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January 2025 Edition Newsletter

The **732nd** meeting of the Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club will be held on **Thursday, January 16, 2025** at The **WESTERLY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, 39 State Street, Westerly, Rhode Island**. **Doors open @ 6:00 PM, Bourse @ 6:30 PM and Meeting @ 7:00 PM.**

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.

There will be a PVCC Club Auction this month. The January Auction List is posted in this Newsletter and has 10 items for the junior auction and 50 items for the senior auction.

And for those interested, John Madlon will hold an identification clinic for East Asian cash coins before the meeting. John has much expertise in this area of collecting, and can identify and authenticate these coins. Bring your mystery coins to the meeting.



For the month of January, Doris Duggan will give a presentation titled—"To Insure Our Coins Or Not". She will discuss the pros and cons of insuring your coins for the collector.

And, as always, there will be a "Show And Tell" period for any personal exhibits. There will be a Junior and a Senior Door Prize, and Raffle tickets will be sold for the Junior and Senior Raffle Prizes.



PVCC Door Prizes for Thursday, 16 January 2025

Jr. Door Prize

1909 Barber Quarter Dollar—F12



Sr. Door Prize

1890 \$1 Morgan Silver Dollar
NGC MS62



Raffle Prizes

Junior Raffle:

1966 Kennedy Half Dollar MS63
1920 England King George Penny F12
1927 England King George Penny F12
1908 Barber Quarter Dollar G4
1855 Stonington \$3 Bank Note

Senior Raffle:

2024 American Women Quarters Celia Cruz \$10 Roll
1976 Bicentennial Quarter, Half, Dollar Mint Set
1929 Indian Head Buffalo Nickel EF40
1957 Washington Quarter Proof BU (Silver)
1952 Washington Carver Commemorative Half MS64



Spot Price for 1 ounce of Gold and 1 ounce of Silver:

As of 01/02/25

Gold: \$2,657.99

Silver: \$29.66

...in local news

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

1. I thought it was time to change the newsletter format a little. I've only changed the first page, or cover sheet. I hope you guys like it.
2. If any member is interested in placing an ad in the newsletter, please forward your business card with information you would like include. There is no cost.
3. In this month's calendar, I'm including an interesting venue. It's the New York International Numismatic Convention (NYINC). It runs for 4 days, Jan 16—19 (Thur, Fri, Sat, Sun). The admission cost for the 4 days is \$125.00. The admission cost for three days, Jan 17—19 (Fri, Sat, Sun) is \$25.00. I could not find a cost for a single day admission. For information on this convention, here's the link: [SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - NYINC](https://nyinc.info/events) (https://nyinc.info/events).
4. And to reiterate what I mentioned on the first page of this newsletter, John Madlon will hold an identification clinic for East Asian cash coins before the meeting begins. Remember, doors open for the meeting at 6pm. But the meeting itself doesn't start until 7pm. So for that hour (6pm—7pm), John will identify and authenticate these coins. John has much expertise in this area of collecting. So bring your mystery coins to the meeting.



From the American Numismatic Association (ANA)

NumismaTalks Info

January Webinars:

Topic: **Beautiful Botany on Coinage From Around the World: Part 2 of 2**

Date: **January 9**

Presented by: **Walt Ostromecki**

You will be amazed and often awed by the various flowers, plants, trees, etc. which have appeared on world coinage by this presentation. The botanical tour will open with ancients; then proceed to plants depicted on many countries' coins today.

The numismatic highlight of the talk features a dazzling display of countries which issued 'colorized' coins: in gold, silver, and regular circulation issues. Canada, in 2004, was the first country to do so with a colorized quarter: 'A Poppy Remembrance Coin' honoring fallen soldiers in world wars.

An ANA past president and professional educator of 38 years, **Walt Ostromecki** is a prolific hobby collector, writer, speaker, and youth-family involvement activities educator. He has received numerous top numismatic honors/awards including ANA's highest, the Farran Zerbe in 2020 and Numismatic News Ambassador Award in 1988.



Topic: **The Fugio Cent – First U.S. Coin**

Date: **January 23**

Presented by: **Pierre Fricke**

This presentation will help you learn what Fugio Cents were, how they came about and the story behind the creation and use of them in circulation. We will review the government and private mint officials involved. You will also learn how to collect, and about the current market.

Pierre Fricke's numismatic journey began in 1969 when his grandmother gifted him a box of old coins, sparking a lifelong fascination. By 1973, he was an advanced collector of early American large cents, later expanding his interests to include bust half dollars. Inspired by his Louisiana roots dating back to the 1700s, Pierre delved into Confederate fiscal paper, leading to acclaimed publications like *Collecting Confederate Paper Money*. With over 50 years of collecting and 20 years as a dealer, Pierre is a respected figure in the numismatic community, known for his expertise, integrity, and dedication. He holds esteemed positions in various numismatic organizations and continues to contribute significantly to the field.



