



# Front Page News



## Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club Monthly Newsletter

*Celebrating 61 years in the numismatic hobby*

ANA-C1206438

~June 2023 Edition~

The **713<sup>th</sup>** meeting of the Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club will be held on **Thursday, June 15, 2023** 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. 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 July 2023 newsletter, please have your submission to me by the last week of June 2023. I should be able to get it into the June newsletter by then. Thank you.*



The State of Rhode Island guidance for indoor customer/public facing venues with capacity of fewer than 250 people allows the facility to make their own rules for health guidance. There will be a PVCC Club Auction this month. The June Auction List is posted in this Newsletter and has 80 fantastic items!

For this month's program: There will be a Numismatic Quiz! So bring your thinking caps. This should be fun, and the winner of the quiz will receive a prize, AND you'll have the bragging rights to mastering the quiz. Show and tell items are also welcomed. There will be a Door Prize, and Raffle tickets will be sold for the Junior and Senior Raffle Prizes. There is also a second Bonus Raffle at today's meeting. This special raffle costs \$1.00 per ticket.

### PVCC Door Prizes for Thursday, 15 June 2023

#### Jr. Door Prize

1957 Silver Certificate One Dollar

#### Sr. Door Prize

1901-O NGC Morgan Dollar MS63



**Please remember, if you are NOT comfortable attending our regular meeting due to health concerns, we understand. Please refrain from coming. We will not be offended.**

# Raffle Prizes

## Junior Raffle:

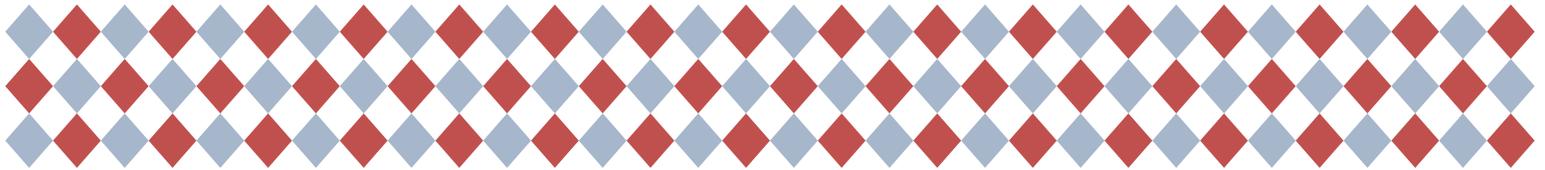
1840 One Thousand Dollar Note Copy  
1957-D Lincoln Cent VF20  
1947 One Peso Argentina Note  
2002 Tennessee State Quarter P&D  
1937-D Lincoln Cent VF20

## Senior Raffle:

1941 Winged Liberty Dime AU55  
1950 Ten Dollar Federal Reserve Note VF20  
Partial Lincoln Cent Set 1941 - 1998  
1996 United States Proof Set  
1912 Lincoln Cent F12

## Bonus Raffle:

- One 1/10<sup>th</sup> ounce gold American Eagle
- Four One Ounce Silver American Eagles



## **...in local news**

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

1. This month's meeting will be election of officers. Be ready to vote! Here's who's running for office:

- President: Richard "Woody" Carland
- Vice President: Larry Erhart
- Treasurer: Maureen Farrell
- Recording Secretary: David Morrison

They are all running unopposed, so it should be a quick vote!

2. There are also several committees available for those who might want to take a more active role in the club. These positions are appointed, not voted on. If you desire to participate a little more actively, let one of the officers know, and I'm sure they'll be able to utilize your talents. When I send the reminder notice, I'll identify those specific committees. Please think about participating. The more members get actively involved, the more interactive our club can be.

3. And because it's election time, a pizza party will follow the vote. Who doesn't like pizza!! So bring your appetite. This meeting will be a fun one! Between the pizza party, the Numismatic Quiz, from which there will be a prize for the winner, and our extra Raffle drawing, this is going to be an extra special meeting!

