

South Brevard Coin Club



June 2024

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:

Jack Klein

Vice President:

Open

Treasurer:

Tim Janecke

Secretary/Newsletter

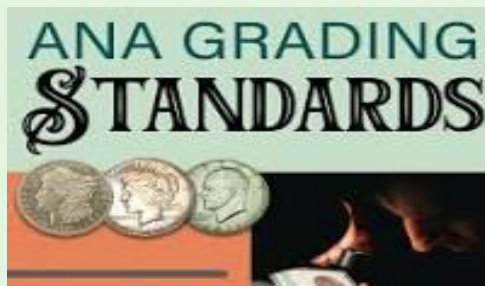
Paula Davis

Next Meeting

June 5, 2024

7:00 pm

The Value of Learning How to Grade Coins



*Mike Young will discuss his recent
experience and the value of attending
a Coin Grading Class*

***Plus Monthly Auction
and Raffle!***

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

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

www.southbrevardcoinclub.org

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IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE BOARD:

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the following positions. Sadly, we have not had much response from the membership and it is crucial to fill these positions so that the Club may grow and thrive which benefits everyone.

Please consider volunteering for the following positions:

Monthly Program Coordinator – To be in charge of scheduling monthly speakers/activities.

Hospitality Coordinator – To coordinate refreshments at the monthly meetings and semi-annual parties.

Membership Assistant – To assist the Membership Chairman with recruiting new members and working at the Membership Table at the Second Sunday Coin Show when needed.

Webmaster – Maintain website development and updates on a regular basis.

Community Advertising – To work in the community to promote and advertise Club activities.

Treasurer Backup – To work closely with the Treasurer to be able to assist when needed.

Coin Talk Monthly Facilitator – Set up library meeting room and facilitate the monthly discussions.

MEMBERS PLEASE

**CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS AND SKILLS TO MAKE OUR
CLUB BIGGER AND BETTER THIS YEAR!**

**Contact a Board Member to volunteer
for the position you can help with.**

Upcoming Programs

Month/Year	Topic	Speaker
January 2024	Colonial and Early American Currency	Tim Janecke
February 2024	World Coins	Jack Lane
March 2024	ANACS Coin Grading Service	Terry Morrissey
April 2024	Spring Picnic and Raffle	Golden Corral
May 2024	Numismatic Trivia Night	Bob Mellor
June 2024	The Value of a Coin Grading Class	Mike Young
July 2024	Annual Pizza and Numismatic Movie Night	
August 2024	1715 Treasure Fleet	Jim Wilson
September 2024	Numismatic Trivia Night	Bob Mellor
October 2024	TBA	
November 2024	Stagecoach Auctions by Wallace	Sheena Wallace
December 2024	Annual Holiday Dinner and Raffle	Golden Coral



Coin Club Library – The Club has a great library of numismatic books that members are welcome to check out! The complete list of books available is in the 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.

Only \$15.00 per person for year!

Benefits and Membership Application in 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 goody 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 (pmqdavis@aol.com)

to appear in a future newsletter...



American Numismatic Association (ANA) Diploma Program

➤ ANA's Diploma Program is the cornerstone of their educational offerings

➤ **There are six course areas:**

- Introduction to Numismatics
- Grading US Coins Today
- Detecting Counterfeit & Altered Coins
- Modern Minting Process
- Errors & Varieties
- Grading Mint State Coins

➤ Completing all courses earns a "Numismatic Scholar" title

➤ Many of the courses were out of date

➤ **Christian Strayhorn – ANA Education Director**

➤ Her vision: Provide dynamic, engaging, relevant and organized learning opportunities for the lifelong love of numismatics.

➤ Overseeing the update and on-line release of the courses one at a time

➤ **Introduction to Numismatics Course to be released 29 April**

➤ \$75 fee includes registration and course fee

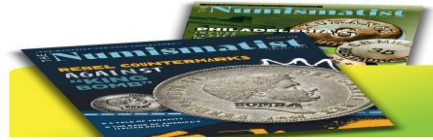
➤ Other courses to follow one at a time

➤ See money.org/diplomaprogram for more information



There's never been a better time to join the American Numismatic Association (ANA) the coin collector's edge.

- **World-Class Publications**



Members enjoy access to two

Premier magazines. *The Numismatist*, the ANA's official monthly journal—focuses on the fun, the history, and the allure of coin collecting. **The Reading Room** is an online magazine tailor-made for the digital-era collector.

