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September 2026 Edition Newsletter

The **752nd** meeting of the Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club will be held on **Thursday, September 17, 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 September Auction List is posted in this Newsletter and has 10 items for the junior auction and 56 items for the senior auction.



The PVCC is delighted to welcome Dr. Jane Sancinito as our guest speaker on Thursday, September 17. Dr. Sancinito will present "Ancient Coins 101", a broad overview and introduction to ancient coins. For a full description, see the "...in local news..." section of this newsletter on page 2.

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, Raffle tickets will be sold for the Junior and Senior Raffle Prizes, and Bonus Raffle tickets will be sold as well.

PVCC Door Prizes for Thursday, 17 September 2026

Jr. Door Prize

1975 Bicentennial First Day Cover



Sr. Door Prize

1882-0 Morgan Dollar NGC MS62



Raffle Prizes

Junior Raffle:

1903 Indian Head Cent G4
2003 D Missouri State Quarter (Gold Plated)
1970 Greece Two Drakmas AU
1989 Kennedy Half Dollar BU
1922 One Penny England VF35
2009 D Lincoln Cent New Reverse BU
1988 50 Centavos Argentina VF35
1993 YUGOSLAVIA 5,000,000 DINARA

Senior Raffle:

1968 United States Proof 40% Silver Set
2025 Dr. Vera Rubin State Quarter Roll
5 Coin Presidents 40% Silver Collection Set (Uncirculated)
2010 Lincoln Shield Cent roll of 50 (BU)
1973-S Silver Brown Ike Proof in Box (BU)
1901 Liberty Nickel G6
1955-D Lincoln Cent MS63
1909 Indian Head Cent F12



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

As of 09/08/26

Gold: \$4,392.40

Silver: \$66.77

...in local news

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

1. There will be a coin show on 5 October in Dedham, MA. Hours are from 9am—2pm. For more information, check out the calendar on page 9. This is being noted here as the newsletter will be out after this coin show hosted.
2. The PVCC is delighted to welcome Dr. Jane Sancinito as our guest speaker on Thursday, September 17. Dr. Sancinito is an Associate Professor of ancient history at UMass Lowell, with a specialization in ancient Roman merchants and artisans. She is a regular contributor to the American Numismatic Society's Long Table Series. Her primary numismatic focus is Roman Syria during the third century CE. This year, she is the Archaeological Institute of America's Metcalf Lecturer, so she is traveling the country lecturing on ancient coins. For our club, Dr. Sancinito will present "Ancient Coins 101", a broad overview and introduction to ancient coins. Mark your calendars for this one!

From the American Numismatic Association (ANA)

NumismaTalks Info

September Webinars:

Topic: **Japanese American Internment Camp Money from WWII**

Date: **September 10**

Presented by: **Ray Feller**

Ray will share both numismatics and exonomia from the Japanese American Internment Camps during WWII. The talk will go through the history and describe how the internees put lives together while behind barbed wire. Highlights include special coupons, co-op money, event tickets, special tokens, and more. She will also share how she and her father researched this area.

Ray Feller is Associate Dean and Director of Student Support Services at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Her interest in numismatics began because she wanted an excuse to go on adventures with her father, Steve. As a child, she began the quarterly column “Rachel Notes” in the International Bank Note Society Journal. The column ran from when she was in elementary school until she was in graduate school. Ray wrote her undergraduate thesis on camp money and her doctoral dissertation on how collecting can help people process traumatic experiences. She very much enjoys research and is especially focused on money used during World War II. She and her late father wrote a book on civilian camp money, *Silent Witnesses: Civilian Camp Money of World War II*, published by BNR Press in 2007. They also co-wrote articles, gave dozens of presentations, and ran the educational portion of the annual MPC Fest (an annual meeting for collectors of military currency and related objects). Ray is continuing these efforts and has been including her children for a third generation of numismatists. Alongside camp money, Ray collects short snorters and other notes with stories.

