 All Rights Reserved, Copyright Protected.

Nashua Numismatist

November 2026, Volume 29,
Number 11, Whole Number 369

President's Message

Hello Folks,

Please take note of an important schedule change for our upcoming gathering. The Nashua Coin Club November meeting will take place on **Tuesday, November 10, 2026**, at 7:00 PM at the Nashua Public Library. We are moving the meeting up by one day because the library is closed on Wednesday, November 11th, in observance of Veterans Day. We want to ensure everyone can still attend, and missing a month of good coin conversation simply wasn't an option.

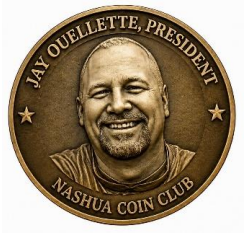
Our *Coin of the Month* topic is sure to turn some heads: *Odd Denomination Coins from anywhere in the world*. History has given us some truly unique currency values that completely defy our standard modern expectations. I encourage everyone to dig deep into their collections and break out your 2-cent, 3-cent, and 20-cent pieces — or any unusual global denominations — to pass around the table. It's a wonderful opportunity to look at the quirky paths monetary history has taken over the centuries.

Let's make this another great night of history, shared stories, and fascinating numismatic oddities. I look forward to seeing you all there on Tuesday night, both in person and via Zoom!

Happy Collecting,

Jay

Jay Ouellette,
NCC President



***Next Event:* Tuesday, November 10th, 2026, 7PM In-person + Zoom Option**
Nashua Public Library (Activity Room), 2 Court St., Nashua, NH
COTM: Odd denomination coins from any country

https://nashuacoinclub.com/

 All Rights Reserved, Copyright Protected.

Table of Contents

Featured In This Issue:

06 NCC Annual Award Recipients – Kevin Winn

08 John Frost Bio & Display – Kevin Winn

13 A Northern New England Numismatic Trip – Tim Skinski

15 Odd Denomination Coins – Fred Liberatore

16 The Very Oddest of Denominations – Kevin Winn

19 Pensacola 1875 $5 Note – Heritage Auctions

22 Edward VI Sovereign – SGB

Special Column:

18 Tales from the Shop: A Little Gold Goes a Long Way – Kevin Winn

In Every Issue:

01 President's Message – Jay Ouellette

03 U.S. Mint Releases – U.S. Mint

04 Upcoming Events – Judy Blackman

05 Recent Acquisitions: October 2026 – Kevin Winn

09 Minutes of October Banquet / COTM Schedule – Kevin Winn

20 JB's Numismatic News-stand – Judy Blackman

23 Club Information Page

24 NCC Application for Renewal / New Membership

 All Rights Reserved, Copyright Protected.

Mint Calendar 2026-2027 Release Dates & Important Press Releases

[Images courtesy of US Mint, www.usmint.gov]



There are currently no scheduled events, coin exchanges, or design contests. Be aware that issue dates can be a moving target. Check the Mint website for the latest info.

Here's the upcoming 2026 production schedule:

Nov. 5: Semiquincentennial 2026 President Donald J. Trump One Ounce 24K Gold Proof Coin (W)

Nov. 12: Morgan and Peace Dollar 2026 Diamond Field Two-Coin Set (P)

Nov. 13: Semiquincentennial Quarters 2026 Rolls and Bags – Gettysburg Address (D/P)

Nov. 17: $1 – 10 Note Sheet (Atlanta) Series 2021 Uncut Currency (Washington, DC)

Nov. 17: $1 – 20 Note Sheet (Atlanta) Series 2021 Uncut Currency (Washington, DC)





Nov. 17: $1 – 25 Note Sheet (Atlanta) Series 2021 Uncut Currency (Washington, DC)

Nov. 17: $1 – 50 Note Sheet (Atlanta) Series 2021 Uncut Currency (Washington, DC)

Nov. 17: $1 – $5 Note Sheet (Atlanta) Series 2021 Uncut Currency (Washington, DC)







Nov. 18: Herbert Hoover Presidential Silver Medal



Dec. 3: Comic Art 2.5 Ounce Silver Medal - Robin ™ (P)

Dec. 3: Comic Art 24-Karat Gold Proof Coin - Robin ™ (W)

Dec. 3: Comic Art One Ounce Silver Medal - Robin ™ (P)

Dec. 10: American Buffalo 2026 Anniversary 1/10 Ounce Gold Coin (W)

Coming (Dec.): Comic Art 2.5 Ounce Silver Medal – Green Lantern ™ (P)

Coming (Dec.): Comic Art 24-Karat Gold Proof Coin Green Lantern ™ (W)

Coming (Dec.): Comic Art One Ounce Silver Medal – Green Lantern ™ (P)

Coming (Dec.): Comic Art Three Medal Set, 2026 Super Heroes ™ (D)

About the upcoming 2027 production schedule:

As you can see above, some of the 2026 specific release dates have not yet been finalized.

The U.S. Mint typically announces its annual schedule for coin releases several months in advance, usually towards the end of the preceding year or early in the year of the release. As of the completion of this newsletter, the 2027 Production Schedule has not been released.

As previously reported, you can find some details of the 2027 coinage plans at this link:

https://schedule2026.com/2027-us-mint-schedule/

New 2027 US Mint Canine Helpers Coin Program"

https://www.usmint.gov/news/press-releases/united-states-mint-unveils-designs-for-the-2027-working-dogs-commemorative-coin-program

 All Rights Reserved, Copyright Protected.

Upcoming 2026-2027 Events

(Check websites for updates)



08 NOV: EBW Greater-Worcester Coin Show, Auburn-Webster Elks Lodge, Auburn, MA

10 NOV: NCC MEETING, Tues., 7PM, In-person + Zoom, (Nashua Main Library) – as Library is closed Nov 11

15 NOV: EBW Coin Show, Third Sunday, Alpine Grove Evts Ctr, 19 S Depot Hollis

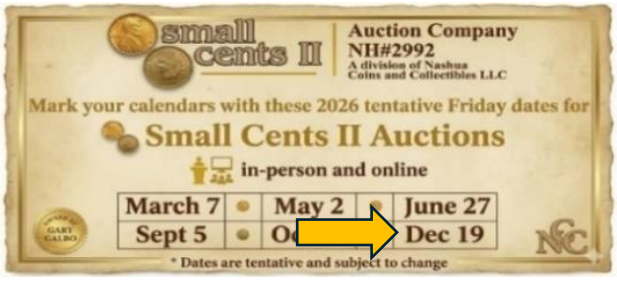
22 NOV: EBW New England Sunday Coin Show, Springhill Suites Marriott, Devens, MA

29 NOV: New Bedford Sunday Coin Show (9-2), Westport Town Hall Annex, New Bedford, MA



09 DEC: NCC Annual White Elephant Sale, Wed., 7PM, *In-person ONLY, (Nashua Coin & Collectibles)*

13 DEC: EBW Greater-Worcester Coin Show, Auburn-Webster Elks Lodge, Auburn, MA



20 DEC: EBW Coin Show, Third Sunday, Alpine Grove Evts Ctr, 19 S Depot Hollis

27 DEC: EBW New England Sunday Coin Show, Springhill Suites Marriott, Devens, MA

2027 Events

Note: EBW Promotions has not published its NH & MA 2027 coin shows yet.

