

Reno Cartwheel

April 2026

Next Meeting (We meet the 4th Tuesday NOT LAST at Denny's, 205 Nugget Ave., 7PM)

April 28 2026 National Coin Week theme Striking Independence: 250 Years of American Numismatics. I will bring overpriced 250th dimes, pilgrim, and Washington .25, maybe half too. Also celebrate Vatican coins and 1st American Pope.

May 26 Collecting Ancient Coins.

After the Last Meeting

Trish is doing well, recuperating from surgery under my care (worst nurse ever). **I will continue to auction the 19th and 20th century copper and silver type set, and sell Innovation and Native American \$1 rolls for \$40, and famous women .25 rolls for \$20 at the April meeting.** List of rolls below. **The silver RCC medal is going up to \$125 soon.** Club medal is selling well: 40 silver at \$100 and 10 uniface silver plated copper at \$25 so far. **The mint has also raised prices on the coins, so \$1 coin will be 1.50 and .25 coin .75 cents or \$1 from secondary market.** I ordered 2 each PD Mayflower rolls to sell for \$1 each and 2026 PD dime for \$1.50. Just got the Washington .25 from discount coins to sell for \$1. Cray computer \$1 from the Mint. *I tried to get them 9AM April from US Mint, no luck, sold out.* 21 members got to bid on American coins, buy some new ones, and rolls of recent .25s and \$1s. Thanks for everyone who bought coins. **Bill Green organizing our July show will be at April meeting** with raffle tickets for the gold coin raffle. April 7 Wisconsin \$1. April 17 **2026 Dime**, May 7 gold buffalo, 12 Steve Jobs \$1. 13 Warren Harding silver medal, 28 gold eagle enhanced. June 11 the 2026 silver proof set for about \$245 contains the 2026 penny and the Sacagawea dollar (not Trump) limit 10, S mint, June 30 the unc. PD clad set about \$109. Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net 775 815-8625 Website: www.renecoinclub.com

THANKS TO AJ, Thomas Kuhn, Bill Green, Fred Holabird, Darren Demangate, Paul Williams, and Rusty King who have donated raffle prizes.

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



Iowa, Wisconsin \$1, NA PD here. Washington .25 here.



Famous Women quarters .50 PD, rolls \$20
250th quarters .75. dime PD \$1.50
Innovation, NA \$1 PD \$1.50, rolls \$40

Early Bird Prize: set 2026 PD Pilgrim .25 won by Aaron Richardson

Raffle prizes winners were:

Andy Olsten: PD pilgrim .25, 1903 V .05
Rick DeAvila: .01 album, **mystery box** 2026 PD .10 & .25
Dan DeRouche: foreign coins
Bart Daniels: 2023 .25 set, 2022 .25 set, miniature coin set
Cliff Jones: 1893 Indian head .01
Thomas Charleton: 2026 PD .10, 1999 mint set
Mary Long: 2005 mint set
Joe Wozniak: 2026 Innovation \$1 PD
Joe Lamberson: 2009 .01 set, Tallchief .25 and \$1
Faye Allen: bronze RCC medal
Jeff Allen: Buffalo, NY elongated .01

Auction

Steven Riley: 1/2 cent for \$15
Don Stamps: PCGS 1942 .05 for \$35
Jeff Allen 1877 CC .10, 1922 Peace \$1 for \$45
Matt Anderson 1922 AU Peace \$1 \$50
Andy Olsten mostly 19th C. silver \$190

Quarter Pot

Robert Heinrich (not present) won the .25 pot

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Treasurer Report: At the end of February, our available balance was \$4,966.26. Activity included: Income: Returning member 2026 dues: \$20, new member dues (Cliff Jones): \$30; coin sales thru Square (to be reimbursed to Trish): \$116.58, Monthly Raffle: \$130 and 2026 medal sales: \$125. New expenses for the month included \$141.01 for Newsletter repro and stamps and \$16.94 shipping of medals.

Upcoming Coin Shows

April 24-25 Santa Clara Coin Show, American Legion Post 419, 938 Homestead Rd., Admit: ? Dealers: ? Info: John Ward 559 967-8067

April 26 Cupertino Coin Club Show, St. Joseph of Cupertino Church, 10110 N. De Anza Blvd., Admit: \$4, free with CoinZip flyer Tables: 45
 Info: cupertinocoinclub.org

May 1-2 Sacramento Valley Coin Club Show, Four Points Sheraton, 4900 Duckhorn Dr., Admit: \$3 Dealers: 34, 58 tables Info: Bob 916 204-5168

May 3 Sacramento Coin Show, Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St., McClellan, CA, Admit: \$5 Dealers: 50 tables Info: MCINTOSHCOINS.COM

Type Set and US Coin Rolls for Sale!

