

# South Brevard Coin Club Newsletter



October 2023

## 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**

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**Mike Smith**

Vice President:

**Jack Klein**

Treasurer:

**Tim Janecke**

Secretary/Newsletter

**Paula Davis**



**October**

**Monthly Meeting**

**October 4, 2023**

Doors Open 6:00 pm

Meeting Starts 7:00 pm

**Annual SBCC**

**Members Coin Show**

This is the members own private coin show.

Tables will be provided for members  
to sell numismatic items.

**Come to Buy or Sell!**



We will also be having our monthly auction so

**Bring items to sell in our auction**



And of course....

**Fantastic Raffle Items  
Every Meeting!**

**South Brevard Coin Club**

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

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and Florida United Numismatists (FUN)**

**[www.southbrevardcoinclub.org](http://www.southbrevardcoinclub.org)**

# South Brevard Coin Club

## IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE BOARD:

### ELECTIONS AND BYLAWS

At the November meeting we will be having a business meeting in order to ratify the Bylaws of the South Brevard Coin Club. The Bylaws will be sent to all members to review prior to the meeting and they are currently posted on the website. There will be discussion and vote to accept or amend the new Bylaws.

Also at the November meeting we will be electing Board Officers for the following year. This is your chance to step up and volunteer for a place on the Board.



### VOLUNTEERS

Since our membership is growing rapidly, it is vital to have more participation from the members to contribute to the success of the Club. It takes a lot to run the club and currently we are operating with a Board of 5 Officers and an Education Specialist who do the bulk of keeping the Club functioning.

As we grow, we need a lot more members involved to keep things running smoothly and bringing the most value to the members. In the coming year we will be organizing more committees to develop some of the areas we would like to expand in and need members to step up. These immediate duties include helping set up the room for the meeting, selling raffle tickets and helping with presentations. Going forward, we would like to create more community events including youth events, program development and having refreshments at the meeting just to name a few.

It is important to get everyone involved as we all have a variety of skills and backgrounds that we can utilize within the Club.

### PROGRAMS FOR 2024

We have been very fortunate to have Bob Mellor as our Education Specialist who, as most of you know, does the majority of our interesting education programs along with procuring all the great items for our monthly raffle. Our education programs are one of the great benefits of belonging to this group.

However, Bob has many, many responsibilities including still working full time and as his job becomes more demanding he will not have as much time to dedicate to Program presentation or Coin Talk.

We need someone to assist with this very important function of the Club. We are looking to our group of knowledgeable numismatists to share your knowledge and expertise with the group by presenting a monthly program on a topic of interest or recommending someone in the community to invite as a speaker.

### COIN TALK

Once again, Bob Mellor has been instrumental in the outreach program called Coin Talk that is held monthly at the Suntime Library. It is a program that is open to the community to elicit interest in numismatics. Many of our members attend on a regular basis and it also attracts people who are interested in learning more about numismatics, many of whom become members of SBCC. Because of Bob's more demanding schedule, he sadly will have to forego facilitating this event each month. The library gives us the room and advertises the event at no charge so it would be a wasted opportunity not to take advantage of this time!

**WE NEED SOMEONE TO STEP UP AND TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF FACILITATING THIS ACTIVITY OR ELSE WE WILL HAVE TO DISCONTINUE OFFERING IT AT THE END OF THIS YEAR.**

## Upcoming Programs

<i>Month/Year</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
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	Business Meeting – Bylaw Ratification and Board Elections	No Speaker
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! The complete list of books available is in the newsletter. Contact Jack Klein ([kleinjack@att.net](mailto: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<sup>st</sup> 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 ([pmqdavis@aol.com](mailto:pmqdavis@aol.com)) to appear in a future newsletter...*

## Mark Your Calendar!

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday COIN SHOW**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:AlyshaWilson@Att.net)**

### **COIN TALK**

Suntree Viera Public Library  
902 Jordan Blass Drive  
Melbourne, FL 32940

**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month**

**6:00pm-7:45pm**

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!

**See Message Under IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE BOARD**

### **TREASURE COAST ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**March 9, 2024**

#### **36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TCAS HUNT**

**Kiwanis-Hobart Park  
77<sup>th</sup> St, Vero Beach, FL 32967**

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

**See flyer at end of newsletter.**

**Contact [TCAS.Club@gmail.com](mailto:TCAS.Club@gmail.com) for more information**

### **COINS IN FLORIDA**

**[www.coinsinflorida.com](http://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>**

# West Point Time Capsule

collected and edited  
by Jack Klein

A time capsule, nearly 200 years old, was opened on the grounds of the United States Military Academy, at Thayer Hall, West Point, New York on Monday, 28 August 2023.

