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April 2026 Edition Newsletter

The **747th** meeting of the Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club will be held on **Thursday, April 16, 2026** 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 April Auction List is posted in this Newsletter and has 10 items for the junior auction and 53 items for the senior auction.



This month, we will have an expanded “Show And Tell” period for any personal exhibits. All members are encouraged to bring a special or interesting item or collection to share with the club. Please limit time to 5 minutes or less. We will also give a coin show security tips talk for our upcoming Coin Show.

There will also be the Junior and a Senior Door Prize, and Raffle tickets will be sold for the Junior and Senior Raffle prizes. See page 2 for the raffle prizes.

PVCC Door Prizes for Thursday, 16 April 2025

Jr. Door Prize

1969 One Dollar Canada Coin BU

Sr. Door Prize

1836 Large Cent Matron Head VF20



Raffle Prizes

Junior Raffle:

Valcambi Swiss 1 Gram Silver 0.999 FINE
1902 Indian Head Cent G6
1932 Lincoln Cent VF35
1918 England George One Penny F12
2005-S Sacagawea One Dollar Proof
1972 Sons of Liberty American Revolution Medal

Senior Raffle:

1861 Confederate States 100 Dollars Richmond Note
1966 U.S. Mint 40% Silver Year Set BU
1819 Large Cent Small Date AG3
1949-D Franklin Half BU
Maya Angelou Low 2022 State Quarter Roll
1971-S Brown Ike Eisenhower Proof Dollar



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

As of 04/11/26

Gold: \$4,764.80

Silver: \$76.60

...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 3 May. Showtime is 9am to 4pm. Check the calendar on page 11 for more information.
2. It's April, we're less than a month away from our Coin Show. Again, the show date is Sunday, 3 May, and the location is The Holiday Inn in Norwich on I-395 (next to the DMV, Norwich). I can't stress enough, please consider volunteering. This is our premier event. We've always held a safe, well organized show, and we don't want to spoil our record. The more volunteers we have to assist, the more eyes to make sure everything is running smoothly. Please consider coming 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. Anyone and everyone is welcome to assist! While the show is in progress, we'll have several booths that will need manning. And I'm sure Cal can use some extra eyes making sure everyone is safe, no funny stuff going on. Finally, after the show, we'll need help breaking down and restoring to its 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. Bob Stephens has ordered Red Books for us to sell at the show. They'll also be available for members, hopefully they'll be available for the meeting this week. If not at the meeting, they should be available at our Coin Show. In any case, I know coin prices have increased, and any donation will be greatly appreciated. And it doesn't even have to be coins. Something like a magnifying glass, or maybe some 2 x 2 flips, or something else you may consider an aid for organizing your collection. Come to this month's meeting for more info on how you can help.

From the American Numismatic Association (ANA)

NumismaTalks Info

April Webinars for National Coin Week:

Topic: **Explore 250 Years of American History through Numismatics**

Date: **April 20**

Presented by: **Jeff Garrett**

The coinage of the United States is a tangible link to many of the most important events in the country's history. We will explore coinage that circulated when the nation was formed and the early issue of the US Mint in 1792 and 1793. Over the course of the next 250 years, the coinage of the United States was an important part of many major events. Numismatics is an excellent way to explore American history. In 2026, the U.S. Mint will issue many coins to celebrate the country's 250 anniversary. Our exploration will conclude with a study of the coins created for the United States semi quincentennial.

Jeff Garrett is a professional numismatist from Lexington, Kentucky, with over 50 years of experience. Jeff has handled nearly every United States coin ever issued and is considered one of the country's top experts. He is also the Senior Editor for the *Guide Book of United States Coins* (Redbook).



Topic: **Funding the Revolution: Gold and Silver Coins Circulating in 1776 United States**

Date: **April 21**

Presented by: **Jesse Kraft**

What gold and silver coins circulated in 1776 as the United States declared its independence from Great Britain? While the famous paper Continental Currency was used to fund operations in the 13 states and keep the economy in order, gold and silver played a crucial role in keeping the Red Coats at bay in the borderlands of the country in the initial stages of the war. This presentation will cover what coins were then in circulation, how Congress procured them, and why a large portion of the gold and silver in the country was then exported.

Jesse Kraft, Ph.D. is the Resolute Americana Assistant Curator of American Numismatics at the American Numismatic Society, where his curatorial duties include the coins, tokens, medals, and paper currency of both North and South America. Since joining the ANS in 2019, he has published extensively, with topics ranging from colonial coins and paper currency, the Continental dollar, Victor D. Brenner, and even microbes living on money. Jesse is also the Treasurer of the International Committee of Money and Banking Museums (ICOMON).



