

THE SAND DOLLAR

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Our 51st Annual Coin Show is Here!



The 51st Annual Ocean County Coin Club Coin Show will be held on Saturday, October 22nd from 9am - 3pm. We will have 20 dealers ready to buy and sell coins, currency, and other collectables. The event should prove to be an absolutely great time. We look forward to seeing you all there!



Special Thank you to Joe Testa for the Fantastic Wooden Nickels!

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
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Recording Sec. - (vacant)
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Treasurer - Dolly Harris

Contributors Corner

The Ocean County Coin Club and The Sand Dollar Newsletter would like to thank the following members, community members, and dealers for their generous donations over this past year. We thank you and appreciate all that you have done for our Club!



Doug B.

Superior Rare Coinage

Bill B.

Winning Ways Publication

Bob H.

Farros Far Out Tees Inc.

Joe T.

Bob Wilson

Tom T.

Robert Koch

Dennis and Renee B.

Michael Austin

Xiomara R.

AND THE MANY ANONYMOUS DONORS OUT THERE AS WELL!!!

Note: If you donated and were left off the list that was totally unintentional and a mistake on our part. Please let Dolly or Charles know and we will make sure to highlight you in future editions.

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL COIN CLUB OFF TO A GREAT START!

The Brick Township High School Coin Club is off to a great start as it kicked off its inaugural year. The Club has 75 members in it and had a fantastic first meeting last month attended by over half of its members. The Club has received donations from Superior Rare Coinage in Toms River, Jeff Thompson and the OCCC YN Program, the U.S. Mint, Instagram Dealer @chomp_oz, and the ANA thus far. The high school coin club structure is very similar to our own YN's structure including an auction with Coin Club Currency. The BTHS Coin Club even had an article in last month's Ocean Star (a special thank you to Dolly H. for setting that up).

COIN COLLECTING BASICS

Coin Production (Steps 1-4 out of 6, Check out next months issue for the conclusion)

The U.S. Mint makes the nation's circulating coins, as well as bullion and numismatic (collector) coins. The Mint's four production facilities in Philadelphia, Denver, San Francisco, and West Point use a variety of machines and processes.

Step One: Blanking

Blanks are flat metal discs that will eventually become coins. The Mint makes blanks for:

☐ Nickels, Dimes, Quarters. Half dollars, Dollars

* For pennies, numismatic coins, and bullion coins, the Mint buys blanks.



Step Two: Annealing

Blanks are annealed to prepare them for striking. Annealing changes the physical properties of the metal to make it softer and allow it to be shaped without breaking. The annealed blanks will hold the design better during striking.

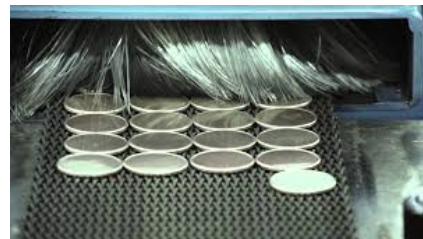
The annealing furnace heats the blanks to temperatures up to 1,600 degrees Fahrenheit in an oxygen-free environment. The lack of oxygen prevents tarnishing. They are then dropped into a quench tank filled with "slippery" water to quickly lower the temperature. The slippery water is a mix of water, citric acid powder, and lubricants that keep the blanks from sticking together.

Next, a machine lifts the blanks out of the quench tank to drain. The Philadelphia Mint uses a cylindrical machine called a whirlaway that slowly turns as it lifts the blanks from the water. The Denver Mint uses a large scoop called a skip basket. The blanks travel from the quench tank to the washing area.

Step Three: Washing & Drying

The blanks are washed to restore their original color. The cleaning solution is a mix of cleaning and anti-tarnish agents.

The dryer steam dries the cleaned blanks before they move to the upsetting mill.



Step Four: Upsetting

Upsetting means to "upset" the edge of a coin to create a raised rim. The upsetting mill feeds the blanks into a groove slightly narrower than its diameter. This pushes the metal up around the edge to form a rim. The rim protects the final coin from wear and makes it stackable.

A blank with a rim is called a planchet. Some people continue to use 'blank' as a general term for a coin before it's struck.

Most of the blanks that the Mint buys are planchets ready for striking. When the Mint receives a shipment of planchets, inspectors check them carefully to ensure they meet the required specifications. After that, penny planchets go directly to the presses for striking.

Special proof and uncirculated planchets go through a cleaning process called burnishing. They are placed in a drum with cleaning agents and small metal pellets to smooth and polish the surface. An employee then rinses the planchets and hand-dries them with towels.