# Original luster, lack of defects and marks key to these quarters

Learn to grade Barber quarter dollars following these helpful guidelines

by Michael Fahey, Special to Coin World



Mint State 68

All images courtesy of Heritage Auctions.

The Barber quarter dollar was issued from 1892 through 1916 at the Philadelphia, Denver, New Orleans and San Francisco Mints.

This design was struck in large enough quantities that today's collectors can usually afford a nice one for their type set. The highest mintage was the 1899 issue from the Philadelphia Mint, when 12,624,846 pieces were produced.

The 1913-S Barber quarter dollar had the lowest mintage, with only 40,000 pieces issued.

For type coin collectors, *Coin World Coin Values* prices the most common dates in the Barber quarter dollar series at \$250 in Mint State 60, \$375 in MS-63, and \$700 for a MS-65 example.

While these prices are not excessive for most collectors, I still recommend that you consider examples that have been graded and encapsulated by one of the major grading services, and spend some time locating one that

really appeals to you.

When grading a Mint State Barber quarter dollar, focus on original luster, noticeable defects and contact marks, and overall eye appeal. Except for some New Orleans issues, strike is usually not a problem, and these coins are not large enough to routinely suffer from excessive contact marks.

However, artificial toning is often encountered on Barber quarter dollars, as are cleaned or polished surfaces.

Make use of the color maps in your copy of *Making The Grade* to identify the prime focal areas of the design.

I recommend the use of moderate magnification (5 to 7 power) when examining a Barber quarter dollar, along with a good light source. However, your final inspection should always be "naked eye" to arrive at a fair, accurate assessment.

We begin our grading images set with a 1903-S Barber quar-

ter dollar that grades **About Uncirculated 50 Details, Whizzed**. This coin exhibits the unnatural luster and color that is typical of a whizzed silver coin. Under magnification, metal buildup from the whizzing can be seen on the edges of the raised devices. This is definitely something to avoid, unless you specifically want an example in your collection for reference or display purposes.

Next we have a 1907-S Barber quarter dollar that grades **About Uncirculated 55**. Light wear on toned silver coins is often more difficult to see than on untoned pieces. On this piece, changes in color and luster on the high points are the best way to observe the light wear. On the obverse, wear can be seen on the hair below LIBERTY, on the eyebrow, cheekbone and jaw, and on the center of her neck. On the reverse, wear can be seen on the eagle's head, the tips of the wings, the bottom of

# COIN VALUES: FIRST GRADE

the shield, and on the center tail feather.

Our next coin is an 1898 Barber quarter dollar that grades **Mint State 60 Details, Cleaned**. The previously mentioned high points of the design are here intact. This coin is a good comparison piece — its obverse was abrasively cleaned, with impaired luster and numerous hairline scratches, while the reverse was left alone, and is still original. Most collectors would agree that the overall eye appeal of the AU-55 coin is definitely superior to this example.

Next up is a 1916 Barber quarter dollar that grades **Mint State 61**. This coin exhibits a few slide marks (light scratches) on the cheek, but its main detractors are lightly impaired luster and unattractive, blotchy toning.

Next we have a 1907 Barber quarter dollar that grades **MS-62**. The luster and eye appeal are a bit better than on the previous coins, but the obverse

exhibits numerous light scuffs and abrasions. As is often the case with Barber quarters, the reverse is noticeably better than the obverse, but since the obverse is the dominant side, the reverse grade can only lower the overall grade, never raise it.

Our next coin is a 1909-O Barber quarter dollar that grades **MS-63**. This coin exhibits attractive original luster and a sharp strike. However, there are numerous light contact marks on her cheek, neck, hair curls, and the top of the cap that prevent a higher grade.

Next up is a 1901-O Barber quarter dollar that grades **MS-64**. Contact marks are fewer and less noticeable at this grade level, and the overall eye appeal is better. When checking for striking weakness on a Barber quarter dollar, two areas to fo-



About Uncirculated 50 Details, Whizzed

cus on are the eagle's claws and the bottoms of the tail feathers. On this coin you can see that these areas are not fully struck.