NumismaTalks (con'd)

April Webinars for National Coin Week (con'd):

Topic: **The Continental Currency that Funded Our Revolution and the Post War Confederation Coinage**

Date: **April 22**

Presented by: **Ray Williams**

This presentation is an overview of the importance of our Continental Currency and the state coinages that started 2 years after the Treaty of Paris.

Ray Williams authors the quarterly "Early American Money" column in The Numismatist. He is a retired electronic technician who started collecting by earning the Boy Scouts Coin Collecting merit badge. He is a past president of the Colonial Coin Collectors Club, a Rittenhouse Society member, and a fellow of the American Numismatic Society. He enjoys researching and writing about colonial numismatics and giving presentations



Topic: **Revolutionary Money: The Nova Constellatio Quint**

Date: **April 23**

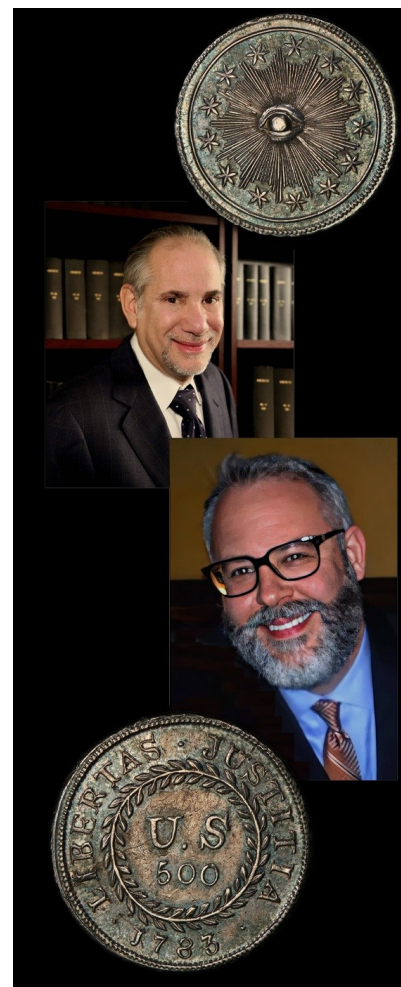
Presented by: **Donald H. Kagin & David J. McCarthy**

This presentation will discuss how on Sunday, March 23rd, 1783, a ship arrived in Philadelphia carrying the Preliminary Articles of Peace, a document that formally recognized American Independence, and brought the Revolutionary War to a close. On March 24th, the United States Treasury issued a warrant to government employee Benjamin Dudley, who returned nine days later to deliver what Founding Father Robert Morris described as, "the first that has been struck as an American Coin."

Morris's first American coin was lost to history in 1783, and remained a mystery for over 200 years. In 2017, research published by The Numismatist identified the piece as the Plain Obverse Nova Constellatio Quint, and demonstrated in addition to being a first, the Quint and Morris's other Nova Constellatio patterns were revolutionary coins that changed the face of money forever.

Donald H. Kagin is a prominent American numismatist, author, and professional coin dealer, widely recognized as one of the leading authorities on pioneer gold coinage and United States rarities. He holds the distinction of earning the first-ever Bachelor of Arts degree in Numismatics from Northwestern University, later completing a PhD in Numismatics from the Union Graduate School.

David J. McCarthy is a highly respected American numismatist, researcher, and author, currently serving as the Senior Numismatist and Researcher at Kagin's, Inc. He is widely considered one of the foremost experts on early American coinage, pioneer gold, and Western Americana.



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April Webinars for National Coin Week (con'd):

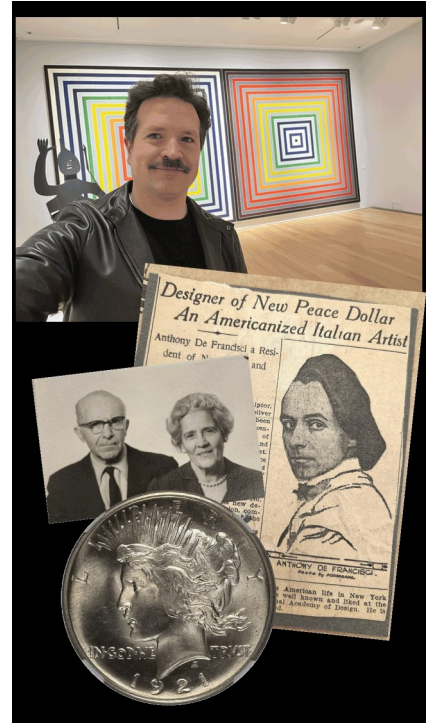
Topic: **Finding Tony: Anthony de Francisci and the Public Reception of the 1921 Peace Dollar**

