



# Front Page News



## Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club Monthly Newsletter

*Celebrating 62 years in the numismatic hobby*

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### ~September 2024 Edition~

The **728<sup>th</sup>** meeting of the Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club will be held on **Thursday, September 19, 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 October 2024 newsletter, please have your submission to me by the last week of September 2024. I should be able to get it into the October 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 September Auction List is posted in this Newsletter and has 60 total fantastic items. But there are no items for the Junior auction. All 60 items are for the senior auction.

This month our program will consist of two presenters.

Part One: Your editor Tom Omlor will present a Powerpoint presentation regarding "cleaned" coins, and cleaning coins. Part Two: Member Brian Benoit will discuss the collectible coins produced for The Vatican. See the "In Local News " for a more in-depth description.

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 September 2024

#### Jr. Door Prize

1929 Buffalo Indian Head Nickel F12



#### Sr. Door Prize

1885-O NGC Morgan Dollar 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.

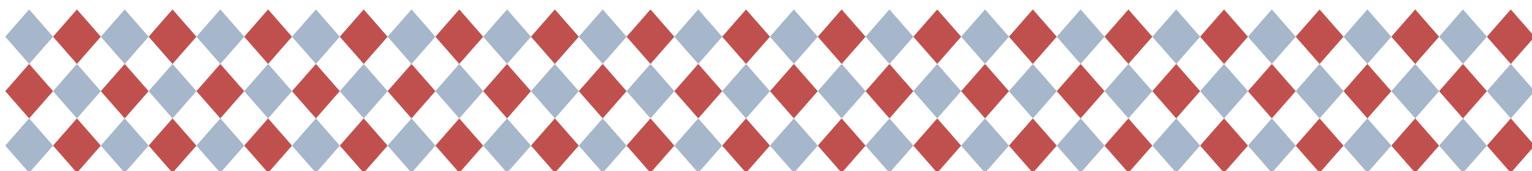
# Raffle Prizes

## Junior Raffle:

2004 Jefferson Nickel Keel Boat Rev BU  
1978-S Jefferson Nickel PR63  
1953 Czechoslovakia 5 Haleru  
1935 Lincoln Cent F12  
1911 Barber Dime VG10

## Senior Raffle:

1860 \$1 Stonington Bank Note (2 pulls)  
1826 Large Cent G4  
1964 Washington Quarter BU  
2024 Eleanor Roosevelt Mint Quarter Roll  
1948-D Ben Franklin Half Dollar EF40



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

As of 9/11/24

Gold: \$2,523.80

Silver: \$28.81

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

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

1. I'm just going to re-iterate here that it appears there are no "Junior Auction Items". All 60 items for auction will be available only in the Senior Auction.
2. This month our program will consist of two presenters:

Part One: Your editor Tom Omlor will present a Powerpoint presentation regarding "cleaned" coins, and cleaning coins. A discussion will follow. Feel free to bring in any examples of cleaned coins.

Part Two: Member Brian Benoit recently returned from a trip to Vatican City, and has discovered the coins of The Vatican. He will discuss the collectible coins produced for The Vatican.

# From the American Numismatic Association (ANA)

## NumismaTalks

### September Webinars:

Topic: **Colonial Currency; German East Africa**

Date: **September 12**

Presented by **Douglas Mudd**

German East Africa is fascinating because of its location in one of the last regions of the African continent to be explored – the old phrase "Heart of Africa" referred to central Africa and east Africa equally for many decades – and its exploration was the stuff of legends. The search for the source of the Nile, Henry Morton Stanley, David Livingstone, Richard Burton, John Speke, Samuel Baker – all played a part in developing Doug's interest in the region. When he discovered the numismatic background of what was to become Tanzania, his interest piqued yet again. Join Doug on a numismatic exploration of a fascinating region of the world!

**Douglas Mudd** is the curator/director of the American Numismatic Association's Edward C. Rochette Money Museum in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He is responsible for developing, planning, and content of the Museum's exhibition program and the organization and care of the ANA collections. He has created dozens of numismatic exhibits for the museum and for the ANA's semi-annual conventions. His recent work has expanded the museum's exhibits into the virtual world of the internet including "Trenches to Treaties: World War I in Remembrance" and "Money of Empire: Elizabeth to Elizabeth," which are available to view at [money.org/money-museum](http://money.org/money-museum).