NumismaTalks Info (con'd)

February and March Webinars:

Topic: **From Coinage to Legacy: Exploring the U.S. Mint's Impact on the Chicago World's Fair**

Date: **February 13**

Presented by: **Robert Penn**

This presentation will explore the U.S. Mint's role at the Columbian Exposition of 1893, including the coinage and medals produced for the World's Fair, and how its numismatic legacy continues to resonate today.

Robert Penn, a third-generation antique dealer, began his numismatic journey in California during the 1990s. His service in the Air Force took him around the world, allowing him to build a unique collection of ex-nummia. He is a researcher and specialist in Columbiana and ex-nummia and has participated in the ANA Collector Competitive Exhibits. Robert is also a proud member of The Medal Collectors of America and a life member of the American Numismatic Association. He is the author of *Striking History: The U.S. Mint at the Chicago World's Fair*.



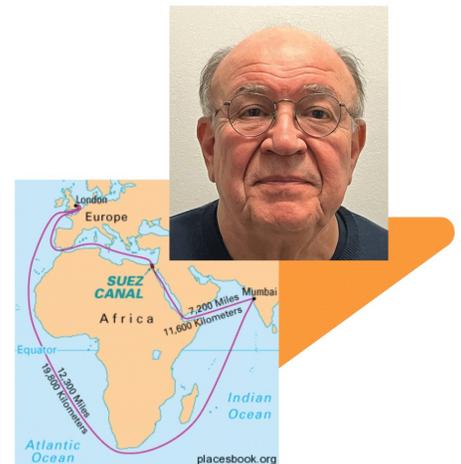
Topic: **A Short History of the Suez Canal as Told by Coins, Tokens, and Medals**

Date: **March 13**

Presented by: **Gamal Amer, Ph. D.**

This talk will use coins, tokens, and medals from the speaker's collection to tell the story of the Suez Canal from 1859 until the current times.

Gamal Amer, Ph. D., is a trained engineer. He has collected coins, bank notes, and medals from an early age. His collecting interests range from all things numismatics to Pennsylvania Dutch folk art. He is a board member of several clubs including the Medal Collectors of America and the Pewter Collectors Club of America. Currently, his numismatic collecting focus is on Maritime medals of the War of 1812, Philadelphia-related numismatics, and Egyptian banknotes. He has published several articles on numismatic subjects including; Egyptian History through Islamic Coins, A Short Story of a Portrait Medal of J-F Champollion: An Example of Egyptian Revival Art Deco, and The Four Dimensions of a Commemorative Medal: The Unveiling of the Washington Memorial in Philadelphia.



Registration for these talks is required. To register, sign on to the ANA website (money.org), select the ANA Events link on the left side bar, select the top menu 'Online Learning' pulldown, and select the 'NumismaTalks' selection. Or use the following link:

[NumismaTalks: ANA eLearning Academy Webinars \(money.org\)](http://money.org)

Coin World—US Coins

American Women quarter dollars reach final year in 2025

By [Paul Gilkes](#), Coin World
Published: Dec 29, 2024, 9 AM



The 2025 American Women, Ida B. Wells quarter dollar will be released Jan. 2. A 2024 obverse illustrates the series' common obverse, since the Mint did not make available, as of Dec. 18, a 2025 obverse image.

Images courtesy of the United States Mint.

Calendar year 2025 is the fourth and final year for the United States Mint to produce coins in the American Women Quarters Program.

The reverses for the 2025 releases will illustrate Ida B. Wells, Juliette Gordon Low, Dr. Vera Rubin, Stacey Park Milbern and Althea Gibson.

The series' common obverse, a portrait facing right of George Washington, introduced in 2022, is to be retired with the American Women Quarters series.

That obverse was American sculptor Laura Gardin Fraser's submission for the 1931 design competition for the Washington quarter dollar introduced in 1932. Fraser's rendering was favored by the Commission of Fine Arts, but overruled by Treasury Secretary Andrew W. Mellon who picked sculptor John Flanagan's design.

Semiquincentennial quarter dollars struck for 2026 will be issued by the Mint in conjunction with the nation's celebration of its 250th anniversary.

The 2025 quarter dollar release dates and design profiles follow.

Ida B. Wells

The Wells quarter dollar is scheduled to be released into circulation through the Federal Reserve on Jan. 2, 2025.

Wells was a prolific educator, journalist, feminist, businesswoman, civil rights activist, and leader. She was a founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, a founder of the National Association of Colored Women's Club, a founder of the Alpha Suffrage Club, and a founder of the Negro Fellowship League.

The reverse design is by U.S. Mint Artistic Infusion Program designer Elana Hagler and sculpted by Mint Medallist Artist Phebe Hemphill.

