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PAWCATUCK VALLEY COIN CLUB

May 2025 Edition Newsletter

The **736th** meeting of the Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club will be held on **Thursday, May 15, 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 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.

There will be a PVCC Club Auction this month. The May Auction List is posted in this Newsletter and has 10 items for the junior auction and 51 items for the senior auction.



The presentation for this month will be given by David Morrison. It is called "The Sea Salvage Coins of the Philippines". There will be a PowerPoint presentation as well as a group of coins on display. It's guaranteed to be a very interesting story from WWII.

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, 15 May 2025

Jr. Door Prize

Bag of 25 Mexican Foreign Coins (\$20.00 Value)



Sr. Door Prize

1902 O NGC \$1 Morgan Silver Dollar
NGC MS62



Raffle Prizes

Junior Raffle:

1971 Eisenhower Dollar AU
1957 \$1 United States Note Priest Anderson
June 4, 1976 Bicentennial First Day Cover
1922 Reichbanknote 1000 German Mark Note
1948 Ireland One Pence AU

Senior Raffle:

1864 Confederate States of America Twenty Dollars Note
1908 Barber Half Dollar AG3
1965 Canada Silver Dollar (0.800 FINE)
1949-D Franklin Half Dollar EF45
2021 \$5 Federal Reserve Five Note Sheet BEP

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

As of 05/11/25

Gold: \$3,295.80

Silver: \$32.94

...in local news

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

1. Our annual Coin Show was held on Sunday, 4 May—Star Wars Day! Come to this month's meeting to hear a complete rundown of how the show went!



...in local news (con'd)

2. There will be a Dedham, MA Coin Show on 1 June from 9am to 4pm. I'm inputting this here as I may not get the June Newsletter out in time for the show. See the calendar on page 10 for more information.
3. From the desk of our President—Woody

Greetings PVCC coin club members. We have a lot of positive news so far this year- Thanks to the many generous and energetic volunteers in our midst, we enjoyed another successful annual coin show in Norwich. The event went smoothly and many dealers I spoke to said they were having a very good show.

We had great public attendance, including the first educational session for the youngsters, (with yours truly, as the 16th President). The number of youths for the second session was a bit sparse, but we can look at promotional options next year. Maureen, Dave, Cal and others will report this week on all the particulars.

We are growing in membership every month, with new folks signing up quite frequently. Members are sharing their numismatic interests through creative and fascinating exhibits and lively discussion at each monthly meeting.

Membership provided excellent support in passing and instituting the Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club George Champlin Jr. Scholarship. The committee will be designing the program in the coming weeks, to create an outline our young numismatists can utilize for their exhibits. We will work out the judging/prize format as well.

June's annual pizza party is coming up, as are the nominations/elections of PVCC officers. There will be more to celebrate this year, I'm sure, as the PVCC offers numismatic education, enjoyment of the hobby and the camaraderie we all share.

Woody C.

From the American Numismatic Association (ANA)

NumismaTalks Info

May Webinars:

Topic: **Collectible World War II Money: U.S./Philippine Coins**

Date: **May 8**

Presented by: **Dennis Tucker**

During World War II, more than a million American service members fought in the Pacific Theater to help free the Philippines from Japanese control. When they came home after the war, many of them carried local souvenirs of their service. These included strange silver and bronze coins that were minted for the Philippines but bear the words UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. What's the story behind these coins? Are they rare? How much are they worth today? You might have some sitting in a relative's collection of wartime mementos. In this richly illustrated presentation, Dennis Tucker tells about these special World War II-related coins and their history starting in the early 1900s. Along the way, you'll learn about the unique historical and numismatic connection between the United States and the Philippine Islands.

Dennis Tucker is an award-winning author, an active member of the Philippine Collectors Forum, and a Life Member of the Philippine American National Historical Society. He served eight years as a numismatic specialist on the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee of the U.S. Treasury Department, and he has written and lectured on many subjects of U.S. and Philippine coinage, medals, tokens, and paper money.



Topic: **When Money Fails: Uncommon and Unique Numismatics During German Hyperinflation in the 20th Century**

Date: **May 22**

Presented by: **Alexander Blough**

This presentation is a high-level overview of German hyperinflation in the Weimar Republic with a focus on the local notes and coins that emerged surrounding the collapse of the national monetary system. The objective of this presentation is to understand the lasting impact of German hyperinflation which marked a unique chapter for numismatics.

