# South Brevard Coin Club 

 NewsletterMEETINGS:
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

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# July Monthly Meeting <br> "Pizza and Movie Night" July 5, 2023 6:00 pm <br> Join us for pizza and numismatic movies Raffle and Auction! 

## FLORIDA UNITED NUMISMATISTS $17^{\text {th }}$ ANNUAL SUMMER FUN SHOW

 Florida United Numismatists, Inc., is hosting the $17^{\text {th }}$ Annual Summer FUN Convention in Orlando Florida, July 13-15 2023. The convention will be held at the Orange County Convention Center, 9800 International Drive in Hall WE1. This location is the original OCCC facility. The convention opens to the public at 10:00 A.M., July $13^{\text {th }}$ and will run through 5:30 P.M. July $15^{\text {th }}$.Numismatic dealers from around the country will converge at the Orange County Convention Center to buy, sell and appraise coins, paper currency, tokens, medals and other items. Make sure to mark your calendar for this great numismatic event!

South Brevard Coin Club
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## Upcoming Programs

| Month/Year |  | Speaker |
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| January 2023 | Collecting German Notgeld | Bob Whalen |
| February 2023 | Collecting Florida Paper Money | Chet Hogan |
| March 2023 | The Southern Gold Rush | Dr. Juan Riera |
| April 2023 | Annual ANA National Coin Week Trivia Question Night | Tim Janecke |
| May 2023 | Annual Educational Trivia Night | Bob Mellor |
| June 2023 | Annual Summer Gathering/Raffle | No speaker |
| July 2023 | Annual Pizza and Numismatic Movie Night | Bob Mellor |
| August 2023 | Interesting Features on Money | Bob Mellor |
| September 2023 | Interesting European Coins Minted after WWII | Bob Mellor |
| October 2023 | Annual SBCC "Members Coin Show" | No speaker |
| November 2023 | Collecting Aerospace Numismatic Material | Bob Mellor |
| December 2023 | Annual Holiday Dinner and Raffle | No speaker |



Coin Club Library - The Club has a great library of numismatic books that members are welcome to check out! See list of books available in newsletter. Contact Jack Klein (kleinjack @att.net) to check out.

## Invite a Friend!

Invite your friends who share your numismatic passion to come to a meeting and see what we're all about. Anyone joining after July
$1^{\text {st }}$ is Half Price, just $\$ 7.50$, for the balance of the year!
Benefits and Membership Application at end of newsletter.

## Articles for the Newsletter are encouraged from all members!

Please consider submitting an article about something you found interesting or some personal experience you have had in your coin collecting. Your sharing helps educate other members with your areas of expertise or experience. Plus, there is a little goodie from the Club for your efforts!

Also, let us know of any future Coin Related Events in the Area.
Please submit articles or information to Paula Davis (pmgdavis@aol.com) to appear in a future newsletter...

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## 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.

## COIN TALK

902 Jordan Blass Drive
Melbourne, FL 32940
Informal meeting for anyone interested in numismatics. Bring an item to show and tell or bring a topic to talk about. Always interesting discussions conducted by Bob Mellor!
$2^{\text {nd }}$ Sunday COIN SHOW
Azan Shrine Center
1591 West Eau Gallie Blvd
Melbourne, FL 32935
$4^{\text {th }}$ Tuesday of the month 6:00pm-7:45pm

# The Mint 

by
Jack Klein

Before the United States Mint was created in 1792, there was the Boston mint in 1652. It was the first mint in North America. It remained in existence from 1652 to 1682. Why was it created? What did it do? Why did it end?

Without turning this into too much of a history lesson, what happens in England at the time, affects what happens in its American colonies. The English Civil War raged across all of Britain (Scotland and Wales included) from 1642 to 1649 . It was waged between the forces of Parliament led by Puritan leader Oliver Cromwell on one side, and King Charles I who represented Royalty and the Church of England, on the other. It culminated in the capture and execution of King Charles I (by Cromwell) for treason for ruling England without Parliament.

Once the king was dead, all the royal decrees regarding private minting of coins in England went out the window. In 1649, literally thousands of private businesses, primarily chandlers and bar owners, were allowed to start minting their own small-change silver coins.

By 1652, when it became apparent that Oliver Cromwell and his Puritan-controlled Parliament, were less inclined to keep a tight rein on England's American colonies, than had the king, it was only then that Puritanowned Massachusetts Bay Company, based in Boston, approved the creation of its own mint. Boston had the equipment and the human talent to open a mint.

On 27 May 1652, the Massachusetts General Court passed an act to establish a mint in the colony. Its first coins were 3-pence and 6pence silver discs. Further, several shillingvalue coins, denominated in 3-shilling, 6shilling, and 12 -shilling increments, were stamped.