- **The best educational programs in the hobby** – webinars, seminars, correspondence courses, and access to the world's largest numismatic lending library.
- **Online resources** – videos, blogs, podcasts, research tools, coin collecting tips, plus amazing virtual Money Museum exhibits. **Community** – you'll be joining a community of 27,000 collectors! Share your passion, ideas and research with the ANA's members-only blog, online forum and Facebook group.
- **Member Savings** – exclusive discounts on ANA seminars, Money Museum auctions, coin collecting publications, supplies, and collection insurance.



E-Commerce Exchange Safety Spot

The Indian Harbour Beach Police Department E-Commerce Safe Spot is located at the Indian Harbour Beach Police Department, 1835 S. Patrick Drive. The E-Commerce Safe Spot provides a safe place for buyers and sellers to meet to complete their transactions. They have designated the parking spaces on the southwestern portion of the parking lot for these legitimate exchanges. The E-Commerce Safe Spot is clearly marked with road painting and signage. The Safe Spot is open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, and is under 24-hour surveillance with a video feed directly to the Indian Harbour Beach Police Department.

They believe that having an area designated for this specific purpose that is recorded and monitored by the police department will deter those who may want to engage in criminal activity.

While most people who participate in e-commerce are credible, a small percentage of people use popular websites to prey on the innocent. Throughout the country, there are many stories where citizens who use e-commerce have been robbed and even seriously hurt. The Indian Harbour Beach Police Department is pleased to offer a safer alternative and a secure location to help ensure and enhance safety and to minimize the opportunity for an encounter to go wrong.

Mark Your Calendar!

2nd Sunday COIN SHOW

Azan Shrine Center
1591 West Eau Gallie Blvd
Melbourne, FL 32935

2nd Sunday Each Month

9:30am-3:00pm

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 purchase.

For information on table rental contact **Alysha Wilson - Phone 321-704-3070 or email AlyshaWilson@Att.net**

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.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FACILITATING THIS MONTHLY GROUP
PLEASE CONTACT SOMEONE ON THE BOARD**

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>



SBCC Library Books

Available for Checkout
 Contact Jack Klein (kleinjack@att.net)



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TITLE	Author Publisher
1913 Liberty Head Nickel	Stack Bowers
American Silver Eagles	Whitman Publishing
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
Collectible American Coins	BRESSETT, Kenneth
Confederate States Paper Money	CUHAJ, George S.
Curious Currency	LEONARD, Robert D.
Die Photos & Fuld/Moore Listings Update	FULD, George & Melvin
Early Paper Money of America 5th edition	NEWMAN, Eric P.
Early Paper Money of America 2023 edition	NEWMAN, Eric P.
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 1981	KELLY, Don C.
National Bank Notes A Guide with Prices 2004	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.
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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
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TITLE	Auth or Pub
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 # 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 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
Standard Catalog of World Coins 2001-2008	BRUCE, Colin
Standard Catalog of World Coins Single Volume 1987	KRAUSE, Chester
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

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



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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: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Annual Club Dues: \$15.00 per person

Children under 18: - \$5.00 each

COINAGE and the CARNAGE of WAR

by Fred Garvin

At the 11th Hour, on the 11th Day, of the 11th Month, 2018 marked the 100 yr. Anniversary of the 1918 Armistice, an end to The Great War. While historians debate when all the fighting actually ceased, November 11th 1918 is regarded as Armistice Day. The Neutral Kingdom of Belgium was the first unwilling victim of the German Army in 1914, and was to be used as a thoroughfare to Paris. By September, 1.5 million of the Belgian population fled, over 25,000 homes were burned to the ground, 6500 civilians slaughtered, and 3000 unlucky Belgians died trying to escape through electrified fencing. This is what History has named “The Rape of Belgium”. There is one man, thankfully among us today, that understands this more than most. His name is Vincent Buysens, and it was his Great Grandfather whose life was saved by a pocket full of loose change.



In the early part of the 20th Century, Belgium’s currency was in francs, and bordering France it only made sense to

use French coins as well. The “small head” Leopold II, 5-franc Belgian coin was minted from 1865-1878. Over 56 million were produced, with the 1865 date being the most rare except for the single 1878 coin held by the National Bank of Belgium. 90% silver, 37mm diameter, a lettered edge, and a well-groomed bearded Portrait of King Leopold II is featured on the obverse, with a tasteful Belgium Kingdom Coat of Arms on the coin’s Reverse.



