South Brevard Coin Club

Newsletter

October 2025

MEETINGS:

First Wednesday of every month

David R. Schechter Center

(Satellite Beach Community Center)

1089 So. Patrick Drive

Satellite Beach, FL 32937

Doors Open 6:00

Social Time 6:30–7:00 pm

Meeting Time 7:00 pm

Board of Directors:

Chairman:

Jim Nuara

President:

Bob Senton

Vice President:

Bill Peters

Treasurer:

Tim

Secretary/Newsletter/Website/ Membership Chair:

Paula Davis

Next Meeting

October 1, 2025

7:00 pm

Come test your numismatic knowledge and win prizes!

Conducted by Bob Mellor

Plus our monthly Raffles and Auctions

South Brevard Coin Club

P.O. Box 372418, Satellite Beach, FL 32937-3972

Member of the American Numismatic Association (ANA) and Florida United Numismatists *(FUN)*

www.southbrevardcoinclub.org

Intermediate
Coin Grading Class
February 7, 2026

With Bob Mellor

Full Day Saturday Class will be held at

the Schechter Center

in Satellite Beach

$100

There is limited seating

so if you are interested

please see Tim (Treasurer) to sign up

Effective January 1, 2026

yearly dues will increase to $25.

Still a great bargain considering the benefits of membership!

Upcoming Programs

Month/Year	*Topic*	*Speaker*
January 2025	Andria Doria	Bill Peters
February 2025	Alaska Mint Coinage	Dave Castro
March 2025	World Coins	Jack Lane
April 2025	Salvaging The Wreck Of The Admiral Gardner and Its Cargo of British East India Company Copper Coins	Bob Senton
May 2025	Spring Picnic	Golden Corral
June 2025	The Golden Era of Stock Certificates	Juan Montoya
July 2025	Annual Pizza and Numismatic Movie Night	Bob Mellor
August 2025	Peace Dollars	Chet Hogan
September 2025	The Liberty Seated 20-Cent Piece	Chet Hogan
October 2025	Numismatic Trivia Night	Bob Mellor
November 2025	Club Bourse Night – Members buying and Selling	
December 2025	Annual Holiday Dinner and Raffle	Golden Corral

MONTHLY AUCTION

A most every monthly meeting (except Picnics) we conduct an auction. Members are invited to bring in any numismatic item they would like to include in the auction. Member receives entire amount that item sold for. **Limit of 5 items per auction.**

If you have any items you would like featured prior to the auction or you are interested in selling please let me know at least 2 weeks prior to next meeting. You can send information to Paula Davis at pmgdavis@aol.com.

Invite a Friend!

Invite your friends who share your numismatic passion to come to a meeting and see what we're all about.

Benefits and Membership Application in newsletter.

Mark Your Calendar!

2nd Sunday COIN SHOW

2nd Sunday Each Month
9:30am – 2:30pm
Azan Shrine Center
1591 West Eau Gallie Blvd.
Melbourne, FL 32935

This is a monthly show held on the second Sunday of every month. Come to the show to pick up Coins-Currency-Stamps or become a dealer and sell.

Free admission, free parking. A.N.A.C. Coin Grading Company is on site for your coin submissions, food is available for

