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The End of an Era

It is bittersweet to announce the retirement of our long time Ocean County Coin Club President Dennis Berube who after over 15 years of serving our humble group has decided it's time to hang up the gavel. Check out the lovely "Ode to President Dennis Berube" written by Dolly Harris at the end of the Sand Dollar.



Meeting Dates

Come join us at our monthly meetings. The Ocean County Coin Club meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month. The dates of upcoming meetings are on Page 2.

Upcoming Events

Stay in the know and check out the upcoming events on Page 2.

Coin Club Officers

President
Dennis Berube

President Emeritus
Jim Majoris

Vice President
Doug Ball

Treasurer
Dolly Harris

Merry Chirstmas and Collecting, Check Out These Christmas Themed Silver Coins!



Left/Right: **Christmas Village Silver Round 1 oz**

Introduced:2020

Still Used?:Yes

Sold for: \$27.88

Value: \$24.11 as of 12/14/23



Right: **Canada \$50 5-oz Silver Christmas Tree Train Gilded Proof**

First Introduced:2020

Still used?:Yes

Sold for: \$62.77

Value: \$50



Left: **Niue Merry Christmas Santa Claus Ultra High Relief 1 oz Silver \$2 Coin**

First Introduced:2020

Still used?:Yes

Sold for: \$59.95

Value:Circa \$24.11 as of 12/14/23

COIN COLLECTING BASICS FROM THE U.S. MINT

Coin Term Glossary

Off-Center: Describes a coin that has received misaligned strike from the coin press and has portions of its design missing

Overstrike: A new coin produced with a previously struck coin used as the planchet

Pattern: An experimental or trial piece, generally of a new design or metal

Planchet: The blank piece of metal on which a coin design is stamped

Proof: A specially produced coin made from highly polished planchets and dies and often struck more than once to accent the design. Proof coins receive the highest quality strike possible and can be distinguished by their mirror-like background and frosted foreground.

Proof Set: A complete set of proof coins of each denomination made in a year

Relief: The part of a coin's design that is raised above the surface, opposite of incuse

Restrike: A coin that is minted using the original dies but at a later date

Reverse: The back (or "tails") side of a coin

Riddler: A machine that screens out blanks (planchets) that are the wrong size or shape

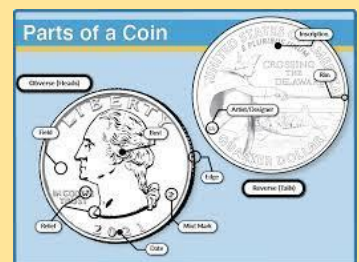
Rim: The raised edge on both sides of a coin (created by the upsetting mill) that helps protect the coin's design from wear

Roll: Coins packaged by banks, dealers or the United States Mint.

Series: A collection of coins that contains all date and mint marks of a specific design and denomination

Slab: Nickname for some protective coin encapsulation methods, especially those that are permanently sealed and rectangular

Strike: The process of stamping a coin blank with a design. The strength of the imprint – full, average, or weak – affects the value of rare coins.



The U.S. Mint's 2023 New Releases for December

U.S. Marine Corps Bronze Medal 2023 United States Mint Uncirculated Coin Set



The United States Mint (Mint) will open sales for the U.S. Marines Bronze Medal on December 14, 2023, at noon EST. The medal is part of the United States Armed Forces Medals Program, which honors the proud history and unique traditions of each branch of the Armed Forces.

Like its silver counterpart, the designs featured on this medal are emblematic of the history and mission of the U.S. Marine Corps. The obverse (heads) depicts the three Marines with M4 rifles moving ashore just after an amphibious landing. In the foreground, one of the Marines lies hidden in the grass, providing cover for the other two about to crest the hill, while a U.S. warship is seen in the distance. Inscriptions are "U.S. MARINE CORPS" and "EVERY MARINE A RIFLEMAN." United States Mint Artistic Infusion Program (AIP) Designer Emily Damstra created the design, which was sculpted by United States Mint Medallist Artist Phebe Hemphill.

The reverse (tails) depicts the familiar Marine Corps Eagle, Globe, and Anchor emblem encircled by a rope border. Its core values, "HONOR," "COURAGE," and "COMMITMENT," and the Marine Corps motto "SEMPER FIDELIS" ("Always Faithful"), are inscribed around the outer border. AIP Designer Laurie J. Musser created the design, which was sculpted by United States Mint Chief Engraver Joseph Menna.

The Armed Forces Bronze Medal is 1.5 inches in diameter and is struck in 95 percent copper and five percent zinc. The bronze medal is sealed in plastic.

The 2023 United States Mint (Mint) Uncirculated Coin Set will be available for purchase on December 5 at noon EST. The set contains two cards of 10 coins each, one from the United States Mint at Philadelphia and the other from the United States Mint at Denver, for a total of 20 coins. Each of the two cards includes the following 2023-dated coins with uncirculated finishes, along with a certificate of authenticity:

All Five 2023 American Women Quarters™ honoring:

Bessie Coleman—pilot, advocate, and pioneer who flew to great heights as the first African American and first Native American woman pilot, and first African American to earn an international pilot's license.

Edith Kanaka'ole—indigenous Hawaiian composer, chanter, kumu hula, custodian of native culture, traditions, and natural land.

Eleanor Roosevelt—a leader, reformer, first lady, author, and Chairperson of the United Nations Human Rights Commission, who was instrumental in the passage of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Jovita Idar—Mexican-American journalist, activist, teacher, community organizer, champion of education, and suffragist.