13 JAN: NCC MEETING, Wed., 7PM, In-person + Zoom, (Nashua Main Library)

08-11 JAN: 72nd Annual 2027 FUN Convention, Orange County Convention Center, 9899 International Dr., Orlando, FL 32819

10 FEB: NCC MEETING, Wed., 7PM, In-person + Zoom, (Nashua Main Library)

04-06 MAR: ANA 2027 National Money Show®, Virginia Beach, VA

10 MAR: NCC MEETING, Wed., 7PM, In-person + Zoom, (Nashua Main Library)

26-27 MAR: NH 25th Coin and Currency Expo, Double Tree by Hilton (Downtown), 700 Elm St., Manchester

14 APR: NCC MEETING, Wed., 7PM, In-person + Zoom, (Nashua Main Library)

21-24 APR: CSNS 88th Convention, Schaumburg Renaissance Hotel & Convention Ctr, 1551 North Thoreau Dr, Schaumburg, IL 60173

09-10 APR: ONA 65th Annual Convention: hosted by the Woodstock Coin Club at Centre at Southside Park, more details to follow.

03—05 JUN: PAN 2027 Spring Convention, Monroeville Convention Ctr, 209 Mall Blvd., Monroeville, PA 15146

 All Rights Reserved, Copyright Protected.



Oct. 2026

Reported by **Kevin J. Winn,** NCC Secretary

Bob Fritsch: 2026 U.S. President Trump $1 Coin

Deb Ludwig: 2026 U.S. President Trump $1 Coin

Cliff Lo Verme: 2026 U.S. Base Metal Proof Sets

Fred Liberatore: 1930 Fort McKinley Civilian Military Training Corps. Gold-Plated Brass Medal (1" / 25.4 mm) awarded by Chamber of Commerce to Outstanding Student, Donald R. Driscoll (1911-1989), from Haverhill, Massachusetts, in 1930.



The medal bears the hallmark of Dorrety of Boston. There are catalogues for this company going back to at least 1916. From 1934-1950 the company was at 387 Washington St. Boston 8, MA. Not sure where it was prior to this. The company closed in 1950, however it was opened again under new ownership in the 1980s yet it didn't last long before the company was dissolved. Dorrety of Boston specialized in art applied emblems, banners, crests, shields, medals, union badges, school and fraternity pins, awards, trophies, and more.

Will Elliott: 1942/1 Mercury Dime

Carl Wolff: 1949D Jefferson Nickel (in the Wild)

Ken Camilleis: 1803 Draped Bust U.S. Large Cent

Zach Ekstrand: 1991 U.S. Silver Eagle

Judy Blackman: RCM 2026 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) Commemorative Collector Keepsake Card. *[RCM photo.]*



Kevin Winn: 1787 Fugio Cent *[Photos by Kevin Winn]*





 All Rights Reserved, Copyright Protected.



This is the third year in a row that Asher has taken home one of our awards. He is a devoted numismatist even at his young age. Asher has attended almost every meeting since he joined the club. He has contributed stories to the newsletter, especially about his extensive collection of foreign coins. He has consistently brought in relevant numismatic coins or notes for almost every *Coin of the Month* topic. Asher is a fine young man and a treasure to have in our club.





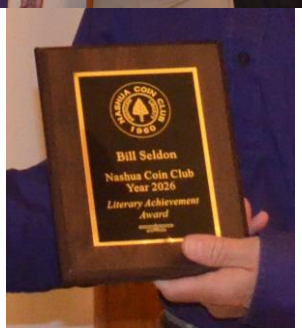
Left to right: NCC President Jay Ouellette with Asher Hamilton. [Photos by Cliff Lo Verme.]

Congratulations Asher, our Young Numismatist of the year.



Bill has been a member of the club for many years, and he has always been an important cog in the leadership and direction of our club. He is a Past President, but his role now is just as important as the Layout Editor for our Award-Winning Newsletter. Bill has been a proof-reader, contributor, and editor for the Nashua Numismatist for many years. He is a crucial part of the team, along with Chief Editor, Judy Blackman, and others, who have been responsible for winning first place in the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association *Best Newsletter Award* on two occasions. And our beloved newsletter has also finished third in the American Numismatic Association's Local Newsletter Competition on three occasions, and in this year, 2026, we finished second in this very important National contest. In other words, our newsletter from little old Nashua, New Hampshire, is recognized throughout most of North America as an excellent, thoughtful, instructive, and well-edited publication in all numismatic circles. And Bill Seldon is hereby recognized as a huge reason for that level of recognition.





Left to right: NCC President Jay Ouellette, Bill Seldon, and Kevin Winn. [Photos by Cliff Lo Verme.]

Congratulations Bill.



Tim is here with us tonight, but his Connecticut home address means he usually joins us via ZOOM. Tim is still a frequent attendee, and he always has something to show us on Coin of the Month or Show and Tell. Tim will take home this year's *Numismatic Achievement Award* mainly due to his famed collection of U.S. Half Cents. He owns nearly every known example of this early copper series which were minted from 1793 to 1857. Many of his half cents were purchased in highly

 All Rights Reserved, Copyright Protected.

advanced auctions where his coins come with a pedigree of half-cent collectors that are well-known in the Numismatic world. Tim has also contributed multiple articles for our newsletter, most of them about his many trips that he and his wife have taken, and always with a numismatic angle to justify its publication in the Nashua Numismatist.





Left to right: NCC President Jay Ouellette, Bill Seldon, and Kevin Winn. [Photos by Cliff Lo Verme.]

Congratulations, Tim.



George is a relatively new member of our club. He and his wife, Bonnie, have been attending our meetings together almost every month since they joined the club. They are wonderful numismatists working on their collections together and they often have notable examples to pass around for *Coin of the Month* or *Show and Tell*. But they also took over some leadership and direction with the club when Bonnie entertained us at the July meeting with her guitar and beautiful singing voice as we celebrated the 250th birthday of our great nation, while George volunteered to help us establish the Nashua Coin Club as a registered 501C3 organization. If and when we are able to accomplish that feat, our club would become eligible to receive designated funds from one of New Hampshire's many casinos, who have to donate part of their profits to legitimate non-profit organizations in order to stay in business. It is unusual for new members to be as important to the club as George and Bonnie, but this award is well-deserved and we are happy to call George our Gold Achievement Award Winner for 2026.



NCC President Jay Ouellette accepted the award on George's behalf as George and Bonnie were with family in Canada celebrating the Canadian Thanksgiving, which falls the same day as our Columbus Day. [Photos by Cliff Lo Verme.]

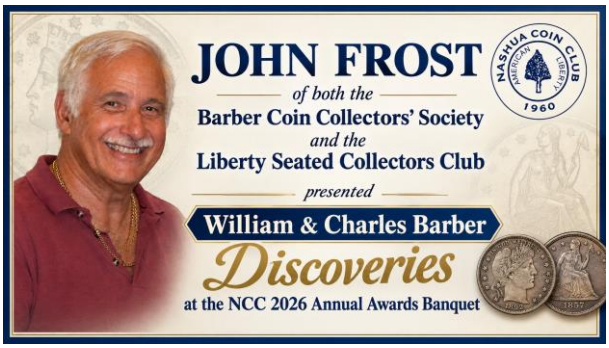
Congratulations George and Thank You Bonnie!



