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President's Message

Hello Folks,

Now we move on to our favorite tradition of the year — the Nashua Coin Club Annual Awards Banquet! A night of celebration, good food, and great company. October gives us the perfect opportunity to take a break from our regular monthly meeting routine, look back on what we have accomplished over the past year, and honor the members who make our club so special. Our club's foundation rests entirely on the passion, curiosity, and generosity of its members. Whether you have spent the year hunting for rare varieties, sharing historic treasures during our "Coin of the Month" presentations, submitting articles, volunteering at our regional show tables, you have contributed to our thriving numismatic family. On October 12th it is all about recognition. We will be presenting awards to members who have gone above and beyond to preserve and promote the hobby of coin collecting. From our most dedicated collectors to the incredible energy brought in by our Young Numismatists, your contributions ensure that the future of numismatics remains incredibly bright right here in Nashua, New Hampshire. I want to extend a massive thank-you to everyone who helped organize this year's banquet, to our editors and officers who keep our award-winning monthly newsletter, the *Nashua Numismatist*, running seamlessly, and to every single one of you for bringing your enthusiasm to our meetings month after month. Enjoy the evening, catch up with old friends, make some new ones. Happy Collecting,

Jay

Jay Ouellette,
NCC President



Next Event: Annual Awards Banquet, Columbus Day Mon., Oct. 12, 6PM

Our next meeting is:

Tuesday, November 10th, 2026, 7PM In-person + Zoom Option (library is closed Nov. 11), Nashua Public Library (Activity Room), 2 Court St., Nashua, NH

COTM: Odd denomination coins from any country

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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 production schedule:

Oct. 1: Comic Art 2.5 Ounce Silver Medal – Supergirl™ (P)

Oct. 1: Comic Art 24-Karat Gold Proof Coin – Supergirl™ (W)

Oct. 1: Comic Art One Ounce Silver Medal – Supergirl™ (P)

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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)
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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)



2027 U.S. Mint Schedule offers a diverse range of collectible coins and sets for numismatists and coin enthusiasts. The lineup includes:

- **2027 Liberty Quarter:** A highly anticipated release featuring a new design honoring freedom and liberty.
- **Presidential Dollar Collection:** A series of coins commemorating past U.S. Presidents in stunning detail.
- **Presidential Fine Silver Medal Collection:** Presidents - 32nd (Franklin D. Roosevelt), 33rd (Harry S. Truman), 34th (Dwight D. Eisenhower), and 35th (John F. Kennedy).
- **Commemorative Silver Dollar:** In 2027, the U.S. Mint will introduce several commemorative coin programs honoring key events such as the founding of the Constitution and iconic figures in American history.

- One of the highly anticipated events in the 2027 U.S. Mint Schedule is the release of the **2027 Commemorative Quarter Collection** honoring iconic landmarks in the United States. Collectors can expect stunning designs that pay tribute to the rich history and culture of the nation.
- Numismatists can also look forward to the release of the **2027 Silver Proof Set**, including a variety of coins struck in brilliant silver.
- The **Shirley Chisholm Congressional Gold Medal**.
- The 2027 and 2028 **Native American \$1** coin reverse portfolios
- Embellished with intricate details, the **2027 Silver Dollar set** is a must-have for numismatists. Each coin in this Limited Edition set will showcase **unique artworks** representing significant moments in American history.
- The U.S. Mint will continue to release the **standard denominations** of coins, including pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, half-dollars, and dollars, featuring **different designs** unique to 2027. Collectors can expect limited mintages for special edition coins that commemorate significant events or honor iconic figures.
- **Annual Proof Sets:** These sets include proof versions of circulating coins, showcasing exquisite finishes and struck multiple times to enhance details.
- **Commemorative Sets:** These sets honor historical moments, anniversaries, or noteworthy figures through carefully curated coin selections.
- In 2027, the United States Mint will release its **newest 4-years quarters program (2027-2030) highlighting Youth Sports played in the United States** with up to five new designs each year. The first quarters will feature baseball, golf, soccer, softball,

and snowboarding. These are the designs the CCAC submitted to the U.S. Mint for consideration of the 2027 YSP quarters.



The Mint has also been authorized to issue a redesigned **half-dollar each year with designs emblematic of a single Paralympic sport**. The Mint created a list of 58 different sports in collaboration with the President's Council on Sports, Fitness & Nutrition, as well as the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. The list includes, but is not limited to, American football, Track and Field, Volleyball, Pickleball, Basketball, Figure skating, Archery, Orienteering, Fencing, Kayaking, and Karate.

- The **American Innovation Dollar** program continues 2027-2032:
 - 2027 – Kansas, Nevada, Oregon, West Virginia
 - 2028 – North Dakota, Nebraska, South Dakota, Colorado
 - 2029 – Idaho, Wyoming, Washington, Montana
 - 2030 – Utah, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona
 - 2031 – Alaska, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Puerto Rico
 - 2032 – Guam, American Samoa, U.S. Virgin Islands, Northern Mariana Islands

Upcoming 2026-2027 Events

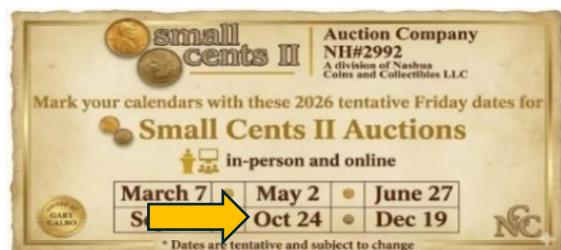
(Check websites for updates)



12 OCT "COLUMBUS DAY": NCC Annual Awards Banquet. *Mon. *, *6PM*, In-person Only, Speaker: John Frost on 'William and Charles Barber research'. Location: 155 Dow St., Manchester, NH 03101, Ph. 603-624-2024.

18 OCT: EBW Coin Show, Third Sunday, Alpine Grove Evt's Ctr, 19 S Depot Hollis

22-24 OCT: PAN 2026 Fall Convention, Monroeville Convention Ctr, 209 Mall Blvd., Monroeville, PA 15146



25 OCT: EBW New England Sunday Coin Show, Springhill Suites Marriott, Devens, MA

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 Evt's 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

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

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

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

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

13-18 JUL: RCNA Convention will be hosted by the ONA at the Hilton Mississauga / Meadowvale (Greater Toronto)

10-14 AUG: ANA 2027 World Fair of Money®, Donald E. Stephens Convention Ctr., Rosemont, IL

21-23 OCT: PAN 2027 Fall Convention, Monroeville Convention Ctr, 209 Mall Blvd., Monroeville, PA 15146

Recent Acquisitions: Sept. 2026

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

Bob Fritsch: 50-year Member of the ANA Award

Fred Liberatore: Counter-stamped Turkish 20P from later-19th Century

Dan Viens: Two USA 1913 Type 1 Indian Head Nickels

John Golden: Two 230th Anniversary of USMC Silver Rounds

Kevin Winn: 1798 USA Large Cent – S148 ‘the Horned-9 Variety’ (Photos of actual coin courtesy of Early Cents Auctions.)