COIN TALK
Suntree Viera Public Library

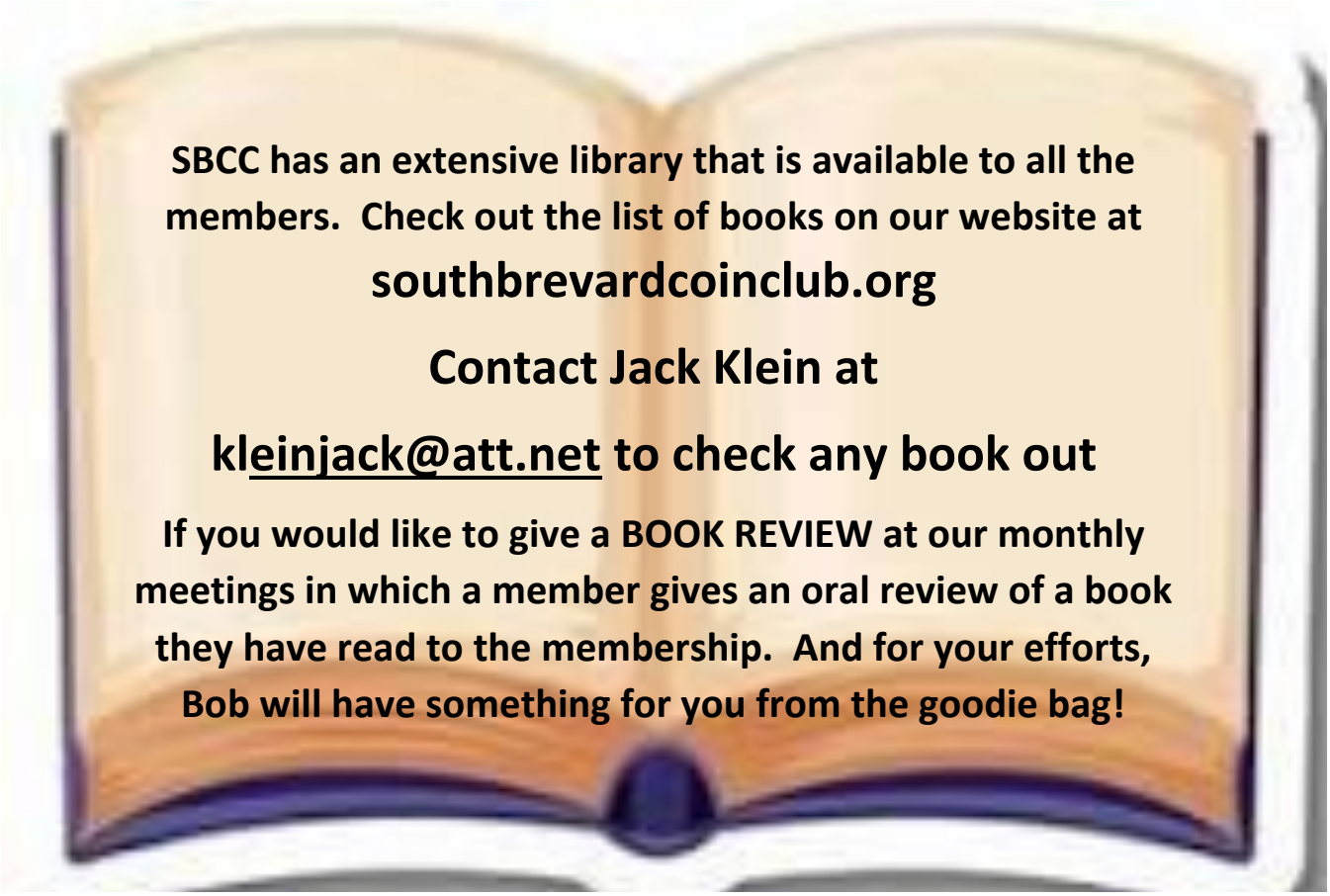
4th Tuesday of the month
6:00pm-7:45pm

Informal group, open to the public to come share and learn. Bring coins to discuss or learn about. Every month is an interesting discussion and unites you with other coin enthusiasts.

COINS IN FLORIDA **www.coinsinflorida.com**

Fabulous website for a comprehensive list of coin clubs, auctions, shows, events, and news in Florida! Join their newsletter!

Check out this website for a wealth of information, resources and events for all levels of numismatists. **https://www.money.org/numismatic-events/national-coin-week**



BENEFITS OF SBCC MEMBERSHIP

- Meet once a month with fellow numismatists
- Education
  - Guest Speakers
  - Numismatic Classes
  - Library of books that can be checked out
- Tabletop your coins before each meeting for sale or to show and tell
- Participate in coin auction (Buying and Selling)
- Receive a pre-1965 silver dime each meeting
- Win coins and coin related items in raffle
- Annual Summer Picnic
- Pizza and Movie Night
- Annual Christmas party with big coin raffle

SOUTH BREVARD COIN CLUB

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Type: New_____ Renewal_____ Dealer Only____ Other_____

Name:_____

Name:_____

Mailing Address:_____

Phone: (____) Email:_____

I hereby promise to abide by the Bylaws of the Club

Signature:_____ Date:_____

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Annual Club Dues: $25.00 per person **Children under 18: - $10.00 each**