1804 SemiQ Gold Coin with Liberty Bell Privy Mark on 2026 NCC Annual Banquet Cake *[Cake photo by Cliff Lo Verme, coin photo from US Mint.]*



 All Rights Reserved, Copyright Protected.

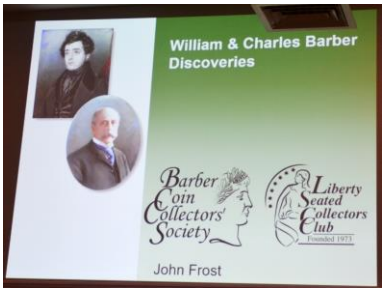


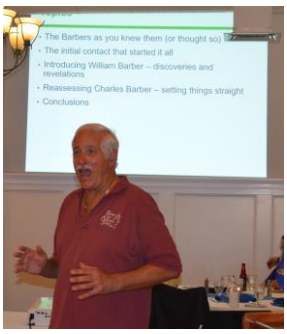
A long-time numismatist, John is the Past-President and Journal Editor of the Barber Coin Collectors' Society (BCCS, *http://www.barbercoins.org/)*, the Director of Education for the Liberty Seated Collectors Club (LSCC, *https://lsccweb.org/)*, and Co-Author of the reference book *"Double Dimes—The United States Twenty-Cent Piece"*.

For nearly 50 years, John has had a deep passion for numismatics, research, and history. John wrote the forward for "*A Guide Book of Barber Silver Coins*, 2nd Edition by Q. David Bowers", and he's a contributor to *The Red Book*. He is also an instructor at the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) Summer Seminar, an award-winning exhibitor, and Co-President of his local coin club in Sterling, Massachusetts.

In 2020 he was inducted into the LSCC Hall of Fame. In 2021 he was named a Numismatic Ambassador.

John is also a retired Fraud Management Consultant, served as both the President and Vice-President of the Communications Fraud Control Association, and previously served as a Knowledge Engineer in Greater Boston.





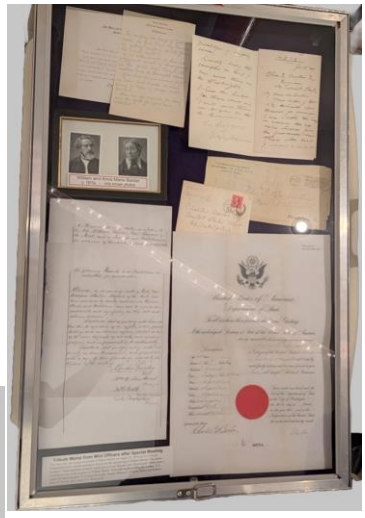


We were delighted to have John present *William & Charles Barber Discoveries* at our NCC Annual Awards Banquet, and to also see his exhibits. John has a long history with both the BCCS and LSCC.

To thank John for his presentation, NCC President Jay Ouellette presented John with a gift certificate to Fratello's Italian Grill, the venue at which the banquet was held. *[This report is by Kevin Winn, and the photos are by Cliff Lo Verme.]*











 All Rights Reserved, Copyright Protected.

Minutes of NCC Annual Awards Banquet of October 12th, 2026

*[All photos by **Kevin Winn / Priscilla Winn** unless otherwise noted.]*

Reported by **Kevin J. Winn,** NCC Sec. / NENA Director-at-Large / EAC Region 1 Sec./ ANA District Rep.
Comments / Inquiries: Phone 978-846-2036, or Email nashuacoinclub@gmail.com

2027 COTM

JAN: Numismatic items with Winter scenes

FEB: Bees, butterflies & other insects on numismatic items

MAR: Numismatic items from Ireland, Iceland, or Scandinavia (including Viking or Celtic monetary types

APR: Underwater numismatic items showing fish, sea life, or anything related to oceans

MAY: Silver Coins: dimes, quarters, halves, dollars from the U.S. or any silver equivalents from foreign countries

JUN: 19th-Century larger copper coins

JUL: Low Mintage coins from anywhere in the world

2027-Aug, Sep & Nov TBA

No COTM in Oct/Dec due to annual events.

Our Club Affiliations

- **ANA:** *www.money.org/*
- **NENA:** *www.nenacoin.org*
- **CSNS:** *www.centralstatesnumismaticsociety.org/*
- **RCNA:** *www.rcna.ca/*
- **ONA:** *www.the-ona.ca/*
- **NCBA:** *www.ncbassoc.org/*

At Fratello's Italian Grille in Manchester N.H. where we held the Nashua Coin Club's Annual Awards Banquet, **Jay Ouellette** opened the meeting at 7PM with the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Jay then asked all to remain standing for a moment of silence devoted to three members who passed away this year, Joseph Ghiloni, Rod Gillis, and Brian Bazarnicki.

There were **50** folks who came out for the banquet, **37** members and **13** guests. We suspended our usual club business and activities for the evening to give us more time to enjoy the event.

After an opening joke, Jay thanked the Fratello's team for their great food and service; everyone who helped out and who donated prizes for the raffle; **Cliff** and **Eileen Lo Verme** for once again providing the celebratory cake, and Cliff as our acting photographer for the evening; our Secretary, **Kevin Winn**, for coordinating the banquet; and, of course, our Keynote Speaker, **John Frost**.

Jay also talked about our upcoming meetings and events:

A. Our November meeting will be held on **Tuesday the 10th at the Nashua Public Library** instead of Wednesday, the 11th as the Library will be closed for Veterans Day.

B. The Manchester Coin and Currency Expo will take place on Friday and Saturday, December 4th, and 5th. Please see **Kevin Winn** to volunteer to staff our Nashua Coin Club table during those two days. Even if you can only come out for a couple of hours, your help will be most appreciated.

C. Our December **Annual White Elephant Auction** will be on **Wednesday, December 9th** at Nashua Coins and Collectibles on 202 Main St. in downtown Nashua. We thank **Gary Galbo** for once again hosting this event, which is the largest fundraiser for the club. Members bring in their extra goodies to sell, and all proceeds go to the club.

D. And lastly, our January 8th meeting will be back at the Library and your attendance is important as we hold our annual elections during that meeting and there will be some openings available for those who would like to join the Executive Team for our club. It doesn't matter if you are a long-term member or a newer member, we appreciate all folks giving club volunteerism a try!

 All Rights Reserved, Copyright Protected.

Minutes of NCC Annual Awards Banquet of October 12th, 2026

Continued…

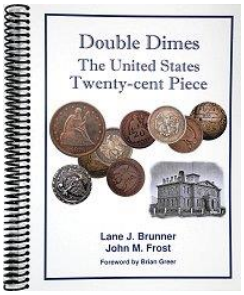
Next up was our delicious buffet dinner, which consisted of Fresh Fruit Salad, Crisp Garden Salad, Steakhouse Beef Tips, Baked Haddock, Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Green Beans, Roasted Root Vegetables, and rolls and butter.

