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PAWCATUCK VALLEY COIN CLUB

February 2026 Edition Newsletter

The **745th** meeting of the Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club will be held on **Thursday, February 19, 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

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 February Auction List is posted in this Newsletter and has 10 items for the junior auction and 52 items for the senior auction.



This month, our member Mike Scanlon will present "1793". Mike's main collecting interest is early coppers; large cents, half cents, and colonials. For more information, see the "...in local news" section on page 2.

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, 19 February 2025

Jr. Door Prize

1776-1976 Kennedy Half Dollar BU



Sr. Door Prize

1920 Pilgrim Commemorative Half Dollar EF45



Raffle Prizes

Junior Raffle:

2007-S Sacagawea Dollar BU
1776 American Revolution Bicentennial Medal BU
1973-D Kennedy Half Dollar BU
Florida Gator 1 Gram Silver 0.999 Fine BU
1991 Lincoln Cent Off-Center BU
1972 Sons of Liberty Medal Set BU

Senior Raffle:

1836 Large Cent Matron Head VG10
1968 Canadian Dollar MS63
1906 Barber Half Dollar VG10
1966 Elizabeth One Penny AU
1971 Kennedy Half Dollar BU
2008 John Q Adams Gold Plated Dollar



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

As of 02/10/26

Gold: \$5,042.00

Silver: \$81.58

...in local news

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

1. Two coin shows information will be listed here as next month's (March) newsletter may not make it out in time:
 - There will be a Dedham, MA coin show on 1 March. Showtime is 9am to 4pm. Check the calendar on page 9 for more information.
 - There will be a Liberty Coin Club Show in Orange, CT on 8 March. Showtime is 9am to 2pm. Check the calendar on page 9 for more information.
2. This month, our member Mike Scanlon will present "1793". Mike's main collecting interest is early coppers; large cents, half cents, and colonials. He is a member of the "Early American Coppers" club. Mike is a retired Coast Guard Officer, and has been teaching Physics at Norwich Free Academy for 25 years.
3. It's February, and you know what that means. Our Coin Show is coming up. The show date will be Sunday, 3 May, and the location is The Holiday Inn in Norwich on I-395 (next to the DMV, Norwich). We're looking for volunteers. Please consider coming out to help out with the show. Setup for the show will be that Sunday morning at 6am making sure all tables are setup, numbered, and all necessary wiring will be completed so the attending coin dealers will have power as needed for their station setup. Anyone and everyone is welcome to assist! Also needed will be members availing themselves during the coin show. We have several booths that will need manning. And finally after the show, we'll need help breaking down and restoring to original state the room being used for the show. We'd also welcome any donations you could make for the raffle drawings that will be held during the coin show. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Come to this month's meeting for more info on how you can help.

From the American Numismatic Association (ANA)

NumismaTalks Info

February & March Webinars:

Topic: **Inside the Revamped Numismatic Diploma Program**

Date: **February 12**

Presented by: **Christian Strayhorn**

The Numismatic Diploma Program, or NDP, has been a staple of the ANA's education offerings for years. Join ANA Education Director Christian Strayhorn for a tour of the new and improved Numismatic Diploma Program. In this NumismaTalk, Christian will share the process behind the redesigned courses and the layout of each course. She will also provide a walk-through and answer questions for those interested in participating.

Christian Strayhorn is the education director at the ANA. Coming from 17 years in the education industry, she is excited to bring new tools, tips, and tricks to the world of numismatics.



Topic: **Numismatics Noir: Where Culture and Currency Collide**

Date: **March 12**

Presented by: **Jen Ingram**

Numismatics Noir is a groundbreaking initiative at the intersection of culture and currency. While coin collecting is often seen as a niche hobby, Numismatics Noir transforms it into a powerful vehicle for storytelling, education, and community building. This presentation will showcase how Numismatics Noir sparks curiosity, preserves global histories, and connects people through a shared appreciation of numismatics and culture. Attendees will discover actionable strategies for authentic engagement and learn how this initiative is expanding the reach of coin collecting to new audiences—curious learners, and youth. This session is sure to inspire; attendees will leave with fresh perspectives and practical ways to integrate storytelling into their work, helping grow a more connected and vibrant community of coin collectors.