Judy Blackman: These 8 Australian Post / Perth Mint First Day Military Postal Numismatic Covers:

- PNC: 2011P Centenary Royal Australian Navy w/ Special \$1 coin
- PNC: 2014 ANZAC—WWI 1914 Our Boys w/ Special \$1 coin
- PNC: 2014 WWI War Declared 1914 w/ Special \$1 coin
- PNC: 2015 ANZAC Centenary – Australia & New Zealand w/ Special New Zealand 50-Cent coin
- PNC: 2015 ANZAC Centenary—Gallipoli WWI 1915 w/ Special \$1 coin
- PNC: 2015 Animals in War – Unlikely Heroes w/ Special \$1 coin
- PNC: 2016 Letters from the Front—WWI 1916 w/ Special \$1 coin
- PNC: 2016 Lest We Forget – Remembrance w/ Special \$1 coin



Minutes of NCC Monthly Membership Meeting of September 9th, 2026

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

Reported by **Kevin James Winn**, NCC Sec. / NENA Director-at-Large / EAC Region 1 Sec./ ANA District Rep.
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The **September 9th** meeting was opened with the *Pledge of Allegiance* at 7PM by President **Jay Ouellette** at the **Nashua Public Library**. Attendance was a total of **23** folks (in-person **18** members, and on Zoom **5** members). The Attendance Raffle of **\$3.50** was won by **Christine Caplan**.

The *Minutes* of the previous month were approved. The *Treasurer's Report* was read and approved. Correspondence consisted of:

- ANA's *The Numismatist*;
- ONA's *The Ontario Numismatist*
- CSNA's *The Centinel*; and
- RCNA's *The CN Journal*.

Old Business

George Schuschereba, who has been looking into ways that the club could qualify as a non-profit recipient of New Hampshire Casino income, suggested that we re-write our Mission Statement to include more vision about the club's educational goals. Secretary **Kevin Winn** agreed to review the statement and submit any changes to the club for a vote.

We also talked about our 2026 Annual Awards Banquet, which will be at 6PM on Monday, **October 12th** (Columbus Day) at Fratello's Italian Grille 155 Dow St., Manchester, NH 03101, Ph: 603-624-1014. Our Guest Speaker will be **John Frost** who will talk about '*his research into William and Charles Barber, and his relationship with members of the current Barber family.*' The menu we voted for is: Fresh Fruit Salad, Crisp Garden Salad, Steakhouse Beef Tips, Baked Haddock, Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Green Beans, and Roasted Root Vegetables. There will also be rolls and butter and coffee, tea, hot chocolate and soda. Once again (for the 10th year in a row), **Cliff** and **Eileen Lo Verme** will supply a special celebratory cake for dessert. We took a banquet attendance headcount. We asked for numismatic donations for the Door Prize Table and for Raffle Prizes.

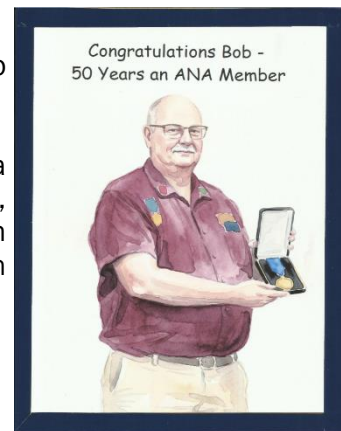
We hoped to review the award nominations at this meeting but only one was received, so as a result, the Awards Committee will give consideration to worthy recipients for the four awards, and prepare the presentations to take place at the Annual Awards Banquet: *Young Numismatist Award*; *Numismatic Achievement Award*; *Literary Achievement Award*; and the *Gold Achievement Award*.

Bob Fritsch gave us his Trip Report from the ANA World's Fair of Money® in Pittsburgh, PA. He had fun at the convention, but his drives to and from the event seemed just as entertaining as the event itself. He stopped at the Zippo Lighter Museum in Bradford, PA on the way there. I'm sure he found some new elongated coin machines to add new squished pennies to his collection. While at the convention he (along with **Gary Galbo** and **Joe Casazza**) received the Nashua Coin Club's ANA 2026 *Second Place Award* in the *Barbara J. Gregory Outstanding Local Publication Contest*. Bob also received his own ANA Golden Membership pin for his 50 consecutive-years membership in the organization. On the way home, Bob stopped at banks in three different states and bought a \$500 box of quarters at each one. He'll be reporting on his findings during the November meeting, I'm sure.



← Here is a scan Bob took of our ANA club publication award.

Bob also sent this scan of the front cover of a great card that Bob's friends in TEC made for him, and inside the card is a bunch of signatures from all over the convention. Bob said he wept when they gave him the card. →



Important meeting notice: As the libraries in the area are all closed on Wed., Nov. 11, **we have changed our meeting to Tues., Nov. 10** for this month only. We will welcome help setting up the room at 6:30PM and the meeting will commence at 7PM.

We discussed the articles in the last *Nashua Numismatist* newsletter written by NCC members: **Sebastian Lojano, Bob Fritsch, Kevin Winn, Judy Blackman**, and including the *President's Message* by **Jay Ouellette**, we had five different members / authors making significant contributions to the September newsletter. The issue was filled with many interesting articles.

COTM

Our Coin of the Month (COTM) was '**Copper Coins and Tokens from Canada.**'

Asher Hamilton started us off with his binder pages of Canadian coins and tokens.

Kevin Winn had two similar pages, one with tokens from Upper and Lower Canada, the Bank of Montréal and many of what are now the Maritime Provinces.

Tim Skinski on Zoom put up his excellent 1871 Prince Edward Island One Cent coin in uncirculated condition.

Show & Tell

Fred Liberatore led us off with a story about a large hoard of ancient Roman coins found in Poland. He mentioned there were at least three hundred Julius Caesar/Elephant Coins. He also passed around 1960 silver Portuguese Proofs (5-, 10-, 20-Escudos). [Photo by Kevin Winn]. →



Sebastian Lojano on zoom put up an eight-sided 1825-1925 Norse-American Centennial AR Medal (Thick Variety), PCGS Gold Shield MS-64 (53703969). [Photo from PCGS.] →



On July 22, 2026, *CoinWeek* featured an online article *The 1925 Norse-American Commemorative Half Dollar Coin rejected by Congress, then this Viking Medal became a Classic*. Here's some excerpts from the article:

"The Philadelphia Mint produced an eight-sided medal with no denomination. James Earle Fraser filled it with Viking warriors, longships, swords, shields, and a reference to Norse America around A.D. 1000. The compromise produced an octagonal Viking medal that collectors later adopted as a classic. The law authorized the Philadelphia Mint to produce no more than 40,000 medals. It also required the Norse-American Centennial organization to pay the Mint's production costs. Therefore, the federal government did not finance the program. Mint employees struck 6,000 silver medals on thin planchets over three days. They produced 2,000 on May 21; 3,000 on May 22; and the final 1,000 on May 23. Production then shifted to thicker silver planchets. From May 29 through June 13, the Mint struck 33,750 thick medals. Both silver versions measure about 30 by 29 millimeters. However, the thick medal measures approximately 2 millimeters and weighs about 14.74 grams. The thin medal measures roughly 1.6 millimeters and weighs about 10.2 grams. The thick planchet became the standard version. The thin version remains much scarcer. Its 6,000-piece production total represents less than one-fifth of the thick medal's mintage."