Date Paid:_____ Ck#/Cash:_____ Amount:_____

“THE NUMISMATIC LEGACY OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN”

by Bob Senton

The average person believes that only former presidents appear on currency and coins, with the exception of special collector issues. However, Alexander Hamilton and Benjamin Franklin are obvious exceptions to the rule. Benjamin Franklin is the best known of the two. He was an inventor (lightning rod, swim fins, bifocals), author (A Modest Enquiry into the Nature and Necessity of a Paper Currency 1729) and (Poor Richard’s Almanack 1732-1757), statesman (prewar colonial representative to England for several colonies and continental/postwar representative to Sweden and France, printer, publisher (Pennsylvania Gazette), contributor and signer of the Declaration of Independence at the age of 70 and the United States Constitution at the age 81. Ben Franklin was much more than that. He was the first United States Postmaster General. Also, the first President of what later became known as the University of Pennsylvania. Moreover, he was the designer and printer of colonial currency for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland. Later, he designed and printed continental currency and implemented its first anti-counterfeiting measure, by providing special paper with marbled edges. As an independent nation, the Fugio cent was the first official circulating coin in the United States (1787). This design has been attributed by some to Ben Franklin since it is very similar to Franklin’s continental currency coin dollar of 1776. Although never officially issued, several pattern (specimen) versions were minted in silver, pewter, and brass. Compare the two coins and decide for yourself.

Franklin was first honored for his achievements by the placement of his image on the 1874 fifty-dollar ($50.00) “legal tender” large note. Subsequent series were continued in 1875, 1878, and 1880.

In 1914, the large size one hundred dollar ($100.00) federal reserve note was redesigned to feature Ben Franklin on the front of the note. In 1928, small size notes replaced the previously issued large notes. Franklin was prominently featured on the front of the one hundred dollar ($100.00) note. One hundred dollar ($100.00) gold certificates featuring Franklin were also issued in 1928 and 1934. In 1929, a new series of notes were briefly introduced as national currency. Franklin was once again featured on the front of this new one hundred dollar ($100.00) note. The design of the previously issued notes of 1928, were repeated in 1934, 1950, 1963, 1969, 1974, 1977, 1981, 1985, 1988, 1990, 1993, redesigned in 1996, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2006, redesigned in 2009, 2013, 2017, and 2021. During these years and series, Franklin continued to be featured on the front of the one hundred dollar ($100.00) note.

Franklin also made an appearance on the redesigned half dollar ($.50), which replaced the earlier Walking Liberty coin (1916-1947). Popular among collectors, this coin featured a bust of Franklin on the obverse and the Liberty Bell on the reverse. The obverse was designed by John R. Sinnock. The early work on the reverse was also done by Sinnock, however, his death necessitated completion of the reverse design by Gilroy Roberts. The small eagle to the right of the Liberty Bell was added to be in compliance with United States law (Mint Act of 1873). The coin is made of ninety percent (90%) silver and has a melt value of thirteen dollars and fifty-five cents ($13.55). The series ran from 1948-1963. A total of four hundred sixty-five million eight hundred fourteen thousand four hundred fifty-five (465,814,455) coins were struck for circulation. Favored by collectors because of it clean and simple design, it circulated well leaving an abundance higher grade coins to choose from. The coins dated 1952, 1952D, 1953D, 1954D, 1957D, 1958D, 1961D, 1962D, 1963, and 1963D provide the greatest opportunity to obtain a high-grade coin at a lower price, since each had a mintage of approximately twenty million (20,000,00) or more. It is generally thought by collectors that the first and last year of production in a series (1948 and 1963) command a special premium. Production was ended by Congress when a new commemorative coin featuring President John F. Kennedy was approved in memorial of the presidents assassination. It was first issued in 1964 and has continued to date.

Sources used include: Wikipedia, britainnica.com, ushistory.org, Mint Act of 1873, Kitco, PCGS/NGC, The Official Red Book, A Guide Book of United States Coins, RS Yeoman, 79th Ed., pages 195,196, (2026), Paper Money of the United States, 23rd Ed., Arthur L. and Ira S. Friedberg pages 12-14, 54, 160, 200, 235-241, 247 (2024), https://ww2bellevuecollege.edu