We then gave out this year's awards. See presentation photos and recipient bios on page 6 of this issue.

- ✓ *Young Numismatist of the Year*
  Asher Hamilton
- ✓ *Numismatic Achievement Award*
  Tim Skinski
- ✓ *Literary Achievement Award*
  Bill Seldon
- ✓ *Gold Achievement Award*
  George Schuschereba

George wanted to be there, but he and his fellow-member wife, Bonnie, were in Canada enjoying the Canadian Thanksgiving with family and friends instead.

Next up was our wonderful Keynote Speaker for the evening, **John Frost**. John has been our speaker before when he talked about his collection of United States Twenty Cent Coins. John is the co-author, along with the late Lane Brunner of the book, *Double Dimes – The United States Twenty-cent Piece.*



[Photo from the double-dime website.]

This time, John talked about another very important numismatic subject, his research into William and Charles Barber and his relationships with their descendants. William Barber was the Chief Engraver of the United States Mint from 1869 until his death in 1879. His son, Charles Barber then took over the position and remained the Chief Engraver until his death in 1917. This father / son combination was responsible for designing and engraving most of the United States coinage for a total of 48 years.

John has built a great relationship with some of their living family members, and this has resulted in photographs, letters, memos, and even some sculpted examples from them that were not known to have existed before John's discovery.

Many folks are wondering if this will result in another book from John, but in the meantime, many articles on the subject written by Mr. Frost have been published in the ANA's *The Numismatist*, the Liberty Seated Collectors Club Journal called *E-Gobrecht*, and the *Journal of the Barber Coin Collectors' Society*.

Following the presentation, Jay presented John with a gift card from Fratello's in appreciation.

Learn more about John and see images from his presentation on page 8 of this issue.

The final fun of the night was the calling of raffle numbers so that everyone there could take home a numismatic keepsake from the event. We even had a few leftovers, which will be sold at the White Elephant Auction in December.



[These two photos below are by Laurie Galbo.]

Kevin Winn handed out raffle tickets for the door prizes.

The door prize table, enough donations that every attendee went home with a little treasure!



Many great items including a jug of homemade maple syrup!

 All Rights Reserved, Copyright Protected.

Minutes of NCC Annual Awards Banquet of October 12th, 2026

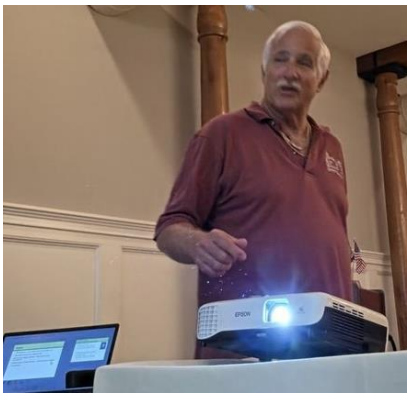
Continued...



↑ Although we had 50 attendees total, only 33 posed for the group shot, but one of those is hidden behind a person. Our sincere apologies if anybody felt left out! *[Photo courtesy of Laurie Galbo.]*



↑ **Kevin Winn** and **Jay Ouellette** drawing the tickets and calling out the winning numbers. *[Photo by Cliff Lo Verme.]*



↑**John Frost** operating multi-media. *[Photo by Laurie Galbo.]*



↑ Folks showing interest in John's three display cases exhibiting his Barber research and collection. *[Photo by Laurie Galbo.]*



↑ *Left to right:* **Jay Ouellette**, **Kevin Winn**, former NCC Editor **Randy Bullis**. *[Photo by Laurie Galbo.]*

 All Rights Reserved, Copyright Protected.

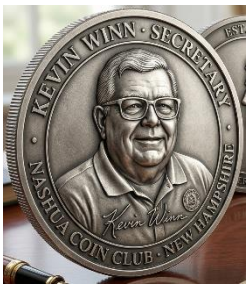
Minutes of NCC Annual Awards Banquet of October 12th, 2026

Continued…

Next Meeting Reminder

Our next meeting will be on NEW DATE Tuesday, November 10th, 2026, at 7PM (set-up at 6:30) at the Nashua Public Library (in-person and Zoom) in the Activity Room. Our *Coin of the Month* theme will be "***Odd denomination coins from any country***." The local libraries are closed on Wednesday, November 11th, due to it being Veterans / Remembrance Day.

The banquet was adjourned at 9:05 PM.



Respectfully submitted,

Kevin

Kevin Winn,
Secretary
nashuacoinclub@gmail.com







Virginia Beach Convention Center
1000 19th Street, Virginia Beach, VA

 All Rights Reserved, Copyright Protected.

A Northern New England Numismatic Trip Report

by **TIM SKINSKI**

[All photos by Tim Skinski.]

During August 2026, **Kevin Winn** forwarded Nashua Coin Club members an invitation to the Vermont Coppers Symposium.

This event, which was scheduled for August 15, 2026 at the Bennington Museum in Bennington, VT, explored the intersection of early American economics and Vermont's quest for statehood.

The centerpiece of the symposium was The Bennington Museum Copper Collection, which comprises an extraordinary collection of Vermont Coppers minted during Vermont's years as an independent Republic (1777–1791). These coins represent a rare period when a non-state entity exercised the sovereign right to coin its own money.

The symposium agenda included a series of presentations and lectures from representatives of the Bennington Museum, Colonial Coin Collectors Club (a.k.a. C4), and the American Numismatic Society. Although the agenda was quite enticing, I was unable to attend due to prior schedule commitments.

In October, my wife, **Liz**, and I traveled north to attend the Nashua Coin Club's Annual Awards Banquet. Due to my recent retirement, we had some additional time and decided to extend our trip to visit other areas in Northern New England during the Fall foliage season.

We arrived in Manchester mid-afternoon on Columbus Day / Indigenous Persons Day[1] and were delighted to see many familiar faces at the banquet at Fratello's. I was very pleasantly surprised and humbled to receive the 2026 NCC Numismatic Achievement Award during this event. I wish to convey my gratitude to the NCC Nomination Committee and members for this honor. In my opinion, the Nashua Coin Club is one of the finest local coin clubs in the country. It is a testament to the club that even remote (Western Connecticut) members are able to actively participate in NCC meetings and activities.

Following the evening of the banquet, we headed westward into Vermont and then followed the famous Vermont Route 100 northward to see the famed Fall foliage. Unfortunately, the weather was generally rainy throughout the course of the day, so viewing was disappointing. On a positive note, we eventually landed in Stowe, where we enjoyed a tremendous dinner at the Von Trapp Resort Dining Room. The Schnitzel and Spaetzle were superb and are highly recommended!

As we planned our homeward journey for Wednesday, I had recalled the Symposium announcement, so we programmed our car navigation system for Bennington. The weather was better than the previous day (cloudy, but dry) and we enjoyed the colorful leaves on the winding road of Vermont Route 116, south and east of the greater Burlington area. We arrived early-afternoon in Bennington, where we visited the Bennington Battle Monument, and the nearby grave site of poet Robert Frost, before hiking down to the Bennington Museum.