For **Jen Ingram**, coin collecting is more than a hobby—it's a bridge to history and a tool for building the future. Inspired by childhood memories of collecting coins with her mother, Jen has traveled the world engaging coin collectors and growing her collection. As an award-winning business leader and founder of two companies, she has connected and inspired communities globally across philanthropy, healthcare, and real estate. In 2022, she launched Numismatics Noir, engaging the next generation through coins while preserving Black history. By 2025, she joined the less than 1% of people who have traveled all seven continents, enriching her perspective as a global citizen. Through her work, Jen connects people and stories, creating a lasting legacy. A native of Metro Detroit, she earned a graduate degree from Central Michigan University after completing undergraduate coursework at Eastern Michigan University. She has also received countless awards from organizations across the country.



NumismaTalks (con'd)

March & April Webinars:

Topic: **Charmy's Wonderful World of Indian Cent Errors and Varieties**

Date: **March 26**

Presented by: **Charmy Harker**

Join to learn about coins that have that "wow appeal" and the "coolness factor."

Charmy Harker acquired her passion for coins late in life after inheriting a group of coins from an aunt. Not knowing anything about coins, she chose one type of coin – Indian cents – and learned everything she could about them. She eventually turned her passion into a full-time business known as “The Penny Lady®,” dealing in all things pennies. She has written articles for coin publications and *The Numismatist*. She sets up at most of the major coin shows around the country, and Charmy’s numismatic exhibit, “Penny Potpourri – a Collection of Penny Creations,” won top honors, including Best of Show and People’s Choice awards at numerous coin shows. She is a member of many coin clubs and associations. She served as President of Women in Numismatics (WIN) from 2013-2022, received the prestigious Numismatic Ambassador Award, Clain-Stefanelli Memorial Award, ANA’s Glenn Smedley Memorial Award, and Q. David Bowers Award for lifetime achievement by a numismatic professional.



Topic: **Remembering April 13, 1976 and the Numismatic Collectible History Created on That Day with the First Day Release of the New Series 1976 \$2 Bill**

Date: **April 9**

Presented by: **Walt Ostromecki**

Post Offices nationwide were authorized "a first" to postmark 13-cent postage stamps affixed to the notes on April 13, 1976. This created what became known by hobbyists as 'THE B\$2FDIC'...the first day of issue \$2 note postmarked on April 13th.

By the end of that day the U.S.P.S. estimated over 10 million postmarked \$2's were created and were in the hands of the general public and paper money collectors. The postmarked \$2 were dubbed as 'U.S. BICENTENNIAL TRIBUTE KICKOFF COLLECTIBLES'.

This presentation provides an overview of many of the unusual, funny, and unique error printed \$2 created on that day.

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.



Coin World—US Coins

2026 circulation coins starting to be seen in change

By [Paul Gilkes](#), Coin World

Published: Feb 4, 2026, 4 AM



For the first time in 80 years, the circulating ten-cent coin will see a new design on the obverse and reverse (shown).

Image courtesy of the United States Mint.

United States Mint officials announced Jan. 14 that the bureau began shipping 2026 circulation quality Semiquincentennial coinage Jan. 5 to the Federal Reserve for distribution into general circulation.

The output from the Denver and Philadelphia Mints comprise the Emerging Liberty dime, the Mayflower Compact quarter dollar (the first of five to be issued in 2026 in celebration of the nation's 250th anniversary), and the Enduring Liberty half dollar.

In celebration of the nation's Semiquincentennial, the United States Mint is minting most 2026 circulating coins with a one-year only redesign. The Lincoln cent was removed from circulation production in mid-2025 after many years of carrying a production cost well in excess of face value, nearly four times face value in 2025.

The Lincoln cent will be produced in 2026 only for inclusion in Uncirculated Mint sets, Proof sets and Silver Proof sets. The circulating coin redesign was authorized by the Circulating Collectible Coin Redesign Act of 2020 (Public Law 116-330, <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/PLAW-116publ330/pdf/PLAW-116publ330.pdf>) and signed into law on Jan. 13, 2021, by President Donald J. Trump. The coins commemorate 250 years of American Liberty, reflect the country's founding principles and honor the nation's history.

Emerging Liberty dime

According to the U.S. Mint's design narrative, the Emerging Liberty dime's obverse design "features a determined Liberty as the winds of revolution waft through her hair.