From the American Numismatic Association (ANA)

NumismaTalks Info (con'd)

September Webinars:

Topic: **The Lost Mint of Manhattan: Rediscovering New York's Forgotten Branch Mint**

Date: **September 24**

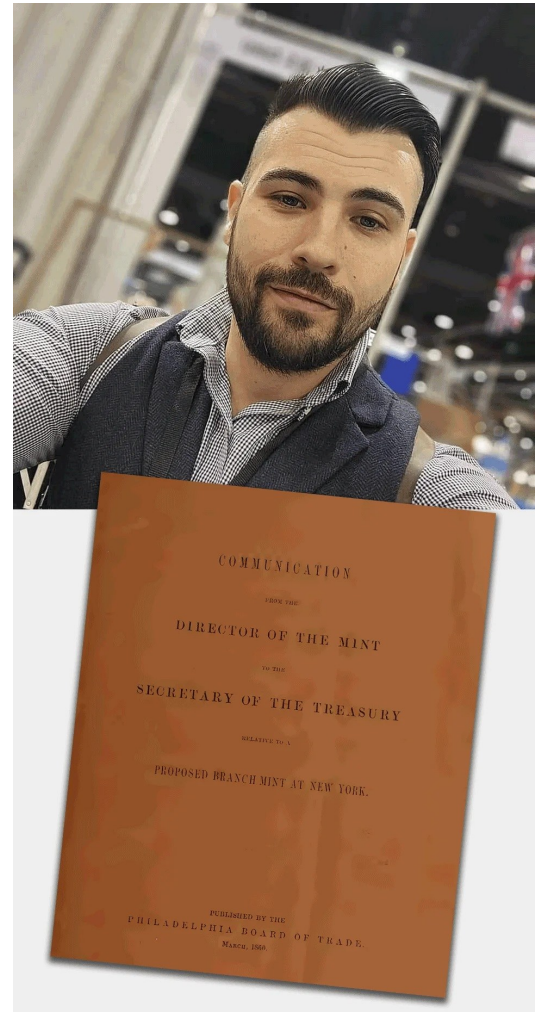
Presented by: **Russ Bega**

Every collector knows the story of America's eight United States Mints, but few realize that a ninth mint nearly joined their ranks. During the mid-nineteenth century, as New York emerged as the nation's financial capital, federal officials, Treasury administrators, and members of Congress spent more than a decade studying and debating the establishment of a United States Branch Mint in New York City.

Long overlooked by both historians and numismatists, this remarkable chapter of American coinage history was rediscovered through archival research conducted using primary-source government documents, Treasury correspondence, and congressional records. What began as a chance encounter with a forgotten report soon revealed a complex story of politics, commerce, bullion deposits, and competing regional interests at a pivotal moment in American history.

Join researcher and author Russ Bega as he traces the rise, development, and ultimate disappearance of New York's proposed branch mint. Through contemporary documents and newly uncovered evidence, attendees will explore one of the most fascinating "what if" stories in American numismatics and discover how close New York came to receiving its own mint mark.

Russ Bega began collecting U.S. coins when he was 8 years old after a trip to his local coin shop in Northern Colorado. He was previously employed by Heritage Auction Galleries, before departing on a decade-long career as a US Army Infantry Non-Commissioned Officer. In 2021, he joined the Harlan J. Berk team in Chicago, IL, where he is now the store manager. His specialty is Liberty Seated coins and 19th-century numismatics.



Coin World—US Coins

Dimes from transfer dies deceptive

By [Paul Gikes](#)

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An example of 1797 Draped Bust dime recently flagged as counterfeit was brought to light in the numismatic marketplace.

Images courtesy of Bill Nyberg.

A purported counterfeit example of a 1797 Draped Bust dime of the JR-2 variety identified in the numismatic community is believed to have been made by a transfer die process.

A discussion of the piece was posted July 24 on the U.S. Coins Forum on the Professional Coin Grading Service website.

Numismatist Bill Nyberg wrote up his examination of the discovery in the Aug. 2 email issue of the John Reich Collectors Society's *JR Newsletter*.

The PCGS website describes the transfer die process as “an advanced counterfeiting technique where illicit coin dies are created by copying a genuine host coin. Counterfeiters use spark erosion, hubbing, or electroplating on a real coin to engrave working dies, which then strike fake coins with exact dimensions and accurate details.”

The 1797 dime's JR-2 variety is cataloged in *Early United States Dimes 1796-1837* (by David J. Davis, Russell J. Logan, Allen F. Lovejoy, John W. McCloskey and William L. Subjack). Its obverse bears 13 six-pointed stars, seven to the left of Liberty's portrait and six stars right.

The 1797 Draped Bust dime has an overall recorded mintage of 25,261 coins.

In the July 24 *JR Newsletter*, Nyberg wrote of the counterfeit:

“The piece had hairlines from cleaning, but most considered it to be a genuine coin with problems. I responded and posted images ‘Interesting. Check the diameter. Count the edge reeds. At first glance it looks genuine, then I compared [it] with my PCGS VG-10 [example] of the 1797 JR-2. Compare the 2 small diagonal scratches on the neck on each coin, along with a longer diagonal scratch starting at the bottom of the two scratches to hair.

