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Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club Monthly Newsletter

Celebrating 62 years in the numismatic hobby

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~April 2024 Edition~

The **723rd** meeting of the Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club will be held on **Thursday, April 18, 2024** 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 May 2024 newsletter, please have your submission to me by the last week of April 2024. I should be able to get it into the March 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 April Auction List is posted in this Newsletter and has 60 fantastic items, 10 of which are for the Junior Auction and 50 are for the Senior Auction!

This month the main theme will be dedicated to next month's Coin Show, with the main topic of discussion headed by Cal who will give a presentation on Coin Show security.

And, as always, any personal exhibits are also always welcome. 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

Jr. Door Prize

1892-P Columbian Exposition
Half Dollar VF20



Sr. Door Prize

1884-O Morgan Dollar NGC
MS62



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:

1936 Chinese Fen, Sun & Spade EF
1963 Italy 50 Lira AU
1965 English Penny BU
1949 Spain 5 Centavos
2005 Lincoln Cent MS63

Senior Raffle:

1945-P Washington Quarter BU
1917 Winged Liberty Dime MS63
1963 Franklin Half Dollar MS63
1848 Braided Hair Large Cent N-3 VG10
1907-D Barber Quarter VG8



...in local news

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

1. As mentioned on our Front Page, the theme for this month's meeting will be information on our upcoming Coin Show. The main focus will be a presentation given by Cal on Coin Show Security. There has been a substantial increase in the number of thefts and other security issues occurring within the Numismatic Community. These thefts are even more prevalent around the various Coin Shows around the country. Cal will give us information that will help keep these incidents from occurring before, during and after our Coin Show. If you're wondering how you can help out at our Coin Show, just ask Cal!
2. And in keeping with the theme of this month's discussion, I'm going to continue to remind everybody about our upcoming Coin Show. Again, it'll be on Sunday, the 5th of May. The show opens officially at 8:30am. But we'll be looking for some help before that with vendors coming to setup for the show. Doors should open at about 6am to start the Vendor Setup phase. If you're able to make it at that time, we'd really appreciate it. Also, the night before (4 May) we will begin setting up the table organization and electrical cable layout at about 6pm. There's a lot more to the setup that you probably imagined. So, again, if you're able to help out with this initial part of the setup, it would be greatly appreciated! So please think about helping out at the coin show. We can use all kinds of help setting up, manning the tables, selling raffle tickets, or however you'd like to help. And if you're in a generous mood, we can always use donations for the raffle events at the show. These donations don't have to be expensive. At each raffle event we have 6 items to be drawn on. The first two, those are on the nicer, maybe a bit more expensive side. But the other 4, we've had items such as a magnifying glass, or hardware to maintain a coin collection such as plastic clear sheets to hold 20—2" x 2" cardboard coin holder (or flips), and even those 2" x 2" coin flips themselves. You're only limited by your imagination. Anything donated will be greatly appreciated.
3. And it looks like during this month is National Coin Week. Take a look at all the upcoming Numismata talks during the week of 22 April. Pay attention to pages 3, 4 and 5 of this newsletter!!!

From the American Numismatic Association (ANA)

NumismaTalks

April Webinars:

Topic: **National Coin Week —Collecting Civil War Tokens: 100 Years Since Hetrich/Guttag**

Date: April 22

Presented by **Jesse Kraft**

A century since the landmark 1924 Hetrich-Guttag publication on Civil War tokens, this series is still as popular as ever. This presentation will offer a brief history of these enigmatic pieces, as well as look at the evolution of how they have been collected over the years.

Jesse Kraft is the Resolute Americana Assistant Curator of American Numismatics at the American Numismatic Society, where his duties include coins, tokens, medals, and paper currencies from all of the Western Hemisphere.

Registration is required

Topic: **National Coin Week —Seeking Relief in Old, New, High and Low Places: The Flip Sides of Medallic Art**

Date: April 23

Presented by **Jamie Franki**

Medallic Art is simultaneously rooted in tradition and fueled by innovation. Using the concepts of tradition and innovation as "flip sides" for our consideration, Franki will explore contemporary trends in making, commissioning and collecting medals which impacted his creative research in Numismatic Design.

Jamie Franki is an Emeritus Associate Professor of Illustration recently retired from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, where he coordinated the Illustration program in their Department of Art and Art History. He was also a designer in the United States Mint's Artistic Infusion Program. In 2005, his American Bison Nickel reverse design was selected for a six-month minting. This nickel was awarded a "COTY" (Coin of the Year Award) as the Most Popular World Coin of 2005. In January of 2006, his Jefferson 1800 Nickel obverse design began its long-term run gracing America's new and historic forward-facing circulating coin, with over twenty-five billion strikes in circulation thus far. In 2008 Franki designed the Order of IKKOS Medallion, the United States Olympic Committee's perpetual honor society award medal for Team USA Olympic and Paralympic coaches. In 2021, his jury-selected reverse design for the United States Air Force Silver Medal was struck and released by the US Mint. He is a member of the American Medallic Sculpture Association and an honorary lifetime member of the Charlotte Coin Club. No stranger to the Money Talks podium, Jamie has enjoyed a long consultative relationship with the American Numismatic Association, for whom he has designed and sculpted numerous medals for their World's Fair of Money® and National Money Show® conventions.