Topic: **The American Arts Medallion Series (1980-1984) "Success or Failure"**

Date: **September 26**

Presented by **Mark Wieclaw**

In this presentation, we will discuss how and why the series came about, along with the ten artists featured on the medallions. Also, the purchasing process and the future aftermath. Those in attendance will then be able to decide whether the series was a success or failure.

**Mark Wieclaw** started coin collecting in 1975. In 1981 his focus shifted to ancient Greek and Roman coins. He has entered and judged educational exhibits and spoken at local, state, regional and national conventions since 1981. Mark is a life member of the American Numismatic Association, Central States Numismatic Society, Illinois Numismatic Association and Chicago Coin Club. Mark is also the recipient of two ANA Presidential Awards (1999 & 2013) and the Krause Numismatic Ambassador Award in 2001.

# ANA NumismaTalks (con'd)

## October Webinars:

Topic: **Mellon and Money: The Story of a Great Treasury Secretary**

Date: **October 10**

Presented by: **Lawrence W ("Larry") Reed**

Andrew Mellon, one of the longest-serving U.S. Treasury secretaries, ranks as a giant of enterprise, finance and public policy in the first half of the 20th Century. His impact on America's money, federal taxation and spending, the national debt, and even the redesign of the currency, easily makes him one of the most consequential of the nearly 80 men and women who have held that high office. In this lecture, Mr. Reed will explain Mellon's critical role in shaping the economic policies of three administrations and why, if his views had prevailed in the 1930s, perhaps the Great Depression would have been a footnote instead of the catastrophe that it was.

Economist and historian **Lawrence W ("Larry") Reed** is President Emeritus of the Foundation for Economic Education ([FEE.org](http://FEE.org)) in Atlanta, Georgia. before retiring to the emeritus role in 2019, he served as President of FEE for 11 years. Prior to that, he was founding president of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy in Midland, Michigan, for 21 years and an economics professor at Northwood University for seven years.

He is author of seven books, the most recent of which is *Real Heroes: Inspiring True Stories of Courage, Character and Conviction*. In 2023, the President of Poland bestowed upon Reed the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland, the highest honor that Poland gives to a foreigner. President Ronald Reagan was a past recipient.

Topic: **The ANA Dwight N. Manley Library: Access For A Changing Research Landscape**

Date: **October 24**

Presented by: **Akio Lis**

The ANA Dwight N. Manley Library provides access for ANA members to numismatic books, auction catalogs, periodicals, and video presentations. This presentation will outline current work to expand library holding, present information through the online catalog and other online media, and increase accessibility of the ANA Archive collections.

**Akio Lis** joined the ANA as library manager in 2021. Hew as awarded the ANA YN of the Year in 1998 and received an internship with the ANA Library in 2003. After moving to Colorado Springs in 2005, Akio volunteered with the Dwight N. Manley Library and worked with the YNs during Summer Seminar in the production of the YN fundraising auctions. Akio brings to the role of Library Manager a deep interest in history and research as well as an in depth knowledge of the ANA Library holdings. He has worked to increase accessibility and recognition of the holdings of the Dwight N. Manley Library and continues the long tradition of growth to this necessary numismatic asset.

Registration for these talks is required. To register, sign on to the ANA website ([money.org](http://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://NumismaTalks:ANA eLearning Academy Webinars (money.org))

# Coin World

## World Coins

### Royal Mint honors 'Gruffalo's Child' with 50-penny coins

By [Jeff Starck](#), Coin World  
Published: Sep 1, 2024, 5 PM



*Four different 50-penny coins, including the colorful Brilliant Uncirculated copper-nickel coin shown, are available celebrating 20 years of "The Gruffalo's Child."*

*Images courtesy of the Royal Mint*

Five years after honoring the children's cartoon *The Gruffalo* on coins, the Royal Mint is issuing 50-penny coins celebrating *The Gruffalo's Child*.

Written by Julia Donaldson in her recognizable rhyming verse, and illustrated by Axel Scheffler, *The Gruffalo's Child* is a favorite in the world of children's literature and has entertained families for two decades.

