

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

March 25 Designing Coin Matt Anderson

March 29 New Coins at the Nevada Museum

April 22 What the Jewish (Yehuda) Coins after the Babylonian Captivity tell us David Elliott

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

After the Last Meeting

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

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



THANKS TO Jerry Breedlove 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. Do need foreign coins to give to kids.*



Cook Island's **Pompeii eruption coin** to scale.

All 2024 coins here: Arkansas Innovation \$1, NA \$1, and Ida Wells all here. The first coins of 2025:



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

Early Bird Prize: 2025 NA and Innovation \$1 PD won by Trish Elliott.

Raffle prizes winners were:

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

Quarter Pot

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

Reno Coin Show July 18th and 19th at the J (Sands)

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,

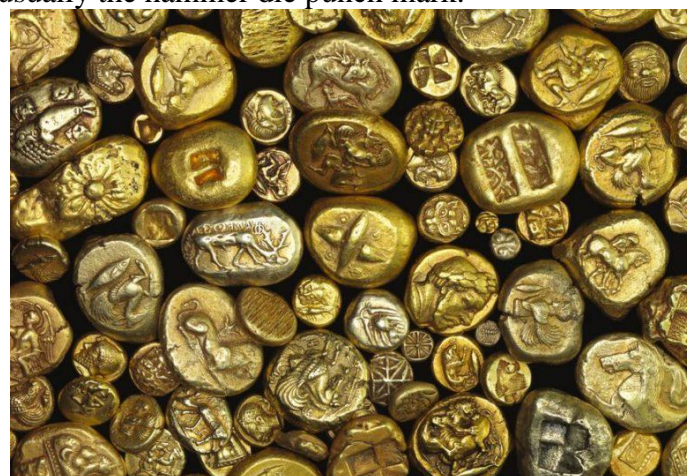
they added the country's symbol of the lion (sun) on their coins and then the lion confronting the bull (moon), symbol of their opponents to the South.



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

Numismatic Potpourri

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.



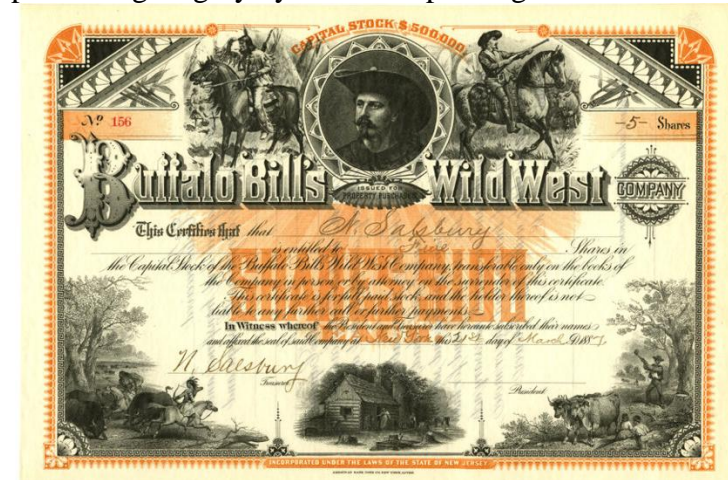
A 1789 Bank of North America 3-pence marbled edge note. One of Ben Franklin's attempts to deter

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.

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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/ncw-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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