Date: **April 24**

Presented by: **Steve Roach**

Anthony de Francisci is known to coin collectors as the designer of the Peace Dollar (1921 to 1935) and his famed silver dollar was just a small part of an active sculptor's studio. Working directly from the artist's personal scrapbooks, we'll explore the public reception of his Peace dollar, the popular narrative of his wife who served as the model, and how this single project fit into the larger context of his professional life as a working sculptor in the 1920s. Further, we'll consider the concept of how this one coin - which represented a single relatively small project for him - has an outsized impact on his reputation.

Steve Roach is an independent appraiser of coins, art, archives and collections based in Maryland and has been involved in numismatics since he was a young collector in Michigan in the 1990s. He spent nearly two decades in various positions at Coin World, serving as its Editor-and-Chief. He teaches art appraisal methodology and ethics for the International Society of Appraisers, providing a unique viewpoint to examine an artist's economic and artistic life.



From the ANA on National Coin Week

2026 National Coin Week: April 19-25

Celebrate National Coin Week with educational and promotional resources from the ANA, including activities for members and Young Numismatists, the annual Club Trivia Challenge, daily online trivia questions, featured articles from *The Numismatist*, and objects from the ANA collection. Some resources are already live, with more being added in the weeks ahead. Please check back often for updates.

NumismaTalks (con'd)

May Webinars:

Topic: **Out of the Shadow: The Golden and Silver Ages of Comics in Numismatics**

Date: **May 14**

Presented by: **Robert Penn**

“Truth, Justice, and the American Way.”

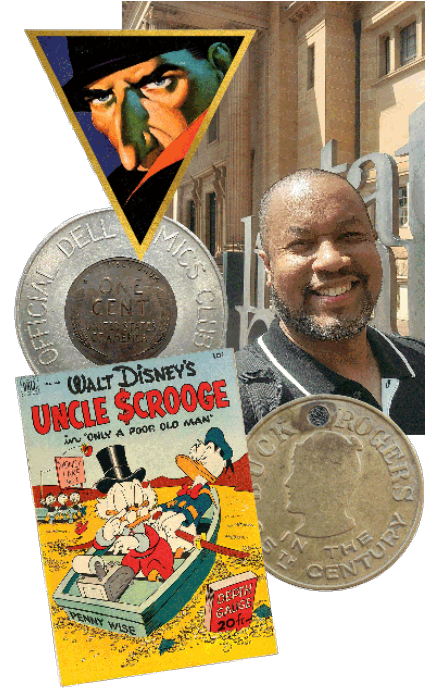
“With great power comes great responsibility.”

Or perhaps: “Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men? The Shadow knows!”

These timeless catchphrases, born from the earliest days of pulp, comic, and radio adventures, have echoed far beyond their pages and broadcasts—transcended into lasting emblems of strength, virtue, and the American spirit.

This presentation explores the origin stories of comics in numismatics, uncovering how coins, tokens, and medals reflected the popular culture of their time—and how they continue to inspire collectors today.

Robert Penn began his numismatic journey in California during the 1990s, where an early fascination with history and collecting grew into a lifelong pursuit. Currently, he serves as talent relations manager for Phoenix Fan Fusion, a major pop culture convention in Arizona. He is a researcher and specialist in Columbiana and exonumia. He contributed to the American Numismatic Association, both as a competitive exhibitor and as a presenter in the NumismaTalks series. He is a life member of the American Numismatic Association and a member of The Medal Collectors of America, where he is a regular contributor and serves as auction correspondent. He is also the author of *Striking History: The U.S. Mint at the Chicago World's Fair*.



Coin World—US Coins

Proof gold American Eagle sales open

By [Paul Gilkes](#), Coin World

Published: Mar 25, 2026, 7 AM



Almost 15% of the individual Proof 1776~2026-W American Eagle tenth-ounce gold \$5 coins were sold by the U.S. Mint on the first day of sales March 5. The numismatic coins for 2026 bear a 250 privy mark for the nation's Semiquincentennial.

U.S. Mint

Seeing the closing spot price of gold per troy ounce on the London market above the \$5,000 level did not deter United States Mint customers from placing orders March 5 for the Proof 1776~2026-W American Eagle gold coins in four sizes.