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American Women quarter dollars reach final year in 2025 (con'd)

Juliette Gordon Low

The Low quarter dollar is scheduled for circulation release on March 24, 2025. Low founded the Girl Scouts organization in America in Savannah, Georgia, on March 12, 1912, a year after meeting Lord Robert Baden Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts, in the United Kingdom.

The Low design is by AIP artist Tom Hipschen and sculpted by Mint Medallist Artist Eric David Custer.

Dr. Vera Rubin

The Rubin quarter dollar is set for a June 2, 2025, circulation release.

Rubin was a trailblazing astronomer who pioneered work on galaxy rotation. Her observations provided the first persuasive evidence of dark matter, a major scientific discovery that transformed understanding of the universe.

The Rubin design is the work of AIP Designer Christina L. Hess and sculpted by Mint Medallist Artist John P. McGraw.

Stacey Park Milbern

The Milbern coin will experience circulation release on Aug. 11, 2025.

Milbern, who had congenital muscular dystrophy, found her passion advocating for disability rights as a teenager when she attended a youth leadership conference for persons with disabilities in Washington, D.C.

Around 2009, with a few other young disability activists, she created the Disability Justice Movement, moving disability rights activism into a deeper understanding of what is needed for real justice and change beyond laws and legislation.

The Milbern design is by Elana Hagler and sculpted by Mint Medallist Artist Craig A. Campbell.

Althea Gibson

The Gibson coin closes the American Women Quarters Program with its release on Oct. 20, 2025.

Gibson — an accomplished amateur tennis player and professional golfer — in 1957 became not only the first Black woman to appear on the covers of *Sports Illustrated* and *Time* magazines, but also the first Black person to be voted Female Athlete of the Year by the Associated Press.

Gibson retired from tennis at age 31 in 1958 after having won 56 national and international singles and doubles titles. At age 37, Gibson joined the women's professional golf tour, setting records along the way. The Gibson design is by AIP Designer and retired Mint Sculptor-Engraver Donald Everhart II and sculpted by Mint Medallist Artist Renata Gordon.

January 16 Auction List

#	Description	Start	Result
1	JUNIOR CANADA 1867-1967 \$1.00 NOTE CONFEDERATION C.U. #10 ⁰⁰	6.00	
2	JUNIOR 1776-1976 BICENT 3-PC 40% SIL. MINT SET-B.U. #18 ⁰⁰	14.00	
3	JUNIOR 2-SHOWCARDS-USA 1932-2¢ & 8 STAMPS / 2-SILVER DIME 8 STAMPS	10.00	
4	JUNIOR MERCURY DIME 1941-P CHOICE-BU. #10 ⁰⁰	6.00	
5	JUNIOR COLUMBIAN HALF 1893-P ORIGINAL CHOICE AU #16 ⁰⁰	12.00	
6	JUNIOR CONSTITUTION \$1 1887-S PROOF #30 ⁰⁰	27.00	
7	JUNIOR AUSTRIA-M.THERESA THALER 1780 SF RESTRIKE BU #30 ⁰⁰	25.00	
8	JUNIOR NEW ZEALAND DOLLAR 1986(C) (53,000 MINTAGE) BU #12 ⁰⁰	5.00	
9	JUNIOR CANADA LG. \$1 1923 TO 1925 #33 J CAMPBELL/CLARK VF #35 ⁰⁰	22.00	
10	JUNIOR THE 2003 COLUMBIA COMM \$1 -BU-MEMORIAL CASHE	30.00	
11	LINCOLN CENT 1912-D RED B.U. - CAT #225.00	165.00	
12	LINCOLN CENT 1914-P RED CHOICE BU. #85.00	65.00	
13	LINCOLN CENT 1995-P DOUBLE DIE -GEM BU. #50.00	35.00	
14	TWO CENT 1870 -P (861250 MINTAGE) EF #110.00	75.00	
15	TWO CENT 1871-P (721250 MINTAGE) EF #130.00	85.00	
16	THREE CENT 1870-P - FINE #16.00	10.00	
17	LIBERTY SEAT. HALF DIME 1837-P LG. DATE/NOSTARS FINE #85.00	65.00	
18	SHIELD NICKEL 1803-P- AU #85.00	60.00	
19	BUFFALO NICKEL 1913-S T-1 EF-45 #66.00	50.00	
20	BUFFALO NICKEL 1914-D EF-45 #200.00	170.00	
21	BUFFALO NICKEL 1914-S EF-45 #95.00	75.00	
22	BUFFALO NICKEL 1915-D EF-40 #90.00	70.00	
23	BUFFALO NICKEL 1920-P AU-53 #30.00	22.00	
24	BUST DIME 1833-P FINE #62.00	50.00	
25	LIBERTY SEATED DIME ←1874→ P. VF #48.00	35.00	
26	WASHINGTON QUARTER 1932-P GEM BU #210.00	150.00	
27	BUST HALF 1830-P FINE #70.00	60.00	
28	LIBERTY WALKING HALF 1917-P AU #75.00	60.00	
29	LIBERTY WALKING HALF 1941-P CHOICE BU. #46.00	33.00	
30	FRANKLIN HALF 1954-P CHOICE PROOF- #44.00	34.00	
31	FRANKLIN HALF 1955-P CHOICE PROOF- #45.00	35.00	
32	MORGAN DOLLAR 1881-S TONED CHOICE BU- #63.00	50.00	
33	MORGAN DOLLAR 1886-O CHOICE AU-53 #175.00	145.00	
34	MORGAN DOLLAR 1890-P BU #61.00	50.00	
35	MORGAN DOLLAR 1897-P CHOICE BU SEMI PL #61.00	50.00	
36	MORGAN DOLLAR 1897-S EF-40 #40.00	33.00	
37	MORGAN DOLLAR 1898-P GEM-BU- #105.00	80.00	
38	PEACE DOLLAR 1934-S VF #65.00	50.00	
39	AMERICAN SILVER EAGLE 1996 MS-69 (KEY DATE) #56.00	40.00	

