

# THE SAND DOLLAR



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## Love on coinage, the history of Love Tokens!



It's the season of love and what better way to celebrate than through a love token!? The Love Token is a coin that has been smoothed flat on one or both sides and then hand engraved. Engravings are most commonly initials of the giver. Names and dates were also popular and perhaps most special and scarcer were sayings and pictures. Some love tokens were embellished even further with stones, enamel, added raised metal, or cutout designs within the coin. These coins were made as keepsakes and mementos from the giver to the recipient.

There are two basic requirements for a love token:

- First: The engraving must be on a legitimate coin (i.e. coin of the realm).
- Second: The engraving must be done by hand.

## 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

## **The British Are Coming! The release of the new 2023 King Charles III coins are here!**



(TOP LEFT) The British Monarchs Collection continues with a coin dedicated to Henry VIII. The first coin in the collection to feature the official coinage portrait of His Majesty King Charles III. Struck in five ounces of 999 fine silver to Proof standard. The reverse features a fittingly bold portrait of the king that appeared on the coins of his reign. Accompanied by a booklet that tells the story of an uncompromising king and his coinage. This unique collection features numismatic history reworked to contemporary standards

(TOP CENTER) Paying tribute to King Arthur, one of the most popular figures in British mythology, this new 2023 coin features a bespoke design by illustrator David Lawrence. King Arthur is portrayed in a regal pose, brandishing the mythical blade known as Excalibur. The reverse is embellished with a frosted finish, alongside a security feature that allows the light to reflect in different angles. Collect the first commemorative coin in the Royal Mint collection dedicated to British myths and legends. Available in gold and silver.

(TOP RIGHT) Paying tribute to the magical world of Harry Potter this 2023 coin features Professor Albus Dumbledore, based on an illustration by Jim Kay. The only coin in the range to feature an edge inscription, which reads "NITWIT! BLUBBER! ODDMENT! TWEAK!". It is a wonderful start or addition to your collection of silver Proof British coins. The first time the captivating world of the Harry Potter stories has been celebrated on UK coins. Struck and finished to Proof standard. The obverse features the coinage portrait of His Majesty The King.

## **COIN COLLECTING BASICS**

### **Coin Die Making at the U.S. Mint**

(Steps 1 and 2 of the 5 step process were in December's Sand Dollar. Steps 3-4 were listed in January's edition. Below is the 5th and final step in Coin Die Making from the U.S. Mint)

**Step One: Die Blanks**

**Step Two: Master Hub & Die**

**Step Three: Working Dies**

**Step Four: Final Dies**

**Step Five: Proof Dies**

#### **Step Five: Proof Dies**

The Philadelphia, San Francisco, and West Point Mint facilities make coins that require additional die preparation such as polishing and frosting to certain areas of the design. Proof coins have a mirror-like background with frosted design elements. The Mint also makes reverse proof coins, which have a frosted background with a mirror-like design. Other enhanced finishes require selective polishing and frosting to certain areas of the design to bring out more details. This polishing and frosting is applied to the dies of these coins.

The Mint facilities use a combination of automated and hand finishing to prepare the dies, but may use slightly different procedures. At the San Francisco Mint, they start by applying tape to the areas that don't need polishing, and the unprotected areas are covered with abrasive diamond paste. The die goes into a machine that gives it an initial polish.

An employee then further polishes the die under a microscope using rotary tools and diamond paste. To apply the frosted texture, a laser cuts tiny dents into certain areas of the design.

Once the die has been polished and frosted where appropriate, it goes to a clean room to receive a thin plating of chrome. The die is placed in a vacuum chamber for a process called physical vapor deposition (PVD). Chrome, in vapor form, coats the surface of the die. The chrome protects the design during striking.

After the PVD process, an employee buffs out any imperfections and gives the die a final inspection. It's finally ready to use for striking coins.





## The U.S. Mint's 2023 New Releases for February and Early March

### February Releases

#### First Amendment to the United States Constitution 2023 Platinum Proof Coin - Freedom of the Press

The five-year (2021-2025) First Amendment to the United States Constitution Platinum Proof Coin Series features a new obverse design each year of issuance. These 99.95 percent platinum proof coins reflect the five freedoms enshrined in the First Amendment—"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of **religion**, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of **speech**, or of the **press**; or the right of people peaceably to **assemble**, and to **petition** the Government for a redress of grievances."