The following topics will be discussed: 1910-1914 Value of the Reichsmark, 1918-1922 Inflation Rising, 1922-1924 Peak of Hyperinflation, and conclude with a high-level overview of the 1924 Rentenmark conversion. It wraps up with the discontinuation of the different monies that embodied a unique chapter in numismatic history. Examples of the local community notes and coins made from clay, leather, silk, aluminum, linen, etc. will be presented and the connection each material had to its community will be discussed.

Alexander Blough started collecting in 1998, has been an adult member of the ANA since 2013, and pursued his Master's in European History with a focus on Numismatics where he wrote his Master's Thesis on "The Socioeconomic Impacts and Importance of Inflation and Hyperinflation in Europe During The Early 20th Century."



From the American Numismatic Association (ANA)

NumismaTalks Info (con'd)

Topic: **Medieval Masterpieces: Eight Salutes to Mary**

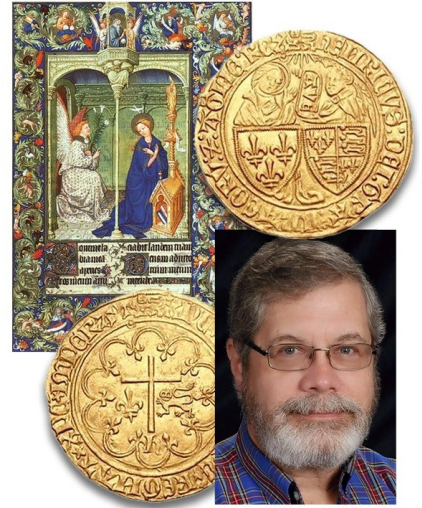
Date: **June 12**

Presented by: **Michael T. Shutterly**

A little over 2,000 years ago an angel delivered to a young Middle Eastern woman a message that would change the world. This event was commemorated centuries later with a beautiful series of coins that, together, represent the height of late Medieval art.

After exploring the background of these coins we will closely examine images of them to find out all the messages they were meant to convey.

Michael T. Shutterly is a recovering lawyer who formerly worked in the financial services world, specializing in consumer protection and the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing. He is now a coin collector, exhibitor, writer and presenter, specializing in Byzantine, early Medieval and Roman Republican coinage, with a side interest in Hungarian hyperinflation currency. An ANA Life member, he is also a member of more than a dozen national, regional and local coin clubs, several of which for some reason allow him to serve as an officer or director. He received a BA in Physiological Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania and a JD from Boston University.



Coin World—US Coins

Stack's Bowers to sell extensive hobo nickel collection

By [Paul Gilkes](#), Coin World

Published: May 3, 2025, 9 AM



*This Indian Head 5-cent coin had all obverse inscriptions including the date removed in the alteration of the original coin into a hobo nickel.
Image courtesy of Stack's Bowers Galleries.*

Hobo nickel collector Candace Kagin announced in the Spring 2025 issue of *Bo Tales* — official journal of the Original Hobo Nickel Society — that she plans to liquidate her more than 600-piece [hobo nickel](#) collection in a series of public auctions to be held in 2025 and 2026 by Stack's Bowers Galleries.

The first session will be held in August in Oklahoma City in conjunction with the American Numismatic Association's World's Fair of Money there.

Hobo nickels are numismatic pieces of art that begin with a struck Indian Head 5-cent coin, into which the artist carves a new design or moves metal to alter the existing design into a new design, using carving tools or even something as simple as a nail.

Kagin's collection consists of classic and modern hobo nickels, starting with 5-cent coins dated 1913 through the end of the coin series in 1938.

Kagin has been collecting hobo nickels for more than two decades after getting hooked while attending her first OHNS auction in January 2004 at the Florida United Numismatists convention in Orlando.

In 2012, Kagin added the more than 200-piece hobo nickel collection of Larry [Frost](#), pushing her own holdings to more than 600 pieces.

Kagin focused her early collecting attention on hobo nickels illustrating women or made by women.

Some of the rarer individual carvings cost thousands of dollars to acquire and are anticipated to realize considerably more than their purchase price when they cross the auction block.