Next we have an 1898-S Barber quarter dollar that grades **MS-65**. At this grade level or higher, a Barber quarter dollar should be fully lustrous and sharply struck, with excellent overall eye appeal. Any contact marks should be non-distracting. This example easily checks all those boxes.

Our next coin is an 1896-O Barber quarter dollar that grades **MS-66**. This coin was previously part of the famous Louis Eliasberg Collection, and is currently one of the finest known examples of this date and Mint mark. With an estimated survival of fewer than 100

*First Grade on page 52*



About Uncirculated 55

Mint State 60

Mint State 61

Mint State 62



Mint State 63



Mint State 64



Mint State 65



Mint State 66



*First Grade from page 49*

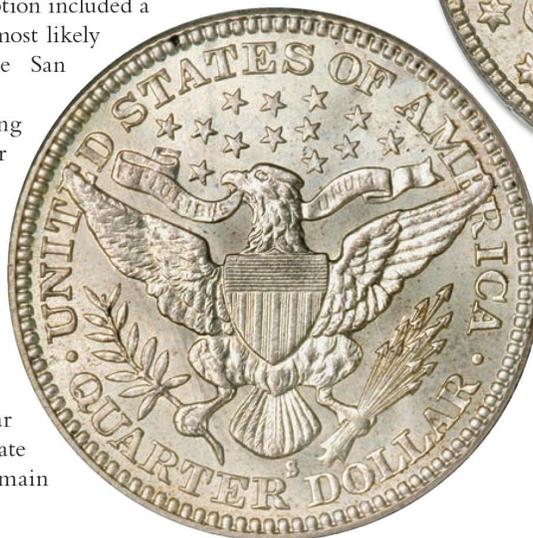
Mint State examples, most of us will never include one in our collections, but the high quality electronic images available are a nice substitute.

Next up is a 1913-S Barber quarter dollar that grades **MS-67**. Although the 1913-S quarter has the lowest mintage in the Barber quarter dollar series, it is less rare in Uncirculated grades than several other issues, as many more were saved when they were first struck. This example is virtually mark-free, sharply struck and fully lustrous, with very light original toning. When it was sold at auction in 2009, the description included a comment that this coin was most likely purchased directly from the San Francisco Mint by a collector.

The last coin in our grading images set is an 1899-S Barber quarter that grades **MS-68**. Any date Barber quarter dollar is rare at this grade level, with a tiny number of pieces certified by the major grading services. Given the fact that just a few tiny spots or minuscule contact marks will prevent a Barber quarter dollar from achieving the Mint State 68 grade, this is likely to remain the case. ©



Mint State 67



# So-Called Dollar from the So-Called Guy

**NEW BOOK RELEASE**

**SO-CALLED DOLLARS \* VOLUME I  
UNITED STATES EXPOSITIONS**

BY JEFF SHEVLIN & BILL HYDER

FORWARD BY KEN BRESSETT

DELUXE EDITION

AWARD WINNING AUTHORS  
**JEFF SHEVLIN WILLIAM D. HYDER**  
Preface by Kenneth Bressett Contributing Author John Raymond

WITH ENCASED  
COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL  
\$149.95

**SO-CALLED DOLLARS**  
VOLUME I:  
UNITED STATES EXPOSITIONS

Hardcover, 270 pages, Full color - \$59.95  
\$4.50 shipping

- A new standard reference book for So-Called Dollars, historical U.S. medals
- Catalogs So-Called Dollars from almost 70 different expositions held in the U.S.
- From the 1853 New York Crystal Palace through the 1964 New York World's Fair
- Includes detailed information never published before on So-Called Dollars

Jeff Shevlin / So-Called Books  
4005 Manzanita Ave, Suite 6-50 I Carmichael, CA 95608  
SoCalledGuy@hotmail.com  
(916) 955-2569

A new standard reference book for So-called Dollars, historical U.S. medals. Catalogs So-called Dollars from 67 different expositions held in the U.S., from the 1853 New York Crystal Palace through the 1964 New York World's Fair. Includes detailed information never published before on So-called Dollars. Copy and paste the link below to find out more information:

[www.so-calleddollar.com/books/](http://www.so-calleddollar.com/books/)

Just Released in 2023 – the latest publication on So-Called Dollars by Jeff Shevlin & Bill Hyder, “**So-Called Dollars Volume I – United States Expositions**”. It is a new standard reference book for So-Called Dollars, historical U.S. medals. The book catalogs So-Called Dollars from 67 different expositions held in the U.S., from the 1853 New York Crystal Palace through the 1964 New York World’s Fair. It includes detailed information never published before.