Registration 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. I would have put in a link for this, but it wasn't working correctly for me, so this is the best I can currently do...

So, again, to register for either of these talks, logon to the ANA website, go to the eLearning area and register for NumismaTalks.

NumismaTalks (con'd)

Topic: **National Coin Week — Women in Numismatics – The First 2,000 Years**

Date: April 24

Presented by **Mary Lannin**

Sculptors and engravers, Mint Directors and civil servants, rulers and goddesses...women have been an integral part of the history of money. Although we are familiar with women as the subject of coins, who have we overlooked? Join us for a National Coin Week talk about famous and infamous women from 300 BC to the 21st century.

Mary Lannin is a former member of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC), first appointed in 2014 based on the recommendation of the House Minority Leader. She is a life member of both the American Numismatic Society and American Numismatic Association and a member of the Royal Numismatic Society, the Swiss Numismatic Society, the San Francisco Ancient Numismatic Society, the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, the Chicago Coin Club and is currently serving as Vice President of the New York Numismatic Club. She has served as a member on the Board of Trustees of the American Numismatic Society since 2016.

Registration is required

Topic: **Sample Slabs**

Date: April 25—12pm (CST)

Presented by **David Schwager**

Want a free sample? Grading services give away examples of their work at major shows to promote their products, reward customers, recognize achievements, and more. In the last 10 years, sample slabs moved from a nearly unknown specialty to the edge of the numismatic mainstream. If you have any interest in sample or grading services, or want to learn to cherrypick samples hiding in plain sight this presentation is for you.

David Schwager has written for several numismatic publications, including *The Numismatist*, *COINage*, *CoinWeek* and *FUN Topics*. He wrote the book *Sample Slabs*, the definitive work on this numismatic specialty. David is known as an authority on certified coin holders or slabs and often consulted in this area. David lives in Fountain Valley, California, where he is president of the Orange County Coin Club.

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NumismaTalks (con'd)

Topic: **National Coin Week — Are Your Papers in Order?**

Date: April 25—5pm (CST)

Presented by **Peter K. Tompa**

Increasing numbers of trade restrictions threaten to turn what should be a relaxing and educational hobby with many opportunities for people to people contacts with collectors from abroad into a bureaucratic nightmare. This lecture will highlight the issues and provide some vital information how to limit any stress when buying coins imported from abroad.

Peter K. Tompa serves as the IAPN's Executive Director. Previously, he acted as the IAPN's outside legal counsel, advocating for fair treatment for the micro and small businesses of the numismatic trade before government regulators. He has practiced cultural property law since the 1990s and has written and lectured extensively about the subject. He is a past co-chair of the American Bar Association's Art & Cultural Heritage Law Committee. He has been an avid ancient coin collector since he first saw coins for sale while on a European family vacation in the early 1970s. He is a life member of the American Numismatic Association and the Ancient Coin Collectors Guild, as well as a Life Fellow of the American Numismatic Society. He was recently appointed as the IAPN's representative on a European Commission expert sub-group on "Dialogue with the Art Market."

Registration is required

Topic: **National Coin Week — Numismatics Online: Changing the World of Research and Collecting**

Date: April 26—5pm (CST)

Presented by **Peter Van Alfen**

In recent years there have been a good number of digital resources for numismatics appearing online, many of them launched by the American Numismatic Society (ANS). In the first part of this talk, I discuss how these resources were developed at the ANS, how they function, and how they are serving to transform aspects of collecting and research. In the second part, I survey additional online resources and point to what we can expect in the years to come.

Peter van Alfen joined the ANS in 2002 to oversee the Greek cabinet, and served the Society as editor of the *American Journal of Numismatics* (2005-2008), editor of the *ANS Magazine* (2004-present), and as the (co-)director of the Eric P. Newman Graduate Summer Seminar in Numismatics (2002-2023). He has (co-)curated a number of exhibits including most recently "Art of Devastation: Medals and Posters of the Great War" with Patricia Phagan. He has taught occasional courses at New York University as an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Classics.

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Coin World

World Coins

Germany marks Frankfurt Constitution with circulating €2

By [Jeff Starck](#), Coin World
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Germany marks the anniversary of the Frankfurt Constitution with a circulating commemorative €2 coin.

Image courtesy of the Bundesverwaltungsamt.

Germany's second circulating commemorative €2 coin for 2024 marks the 175th anniversary of the Frankfurt Constitution.

Also known as the St. Paul's Church Constitution, the document was the first attempt to create a unified German nation state.

The coin was released March 21.

The obverse of the coin carries a commemorative design featuring several thematic layers.

In the foreground is a perspective depiction of St. Paul's Church with the representatives of the national constitutional assembly filing in. This overlays a rendering of the constitutional document and a quill, representing the outcome of the Frankfurt Parliament. Finally, the design is crowned by three female allegories — Unity, Justice and Freedom — and the German flag, but without color.