Among pieces to be offered in the August auction are works pedigreed to recognized hobo artists Bertrand "Bert" Wiegand and his protégé and often traveling companion, George Washington "Bo" Hughes."

Both men traveled the country for years aboard freight trains on which they hitched rides, and they often executed their art pieces while traveling, to exchange for a meal or a safe place to sleep.

In his 1982 reference *Hobo Nickels*, author Delma K. Romines explains that Weigand carved his hobo nickels from 1913 through 1949. Wiegand often signed his work by removing the LI and Y from the inscribed LIBERTY, leaving just BERT. Sometimes Wiegand would carve the date into one of his works.

Bo began employing his carving skills circa 1915, frequently signing his work with GH, GWH or George H. At the time of Romines' book publication, only one hobo nickel executed by Hughes was known to have been signed as BO.

Each hobo nickel carver's work is often identifiable by their differentiated styles, which longtime collectors can easily discern.

Wiegand, according to Romines, was last publicly seen in 1949 in Florida. Hughes is known to have executed superior carvings until the year 1957, when he suffered an injury to his left hand, resulting in paralysis and modifications to his carving style.

May 15 Auction List

PAWCATUCK VALLEY COIN CLUB AUCTION - MAY 15th 2025

#	Description	Start	Result
1	JR. SET WASHINGTON STATE & TERRITORIES QUARTERS ^{CN} GOLD RATE 56 PCS	20.00	
2	JR. 2-CENTURIES US. CURRENCY 1957 SIL. CERT. & 2008 #1-BILLS - CU.	6.00	
3	JR. 1951-P FRANKLIN HALF - CHOICE BU. BID = \$20.00	16.00	
4	JR. 1961-P FRANKLIN HALF - GEM PROOF BID = \$20.00	16.00	
5	JR. 1957-P USA PROOF SET - BLUE LUCITE HOLDER BID = \$27.00	25.00	
6	JR. 1962-P USA PROOF SET - ORIGINAL PACKAGE - BID = \$24.00	22.00	
7	JR. 1963-P USA PROOF SET - ORIGINAL PACKAGE - BID = \$24.00	22.00	
8	JR. 1970-S USA PROOF SET - ORIGINAL PACKAGE - BID = \$11.00	7.50	
9	JR. 1776-1976 USA UNC. 3PC BI-CENT 3PC SET - RED ENV. 40% BID = 18.00	14.00	
10	JR. AUSTRIA MARIA THERESA 1780 S F TALER (.8330/.7516) PROOF CAT = 30.00	25.00	
11	LARGE CENT 1834-P LG 8/5M* - VF BID = \$100.00	75.00	
12	INDIAN CENT 1862-P (CN) CHOICE AU BID = \$88.00	75.00	
13	LINCOLN CENT 1914-P RED CHOICE BU BID = \$85.00	65.00	
14	LINCOLN CENT 1914-D VG BID = \$170.00	140.00	
15	TWO CENT 1872-P KEY DATE (65,000 MINTAGE) VF BID = \$500.00	375.00	
16	LIBERTY SEAT. HALF DIME 1842-P CHOICE AU BID = \$128.00	100.00	
17	LIBERTY SEAT. HALF DIME 1858-O EF. BID = \$70.00	50.00	
18	LIBERTY SEAT. DIME 1856-P - SMALL DATE EF - BID = \$58.00	45.00	
19	LIBERTY SEAT. DIME 1876-P - AU. - BID = \$60.00	45.00	
20	BARBER DIME 1902-P - CHOICE AU. - BID = \$66.00	50.00	
21	LIBERTY SEATED QUARTER 1861-P EF-45 - BID = \$110.00	90.00	
22	LIBERTY STANDING QUARTER 1917-P Y-1 - UNC - BID = \$230.00	175.00	
23	LIBERTY STANDING QUARTER 1918-D EF - BID = \$110.00	90.00	
24	WASHINGTON QUARTER - 1932-S - FINE - BID = \$70.00	60.00	
25	BUST HALF 1828-P - SQ. BASE 2/LG. 8 BID = \$78.00	68.00	
26	COLUMBIAN HALF 1893-P CHOICE ORIGINAL BU. BID = \$80.00	60.00	
27	LIBERTY WALKING HALF 1917-S - REV. VF-25 BID = \$75.00	60.00	
28	LIBERTY WALKING HALF 1919-P - FINE BID = \$75.00	60.00	
29	LIBERTY WALKING HALF 1938-D FINE BID = \$65.00	55.00	
30	LIBERTY WALKING HALF 1943-P - BU - MS-64 - BID = \$66.00	50.00	
31	WASHINGTON CARVER HALF 1952-P - BU - BID = \$30.00	20.00	
32	FRANKLIN HALF 1948-P CHOICE BU - BID = \$23.00	17.00	
33	FRANKLIN HALF 1949-P CHOICE BU - BID = \$30.00	23.00	
34	FRANKLIN HALF 1952-D GEM BU - BID = \$26.00	18.00	
35	FRANKLIN HALF 1955-P GEM BU - BID = \$36.00	23.00	
36	MORGAN DOLLAR 1880-S PL GEM BU - 65 - BID = \$135.00	115.00	
37	MORGAN DOLLAR 1888-S VF-20 - BID = \$113.00	95.00	
38	MORGAN DOLLAR 1892-P (LITE POLISH) - BU - DETAILS UNC BID = \$385.00	150.00	
39	MORGAN DOLLAR 1894-O EF-40 - BID = \$125.00	100.00	