After some inquiries at the museum front desk, I was able to locate the Vermont Coppers exhibit on the second floor of the museum. The exhibit is organized by the RR (Ryder/Richardson) attribution system and it appeared to be a nearly complete collection of all Vermont Copper RR varieties.[2] For the vast majority of

 All Rights Reserved, Copyright Protected.

varieties both obverse and reverse were displayed in the exhibit (*see picture*). The Bennington Museum Copper Collection is a worthwhile visit for all numismatists – particularly for Colonial Coin specialists!

Footnotes:

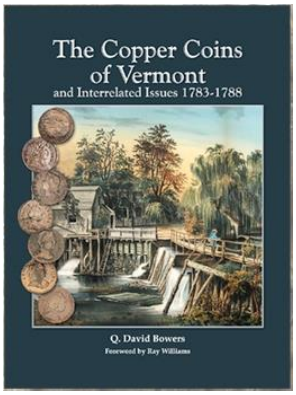
1. *Columbus Day was never removed as a federal holiday; Mr. Biden declared that Indigenous Peoples' Day should be celebrated alongside Columbus Day.*

2. *In 1785, Vermont was not a state in the United States or a colony – it was an independent republic. Reuben Harmon, of Rupert, Vermont, was authorized to strike copper coins for the independent republic of Vermont. Colonel William Coley, a goldsmith from New York, was charged with creating the designs and dies. Eventually, over that four-year period (1785 to 1788), fourteen different designs were tried, and all circulated due to the scarcity of copper coinage in Vermont. The majority of these coins are well circulated and were unfortunately struck on poor-quality copper planchets.*

Landscape 1785 Vermont colonial token →



You can learn more about these Vermont colonial coppers in Q. David Bowers book The Copper Coins of Vermont and Interrelated Issue 1783-1788, available from several online book sellers. →





 All Rights Reserved, Copyright Protected.

Odd Denomination Coins

by **Frederick "Fred" A. Liberatore,** *Ph.D.,*
NCC Member, *CoinNews-UK* Columnist
[All images courtesy of PCGS. Images not to scale.]

Odd denomination coins had a purpose. For example, the United States half cent, in a decimal system of 100 cents to the dollar, would not seem to be needed at first glance. However, the major circulating currency of the United States at that time was the Spanish real system of 8-reals to the Spanish dollar. The United States quarter and half dollar meshed well with the real but not the dime, silver half dime or large cent. What made it work was the half cent. If a customer wanted to spend a real for a 5-cent item the change had to be 7½-cents. So, the half cent was a working coin for a long time.

The United States 2-cent piece was a solid response to the small change shortage caused by the *Civil War*. They did circulate and the earlier issues 1864 and 1865 saw heavy use. However, the decimal system did not need this odd denomination.

The silver 3-cent nickel or 'trime' piece was first issued in 1851 during the coin shortage of the early-1850s, a result of silver becoming more valuable due to the absolute flood of gold from California. Extensive melting had upset the circulating minor coinage of the United States.

The 3-cent piece was deliberately initially issued in 0.750 fine silver to keep it in circulation and out of the melting pot. The coin was a success and later was raised to a full 0.900 fine silver coin. However, at 14mm diameter and 0.8g weight the coin was physiologically simply too small for easy handling and easily lost. The coins did circulate but pretty much disappeared during the *Civil War* to be replaced by the larger 17.9mm diameter and 1.94g weight, cupronickel 3-cent piece (1865-1889). But by the early-1890s these too had faded from circulation.



A curious but not an odd denomination in the United States coinage was the short-lived 20-cent piece, which would have made perfect sense in our decimal system except for the fact it did not fit into the Spanish real system the way a 25-cent coin fit. Since the 20-cent coin was not needed and was way too close in diameter, design, and weight to the existing 25-cent piece, it was an utter failure.



Panama, born of a revolution, and recognized in a week by the United States as a quicker way to get the Panama Canal built quickly, had coins issued courtesy of the United States Mint. The initial mixture included a half cent. Later, Panama issued 1¼-centesimos coins as well as 2½- centesimos coins. These odd denominations would suggest that the real system was still in use.



Columbia, of which Panama had been a province, issued 2½-cent pieces for Panama. Most were withdrawn after the introduction of US and Panamanian coinage. Columbia used 2-cent pieces extensively during the first half of the 20th century.

The Danish Virgin Islands used a curious system of 100 bits equaling 1 franc of 20 cents. So ½-cent equaled 2½-bits and 2-cents equaled 5-bits. The 5-cent coin was 25-bits and the dime was 50-bits. Although ultimately a Danish colony in the early-20th century, the Danish Virgin Islands had multiple series of colonial masters in the past plus pirates holding some of the islands. The bit system must have come from this colorful past.

The Philippines, as a US colony, had a half cent in the coinage system of 100 cents to the peso. Again, this must have been needed to make change for any real coins still in use. Also, there was a 20-cent piece but no quarter dollar which would have fit better into the real system.

Finally, there is the 15-cent coin issued for the Bahamas for just two years. It remains an odd ball as a square coin with rounded corners. With 100 cents to the dollar and 1-, 5-, 10-, 25-, and 50-cent coins the need for a 15-cent coin mystifies me.

Odd denominations, generally did fulfill a coinage need when issued but many did not last very long. They do lead to Happy Collecting.

 All Rights Reserved, Copyright Protected.

The Very Oddest of Denominations

by **Kevin Winn,** *NCC Secretary*

[Humorous Story using AI-Note images.]

NEWS FLASH: President Grump has issued an *Executive Order* today authorizing the U.S. Mint to produce new coins with different denominations. Most of the coins will be useable for specific purposes, which in the President's words makes sense since we no longer make cents to give out as change. All of the new coins will bear a likeness of President Grump on both the obverse and reverse sides. Most of the coins will be made from the trillions of surplus dollar coins, which still exist at President Grumps home in Mar-a-Largo, Florida. They will be replated and restamped to fit the new denominations.

1. A copper-colored coin, which is equal to 3.69 cents. These can be exchanged one-for-one with the now defunct Lincoln Cents. This new amount for the "cent" is expected to drive cashiers out of their minds and destroy any penny candy machine, which may still exist.



2. The .012 cent coin. This tiny coin will be physically equal in size to .012% of the now defunct Lincoln Cents. There was no logical reason for the production of this mite-sized disc except that they will be extremely easy to lose and as President Grump says, "finders' keepers."

3. The new nickel-sized coin will be worth Eleven Dollars. This coin will be nicknamed the "Ruble" since it will become valid currency in both the USA and Russia. The reverse of the Ruble will show an image of President Grump with his BFF Vlad Putin. These will be made at the mint in Vladivostok, Russia and mint-marked with a large" V." They will be too heavy to use in United States vending machines but fine for Russian ones.

4. Speaking of vending machines, the fourth coin in this series will be worth $9.50 and it will be useable only in vending machines which give no change. This will make it easy to buy a snack size candy bar or a small bottle of water for that price with only one coin.



5. Next up is the "Forever Dollar" coin. Similar to the Forever Stamp, the cost of these coins will be refigured from year-to-year. The initial issue of these coins will cost $8.97 each, but whatever the cost for the coin, their value will remain "forever" at one dollar.