Selling off the US coins taken to the museum the last 26 years. A copper and silver US type set from the 19th and 20th with large cents and half cents, 2, 3, half dimes, nickels, dimes, 1 twenty cent piece, quarters, and halves. Dollars sold.

Rolls: Women unc. .25 rolls \$20 each: Angelou P, D (3), Wong P, D. These from Discount coins. **From US Mint:** Idar D (2), Coleman P(2).D (2), Ride PD, Kanaka'ole P,D, Tallchief P(3)D (2), Roosevelt P, Mink P, D, Murray P,D, Walker P,D, Cruz P,D, Zitkala P,D, Rubin P, D, Low P,D, Wells P,D, Milbern P,D, Gibson P,D, boxed PD Otero-Warren. **Innovation** \$1 \$40 each: Kentucky P, D, Maine D, Florida P,D, Arkansas P,D, Indiana D, Louisiana D, Illinois P, Ohio P, Missouri P,D, Michigan P,D, Alabama P, D, Vermont D, Illinois P,D, Texas D **Native American:** 2023D, 2024P, 2025P
Call or e-mail to reserve or buy coins. Please have cash or check. Mary can usually get the credit card thing to work if necessary.

The Other Coin: Papal Coinage and First American Pope Leo XIV from Chicago

When Constantine the Great made Christianity a legal religion as opposed to an illicit religion in 313 this did not change the status of the Greek and Roman religions as his coinage shows replete with Roman and Greek gods and the new popular Mithra (Sol) and Isis. There is little in the way of Christian symbolism on Constantine's coins other than the occasional Xi-Rho * the first two letters of Christ Χριστος in Greek. Jesus appears early in mosaics and murals as a lamb, Apollo, shepherd (Hermes), but mostly as Christ Pantocrator (Ruler of Everything or All). He is often on Byzantine or East Roman coins of all metals starting in the 7th AD as Jesus Christ King of Kings.

Papal coins began in with John XXII (1320-1339) and were continuous from then on in gold, silver, and bronze. John XXII seated as Papa John, Count of Venasini. (No Pontifex Maximus or Roman Pope.)// I am for you for the sake of almighty God.



Before papal coins, the Senate of Rome issued coins in 1143. They are affordable from 1250-1400 in silver. There are also very rare gold coins after 1250. The

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common Roman Senate coin has a cross on it with the old legend SPQR Senatus Populusque Romanus or senate and people of Rome with Senatus usually spelled out. Reverse has wool comb and Roma Caput Mundi in some form: Rome head or capital of the world. The republic copied a popular coin from the Counts of Champagne, France.

Before the coins of the Senate of Rome, there are very rare 1/8 siliqua (9mm, .2-.4 gram) Byzantine coins mid 7th c. to 772. Pope Gregory III 731-741 with Emperor Leo III 717-741 facing/ Gregor(y)



monogram. From 772-983 rare silver deniers (18-19mm, 1.25 grams) under French or Frankish Carolingians were minted. Here Pope Stephen V 885-891 and Emperor Charles III 881-888 with respective monograms and Sanctus Petrus//Carolus Imp(erator).



Papal coinage began during the Babylonian Captivity from 1309-1417 when there were dueling popes in France and Rome (and later Pisa). Pope John XXII (1316-1334), the second pope in Avignon, France, issued coins to assert his authority against the Roman Senate and the other pope. For a complete history of coins, Allen Berman's Papal Coins is the best book. A silver piccolo with cross and P(a) P(a) Iohannes and reverse Vicesimu(s) Secu(n)d(u)s or Pope John XXII. Gregory XI 1370-1378 once in Rome from Avignon



issued gold, silver and, bronze coins from 1376 and in the Papal States, a string of city-states across the middle of Italy. The Roman pope fled to Pisa. Martin V in 1417 became the uncontested pope. Most papal coins have the pope or his crest on obverse and keys or Peter and/or Paul on reverse. Urban V (Avignon) stands (1362-1370) Urbanus PP Quintus/keys Saints Peter and Paul. Crest of Julius III (1550-1555) with



Julius III Pont(ificis) Max(imus) // S Petrus Peter stands, Ancona, a papal state, which often had their own designs. The common use of the Pontifex Maximus (PM) was by Paul II (1464-1471), the first imperial pope on medals for forts and palaces.



There are Sede Vacante (vacant seat) coins issued since 1370 when there was no pope on the throne and the election of the new pope was delayed or



ongoing. Before the 1500s coins were engraved by artists with realistic portraits and scenes.

Since the 1870 union with Italy, papal coins were minted by Italian mint. Pius IX (1846-1878) and



Pius XII (1939-1958). In Italy, coins were produced in the denominations of 5 and 10 centesimi (in bronze), 20 and 50 centesimi, and 1 and 2 Lire in nickel, 5 and 10 Lire in silver, and 100 lire in gold. As the value of the Italian lira declined, all the lower values disappeared. All the centesimi coins ceased to be issued after 1946, the gold 100 lire after 1959, and the by-now tiny aluminum 1 and 2 lire issues ended after 1977, with the 5 lire disappearing a year later. All popes since Pius XI have had coin issues, including the brief reign of John Paul I, which is represented by a 1000 lire silver piece struck posthumously.