“The reverse has post-Mint marks that are similar to OP coin, small dig with cratering between S and T, dig on leaf below R, scratch just off end of D to leaf, others.”

“Further diagnostic analysis and additional [examples] identified by Heritage Auctions catalogers confirmed those examples as being transfer die counterfeits of 1797 JR-2, which is the very scarce 13 Stars major variety.

“At least ten counterfeits have been identified, with eight encapsulated by third party grading, both graded and details/genuine with the highest grade VG-10, and two raw pieces.

“One was auctioned in 2007, and the subject item was purchased ‘about 20 years ago at a coin show.’ It is important to note that the genuine host coin has not been identified, and it could be one of the examples.

“Additional research is being done, and more detailed information will be published on these deceptive counterfeits.

Dimes from transfer dies deceptive (con'd)

Transfer die counterfeits are difficult to detect because the host coin design can be transferred exactly to counterfeit die and then struck as opposed to being cast.

Very few Draped Bust dime counterfeits were previously known. From the 1984 reference book *Early United States Dimes 1796 – 1837*, 'The 1800 Variety 2 dime has the dubious distinction of being the only variety of heraldic eagle dime seen by the authors that has been counterfeited.' "

Nyberg posed the possibility to *Coin World* that even his PCGS VG-10 1797 dime may not be genuine.

"My VG-10 example could be counterfeit, although it is the highest graded example and it might be the host coin, I will be sending to PCGS for authentication when a plan is put together. Jack Young [a noted counterfeit expert] is investigating the counterfeits and is planning an in-depth article; the current list is now 13 counterfeits.

"This is a very disturbing issue, and I hope the counterfeiters can be identified."

September 17 Auction List

Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club

Auction 9.17.26

#	Description	Start	Result
1	Jr. - Lincoln Cent 1922-D. VG \$17.00	\$12.00	
2	Jr. - Buffalo Nickel 1937-S. EF-40 (ANACS) \$8.00	\$6.00	
3	Jr. - Jefferson Nickel 1943-P. GEM-BU \$11.00	\$7.00	
4	Jr. - Jefferson Nickel 1944-S. GEM-BU \$17.00	\$12.00	
5	Jr. - Jefferson Nickel 1945-P. GEM-BU \$11.00	\$7.00	
6	Jr. - Mercury Dime 1944-D. BU (IGC) \$11.00	\$7.00	
7	Jr. - Mercury Dimes 1940 & 1941 BU \$16.00	\$12.00	
8	Jr. - Mercury Dimes 1943 & 1944 BU \$16.00	\$12.00	
9	Jr. - Wash. Qtr. 1963-P. Ch. Proof \$16.00	\$12.00	
10	Jr. - Kennedy Half 1970-S. 40% Proof \$14.00	\$10.00	
11	Large Cent 1853-P. EF/AU 5% off ctr. \$75.00	\$60.00	
12	Indian Cent 1865-P. EF \$48.00	\$35.00	
13	Indian Cent 1868-P. VG \$60.00	\$48.00	
14	Indian Cent 1869-P. VG \$100.00	\$80.00	
15	Lincoln Cent 1914-P. Rd. Ch. BU. \$85.00	\$70.00	
16	Lincoln Cent 1924-D. Fine \$35.00	\$28.00	
17	Lincoln Cent 1929-P. BU \$28.00	\$23.00	
18	Lincoln Cent 1930-P. BU \$14.00	\$11.00	
19	Lincoln Cent 1931-S. VF \$75.00	\$67.00	
20	Buffalo Nickel 1917-D. XF-40 \$130.00	\$105.00	
21	Buffalo Nickel 1917-S. VF-30 \$120.00	\$95.00	
22	Buffalo Nickel 1936-S. GEM BU \$76.00	\$55.00	
23	Lib. Seat. Half Dime 1853-P. (arrows) XF \$65.00	\$50.00	
24	Lib. Seat. Dime 1887-P. EF \$25.00	\$20.00	
25	Barber Dime 1915-P. EF \$26.00	\$20.00	
26	Barber Dime 1916-P. EF \$26.00	\$20.00	
27	Mercury Dime 1919-P. AU-50 \$22.00	\$17.00	
28	Mercury Dime 1920-P. AU-50 \$12.00	\$9.00	
29	Mercury Dime 1925-S. VF-30 \$38.00	\$30.00	
30	Mercury Dime 1926-P. Ch. AU \$24.00	\$20.00	
31	Mercury Dime 1931-D. EF \$40.00	\$32.00	
32	Mercury Dime 1937-P. Ch. BU \$11.00	\$8.00	
33	Mercury Dime 1939-P. Ch. BU \$11.00	\$8.00	

