 new members from the coin show and I want to thank Rick, Joe, Mary, Trish, my grandsons for helping and Bill Green for organizing it all. Sold my German collection to Fragner and some of my new books. **NV Museum Coin Show is raffling an 1884 CC boxed dollar for \$5 a chance to be awarded at coin show in August 15 and 16.** Texas \$1 here, August 7 silver set (five .25, .50, .10) with .01, .05 Sacagawea \$1, August 12 disability advocate Stacey Milbern .25. End of August we'll see the sunflower Liberty coin in gold and silver and all the famous women .25 made into Christmas ornaments as well as the Innovation \$1 proof set. September will have the palladium eagle and proof Peace and Morgan dollars. September 23 proof eagle with Walking Liberty then the Batman coin. Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net Website: www.renecoinclub.com 775 815-8625

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TX Innovation & NA \$1, here. Milbern .25 on the way.



Famous women quarters .50 PDS (most S, not all)

Early Bird Prize: CC Mint Director Crawford book won by Greg Bauer

Raffle prizes winners were:

Jeff Bauer: slabbed .10

Seena Drapula: RCC copper medal, NA \$1 set

Steven Riley: women .25 set, 1 gram silver, Indian head .01

Joe Wozniak: **mystery box** coins, unc. Ike \$1

Joe Lamberson: Nazi coin, English rationing coin

David Elliott: NV centennial coin bolo

Bart Daniels: slabbed NV .25, 1986 medal, 2 consecutive \$1

Art Bonnel: roll of unc. .05

Matt Anderson: 1962 .25

Jim Arden set: Innovation \$1

Don Stamps: 1972 proof set

Andy Olsten: CC Mint Director Crawford book

Anthony Hill: 1943S .01

Jan Johnson: 1901 .05, recent Red Book

Bill Naylor: chocolate coins in mint bag

Quarter Pot

Mary Long won the quarter pot.

THANKS TO Bill Green, Fred Holabird and Rusty King who have donated raffle prize. AJ donate. America the Beautiful maps to be given to kids at the museum.

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Treasurer's report: At the end of July, our available balance was \$7,972.16. Activity included: Income: Coin Show Raffle \$850.86 (net with mailing expenses), July Monthly Raffle (\$130), \$20 for auction, \$180 for 6 new members. New expenses for the month included \$155 for Newsletter repro/stamps. I also updated the Roster with new members Jeff Bauer, Adam Blasquez, Seena Drapala (returning member from 2019), Mark and Jan Johnson, and Jim Simpson. Thanks to all who helped with the Coin Show. Bill Green gave us an additional \$157 for our support of this event. We netted \$950.86.

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August 25 Sacramento Coin Show, Lion's Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St. Admit: ? Dealers: ?, Peter McIntosh 916-317-9055

September 5-6 Coin Expo San Jose, Double Tree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Blvd., Admit \$6, 30+ dealers. Scott Griffin 415-601-8861 www.griffincoin.com

September 5-6 Las Vegas Locals Show, Tuscany Suites and Casino, 256 E. Flamingo. Dealers:32 Info: Dawn 888-330-518 CKShows.com

The Other Coin: Why is Hercules Beating Up All Those Monsters?

In addition to the Nemean lion, Caledonian boar, hydra, flesh eating mares, and Kerberos, Hercules or more properly Heracles (glory of (to) Hera) fought Amazons, giants, man-eating birds, Cretan bull, and more. Why? Not to prove he was the biggest and baddest, but to expiate his sins.

Like Odysseus he had to plan out how to defeat the monster or think before he acted. Hera was out to kill him, and he had hope his name would mollify Hera, but she drove her husband's bastard insane, and he killed his family. An oracle said he must indenture himself to a local king and do whatever was asked of him, which included the famous 12 Labors. He even had to clean the stables to expiate his sins and avoid the Furies wrath (permanent insanity). Not long after he killed his noble friend and host (a much more serious crime in ancient Greece) in a fit of rage. The oracle sternly told him he would have to sell himself into slavery for three years and a woman bought him. He was put to killing all the monsters in the neighborhood, but also made a sex toy, had to wear women's clothes, and do women's chores. Below, he is in a dress making thread while she has his lion skin and club. Cupid is aghast and angry while Pan is

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giving the eye proud of the sex switch. The worse sin



demands expiation by degradation and humiliation not just the hard work of killing monsters, but he does it without complaint. The gods demand obedience, prayer, labor, and humility. Think and pray, work and meekness. We find the old Heracles on coins standing or sitting at rest in contemplation:



Doubtless famous statues like the Farnese marble in Naples, a Roman copy of a ancient Greek bronze destroyed by Crusaders. What is Heracles thinking? Xenophon tells us that Socrates tells a story of the young Heracles facing the choice of the two paths of Virtue and Pleasure and decides to pursue the path of virtue, honor, family, and community. His choice of the right path of virtue is what brought him to divinity and Olympus as well as marriage to the beautiful goddess Hebe. The pursuit of happiness in our

Declaration of Independence is Hercules pursuit of virtue. We all have our monsters to fight and sins to overcome. Life is hard work, and we should think and pray. Seek to make amends or go thoughtlessly through life. Be godless without hope or a prayer, seeking the immediate pleasure and not caring about



anyone else. So, Heracles was not trying to get into heaven by beating up a bunch of monsters. He was expiating his sins on the pursuit of happiness or virtue. Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri



1850 Baldwin Company \$10 gold MS61, 1 of 25 known as Baldwin shorted the gold content and they were mostly melted. Still, a neat territorial gold coin.



The gold standing Liberty quarter is out complete with bare breast. The companion silver round is as strange as the 1916 gold Mercury dime presumably



signifying the coming clouds of WWI and peace fleeing. If we can have just an eagle head on one coin, we can have just a rear on another, I guess, but why not a bare breast on a very skinny Liberty to go with the 1916 Liberty? Sidney Sweeney the model?



2021 gold eagle head. Penny Trump outside SC restaurant. **Trump's order to end the penny has been made into a bipartisan bill. You can SAVE THE PENNY by letting your federal politicians know you want the penny continued in proof and mint sets. The bill's sponsors are Rep. Lisa McClain, R-Michigan, Rep. Robert Garcia, D-California, Sen. Cynthia Lummis, R-Wyoming and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-New York.** It is easy to leave a note on their website comment section in DC or home office. A penny bear at Burning Man.



The thieves that stole the largest hoard of Celtic coins found in Germany were convicted of gang theft and given up to 11 years for the 2022 robbery. The 483 Celtic coins were discovered during a 1999 archaeological dig were dated to around 100 BC with a large lump of unworked gold and some bronze rings used for small change. The coins were not recovered and are presumed to have been melted. Cool Danish



Viking silver penny of Harthacnut, 1035-1042 AD. HARDACNVT RX, with coiled Jorgandmunder serpent// DORCETL ON LVN, curvilinear cross on shield. The Midgard serpent was a dragon of great evil that lurked in the sea and circled the world. In the Ragnarok, this serpent would devour Thor. Danish nobles rebelled against Cnut for his English dominated Christian government and his pagan son Harthacnut was made co-regent with his father. Harthacnut was Cnut's legitimate son with Emma, while Harold I (of England) was the illegitimate son of Ælifu of Northampton, England. In 1037, while Harthacnut was still occupied with matters in Denmark, Harold took the throne. Harold I soon died and Harthacnut regained the throne briefly. He soon died in 1042 while drinking at a wedding feast. Then there was no son of Cnut to rule

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the huge Anglo-Danish empire. Edward the Confessor came to power in England, marking the fall of the Viking domination of England from foreign thrones, and a couple subsequent attempts to reinvade England failed in the later 11th Century.



US mint product with a great finish commemorates the 1796 flowing hair dollar, offered for \$40,000 by Stack's Bowers. The wreck of the SS Central America



yielded silver and foreign coins along with all the gold. In particular, the ship's safe was recovered with a bag of dimes and a cashbox of quarters and halves. There were nine rare 1856 S over S quarters in the cashbox. On Thursday, **President Donald Trump nominated Hollis**, an elected member of the Louisiana Board of Education and a former state representative from St. Tammany Parish, **to run the U.S. Mint**. You can write him too to **SAVE THE PENNY**.



Two 1892 Columbian Exposition medals for the 400th anniversary of Columbus discovery of the New World from Italy and Germany. Around Columbus, native princess and Columbia with globe above and eagle below//winged personification of Civilization with genii representing Education, Commerce, and Industry. Native chief, maiden, and two warriors before coastline in stance with the US capitol, border comprised of alternating stars and state shields. Columbus holding charts//Italia seated and America stands before expo ground; Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria on horizon. Eagle above.

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At Mary Long's August 26

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30 members brought their favorite coin. Rodriguez topped everyone as usual with coins of Queen Bess and Ben Franklin. I brought some of the Yehuda coins I have with blown up pictures, Rusty brought a rare Hoover dam 60th anniversary coin, and there were interesting notes and coins of Hercules. New administrators at museums. Have not met them yet. They are raffling an 1884 CC boxed dollar for \$5 a chance to be awarded at coin show in August. July 10 Morgan and Peace \$1, July 14 Teddy Roosevelt silver medal, July 17 mint sets, July 24 gold and silver Superman, July 29 Texas \$1 with an astronaut on a spacewalk before the International Space Station, July half oz. gold Sacagawea (eagle), August 7 silver set (five .25, .50, .10) with .01, .05 Sacagawea \$1, August 12 Famous women .25 disability advocate Stacey Milbern. The 2026 designs will include a penny and designs for 5 quarters and the rest are being voted on now. Contact me: 775 815-8625 datbelliotts@prodigy.net Website: www.renocoinclub.com

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Florida Innovation \$1, NA \$1 here. Vera Rubin .25 here.



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Early Bird Prize: Rubin .25 PDS won by Andy Olsten.

Raffle prizes winners were:

- Don Stamps: 1960 mint set
- Rick DeAvila: 2 unc. .01, 2010D mint set, 9-11 note
- Anthony Hill: copper RCC medal
- Bart Daniels 2022 .25 set
- Mark Kingman: Riverside casino chip \$1
- Allison Navarro copper Mercury .10 medal
- Robert Rodriguez: unc, Ike \$1, GW & John Adams \$1, NA \$1 set
- Andre Assam: 1972S .05
- Andy Olston: raffle ticket
- Jim Arden: Book on CC mint director, unc. Kennedy .50
- Steven Riley 1 gram silver, proof .01
- Joe Lamberson: 2009 penny set
- David Elliott: 1960 unc. .01

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Joy Bridgeman (not present) won the .25 pot

THANKS TO Jerry Breedlove, Darren Demangate, Fred Holabird and Rusty King who have donated raffle prizes.