The time capsule was discovered back in May of this year when engineers and public works officials were renovating the statue of Thaddeus Kosciuszko, a Polish-born general who helped fortify the academy during the American Revolution.

Following its discovery, administrators and students built much hype around the box. A panel of historians was invited to speculate on its contents, but they did not get a chance to do so.

*“The box didn’t quite meet expectations,”* Paul Hudson, West Point’s archaeologist, said to the crowd as he removed shards of fragmented sediment from the box during its opening. While disappointed, the experts on stage said they would sift through the contents to see whether there was anything of historical interest caked to the bottom.

*“We don’t want to think that they went to all the trouble to put this box in the monument and not put anything in it,”* Hudson added.

The 194-year-old time capsule that was opened and originally believed to contain only silt, produced a handful of historical artifacts, the Academy said on Wednesday, 30 August 2023.

After analysis, the academy said that it found five coins of varying worth and ages from the 1800s. A sixth coin, a 5-cent piece, was from 1795; and a nearly two-inch Erie Canal commemorative medal from 1826 emerged from the crusty, gray box as well.



The complete list of items removed from the box were:

- A [Liberty dollar coin from 1800](#)
- A [50-cent coin from 1828](#)
- A [25-cent coin from 1818](#)
- A [10-cent coin from 1827](#)
- A [5-cent coin from 1795](#)
- A [1-cent coin from 1827](#)
- An [Erie Canal commemorative medal from 1826](#)

*“This is an incredible story that involves so many of West Point’s heroes, and many of them are the Army’s and our nation’s heroes,”* West Point’s dean, Brigadier General. Shane Reeves, said at the event.

*“We should reflect upon and be inspired by our history to pause and realize we have the immense honor and responsibility to continue the legacy that Kosciuszko started, and that West Point continues to live up to his vision from so long ago,”* Reeves added.

Source: original article by Drew F. Lawrence @ military.com; 31 August 2023

**POSTSCRIPT:** Who knows what historical luminaries may have handled these coins before they made their way to West Point in 1829? Robert E. Lee graduated from West Point in 1829 and may have had a hand in the placement of both the time capsule and the coins in the Kosciuszko statue. George Washington was president in 1795 when the 5-cent coin was minted in Philadelphia, which was also the nation’s capital at the time. Makes you wonder.

And further information on the topic.....

## WHO WAS ANDRZEJ TADEUSZ BONAWENTURA KOSCIUSZKO?

By Fred Garvin



Revered by George Washington and a close personal friend of Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Thaddeus Bonaventura Kosciuszko (Kaa-Zee-uh-skow) is

woven into our American History and stood with our Founding Fathers, yet, many do not know who he was or what he did. I didn't, until I asked myself that question.

Born February 1746 in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, now known as Belarus, Kosciuszko was a Polish Military Engineer, Leader and Statesman that became a National Hero to Poland. There are 3 Statues/Memorials dedicated to him in Poland and a Polish Military Base bearing his name where the U.S. has deployed Troops stationed there right now. Here in America Kosciuszko has 6 memorials. The statue in the Boston Public Gardens depicts him holding the architectural plans for West Point. At West Point there is a portrait of Thomas Jefferson and a statue, in both Jefferson wears a fur jacket that was given to him by Kosciuszko. He wrote many times to Jefferson advocating for a Military Academy for Military Officers, and in the early onset of West Point Kosciuszko was known as "The Father of The Academy".

On August 30<sup>th</sup> 1776 he submitted an application to The 2<sup>nd</sup> Continental Congress and was assigned to the Continental Army as a Colonel the next day. Throughout The Revolutionary War Kosciuszko carried a sword that was inscribed "DO NOT DRAW ME WITHOUT REASON AND DO NOT

SHEATH ME WITHOUT HONOR". He served in many battles as well as designing and overseeing construction of numerous state-of-the-art fortifications most notably West Point. He was appointed Engineer In Charge of West Point Fortifications by General George Washington in 1778 and promoted to Brigadier General in 1783. On March 16<sup>th</sup> 1802 West Point was Founded and America's First College of Engineering. Kosciuszko died in 1817 and in 1828 his monument at West Point was completed, however, it was unclear whether or not it was recorded or documented that a time capsule was placed inside the monuments base!

In 2021 a West Point Cadet, Eric Kramer, was at the Kosciuszko monument and noticed some structural cracks in the base and brought it to the attention of the appropriate personnel. Military Engineering Students and Faculty snapped into action and within 2

years, May 2023, "discovered" the one cubic foot lead box time capsule! With Military precision a ceremony was scheduled on 28 August 2023 for a live unveiling of the time capsule's contents at Thayer Hall in the Robinson Auditorium.