Sales began at noon Eastern Time with the retail prices for the five .9167 fine gold product options — singles of the 1-ounce gold \$50 coin, half-ounce \$25 coin, quarter-ounce \$10 coin, and tenth-ounce \$5 coin, plus the Proof set of all four gold coins — at the highest levels ever for the series since its introduction in the fall of 1986.

The issue price for the four-coin gold Proof set alone was \$11,410.

The London Bullion Market Association closing spot price of gold on March 4 was \$5,148.55 per troy ounce.

U.S. Mint pricing for its precious metals products is subject to change weekly based on changes in a given metal's spot price over a term of several days, as outlined in the Mint's pricing grid (to access the grid see www.usmint.gov/resources/product-pricing).

In addition to the dual dates for the nation's Semiquincentennial anniversary in 2026 appearing on the obverse in the right field, each coin bears on its obverse a 250th anniversary privy mark in the left field, to Liberty's right, at almost the 9 o'clock position. The privy mark depicts the Liberty Bell suspended from its wooden support with the digit 250 incused vertically.

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Proof gold American Eagle sales open (con'd)

First-day sales March 5 for the Proof 1776~2026-W American Eagle gold coin products are listed, followed by maximum issue and the inaugural retail price:

- 1,994 of the 1-ounce gold \$50 coin (25,000-coin maximum), \$6,100 each.
- 1,244 of the half-ounce \$25 coin (18,500-coin maximum), \$3,090 each.
- 1,569 of the quarter-ounce \$10 coin, (21,000-coin maximum), \$1,585 each.
- 4,279 of the tenth-ounce \$5 coin, (29,000-coin maximum mintage), \$685 each.
- 2,050 of the four-coin set, (product maximum 15,000 sets), \$11,410 per set.

The collector versions of the American Eagle gold coins being issued in 2026 for direct sale to the numismatic market are a one-year type. For 2027 they are scheduled to return to Arabic numeral dates without the anniversary privy mark.

In contrast, the 2026 American Eagle gold bullion coins marketed as investor products through the Mint's approved bullion dealers appear with the date rendered as 2026 and they carry no anniversary privy mark.

All the 1-ounce gold coins appear with an anti-counterfeiting edge notch at the 10 o'clock position, in line this year with the L in LIBERTY. The notch appears in the same location on every American Eagle 1-ounce gold coin, regardless of surface finish.

Since its 2021 introduction, the edge notch's position on the otherwise reeded edge has changed annually.

The device was added in mid-June 2021 along with the 2021 redesign, often identified as Type II. The redesign strengthened the obverse to more closely resemble American sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens' original vision for the \$20 gold eagle introduced in 1907, which had been repurposed for the introduction of the American Eagle gold coin program in 1986. The 2021 redesigned coins carry a completely new eagle reverse.

April 16 Auction List

Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club

Auction 4.16.26

#	Description	Start	Result
1	Jr. – Lincoln Cent 1928 P R&B Unc.	\$10.00	
2	Jr. – Lincoln Cent 1934 P R&B Unc.	\$6.00	
3	Jr. – Lincoln Cent 1943 P Gem BU	\$6.00	
4	Jr. – Jefferson Nickel 1942 S Gem BU	\$10.00	
5	Jr. – Jefferson Nickel 1944 D Gem BU	\$10.00	
6	Jr. – Jefferson Nickel 1945 D Gem BU	\$10.00	
7	Jr. – Roosevelt Dime 1946 S Choice BU	\$5.00	
8	Jr. – Roosevelt Dime 1951 S Choice BU	\$10.00	
9	Jr. – Roosevelt Dime 1953 S Choice BU	\$5.00	
10	Jr. – Special Mint Set 1966 5-piece Gem BU	\$9.00	
11	Civil War Token 1863 Dix Flag Union EF	\$20.00	
12	Civil War Token 1863 US Capitol Army Navy EF	\$25.00	
13	Half Cent 1805 P (Stemless) Good	\$55.00	
14	Half Cent 1809 P (9 over invert 9) Good	\$50.00	
15	Large Cent 1849 P VF	\$38.00	
16	Large Cent 1853 P (5% off center) EF/AU	\$60.00	
17	Indian Cent 1866 P VG-10	\$45.00	
18	Indian Cent 1901 P Choice Red BU	\$65.00	
19	Lincoln Cent 1918 P Red BU	\$30.00	
20	Lincoln Cent 1920 P Red BU	\$30.00	
21	Lincoln Cent 1924 P Red Gem BU	\$160.00	
22	Two Cent 1868 P R&B BU	\$225.00	
23	Liberty Seated ½ Dime 1872 P AU	\$50.00	
24	Buffalo Nickel 1919 S VF	\$60.00	
25	Buffalo Nickel 1921 S F	\$65.00	
26	Buffalo Nickel 1926 S VF	\$110.00	
27	Liberty Seated Dime 1848 P EF	\$80.00	
28	Liberty Seated Dime 1876 CC VG	\$25.00	
29	Barber Dime 1900 P VF-35	\$8.00	
30	Mercury Dime 1919 P AU	\$17.00	
31	Mercury Dime 1921 P VG	\$55.00	
32	Mercury Dime 1921 D VG	\$80.00	
33	Mercury Dime 1931 D Choice AU	\$60.00	
34	Mercury Dime 1941 S BU	\$7.00	
35	Roosevelt Dime 1949 D Gem BU	\$10.00	
36	Liberty Seated Quarter ← 1854 → P Choice VF	\$40.00	