"With steadfast resolve, she faces the tyranny of the British monarchy. Her liberty cap bears stars and stripes, at once a symbol of our burgeoning nation and a reference to early American coinage." Inscriptions are LIBERTY, IN GOD WE TRUST, and the dual dates 1776 ~ 2026.

The reverse design illustrates "an eagle in flight carrying arrows in its talons, representing the American Revolution and the Colonists' fight for independence. Inscriptions are UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, E PLURIBUS UNUM, ONE DIME, and LIBERTY OVER TYRANNY."

The obverse design was rendered by U.S. Mint Artistic Infusion Program designer Esao Andrews and sculpted by U.S. Mint Medallist Artist Craig A. Campbell. The reverse was designed and sculpted by U.S. Mint Medallist Artist Eric David Custer.

2026 circulation coins starting to be seen in change (con'd)

Mayflower Compact

The Mayflower Compact quarter dollar obverse features two Pilgrims embracing as they behold the New World.

The Pilgrims did not arrive at their intended destination; therefore, they did not hold a charter to establish a colony at Plymouth. Instead, the *Mayflower Compact*, signed Nov. 21, 1620, established the colony as a mutual enterprise, and its force of law depended on the consent of the Colonists themselves to promote the common good.

The *Mayflower Compact* is considered a precursor to the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. Inscriptions are E PLURIBUS UNUM, 1776 ~ 2026, and IN GOD WE TRUST.

The obverse was designed by AIP designer Ronald Sanders and sculpted by Custer.

The reverse features the *Mayflower*, with full sails over rough seas, heading west. The Pilgrims aboard sought religious freedom in the New World, eventually landing at Cape Cod and settling in what later became Plymouth, Massachusetts.

The inscriptions are UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, LIBERTY, MAYFLOWER COMPACT, and 25¢.

The reverse was designed and sculpted by U.S. Mint Medallist Artist Phebe Hemphill.

Enduring Liberty half dollar

The Enduring Liberty half dollar obverse design “shows a close-up view of the Statue of Liberty, her steadfast gaze looking outward as if toward the future.

“The inscriptions are UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IN GOD WE TRUST, and 1776 ~ 2026.

“The reverse design features Liberty passing her torch, its flame trailing with the momentum of purpose, to a new generation. Inscriptions are E PLURIBUS UNUM, HALF DOLLAR, and KNOWLEDGE IS THE ONLY GUARDIAN OF TRUE LIBERTY.”

The half dollar obverse was executed by AIP designer Donna Weaver, a former U.S. Mint sculptor-engraver, and sculpted by U.S. Mint Medallist Artist John P. McGraw. The reverse was designed by AIP designer Beth Zaiken and sculpted by Mint Medallist Artist Darla Jackson.

February 19 Auction List

Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club

Auction 2.19.26

#	Description	Start	Result
1	Jr. – Indian Cent R & B EF45, 1907-P	\$7.00	
2	Jr. – Lincoln Cent BU 1938-S	\$2.00	
3	Jr. – Mercury Dime BU 1935-P	\$8.00	
4	Jr. – Roosevelt Dime Gem BU 1948-D	\$7.00	
5	Jr. – Roosevelt Dime Gem BU 1952-P	\$7.00	
6	Jr. – Roosevelt Dime Gem BU 1996-W	\$7.00	
7	Jr. – Washington Quarter Proof 1959-P	\$18.00	
8	Jr. – AACGS G. Washington 50¢ Pf-67 1982-S	\$35.00	
9	Jr. – Ike \$1 Proof 1972-S	\$29.00	
10	Jr. - NGC SBA \$1 Ultra Cameo Pf-69 1999-P	\$14.00	
11	Large Cent Fine 1816-P	\$32.00	
12	Large Cent EF-40 1854-P	\$35.00	
13	Large Cent VF 1856-P slant “5”	\$24.00	
14	Lincoln Cent Fine 1931-S	\$55.00	
15	2¢ EF 1865-P	\$32.00	
16	Liberty Nickel BU 1900-P	\$65.00	
17	Buffalo Nickel Choice BU 1937-P	\$18.00	
18	Bust Dime Fine 1820-P	\$100.00	
19	Liberty Seated Dime AU 1838-P	\$240.00	
20	Mercury Dime EF 1918-D	\$20.00	
21	Mercury Dime Good 1921-D	\$40.00	
22	Mercury Dime Choice Toned BU 1940-D	\$8.00	
23	Mercury Dime Choice BU 1941-P	\$8.00	
24	Mercury Dime Choice BU 1942-S	\$8.00	
25	Mercury Dime Gem BU 1945-P	\$10.00	
26	Liberty Seated Quarter Fine 1876-P	\$25.00	
27	Washington Quarter Fine 1932-D	\$65.00	
28	Washington Quarter AU 1932-S	\$110.00	
29	Washington Quarter Gem BU 1946-S	\$22.00	
30	Washington Quarter Gem BU 1950-D	\$25.00	
31	Washington Quarter Gem BU 1954-P	\$20.00	