## So-Called Dollar (con'd)

Kenneth Bressett in his preface for the book states "While reviewing this latest numismatic treat I was especially impressed by the thoroughness of the research and dedication to completeness shown on every page that go way beyond making it simply a mere catalog of types and designs, but one that is calculated to teach and inspire a new interest in the subject. Using this as a guide, collectors can create their own goals, decide what interests them most, and how they can begin to satisfy their individual interest in these fascinating pieces."

Hardbound, 8 ½ x 11, 270 pages, full color editions are available. A signed and numbered collectors gold-foil-bound edition which has the Official Medal struck by the United States Mint for the 1962 Seattle World's Fair encased in the cover, limited to 100 copies, is available.

## June 15 Auction List

#	DESCRIPTION	START	RESULT
1	1970 S Kennedy Half Dollar Choice Proof	5	
2	1977 S Kennedy proof Half Dollar Cameo Proof	5	
3	1993 S Kennedy Silver Proof Half Dollar	15	
4	1977 P Ike Dollar BU	3	
5	1977 S Ike Dollar C/N Proof	5	
6	1978 S Ike Dollar C/N Proof	5	
7	1926 Sesqui Half Dollar BU	95	
8	1833 Large Cent VG	38	
9	1847 Large Cent EF	60	
10	1849 Large Cent Fine	20	
11	1804 Half Cent VG	75	
12	1969 F Germany 5 Mark AU	11	
13	1907 O M Mexico 50 Cent EF	11	
14	1888 Mexico 25 Cent VF	11	
15	1909 Austria 5 Corona EF	75	
16	1812 Dudley One Penny Token UK	35	
17	1985 Washington Quarter AU Obverse Struck Off Center	19	
18	1969 Portugal 50 Escudos BU	14	
19	1861 Russia 20 Kopeks EF	20	
20	1879 Russia 10 Kopek AU	20	
21	1950 South Africa 5 Shilling UNC	25	
22	1907 Sweden 2 Kronor Uncirculated	18	
23	1876-1900 Thailand 1 Baht VF	15	
24	1942 Newfoundland Dime BU	50	
25	1882 H Newfoundland 20 Cent	14	
26	1909 Newfoundland 50 Cent	22	
27	1917 C 25 Cent Newfoundland EF	14	
28	1900 Newfoundland 50 Cent VG	8	
29	1918 German States 50 Pfenning Circ	21	
30	1902 Liberty Nickel AU	35	
31	1906 P Liberty Nickel EF	20	
32	1883 liberty Nickel W/O Cents VF	8	
33	1912 D Liberty Nickel VF	25	
34	1922 P Peace Dollar BU	45	
35	1881 S Morgan Dollar Choice BU	50	
36	1884 S Morgan Dollar AU	375	
37	1891 O Morgan Dollar AU-50	120	