April 16 Auction List (con'd)

37	Barber Quarter 1912 P EF	\$55.00	
38	Washington Quarter 1946 S Gem BU	\$15.00	
39	Washington Quarter 1947 D Gem BU	\$15.00	
40	Washington Quarter 1948 S Gem BU	\$20.00	
41	Washington Quarter 1950 D Gem BU	\$20.00	
42	Washington Quarter 1950 S Gem BU	\$15.00	
43	Washington Quarter 1952 D Gem BU	\$15.00	
44	Washington Quarter 1953 S Gem BU	\$15.00	
45	Bust Half 1819 over "8" (LG-9/8) VF-20	\$190.00	
46	Liberty Seated Half 1876 P VF	\$105.00	
47	Liberty Walking Half 1942 S Choice BU	\$55.00	
48	Liberty Walking Half 1945 S Choice BU	\$40.00	
49	Franklin Half 1953 S Gem BU	\$27.50	
50	Franklin Half 1957 P Proof	\$27.50	
51	Franklin Half 1960 P Proof	\$27.50	
52	Morgan Dollar 1878 S PL-Choice BU Gem	\$120.00	
53	Morgan Dollar 1879 S PL-Choice BU Gem	\$100.00	
54	Morgan Dollar 1882 P Choice BU	\$80.00	
55	Morgan Dollar 1885 S VF	\$75.00	
56	Morgan Dollar 1888 O BU	\$75.00	
57	Morgan Dollar 1892 O Soft Strike AU	\$100.00	
58	Peace Dollar 1934 P Choice BU	\$180.00	
59	Peace Dollar 1934 D EF	\$60.00	
60	Historic Decades 3¢ Stamp & 1945 P Gem BU Dime	\$15.00	
61	Historic Decades 3¢ Stamp & 1911 P Fine 50¢ piece	\$50.00	
62	Franklin 3¢ Stamp & 1948 P & 1963 P BU Halves	\$55.00	
63	Set of Jefferson Nickels 1938-1964 Choice BU	\$195.00	

April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Orange, CT Liberty 9am—2pm Auburn, MA 9:30am—2:30PM Orange, CT Am Legion 9am—2pm	13	14	15	16	17	18 Naugatuck, CT 9am—2pm
19 Hartford, CT 9am—3pm Nashua, NH 9am—2pm North Attleborough, MA 9am—2pm	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Devens, MA 9am—3pm	27	28 White Plains, NY 11am—6pm	29 White Plains, NY 10am—5pm	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
- DEDHAM MA:** Holiday Inn-Boston, Dedham 55 Ariadne Road, Dedham MA 02026, 35 Tables, Contact Edward Donegan 508-631-1423
- DEVENS MA:** Devens Common Center, 31 Andrews Parkway, Devens MA 01434, 75 Tables, 978-658-0160, \$1 Admission
- HARTFORD CT:** Hartford Hotel & Conference Center, 4 Sebeth Dr. Cromwell CT 06416, 40 Tables, 718-323-1930 or stassinsJ98@aol.com
- 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
- ORANGE CT:** Liberty Coin Club, Courtyard by Marriott, 13 Marsh Hill Rd., Orange, CT 06460, George Bauer 203-558-6994
- WHITE PLAINS, NY:** Westchester Coin & Stamp Show, Westchester Marriott, 670 White Plains Rd., Terrytown, NY 10591, 100+ dealers Tables, Contact Mark Simon 914-299-3995

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