February 19 Auction List (con'd)

32	Bust Half Good 1809-P	\$80.00	
33	Liberty Seated Half VG-10 1859-S	\$60.00	
34	Barber Half VF 1901-S	\$350.00	
35	Liberty Walking Half VG 1916-D	\$40.00	
36	Liberty Walking Half Choice BU 1941-P	\$40.00	
37	Liberty Walking Half Choice BU 1944-P	\$40.00	
38	Liberty Walking Half Choice BU 1946-S	\$47.00	
39	Franklin Half BU 1948-P	\$35.00	
40	Franklin Half Choice BU 1949-P	\$50.00	
41	Washington Carver Half Dollar Choice BU 1952-P	\$37.50	
42	Franklin Half Gem BU 1953-S	\$40.00	
43	Franklin Half Choice BU 1954-S	\$35.00	
44	Franklin Half Choice Proof 1958-P	\$37.50	
45	Morgan Dollar Choice BU-63 Toned 1879-S	\$90.00	
46	Morgan Dollar Choice BU-63 Toned 1880-S	\$90.00	
47	Morgan Dollar Choice BU-63 Toned 1881-S	\$90.00	
48	Morgan Dollar Choice AU-55 1887-S	\$85.00	
49	Morgan Dollar AU 1892-P	\$110.00	
50	Morgan Dollar Choice AU 1899-P	\$110.00	
51	Morgan Dollar Fine 1901-S	\$77.00	
52	Morgan Dollar BU 1903-P	\$85.00	
53	Peace Dollar Fine 1934-S	\$77.00	
54	USA National Law Enforcement \$1 Gem Pf 1997-P	\$75.00	
55	USA C. Attucks \$1 Gem Pf 1998-S	\$75.00	
56	USA Infantry Soldier \$1 Gem Pf 2012-W	\$75.00	
57	USA Baseball \$1 Gem BU 2014-P	\$75.00	
58	USA Proof Set Gem Pf 1955-P	\$90.00	
59	Silver Certificate \$1 Hawaii VF+ 1935-A F#2300	\$40.00	
60	Silver Certificate \$5 Crisp AU 1934-D F#1654W	\$20.00	
61	Silver Certificate \$10 N. Africa VF 1934-A F#2309	\$60.00	
62	Gold Cert. \$20 Woods-Mellon VF 1928 F#2402	\$185.00	
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February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Hartford, CT 9am—3pm Nashua, NH 9am—2pm North Attleboro, MA 9am—2pm	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Melville, NY 8am—1pm	23	24	25	26	27	28 Naugatuck, CT 9am—2pm

Admission is free unless otherwise noted

DEDHAM MA: Holiday Inn-Boston, Dedham 55 Ariadne Road, Dedham MA 02026, 35 Tables, Contact Edward Donegan 508-631-1423

HARTFORD CT: Hartford Hotel & Conference Center, 4 Sebethe Dr. Cromwell CT 06416, 40 Tables, 718-323-1930 or stassinsJ98@aol.com

MELVILLE, NY: 535 Broad Hollow Rd., Melville, NY 11747, 30 Coin Dealers, contact George S. at 516-557-7096

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

NAUGATUCK CT: American Legion, 21 Cedar Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770, 20 Tables, Contact John Stassins, Jr. 718 323-1930

NORTH ATTELBORO MA: Elks Lodge # 1011 52 Bullfinch Street No Attleboro, MA 02760, Contact Bart Leonard 774-203-3158

ORANGE CT: Liberty Coin Club, Courtyard by Marriott, 13 Marsh Hill Rd., Orange, CT 06460, George Bauer 203-558-6994

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