Some Faculty considered inviting Jerry Rivers, AKA Geraldo Rivera, thinking this unveiling might reminisce the 1986 debacle that left millions completely disregarding Jerry ever since, but they decided to let Jerry stay home. Initially a lot of silt was found due to damage to the box over 195 years buried in the monument's base. Within a few days all the items were forensically removed and on August 30 the announcement of 6 U.S. minted coins, an Erie Canal

Commemorative Medal and some archival documents were found. The coins were one of each denomination. I estimated an approximate value of \$5K using the Red Book, but grading is paramount and I'm a mere novice. The coins were covered in silt/dirt and the photos aren't terrible. Professional "cleaning" is a must.

[https://www.flickr.com/photos/west\\_point\\_albums/72177720310553277](https://www.flickr.com/photos/west_point_albums/72177720310553277)

- 1800 Liberty Dollar – Normal dies
- 1828 Half Dollar – Curl Base, No Knob 2, Large Letters
- 1818 Quarter -Capped Bust, Normal Date
- 1827 Dime – Pointed Top
- 1795 Half Dime – Flowing Hair
- 1827 One Cent – Medium Letters?!

I did recently acquire a new vision prescription, however I still needed to use binoculars to get a good look at these coins. The reverse of the 1827 One Cent looked to me as if the 2<sup>nd</sup> "S" in STATES is directly above the "N" in ONE depicting the MEDIUM LETTERS noted in the Red Book as only being minted from 1829-1837.

I'm not sure if I'm seeing something or not. A more qualified and educated pair of eyes could explain more, maybe even contact the West Point Archival Team. Take a look at these coins, enjoy the history, and remember the individuals that helped to create our Nation.

(Submitted by Mike Young)

## *In Memory....*



### **Betty Tsatiris**

April 2, 1944 – August 16, 2023

dedicated Latin and Spanish teacher in Brevard County for over 40 years. She loved the symphony, reading, and coin collecting, especially Ancients. She will be greatly missed...

We are sad to say good-bye to a dear friend and avid coin collector. Betty was an active member of the Club for the last couple of years and graciously lent a hand wherever she was needed.

A true Southern lady, she was born in Natchez, Mississippi and moved to Melbourne in the 1960's. She was a





# SBCC Library Books

Available for Checkout



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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.
<b>Early Paper Money of America 2023 edition</b>	<b>NEWMAN, Eric P.</b>
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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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

Contact Jack Klein ([kleinjack@att.net](mailto:kleinjack@att.net)) to check out

## ***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](mailto: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

### **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: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Club Dues: \$15.00 per person Children under 18: - \$5.00 each**

**Date Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ck#/Cash:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Treasure Coast Archaeological Society**  
 Sebastian, Florida • Indian River County



*Come one come all to the annual gathering of treasure hunters!  
 There will be fun, food, prizes and merriment for all at the*

**36th Annual TCAS Hunt**  
**Saturday • March 9, 2024 • 9AM**  
**Kiwanis-Hobart Park (77th St, Vero Beach, FL 32967)**

**Entry Fee:** \$145 per hunter (Includes all hunts and lunch)  
 The youth hunt is free (lunch not included)  
 Extra lunches are available for \$10 each  
*Sign up before February 1, 2024 and the cost is only \$125 per hunter*

**Registration Form**

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency contact/Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra Lunches:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 each

**Total enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Send check or money order payable to TCAS and registration form to:**

**TCAS**  
**PO BOX 780768**  
**Sebastian, FL 32978**

Please feel free to contact us at [TCAS.Club@gmail.com](mailto:TCAS.Club@gmail.com)

**Schedule of Events**

- 9:00am - Registration**
- 9:30-10am – Orientation & Warm-Up Hunt**
- 10:00am COMPETITION HUNT**  
Thousands of painted tokens that have been distributed in the hunt area. Find as many as you can! 1 hr
- 11:15am - YOUTH HUNT (12 and under) 15 min**
- 11:15am - THE SHOOT-OUT (PINPOINT)**  
In this grueling challenge, you'll have 30 seconds to locate and mark an X on top of a coin hidden under a piece of plywood.
- 12:00pm LUNCH BREAK!**
- 1:30pm - SILVER & REALE HUNT**  
Silver coins and prize tokens will be randomly distributed in the hunt field. Recover as many as you can, and keep all that you find!
- 3:00 pm Awards Presentation**

\*\*\*\*\* **THE RULES** \*\*\*\*\*  
 All hunts rain or shine  
 Wear your badge at all times.  
 Headphones required  
 No pulse machines or devices  
 No large shovels, beach scoops or picks  
 Dig and retrieve your own targets!