Stanley Chu, also on zoom, held up his Las Vegas Shriners Sword awarded in 1955 to Glenn L. Pearce the 57th Potentate of Al Malaikah Shriners International Temple, Auditorium, and Exhibition Center Los Angeles California. Numismatically, it has three 1891-CC Morgan silver dollars welded to the handle. *[Sword photo courtesy of Stanley Chu.]* →



← *Los Angeles Breakfast Club, February 2, 1955, Glenn L. Pearce (right), illustrious potentate of Al Malaikah Temple of the Shrine, receives Gold Membership Card from Dr. Ernest G. Bashor, President of Los Angeles Breakfast Club, at Pearce's initiation into that club. Looking on is C. P. MacGregor, High Priest and Prophet of Shrine.*" *[Photo courtesy of TESSA Digital Collections of the Los Angeles Public Library.]*

Following September 11th attacks, the Shriners then 230,000 American members were tormented and the temples were damaged, as many Americans thought the Shriners were Muslim religious temples.

Since 1922, the Shriners International oversees 22 Shriners Temple of Mercy Hospitals in 6 American States and 1 Canadian Province (Manitoba) and have treated over 800,000 children. Shriners International, formally known as the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (AAONMS), is an American Masonic society founded in 1870. Notable American Shriners include FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, actors Mel Blanc, John Wayne, Ernest Borgnine, and Roy Rogers, Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren, General Douglas MacArthur, and Presidents Gerald Ford and Harry Truman.

Kevin Winn wrapped up with a pair of items. The first was a Town Medal from the city of Lowell, Mass. where he was born. The medal celebrates the 200th Anniversary of Lowell's incorporation on one side and the American 250th Anniversary on the other side. See pictures by Kevin. One side of the medal celebrates Lowell's Bicentennial (1826-2026); while the other side celebrates our nation's 250th Anniversary (1776-2026). *[Photo by Kevin Winn.]* →



Next Kevin presented President **Jay Ouellette** with a United Nations medal that he bought from a customer at Nashua Coins and Collectibles. The medal was similar (or possibly the same!) as one Jay wrote about earlier this year in that as a preteen collector Jay was given a U.N. Medal by a local girl who knew he was a collector. Jay was embarrassed that she did that in front of his friends, so he threw the medal on the ground and ruined it. The one Kevin gave him was nearly perfect to make up for Jay's bad decision.

Next Meeting Reminder

There is no meeting in October due to our Annual Awards Banquet held on Columbus Day Monday. Therefore, our next meeting will be held **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.

COTM

We thank **Judy Blackman**, **Fred Liberatore** and **Asher Hamilton** who have provided us with some great ideas for our 2027 COTM themes. We still need ideas for August, September, and November 2027 meetings, so please bring your ideas to our November 2026 meeting.

Upcoming 2026-2027 Coin of the Month (COTM) Themes

No meeting Oct due to Annual Awards Banquet.	Nov 2026: Odd denomination coins from any country.
Jan 2027: Numismatic items with Winter scenes.	Feb 2027: Bees, butterflies & other insects on numismatic items
Mar 2027: Numismatic items from Ireland, Iceland, or Scandinavia (including Viking or Celtic monetary types)	Apr 2027: Underwater numismatic items showing fish, sea life, or anything related to oceans.
May 2027: Silver Coins, dimes, quarters, halves, dollars from the U.S. or any silver equivalents from foreign countries.	Jun 2027: Nineteenth Century large copper coins
Jul 2027: Low Mintage Coins from anywhere in the world.	Aug 2027: What's Your Idea?
Sep 2027: What's Your Idea?	Nov 2027: What's Your Idea?
	No meeting in Dec due to Annual White Elephant Sale

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

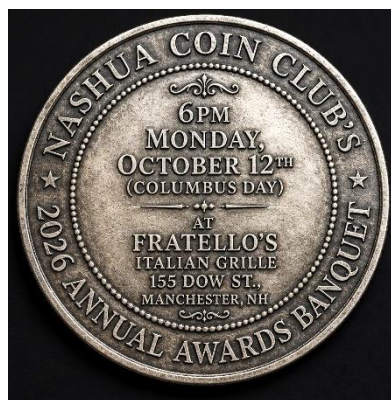


Respectfully submitted,

Kevin

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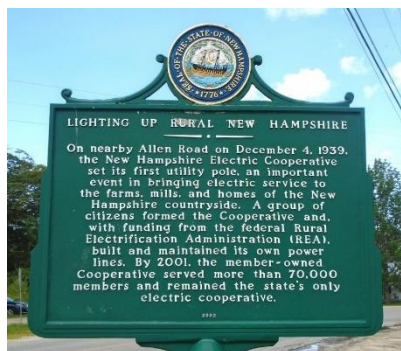
Town Medal Column

LEMPSTER, NH

BY ROBERT F. (BOB) FRITSCH, NCC DIRECTOR, FRCNA, FONA, KStE-USA
(Copyright ©2026 by **Robert F. Fritsch**)

This Sullivan County (UVLSRPC Region) community was land granted several times during the colonial era, known variously as Number 9 (1735), Dupplin (1753) and finally as Lempster in 1761, after Sir Thomas Fermor of Lempster, 1st Earl of Pomfret (b. March 23, 1698 – d. July 15, 1753), England, a relation of Governor Benning Wentworth (1696-1770). Fermor was also the 2nd Baron of Leominster and a Wentworth. The town of Lempster was incorporated in 1767. But the town was thinly settled, requiring a few more regrants until the *Revolution*. The town has a main area called Lempster village and another smaller village called East Lempster.

As of Feb. 9, 2026, the *New Hampshire Town by Population* report shows Lempster with a declining population of 953 (down from 2020's 1,118) ranking it 189 most populated town in the State, and the median age is 50.8 years. Lempster is a member of School Administrative Unit #71 and one half of the Goshen-Lempster Cooperative. The town operates one elementary school (K-8) but high schoolers are tuitioned to one of the following schools, based upon the location of the student's home: Newport High, Sunapee High, Kearsarge Regional High in North Sutton, Keene High, Fall Mountain in Langdon, or Stevens High in Claremont.