Another common coin of the time was the French “Hercules” 5 franc. Minted from 1870-1889, tens of millions were produced with the final year being its lowest mintage of only 20. There are variations of the bee, trident and stars. It has a lettered edge circling its 37mm diameter of 90% silver. The obverse features Hercules standing between and uniting “Liberty” on left, with “Equality” on right, and the reverse shows a bold denomination surrounded by a simple wreath. This coin is categorized as “3rd Republic.” There is

also a “2nd Republic” Hercules coin minted in France for a 2-year period 1848 & 1849. Multiple coins throughout history have featured Hercules, but these coins are pretty sweet.



From 1861-1870 France also produced a common 5-franc coin known as the “Laureate Head” Napoleon III coin. An estimated 48 million were minted. The 1863 date was the lowest production year of the 90%, 37mm coin that also featured a lettered edge. A goatee wearing Portrait adds to the laurel headdress obverse, and a smart looking Crowned & Mantled Arms reverse.

Vincent BuysSENS of Antwerp was familiar with the old war story of his great-grandfather Optatius BuysSENS since childhood and always thought it was hard to believe even with confirmation from his dad and grandfather. It wasn't until he came across Optatius' war journal, and the coins themselves, when he realized it was all true! He posted some photos and a simple synopsis on Reddit to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day. After receiving over 100k likes in a few days news organizations were contacting him for interviews. The following has been derived from those published interviews.

Initially denied enlistment due to an existing hip injury, Optatius BuysSENS was determined to defend his neutral homeland against the invading German Army and was accepted into Volunteer Service. On the night of September 26th 1914, Optatius and his battle buddy were on a



reconnaissance mission near the town of Lebbeke Belgium. Silver coins make a unique sound compared to their clad counterpart, and it was this unmistakable noise that alerted a German Trooper where to train his Mauser rifle and fired into the darkness. Optatius fell to the ground. Focused on the intense pain from the pinpointed strike of kinetic energy and gasping for breath, he could hear the rustling of brush as the German marksman made his way over to confirm the shot landed. Optatius played possum to an Academy Award winning performance even after a swift boot kick to the head. Satisfied with the results, the German soldier left the area.

Optatius had three of the Belgian Leopold II 5-franc coins, two French Napoleon III 5-franc coins, and a single French Hercules 5-franc coin in his left breast pocket. Behind his “Life's Savings” of 30 francs, was mere



fabric covering his chest in front of his heart. His recon team member was also shot; however, it was not a mortal wound. Optatius helped him back to their post to make their report and a full recovery. At this stage of the invasion, the Germany Army had captured dozens of Belgian fortifications and all the soldiers in them. Optatius, along with other soldiers, retreated north into the Netherlands to fight another day.



The lettered edge on these coins is in Latin, and read GOD PROTECTS FRANCE or BELGIUM in the case of the Leopold II 5-franc coins. Looking at the series of impact on the first 3 Belgian coins an analogy could be made. How the German Army left carnage across the neutral Kingdom of Belgium, just as the 7.92mm Gewehr round left carnage in its wake on these coins, and yet, the Belgian coins “protected” the life of a Belgian Soldier, Optatius Buysens, ensuring the future of a family he hadn’t even started.

A lesser-known fact concerning Belgian coins, in June of 2023 the Belgian Bank Vdk, with permission granted by both the National Bank of Belgium and the European Central Bank, allegedly created the “world’s first 3 Sided/Dimensional coin.” Numismatists worldwide, and throughout history understand there are 3 sides to any coin, Obverse, Reverse, & Edge, but these guys are just banksters, so I’m willing to cut them some slack on their terminology, and proclamation. Interestingly enough it’s not even considered a coin by Vdk, but rather a novelty. It has no monetary value even with a 1 Euro coin pressed into one of its sides, and has only been distributed to Vdk employees. It’s really just a massive ad campaign. The idea is to “Triple Your Thinking.” As the Global Alliance for Banking on Values puts it, “*The three-dimensional bank focuses upon customer, community, with the third dimension to think how money impacts the planet - or what sustainable banking really means.*” So, there you go.