Enjoyed by readers young and old, *The Gruffalo's Child* was an instant classic that has become one of the most popular children's books of the 21st century. Now, as the book reaches the 20th anniversary since publication, the Royal Mint celebrates this timeless tale on a United Kingdom coin for the first time.

These are licensed products produced in partnership with Magic Light Pictures, which holds the rights to the book.

Four different versions of these coins are available, released Aug. 28.

All of the coins feature authentic and faithfully remastered artwork from *The Gruffalo's Child* on their reverse, making the coins "The perfect keepsake for fans of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler," the Royal Mint said, in a press release.

The image from the book is faithfully remastered by the Royal Mint's Emma Noble.

The coins are accompanied by engaging packaging about the book with official Gruffalo artwork.

Two copper-nickel versions, one silver version and one gold version share the same basic design, denomination markings being the main difference.

Specifications, details

All of the coins feature the Martin Jennings effigy of King Charles III.

Three of the coins (all but the gold version) weigh 8 grams and measure 27.3 millimeters in diameter.

The Brilliant Uncirculated copper-nickel 50-penny coin is available plain or with color. The plain version has an unlimited mintage and retails for £12 each. The colorful version's mintage limit is 25,000 pieces, which retail for £21 each.

The Proof .925 fine silver 50-penny coin's mintage limit is 7,510 pieces, with 7,500 available individually for £75 each.

The Proof 40th-ounce .9999 fine gold 50-penny coin weighs 0.80 grams and measures 8 millimeters in diameter. It has a mintage limit of 2,034 pieces, with 2,024 available individually for £99.50 each.

To order, or for more details, visit the Royal Mint website, [www.royalmint.com](http://www.royalmint.com).

## September 19 Auction List

### PAWCATUCK VALLEY COIN CLUB AUCTION - SEPTEMBER 19th 2024

#	Description	Start	Result
1	JEFFERSON NICKEL 1945-D GEM BU. 8.00	4.00	
2	MERCURY DIME 1945-D GEM BU. 15.00	7.50	
3	VATICAN SILVER MEDAL (PAUL VII) W-2 STAMPS L.158 L.40 "NEW"	7.50	
4	CANADA SILVER DOLLAR 1964 CHOICE GEM BU PL 1600ASW	17.50	
5	80-TOKENS - TRANSPORTATION & SALES TAX - VARIOUS	17.50	
6	3-PC WW-II COIN SET 1943-P 1¢ BU / 1945-P 5¢ AU / 1945-P 10¢ BU	7.50	
7	3-PC 1980-1986-1987 "P" MINT SETS w/STAMPS IN DISPLAYS	6.00	
8	8-PROOF KENNEDY HALVES IN DISPLAYS 1976-77-82-83-88-89-59	20.00	
9	FRANCE 1978 9-PC PROOF SET 65.00	45.00	
10	FRANCE 1979 10-PC PROOF SET 65.00	45.00	
11	LARGE CENT 1817 (13 STARS) FINE 55.00	42.00	
12	LARGE CENT 1822 VG 35.00	27.00	
13	LARGE CENT 1832 (MEDIUM LETTERS) FINE 75.00	55.00	
14	LARGE CENT 1834 (LARGE B-SMALL STARS) VF 100.00	75.00	
15	LARGE CENT 1855 (UPRIGHT 5'S) VF 35.00	27.00	
16	LARGE CENT 1857 (LARGE DATE) VF 150.00	125.00	
17	INDIAN CENT 1864 - BRONZE RED BROWN EF-AU 65.00	50.00	
18	INDIAN CENT 1891 - RED BROWN UNC 56.00	40.00	
19	INDIAN CENT 1893 - RED BROWN UNC 56.00	40.00	
20	INDIAN CENT 1895 - RED BROWN UNC 51.00	35.00	
21	INDIAN CENT 1909 - RED BROWN UNC 46.00	30.00	
22	LIBERTY SEATED DIME 1888-P VF 20.00	14.00	
23	MERCURY DIME 1921-P VG 65.00	55.00	
24	MERCURY DIME 1923-P CHOICE - BU 42.00	35.00	
25	LIBERTY STANDING QUARTER 1917-P T-1 FINE 50.00	42.00	
26	LIBERTY STANDING QUARTER 1918-P VF 35.00	29.00	
27	LIBERTY STANDING QUARTER 1920-P FINE 18.00	15.00	
28	LIBERTY STANDING QUARTER 1921-P VG-8 150.00	125.00	
29	LIBERTY STANDING QUARTER 1929-D EF-40 30.00	24.00	
30	DRAPE BUST HALF 1807-P EF DETAILS <small>HOLED AT 12:00 STRUCK FROM RUSTY DIES</small> <small>FINE BID 440</small>	165.00	
31	PILGRIM HALF 1920-D CHOICE ORIGINAL BU 90.00	75.00	
32	LIBERTY WALKING HALF 1945-D BU 35.00	25.00	
33	FRANKLIN HALF 1952-P BU 18.00	13.00	
34	WASHINGTON CARVER HALF 1953-S CHOICE BU <small>MINTAGE 88,020</small> 36.00	25.00	
35	MORGAN DOLLAR 1879-P CHOICE AU. 53.00	42.00	
36	MORGAN DOLLAR 1879-S CHOICE BU. 80.00	60.00	
37	MORGAN DOLLAR 1880-S CHOICE BU. 63.00	50.00	
38	MORGAN DOLLAR 1881-S CHOICE BU. 63.00	50.00	
39	MORGAN DOLLAR 1885-P CHOICE BU. 68.00	50.00	