6. The $1,000,000 Flip Coin will only be used at the start of College and Professional Football Games. These coins will bear a likeness of President Grumps face for the "Heads" side and a picture of his naked rump for the "Tails." (There has been some Democratic discussion that referees may not be able to distinguish one side from the other.) In any event, these coins will be used only once each and they will be sent to the White House following every game.



7. A new coin has been developed to purchase a gallon of gasoline. The initial cost will be $6.00 each, but they are expected to rise. These will be stamped out at the Exxon / Mobil Headquarters with an EM Mint Mark.

 All Rights Reserved, Copyright Protected.

8. A new fund-raising $500,000 Coin will be usable only for political campaign contributions. They will only be sold in rolls of 40 coins or bags of 100 coins.



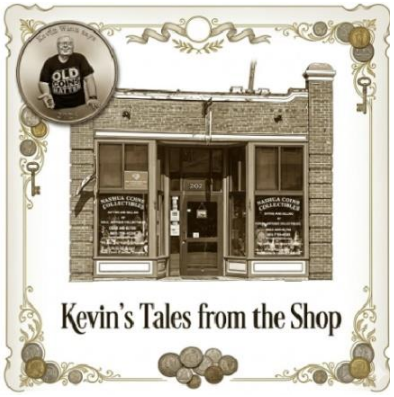
9. The Edible-Spendable $2 coin will not be derived from the leftover dollar coins. If the prices for food continue to rise to the point where $2 won't even buy one egg, then we won't need to worry about citizens starving to death. These edible coins will be made from government processed American Cheese combined with newly purchased Russian Wheat formed into a small sized cracker. These "coin crackers" will be made at various Hostess Cupcake plants around the country and mint-marked with the letter" H."

10. Realizing how profitable drug companies have become, President Grump is authorizing a series of ten new CDC round coins, which will also be made from the American Cheese / Russian Wheat process noted above. See the full details below.

President Grump has directed the Secretary of the Treasury to get started on these new denominations as soon as possible!



 All Rights Reserved, Copyright Protected.



by **Kevin Winn**

GOLD – A Little Goes a Long Way!

WARNING: We do not buy Jewelry at Nashua Coins and Collectibles. There is a statute on the books in Nashua that says we would have to hold the jewelry for thirty days just in case it turns out to be stolen and the police come looking for it. We do not have the time, the space, or the system in place to allow us to take on that responsibility. We tell people trying to sell us jewelry to take it back to the shop where it was bought or to a "Cash for Gold" business. That law does not apply to coins since it would be impossible to distinguish a "stolen" coin from a "collected" coin.

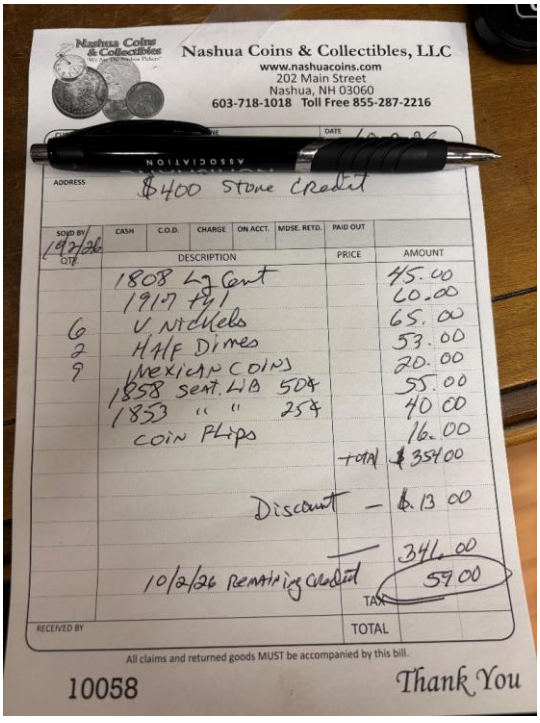
Recently, a Young Numismatist brought some jewelry into Nashua Coins and Collectibles. It turns out that the YN had bought the 'bling' at a yard sale for $5 from a much larger box of similar gems that the seller had marked at $10 for the whole box. When I asked him why he did not just buy the whole box and sort it out at home, he told me that he only had $5 in his pocket so he could not do that. So, he spent the time sorting through the box at the yard sale and he picked out the only pieces he could see that were not just costume jewelry. He wanted to trade the value of the pieces he had for coins and numismatic supplies. *[AI Note image of what the yard sale likely looked like.]*



As I have already explained above, we don't buy this stuff at the shop, but Gary knew the person and it was an exceedingly small amount of jewelry and the YN did not want cash or a check in return. So, Gary evaluated the earrings, cufflinks, and bracelet and realized that they were all either 14-carat or 10-carat gold, or Sterling silver, which is 92.5% silver. The YN decided to keep the silver pieces and take what he could get for the gold. In this case, the gold weight was tiny, miniscule, and barely weighable on our scales. But, even for this small treasure, Gary offered the YN 80 times what he paid for it with an 'in-store credit'!

The next 45-minutes were spent with me and the YN looking at all kinds of coins for his collection. It was like a "Happy Birthday Smorgasbord" of different denominations and coin types for the YN. He kept asking about one tray or another in our display cases, and when he got through with those, we switched to our stock boxes of extra coins for more examples of pieces he may desire.

As you can see from the credit receipt in the picture, the YN enhanced his collections of Type Coins with a Large Cent, a Standing Liberty Quarter, Liberty or "V" nickels, half-dimes, and a Seated Liberty quarter and half-dollar. He even threw a few Mexican coins into the mix just for fun!



He still has a store credit left of $59 so we know he will be back soon.

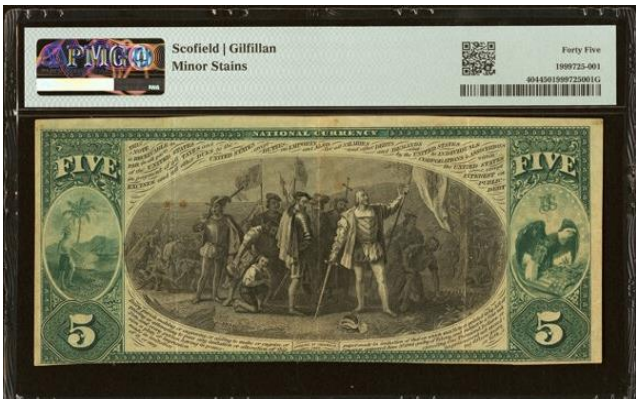
 All Rights Reserved, Copyright Protected.

PENSACOLA 1875 $5 NOTE

[Press Release: **Steve Lansdale**, Public Relations Specialist, **Heritage Auctions** www.ha.com]

Heritage Auctions 2026 October 6-9 GACC U.S. Currency Signature® Auction #3602, Lot 20842 **Pensacola, FL - $5 1875 Fr. 404 The First National Bank Ch. # 2490 PMG Choice Extremely Fine 45.**, sold on October 7, 2026, for **$48,800.00USD** (includes Buyer's Premium). *[Images below courtesy of Heritage Auctions, HA.com.]*





Heritage Auctions was pleased to offer two of the four First Charter notes reported for the entire state of Florida - all of which come from this Pensacola bank that opened its doors in 1880.