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The Other Coin: Lead Tessera of Hadrian



I tried to find a better example of this very rare lead tessera, but mine was the best I found. Here is an example with same obverse and different reverse:



Roman Egypt, Antinöopolis. 2nd-3rd century AD. Lead tessera (19mm). Confronted busts of Antinöos left, wearing hem-hem crown and Isis right, wearing Hathor headdress // Euthenia (goddess of abundance, wealth) standing right, crowning the river Nile reclining right. The Nile or Nilus is riding a hippo with a cornucopia on second coin holding ears of wheat as Euthenia is on the first coin. The hemhem



crown was the festival crown placed on two ram horns with two cobras (uraeus), ostrich feathers (blue here) and 3 atef crown of reeds with gold solar disks. Hathor crown of two cow horns with a solar disk and cobra. Isis is often identified with Hathor, so you have the ultimate party crowns combo and indeed the festival of Isis/Hathor was celebrated well into the 400s AD with coins minted from Diocletian to Theodosius I, including Constantine the Great. The

religion of Isis was Christianity's biggest competitor until the Virgin Mary was made the new Isis.



Antinoos is another kettle of fish. Emperor Hadrian had married Trajan's grandniece, but they had no children. Hadrian loved all things Greek and was nicknamed the "Greekling." He spent most of his life abroad, made Athens the cultural center of the Empire and met the beautiful Antinoos on his travels around the Mediterranean. (Think JFK and Marilyn Monroe) The affair lasted several years until Antinoos died in the Nile. Hadrian deified him, built statues and temples all over the world and made him the new Osiris husband of Isis. The cult of Antinoos became wildly popular and survived for centuries making the Isis festivals, the gay pride parade as well as the Hathor/Isis ultimate rock (Greatful Dead) party with ancient Egypt's promise of eternal life from the Antinoos/ Osiris cult, which the Ptolemies had fashioned into the latest mystery religion drawn from Athen's Eleusinian mysteries of Demeter and Persephone. Not only all that, but the Jews also revolted again and Hadrian made a greater slaughter of them than Vespasian and Titus in 70AD destroying the temple and turning it into a temple to Zeus and Hadrian's family. He also put a temple of Venus on the site of Jesus's tomb considering him just another troublesome Jew. Constantine the Great removed that temple and built the first church of the Holy Sepulcher, but he also commemorated the cult of Isis.



Here is Isis of the Seas (why Mary became Stella Maris (Star of the Sea) patron of sailors. Of course Isis had a famous lighthouse and imported goods from India and Ceylon, across the Mediterranean, and China (transported overland to India).

Lead tesserae were coin tokens used as entry tokens to gladiatorial combats, chariot races, brothels, temples (Jupiter/Mercury, Diana/stag, Christ the Good Shepherd carrying and caring for sheep), dinners (probably funeral), wine making, tokens to receive government welfare in form of a modius of grain, and Yahweh (IAW) has been reduced by the Gnostics to the evil god of Earth with snake limbs. He says Abraxis (where abracadabra came from).



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The designs for the 250th Celebration circulating coins are being discussed and voted on by the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) and the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA). The proposed designs should be out soon. In addition to an

updated cent and nickel, a unique dime, half dollar, five semiquincentennial quarters will be issued. Each quarter will highlight a theme tied to the nation's founding and progress, including the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, Abolition, Suffrage, and Civil Rights. The first of the **1-year-only Best of Mint 2026 Gold Coins**, which will composed of 24k gold, faithfully represent the original historic designs, feature their original dates of issue, come in fractional formats that approximate the size of the original coins (1oz., 1/2oz., 1/4oz., and 1/10oz.), have an uncirculated finish, feature a semiquincentennial privy mark showcasing the Liberty Bell and the numerals "250." The Mercury dime



representing freedom of thought is out without the privy mark and 250 evidently, but along with it is a 1 ounce art deco silver round also without 250 and



Liberty Bell. Not sure why freedom of thought has a sword. 1916-1945 was the time of leaving the farm



for the big city and Freedom of Thought looks like a genie, but it's cool anyway. (See, its is making me think.) Each of designs of the coin will be in 24 carat gold accompanied by a new silver round. Besides the Mercury dime, the 24 carat gold coins will reproduce: 1916 Walking Liberty Half Dollar, 1916 Standing Liberty Quarter Dollar, 1804 Silver Dollar (Class I Version), and 1907 Saint-Gaudens High-Relief Double Eagle. Another 250th anniversary celebration of the



first Jewish settlement in America in 1655. The obverse depicts Liberty and Justice triumphing over Intolerance, while the reverse shows History holding a tablet inscribed with the dates 1655 and 1905. Gold medals were given to Teddy Roosevelt and Grover Cleveland. Jewish refugees had fled Brazil for New Amsterdam (NYC) and were granted permanent resident status. Another 2025 US coin makes me think.



Coming out at the end of August, the Liberty gold eagle features a screaming eagle (OK) and a bee on a sun-flower. This has what to do with Liberty? Looking at the 38 proposed designs: <https://www.coinnews.net/2024/04/26/2025-american-liberty-gold-coin-and-silver-medal-candidate-designs-unveiled/> there was a surfeit of graffiti based designs as if the Grateful Dead had rioted and taken over the CCAC. Lots of complaints. The CCAC wanted a graffiti eagle to go with their chosen Liberty design. Does Liberty really mean some sort of stoned anarchy now? The pursuit of happiness means the pursuit of

virtue, not party on. And, get off this old curmudgeon's lawn. CCAC chosen design left and a runner up.



India has opened with displays of the largest gold coin of 12 kilograms about 26.5 pounds of 1613 Mughal Emperor Shah Jahangir. The mint was the first in India



to make milled coins, but started striking coins by hand in 1803. Short video tour on Instagram [officialhumansofhyderabad](https://www.instagram.com/officialhumansofhyderabad) **Jeff Garret former ANA president has picked up my idea of continuing the cent in mint and proof sets** and also mentioned that Britain and France will be minting coins celebrating America's 250th. In 2025, **gold from the SS Central**



Henry VIII half sovereign with elderly Henry on throne//crest held by lion and dragon. One of nineteen



amphora with freshly minted coins of Diocletian. **The largest hoard (over 50,000) of Roman coins found in Spain in 2016** and now on display. Likely hidden or buried by the mint as an opposing usurper army approached. **Saifabad Mint Museum in Hyderabad**



America was used for a series of extraordinary restrikes of the 1849 \$20 Liberty Double Eagle. Struck in both Specimen Proof-Like, to look like the Smithsonian pattern specimen, and a limited Proof Deep Cameo finish, these commemoratives pay tribute to the original coin, the California Gold Rush, and the dramatic maritime legacy of the Ship of Gold. Offered by Adam Crum's Finest Known. Two other restrikes designs are offered by Ron Landis. See the restrikes, gold dust, bars, and coins on the Ship of Gold e-bay site best found by searching SS Central America gold. Nice history of US currency video, see: **History of U.S. Currency History is Our Story | J. P. Morgan** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Cdj1hc6PPU>)



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June 24 My Favorite Coin

June 28 New Coins at the Nevada Museum

July 26 New Coins at the Nevada Museum

July 29 Patriotic Coins

After the Last Meeting

22 members got a quick look at the designing of coins from large clay models reduced by Janvier reduction machine to modern computer and laser creation. He also brought in several zombie coins. Paul Williams let us know that Fred Holabird is planning on retiring this summer, and the July auction will be his last. Robert Rodriguez is now on the board of the ANS, which is moving from New York to Ohio. Progress is being made on minting the next club medal. We will be getting a bid from Capitol Medals in NC. They have a NV seal medal. June 3 is the Rubin .25, June 5 gold eagle, June 13 silver eagle with 250th of the Army privy mark, July 10 Morgan and Peace \$1, July 14 Teddy /Roosevelt silver medal, July 17 mint sets, July 24 gold and silver Superman, July 29 Texas \$1 with an astronaut on a spacewalk before the International Space Station. **Coin Show at the museum August 15 and 16.** We will have a table. Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net 815-8625 Website: www.renecoinclub.com

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Florida Innovation \$1, NA \$1 here. VRubin .25 in mail.



Famous women quarters .50 PDS (most S, not all)

Early Bird Prize: Florida PD \$1 sets won by Andy Olsten.

Raffle prizes winners were:

Mary Long 2011P mint set, bronze 50 state set
Ken Hople RETURNS!: candy coins
Conn Davis: unc, Ike \$1, replica Confederate notes
Bill Naylor: replica 1933 \$20
Mark Kingman: **mystery box** PD Florida \$1 and 4 space themed \$1. 2009 5 .01 set
Jeff Allen: 1 oz. silver strike, 1974 broken proof set
Rick DeAvila: 1909-1940 .01 filled book, SBA set
Andy Olston: 1947S .10, presidential \$1 set
Faye Allen: 1 gram silver .01
David Elliott: NV centennial coin bolo
Aaron Richardson: bronze RCC medal
Angela: American women .25 set
Dan Wilson replica NC currency
Rusty King: new \$1 set
Art Bonnel: 1960 unc. .01 roll
Cody Daniels: 1971 mint set, PD Michigan
Doug Larson: RCC medal
Loretta Kingman: copy of Texas 19th C. banknotes

No Auction

Quarter Pot

Mary Long won the .25 pot

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July 25-27 The Vegas National Coin Show by CK, Tuscany suites & Casino, 255 E. Flamingo, FREE with Coin Zip notice, 200+ dealers, Dawn 886 330-5188 or 702 528-2091 info@ckshows.com

July 26-27 Fremont Coin Club Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Admit FREE, Vince Lacarriere 510 366 1365

Nevada State Museum Coin Show August 15 & 16

Not The Other Coin: Save the Penny!



