



NEWMAN NUMISMATIC PORTAL ANNOUNCES FIRST NNP SYMPOSIUM

(June 12) The Internet has fundamentally transformed numismatics in the last generation with the development of online trading platforms, information repositories, and social media sites that facilitate communication among coin collectors, dealers, and researchers. The Newman Numismatic Portal (<http://newmanportal.org/>) was founded in 2014 with the objective of making available a comprehensive, online numismatic library on a free and forever basis. Today, Newman Portal is widely recognized as the go-to resource for research on American numismatics, containing over 40,000 documents and delivering access to critical archival resources such as the U.S. Mint correspondence held by the National Archives & Records Administration.

Newman Portal today announces the launch of NNP Symposium (<http://nnpsymposium.org/>), an online gathering of the numismatic community. The first event will occur August 28-29, 2020. These twice-annual, free symposia will bring together a wide array of numismatic content including club meetings, individual presentations, and panel discussions. While spurred by the COVID-19 epidemic, the NNP Symposium concept addresses other issues related to attendance at existing trade events. Participants may not always be able to travel to conventions or may wish to attend only limited portions of a given event. The NNP Symposium reduces these barriers to entry and makes attendance as simple as pulling up a screen on a laptop, mobile, or smart TV.

Today's technologies allow for the virtual gathering of existing numismatic communities and pave the way for the formation of new interest groups. Many organizations are beginning to take advantage of this capability and are seeing strong attendance at club meetings, including participants from distant locales. NNP Symposium seeks to build on this momentum and to create synergy around a single, focused two-day event by freely providing the logistical services and support demanded by ever-evolving technologies. NNP Symposium is confident the numismatic community can be strengthened by creating connections within a wider, online audience whose numismatic affinity is not always apparent at physical conventions.

The NNP Symposium invites numismatic organizations and individual presenters to register for a Symposium meeting slot. Inquiries may be submitted at <http://nnpsymposium.org/for-presenters>. Dealers are welcome to participate and might use this time to introduce their business or present selected inventory highlights. The NNP Symposium staff will ensure smooth delivery of all content by providing Zoom training to attendees and presenters prior to the event. NNP Symposium will additionally furnish live facilitators to manage technical issues during each meeting.

Committed speakers as of press time include:

Greg Rohan: President of Heritage Auctions, Rohan will speak on the state of the current rare coin market and the effects of COVID-19 on the auction business.

John Brush: President of David Lawrence Rare Coins, Brush will discuss the unparalleled Dell Loy Hansen collection, the Eliasberg quest, and the formation of this spectacular American coin cabinet.

John Dannreuther: A fifty-year veteran in the numismatic industry and one of the most highly respected researchers, Dannreuther will speak on the enigmatic 1841 quarter eagle, an enduring mystery of American numismatics.

Wayne Homren: Editor of the widely-read weekly E-Sylum, Homren will present on the performance artist J.S.G. Boggs, who created intricate reproductions of U.S. currency in exchange for goods and services.

Mike Nottlemann & Matt Dinger: Hosts of the Coin Show podcast and two of the most engaging personalities currently on the numismatic scene, Dinger and Nottleman will livestream a Coin Show episode during the NNP Symposium.

Chris McDowell: Editor of the Journal of Early American Numismatics, McDowell will speak on his efforts to revise the Charles W. Betts work on pre-revolutionary medals related to America.

Joel Orosz & Len Augsburger: The highly-awarded pair of numismatic authors Orosz and Augsburger will present on the rare first printing of Eric P. Newman and Kenneth E. Bressett's *The Fantastic 1804 Dollar*.

NNP Symposium attendees may register at <http://nnpsymposium.org/register> and will receive periodic updates including overall schedule and meeting links. Symposium registration and meeting planning services are free, consistent with the Newman philosophy of freely providing resources for the greater good of the wider numismatic community. As with the Newman Portal, costs of creating and hosting this new concept will be completely underwritten by the Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society (<https://epnnes.org/>), in furtherance of its numismatic-focused charitable mission.