May 15 Auction List (con'd)

40	MORGAN DOLLAR 1897-P-CHOICE-BU-BID=#110.00	80.00
41	MORGAN DOLLAR 1899-P-VF-25-BID=#95.00	75.00
42	MORGAN DOLLAR 1899-O-CHOICE-BU-BID=#63.00	50.00
43	MORGAN DOLLAR 1904-P-AU-BID=#125.00	80.00
44	PEACE DOLLAR 1921-P-VF-BID=#125.00	95.00
45	PEACE DOLLAR 1922-P-BU-BID=#39.00	29.00
46	PEACE DOLLAR 1927-P-EF-BID=#45.00	37.00
47	PEACE DOLLAR 1934-P-EF-45-BID=#49.00	38.00
48	PEACE DOLLAR 1935-S-VF-BID=#40.00	30.00
49	SEGS SLAB-MORGAN DOLLAR-1880-S/S-VAM-30/REVISED MS-63 BID=112	65.00
50	PCGS SLAB-MORGAN DOLLAR 1921-P CLEANED UNC DETAILS-BID=#50.00	35.00
51	NUMISTRUST SLAB-AM.SIL.EAGLE 2001-(CLAD by NCM-150MG., 999 SIL. BU-CAT#50	40.00
52	AMERICA'S 1st Comm 50¢ 1893-P COLUMBIAN-LEATHERETTE PNG (AS H AU) CAT #25	20.00
53	USA YEAR SET 1937 1¢-50¢-AU-BU - BID=#58.00	45.00
54	USA YEAR SET 1942 1¢-50¢ (SIL. 5¢) AU-BU - BID=#36.00	25.00
55	USA FRACTIONAL 50¢ SERIES I F#1380-FINE-BID #25.00	20.00
56	USA 1899-BLACK EAGLE #1 ⁰⁰ SIL CERT F#236-VG-BID #95.00	75.00
57	USA 1923-LG. SIL CERT #1 ⁰⁰ F#238-VG-10-BID #30.00	22.50
58	CONFEDERATE #20-CS#67-VF-CAT-#35.00	27.50
59	MEXICO 8 REALE-1741 M (MF)-SEA SALVAGE-UNC DETAILS EF-BID=#400.00	200.00
60	MEXICO 8 REALE-1794 M (F.M.) KM#109 (.8960/.9797) VF w/ CHOP MARKS CAT#110.00	95.00
61	SILVER RUPEE INDIA MUGHAL DYNASTY 1628-58 SHAH JAHAN EF. FAMOUS BUILDER OF THE TAJ MAHAL CAT #50.00	40.00
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May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 PVCC Coin Show 8:30am—2:30am	5	6	7	8	9	10 Am. Legion Orange, CT 9am—2pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Nashua, NH 9am—2pm	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 North Attleboro, MA 9am—2pm	26	27	28	29	30	31 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

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: American Legion Post 127, 630 Grassy Hill Rd., Orange, CT 06477, 30+ Dealer Tables, Fred Riso 203-265-1813, 2\$ Admission

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