January 16 Auction List (con'd)

40	USA 1876 CENTENNIAL EXPO PHILADELPHIA PINBACK MEDALET	\$15.00	10.00
41	PATRIOTIC CIVIL WAR TOKEN LEFEBRE SALOON 1864-UNION	\$45.00	30.00
42	ARBC CT MEDAL 1776-1976-UNC 1-02 .999 SILVER	\$35.00	30.00
43	CANADA MPLF 2017 102.999 SILVER GEM BU	\$35.00	30.00
44	CANADA DOLLAR 1935 800 / .600 KM #30 AU	\$50.00	35.00
45	FRANCE - 5 FRANC 1873A .900 / .7234 KM #820,1 BU	\$100.00	65.00
46	FRANCE - 50 FRANC 1975 .900 / .8680 KM #941.9 GEM BU	\$40.00	30.00
47	SCOT "CONDOR" TRADE TOKEN 1795 1/2 P J. HOWARD VF-35	\$60.00	45.00
48	MEXICO 1985 \$25 / \$50 / \$100 SOCCER WORLD C.S. 1.2602 ASW	\$56.50	35.00
49	FALKLAND ISLANDS 25 POUNDS 1985 ^{SELF SUFFICIENCY} (20K MINT) SIL PF (4.460 ASW)	\$180	160.00
50	FALKLAND ISLANDS 25 POUNDS 1986 ^{WEDDING P. ANDREW} (20K MINT) SIL PF (4.460 ASW)	\$165	155.00
51	BAILT WICK OF GUERNSEY 1986 PROOF SET PS #18-PC (2,500 MINT)	\$80	40.00
52	ISLE OF MAN 1874-1974 CHURCHILL CROWN (1) (.925 / .8410 ASW)	\$32	28.00
53	ISLE OF MAN 1975 STERLING SILVER PROOF SET KM-19 to 24 GPC	\$65	45.00
54	BRITIAN QE. II 2022 B.U. (IN BOX) MEMORIAL SLAB 1-02 ASW.		45.00
55	TIKE COMM #1 (IN BOX) 1890-1990 - W BU SLAB		35.00
56	ASE (IN BOX) 2001 - W - BU - TYPE - 1 SEPT 11th MEMORIAL SLAB		45.00
57	USA 1983 MINT SET	\$45.00	37.50
58	USA 1964 PROOF SET	\$35.00	27.50
59	ATLANTA OLYMPICS 1995-S SILVER 50¢ PROOF/BOX RIBBON PRESENTATION	\$18.50	15.00
60	BASEBALL 2014-S SILVER 50¢ BU/BOX "CATCHER MIT"	\$22.00	18.00
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January 2025

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12 Orange, CT American Legion Post 127 9am—2pm	13	14	15 Blackstone Valley, MA 3pm—7pm	16 NYINC, NY, NY 12pm—6:30pm	17 NYINC, NY, NY 10am—6:30pm	18 NYINC, NY, NY 10am—6:30pm
19 Nashua, NH 9am—2pm NYINC, NY, NY 10am—2:30pm	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Admission is free unless otherwise noted

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

NASHUA NH: Alpine Grove Events Centre, 19 S. Depot St., Hollis NH 03049, 50+ Dealers, 978-658-0160

New York, NY: NY Int'l Numismatic Convention (**NYINC**), Intercontinental NY Barclay, 11 East 48th St., New York, NY, 10017
Paul Russell, 817-266-1957, \$25.00 Admission for 3 day pass (Fri, Sat, Sun), \$125.00 Admission for Thursday
Professional Preview + 3 day pass (Thur, Fri, Sat, Sun)

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

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