The U.S. Mint's October Releases

This month the U.S. Mint is releasing some pretty cool new products. Let's check them out:



Mighty Minters 2022 Ornament (\$27.95):

The 2022 Mighty Minters™ Ornament—with its festive “Sing Songs of Joy” theme—is the perfect decoration for your tree or stocking stuffer for kids!

This ornament features the 2022 American Innovation®

\$1 Coin from Vermont depicting a young snowboarder. Uniquely designed and hand-crafted completely in the U.S.A. Make this year's holiday season special with this unique and eye-catching ornament from the United States Mint.

U.S. Mint to produce 2023 Morgan Silver Dollars and 2023 Peace Silver Dollars!!

The United States Mint sent out letters this past month on their intent to continue the release of the Morgan Silver Dollar and the Peace Silver Dollars. However, they highly suggest that if you want to secure yours for 2023 mintage that you enroll in their product enrollment. Customers that have selected to join their product enrollment will be getting their coins fulfilled first.



American Women Quarters 2022 Rolls and Bags – Anna May Wong

Because of overwhelming demand, much of the production of the 100-coin bags and two- and three-roll sets are accounted for through enrollments.

100 coin bag (P) - \$40

100 coin bag (D) - \$40

2 Roll Set (P, D) - \$36

3 Roll Set (P,D,S) - \$54



COIN QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Life is like a coin...Pleasure and Pain are the two sides, only one side is visible at a time, but remember the other side is also waiting for its turn." - Unknown

UPCOMING OCEAN COUNTY COIN CLUB MEETING DATES:

October 20th, November 17th, December 15th

OCEAN COUNTY COIN CLUB 2022 ANNUAL SHOW:

Saturday, October 22ND (9am - 3pm)

UPCOMING AREA COIN SHOWS:

October 23rd (8am - 2pm) - Old Bridge Coin Show {Old Bridge First Aid and Rescue Building}

October 23rd (10am - 3pm) - Trevoise Coin Show {Trevoise Fire House}

Key Ocean County Coin Club Inc. Assignments

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Librarian & Chief Education Officer

Doug Ball

Sergeant-at Arms

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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

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(Vacant)

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Dennis Berube

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Dolly Harris

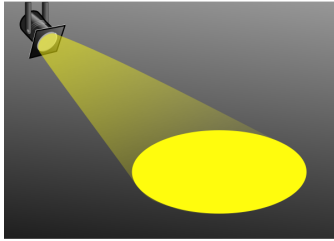
The Sand Dollar (Newsletter)

Editor-in-Chief

Charles Pazmiño



Dr. Richard Brewer, age 92, of Elberon, passed away in the spring of 2022. He was a professor of history at Monmouth University for many years. Dr. Brewer was a walking coin encyclopedia for Roman and other ancient coins. He enjoyed the history of numismatics, particularly early American coins. He was always willing to help others identify coins and would give his opinion on condition and authenticity. Dr. Richard Brewer will be missed but his legacy will live on with everyone that was fortunate enough to have met him.



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**

**New Adult Members
and YN Members in
2022: 11**



As Halloween fast approaches, we've come to the conclusion that the Gothic Crown is one of the most hauntingly beautiful coins to showcase at this spooky time of year.

Reflecting the stunning Gothic style of the Victoria era, the coin has been a firm favorite with collectors for many years, and with such a low mintage, it is as sought-after as it is intricately designed.

During the Victorian era, specifically in the mid nineteenth century the gothic style was revived. The Victorians revered the chivalry and romance associated with the style. So much so that it grew to influence aspects of Victorian life including architecture, literature, furniture, clothing and coinage. The Gothic style was wildly popular during the Victorian era, appearing not just on the coin's people used but also in the buildings they lived and worked.

Introduced in 1847 on the silver crown, the outstanding Gothic portrait was created by William Wyon, former Chief Engraver at the Royal Mint. Queen Victoria was portrayed in a medieval style, representing the fanciful splendor of the era. She faces left and wears an ornate crown and its tip cuts through the border of trefoil which arcs around the coin's inner edge. The inscription, which is placed below the arching trefoil, is in a medieval gothic style font in upper and lower case.

Queen Victoria wears a dress embroidered with roses representing England, thistles representing Scotland and Shamrocks which represent Ireland. This was the first time since the coinage of Charles II that a monarch wore a crown on British coinage.

Only 8,000 Gothic Crowns were issued in 1847 and it remains one of the world's most beautiful and rarest coins in the world.