The bank issued only Series 1875 $5s for the First Charter Period. First up is this lot consisting of this lightly circulated example that is easily the finest of the four known First Charter notes from here.

It is a crisp, nicely margined piece with excellent color and dark signatures. PMG has added a comment about minor stains, which are indeed trivial and affect nothing on a note of this caliber.

Of the more than 12,000 banks that issued currency under the Florida National Currency System, only 109 of them were Florida National Banks, from Alachua to Winter Haven. What's more, only about 5,000 Florida National Bank Notes have been reported within currency circles. While the most common Series 1929 notes in circulated grades are available for around $100, the most expensive notes can be worth tens of thousands of dollars.

The **First National Bank Building**, also known as the **Citizens and Peoples National Bank Building**, is an historic two-story Classical Revival style building located at 213 South Palafox Street in Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida. Built in 1906-1908 by Charlie Hunter, it was designed by the New York architectural firm Mowbray and Uffinger. In 1989, the building was listed in *A Guide to Florida's Historic Architecture*, published by the University of Florida Press.

[FNBB Information and building image courtesy of PENSAPEDIA ADMINISTRATOR http://www.pensapedia.com/wiki/File:FirstNationalBankBuilding.jpg.]



The First National Bank Building In 1906, Knowles arranged the construction of another building on South Palafox Street. The First National Bank Building, built in neo-Grecian style with rows of Ionic white marble columns, was completed on May 23, 1908. William H. Knowles sold his interest in 1909, and William K. Hyer Jr. became President. Control changed hands again two years later, with Francis Celestino Brent and William H. Knowles coming out of retirement to become President and Vice-President, respectively. A report released on December 1, 1912, stated the bank's earnings since its establishment in 1880 at $1,114,671.

 All Rights Reserved, Copyright Protected.



[Above is AI-Note image.]

New Access to Online Research & Education



Numismatic encyclopaedia of medallists and mint masters is available in full on Numista
https://www.sixbid.com/en/blog/forrers-dictionary-is-available-in-full-on-numista/

How to Detect Paper Currency Doctoring
https://archive.org/details/ANA16023HowtoDetect-_1

Bad Metal News
https://nnp.washu.edu/periodicals-list/list/periodicals-subcollections/57955

History of Women Medallic Sculptors in America
https://archive.org/details/ANA16022HistoryofWomen_1

How the Smithsonian is using AI to connect artifacts from the American Revolution
https://apnews.com/article/artificial-intelligence-smithsonian-american-revolution-crossroads-history-5653502a18f0e476bcb2b540ddf01637

ANA 1601: Elongated Coins
https://archive.org/details/ANA16019Elongated_1

Monograph of Charles T. Steigerwalt Volume 1
https://nnp.washu.edu/Documents/Detail/monograph-of-charles-t.-steigerwalt-volume-1-1858-to-1907/8077600

Monograph of Charles T. Steigerwalt Volume 2
https://nnp.washu.edu/Documents/Detail/monograph-of-charles-t.-steigerwalt-volume-2-1907-to-2022/8077601

2026 Summer FUN Videos
https://nnp.washu.edu/multimedia-list/list/multimedia-subcollections/38519

Newman Numismatic Portal Blog
https://nnp.washu.edu/nnp-blog

Industry Updates

ACTIVE INTEREST MEDIA has sold its NumisMaster pricing database
https://www.numismaticnews.net/a-note-from-the-publisher-of-numismatic-news-world-coin-news-and-bank-note-reporter

ECB plans to go digital Euro in 2029
https://www.ecb.europa.eu/euro/digital_euro/progress/html/index.en.html

US Mint Press Release: **Philadelphia Mint Celebrates Semiquincentennial Meet-and-Greet** in grand entrance of the tour gallery from 10AM to 2PM:

Nov. 13 – Numismatics Division
Dec. 4 – Mint Police Division

Visitors will be offered a rare opportunity to get a behind-the-scenes look at how American coins are made. Each Meet-and-Greet features a different division within the Philadelphia Mint. The public will have the chance to speak with Mint artisans and coining experts and discover the creativity, passion, and precision that goes into creating the nation's coins.

U of Turku (Finland) developed davyne to fight counterfeiting
https://insights.globalspec.com/article/25136/color-shifting-material-could-deliver-a-powerful-blow-to-counterfeiters?from_rss=1

Maldives New Rufiyaa Symbol
https://noteshobby.com/blogs/banknote/maldives-new-rufiyaa-symbol-2025-and-2026

Newly Authenticated 1943 Bronze Cent
https://readingroom.money.org/newly-authenticated-1943-bronze-cent/

Heritage Auctions Launches Stamps Category,
https://historical.ha.com/information/stamps.s?ic=Task-stamps-121913

Aussie travellers warned to exchange old Fiji notes before they become worthless
https://www.news.com.au/travel/travel-updates/warnings/aussie-travellers-warned-to-exchange-old-fiji-notes-before-they-become-worthless/news-story/52da92f8c99ce4a526586bc9481069c5

New Trump Dollar Error Discovery Has a Copper Face and a $25,000 Asking Price
https://coinweek.com/new-trump-dollar-error-discovery-has-a-copper-face-and-a-25000-asking-price/

 All Rights Reserved, Copyright Protected.

Trump awards Musk and other tech titans National Medals of Science
https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/tech-news/trump-awards-musk-tech-titans-national-medals-science-rcna602104

Local artist designs U.S. coin that wins top honors
https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/2026/10/01/local-artists-coin-he-designed-for-u-s-mint-wins-top-honors-internationally/

New Discoveries and Interesting Stories

Rare coin bearing face of king with infamous nickname unearthed after 1,000 years
https://www.foxnews.com/travel/rare-coin-bearing-face-king-infamous-nickname-unearthed-after-1000-years

Rare coin of Norway's King Olaf Haraldsson found in the country's largest Viking hoard
https://archaeologymag.com/2026/10/rare-coin-of-norways-king-olaf-haraldsson-in-viking-hoard/

Legendary Norway 1835 'Star' Half
https://stacksbowers.com/the-legendary-norway-1835-star-half-speciedaler/

Silver Coin Hoard found in Moscow
https://www.yahoo.com/news/world/articles/silver-coin-hoard-found-outskirts-190337940.html

Swerving Van leads to $2.65 million in stolen silver coins
https://www.livenowfox.com/news/swerving-van-leads-police-2-65-million-stolen-us-silver-coins

King Farouk's Numismatic Collection
https://www.numismaticnews.net/king-farouks-numismatic-collection

Routine Yardwork reveals largest treasure of its kind ever discovered in Denmark
https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/routine-yard-work-reveals-a-trove-of-viking-silver-the-largest-treasure-of-its-kind-ever-discovered-in-denmark-180989456/



 All Rights Reserved, Copyright Protected.

