



# Front Page News



## Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club Monthly Newsletter

*Celebrating 62 years in the numismatic hobby*

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### ~December 2024 Edition~

The **731<sup>st</sup>** meeting of the Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club will be held on **Thursday, 19** December 2024. This meeting of the Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club is our annual Holiday Party, and will be hosted/catered by **Amanda's Pantry**. The party itself will be held at the Westerly Senior Citizen's Center, 39 State St., Westerly, RI. The doors for the Holiday Party will open at 6pm when Hors D'oeuvres will be served, followed by dinner. A brief meeting will follow dinner. Finally, a most amazing Raffle drawing will be held as well as FANTASTIC door prizes!.

*We are continuing to change and update the format of our newsletter. Please contact Tom Omlor (tomlor214@gmail.com) for any additions, announcements, and interesting story contributions, and these will be included as soon we can get to them. To ensure timely insertion to a newsletter, have your article/ submission to Tom by the last week of the preceding month for the newsletter in which you'd like to see it published. For example, for the January 2025 newsletter, please have your submission to me by the last week of December 2024. I should be able to get it into the January newsletter by then. Thank you.*



### **COME JOIN US AT THE WESTERLY SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER FOR OUR ANNUAL PVCC HOLIDAY PARTY!**

**Thursday December 19, 2024 At 6:00 PM**

The dinner is being catered by Amanda's Pantry. They put on a pasta spread which is a full buffet of Baked Ziti, Shrimp Scampi, Chicken Parm, salads, soft drinks and other amazing items.

There will be Bonus raffle tickets sold for PVCC Raffle Prizes. The Bonus raffle prizes include one 1/10th Ounce Gold Coins and 11 Silver Dollars. And there will be some great door prizes awarded to all paid members! Check the Raffle prize area on page 2 for a more complete list.

**\$20.00\* PER PAID MEMBER, \$40.00 PER GUEST Includes buffet, tax, and gratuity  
Payment must be received by December 5th\*\*.**

**\*Club contributes \$20 for each PVCC member whose dues are current**

**\*\*Send payment to Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club, e Street, Westerly, RI 02891**

Checks made payable to: Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club

Please remember, if you are NOT comfortable attending Holiday Party due to health concerns we understand.

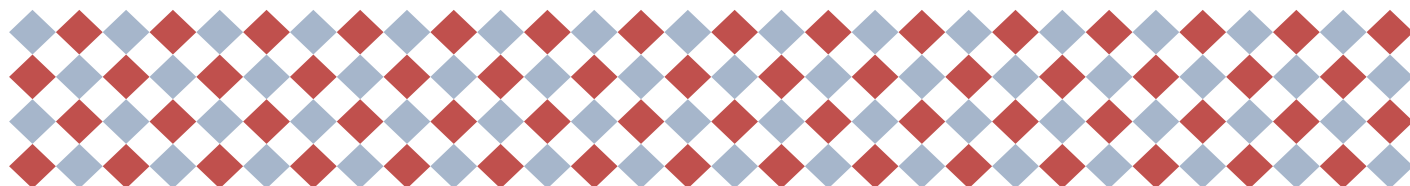
## Raffle Prizes

The Raffle prizes for the December Holiday Party will consist only of the Bonus Raffle Prizes. The Bonus Raffle prizes are as follows:

- 1—1/10th ounce gold eagles
- 11—1 ounce Silver Eagles
- 1—Encapsulated Special Finish 60th Anniversary Club Medal (the last one!)

The Door prizes for the December Holiday Party are as follows:

- 10 Silver 60th anniversary medals
- 20 Copper 60th anniversary medals



## ...in local news

Items of interest for the members to consider and be aware:

1. Looking forward to seeing everybody at the Holiday Party. Always a fantastic time getting together for a party! Remember—19 December and doors open at 6pm.



2. Don't forget about Bonus Raffle mentioned above. And don't forget, for this raffle, the tickets are \$1.00 apiece. Always worth it for the prizes given.
3. And right around the corner will be our coin show. This year it will be May 4th. We're always looking for people to help. Please think about donating time to help make this another fabulous coin show ever!!!

## ...in local news (con'd)

4. Finally, we have a message from our President:

### **2024 – 2025 HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM PAWCATUCK VALLEY COIN CLUB PRESIDENT, WOODY CARLAND**

Looking back on 2024, and the monthly Coin Club meetings we attended together, I personally enjoyed the camaraderie and connection with current and new club members. This year, I have experienced productive collaboration with our steadfast Board Members and our terrific volunteers! I've gained numismatic knowledge through presenters of all ages, telling me something new about their displays. There has been humor, even sadness.

When one considers the constellation of folks we each care about; family, friends, acquaintances, for one evening, each month, we're kind of like a family, (quite a large one!) I probably spoke to many of you this past year, more than some family members, which is ok, since we have more in common with each other, than brother-in-law, Archibald, or cousin Hermione



I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming party! We can talk about the official progress and plans for 2025 soon - For now, this is simply my wish for each of you, to enjoy Happy, Healthy and Safe Holidays-

Woody

# Silver-plugged dollar offered in GreatCollections sale

By [Coin World Staff](#), Coin World  
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A close-up view of the silver plug at the center of a 1795 Flowing Hair silver dollar, as minted, offered in a GreatCollections Dec. 15 auction.

***Images courtesy of GreatCollections***

An example of one of the earliest silver dollars struck by the United States was recently discovered in Rhode Island. The rare coin was struck in 1795 and will be auctioned by GreatCollections on Dec. 15.

The coin is attributed as a scarce 1795 Flowing Hair silver dollar with a Mint-inserted silver weight-adjustment plug. Graded About Uncirculated 58 by Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS), it is further approved by Certified Acceptance Corporation (CAC) and is one of the finest known examples.

“What an important discovery...an early piece of U.S. numismatics, that had been stored in an old shoebox for generations — it was likely plucked out of circulation in the late 1790s or early 1800s, an estimate based on the superb condition and minimal wear,” said Ian Russell, president of GreatCollections.

The silver dollar was consigned to GreatCollections by the descendants of the original Rhode Island family who saved the coin over 200 years ago. It was the only heirloom saved by the family and passed down seven generations; many members of the family still reside near one another in Rhode Island and neighboring Massachusetts. They were recently made aware of the rarity and significant value.

In 1794 and 1795, a limited number of silver dollars were produced with a silver plug, or silver center, added to bring underweight planchets up to the standard weight for silver dollars. Insertion of the plug was done prior to minting the coin. Only about 100 are known in all grades, the majority in average circulated condition. This newly discovered coin is tied for fourth finest graded by PCGS, and tied for second finest having CAC approval.

Russell continued, “These early coins were struck by hand to an amazing level of quality, back in the days when George Washington was president and Abraham Lincoln was not yet born. It was important that newly issued coins had the correct weight to gain worldwide trust.”

# Upcoming Coin Shows

## *December 2023*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 <i>American Legion 9am—2pm</i>	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 <i>Blackstone Valley 3pm—8pm</i>	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 <i>Westport, MA 9am—2pm</i>						

**Admission is free unless otherwise noted**

**BLACKSTONE VALLEY:** VFW Post 1385, 13 Cross Rd., Uxbridge MA 01569, Contact Mike 774-280-4333

**ORANGE CT:** American Legion Post 127, 630 Grassy Hill Rd., Orange, CT 06477, Fred Riso 203-265-1813, 2\$ Admission

**WESTPORT MA:** Westport Town Hall Annex, 856 Main Rd, Westport, MA 02790, Contact Patti Bourgeois 508-679-5910



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