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

DEC 18th - Christmas Party &

The Ugly Sweater Contest

\$5 / person....YNs / free

Please RSVP for the party to dh6419@aol.com

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

708 Ocean Road (Rt 88),

Pt Pleasant, New Jersey

https://maps.app.goo.gl/484XvH2rETDVGAsu6

UPCOMING AREA COIN SHOWS:

South Jersey Coin Currency & Collectibles Show 9AM - 2PM

Held at the Lindenwold Moose Lodge. 1rst Sunday of every month. - December 7th 2425 White Horse Pike

Contact: Tom 609-742-2279 Lindenwold, NJ

Burlington Coin Show 9AM - 2PM 2nd Sunday of Every Month **Burlington Masonic Lodge** 2308 Mt. Holly Rd. (Route 541) Burlington Township, NJ 08016 Contact: Steve Rovertson 609-499-8826

2025 SHOW DATES: Dec 14

Old Bridge Coin Show 8AM - 2PM meets every 3rd Sunday. Old Bridge First Aid and Rescue Bldg. 200 Marlboro Rd. Old Bridge, NJ 08857 Contact: Matt Sulikowski Phone 732 740-4604

Colts Neck Stamps Coin & Collectible Expo 9AM - 3PM

2025 Show Dates: Dec 13th

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We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all the Dealers and Members who contributed so much to the success of the 54th Annual Ocean County Coin Club Show held at the Laurelton Firehouse on October 25, 2025.

The location was super and we had plenty of parking. The table arrangement was perfectly laid out so that the dealers had plenty of room to display their numismatics and the customers had room to pursue their needs. The kitchen was operated by the Testa Family and the YNs were there to deliver food to the dealers. The 50/50 was a hit and the winner was a non-member of the club, so hopefully she will become a member.

We had a nice crowd, approximately 108+ attendees. Many registered with their cell phone numbers which will give us an opportunity to contact them for possible membership.

We want to express our thanks to the following:

Joe Testa for all his effort and expertise in organizing the show
Mary Testa and Family

Jeff Thompson

Ed Rainer

Eric Young

Elizabeth Cronin

Toni Nase

Dolly Harris

And of course the YNs.

And all the dealers who displayed such great stuff.

Gino Ricca & Douglas Ball Co-Presidents Ocean County Coin Club, Inc

Ocean County Coin Club Inc. Key Assignments

Board of Directors
Joe Testa / Jeff Thompson
Elizabeth Cronin / Gino Ricca
Dolly Harris / Doug Ball
Ed Rainer - Recording
Secretary

Co-Presidents
Gino Ricca / Doug Ball

YN (Young Numismatists)
Program Director
Jeff Thompson

Historical Researcher Richard Wolpin

Auctioneer

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 at 7:30 PM and generally ends at 8:45 PM.
- Young Numismatists:
 aka....YNs
 Ages 6 17
 Meet at 6PM when they begin with the Indian and Lincoln Cent Program. Followed by the Liberty, Buffalo and Jefferson Nickel Program Albums.

The YNs actual meeting begins at 6:30 where they can earn TEN CLUB DOLLARS for their participation in the YN Show & Tell program.

The YNs use the Club Dollars to bid on coins during the YN Auction at the end of the meeting at 7PM

- Check out our website at: www.occoinclub.org
- Find us on Facebook at:
 Ocean County Coin Club
- Refreshments available at every meeting

Ocean County Coin Club Inc. Key Assignments

ANA Representative Gino Ricca

GSNA Representative (Vacant)

Membership Dolly Harris

Refreshments Joe Testa

Coin Show Director Joe Testa

Assistant Coin Show Director Michael Solimene

Website/Facebook Page Administrator Dolly Harris

The Sand Dollar (Newsletter) Editor-in-Chief Ed Rainer

Sunshine Chair Eric Young

OCEAN COUNTY COIN CLUB'S 2025 ANNUAL OCTOBER COIN SHOW REPORT

October 25,2025

The Ocean County Coin Club had over one hundred attendees and guests present at its 54th Annual Coin Show. This was the club's first Annual October Coin Show held in the new location at the Brick Laurelton Firehouse. Upon entry each guest was given a special uncirculated New Jersey Quarter Colorized with the club's design and commemorating the show date.

We congratulate our YNs Elias and Jonah for their 1st Place Display Exhibit, and Liam for his 2nd Place Exhibit. Each exhibitor received a U.S. Mint Silver Proof Set. The Young Numismatists had 7 active members attending to support the YN exhibitors competing with their displays. All of the exhibits were well received by the guests and the show dealers as well.

The YNs gave out some new and interesting materials we received from the US Mint and greeted visitors talking about our YN Displays and our meetings. Both guests and dealers commented on how knowledgeable our YNs are on Numismatics.

Our YNs were introduced to each of the show dealers and offered to act as runners to deliver refreshments from our kitchen if they were too busy to leave the tables when customers were there.

The October 25, 2025 Annual Show at the Laurelton Firehouse # 1, 1725 Rt.88W, Brick NJ was reported by many of the Dealers to have been a successful and enjoyable show for them and they plan to return for the 2026 Annual Showw.

Next year come and check out the YN exhibits and displays.

Respectfully submitted, Chief Jeff Thompson, Retired OCSD YN Director

U.S. MINT ANNOUNCES THE UNVEILING OF THE NEW U.S. COINS FOR 2026

DECEMBER 10, 2025 at 6:30 - 7:30 PM
AT THE

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER
IN PHILADELPHIA

ACROSS FROM THE U.S. MINT.

THE OCEAN COUNTY COIN CLUB'S YNs HAVE BEEN INVITED ALONG WITH ONE GUARDIAN for EACH AS SPECIAL GUESTS FOR THE SPECIAL 250th ANNIVERSARY EVENT.

THE MINT DIRECTOR, THE U.S. TREASURER AND MANY OTHER DIGNITARIES WILL BE THERE

















Recent Numismatic News

From <u>USMint.gov</u> PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 12, 2025 — The United States Mint (Mint) hosted a ceremonial strike event today at its Philadelphia facility where United States Treasurer Brandon Beach struck the final, circulating one-cent coin (penny). The event marks the official end of the penny's 232-year production run as a circulating coin.

"Today the Mint celebrates 232 years of penny manufacturing," said Kristie McNally, Acting Mint Director. "While general production concludes today, the penny's legacy lives on. As its usage in commerce continues to evolve, its significance in America's story will endure."

The penny, first authorized by the Coinage Act of 1792, has long played a role in daily American life—from the earliest days of the U.S. economy to the present. However, economic and production factors, combined with evolving consumer behavior, have made its continued production unsustainable. Over the past decade, the cost of producing each penny has risen from 1.42 cents to 3.69 cents per penny.

While circulating production has ceased, the penny remains legal tender. There are an estimated 300 billion pennies in circulation—far exceeding the amount

needed for commerce. Retailers and other businesses can continue to price goods and services in one-cent increments.

The Mint will continue to produce numismatic versions of the penny in limited quantities for historical and collector purposes.

FYI: Very informative website: Coin Community Family https://coincommunity.com/forum/









Grand trivia contest winner was Eli Young