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## ~PAWCATUCK VALLEY COIN CLUB MONTHLY NEWS LETTER~

*Celebrating 58 years in the numismatic hobby!*

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### ~February 2021 EDITION~

Happy New Year! The **685<sup>th</sup>** meeting of the Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club will be held on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021** Online as a Virtual Zoom Meeting at **6:45 PM and Meeting @ 7:00 PM**. The Link will be sent via email to registered club members.

*There has been a change to the format of our newsletter. Please contact Larry Erhart for additions and contributions.*



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### \*\*\*\*\*2021 PVCC MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM \*\*\*\*\*

*Support your coin club by keeping your yearly dues up to date*

**Fee Structure: Adult: \$10**

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**Family: \$25**

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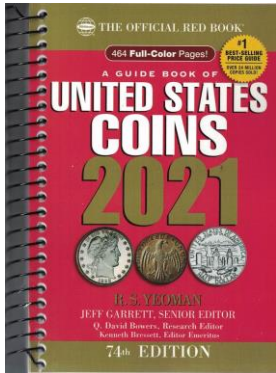
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## PVCC Door Prize List for February 17, 2021

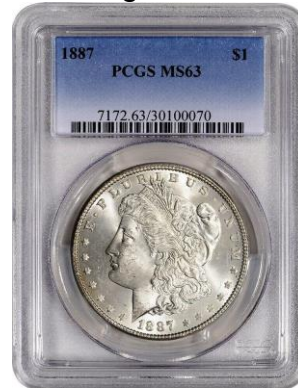
### Junior Door Prize:

2021 United States Coins Red Book



### Senior Door prize:

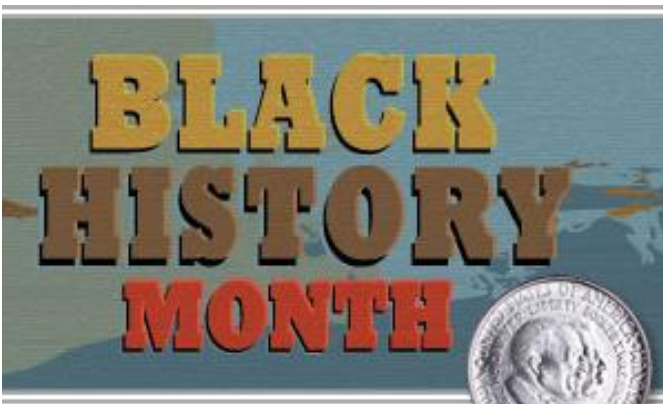
1887 PCGS Morgan Dollar MS63



## Coins as a canvas – Honoring Black History Month

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*But first, a little history: Black History Month, originally known as African American History Month, was originally celebrated in 1926 during the February week that holds the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The occasion was continued as a week-long celebration for half a century. Then, in 1976, it was expanded to the entire month of February.*

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## From Booker T. Washington to Duke Ellington...

With Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and African American History Month upon us, I got to thinking about the number of African Americans who have been honored on U.S. coins.

## Booker T. Washington

The first African American ever honored on a U.S. coin was Booker T. Washington. Born into slavery in 1856, he worked hard and persevered to become a famed author and black educator who paved the way for the later Civil Rights movements. He also founded Alabama's Tuskegee University in 1881, and served as its first president.

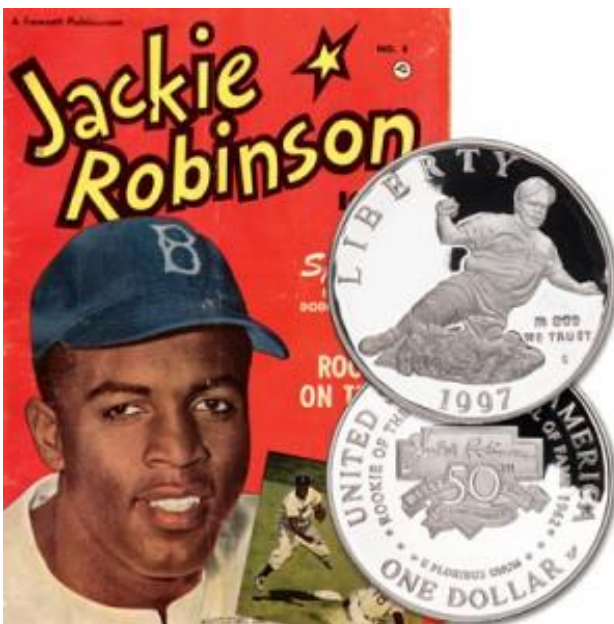


Then, in the 1940s, a former student of Washington's named Sydney Phillips devised a plan to raise funds so that he could purchase the Virginia farm where Booker had been born. A commemorative half dollar was created depicting Washington, and priced to sell at \$1 apiece. The coins were issued from 1946-1951, with most of the coins in the series boasting mintages under 8,000!