The US Mint announced its last order of penny blanks that may last through 2026. It costs 4 cents to make a penny now, so the penny is impossible as a circulating coin. We will have to make do with the billions floating around or make transactions rounding up or down to the nearest nickel. Pennies will exist electronically in credit card and banking transactions, but there is still a good chance for the penny to survive as a coin past 2026.

Pennies should be included in mint and proof sets. The silver set could even have a copper penny. The mint will be charging us a lot more than 4 cents for the penny when it is in a set. Let the penny live. We must not remove Lincoln from our coinage.

The Fugio cent was our first penny coin:



Designed or inspired by Benjamin Franklin, the images can be found on some of his Continental dollars and notes with a sundial *Mind your business*, *Fugio* (time) flies and 1787. The reverse has 13 joined rings of the thirteen colonies with their names visible on very fine coins. The center has *We are One* (which would later be the Latin *e pluribus unum*, from many one) and *United States*.

At the urging of Washington, Liberty was put on the large cent and other coins rather than his own portrait. She began with wild or "flowing" hair, a tribute to Artemis, the wild and free and Rousseau's noble savage. Liberty became a French revolutionary with

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a Roman pileus cap, given to slaves who were publicly made freeman. The Jacobin horrors of the French Revolution ended the wild and free Liberty



with a series of increasingly matronly Liberties named draped bust, classic and matron head and braided hair. Then came the short lived flying eagle small cent (1856-1858) followed by the Indian head



and Lincoln in 1909 with wheat ears, the Lincoln memorial, and now the union shield.

You can save the penny by writing, e-mailing, or calling your senators, congressmen, the mint director, and Trump. Very few people actually do this, so if enough people contact the officials with our reasonable request to have the penny be continued in mint and proof sets, it will actually happen. I got a third year of Star Trek and a W nickel by campaigning for them. Let's do this. Let others know. Short and sweet is best:

Save the Penny, Congressman Amodei:

Although the penny has become too expensive to remain a circulating coin, **please continue the penny coin in mint and proof sets**, and a copper coin in the silver set. The Fugio cent was our first coin and pennies are still the most collected coin. Please continue the penny in a limited form for collectors.

Everyone has e-mail now, but you can still write and call. They count the number of contacts to decide if they need to address the issue. There are computers at the library or use your smart phones to get on websites.

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Numismatic Potpourri

Roberto Delzanno traces the history of the world from Primordial Chaos to Rome using the reverses of Roman coins in **Rome - The Legacy - Coins as Storytellers** for \$79 on Amazon and E-bay at end of June. Promises lots of coins and depictions of Rome and the white statues colorized as we knew they were. Brighter than Las Vegas neon the author says. **Bad Metal Silver. 50c to \$S1: Circulating Contemporary Counterfeit United States Coins** by Winston Zack \$75 400pp. This is the 3rd book in the award-winning 4-part encyclopedic publication series on the fascinating history of circulating contemporary counterfeit US coins. badmetalcoin.com/product-page/

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Defeat of the Spanish Armada, 1588 medal, Philip II of Spain, and the heads of the Catholic Church and state, blindfolded, seated in discussion, their feet on a spiked floor, *Oh the blind minds of men, oh the blind hearts, It is hard to kick against goads, rev., the Spanish fleet, some foundering on rocks, 1588 You God are great and do great things, You God alone. Come. See. Live.* 51mm. Sovereign Rarities



also has a **spectacular coronation coin of Queen Anne of James I (VI) bust facing Anne, by the grace of God, Queen of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Daughter and Sister of Kings of Denmark // crowned crest *Deceitful cunning is safer than innocence.* Cool Nevada mining stock from the**



Aurora, Nevada Territory, Esmeralda County 1862. 10 shares of capital stock of Strawberry Mining Company. Black printing with bee hive at top center under company title and Native woman with bow and arrow at left. And an old baseball commemorative coin from Massachusetts. A good

inauguration of summer. **Pioneer Base Ball Club //**



Organized April 30, 1858 Play Ground on Hampden Park, Springfield, Mass. **1881S toned Morgan.**



Whitman has launched a new series of Prestige coin albums in nice colors and better organized in series including varieties and proofs. Although the Roman



coins found in the Caribbean can be attributed to ballast in English ballast ships (yes, Roman coins are common as dirt), the Maine Penny found was indeed a genuine coin from the Norse world. Furthermore, it was established that the coin was struck sometime between 1065 and 1080 during the reign of King Olaf III. The occupation of the prehistoric Goddard site by Vikings has been dated to between 1180 and 1235, but Olaf's coins were known to circulate for over a hundred years. The Maine penny was discovered on 18 of August 1957 by Guy Mellgren in an old Native American settlement, at Naskeag Point, Brooklin, Maine.

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The Grand Army of the Republic, the largest of all Union Army veterans' organizations, was the most powerful single-issue political lobby of the late nineteenth century, securing massive pensions for veterans and helping to elect five postwar presidents from its own membership (Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Harrison, McKinley). They included black and women veterans like Dr. Mary Edward Walker, promoted Memorial Day and black voting rights. They had hundreds of local chapters and were a social and charitable organization organized in 1866 and continued until the last member died in 1956. They had yearly national encampments. Doug Larson has a nice collection of their medals and mementos. A good topic for July perhaps. Norwich Castle Museum in Norfolk,



England has acquired the 7th century gold hoard of **Frankish tremisses** minted in the Merovingian kingdoms. The hoard is made up of 129 coins and includes 118 different coin designs and 51 different European mints. The hoard was discovered by two metal detectorists in a west Norfolk, England farmer's field between 2014 and 2020. **The 1870S 3 dollar** dies



were rejected by San Francisco Mint Coiner Joseph Breck Harmstead and sent back to Philadelphia because they lacked the required S mintmark. Only two 1870S 3 dollar coins were made. **SF never got dies for the 1870S dollar from Philadelphia.** For the 1870S dollar Harmstead had enough reverse dollar dies since they had several reverse dies (with mintmarks) available for use from previous years. Two well known silver dollar experts from the Liberty Seated Collectors Club have determined that **the obverse die for the 1870S dollar came from Carson City mint.**



The Norwegian ship *Restauration* with 45 immigrants, many of whom settled in Minnesota, arrived in America in 1825. One hundred years later, **the US Mint in Philadelphia celebrated the arrival of the Restauration and the launch of the Norse-American community with the striking of a series of medals.** Now, a century after the centennial celebration, a selection of the rarest of those medals will be offered in the ANA US Coins Signature® Auction August 26-31 by Heritage Auctions. The coins were issued in a variety of metals. **A cache of 933 1st BC Iron Age**



Catuvellauni gold coins likely dated to Caesar's second invasion of Britain in 54 BC will be displayed as the Great Baddow Hoard in an Essex museum. The hoard was likely buried to hide the royal treasury from Julius Caesar or collected to be used as tribute, but not recovered as the Catuvellauni were warring with the neighboring Trinovantes tribe and losing. The Picasso-like head with wreathed head right// horse right with sun and moon below, big dipper above (?).

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May 27 Designing Coins Matt Anderson

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After the Last Meeting

19 members got to peruse Star Trek Coins, Nevada tokens and more. **Bill Green shared details of the coming Reno Coin Show (see below).** Paul Williams and Fred Holabird attended with a presentation of David Rittenhouse (first director of the US Mint) last will and testament, which is part of Fred Weinberg Collection of exonomia. We greeted 50 Scouting America (Boy Scouts) and 200 other children along with many adults during National Coin Week at the museum and got 2 new members. **May 6 the Kennedy half,** May 8 gold buffalo, May 12 silver McKinley, May 15 Florida's Innovation \$1 with shuttlecraft launch, May 20 uncirculated silver eagle, and coming out this Summer is Texas tribute to Houston Johnson Space Center with an astronaut on a spacewalk before the International Space Station.



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Michigan Innovation \$1, NA \$1, and Juliette Low here.



Famous women quarters .50 PDS (most S, not all)

Early Bird Prize: Michigan PD \$1, Low PDS.25 sets won by Jeff Allen.

Raffle prizes winners were:

Cody Daniels: 1971 mint set, **mystery box** PD Michigan \$1 and PDS Low .25, British Virgin Island set
Mary Long 2009P mint set, Women .25 set
Faye Allen: Mercury .10 set, 1986 medal
Mark Kingman: copy colonial paper money, 2 president \$1
Joe Wozniak: PD Michigan \$1
Conn Davis: New Rusty Goe James Crawford Carson City mint director book, filled .01 album
Bart Daniel new 1986 Olympic coins set, unc. roll .01
Andre Assam: National Park S set, PDS Low .25, NA\$1 set
Andy Olston: NV bicentennial medal
Doug Larson: RCC medal
Jeff Allen: 1 gram silver bar
Loretta Kingman: copy of Texas 19th C. banknotes

Auction

Andy Olston won 2 NV medals for \$10 donated by Darren Demangate
Bart Daniels won 3 silver coin set for \$18, Mark Kingman won 5 silver coins set for \$20, and Andy Olston won Barber coins for \$23. All donated by Jerry Breedlove

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May 18 Vacaville Coin Show, Vacaville Elks Lodge, 302 Parker St., Admit \$2, Scott Griffin 415 601-8661
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June 1 Sacramento Coin Show, Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St., Peter McIntosh 916 317-9055

June 6-7 Concord Coin Show, The Concord Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive., Admit \$5, Bill Green 925 351-7605 Save \$1 with add, more info at:
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Not The Other Coin: Observations on Changes at the US Mint since 1999



The US is minting its first series of pop culture coins from DC comics. It appears Marvel comics is whining about getting coins too. Despite colorizing a basketball on a coin a few years ago, the comic hero coins will not be colorized like they are at other major mints around the world. Nevertheless, the US Mint's coin have gone through a radical transformation since the state quarters came out in 1999.

The most annoying change was the inability to get the new coins from the banks, starting in 2009 at the end of the state series with the DC coin and territorial quarters. We could no longer get a brick of quarters and exchange them for a .25 at the museum. We had to pay a premium and postage at get the new coins from the Mint.