← The town has one Historical Highway Marker #0182 (Gps North: 43.23870175 Gps West: -72.21005342), LIGHTING UP RURAL NEW HAMPSHIRE on the 2nd NH Turnpike in front of the Silver Mountain Grange. The Lempster Wind Farm was New Hampshire's first such facility in 2008.

Notable people from Lempster include:

- Martha Ann Honeywell (1786-1856), artist;
- Martin L. Keyes (1850-?), founder of Keyes Fibre Company (1903) (who obtained a patent for a paper-plate making machine with the plates later branded as “Chinet” and the company was later sold to Huhtamäki);
- Hosea Washington Parker (1833-1922), lawyer, congressman; and
- Mary Elizabeth Perley (1863-?), 19th and 20th-century educator, author.

A U.S. Bicentennial Committee of Lempster was established in 1975 to plan activates for the celebration. It sponsored or activated many projects:

- Old Time Fiddlers dance;
- Hand-sewn quilt;
- participated in Old Home Day and Fair Day Activities;
- Horse Show;
- Four H;
- Tree-planting project;
- Community church circle;
- Designed a plate of East Lempster Church; and

- The Friends of the Library donated \$50.00 worth of books appropriate for the Bicentennial to the Lempster Library.

All these preparations came to be in 1976.

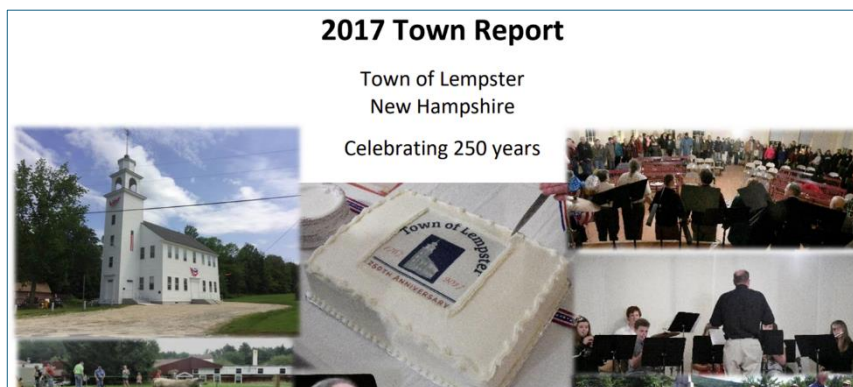
Commemorative Bicentennial medals of Lempster were sponsored by the committee. 100 numbered Sterling Silver (92.5%), 100 plain Pewter and 250 plain Bronze were struck by V.H. Blackinton of Attleboro Falls, MA.

The obverse bears the legends TOWN OF LEMPSTER / OLDEST LAND IN NEW HAMPSHIRE around the rim, with vignettes of the INCORPORATED 1767 / R.S. / TOWN HALL / 1794, ONE ROOM SCHOOL / OLD FRAME HOUSE / 1779. This design matches the Town Seal (see coloured image below beside medal). The reverse is the standard Blackinton Bicentennial design AMERICAN / REVOLUTION / BICENTENNIAL / 1776 - / 1976 / EQUALITY / JUSTICE / LIBERTY.



Cost of the medals were \$1,440.83 + 354.75 in 1976, equaling \$1,495.58, but sales were not reported. Medals 1, 2, and 3 were auctioned at Old Home Days and the dies were broken. The Committee reported all medals were sold except a few Bronze.

The *Lempster Town Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017*, has a line item under Income “From Capital Reserve / Expendable Trust Funds: 250th Anniversary (CIP 045) \$5,410.99”; however, there is no breakdown for expenses to indicate how much was spent on the 250th (1767-2017) Anniversary medals. The report has a front cover and rear cover with lots of photos from the anniversary celebrations, including this one of the special cake with the design including an image of the Town Hall (see partial page image below).



The *Town of Lempster 250th Anniversary Committee Report* indicates the celebrating started January 5th, 2017, with activities all year, ending on December 9th. Activities included:

- Open Celebration at the Town Hall;
- Skating Party;
- Indoor Yard Sale;

- Friends of the Library Easter Party;
- Remember When Tea Party;
- Ice Cream Social and Games;
- Historical Society's Lasagna Dinner and Penny Social;
- Library Book Sale;
- Ladies' Auxilliary Spaghetti Dinner;
- Historical Society's Fall Festival;
- Friends of the Library Hallowe'en Party;
- Erection of many new flags and putting up bunting on town buildings;
- Wildcat 5K followed by a Hay Day and Cow Patty Bingo, face-painting and pie eating contest;
- 118th Old Home Day: Slide Party, Pancake Breakfast, War Monument Ceremony, Parade, Beat the Chief 1K, Magic Show, Movies, Games, Vendors, Pulled Pork Dinner, Military Encampment and Drilling, Talent Show, History Walk;
- Fire Safety Fair and Demonstrations;
- Historic Slide Show and Talk;
- Christmas Social; and
- Christmas Kids Book Reading.

The Lempster Historical Society sponsored a Picorial Postmark Cancellation by the USPS depicting the Lempster Meeting House. The society report reads "In coordination with the US Post Office we designed a Cancellation Stamp showing the Lempster Meeting House with reference to Lempster's 250 Year Celebration. The Post Office was set up at the Old Home Day tent to cancel envelopes to be save as souvenirs or mailed on Old Home Day with this special cancellation stamp." →



250th Anniversary Commemorative Coin



←This image of the 250th Anniversary Town Medal is an excerpt from the Town Report (y/e 2017). The medal is 38 mm in diameter BU, and were produced by Northwest Territorial Mine, Federal Way, WA, with 150 Proof Nickel and 150 Proof Brass at \$10 each.

In conjunction with Croft Press, the Historical Society put out a series of *Glimpses of Old Lempster* booklets with each featuring the history of one of the founding families / original settlers.

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Town Medals of NH
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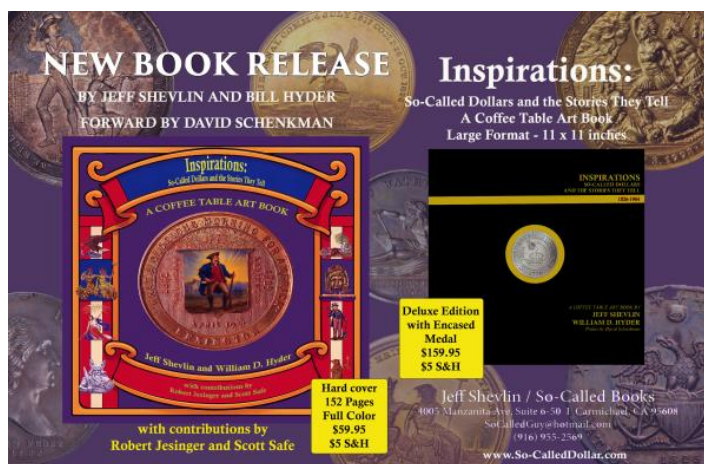
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New Book: Inspirations

[Source: Jeff Shevlin Press Release]

Inspirations: So-Called Dollars and the Stories They Tell, A COFFEE TABLE ART BOOK by **Jeff Shevlin** and **Bill Hyder**, Forward by **David Schenkman**, Hardbound, 11 x 11, 152 pages, full color editions available. Also available is the signed and numbered collectors edition, which has a Continental Dollar restrrike encased in the cover, limited to 100 copies. For more information, or to order, go to this link:

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You can also purchase from limited inventory some of the So-Called Dollars, such as this 1807 Slave Trade Abolished by Great Britain bronze 36.23 mm fairly, scarce medal, (NGC AU 58 BN).





ONE HUGE DAY AT NASHUA COINS AND COLLECTIBLES!

Wednesday, September 2nd was a big day for Nashua Coins and Collectibles. We bought at least twelve different collections for approximately \$120,000, and we sold around \$100,000 in coins and bullion on the same day. Most of the sales were to our partner in silver and gold transactions who happened to visit our shop late in the afternoon on that very day.

There are some factors, which caused this to be a giant day for the shop. Wednesdays are usually rather busy for the shop because it is the first day of the week that we are open. Our normal hours are Wednesday through Saturday from noon to six PM. So, people in a hurry to sell their coins need to wait till that day to give us the opportunity to buy from them. But on September 2nd, it was NOT just a normal Wednesday because the store had been closed the previous week while **Gary Galbo** did business at the ANA's Worlds Fair of Money® in Pittsburgh PA. So, it was really ten days that we were closed, and not just the normal three days.

Another factor might have been the price of silver, which was in the mid-sixties per ounce. One month earlier, in early August, it was in the mid-fifties, so a lot of folks could have been waiting for that price to stabilize at a higher level than \$55 per ounce, and that could have been what brought them to the store.

There are also the facts that we are the only brick and mortar coin shop in the Nashua area, and that we have a good reputation as a fair and honest

business who will give our customers the best price possible whether they are buying or selling coins.

My day starts at 11 AM when I arrive. My first duty is to take care of the voicemail messages on our phone system. That morning there were 19 new messages, a new record during my tenure. I wrote down the names, numbers, and messages and started calling people back. That day about ten people actually answered the phone, which was also a new record. Usually about 90% of my callbacks go to voicemail at the other end of the line and the game of "Phone Tag" begins.

One of the first calls was from a gentleman who was being forced to sell his collection because he was going through a divorce and his 'soon-to-be ex-wife' was entitled to half its value. He also told me that he had appraised his own collection for over \$150,000 and he knew he wouldn't get that much for it. He just wanted us to know it was big. I told him he did not need an appointment and two hours later he came in with his huge collection.

It took two of us almost two hours to write down and evaluate everything he brought in, and in the end, he was happy with the check he received from Gary and the receipt he needed to give to his lawyer.

While we were taking care of that collection, many other customers came in. A few had to wait to be waited on, but I don't think anyone left before we got to them. Mike answered questions from one lady with an inherited collection. She didn't bring it all with her, but Mike and Gary gave her an approximation as to what she could expect based on her list. She showed them some rare U.S. error notes that were in great condition. She came back with the collection two days later and walked out with a check for over \$8,000. She also told us that she sold the error notes to a different dealer for quite a bit more than Gary offered her, but the rest of the collection came to us. I guess we can't win them all!

Another customer came in and asked us if he could buy \$10,000 in silver bars the following week. Gary advised him that if he wanted to spend that much, he should buy Silver Eagles instead since there are tax implications on the bullion bars that are not

present on silver coins, including Eagles. He came back the following week and bought some of the rolls of silver Eagles that we had purchased from the divorcé with the huge collection.



←Image courtesy of Nashua Coin and Collectibles.

Another woman that I talked with turned out to be the widow of a Nashua Coin Club member who had passed away in the previous year. She trusted us to give her advice about getting insurance for his unique collection. She also needed help locating the rare coin dealer whom her husband had instructed her to contact before he died. I took down her name and number, and I was able to get her both pieces of information within a few days. She was very appreciative of our help, and even though she probably won't bring his collection to us, she is one more person who will speak highly of us if any of her friends are looking to sell their collections.



↑AI-Note image of what is felt like sorting through all the collections.

Once it quiets down after a day like this, the real hard work begins. Coins must be removed from flips and from albums. They need to be sorted out into piles that are face value (take them to the bank), or average condition silver (we put those in the 90% or 40% buckets to sell to our contact), or valuable coins, which need to be put into our flips

so they can be individually sold to our customers. Also, there are many coins which go into various buckets around the shop, like average Wheat-back or Indian Head pennies or War nickels.

By the end of the day, Gary said it was the busiest day he had seen in the shop since the time they purchased a multi-million-dollar collection — an event so large that they had to close the store while it was being evaluated.

We celebrated the event at Gary's Annual Labor Day Barbecue the following Monday, and Gary gave each of us a surprise bonus in appreciation for the hard work we accomplished on that One Huge Day!

'The Nashua Pickers'
Nashua Coin and Collectibles Annual Labor Day
Barbeque for the shop's team.
Sep. 7, 2026



Left to right: **Mike Y., Richard W., Gary Galbo, and Kevin Winn** [Photo by Laurie Galbo from the Nashua Coins and Collectibles Facebook page.]

Laurie Galbo (Gary's wife) shared: "At Nashua Coins, these guys get together to work 'day-in and day-out', but if you see them on a 'day-off', they still talk about work LOL! We are very fortunate to have people we call friends that work for us and that most were able to join us for our annual cookout. Thanks guys, for all that you do, and to the wives that sat on the deck today for hours chatting, cheers, looking forward to getting together again soon!"