Agreements with the European Union allowed the Holy See to switch to euro coinage when Italy did in 2002, even though Vatican City is not a member state of the European Union. Current issues include 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 cent and 1 and 2 euros. In addition there are commemorative coins of 5 and 10 euro in silver, as well as 20 and 50 euro in gold. The coins are rarely minted in more than 100,000 except for the 50 euro coin and the gold and silver have mintages around 15,000. The coins can be bought at a premium in the Vatican gift shop and are otherwise sold at a much greater premium through dealers licensed by the Vatican. It is a major source of income. The original euro set sells for between \$500-\$1500. Here Pope Benedict XVII 2005-2013 in a souvenir 50 euro cent coin. Top right.



Pope Francis 2013-2025 did not want his portrait on the euro coin after 2017, so he has his crest instead. He also affirmed that only the 50 euro cent coin would be put in circulation as change at Vatican stores. The other coins would be commemorative. 1 cent, 50 cent, 1 euro.



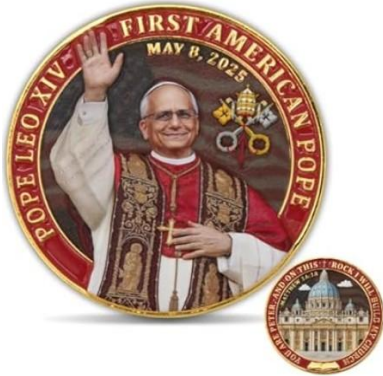
We are still awaiting Leo XIV coinage, **the First American pope**. There are negotiations among Vatican, Italy, and San Marino mints as well as the European Central bank about how Vatican City coins should be minted as euros and commemoratives. The Sede Vacante coin after Pope Francis death was rejected by the European Central Bank, so San Marino and Vatican City worked together to make that and some commemoratives and bullion coins. Here is rare (\$100+) 2025 Sede Vacante bimetal 1 euro:



Pope Leo XIV has not weighed in or announced whether he will have portrait coins or crest coins. Lots of private mint issues, nothing official yet. A popular

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challenge coin of Leo XIV with Vatican on reverse:



Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

I am very pleased that the proposed clad \$1 coin for Trump did not make it into the 250th coin set. **The Native American Oneida and George Washington coin will be in the 2026 sets.** Trump still gets a gold coin with denomination and size still undetermined and his signature on currency instead of the Treasury Secretary starting in June. The Liberty bell on the gold



Coin may not make it. ANA has a great series of **Webinar presentations in April: Explore 250 Years of American History through Numismatics April 20, 2026, 12 pm MT** Jeff Garret. *Funding the Revolution: Gold and Silver Coins Circulating in 1776 United States April 21, 2026, 12 pm MT*, Jesse Kraft. *The Continental Currency that Funded Our Revolution and the Post War Confederation Coinage, April 22, 2026, 12 pm MT*, Ray Williams. *Revolutionary Money: The Nova Constellatio Quint, April 23, 2026, 12 pm MT*, Donald Kagin & David McCarthy. *Finding Tony: Anthony de Francisci and the Public Reception of the 1921 Peace Dollar, April 24, 2026, 12 pm MT*, Steve Roach. *Out of the Shadow: The Golden and Silver Ages of Comics in Numismatics, May 14, 2026, 12 pm MT*, Robert Penn. There is also a digital exhibit: **(R)evolution in Currency** in celebration of America's 250th <https://www.money.org/money-museum/america250/> **Fred Holabird is selling his books:** 775 843-0229 fredholabird@gmail.com

Money Beyond Border: Global Currencies from Croesus to Crypto, 344pp \$30. Princeton Press, by Barry Eichengreen recounts how Greek and Roman coins became the first true international currencies. It tells how the Florentine gold florin became the "greenback of the Renaissance," and how it was succeeded by Spanish silver and a Dutch fiat currency. The book explains why the British pound dominated the international economy in the nineteenth century, why the dollar rose to the top during World War II, and why the dollar has survived predictions of the imminent loss of its preeminence since the 1970s. **Money Beyond Borders** makes a powerful case that the dollar is now on the downside of this cycle, and it considers who the winners and losers will be when there is flight away from the greenback. **Perth Mint celebrates 100th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II birth with all her coin portraits:**



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//“victorious ancient Fortune” on globe and prow with Mars nude bound to tree, trophy on right and Minerva (Athena) with spear on and Medusa shield left, with trophy and victory tablet recording deeds. Ancient Fortuna favors victory of Wisdom over war. How apt for Iran today. Victory goes to the thoughtful, planning wise as Odysseus learned in the Trojan War.

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