The good news is the new series of state quarters, then National Park quarters (2010-2021) were popular and could be found in change. S mint circulation strike National Park quarters were issued by the Mint with low mintages starting in 2012 ignored by album makers, causing me to have to put them in year cases. They sold well. At even lower mintages W quarters were minted 2019 and 2020 and put in circulation. Uncirculated S retail around \$3 and W retail about \$8. In 2017 a P was placed on the penny for the 225th anniversary of the Philly Mint. In 2019 a W penny was issued in proof, mint, and uncirculated sets as a premium followed by a 2020 W nickel. There



was already W dime from 1996 50th anniversary of the Roosevelt dime and a silver proof included with the 2015 March of Dimes commemorative silver \$1.



A Kennedy half in 2014 as part of a set to honor the 50th anniversary of his assassination. There were two



W Sacagawea dollars: 1) 39 bullion gold pattern coins were made, but rejected. 27 were melted, and the 12 surviving examples sent space aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia to commemorate Eileen Collin as the first female US astronaut to be a commander. The 12 coins were then put in Fort Knox. In 2007 the coins were briefly displayed at the ANA's World Fair of Money in Milwaukee. 2) an enhanced proof coin offered as a premium for proof and silver proof sets in 2015 and in the \$1 Coin and Currency Set with a note beginning with 911 serial number. A Mohawk iron worker is depicted building



the Empire State building. The W mint also appears on bullion coins beginning in 1983 and on the silver eagle dollar first coin in 1995, then continuously



since 2001. The Westpoint Mint has produced many

“instant rarities.”

The presidential, Sacagawea, and Innovation golden dollars were supposed to replace the dollar bill, but the cost of metal and reformulation of the paper for the dollar has put an end to any cost savings. The golden dollar tarnishes and stains easily as well. The dollar coins have been removed from circulation and also need to be ordered from the mint. The penny is also probably doomed except for being in yearly sets.

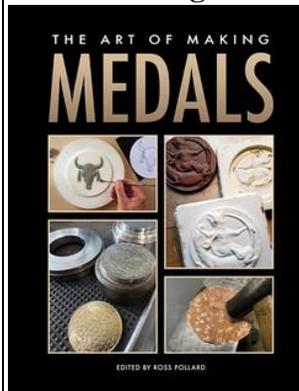
Modern coinage includes the 2004-2005 Westward Journey Nickel and the 2009 Lincoln penny series. We



are finishing up the Famous American Women series this year and have the 250th Anniversary of the US and Olympic quarters to look forward to as well as two yearly commemorative sets. There are various gold, platinum and palladium coins as well. We can hope Superman heralds colorized, special metals, gems and other special designs for our coins.

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The Art of Making Medals: Sculpting, casting, and metalworking techniques for artists by Ross Pollard.



The book explores a wide range of traditional and modern sculpting, casting, and die-striking techniques via step-by-step demonstrations and essays. Each chapter was contributed by a member of the American Medallist Sculpture Association and documents the creation of an original medal

from start to finish. \$20 on Amazon, 88pp. **A truck tipped over and spilled \$800,000 worth of dimes** on a highway in Texas. It took a day to shovel and vacuum them up. In 2018, a semi-truck with \$800,000 in dimes crashed and spilled its load near Las Vegas.



Parmelee-Garrett 1733 pattern **Rosa Americana two-pence** One of five examples known. An early British authorized minting at half weight of British coins, which circulated in America and Britain.



Reverse of 1963 1000 **Swiss note with Danse Macabre**. Death taking a child, maiden, and old man. For decades the highest denomination Swiss note featured this memento mori *Remember death for we all die*. A recent **Heritage auction treasure**.



Realized:
\$2,160,000
FUN, January 2025

Sincona is offering a **series of gold medals that illustrate the rule of Queen Anne** (1702-1714) of Britain. She was a daughter of the Stuart James II, who has last Catholic King of Britain. Anne became queen after her older sister Mary and brother-in-law William died without children. She was a Lutheran,

but did not want to be just a puppet of the nobles.



Anne arrived with her husband's fleet and army and the motto God our defender; justice our companion. On the reverse: *against the child of perdition* (Bonnie Prince Charlie) and *the naval expedition for the liberty of England 1688*. To emphasize she was no pushover her coronation medal has her as Athena wielding thunderbolts against a Titan as *Vice-regent of the*



Thunderer. Her grandfather Charles II had depicted himself as Zeus throwing thunderbolts after his defeat of Cromwell. Here slaying many giants.



Anne was no pushover. She curbed the powers of Parliament and defeated France with the help of the Duke of Marlborough during the Spanish War of Succession. The Bourbons wanted to unite France and Spain. She won the Rock of Gibraltar and trade in the Americas. She won through diplomacy and war getting Austria and the Dutch to join her in the Battle of Blenheim, defeating the French King Louis XIV.

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The French and Bavarians again defeated on the Danube, Marlborough commanding, 1704. Anne also celebrated the permanent union of Britain and Scotland in 1707. *Always the same* (together, one) says the gold.



A spectacular coin celebrating the capture of Gibraltar and victories over Bavaria and France. *England's rich*



triumphs. There are more than a dozen medals for the Spanish War of Succession. And two medals celebrating chasing away the French fleet attempting to invade Scotland in 1708. *French fleet flees*.



The Chinese love making copies of these and other rare medal. I got several Russian medals from China.



Congressional Gold Medal for the 6888 Central Postal Directory Battalion, an all African American Battalion of women tasked with sorting the accumulated mail that piled up in France and England during WW2. *No mail, low morale. Perth Mint is making gold and silver pillar dollars with Charles III*



on obverse. **Canada won Best Commemorative for its high relief Wood Dragon for the Year of the Dragon. A 450 BC 10mm coins from Lesbos with an illusion of two heads facing each other with a single eye serving both. Athena on the obverse. Most coin**



die engravers were gem engravers used to working in small spaces. **Finest 1792 pattern copper dime.**



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

April 22 Iconic Coins Please bring your coins celebrating comic, TV, and movie figures, history, discovery or ?? I will bring Star Trek coins.

April 25-26 National Coin Week at the Nevada Museum "Iconic Coins"

May 27 Designing Coin Matt Anderson

May 31 New Coins at the Nevada Museum

June 24 My Favorite Coin

After the Last Meeting

24 members looked at the coins minted for the Jews returning from the Babylonian Captivity, revealing images of Yahweh, His wife Hathor or Asherah, Athena and her owl, Persian, Greek, and Ptolemaic rulers as well as temple coins with a shofar, sacrificial dove, the ear of God, lily and falcon of Jerusalem. Michigan celebrated the Ford assembly line on the Innovation \$1 and the founder of the Girl Scouts Juliette Gordon Low here on the famous woman .25. April 22 the silver proof set comes out, May 6 the Kennedy half, May 8 gold buffalo, May 12 silver McKinley, May 15 Florida's Innovation \$1 with shuttlecraft launch, and May 20 uncirculated silver eagle. *Please join us at the museum for National Coin Week*, the old coin press will be running. **Coin Show at the museum August 15 and 16.** Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net Website: www.renocoinclub.com 775 815-8625

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All 2024 coins here: Michigan Innovation \$1, NA \$1, and Juliette Low here.



Famous women quarters .50 PDS (most S, not all)

Early Bird Prize: Israeli mint set won by Joe Wozniak.

Raffle prizes winners were:

Rick DeAvila: filled .01 album, 2004 Lewis and Clark .05 peace medal unc. and gold plated
Mark Kingman: 4 unc. .10, roll of unc. .01
Joe Lamberson: 4 encased Barber .10, candy coins in mint bag, Boston Tea Party poster
Andy Olsten: 1969 proof set
Loretta Kingman: copies of Confederate notes
Cody Daniels: 2007 unc, set, 1963 .10, 2022-2025 Famous Women .25 set
Bill Naylor: 2009 \$1 set
Don Stamps: 2 presidential \$1 set
Rusty King: Riverside casino chip
Conn Davis: 2009 Coin Club medal
Jeff Allen: Maria Tallchief \$1 and .25
Andre Assam: 2009 Lincoln set

Auction

Cody Daniels won album of America history coins and stamps donated by Darren Demangate

Don Stamps won album of America history Franklin Mint bronze coins donated by Darren Demangate

Quarter Pot

Quoc Nguyen (not present) won the .25 pot

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Treasurer's Report: At the end of March, our available balance was \$6,746.72. Activity included: Income: no income was posted, so I expect next month's income will be higher than normal. New expenses for the month included \$125.26 for Newsletter Repro/postage/office supplies and \$245 for coins needed for the monthly raffles.

Upcoming Coin Shows

April 17-19 Sacramento Valley Coin Club Show, Four Points, 4900 Duckhorn Drive, Admit \$3, Robert Shanks 916 204-5168

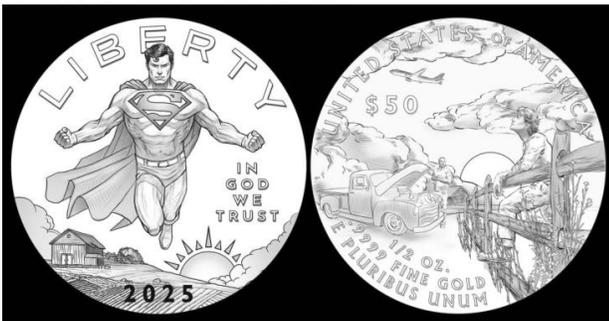
May 9-10 Visalia Coin Show, Veteran's Memorial Hall, 609 W. Center Ave., John Ward 559 967-8067

May 10 San Francisco International Numismatic Bourse, Double Tree Hotel (South San Francisco), 275 S. Airport Blvd., Scott Griffin 415 601-8661
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May 18 Vacaville Coin Show, Vacaville Elks Lodge, 302 Parker St., Admit \$2, Scott Griffin 415 601-8661
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Reno Coin Show July 18th and 19th at the J (Sands)
Nevada State Museum Coin Show August 15 & 16

The Other Coin: Iconic Coins



ANA is celebrating National Coin Week by heralding the US Mint's six coin series of DC comics superheroes. Superman will be on 1/2 ounce gold \$50 coins, 2 1/2 oz. ounce and 1 oz. silver medals, and 1.2-inch clad medals, all in a proof finish. Above is the recommended design with Superman on the Kent farm. Unlike similar coins minted around the world by private and national mints, it appears the coins will not be colorized and not be issued as circulating coins. Canada, Australia, Great Britain, Poland, Austria, and most other national mints as well as private mints have promoted commemorative and circulating coins with images from comics, movies, books, and cartoon shows. Currently there are series for James Bond, Simpsons, Star Wars, Harry Potter, Chinese New Year, WWI and WWII, and much more.



Perth (Australia) mint usually makes iconic bullion and colorized iconic coins. Britain usually has circulation coins as well (10 pence coin right). Britain and Commonwealth have the advantage of having to design only the reverse as the monarch will be on obverse. The recent Star Wars series from the Royal Mint was produced in gold, silver, colorized or not and a circulating 50 pence coin.



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2019 brought a plethora of WWI commemorative and circulating coins from the Commonwealth nations and France, but Russia still wins for its every five year set of WWII commemorative mostly circulating coins. Russia was portrayed every battle, weapon



system, town involved, monument, etc. on coinage. Canada wins for the most iconic coins of the greatest icon for its Star Trek original series coins. Captain Kirk and Scotty are Canadian. Great Britain and the Commonwealth also minted coins. Perth Mint



produced at even larger collection placing the coins in transporters or communicators. Perth, Franklin Mint



Bradford Exchange, have done the other Star Trek series including coins in the shapes of badges, ships, and insignias. There's a checker set and much more.

Live Long and Prosper,
David Elliott



Numismatic Potpourri

ANA just had a nice introduction to error coins and is planning a series of webinars for National Coin Week including presentations on changing images of Liberty, Populism on coins, and the penny dreadful and comic books. Upcoming presentations can be found at info.money.org/numismatalks Past presentations can be found at money.org/videos/ France has a new set of five bullion coins celebrating four works of Jules Verne: *Around the World in 80 Days*, *From the Earth to the Moon*, *20,000 Leagues under the Sea*, and *Journey to the Center of the Earth*. The fifth coin has a bust of Jules Verne and vignettes of all four books. Great Britain



continues the Harry Potter series with the flying car, begins a Beatles series with John Lennon, and there is a Mary Poppins and Camelot series.



The Newman Numismatic Portal has free zoom presentations April 24-26 with topics on error coins, silk road coins, lots on Nebraska topics from the

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Central States Show, and the Great Kentucky gold hoard. All fee, sign up starts soon.

https://nnpssymposium.org/schedule?mc_cid=946526b904&mc_eid=7cc629f901 **Perth Mint honors Jimi Hendrix.** A nicely toned **Alexander the Great**



tetradrachm minted by Ptolemy I, who stole Alexander's body and mummified it in Alexandria Egypt to increase his prestige. He is wearing an elephant's headdress and has his boxer's nose. Reverse is Athena Promachos (fighting on the front line) with spear and shield, helmet and Lagid eagle before. **Medal for Field Marshall Paul von**



Hindenburg's 1914 victory over the Russians in East Prussia in the Battle of Tannenberg. He is standing naked over the Russian bear.



An electrotype 1794 silver dollar from the British Museum mid 1830s. Along with the Ashmolean Museum tens of thousands of different electrotypes were made from 1836-1931 by Robert Ready and his sons for collectors, other museums, and teaching institutions. Much like chemical 3D printing, thin

microscopic layers of metal are placed on a mold. An electro-chemical process creates the desired thickness, then the reverse and obverse molds are put together, leaving a seam, but making a much more detailed copy.



The process replaced casting in molds. I have a British Museum electrotype of the famous Syracuse tetradrachm. This is a superior copy than a coin made in



a mold or struck on Russian or Chinese press because it keeps all the detail of a hand struck coin and hand engraved die. **The Crown Coin is the most valuable coin in the world with 6,426**



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natural diamonds estimated to weigh over 475 carats and nearly 8 pounds of gold. It was made for Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee and is now presented as a memorial after her death. With a diameter of over 9.6 inches, a collection of 11 24-carat gold coins, with the centerpiece coin weighing in at over 2 pounds. Six of the surrounding coins represent the guiding virtues as seen on the Victoria Memorial outside of Buckingham Palace: courage, justice, truth, victory, charity, and consistency. The five others chronologically showcase the Queen's portrait. On one side, the abundance of diamonds is arranged to simulate the United Kingdom's flag while the other side follow the designs of the late monarch's intricate tiaras. The one-of-a-kind commemorative piece is engraved with quotes from Queen Elizabeth. One side reads, "With age comes experience and that can be a virtue if properly used. By being willing to put past differences behind us and move forward together." On the other, the border includes an inscription from her first televised broadcast in 1957, "Throughout all my life and with all my heart I will strive to be worthy of your trust. The things I have here before promised I will perform and keep so help me God." The coin is valued at \$23 million dollars.

Two Comitia Americana coins came to auction.



Kittanning in 1756. The medal's obverse depicts the City of Philadelphia's shield of arms, and the reverse shows the burning village of Kittanning, Armstrong with a rifle, and two guards, along with the inscription "Kittanning Destroyed by Coll. Armstrong, September 8 / 1756." The original medals were made from smoothed Pillar 8 reales coins and were awarded to the veterans of the raid. The US Mint later produced restrikes of the medal from the original dies. **President Trump and the Elon Musk-led Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) have now targeted the San Francisco Mint for closure** in a bid to sell the real estate in San Francisco. **The Bavarian Mint is making a bid to establish German bullion coins,** which Germany as a whole does not have. Bavaria is hoping the standardization of one ounce silver and gold coins with Neuschwanstein Castle will become popular. It is a model for Disneyland castles.



Switzerland's 2 kilo silver Matterhorn with original climbers of 1865. Also at Disneyland.



A Gen. George Washington copper overlooking Boston



And a toned silver John Howard at Cowpens. **The first American decoration for valor in battle, awarded to Colonel John Armstrong and his officers after the destruction of the Native American village of**

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20 members reelected the club officers with the addition of Mark Kingman on the board. Thanks Mark. Doug Larson brought in a small part of his election buttons and medals March 20 the gold eagles come out, March 25 the founder of the girl Scouts gets a .25, April 3 the silver famous women set .25 comes out, April 8 the Innovation \$1 celebrates the assembly line for cars, April 22 the silver proof set comes out. **Some members have been bringing in cool coins they recently got. Please everyone do that.** We all love a good show and tell. **Andy Olsten has unsearched rolls of quarters for sale 707 953-4879.** Jim Arden won **2023 1/10 ounce proof US eagle and 2023 silver eagle.** Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net Website: www.renecoinclub.com 775 815-8625

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Cook Island's Pompeii eruption coin to scale.

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Jerry Breedlove: very full Dansco .01 album, roll unc. .01
Don Stamps: Charles and Diana wedding coin, 1975 proof set

Rick DeAvila: 5 gold medals, 2009 .01 set, 2024S .25 set, 2023 .25 set

Rusty King: 2 consecutive dollar bills

Bart Daniels: **mystery box:** 2025PDS .25, Innovation and NA \$1 PD, NA \$1 PD

Andre Assam: copies 2 Confederate bills

Matt Anderson: Bicentennial Comitia Americana medal, 2025 PD Innovation \$1

Bill Naylor: RCC medal, US, Southern currency books

Mark Kingman: 2025 PDS .25

Lilli Moffit: bit coin copy

Andy Olsten: 2 copies 19th notes

Auction

Virginia City silver round and 1st day cover donated by Jerry Breedlove sold for \$70 to Andy Olsten

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Art Bonnel (not present) won the .25 pot

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Treasurer's Report: At the end of February, our available balance was \$7,116.88. Activity included: Income included \$130 in returning member dues, \$150 for limited gold coin raffle (won by Jim Arden), \$70 coin auction and \$84 for our monthly club raffle. New expenses for the month included \$96.05 for Newsletter Repro/postage/office supplies and \$80.30 for education expenses.

Upcoming Coin Shows

March 21-22 Sunnyvale/South Bay Coin Show,
 Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real, Admit \$5,
 Dealers: 18+ Bill Green 925 351-7605
<https://norcalcoinshows.com/sunnyvale-coin-show/march-2020/discount-coupon/>

April 10-12 Vegas Local Coin & Currency Show,
 Tuscany Suites & Casino, 255 E. Flamingo, No other info

April 7 Cupertino Coin Club Show, St. Joseph's,
 10110 De Anza Blvd. Admit \$5, Dealers: 28 Bruce Braga 408 839-1883 CupertinoCoinClub.org

April 11-12 Fresno Coin Show, American Legion Post 506,
 3509 N. First St., John Ward 559 967-8067

April 17-19 Sacramento Valley Coin Club Show,
 Four Points, 4900 Duckhorn Drive, Admit \$3, Robert Shanks 916 204-5168

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The Other Coin: Ancient Coin Design

Soon after the late 7th century BC when Lydia developed the technology to separate gold and silver to make pure gold and silver coins in denominations,

they added the country's symbol of the lion (sun) on their coins and then the lion confronting the bull (moon), symbol of their opponents to the South.



There were already similar emblems of city-states on "white gold" or electrum coins. These naturally occurring nuggets were presented as gold, but increasingly adulterated with silver, until they became unacceptable in trade as gold coins. Ephesus coin with



deer of Artemis and name of Phanes (coiner, king, priest?) and coin of Cyzicus, whose emblem was the tunny (tuna) with lion attacking bull (alliance with Lydia?). Note the color difference with much more silver in the Ephesus coin. There are hundreds of designs from abstract to gods and heroes, but for the most part the images represented cities of Asia Minor and the nearby islands that were trading cities in the Greek diaspora where the bullion coins solved the problem of a generally accepted currency perfected by the Lydians by issuing denominations. Reverses were usually the hammer die punch mark.



The Persians lead by Cyrus the Great conquered the Lydians in 547BC and adopted both the coinage and

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design of the Lydians, which was modified by Darius the Great in 520 BC to bear the image of the Persian King of Kings standing or kneeling with a bow. The



Persian coinage did not replace local city coinage, which was encouraged because the local coinage proved who was paying their taxes and tribute. The more coinage there was also meant there was more commerce. The satraps or provincial governors were the first to place their portraits on coins. The Persian kings were stylized portraits, not individualized.



Satrap Pharnabazos II minted a coin of Kyzikos (see the tunny below the prow) to celebrate his naval victory over Sparta for the Persians after having previously aided the Spartans against Athens. He wears the cap of office, the kyrbasia. Note the Persian royal griffin on the prow. Satrap Tissaphernes' bare



head signifies he was likely Greek, although his grand-father was commander of the royal guard (the Immortals) that invaded Greece. He also fought in the Peloponnesian War on the side of Sparta. The reverse is the cult statue of Artemis of Ephesus with deer

besides and Heracles club above. Like most satraps he was married to one of the many daughters of the king, who had numerous wives and concubines. The coin is bronze (copper with whatever other metals were handy like zinc, lead, tin, etc.). A couple of decades after the pure gold and silver coins were minted by Lydia, bronze coins were being issued for the local markets as fiat money having no bullion value, not used for paying taxes, and not always exchangeable for silver, even at 100 to one. The Judaea satrap coins are similar with the lily or falcon of Jerusalem, Yahweh, and portraits of generic Persian king, beardless Alexander the Great, and beardless Jewish governor Hezekiah, but there is also Yahweh's wife, a shofar, a sacrificial dove, and Athena and her owl.



How were the dies made? They were made by gem engravers, some of the most skilled sculptures in the ancient world. They used iron awls and drills,



diamond dust and drill tips, and magnifying crystals or glass lenses to engrave the gems and bronze dies.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

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AI is getting better at grading and will probably take over the task in a year or two. Check it out. AI Grading Live Stream (<https://vimeo.com/1061854773>)

The penny is being threatened by Elon Musk's DOGE and Trump has ordered the Treasury Department to cease production. Congress will have to decide whether or not to discontinue the penny or at least keep it in mint and proof sets. **Save the penny!!**

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A rare Etruscan coin minted during the Second Punic War (218-201 BC) in Italy between Rome and Carthage. It is heavily debated whether the Etruscans struck the coins hoping the elephants and black African slave soldiers would defeat the Romans or a warning they were on the way. Most think it was an anti-Roman coin. The Hungarians did the same when the Ottomans brought their black African soldiers and Germans threatened Europeans with the British and French African soldiers. The WWI German medal protesting African occupation troops has a naked woman bound to giant penis. A



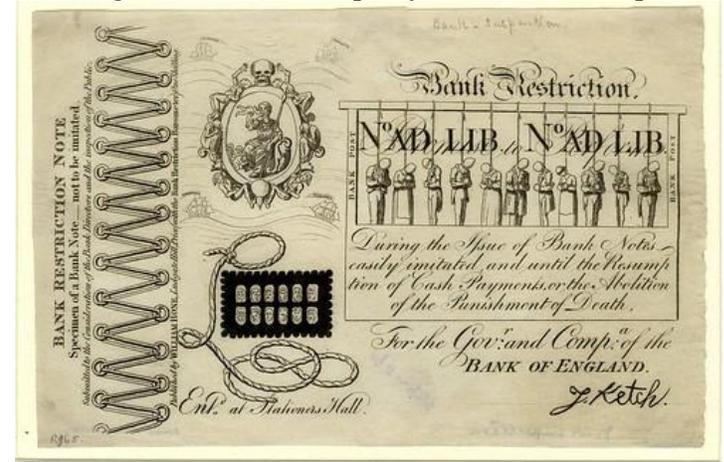
bit too graphic. There was no racism in Greek and Roman times. Prejudice was against barbarians. Those without Greek or Latin language and culture.



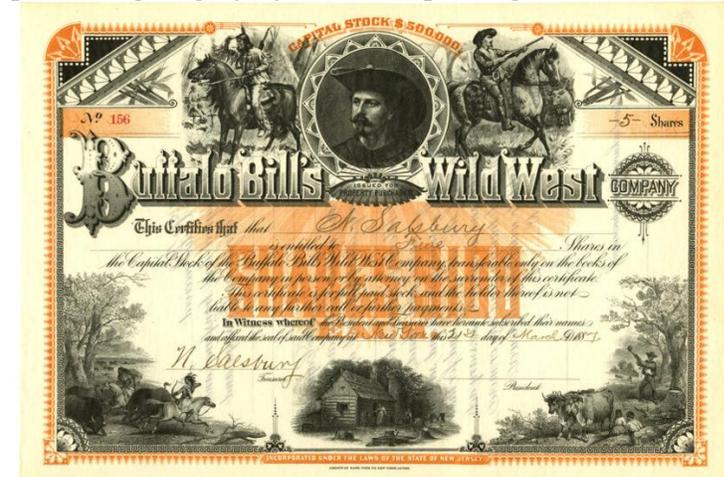
A 1789 Bank of North America 3-pence marbled edge note. One of Ben Franklin's attempts to deter

counterfeiting with colored paper and printed designs like the leaves on the back of Continental dollars.

Britain's Portable Antiquities schemes racked up 74,506 finds in 2023 allowing metal detectorists and finders to keep the proceeds of their finds with a small portion going to the landowner and the right for museums to buy the treasure at market value. **Tubingen University reproduced Roman counterfeiting methods in a 10 minute film on You Tube** in German with English subtitles. <https://youtu.be/PJlh9JGpzT4>



Cruikshank printed this parody of the English pound note after seeing the gibbet at the Old Bailey with women, who had been hanged for passing forged £1 notes. Its publication stopped the issue of easily forged £1 notes by the Bank of England and hanging for forgery ceased. A Royal Commission was agreed to on 13 May 1818, to examine methods of preventing forgery by the better printing of notes.



Buffalo Bill sold stock attractive certificates for his Wild West Show. He even signed some of them. **Trump has ordered a crypto reserve be set up** at the Treasury Department. No details what it will include.

Lead pollution in ancient Rome was so high that it dropped the population's IQ by around 3 points, if not more. Elites were exposed to lead through water pipes, cooking pots, bath tubs, cosmetics and the syrups that sweetened their wine. **But the most widespread exposure for Romans came from industrial pollution caused by the mining and smelting of metals used to make coins.** Romans melted down galena, a lead-rich ore, to extract the silver needed for coins, and lead was a major byproduct of the process. "For every ounce of silver you produce, you might produce thousands of ounces of lead," said Joseph McConnell, a climate and environmental scientist at the Desert Research Institute in Reno, NV. "Nobody could escape it." Lead was also used for tokens called tessera for admittance to games, brothels, and other events. Below is a token for gladiatorial event and the core of counterfeit Greek silver coin. Most copper and bronze coins would have some lead in them as well. The use of tokens coinage continued through Byzantine and medieval times. Lead was easier to melt and cheaper than copper.



A hoard of 816 gold and silver coins was found in the leg of a statue in a church in Eisleben, Germany deposited in 1640 when the Swedish army was quartered in the town from 1623-1644 and daily looted the town's citizens during the Thirty Years War. The treasure belonged to the church, representing its savings of good silver and gold coins in a period when the coinage was debased and often silver plated rather than silver coins. Many of the coins are much older medieval coins of pure silver.



Coin Talks on The Money & Medals Network, funded by The Royal Numismatic Society and the British Numismatic Society offers regular online lectures on various numismatic topics on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/@MoneyMedalsNetwork/videos> **This year's National Coin Week is a contest to identify all the initials of famous US Mint engravers** correctly and be entered into the grand drawing for fantastic prizes, including Silver Eagles, small gold coins, and silver pop culture coins. You have until the last day of National Coin Week, April 26, to submit your answers. If you don't get all the answers correct, there's still a chance you could win a prize! The initials included on the challenge coin are: GTM, JEF, CG, CEB, RS, ASG, JM, VDB, DE, ST, AW, JC, SD, PH, HW, ED Submit answers to: <https://www.money.org/new-challenge-coin-contest/>



British campaign medal in the French-Indian Wars 1758 Battle of Louisbourg, Canada ending French rule in Canada. Obverse: globe with Canada and America. A navy officer and soldier appear right and left, with a female figure representing the vanquished French army below. Victory and a British flag appear above with the motto *Partier in Bello* (Equal/Together in War). Reverse: scene of the fortress of Louisbourg under siege, with cannons firing, ships in the harbor, and billowing smoke.



Louisbourg taken 1758 in Roman numerals. **Famous model and actress Audrey Munson (1891-1996) was the model for the Walking Liberty half dollar** and used as the model for several other coins and medals by Robert Aitken, John Flanagan, Daniel Chester French, and Adolph A. Weinman.

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17 members had dinner, but elections were delayed. I was ill with the flu that turned into pneumonia. Doing well now. *Thanks to Paul Williams and Trish for filling in.* **Fred Holabird of Holabird Americana is looking for auction lots. Got something worth \$100 or more? (775) 851-1859.** Trish and I completed the training for the Boy Scout merit badge for coins and will be putting together the material on a triptych to take to the museum. The ANA will be producing the kits in May for \$10, but we already have the stuff in our displays. **Got the first 3 coins of 2025 pictured right.** The silver Benjamin Harrison out Feb. 4. Women proof quarters Feb 12 and platinum eagle Feb 20. Proof set with women .25 and .01,.05,.10, .50 and NA\$1 for \$40.25 March 4. **We got a 2023 1/10 ounce proof US eagle from Rusty King for the club raffle! AND RUSTY ADDED A 2023 PROOF EAGLE!!** We will sell 60 tickets at \$10 each for the \$400 prize (53 sold). Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net Website: www.renecoinclub.com 775 815-8625

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- Andre Assam: Sacagawea dollars Tallchied \$1 and .25
- Bart Daniels: 2023 Women .25 set
- Matt Anderson: 1942 D dime, 2009 Lincoln .01 set, 2 copies 19th century bank notes
- Andy Olsten: birth year coin holder, 1979 proof set
- Mark Kingman: unc. .01 roll
- Rusty King: Silver round album
- Jeff Allen: filled .01 album
- Jim Arden: silver eagle album
- Bill Naylor: 2 Confederate bills copies
- Faye Allen: RCC coin medal

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Treasurer's Report: RCC has had a good year financially. Our starting balance was \$5,377.38 and we ended with \$6,606.9. Activity: Income included \$370 in returning member dues and \$115 for our monthly club raffle. New expenses for the month included \$92.69 for Newsletter: Repro/postage/office supplies and \$140 (net) for payment to members for the annual "Holiday party".

Upcoming Coin Shows

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March 21-22 Sunnyvale/South Bay Coin Show, Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real, Admit \$5, Dealers: 18+ Bill Green 925 351-7605
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Reno Coin Show July 18th and 19th at the J (Sands)

The Other Coin: Eros (Cupid)



Nagidos 4th BC Aphrodite before altar//Eros behind

Antiochus VII 2nd BC Eros//Isis headdress

(6th BC), who praises EROS (Desire) as the creator of the cosmos and all life, just as evolutionists today insist the number one goal of all living things is the desire for

reproduction. On Cyprus there is a continuous progression from the Paleolithic to Greek and Roman times of temples to Aphrodite bearing witness to worship of erotic desire as the greatest of all the gods.



In the Roman version, Eros or Cupid was the son of Aphrodite or Venus (goddess of love) and Mars. Both Sulla (84BC) and Julius Caesar (46BC) claimed Venus and her son were on their side and helped them conquer in the Civil War and over the Gauls. In Apuleius's *Metamorphoses*, Cupid's mother Venus became jealous of the princess Psyche, who was so beloved by her subjects that they neglected the temples of Venus. She ordered Cupid to make Psyche fall in love with the vilest thing in the world. While Cupid was sneaking into her room to shoot Psyche with a golden arrow, he accidentally scratched himself with his own arrow and fell deeply in love with her.

Cupid visited Psyche in his palace, now hers, every night. Fearful of his mother's wrath, he told Psyche never to try to see him. Psyche incited by her two older sisters, who told her Cupid was a monster, tried to look at him. Hot oil fell on the beautiful sleeping Cupid from her lamp, causing him to wake and flee.



After Cupid fled, Psyche looked all over the world for him. Humbling herself before Aphrodite's rage, Psyche accepted three impossible tasks: 1) sorting of a huge pile of mixed grains in which she was aided by ants, 2) getting wool from the flesh eating golden sheep. A river god and reeds aided her by telling her to wait for the heat of the day to collect the wool from brambles. A tower prevented her suicide by telling her how to pass through Hades. All of Nature and the works of man aided her. On her return Psyche opened the box to enhance her beauty to regain Cupid's love.

This caused her to fall into a coma. Cupid finally defied his mother and rescued Psyche from her coma. Jupiter gave the persevering Psyche the gift of immortality so that she could be with Cupid forever. They had a child Harmony.

This is the Greek and Roman version of the Song of Songs telling the story of the soul's relationship to the gods rather than God. Psyche means soul and butterfly. Psyche often has butterfly wings and Psyche the wings of his mother's dove. In the Greek and Roman myths the gods also loved people, but mankind could not rest content with an invisible god and insisted on seeing god face to face. Psyche's trials are interpreted as the need to learn logic and reason—Aristotle's sorting of things into categories, followed by labor or work in the gathering of wool, and finally learning that the beauty, goodness, and love of God is not something that mortals can possess except by God's grace. This is what Dostoevsky meant by "Beauty will save the world." In both Russian and Greek goodness and beauty are the same word. (see Philippians 4:8 and choose the Amplified Bible translation to get a feel for the Greek) The Church Fathers adopted the mystery religions to understand the incarnation and resurrection in the phrase, "God became man, so that man may become god." The story is one of the most celebrated stories in the ancient and modern world with statues massed produced in ancient times, paintings by Raphael and other great artists and sculpted by Canova and other greats. And, of course there are modern medals from



Palau and Cameroon.

The tale is a reworking of the mystery religion of Paleolithic Cyprus, Archaic Athens, Isis, and accepted by Jungian psychology as one of the great archetypes of feminine and human psychology. Love including the erotic, friendship, and altruism truly conquers all. Happy Valentines, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

President Trump has approved DOGE and Elon Musk's recommendation to kill the penny. 2025 may see the last year of the penny. The other big news is the **reappearance the rogue classicist blog** after almost a year's absence after the editor had a stroke. He links to the latest news in archeology finds, books, exhibits all over the world from our early ancestors to American Civil War digs. **He also presents all the cool coins finds:** Off the coast of Sardinia **an ancient ship wreck left a 'money island.'** Tens of thousands of coins, dating back to between 324 and 340 AD, were uncovered in pristine condition. Alongside the mountain of ancient coins, divers uncovered walls of amphorae (narrow-necked jugs with two handles) usually filled with wine, oil, garum sauce, or other liquids. In the Netherlands, a **hoard of 1st century**



Roman and British gold and silver coins was found by metal detectorists. Of the more than 400 coins, 116 were gold. These gold coins included 72 Roman aurei dating from 19 B.C. to A.D. 47, as well as 44 gold alloy coins, called staters, that were minted in Britain. The staters included the the Celtic king Cunobeline, who ruled from AD 9 to 42. Also in the hoard were 288 silver coins, all struck between 200 BC and AD 47. One depicts Julius Caesar. The hoard is likely from a Roman soldier representing a lifetimes savings, who participated in Emperor Claudius' invasion of Britain 43-47AD. The Chinese, who insist



they do everything bigger, better, and earlier than everyone else, found a **hoard of ban liang coins minted in 175 BC** during the Western Han Dynasty. Each bundle found contained about 100 coins and a total of 1,060 bundles were dug up. Traces of straw were found in the area which suggested that they were strung with straw cords. Over a hundred thousand coins. Ancient Chinese coins are cheap.

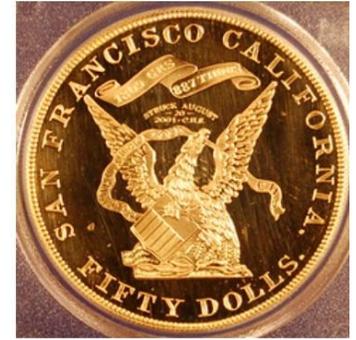


Both the Highland and Danbury Mints make the official **Super bowl flip coin** in a variety of metals starting under \$20. Also available on e-bay.



Thomas "Tommy" Thompson, now 72, of SS Central America fame, in prison since 2015 after refused to tell a judge where he stashed a trove of gold coins he struck (restrike of 1855). **The judge stated Thompson will continue to ignore court orders to provide the treasure's location and keeping him in prison would not change the result.** However, Thompson will remain in federal

prison for another 2 years on a criminal contempt and face millions of dollars in fines when he is released.



Canada's February offerings: A tribute to first Black community in Vancouver, Hogan's Alley, 1910-1960. The Maple Leaves in Motion coin offers a captivating visual experience. This 5 ounce silver coin features both yellow gold plating and multifaceted engraving. The Predator or Prey in Shadow Box fine silver coin pushes the boundaries of minting technology. Using multiple layers, engraved and cut-out, creates a dramatic 3-D effect that changes with the viewing angle. Mustang Country captures the untamed beauty of mustang herds roaming the prairies. The Elegant Maple fine silver coin features a black rhodium-plated field.

Germany plans new euro series of space exploration and Christmas hymns in addition to continuing their polymer ring coin. **The US Mint is gearing up to launch an all-new quarter series celebrating the youth sports** that have helped shape our Nation. **You can vote** on US Mint site at Shop-Coin Programs-Youth Sports until February 20. **ANA NumisTalks** include the US Mint at the Chicago

World Fair, Austrians famous emperors and empresses on modern commemorative coins and history of Suez Canal on coins. **Taylor Swift is wearing necklaces with Roman coins.** The Roman Republican denarius was worn at the Super Bowl.





Queen Victoria coronation coin June 28th, 1838 with Britain, Ireland, and Scotland presenting her the crown saying Erimus tibi nobile regnum. "We shall be a noble kingdom to you." **A hoard of 1,368 coins, most of**



them Roman silver denarii with one gold coin of the Celtic tribe Dobunni, has been discovered in a pot by a metal detectorist in Worcestershire, England. The hoard was buried around AD 55, a time when the Roman Empire, led by emperor Nero (54-68AD), was struggling to take control of England. His predecessor Claudius (41-54 AD) had invaded Britain and gained control of large amounts of England, but resistance continued into Nero's reign. In AD 60, a rebellion launched by Boudica, the queen of a British tribe known as the Iceni, nearly succeeded in driving the Romans from the island before the empire put the rebellion down. Also in West Yorkshire **some hundred molds were found to make counterfeit Roman coins for the mid third century AD**. The writer says it's a 1700 year old crime. Unfortunately, this is likely incorrect. Like our own Hard Times tokens, coinage on the frontier during a number of usurper emperors meant that small change could be made by anyone and be accepted. Late or missing silver pay for soldiers could also be cast as a limes denarius and accepted by all to be traded for a silver denarius when the paymaster showed up. Counterfeits were bronze mold made coins plated with gold or silver. That's why there are often test cuts on gold and silver coins.

Below is a series of barbarous Roman radiate (crowned) coins found in Gaul and Britain in the mid-third century AD. The first coin is official. Note how



the coins get smaller and smaller, cruder and cruder. A limes denarius and a real denarius. The limes official



bronze denarius above is molded and of good quality with correct lettering and size. There is no evidence of plating. It is a temporary or emergency issue to pay the troops. Denarius on right below is real. The silver



plating is broken on the coin on the left, and the copper core shows through. Made by wrapping a molded copper core in a thin silver foil (much like aluminum foil) or in this case striking it with false dies to make a furré ("stuffed" in French). When the copper appears, the fraud is exposed, but this imitation was struck in such good style and with thick enough silver that it may have been years before the foil detached. Over 100 molds in a pit suggest an official minting of coins, not a counterfeiter, a large emergency issue for the army and merchants.

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

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 Mark Kingman has agreed to run for the board. Still openings.

February 22 New Coins at the Nevada Museum

February 25 Something Presidential or Yehud Coinage (see below)

Need a volunteer for something presidential.

After the Last Meeting

18 members got to see some very rare War of 1812 gold medals brought in by Robert Rodriguez. David Elliott presented coins of the possible magi, Byzantine Jesus coins, and the ancient Star of Bethlehem coins. The Star of Bethlehem is likely one of the most attested astronomical events. All the Greco-Roman astronomers/astrologers noted the event and a series of Roman governors of Syria claimed the stars foretold their rise to emperor of the world and minted coins for 200 years. Others brought in Santa Claus coins. 2025 coins shown below. **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 (45 sold). **Rusty is planning to add a silver eagle to the gold coin to help get the last 15 sold. Thanks Rusty!** Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net Website: www.renecoinclub.com 775 815-8625

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E. McCarran, Sparks



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All 2024 coins here: Arkansas Innovation \$1 in mail. The first coins of 2025:



Famous women quarters .50 PDS (most S, not all)

Early Bird Prize: 2024 S set famous women .25 won by Jim Arden.

Raffle prizes winners were:

- Dan DeRouchy: 2024 Innovation set \$1
- Bart Daniels: filled .01 album, 2 wheat .01, roll of unc. .01
- Joe Wozniak: 2023 & 2024 women .25 sets **mystery box**,
- Joe Lamberson: 2024 famous women set
- Jeff Allen: 1953 .10, candy coins in mint bags
- Faye Allen: 2005 D mint set
- Mary Long: presidential dollars set, 3 paper money books
- Robert Rodriguez: copy 19th century banknote Farmers
- Mark Kingman: silver gram, 2024 NA \$1PD set
- Andre Assam: birth year set holder, 2 consecutive \$1 bills
- Art Bonnel: paper money books, RCC medal, 2022 .25 set
- Andy Olson: Zitkala PDS .25, 1913 .05
- Rick DeAvila: NV cased state .25, .01 unc. roll
- Mark King: 2 copies 19th banknotes

Quarter Pot

Ken Hopple (not present) won the .25 pot

THANKS TO BILL GREEN, FRED HOLABIRD, AJ 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 too.

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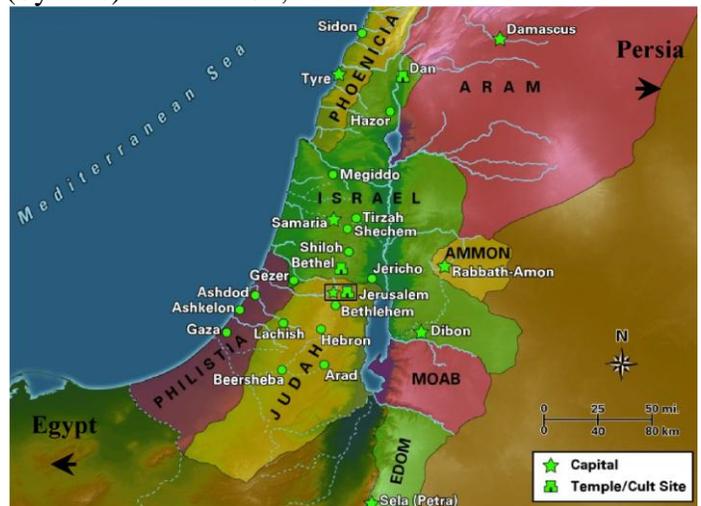


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The Other Coin: Yehud Coins of the Persian and Ptolemaic Period 5th century BC to 3rd century BC

It is hard to understate the importance of the Yehud coinage study for the understanding of ancient Judaism. I got the book new for Christmas, waiting a year for a used one, since \$150 seemed a lot. All the coins can be seen on Levantine Coins on-line: <https://numismatics.org/lco/results> \$150 was a deal.

The Assyrians destroyed the Northern Kingdom of Israel in 722 BC. Assyrians had a policy of killing everyone like the Mongols. Any survivors had to have fled to the surrounding areas or Egypt. Babylon destroyed the southern Kingdom of Israel (Judah) in 586 BC and marched the Jerusalemites to Babylonian Captivity until miraculously Cyrus of Persia allowed them to return after 538 BC (the story is in Ezra and Nehemiah). In the 50 years of exile, the Jewish priests and leaders edited the Torah into the Old Testament we have. Judaism was recreated much like it would be again after the Romans destroyed the temple in 70AD. The coins let us understand just how “Jewish” the Babylonian Israelites of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin were as well as how the other children of Abraham: Edomites, Moabites, Ammonites, Egyptian Jews and Semites: Phoenicians, Philistines, Aramites (Syrians) differed. So, here is Yahweh enthroned like



Zeus or Baal on a Yehud (Judah) coin. So much for



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the prohibition against graven images. The fellow in a Greek Corinthian helmet is likely a Greek satrap or general, a mercenary for Persia. It is not double-struck, but an attempt to show the head turned to the onlooker, typical of coins minted in Philistia, the largest mint in the area (410-390 BC). A similar coin of Baal enthroned Cilicia (S. Turkey, 361-334BC):



Baal holding an eagle instead of falcon with grain ear and grapes. Baaltars in Aramaic. Yahweh holds falcon symbol of Jerusalem and sits on winged wheel common to Triptolemus, Greek god of grain and found in first chapter

of Ezekiel. The mask (I think betyl) is shaped like a Silenus or faun another agricultural deity of grain and grape with Judah in Aramaic above. The next coin



has Yahweh's wife with the Hathor flip, an Egyptian goddess often imaged as a cow (like the golden calf) and known by the Semites as Astarte, Greeks as Aphrodite. A female goddess has been found in the Jewish temples in Egypt, Samaria, and Edom. All the Torah invective against the prostitution and orgiastic rites of Judah's neighbors seducing good Jews was likely an attempt to reform the religion while in Babylonian Captivity. The lion attacking deer is also the reverse of the Baal coin symbolizing the king, sun, Persia defeating the priestess of Artemis, moon, Ephesus. Judah in Aramaic above 400-375 BC.

Now, it can be argued that Judah just sent the silver as taxes to help pay for the army to reconquer Egypt for Persia and the Philistia mint made the coins like they wanted, putting Judah's name on the coins to indicate their contribution in taxes for the war effort. However, the most common Judah coins are copies with paleo-Hebrew inscriptions imitating Athenian coins (400BC-333BC). An international coinage

acceptable to Persians and Greek mercenaries alike. Athena is portrayed with her owl. Behind the owl is a



lily of Jerusalem rather than olive branch and a crescent moon. The authors suggest the coins were used to pay local temple guards or administration and perhaps auxiliary soldiers if paid every day. The coinage wavered from an Attic weight with lead in the silver to a Persian weight with copper in the silver from melting coins from Greek or Persian sources. The Jerusalem minted coins for itself of falcon and



lilly, and the temple minted coins with the shofar, ear of God, and dove of sacrifice. All with falcon reverse.



With Alexander the Great appearance in 333BC the Jewish mint has coins of a beardless male on a shield or a crowned Persian king taking sides of the probable winner. There are coins with Hezekiah a Jew who describes himself as governor and likely is the Yezekiah that fled to Egypt during the battles after Alexander died and his generals contended for control of Alexander's kingdom. Various headed griffins



(the Persian guardian animal), owls, and falcons are reverses. The facing bare head on a shield may be Alexander the Great (his first portraits if so) or a generic beardless Macedonian. The last beardless head may be Hezekiah who went Greek or some other conquering Macedonian. Ptolemy, one of Alexander's general and likely a half brother took over Egypt and conquered the Syrian coast. The Judah mint then minted coins imitating coins of Ptolemy I and II until the 260s BC when Ptolemy II's coinage reform replaced the small silver Jewish coins with his own copper coinage. Ptolemy II or III ended the autonomy of Judah when the high priest refused to pay 30 talents of silver to be ruler.

Ptolemy I with Lagid eagle on thunderbolt paleo-Hebrew Judah to right. Ptolemy II coin with



Ptolemy I and wife Berenice I and Ptolemy II with Arsinoe II. These coins formally declared the



Ptolemies gods and saviors. The coins were minted in Phoenicia, and Tyre became the official mint for Judah and the temple with nearly pure silver, but also Melqart (the Phoenician Hercules) or god kings of Egypt or Seleucid Empire on the obverse and other gods on the reverse. Judas 30 pieces of silver were Tyrian tetradrachms. No graven images ever



took hold. Yahweh's wife was banished along with ritual prostitution and prostitution and adultery by a

woman was met with stoning. The Pharisees attempted to institute a tithing of everything. Sacrifice resumed. The reforms begun in Babylonian exile slowly took hold.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

New Coins

New coins for 2025 include Ida B. Wells a journalist and suffragette, Juliette Gordon Low, founder of Girl Scouts, scientist Dr. Vera Rubin, Stacey Park Milbern, disability advocate, and Althea Gibson, tennis star.



The Innovation series includes Arkansas' Raye Montague who designed Oliver Hazard Perry-class frigate. The Florida coin honors the Space Shuttle program. The Michigan coin honors Ransom Olds' pioneering patent for the assembly line concept. The Texas coin pays tribute to NASA's Mission Control at Houston's Johnson Space Center. The Native American



dollar has Hawaii's Mary Kawena Pukui, a musician, artist, and writer. The first coins of the year out already



(January 2) celebrates the 250th anniversary of the

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Marine Corps with \$5 gold, \$1 silver and half dollar clad copper nickel coins and a common reverse. \$865 for .243 oz gold, \$91 for .859 oz silver, and \$56 clad.



Canada's 2025 commemoratives include stories of WWII, 350th anniversary of Greenwich Observatory, Elizabeth II, first railway, and the Red Arrows. Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon read a proclamation on December 20 declaring that **January 5, 2025, would be Nellie Tayloe Ross Day. She was the first female governor of any state (Wyoming) and first woman director of the mint 1933-1953** promoting the Franklin half and Roosevelt dime. She supervised new construction of the San Francisco Mint, the gold depository at Fort Knox and the silver depository at West Point. She died in 1977 at the age of 101.

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Two more volumes of the Roman Provincial Coinage project now published and online. They cover all Roman provincial coinage issues from Pertinax to the death of Macrinus (AD 193-218) in all the Eastern provinces of the Roman Empire. This includes 11,000 type descriptions and over 45,000 coins from 317 cities! The hard facts of coinage will revolutionize our understanding of the Roman Empire like the Yehud coinage has Judah. Volumes on-line: <https://rpc.ashmus.ox.ac.uk/volumes> Metal detectorists discovered an early 9th century Viking boat grave of 3 women with coins and jewelry. A very rare early Viking coin of Hedeby (Denmark) was also found with other Viking, Carolingian, Irish, and English coins.



In memoriam: "I know it's been a long while but wanted you to know that our son Shannon passed away from cardiac arrest due to sepsis just before Christmas. Thanks, John and Donna Holmes."

50 ruble 1828 Peace with Persia medal of Nicholas I with Mount Ararat and Noah's ark. Armenia was made independent of the Ottomans under Russia, allowing Armenians to return. Russians gained control of Caspian Sea and 20 million rubles after a year of war with Persia promoted by the British. The Russians planted their flag on Mount Ararat.

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