IN MEMORY OF TWO NCC MEMBERS

Brian Joseph Bazarnicki Sr. Owner of Gilsum Coin Mine, Gilsum, NH
March 19, 1959-September 13, 2026



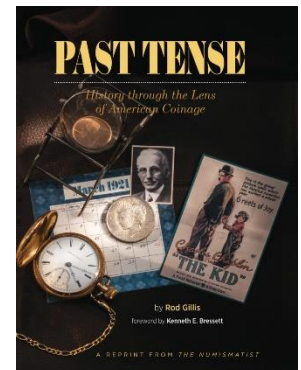
After a courageous medical battle, Brian, an NCC Member and spouse of **Andrea Bazarnicki**, passed away surrounded by his loving family. Before his civilian career, Brian served in the U.S. Navy for 25 years, retiring as a Chief Petty Officer in 2002. Brian opened his new store in April 2023. In 2025, Brian was recognized by Marquis Who's Who Top Business Owners for dedication, achievements, and leadership in the Coin Dealing Industry. After retiring from Home Depot following 20 years of service, Brian launched his coin business. He was a member of several numismatic organizations, including PCGS, ANA, and PMG. Brian's personal coin collection consists of about 85% of coins over 100 years old, with some pieces dating back to the 1600s, as well as colonial notes from Pennsylvania dated 1772 and Maryland dated 1778. In addition to numismatics, Brian was an accomplished woodworker with a particular interest in chainsaw carving, particularly crafting bears, snowmen, eagles with them on exhibit at craft fairs. Brian has served as a Selectman in NH since 2024. He has also been involved with the Knights of Columbus reflecting his dedication to community service, and he was a church lector too. Brian was our backup Auctioneer, and a generous donator to our Annual Awards Banquet. Brian's memorial service included Military Honors, and he earned his right to rest with his comrades-in-arms at Arlington National Cemetery.



Rodney James "Rod" Gillis
January 13, 1961 – April 18, 2026



After a long battle with pancreatic cancer, Rodney Gillis passed away on third Saturday of April this year. A Celebration of Life was held May 11, but unfortunately, we only learned of his passing in September. Many of you will recall Honorary Member Rod Gillis was our Keynote Speaker at our Annual Awards Banquet following his retirement as the ANA Education Director, after having served 2013-2022. Rod was employed as a numismatic educator at the ANA after 2006. He was named a Numismatic Ambassador in 2018. Rod was the author of *PAST TENSE – History through the Lens of American Coinage* with *Forward* by Kenneth E. Bressett. Rod was a regular presenter during the ANA Summer Seminars until his medical condition prevented him from further participation.



Odd Denominations in Australia

by Judy Blackman, FRCNA, FONA, KStE-CDA/USA

Recently, I acquired this Australian 1990 Farewell to 1-Cent & 2-Cents Coins in a square capsule. Pondering the 2-Cents in the case, I realized that Australian coinage history would likely qualify for the COTM theme 'Odd denomination coins from any country.'



The Royal Australian Mint (RAM) notes:

"Before British coinage entered the picture, the Australians had Indigenous Currency, in that the first Australians used a barter system, with items such as tools, food, ochres, shells, raw materials and stories. Then came Early Settlers' Currency, a varied collection of international coins, tradesmen's tokens and promissory notes were used by European settlers, while soldiers participated in the notorious rum trade."

Under the decree of 19 November 1800 by Governor / Royal Navy Captain Philip Gidley King (23 April 1758–3 September 1808), the following eleven coins were legal tender for the exchange value of:

- Gold Johanna (Portuguese coin worth 12800 Reis) = £4/0/ - (four pounds)
- Gold Half Johanna (Portuguese coin worth 6400 Reis) = £2/0/ - (two pounds)
- Guinea = £1/2/ - (one pound and two shillings)
- Gold Mohur = £1/17/6 - (one pound, 17 shillings and 6 pence)



←**British-India 1862 Queen Victoria One Mohur** [Images courtesy of the National Numismatic Collection at the National Museum of American History—Public Domain]

- Spanish dollar = 5 shillings
- Ducat = 9/6 - (9 shillings and 6 pence)
- Rupee = 2/6 - (2 shillings and 6 pence)
- Pagoda = 8/ - (8 shillings)
- Dutch Guilder = 2/ - (2 shillings)



↑ **Netherlands 1897 Queen Wilhelmina 94.5% Silver Guilder (1st type of Obverse) Royal Mint Utrecht** [Images courtesy of CC BY-SA 4.0, own work of Петров Эдуард—WikiCommons]

- English shilling = 1/1 - (1 shilling and 1 penny)
- Copper coin of 1 oz = 2 pence

RAM further notes:

"The First Official Currency were the Spanish dollars converted into two Australian coins known as the 'dump'¹ and the 'holey dollar' in 1813."



↑ **Holey dollar and dump, first distinct coinage of New South Wales, 1813 (created from a Spanish silver dollar minted in 1773)** [Images courtesy of the State Library of New South Wales Collection, Australia]

"The settlers did have some George III One-Penny coins, which were referred to as "Cartwheel pennies". These were the first British coins to be officially exported to the Australian colonies, and so can also be considered Australia's first official coins. They were dated 1797 and 1799, with Britannia on one side and King George III on the other. In 1825, the British government made

the English Pound the only form of legal currency in Australian colonies. British currency became the official currency of the Australian colonies after 1825, with almost £100,000 worth of British coins being imported during 1824–25. The holey dollar was no longer legal tender after 1829. British coinage included florins, shillings, sixpences, threepences, crowns (five-shillings), and sovereigns. Australian pennies and half-pennies were introduced into circulation the following year. In 1931, gold sovereigns stopped being minted in Australia. A crown or five-shilling coin was minted in 1937 and 1938.”

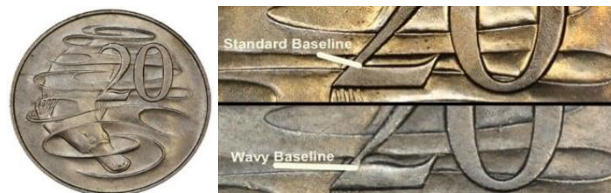
In 1966 Australia moved to decimalization, based on a dollar being 100-cents. The coins were 1-, 2-, 5-, 10-, 20-, 50-cents, and \$1 and \$2. The 20-cent was 1/5 of a dollar and replaced the florin.

According to the *Inflation Calculator* (2024 report) of the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA):

“The two-cent coin was an Australian coin introduced in 1966. It was the second-lowest denomination until it was withdrawn from circulation in 1992 (along with the one-cent coin). It is still counted as legal tender, but is subject to some restrictions, and two-cent coins are legal tender only up to the sum of 20 cents. A two-cent coin in 1966 would have a purchasing power equal to about 30-cents in 2022 values.”

Important information and images courtesy of the Perth Mint, Australia:

“The 1966 Wavy Baseline 20 cent coin is counted among Australia’s rarest decimal coins issued for circulation. Although 58.2 million 20-cents coins were struck dated 1966, very few of these feature what collectors describe as a ‘wavy baseline’.”



“The way to identify the wavy baseline 20-cents coin is to look at the bottom section of the ‘2’ on the tails side. The top and bottom edges of the base of the ‘2’ on all standard 20-cents coins are straight, while on the 1966 wavy baseline 20-cents coin, the upper edge of the base of the ‘2’ has an obvious wave to it.”

Now you’ve learned a bit about the odd denomination coins circulated in Australia during its history.

Footnote: 1. Dump: any primitive coin struck on a very thick flan, but more specifically applied to the circular pieces cut from the centre of Spanish silver dollars, countermarked with the name of the colony, a crown and the value, and in New South Wales at 15 pence in 1813.