EDWARD VI SOVEREIGN

[Press Release: **SGB Auctions**]



Stanley Gibbons Baldwin's Auctions (SGB) 2026 October 12 British, Ancient & World Coins Auction #132, Lot 60 **Edward VI (1547-1553), AV Sovereign, PCGS AU53 – Finest Graded by PCGS**, sold on October 7, 2026, for **£30,000 / $40,180USD** (does not include Buyer's Premium).

Lot Description:

Third Period, Crown Gold, Tower (London) mint, mm. Y (1551-3). Half-length, crowned, figure of King right, resting upright sword on shoulder, holding orb, Rev. Crowned square-topped shield supported by lion to left, dragon to right, E R below in rectangular compartment, 11.16g. (Schn. 690; N. 1927; S. 2450). *Good very fine or better with delightful red toning. Encapsulated by PCGS as AU53.*

Ex. Dr. Paul Broughton (Spink 235, 22 March 2016), lot 434.

Ex. Spink 181 (30 March 2006), lot 1028.

Ex. Glendining (6 June 1991), lot 841.

Ex. Glendining (17 June 1962), lot 20. Ex. C.H.B. Morton, Earl of Ducie (Glendining, 5 October 1949), lot 16. AU53 is the finest graded mm Y by PCGS.

A very similar example, encapsulated by NGC as AU55*, hammered in a Swiss auction house for 80,000 CHF (70,677 GBP) in October 2022.

Two mintmarks exist for the Edward VI Sovereign mm Tun and mm Y. The Y mintmark is by far the rarer of the two.

Edward VI became King of England and Ireland on 28 January 1547 and was crowned on 20 February at the age of nine.

The son of Henry VIII and Jane Seymour, Edward was the third monarch of the Tudor dynasty and England's first Protestant ruler.

During Edwards reign, the realm was governed by a Regency Council, because he never reached maturity.

The Council was led from 1547 to 1549 by his uncle Edward Seymour, 1st Duke of Somerset, and from 1550 to 1553 by John Dudley, 1st Earl of Warwick, who in 1551 became 1st Duke of Northumberland.

Edward VI's reign was marked by economic problems, military withdrawal from Scotland and *Boulogne-sur-Mer*, then social unrest that in 1549 erupted into riot and rebellion.

It also saw the transformation of the Anglican Church into a recognisably Protestant body.

Henry VIII had severed the link between the Church of England and Rome and during Edward's reign, Protestantism was established for the first time in England, with reforms that included the abolition of clerical celibacy and the mass, with the imposition of compulsory services in English.



Portrait of Edward VI of England, seated, wearing a gown lined in fur (ermine or lynx) over a crimson doublet with the collar of the Order of the Garter and holding a Bible. *[Public Domain, source SGB.]*

 All Rights Reserved, Copyright Protected.

NCC 2026 Club Officers

President: Jay Ouellette

Vice-Presidents:
Sam Ouellette,
Cliff Lo Verme, and
Joe Casazza

Secretary: Kevin Winn

Treasurer: Rick Marais

Director: Bob Fritsch

Webmaster: Barrett Chapin, MD
Website:
https://nashuacoinclub.com

Newsletter:
Bill Seldon,
Kevin Winn,
Bob Fritsch, and
Judy Blackman

This newsletter is published monthly by the Nashua Coin Club (NCC). Entire contents are copyright © 2026 by the Nashua Coin Club unless otherwise noted.

Questions, comments and articles may be sent to nashuacoinclub@gmail.com or PO Box 3003, Nashua, NH 03061-3003 via USPS. Deadline is 20th of the month to appear in the next month edition.

The NCC meets on the second Wednesday of every month (except October and December) in the Nashua Library, 2 Court Street, Nashua NH. Annual Banquet (Oct – Columbus Day Monday) and Annual White Elephant Sale (Dec – second Wednesday) are held off-premises.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE NASHUA NUMISTMATIST

January – November is 20th of the month.
December is 18th of the month.

Send Submissions To:

Bill Seldon
billseldon711@gmail.com
&
Judy Blackman
YCCC1985@gmail.com
&
Kevin Winn
nashuacoinclub@gmail.com

Use This Format

Text Files: .doc (Word only, no PDF)

Font/Size: Franklin Gothic Book 11pt

Line spacing: Single

Image Files: jpg only, and license-free. Source to be submitted with the image(s).

No plagiarism, copyright, or trademark infringements please.

The *Nashua Numismatist* editorial team will have the final say on what appears in any issue.

Thank You!



NASHUA COIN CLUB, NH
NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NCC, P.O. Box 3003,
Nashua, NH, 03061-3003, USA

PRINT CLEARLY

Applicant: (first, surname) _____ Email: _____

If joining as FAMILY, list other applicants. Note, *<u>for any under the age of eighteen years (18), please provide date of birth</u> (mm/dd/yyyy):
*DOB for _____ is _____. *DOB for _____ is _____.

Applicant: (first, surname) _____ Email: _____

Applicant: (first, surname) _____ Email: _____

Applicant: (first, surname) _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address (unit, street, city, state / province):_____
Zip Code / Postal Code: _____

For Best Contact Phone: (__ __ __) __ __ __ - __ __ __ __ Alternative Phone: (__ __ __) __ __ __ - __ __ __ __

Note: In making application you agree and consent to the NASHUA COIN CLUB, NH sending newsletter, and other NCC correspondence to you digitally by the email provided above. Payment of dues and signature at the bottom of this application signifies you granted consent.

Please share here, your primary interest(s) by ticking the box(es):

☐ USA Coins ☐ CDN Coins ☐ Foreign Coins ☐ Ancient / Medieval Money ☐ Banking Memorabilia
☐ USA Notes ☐ CDN Notes ☐ Foreign Notes ☐ Exonumia ☐ Postal Numismatic Covers (PNCs) ☐ Numismatic Publications
☐ USA Tokens / Medals ☐ CDN Tokens / Medals ☐ Foreign Tokens / Medals ☐ Other Bills of Exchange

All Membership Dues are payable in US Funds (USD). New Membership Dues are payable immediately, and Annual Membership Dues are based on the calendar year and due on or before January 1st each year. If you join after September 30th, you are paid for the current year and the following year. You may pay with your Application Form during an NCC membership meeting, by mail enclosing a check or money order payable to NASHUA COIN CLUB, NH, or by emailing nashuacoinclub@gmail.com to arrange an electronic funds transfer (*e*transfer). Indicate the type of Membership you are applying for:

☐ **$3—Young Numismatist (YN)** (under eighteen years of age) Parent / Legal Guardian

(first name and surname):_____

☐ **$15—Individual** (aged eighteen years or older)

Tick off applicable box for your METHOD OF PAYMENT:

☐ **CASH** ☐ **MONEY ORDER <u>OR</u> CHECK PAYABLE TO "NASHUA COIN CLUB, NH"** ☐ **eTRANSFER**

In making this APPLICATION for Membership in the NASHUA COIN CLUB, NH (NCC), you hereby agree to abide any current NCC Constitution & By-Laws and as amended going forward. NCC is a domestic non-profit corporation (61868).

Sign:_____ Date **REQUIRED**:_____
Applicant's Signature **IS REQUIRED** (mm/dd/yyyy)

NCC Treasurer:
Date posted:
Amt. rec'd:
Type YN/IND: