

South Brevard Coin Club



March 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:

Mike Smith

Vice President:

Jack Klein

Treasurer:

Tim Janecke

Secretary/Newsletter

Paula Davis

Next Meeting

March 6, 2024

7:00 pm

ANACS

(American Numismatic Association Certification Service)

Coin Grading Services

Presented by Terry Morrissey

Interesting Auction Items

Bring something to auction off!

And Always...Great Raffle Items!



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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.

Coin Show Bourse Assistant – To work with the Show Bourse, Jim Nuara, at the Second Sunday Coin Show.

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 |
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| 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 | TBA | |
| June 2024 | 1715 Treasure Fleet | Chet Hogan |
| July 2024 | Annual Pizza and Numismatic Movie Night | |
| August 2024 | TBA | |
| September 2024 | TBA | |
| October 2024 | TBA | |
| November 2024 | TBA | |
| 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 (pmgdavis@aol.com)

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**

TREASURE COAST ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

March 9, 2024

36TH ANNUAL TCAS HUNT

**Kiwanis-Hobart Park
77th St, Vero Beach, FL 32967**

Annual gathering of treasure hunters! Fun, food and prizes!

Contact TCAS.Club@gmail.com for more information

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>

In Memory....

Lenora Rosalie "Lee" Fieldson

1938 - 2023



Lenora (Lee) Fieldson, 85, of Melbourne, Florida, passed away on December 19, 2023, after a brief illness. She was a passionate and dynamic woman who touched the lives of everyone she knew. Those who knew her are fortunate to have had the opportunity to learn and grow from their time spent with her.

Lee was an active member of the South Brevard Coin Club for many years and her presence and contributions will be greatly missed.

This is the link to her full obituary:

<https://www.johnsonjc.com/Obituary/271898/Lenora-Fieldson/Junction%20City-KS>

Dues Reminder!

Yearly dues are \$15 per year which is a great value for all the benefits of membership! We ask that you fill out a new application each year so we can keep our records updated. You can pay the Membership Chairman at the monthly meeting or you can use the application that is in this newsletter and mail it to our Post Office Box.

Also, all coin dealers in our Second Sunday Coin Show are required to be a member of the Coin Club. Please stop by SBCC Membership table in the front hallway to pay dues or mail to the P.O Box with the application in the newsletter.

Members not paid by the end of March will be removed from membership.



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. |
| 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 |

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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 |
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UNDER COVER AGENT CREATED THE 1804 SILVER DOLLAR

By Fred Garvin



The son of a Royal Navy Captain was born in Portsmouth New Hampshire on the 29th of June 1784. Edmund Roberts Jr. traveled to England at 16 and returned to Portsmouth after 8 years where he became a Merchant Shipowner and Supercargo (superintendent of cargo) involved in the lucrative New England Triangle of Trade. Throughout history countless sailors have died at an early age due to the dreaded Dysentery and just 19 days prior to his 52nd birthday, this would be the fate of “Special Agent” Edmund Roberts, but not before he gave away some of America's rarest coins to foreign rulers and incused his mark in the numismatic world that nobody knows about!

Marrying into a prominent family and having influential friends kept his trading vessels afloat after surviving The War of 1812, the 2nd Barbary Pirate War, as well as French and Spanish Privateers where he had suffered significant financial loss. Roberts was offered audience to the Sultan of Muscat/Oman in 1828 while on one of his trade excursions where he was asked to escort some of the Sultan's vessels back to America to petition for trade to counterbalance the British influence.

Upon return Edmund wrote a letter to his personal friend U.S. Senator Levi Woodbury enlightening him on *the aggravations endured by American Shipping, that could be alleviated by negotiating commercial treaties*. In 1831 Woodbury was appointed Secretary of the Navy by Andrew Jackson, and seeing an opportunity to capitalize on his good friend's idea, Edmund Roberts was appointed “Special Agent” by the Secretary of State and signed off as such on the 27th of January 1832.