September 17 Auction List (con'd)

34	Mercury Dime 1943-P. BU-MS-65 (ANACS) \$30.00	\$15.00	
35	Barber Quarter 1897-P. AU \$115.00	\$85.00	
36	Washington Quarter 1932-P. Ch. BU \$42.00	\$30.00	
37	Washington Quarter 1939-P. Ch. BU \$22.00	\$17.00	
38	Washington Quarter 1944-P. Ch. BU \$17.00	\$13.50	
39	Washington Quarter 1945-P. Ch. BU \$16.00	\$12.50	
40	Bust Quarter 1835-P. VF \$140.00	\$120.00	
41	Bust Half Dollar 1824/21 EF-45 (o-102-R6) \$450.00	\$350.00	
42	Barber Half Dollar 1898-P. EF \$165.00	\$130.00	
43	Lib. Walk. Half 1947-P. Ch. BU \$50.00	\$35.00	
44	Lib. Walk. Half 1947-D. Ch. BU \$56.00	\$35.00	
45	Franklin Half Dollar 1948-D. BU \$35.00	\$27.00	
46	Franklin Half Dollar 1954-S. BU \$32.50	\$25.00	
47	Franklin Half Dollar 1955-P. BU \$32.50	\$25.00	
48	Franklin Half Dollar 1960-P. Cameo Proof \$32.50	\$25.00	
49	Kennedy Half Dollar 1970-D. BU (mint set) \$25.00	\$15.00	
50	Morgan Dollar 1878-S. Ch. AU \$78.00	\$60.00	
51	Morgan Dollar 1880-O. (Micro) BU \$160.00	\$125.00	
52	Morgan Dollar 1882-CC. Fine. \$170.00	\$145.00	
53	Morgan Dollar 1885-O. Ch. BU \$85.00	\$70.00	
54	Morgan Dollar 1886-S. Fine. \$100.00	\$75.00	
55	Morgan Dollar 1888-O. EF (Hot Lips) \$240.00	\$200.00	
56	Morgan Dollar 1888-S. AU \$190.00	\$160.00	
57	Morgan Dollar 1890-CC. EF \$240.00	\$215.00	
58	Morgan Dollar 1897-P. Ch. BU \$85.00	\$70.00	
59	Morgan Dollar 1897-S. Ch. BU \$165.00	\$140.00	
60	Peace Dollar 1934-P. BU \$160.00	\$135.00	
61	Peace Dollar 1935-P. Ch. BU \$185.00	\$155.00	
62	Am. Silver Eagle \$1 2011-W. Cameo Proof \$88.00	\$75.00	
63	Am. Silver Eagle \$1 2012-W. Cameo Proof \$88.00	\$75.00	
64	Mexico 8-Reale 1788 Mo. F.M. (Chops) VG \$125.00	\$100.00	
65	Silver Certificate Dollar (Hawaii) 1935-A. VF \$55.00	\$45.00	
66	Silver Certificate Ten Dollar (NA) 1934-A. F \$60.00	\$50.00	

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Orange, CT AM Leg 9am—2pm Orange, CT Lib Coin Club 9am—2pm	14	15	16 Blackstone Valley, MA 3pm—7pm	17	18	19
20 Hartford, CT 9am—3pm Nashua, NH 9am—2pm North Attleboro, MA 9am—2pm	21	22	23	24	25 White Plains, NY 11am—6pm	26 Naugatuck, CT 9am—2pm White Plains, NY 10am—5pm
27 White Plains, NY Time—TBD	28	29	30			

Admission is free unless otherwise noted

BLACKSTONE VALLEY: VFW Post 1385, 13 Cross Rd., Uxbridge MA 01569, 15 Tables, Contact Mike 774-280-4333

DEDHAM MA: Holiday Inn-Boston, Dedham 55 Ariadne Road, Dedham MA 02026, 35 Tables, Contact Edward Donegan 508-631-1423

HARTFORD CT: Hartford Hotel & Conference Center, 4 Sebethe 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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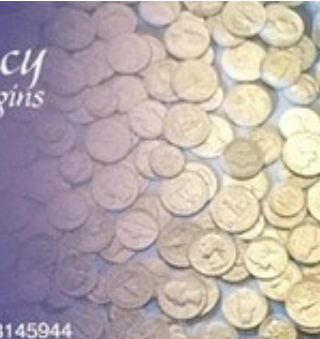
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