

Newsletter of the
South Brevard Coin Club

September 2021

Host of the Second Sunday Coin Show



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

Our next meeting is on
Wednesday, September 1st at 7 PM
David R Schechter Community Center
(a.k.a. Satellite Beach Recreation Center)
1089 South Patrick Drive
(Doors open at 6:00 PM)

Meeting Program

“Semi-Annual Educational Trivia Night”
By Bob Mellor

Show and Tells – If you have them, bring them in!

Raffle and Member Auction

Member News

Need a book from our library? Contact Jack Klein (kleinjack@att.net) for a listing.

Beginner Coin Grading Class to be held on September 18th at the Schechter Center. Contact Tim Janecke at tjanecker@gmail.com to register.

We are looking for volunteers to present a numismatic topic of their interest in 2022. See openings below.

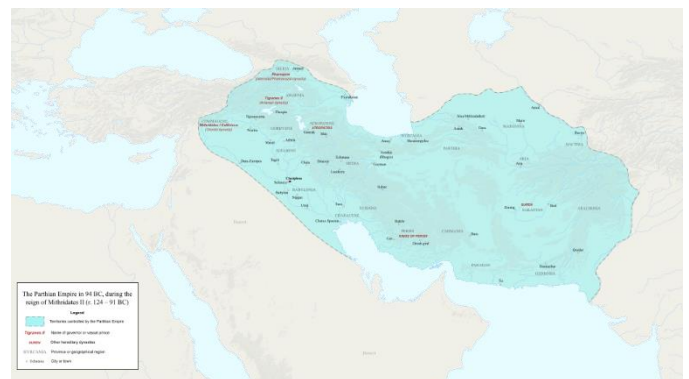
Coin Show News

Our next “Second Sunday” coin show is September 12th from 9:30 AM–3:00 PM at the Azan Shrine Center, 1591 West Eau Gallie Blvd, Melbourne FL 32935.

Coinage of Ancient Parthia

By Greg Besette

The origins of the Parthian Empire began in northeastern Iran. The people of this region were conquered by the Medes in the 7th century BC. This region fell to subsequent conquest by the Achaemenids under Cyrus the Great, founder of the first Persian Empire; the Greeks under Alexander the Great; and eventually the Seleucids. The Seleucid Empire waned over time, leading to the rise of Parthia as an independent state. The founder of the Parthian Empire was Arsaces I. He ruled from 247 to 217 BC. Over time, the Parthians overtook much of the former Seleucid Empire as well as regions beyond. The dynastic rule of the Arsacids endured until 224 AD, when the last ruler was defeated at the Battle of Hormozdgan by the Sasanians.



Parthian Empire under the rule of Mithridates II

(Courtesy: Wikipedia, Parthian Empire, https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Map_of_the_Parthian_Empire_under_Mithridates_II.svg)

The Parthians minted coins exclusively in silver and bronze, with the coinage generally following the Greek Attic standard of weights. The silver denominations, ranging from largest to smallest, were the tetradrachm weighing approximately 14-16 grams (g), drachm (~4 g), hemidrachm (~2 g), diobol (~1.4 g), and the obol (~0.6 g). The drachm appears to have been the most widely used of the silver coinage.

The obverse of Parthian coinage typically depicts the reigning king. The style of headdress changed over time. Early on, the ruler was depicted wearing a traditional soft cap, called a *bashyk*. This evolved into rulers wearing a diadem (jeweled crown or headband) and eventually a taller jeweled cap called a *kolah* (tall hat). The reverse themes were highly influenced by Greek culture. Reverses often depict a seated archer. The archer is thought to personify the founder of the dynasty, Arsaces I. Inscriptions were typically in Greek; however, over time, the reverse script became more abstract to the point of being unreadable. There is debate whether this was due to the declining influence of Greek culture on the Parthians, or if there was a change in artistic style to a more abstract form.

Wikipedia, Parthia, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parthia>

Wikipedia, Parthian Empire, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parthian_Empire

Wikipedia, Mithridates II of Parthia, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mithridates_II_of_Parthia

Robert. L., An Introduction to Collecting Parthian Coins, Forum Ancient Coins Numiswiki, <https://www.forumancientcoins.com/numiswiki/view.asp?key=Parthian%20Coins>



Example with soft cap, Drachm of Arsaces I

(Courtesy: Wikipedia, Parthian Empire, [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Coin_of_Arsaces_I_\(1\),_Nisa_mint.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Coin_of_Arsaces_I_(1),_Nisa_mint.jpg))



Example with diadem headdress, Drachm of Mithridates II

(Courtesy: Wikipedia, Mithridates II of Parthia, [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Coin_of_Mithridates_II_of_Parthia_\(obverse_and_reverse,_wearing_a_diadem\),_Ray_mint.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Coin_of_Mithridates_II_of_Parthia_(obverse_and_reverse,_wearing_a_diadem),_Ray_mint.jpg))



Example with *kolah* headdress, Drachm of Mithridates II

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**We want YOU to contribute to the newsletter.
Contact the SBCC Secretary for details.**

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Past and Upcoming SBCC Meeting Programs

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
January 2021	Norse-American Centennial Medal	Richard Ahlquist
February 2021	Treasures in your pocket! Finding modern error coins.	Juan Montoya
March 2021	Shipwreck Treasures of Florida	Dr. Juan Riera
April 2021	Annual ANA National Coin Week Trivia Night	Bert Alm/Tim Janecke
May 2021	Semi-Annual Educational Trivia Night	Bob Mellor
June 2021	Starting a Type Set Collection	Bert Alm
July 2021	Annual Pizza and Numismatic YouTube Videos Night	Bob Mellor
August 2021	One Day Educational Class Opportunities Discussion	Bob Mellor
September 2021	Semi-Annual Educational Trivia Night	Bob Mellor
October 2021	Annual Mini Bourse	No speaker
November 2021	Collecting Colonial Coins of Early America	Gene Yotka
December 2021	Annual Holiday Dinner	No speaker

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January 2022	Introduction to Collecting Casino Chips and Gaming Tokens	Mark Lighterman
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