He then reported to The U.S.S. Peacock under the guise of “Captain's Clerk” on the Ship's Station Bill. Only he and the captain of the vessel knew of his True Mission, as well as The President. All others were on a “Need to Know” basis. Roberts Mission, that he chose to accept... without the disavow aspect, was to infiltrate and *gain specific and precise knowledge of the nature and character of*

different Asian governments and to establish trade treaties. Special Agent Edmund Roberts Jr. was America's First Envoy to the Far East.

After his first year as “Special Agent Roberts,” he felt the gifts he was given by U.S. Officials to present to the foreign rulers were cheap, and gaudy. Not fearing it would “blow his cover”, he was just embarrassed to present them. Edmund, once again, took feathered quill in hand and wrote a letter suggesting better gifts, coins specifically. This letter made it all the way to President Andrew Jackson's desk, where he agreed and stated in part, *“Duplicate specimens of each kind now in use whether Gold, Silver, or Copper.”* Now this request somewhat confused mint officials. It was problematic for 2 denominations of coins. The Silver Dollar and the 10 Dollar Gold Eagle because neither of these coins had been produced in about 30 years. As Irony would have it, in an effort NOT to create an instant rarity by striking a Silver Dollar or Ten Dollar Gold Eagle dated incorrectly, Mint Director Samuel Moore searched through their archives to ascertain the last time these coins were struck. The Mint's records, and The Red Book, bear witness to 19,570 1804 Draped Bust Silver Dollars struck, as well as 3,757 1804 Ten Dollar Gold Eagles. What the mint's records don't show, but any edition of The Red Book does show in the last paragraph of the 1804 Dollar heading, is the probable fact that while 19,570 Draped Bust Silver Dollars were indeed struck that year, 1804, they were most likely dated 1803

due to slack mint procedures and the dies were still usable for that final year.

So, beginning in 1834 the mint produced four coin sets to be given as Envoy Gifts. There are three Classes of 1804 Silver Dollars. Eight Class I 1804 Silver Dollars were produced in 1834 & 1835. On the Reverse there will be a narrow gap between the lettering STATES and OF. Class II were produced in 1858 & 1859, having a noticeably wider gap between STATES and OF on Reverse with a plain edge. Class III were produced through the 1860's. The dies were destroyed in 1869 and sales of this Class III coin continued through the 1870's. These Class III coins maintain the wider gap on Reverse between STATES and OF, while including the lettered edge. In regard to the 1804 Capped Bust or Turban Head Ten Dollar Gold Coin, apparently there was only four produced, one for each 1834/5 sets, and can be identified by the PLAIN 4 designation, no Crosslet at the end of 4, and they were proofed.

It has been recorded by Official U. S. State Department Records, on the 1st of October 1835, Special Agent Edmund Roberts presented Sayyid Bin Sultan Al-Busaidi, Sultan of Muscat and Oman,



with the Envoy Gift Set of Coins making him the very first person to possess the coveted 1804 Silver Dollar. In April of 1836 King Rama III of Siam Received his set. Two months later Special Agent Roberts met his fate in Macau, and the remaining two sets of Envoy Gift Coin Sets were returned to the U.S. Mint.

Interesting side note and lesser known fact about the Siam coin set. Today Siam is known as Thailand. The 1944 Novel “Anna and The King of Siam” as well as the 1946 film starring Rex Harrison and the 1956 musical starring Yul Brenner, “The King & I” are all banned in Thailand. Being no stranger to smuggling practices, having traveled to Thailand, and seeing it as a “challenge” when I was a younger man, I have smuggled in copies of all three versions to friends in Thailand. The story

is set in the 1860’s and the real life account, including embellishments, of school teacher/governess Anna Leonowens instructing King Rama IV’s children. It’s really a love story, and it’s not hard to speculate how Anna had come into possession of the Siam coin set, because her descendants sold it to a London Coin Dealer in the late 1950’s, and on November 1, 2005 the President of Rare Coin Wholesalers of Dana Point California, Steven L. Contursi purchased the set for 8.5 million dollars!

This article was inspired by a lecture given by Dr. Jesse Kraft on the American Numismatic Society Youtube channel titled “The 1804 Silver Dollar” where more interesting history through to today can be seen concerning the 1804 Silver Dollar.