ANS Holey Dollar Commemorative

by Judy Blackman, FRCNA, FONA, KStE-CDA/USA

As a long-standing member of the Australian Numismatic Society (ANS, Sydney, New South Wales — also has a branch in Queensland), I am privileged to receive a ‘free members’ only’ medal every year. The ANS was founded in 1913. In 2012, to honor the 1813 Holey Dollar history, members received a 38 mm aluminium ANS Holey Dollar receiving one of two varieties, as the countermark was on one side and then for the other one, the countermark was on the opposite side. There were 200 pieces (100 of each of the two varieties) produced by Bruce Michael Canning (Born 22 Jul 1947 in Moonee Ponds, Victoria, Australia, Died 21 Feb 2025 at age 77 in Jimboomba, Queensland, Australia) the late owner of the now closed Canning Mint, Queensland, Australia. The pieces came in a special box with a certificate about the history of the Holey Dollar of New South Wales. The other piece, which could be purchased by members on a ‘first-come, first-serve basis’, in 2012 was a 20 mm aluminium ANS Dump with only 50 minted.



An Afternoon in Turkey

by ROBERT F. (BOB) FRITSCH

On Saturday, August 8, 2026, the Nashua Public Library held its bi-monthly Passport, featuring the country and culture of Türkiye (Turkey).

Head Librarian **Jen McCormack** had invited me to do a display of Turkish money (29 coins, 10 notes), which I gladly accepted. I have a small collection of their coins and paper money, mainly obtained when I did port-calls in the country in 1973 and 1975. The display was nowhere near competition-quality, but it was well-received. Due to the lighting at the event venue, the quality of the photo I took on my phone could be better. ↓

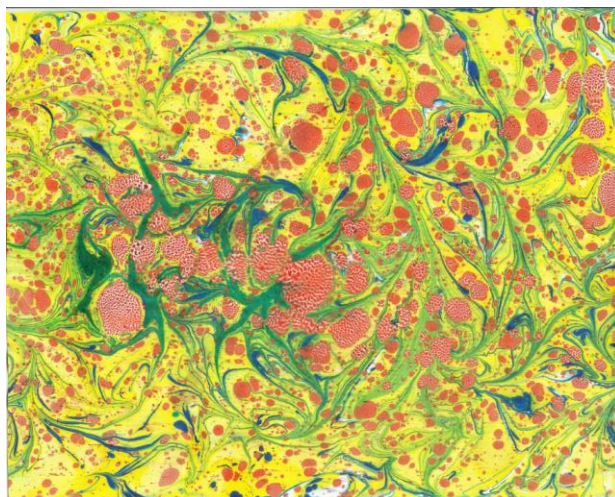


Many people in attendance pulled Turkish notes from their wallets to show me their ties to their homeland.

The best part of the afternoon was an invitation by the Turkish cultural group to show the display at their events throughout the state.

The second perk was a presentation of a beautiful frame of Turkish EBRU artwork, a technique of floating paints on water, creating the design, then transferring it to paper. UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage notes, "Ebru is the traditional Turkish art of creating colourful patterns by sprinkling and brushing colour pigments onto a pan of oily water and then transferring the patterns to paper. Known as marbling, the designs and effects include flowers, foliage, ornamentation, latticework, mosques and moons, and are used for decoration in the traditional art of bookbinding."

You can view a video of these being made at this link: <https://ich.unesco.org/en/RL/ebru-turkish-art-of-marbling-00644>



Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey states:

In 1922–23, a new coinage was introduced consisting of aluminium-bronze 2+½, 5 and 10 kuruş and nickel 25 kuruş (kr.). They were last issued in 1928. These were the last Turkish coins to bear inscriptions in the Arabic script.

In 1934, silver 1 lira (TL) coins were struck, followed the next year by a new coinage consisting of cupro-nickel 1kr., 5kr. and 10kr., and silver 25kr. and 50kr. and TL 1. Aluminium-bronze ¼kr. coins were issued between 1940 and 1942, the last coins to bear this denomination. Nickel-brass replaced silver in the 25kr. in 1944, with brass 1kr., 2+½kr., 5kr., 10kr. and 25kr. introduced between 1947 and 1949. The silver 50kr. and TL 1 were discontinued in 1948, with cupro-nickel TL 1 issued in 1957.



Between 1958 and 1963, bronze 1kr., 5kr. and 10kr. and steel 25kr., TL 1 and TL 2+½ were introduced, followed by steel 50kr. and TL 5 in 1971 and 1974, respectively. Aluminium replaced bronze in 1975. These coins were issued up to 1980.



In 1981, with inflation gaining pace, aluminium TL 1, TL 5 and TL 10 coins were introduced. Higher denominations followed: TL 20, TL 50 and TL 100 in 1984, TL 25 in 1985, TL 500 in 1988, TL 1,000 in 1990, TL 2,500 in 1991, TL 5,000 in 1992, TL 10,000 in 1994, TL 25,000 in 1995, TL 50,000 in 1997, and TL 100,000 in 1999. This culminated in TL 250,000 coins in 2002.



In the transitional period between 1 January 2005 and 31 December 2008, the second Turkish lira was officially called "new Turkish lira" (YTL) in Turkey. Coins were introduced in 2005 in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 25 and 50 new kuruş (Ykr.) and YTL 1. The 1Ykr. was minted in brass and the 5Ykr., 10Ykr. and 25Ykr. in cupro-nickel, whilst the 50Ykr. and YTL 1 are bimetallic. All coins show portraits of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk.



To the dismay of the European Central Bank, the sizes and compositions of the 50Ykr. and YTL 1 coins strongly resembled those of the €1 and €2 coins respectively.

This could cause confusion in the eurozone. It also caused trouble to businesses using vending machines (particularly at airports) in the eurozone since a number of vending machines at the time accepted the 1 new Turkish lira coin as a €2 coin. Since €2 is worth roughly four times more, vending machines affected had to be upgraded at the expense of their owners.

From 1 January 2009, the "new" was removed from the second Turkish lira, its official name in Turkey becoming just "Turkish lira" again; new coins without the word "yeni" were introduced in denominations of 1kr., 5kr., 10kr., 25kr., 50kr. and TL 1. Also, the inner and outer alloys of the 50kr. and TL 1 coins were reversed.



An Italian Pilgrimage to Sanctuario Madonna del Ghisallo

by BILL SELDON

Our family recently took a wonderful trip to Italy. My wife and I had never been to Italy before, but our daughters and son-in-law, all experienced travelers, guided us through the regions of Tuscany, Emilia-Romagna, and Lombardy. We made many memorable stops along the way, but the one that left the greatest impression on me was our visit to the Sanctuario della (Sanctuary of) Madonna del Ghisallo.