The first coins were of simple design. A silver disc stamped with NE (for New England) on one side. On the other side and at the other end of the planchet (so that the NE impression would not be flattened) were stamped the denomination in Roman numerals, III, VI, and XII.


It was soon thought that the simple design made it easy to clip silver slivers from the edge. On 12 October 1652 the General Court determined that: "Henceforth all pieces of money coined as aforesaid shall have a double ring on either side with the inscription MASSACHUSETTS and a tree in the center on one side and NEW ENGLAND in the year of our Lord on the other side."

The change required new techniques. Two steel dies were now needed. One for the obverse, and one for the reverse. Each of the three denominations, 3-pence, 6-pence, and 12 -pence bore the date 1652 , referring to the date that Massachusetts silver coinage was authorized, regardless of the year in which the coins were minted. These coins were made in three designs, Willow Tree, Oak Tree, and Pine Tree.

Interestingly, in 1662, the Oak Tree 2-pence coin was authorized. It bore the date 1662 , the only coin minted during this period, not to carry the original 1652 mint-date. The only exception to the 1652 rule.

One may search google to find imageexamples of each of the above coins. Or check out from the South Brevard Coin Club library "Official Red Book 23 A Guidebook of the United States Mint" for further details.

The Boston mint closed in 1682. What happened? Oliver Cromwell died in 1658. His son Richard Cromwell tried to rule in his place but was not a very strong leader. It took only two years (until 1660) for Charles II to regain his father's throne. It then took 22 years for Charles II to get wind of what was happening with the Boston mint. They were obviously keeping a very low profile with their activities. King Charles II ordered the mint closed under threat of high treason and execution in 1882.

Massachusetts silver coins remained in circulation well into the 1700s. They were also familiar sights in French Canada to the north and in the Middle-Atlantic colonies to the south.

## SOURCES:

Bowers, Q. David. Official Red Book 23: A Guide to the United States Mint. Whitman Publishing, Pelham, AL. 2016. (above photo source as well)

Goldberg, Dror. Easy Money: American Puritans and the Invention of Modern Currency. University of Chicago Press. Chicago, IL. 2023

## Fun Facts Related to the Quarter

The buffalo was once a newcomer.... When the bison appeared on the Buffalo nickel (1913 to 1938), it was the first animal on a circulating American coin that was not an eagle. This newcomer kept its status as the only non-eagle animal until the 50 State Quarters Program introduced more animals (and more buffalo) in 1999.

The quarters are all lined up.... For 10 years starting in 1999, the United States Mint 50 State Quarters Program released a quarter design for each of the 50 states. Which state first? The states were honored in age order-oldest first-according to when they ratified the Constitution or joined the Union.

If you're worth 25 cents, why not say so?... The quarter dollar made in 1804 was the first silver coin in the United States Mint's history to have a value on it! Yes, up until then, all silver and gold American coins were non-denominated. People had to know by their size how much they were worth. Only copper coins were required to show their denominations.

It was much too royal for George Washington's taste.... President Washington, if here today, might be a bit surprised to find himself on the quarter. In considering designs for the first U.S. coins, he and Congress rejected designs picturing him. Why? Too much like monarchy, they said, the very thing from which the United States had rebelled. But in 1899, Washington's image was placed on a U.S. coin-the Lafayette dollar. In 1932, Washington appeared once again on a U.S. coin - the quarter-and still does today.

Long before the 1999 quarter, there was another New Jersey coin... What was it? The "New Jersey Cent." This copper coin was minted from 1786 to 1788 -more than 200 years before the New Jersey quarter became the third coin in the 50 State Quarters Program.

## SBCC Library Books

Available for Checkout

| 1913 Liberty Head Nickel American Silver Eagles | Stack Bowers Whitman Publishing |
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| Andean Collection South/Central American Bank Notes | Spink Inc. |
| Blackbook Price Guide to Paper Money | HUDGEONS, Marc |
| Coin and Currency Market Review | coinprices.com |
| Coin World Extra Magazine | Coin World |
| Confederate States Paper Money | CUHAJ, George S. |
| Curious Currency | LEONARD, Robert D. |
| Die Photos \& Fuld/Moore Listings Update | FULD, George \& Melvin |
| Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Proof Coins | BREEN, Walter |
| ErrorScope Magazine | Number 3 |
| Grading Guide for Early American Copper Coins | FUOSS and WILLIAMS |
| Grading United States Coins | ANA |
| Indian Peace Medals | Adams, John W. |
| Money: History in Your Hands | ANA: James Earl Jones; narrator |
| Money of the Bible | BRESSETT, Kenneth |
| National Bank Notes A Guide with Prices | KELLY, Don C. |
| Neighborhood Mint, The | HEAD and ETHERIDGE |
| Numismatic Forgeries | LARSON, Charles |
| Numismatic Listings of Modern and Medieval Countries | GROSSMAN, Lee |
| Obsolete Paper Money Issued by U.S. Banks | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Blue Book Handbook of U.S. Coins | YEOMAN, R.S. |
| Official Blue Book Handbook of U.S. Coins | YEOMAN, R.S. |
| Official Blue Book Handbook of U.S. Coins | YEOMAN, R.S. |
| Official Guide to Mint Errors | HERBERT, Alan |
| Official Red Book: A Guide Book of U.S. Coins | YEOMAN, R.S. |
| Official Red Book: A Guide Book of U.S. Coins | YEOMAN, R.S. |
| Official Red Book of United States Coins | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book \# 1: Guide to: Morgan Silver Dollars | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book \# 2: Guide to: Double Eagle Gold Coins | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book \# 3: Guide to: United States Type Coins | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book \# 4: Guide to: Modern US Proof Sets | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book \# 5: Guide to: Shield and Liberty Nickels | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book \# 6: Guide to: Flying Eagles and Indian Cents | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book \# 7: Guide to: Washington Quarters | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book \# 8: Guide to: Buffalo and Jeffersons Nickels | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book \# 9: Guide to: Lincoln Cents | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book \# 10: Guide to: US Commemorative Coins | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book \# 11: Guide to; US Tokens and Medals | JAEGER, Katherine |
| Official Red Book \# 12: Guide to: Gold Dollars | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book \# 13: Guide to: Peace Dollars | BURDETTE, Roger |

## SBCC Library Books

| Official Red Book \# 15: Guide to: Franklin and Kennedy Halves | TOMASKA, Rick |
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| Official Red Book \# 16: Guide to: Civil War Tokens | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book \# 17: Guide to: Hard Times Tokens | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book \# 18: Guide to: Mercury Dimes Standing Liberty Quarters <br> Liberty Walking Halves (single volume) | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book \# 19: Guide to: Half Cents Large Cents | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book \# 20: Guide to: Barber Silver Dimes | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book \# 21: Guide to Liberty Seated Coins | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book \# 22: Guide to Modern US Dollars | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book \# 23: Guide to the US Mint | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Red Book \# 24: Guide to Gold Eagle Coins | BOWERS, Q. David |
| Official Whitman Guidebook Grading Standards US Coins | BRESSETT, Kenneth 1999 |
| Official Whitman Guidebook to US Currency | BRESSETT, Kenneth 1999 |
| Paper Money of the United States 2017 | FRIEDBERG, Arthur and Ira |
| Past Tense: History through the Lens of American Coinage | GILLIS, Rod |
| Rare Coin Estate Book 2000 | HALPERIN, James |
| Red Book of United States Coins 1965 | YEOMAN, R.S. |
| Select Numismatic Bibliography 1965 | CLAIN-Stefanelli, Elvira Eliza |
| SHEKEL | SCHUMAN, Edward |
| Shipwrecks Near Wabasso Beach | WELLER, Robt. \& RICHARDS, Ernie |
| Standard Catalog of United States Paper Money 14th Edition | KRAUSE, Chester |
| Standard Catalog of United States Tokens | RULAU, Russe |
| Standard Catalog of World Coins 1701-1800 | KRAUSE, Chester |
| Standard Catalog of World Coins 1801-1900 (2004) | KRAUSE, Chester |
| Standard Catalog of World Coins 1801-1999 (1999) | KRAUSE, Chester |
| Standard Catalog of World Coins 1901-2000 | CUHAJ, George |
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| Standard Catalog of World Paper Money 1650-1960 | PICK, Albert |
| Standard Catalog of World Paper Money 1961-2000 | BRUCE, Colin |
| Standing Liberty Quarters 2007 | CLINE, J.H. |
| Truth Seeker: Life of Eric P. Newman | Augsburger Burdette Orosz |
| United States Coinage | GUTH, Ron \& GARRETT, Jeff |
| United States Copper Cents | NEWCOMB, Howard R. |
| United States Gold Patterns | AKERS, David W. |
| U.S. Pattern, Trial, \& Experimental Pieces | ADAMS \& WOODIN |
| World Coin News Magazine | KRAUSE Pubs |

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## BENEFITS OF SBCC MEMBERSHIP

- Meet once a month with fellow numismatists
- Education
- Guest Speakers
- Numismatic Classes
- Library of books that can be checked out
- Email Jack Klein kleinjack@att.net for check out information
- 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 night in July
- Annual Christmas party with big coin raffle