This series uses the lifecycle of the oak tree from seedling to a mighty oak as a metaphor for our country's growth as a Nation that values freedom. Liberty grows to a thing of strength and beauty from a seed—our Bill of Rights. Each of the freedoms enumerated in the First Amendment contributes to the growth and development of the Nation.

The third coin in the series is the 2023 First Amendment to the United States Constitution Platinum Proof Coin – **Freedom of the Press**.

The obverse design portrays the branch of a mature oak tree with acorns amid the inscription "WITH FREEDOM OF THE PRESS LIBERTY BEARS FRUIT." Additional inscriptions are "IN GOD WE TRUST," "E PLURIBUS UNUM," and "2023." It was designed by Artistic Infusion Program Designer Donna Weaver and sculpted by United States Mint Chief Engraver Joseph Menna.

The common reverse design for this coin series depicts an eagle in flight, an olive branch in its talons. Inscriptions are "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," "\$100," "1 OZ.," and ".9995 PLATINUM."

It is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity and will be a beautiful and treasured addition to any collection.



### March Releases



#### American Eagle 2023 One Ounce Silver Proof Coin

Introduced in 1986, the popular and now-iconic United States Mint American Eagle Silver Proof Coins are collector versions of the official American Eagle Silver Bullion Coins. These popular silver collectibles are struck at the United States Mint at West Point and have the "W" mint mark.

The classic Walking Liberty design by Adolph A. Weinman featured on the coin's obverse (heads) has long been a collector favorite. It depicts Liberty in full stride, enveloped in folds of the flag, with her right hand extended and branches of laurel and oak in her left. Refreshed in 2021, the design now incorporates some of Weinman's original details that were not previously possible. Inscriptions are "LIBERTY," "2023," and "IN GOD WE TRUST."

A completely new reverse (tails) design was introduced in 2021. It features an eagle as it approaches a landing, carrying an oak branch, as if to add it to a nest. Inscriptions are "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," "E PLURIBUS UNUM," "1 OZ. FINE SILVER," and "ONE DOLLAR."

The coins' added security features include a reeded edge variation.

## *COIN QUOTE OF THE MONTH*

**"Collect what you like and like what you collect."**

### **UPCOMING OCEAN COUNTY COIN CLUB MEETING DATES:**

March 16, April 20, May 18, June  
15,  
July 20, August 17, September 21,  
October 19, November 16,  
December 21

### **UPCOMING AREA COIN SHOWS:**

March 11th (9:00 am - 3pm) - Colts  
Neck Firehouse #2

March 26th (10am - 3pm) - Trevoise  
Coin Show

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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

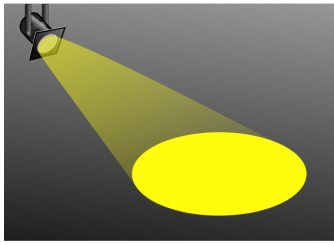
#### **Website/Facebook Page Administrator**

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](mailto:pazmino2@gmail.com)

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**Yearly Membership  
Rates:**

**Adults: \$15**  
**Young Numismatists** (aka  
YNs - ages 6-17): **\$10**  
**Family: \$20**

**\*Memberships must be  
renewed yearly**

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**Special Thank you to:**

## From the Ocean County Coin Club YN Director

Thanks to the generosity of FARRO'S TEES and the Farro Family the Ocean County Coin Club

Was able to give each YN attending the December meeting a Special YN Tee Shirt.

YN'S who wear the YN Tee will get \$10.00 in YN Money to use at the YN Auctions.

We need a headcount of all YN's attending and if you did not attend and receive a Tee Shirt I need to know if you're attending and your shirt size.

I need ASAP for all YN's shirt sizes.

6 pm to 6:30 pm will be the Cent and Nickel Program. Get up to 10 Cents and 5 Nickels.

6:30 YN Program begins.

Show and Tell will be a complete cents album with all rare dates.

YN'S bring your Show and Tells for \$10.00 YN Money.

YN Auction, we hope to have a few nice items for auction.

7:30 meeting ends

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions, this club is for you and we want you to benefit from it.

Check online for the Sand Dollar, it is the OCCC monthly newsletter.

You will find it very informative. [occoinclub.org/](http://occoinclub.org/)

**YN Director**  
**Chief Jeff Thompson, retired**



## **Keep in Your Prayers**



**The Sand Dollar and the entire Ocean County Coin Club community would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to John Palenzuela and family as they mourn the death of his son, Ryan W. Palenzuela age 46 of Howell Township, NJ who passed away on Friday, January 27th at home.**

**We would also like to extend our well wishes for John Williams who is fighting a serious illness**