## June 15 Auction List (Con'd)

#	DESCRIPTION	START	RESULT
38	1921 P Morgan Dollar BU	40	
39	1859 Indian Penny EF	120	
40	1861 Indian Cent EF 45	85	
41	1862 Indian Penny AU	65	
42	1870 Indian Penny VG	90	
43	1906 Indian Penny Brown AU	20	
44	1931 S Buffalo Nickel Choice VF	18	
45	1937 P Buffalo Nickel GEM	15	
46	1938 D Buffalo Nickel BU	15	
47	1924 D Buffalo Nickel VF	50	
48	1927 S Liberty Standing Quarter VG	55	
49	1928 S Liberty Standing Quarter VF	10	
50	1941 P Liberty Walking Half Dollar BU	30	
51	1930 S Standing Liberty Quarter VG	8	
52	1917 S (REV) Liberty Walking Half Dollar Fine	25	
53	1945 D Liberty Walking Half Dollar Au	20	
54	1918 D Liberty Walking Half Dollar Good	20	
55	1897 O Barber Quarter Good	30	
56	1905 P Barber Quarter VG	20	
57	1925 S California Diamond Jubilee Half Dollar Choice BU Classic Commemorative	175	
58	1920 P Maine Half Dollar BU Classic Commemorative	150	
59	1911 D Barber Quarter Good	15	
60	1905 S Barber Half Dollar VG	20	
61	1908 O Barber Half Dollar Fine	40	
62	1915 D Barber Half Dollar Fine	35	
63	1915 S Barber Half Dollar VG	18	
64	1905 P Barber Dime VF	8	
65	1907 P Barber Dime AU	45	
66	1850 P Liberty Seated Dime Fine	20	
67	1849 P Liberty Seated Dime VG	20	
68	Series of 1923 One Dollar Silver Certificate Large Size Circulated	27	
69	US Fractional Currency Twenty Five Cents Circulated	15	
70	1839 Globe Bank Bangor Maine \$1 Circulated	20	
71	1860's Liberty Bank Of Providence \$1 Circulated	90	
72	1860's Bank Of Milford Delaware \$1 Circulated	40	
73	1863 State of Alabama 50 Cents Circulated note	10	
74	Bank Of Genesee County Michigan The Farmers \$2 Note Circulated	75	
75	Bank Of Milford Delaware \$2 Note Circulated	50	

## June 15 Auction List (Con'd)

#	DESCRIPTION	START	RESULT
76	Republican Task Force Medal Ronald Reagan	10	
77	Last Coins Of Europe 12 coin set	12	
78	2 Piece James Cook Western Samoa \$1 Coins With Box	10	
79	Two Centuries of Indian Pennies Set of 10	15	
80	Official Worlds Fair Souvenir Medal 1961	15	

# Upcoming Coin Shows

## June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 White Plains, NY 9:30am—1:30pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Orange, CT (Marriott) 9am—2pm Orange, CT (Am. Leg. Post) 9am—2pm	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Nashua, NH 9am—2pm North Attle- boro, MA 9am—2pm	19	20	21 Blackstone Valley 3pm—8pm	22	23	24 Naugatuck, CT 9am—2pm
25 Devens, MA 9am—3pm	26	27	28	29	30	

### Admission is free unless otherwise noted

- AUBURN MA:** Elks Lodge, 754 South Bridge Street (Route 12) 46 Tables. Contact EBW Promotions, LLC 978- 658-0160
- BLACKSTONE VALLEY:** VFW Post 1385, 13 Cross Rd., Uxbridge MA 01569, Contact Mike 774-280-4333
- DEDHAM MA:** Holiday Inn-Boston, Dedham 55 Ariadne Road, Dedham MA 02026, Contact Edward Donegan 508-631-1423
- DEVENS MA:** Devens Common Center, 31 Andrews Parkway, Devens MA 978-658-0160, \$1 Admission
- HARTFORD CT:** Courtyard Marriott, 4 Sebeth Dr. Cromwell CT. 718-323-1930 or [stassinsj98@aol.com](mailto:stassinsj98@aol.com)
- MANCHESTER NH:** EBW Promotions/Double Tree, 700 Elm St. Manchester NH, 978-658-0160, \$7.00 Admission
- MANSFIELD CT:** New Community Center in Willimantic, Willimantic CT 06226, C John Ferreri, 860-508-8620
- NASHUA NH:** Eagles Wing Function Center 10 Spruce St. Nashua NH 03060 49 tables, 978-658-0160
- NAUGATUCK CT:** American Legion, 21 Cedar Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770, 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:** American Legion Post 127, 630 Grassy Hill Rd., Orange, CT 06477, Fred Riso 203-265-1813, 2\$ Admission
- ORANGE CT:** Liberty Coin Club, Courtyard by Marriott, 13 Marsh Hill Rd., Orange, CT 06460, Perry Carpinella 203-687-9677
- PAWCATUCK VALLEY (PVCC) SHOW:** Maureen Farrell, PO Box 1051 New London, CT. 06320, [tfarrell10@cox.net](mailto:tfarrell10@cox.net)
- WESTPORT MA:** Westport Town Hall Annex, 856 Main Rd, Westport, MA 02790, Contact Patti Bourgeois 508-679-5910
- WEST SPRINGFIELD MA:** Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave, West Springfield, MA 01089, Contact Carl Hartdegen 413 265-0712
- WHITE PLAINS, NY:** Coins, Coffee & Conversation, Sheraton Tarrytown Hotel, 600 White Plains Rd., White Plains, NY 10591