Maria Tallchief—America's first major prima ballerina who broke barriers as a Native American ballerina.

One Native American \$1 Coin featuring Maria Tallchief in balletic pose. Maria Tallchief was America's first major prima ballerina, and she and her husband, George Balanchine, transformed American classical ballet. In addition to Tallchief, four other American Indian ballerinas from Oklahoma achieved international recognition in the 20th century, including her younger sister, Marjorie Tallchief; Yvonne Chouteau; Rosella Hightower; and Moscelyne Larkin. Celebrated as the "Five Moons," their legacy of achievement and inclusion continues to influence ballet today. A nod to the Five Moons is presented in the lunar motif, while the four ballerinas in the background are symbolic of both Tallchief's American Indian ballerina contemporaries and the generations of dancers they inspired. Inscriptions are "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," "MARIA TALLCHIEF," "\$1," and "AMERICAN INDIANS IN BALLET."

One Kennedy half dollar

One Roosevelt dime

One Jefferson nickel

One Lincoln penny

The 2023 United States Mint Uncirculated Coin Set is priced at \$29. Production is limited to 185,000 units.

The U.S. Marines Bronze Medal is priced at \$20.

COIN QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Every coin has two sides. Every mountain has a valley. For every strength there is a weakness. Every up has a down. "

UPCOMING OCEAN COUNTY COIN CLUB MEETING DATES:

**January 18, February 15, March 21,
April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18**

UPCOMING AREA COIN SHOWS:

**January 7 - South Jersey Coin and
Currency Show(9am - 2pm) -
Lindenwold Moose Lodge**

**February 11 - Burlington Coin Show
(9am - 2pm) - Masonic Lodge No.
32**

Key Ocean County Coin Club Inc. Assignments

Board of Directors

**Jim Majoros / Jeff Thompson/ Joe Testa/
Bob Holloway**

YN (Young Numismatists) Program Director

Jim Majoros, Jeff Thompson

Historical Researcher

Richard Wolpin

Dealer Representative

Bob Holloway

Auctioneer

Mike Solimene

Exhibits

Jeff Thompson

Librarian & Chief Education Officer

Doug Ball

Sergeant-at Arms

John Deitz

Monthly Club Meetings

- Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of every month
- YN's (Young Numismatists) (ages 6 – 17) meeting begins at 6:30 where they earn CLUB DOLLARS for their participation in the program and use them to bid on coins during the YN Auction.
- The regular meeting begins at 7:30 pm and generally ends at 8:45 pm.
- Check out our website at: **www.occoinclub.org**
- Find us on Facebook at: Ocean County Coin Club
- Refreshments available at every meeting

Key Ocean County Coin Club Inc. Assignments

**ANA Representative
(Vacant)**

GSNA Representative

Dennis Berube

Membership

Dolly Harris

Refreshments

Renee Berube

Coin Show Director

Joe Testa

Assistant Coin Show Director

Dennis Berube

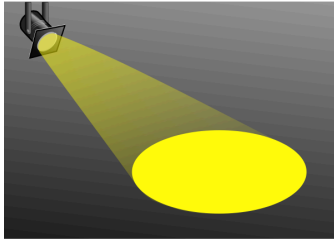
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Dolly Harris

The Sand Dollar (Newsletter)

Editor-in-Chief

Charles Pazmiño



**Adult Members
Spotlight
Nominations
Needed!!**

Looking to highlight
someone from our coin
collecting community to
shine a spotlight on.
Send an email to the
editor with some words
about the nominee to
pazmino2@gmail.com

**Yearly Membership
Rates:**

Adults: \$15

Young Numismatists (aka
YNs - ages 6-17): **\$10**

Family: \$20

***Memberships must be
renewed yearly**

**Special Thank you to
all our club Veterans:
Jim M, Dolly H, Renee
B, Ernie D, Bill M,
Harry O, Walter P,
Richard W, John L,
Gino R., Peter M., and
Stanley D.**

From the Ocean County Coin Club YN Director



Josh was a long time YN and just recently he aged out. In addition to attending our YN meetings, Josh went to many shows in our state and out of state as well. He has attended the Florida United Numismatists show or FUN Show in Florida and has also gone to training classes in Colorado for the ANA. He is a well rounded collector and exhibitor and shares his experiences and knowledge with other YN's

Ode to President Dennis Berube

By Dolly Harris

He has served selflessly
For 15 years after an election he won.
But his time as president is over
He's tired, he's done.

He had his challenges, surely he did
Like when Superstorm Sandy damaged our grid.
Our firehouse flooded and we were forced to roam
But then we adjusted, and he found us a new home.

For so long, two meetings a month, two shows a year
How did we ever do it?
We were lucky to have him
To bravely lead us through it.

Then back at this firehouse
We felt so secure
Who knew
We would have a challenge once more

For 15 months the pandemic hit us hard
No meetings for the club,
No friends to see whom we highly regard.
And finally we returned
He welcomed us back
Eager to hear numismatist flack

And we must also thank his wife Renee
If not for her, he wouldn't be here today
Through thick and thin she is by his side
She has supported the club
She has been there every step of this 15 year ride

Proudly he led us here
Going strong through our 53rd year
Wherever they may be
Our original founders, those six sailors and that one marine
They, like us, thank Dennis Berube







