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

September 23 Coins of Heracles and Eros

September 27 New Coins at the NV Museum

October 28 Happy Birthday Nevada Rusty King

October 31, Nov. 1 NV Day at the Museum

After the Last Meeting

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

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



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



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



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

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

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

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

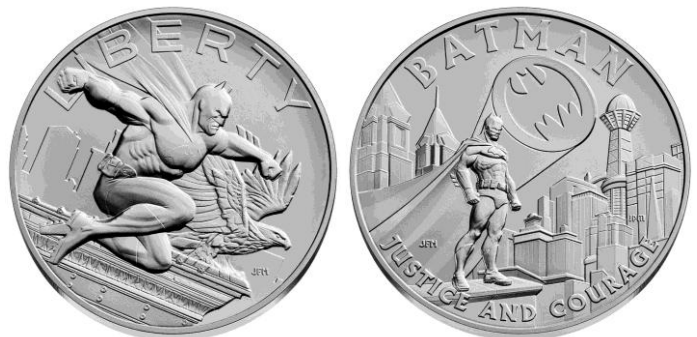
childbirth, and working by the sweat of your brow to support your family). Sex was a gift, a "great pleasure" (St. John Chrysostom) to support family formation. Couples are married under martyr crowns (the highest Christian calling), so that they will love each other with God's love. Chrysostom's collected 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

Numismatic Potpourri

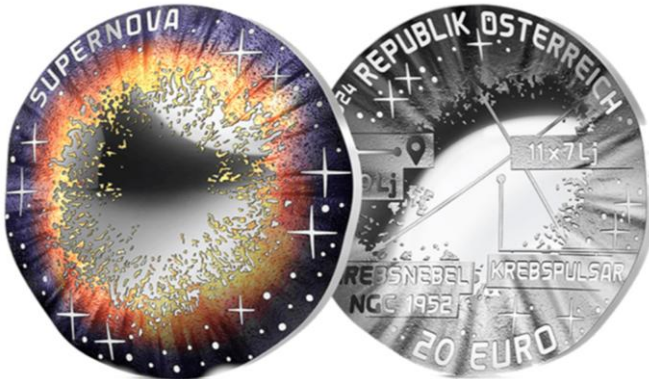


The 2026 superheroes will be **Supergirl, Robin, and Green Lantern. 2027: The Flash, Batgirl, and Aquaman.** Here are the Batman and Wonder Woman coins coming out this year:





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.

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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.



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