Note: Entries in this color indicate no show for the month displayed

**Colonel Coin & Currency**  
 Sales, Purchases, Appraisals  
 Lawrence C. Erhart  
 Member ANA, SPMC, PVCC



P.O. Box 715  
 Gales Ferry, CT 06335  
 All U.S. certified currency & coins  
 Cell: 860-460-2287  
 "Specializing in Paper Money"  
 email: colonelcoin@comcast.net  
 Call for sales or appointment

**DAVID & GRACE BARBONE**  
 RARE COINS

TYME48@YAHOO.COM  
 PAWCATUCK CT. 06379

PAWCATUCK VALLEY COIN CLUB  
 860-599-1571  
 ANA MEMBER

**Customer Solution Centre**

320 Sussex Drive  
 Ottawa ON K1A 0G8  
 Canada: 1-800-267-1871  
 U.S.A. : 1-800-268-6468  
 Fax: (613) 993-4092  
 service@mint.ca  
 www.mint.ca



ROYAL CANADIAN MINT  
 MONNAIE ROYALE CANADIENNE

**LIBERTY SEATED COLLECTORS CLUB**  
 Dennis Fortier  
 Director Northeast Region



★ ★ ★

Phone: 401-539-9003 / 401-741-7475  
 E-mail: ricajun@msn.com

**ALTAI NUMISMATICS**

**JOHN MADLON**  
 OWNER

18 BELDEN COURT  
 NEW LONDON, CT 06320

860-389-3839      ALTAI NUMIS.COM

*P&D Currency*  
 Mark and Doris Duggins

*Dealers/Collectors*

P.O. Box 631  
 Windsor, CT 06095  
 860 924-4582  
 panddcurrency@gmail.com  
 ANA Members #3132560 #3145944



**Westerly Enterprises**

8B Canal St., Westerly, RI 02891  
 401-596-2298

*Buying and Selling Daily  
 Coins - Collectibles  
 Jewelry - Antiques*



Hours:  
 Tues-Fri 10am-4:30pm  
 Sat 10-3  
 Closed Sun & Mon

- Paying daily market value for precious metals
- Supplies — Appraisals
- Estates Bought & Sold

SPECIALIZING IN OBSOLETE AND  
 BROKEN BANK NOTES AND SHEETS  
 OF THE NEW ENGLAND STATES

*C. John Ferreri*

Johnnybanknote@yahoo.com  
 BUY - SELL - TRADE  
 RESEARCH - APPRAISE  
 Old Paper Money, Coins, etc.  
 Over 40 years experience

P. O. BOX 33  
 STORRS, CT 06268  
 1-860-429-6970

MEMBER OF:  
 ANA  
 SPMC  
 NENA

**JOSEPH STANELUN**  
 Owner  
 401-661-9096



140 Point Judith Rd.  
 Suite A2  
 Narragansett, RI 02882

**NO COMMON CENTS**  
 Coins • Jewelry • Bullion • Antiques

NoCommonCentsRI@gmail.com • NoCommonCents.com

Numismatist  
 Coins Bought and Sold

**Dr. Verne Pitman**

Email: vepitman@gmail.com  
 Phone: 860-705-5490  
 25 Year ANA Member

PO Box 1520  
 Groton, CT 06340  
 Buy/Sell/Appraisals