Just as that series was coming to an end, another commemorative coin – honoring TWO important African Americans – was in the works. Once again envisioned and created by Sydney Phillips, it featured profiles of both Booker T. Washington and

George Washington Carver. Carver had been an important botanist and colleague of Mr. Washington. These coins were struck from 1951-1954.

## A new era in commemorative coins



The Carver-Washington half dollars marked the end of America's classic commemoratives. Although modern issues began again in 1982, it wasn't until 1997 that another African American graced a U.S. coin.

In 1997, Major League Baseball great and Civil Rights pioneer Jackie Robinson was honored on a silver dollar and \$5 gold coin. That year marked both the 50th anniversary of his entry into the majors, and was also the year that his jersey number, 42, was retired across the league.



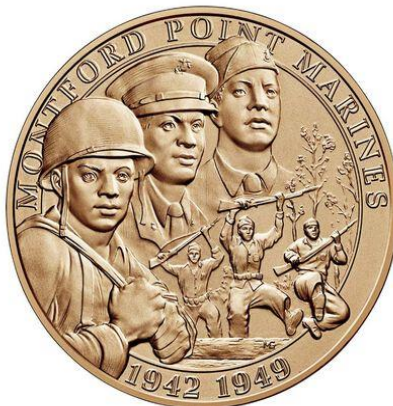
The following year, another commemorative was issued in honor of Black Revolutionary War Patriots. The obverse featured the presumed likeness of Crispus Attucks, whose death (along with four other men) at the hands of British troops in 1770 lit a fuse of rebellion that led directly to the American Revolution.

Two additional commemoratives – the 2007 Little Rock Central High School Desegregation and the 2014 Civil Rights Act of 1964 issues – didn't depict specific African Americans, but both honored important milestones in civil rights history.

## *Duke Ellington*



As for circulating coins, it wasn't until the Statehood quarter series that a black man was depicted on a coin of the United States that was issued for circulation. In 2003, a man named York – William Clark's slave – was featured alongside both Clark and Meriweather Lewis as part of the Corps of Discovery on Missouri's quarter. Then, in 2009, Duke Ellington – a pioneer in jazz music – was shown on the reverse of the Washington, D.C. territory quarter (a shout out to Ellington's 1899 birthplace). Today, each and every one of these issues has left their mark on the history of U.S. coinage – and they serve as a fitting tribute during African American History Month.



# ~2021 COIN SHOW DATES~

## CHECK UPDATES DUE TO COVID-19 CANCELLATIONS!

AUBURN MA		WILLIMANTIC CT		NAUGATUCK CT	
		JAN	JUL	JAN	JUL
FEB	AUG	FEB	AUG	FEB	AUG
		MAR	SEPT	MAR	SEPT
MAR	OCT	APR	OCT	APR	OCT
		MAY	NOV	MAY	NOV
JUN	DEC	JUN	DEC	JUN	DEC
DEVENS MA		CROMWELL CT		ORANGE CT	
	JUL	FEB		JAN	JUL
FEB	AUG	APR		FEB	AUG
MAR	OCT	JULY		MAR	SEPT
JUN	NOV	SEPT		APR	OCT
	DEC	NOV		MAY	NOV
				JUN	DEC
MANCHESTER NH		NASHUA NH		PVCC NORWICH CT	
		JAN	JUL	JAN	JULY
		FEB	AUG	FEB	AUG
APR		MAR	SEPT	MAR	SEPT
		APR	OCT	APR	OCT
OCT		MAY	NOV	MAY 2, 2021	NOV
		JUN		JUN	DEC
BLACKSTONE VALLEY MA		MARLBOROUGH MA		ANA ANNUAL SHOW	
JAN	JUL				
FEB	AUG	57th Annual Bay State Coin Show		February 2021	
MAR	SEPT	APR			
APR				August, 2021	
MAY					
JUN					

**AUBURN MA:** Elks Lodge, 754 South Bridge Street (Route 12) 46 Tables. Free Admission. 978- 658-0160

**BLACKSTONE VALLEY:** VFW Post 1385, 16 Cross Street Route 16, Uxbridge MA Terrance O'Connor 508-400-7454

**DEDHAM MA:** Holiday Inn, I-95 exit 15A, Dedham MA. 29 tables, free admission. 603-978-3459

**DEVENS MA:** Devens Common Center, 31 Andrews Parkway, Devens MA \$1 Admission 978-658-0160

**HARTFORD CT:** Courtyard Marriott, 4 Sebethe Dr. Cromwell CT. 718-323-1930 or [stassinsJ98@aol.com](mailto:stassinsJ98@aol.com)

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**MANSFIELD CT:** Prospect Street School Gym, 233 Prospect Street, Willimantic CT 06226, C John Ferreri, 860-508-8620

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