"The vibrant three-dimensional relief evokes the timelessness of the basic democratic principles that were put down in writing for the first time and in a foundational way in the Frankfurt Constitution," according to the announcement of the new coin, published in the *Official Journal of the European Commission*.

The coin's inner ring also features the inscription PAULSKIRCHENVERFASSUNG 1849 (St. Paul's Church Constitution 1849) and, at the bottom, the year of issue 2024, Germany's issuing country code D, the Mint mark of the respective German mint (A, D, F, G or J), and the initials of the artist, Bodo Broschat from Berlin.

The coin's outer ring depicts the 12 stars of the European flag.

The coin's mintage of 30 million pieces, is split evenly between the five mints.

April 18 Auction List

#	DESCRIPTION	START	RESULT
JUNIOR AUCTION LIST			
1	Junior Auction 2006 PROOF SET	7	
2	JR. 2007,08,09 QUARTER PROOF SETS	7	
3	JR 1986 US STATUE OF LIBERY HALF DOLLAR UNC.	2	
4	JR 2009 PRESIDENTIAL \$1 SET PRF	5	
5	JR 50 MISC TOKENS	3	
6	JR 1970 CANADA SET UNC	5	
7	JR 1967 SPECIAL MINT SET	8	
8	JR 1966 SPECIAL MINT SET	8	
9	JR 1976,1977,1978 S KENNEDY PROOF HALVES	3	
10	JR GROUP LOT OF FOREIGN COIN AND CURRECNY	8	
SENIOR AUCTION LIST			
11	20 CIRCLULATED INDIAN PENNY SET IN BOX	25	
12	1865 3 CENT NICKEL CIRC. IN HOLDER	15	
13	2005-S PCGS PR69 DECAM CLAD QUARTERS SET	5	
14	1787 New Jersey Copper ANACS VG8	300	
15	1962 PROF SET	23	
16	1899 O BARBER QUARTER GOOD	9	
17	1898 O BARBER QUARTER GOOD	10	
18	1915 D BARBER QUARTER EF	20	
19	1905 INDIAN CENT AU	15	
20	1861 INDIAN CENT C/N VF	45	
21	1867 INDIAN CENT VG	55	
22	1938 JEFFERSON NICKEL CHOICE PF	20	
23	1939 P JEFFERSON NICKEL GEM BU	5	
24	1842 LARGE DATE VG	20	
25	1852 LARGE CENT FINE	22	
26	1867 2 CENT VG	15	
27	1853 3 CENT SILVER VF	55	
28	1868 3 CENT NICKEL FINE	12	
29	1851 LIBERTY SEATED HALF DIME VF	30	
30	1857 LIBERTY SEATED HALF DIME VF	32	
31	1891 LIBERTY SEATED DIME VF	18	
32	1902 BARBER DIME EF	20	
33	1911 P BARBER DIME AU	55	
34	1916 S BARBER DIME VF	8	
35	1951 HONOLULU TRANSIT CO. TOKEN	4	
36	1921 PARISIAN TRANSPORTATION TOKEN	5	

April 18 Auction List (Con'd)

#	DESCRIPTION	START	RESULT
	SENIOR AUCTION LIST (CON'D)		
37	1836 FRANCE LOUIS PHILIPPE 1 SILVER MEDAL 25mm	25	
38	1935 WASHING STATE TAX TOKEN	4	
39	1780 RESTRIKE THALER	25	
40	1809 HALF CENT TURBAN VF	65	
41	1884 S MORGAN DOLLAR VF	60	
42	1885 P MORGAN DOLLAR BU	48	
43	1886 O MORGAN DOLLAR EF	65	
44	1890 P MORGAN DOLLAR CH AU	40	
45	1930 LIB STANDING QUARTER VF	10	
46	1929 P LIB STANDING QUARTER FINE	10	
47	1958 D FRANKLIN HALF CHOICE BU	15	
48	1954 P FRANKLIN HALF GEM	15	
49	1948 P FRANKLIN HALF GEM BU	20	
50	1919 P BUFFALO NICKEL VF	4	
51	1921 P BUFFALO NICKEL VF	13	
52	1923 P BUFFALO NICKEL AU	28	
53	1936 D BUFFALO NICKEL EF	4	
54	1923 D GERMAN 500 MARK BU	15	
55	1922 A GEERMAN 3 MARK BU	20	
56	1899 BRITISH ½ PENNY UNC	45	
57	1925 BRITISH ½ PENNY BU	40	
58	1881 MEXICO 8 REALES	100	
59	1989 PORTUGUESE COMMEM STER	35	
60	1884 O MORGAN IN LUCITE	25	

Upcoming Coin Shows

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Auburn, MA 9:30am—2:30pm Orange, CT American Legion 9am—2pm	15	16	17 Blackstone Valley, MA 3pm—8pm	18	19	20
21 Hartford, CT 9am—3pm Nashua, NH 9am—2pm North Attleboro, MA	22	23	24	25	26	27 Naugatuck, CT 9am—2pm
28 Devens, MA 9am—3pm	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, 16 Cross Rd., Uxbridge MA 01569, Contact Mike 774-280-4333
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
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

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