# September 19 Auction List (con'd)

40	MORGAN DOLLAR 1885-0 CHOICE BU.	68.00	50.00
41	MORGAN DOLLAR 1887-P CHOICE BU.	68.00	50.00
42	MORGAN DOLLAR 1888-P CHOICE BU.	80.00	60.00
43	MORGAN DOLLAR 1889-P BU.	61.00	45.00
44	MORGAN DOLLAR 1890-CC (POLISHED) VF-DETAIL	FINE BID 145.00	40.00
45	MORGAN DOLLAR 1894-S EF.	40.00	34.00
46	1963 USA MINT	40.00	34.00
47	1958 USA PROOF SET	35.00	28.00
48	1962 USA PROOF SET	28.00	24.00
49	BARBER DIME 1901-P AU	60.00	45.00
50	BARBER DIME 1904P VF	11.00	8.00
51	BARBER DIME 1914-P VF	10.00	7.00
52	BARBER DIME 1914-D VF	10.00	7.00
53	BARBER DIME 1915-S FINE	28.00	20.00
54	BARBER DIME 1916-P EF	24.00	18.00
55	TOKEN - PROF. JOHNSON'S 1850'S EF-DETAILS (BY SCOTT'S) R-1 - N.Y. MILLER-396		10.00
56	TOKEN - HARD TIMES SPECIES PAYMENT 1844 MAY 10th 1837 R-2 HT-65 LOW 4 VF.		20.00
57	TOKEN - S. <sup>r</sup> BEVOIS SOUTHAMPTON-MERCHANT - PROMISSORY 1/2P EF.		60.00
58	TOKEN - STORE CARD CIVIL WAR 1863 ST. LOUIS MO - H. JENKINS R-4 VF.		60.00
59	MEXICO 1795 M 8-REALE 1/4 CHOP MARKS KM #109 VG. (18960-7747)		65.00
60	20-CARDED MIX TOKENS & MEDALS (#83-RETAIL)		50.00
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# Upcoming Coin Shows

## September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 <b>Hartford, CT</b> 9am—3pm <b>Nashua, NH</b> 9am—2pm <b>North Attleboro, MA</b> 9am—2pm	16	17	18 <b>Blackstone Valley</b> 3pm—8pm	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 <b>Naugatuck, CT</b> 9am—2pm
29 <b>Devens, MA</b> 9am—3pm <b>Westport, MA</b> 9am—2pm	30					Oct 6 <b>Dedham, MA</b> 9am—4pm

**Admission is free unless otherwise noted**

**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 Sebethe Dr. Cromwell CT. 718-323-1930 or [stassinsJ98@aol.com](mailto: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

**WESTPORT MA:** Westport Town Hall Annex, 856 Main Rd, Westport, MA 02790, Contact Patti Bourgeois 508-679-5910

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