L>R: Madonna Group Shot: daughter Elisabeth Seldon, son-in-law Jason Leonard, behind Jason is Bill Seldon, wife Nancy Seldon, and daughter Melissa Seldon [Photo by Elisabeth Seldon.]

I have been a cycling enthusiast since my paper-route days in the 1970s. Over the years, I have participated in numerous fundraising rides for the American Diabetes Association. In the early 2000s, I even tried my hand at track racing at the New England Velodrome (now the Northeast Velodrome) in Londonderry, New Hampshire.

It was during my time at the track that I became familiar with Madonna del Ghisallo, the patron saint of cyclists. Visiting the sanctuary became something of a family joke. Everyone knew that my personal “Holy Grail” was to make the journey to Italy and pay my respects at the shrine.

The Ghisallo shrine has served as a sanctuary for travelers for centuries, with its origins reportedly

dating back to the 1300s. The mountainous region where it stands was said to be frequented by “aggressive and violent people”—in other words, robbers!

According to legend, a count named Ghisallo was confronted by bandits while out hunting. During this period, it was common for sacred images to be placed along roads to offer protection to travelers. The count is said to have turned to an image of the Madonna for protection, and his life was spared.

Legend attributes the construction of the first chapel at this site to Count Ghisallo. However, the earliest historical record of a chapel appears in a 1623 document preserved in the archives of the Diocese of Milan.

The transformation from a sanctuary for travelers to a shrine dedicated to cyclists occurred less than a century ago.

The chapel stands near the highest point of the climb featured in the Tour of Lombardy bicycle race, connecting it to the history, traditions, and excitement of Italian cycling. And if you didn't already know, Italians are passionate about their cycling!



Exterior: Sanctuario Madonna del Ghisallo [Photo by Bill Seldon.]

In 1949, Father / Don Ermelindo Viganò (1906-1985) petitioned Pope Pius XII to designate the sanctuary as the Sanctuary of International Cyclists. His request was granted, and Madonna del Ghisallo became a destination for cyclists from around the world, including yours truly!

Located in Magreglio, Italy, the sanctuary itself is relatively modest in appearance. The 16th century structure was built using local stone and features a small, covered porch at its entrance. Mosaics decorate the porch, depicting themes connected to the sanctuary's history. A small bell tower stands directly beside the building. There are several monuments and statues surrounding the chapel.

The largest and most scenic is the monument to competing cyclists with a very dramatic backdrop of the Italian alps behind it.



Competing Cyclists Monument [Photo by Bill Seldon.]

The square in front of the Sanctuary offers a panoramic view of Lake Como and the surrounding mountains, with the Grigne in the foreground and the snow-capped peaks of Engadin in the distance. In 1973, a monument dedicated to cyclists was erected next to the Sanctuary. Made of bronze, weighing 4 quintals (400 kg), it was blessed on July 15, 1973. It represents the struggle between victory and defeat, with the gesture of a winner crossing the finish line raising his arm and another exhausted rider. An inscription by Bruno Raschi states that the bicycle is an instrument of practice and exaltation in life.

Inside, the focal point is the altar, which features a sacred 17th century devotional image of the Madonna. Surrounding the altar are hundreds of photographic tributes and memorial plaques dedicated to cyclists who have lost their lives on the road. In front of the altar, a permanent flame burns in memory of deceased cyclists.



Interior: Santuario Madonna del Ghisallo [Photo by Bill Seldon.]

Additionally, the interior displays 320 cycling club pennants (from early-1900s to current day) and you can view the individual pennants at this link: <https://www.santuariomadonnadelghisallo.it/en/i-gagliardetti/>

Standing inside the sanctuary, surrounded by reminders of the dangers and sacrifices associated with cycling, was a deeply moving experience. This was more than a historical site or a destination on our Italian itinerary. It was a place where my lifelong appreciation for cycling intersected with tradition, faith, and remembrance.

At the cycling museum near the sanctuary, visitors can purchase two types of medallions. One is a small, pendant-style medallion, which I purchased as a memento. The other is a collared medallion designed to attach to a bicycle.

The pendant medallion's obverse replicates the image of the sanctuary's altarpiece. It depicts the Virgin Mary feeding the Child Jesus, whose right hand is raised. The reverse bears the inscription "SANTUARIO MADONNA DEL GHISALLO."

The medallion measures approximately 15 mm in diameter and weighs about 2.9 g. It appears to have been milled, although I could not find any information confirming its composition. Based on its appearance and weight, it may be made of a base metal, possibly pewter.



Bill Seldon wearing his Ghisallo Cycling Cap [Photo by Nancy Seldon.]

For me, this small medallion represents much more than a souvenir. It is a tangible reminder of a lifelong passion for cycling and of a family journey that finally brought me to a place I had dreamed of visiting for years.

Sometimes, the best part of a pilgrimage is not simply reaching the destination but having the people you love help you get there.



Handmade Madonna Del Ghisallo Medallion by BILL SELDON

Hank Schlau designed and carved the original and cast the pieces by hand in lead-free pewter to create these medals that can be used as a pendant or keychain. The medals are 1.25" / 31.75 mm in diameter. The medal comes with a split ring so it can be attached to a bike.

It also comes with a pouch and a history card that reads:

"Medieval legend says Count Ghisallo was one day chased by robbers, took refuge behind an image of the Virgin Mary, and was spared. A shrine at the site in northern Italy later became a spot where cyclists would rest and ask for protection. In 1949, Pope Pius XII proclaimed Our Lady of Ghisallo the patron of cyclists. The site is now part shrine and part cycling museum. Services are held each Christmas Eve and on the Feast of All Souls to commemorate cyclists and their sport. This small medal was carved by Hank Schlau and cast by hand in pewter."



Euro Commemorative, Which Got Aborted

by Pabitra Kumar Saha, WBCC Member

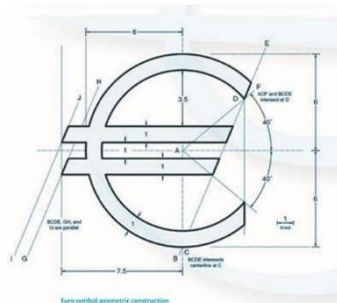
[This is a PPT presentation Saha gave on Sep. 1, 2026, and he gave permission on Sep. 2 to print it in this issue.]



The European Union (EU) is a union of European countries that work together politically and economically on trade, laws, and policies. It's a major player in global trade, promoting democratic values like stability and human rights across its member states. The union began after *World War II* with six nations and has grown into a large bloc of countries working together. Many members use the euro as their currency, which simplifies trade within the region.



The name Euro was adopted as named for proposed common currency in Madrid in December 1995. It became accounting currency w.e.f. January 1, 1999.



In June 1997, EU Finance Ministers finalized the design of Common side of the proposed coins, in Amsterdam.

The national side was left for the respective nations to finalise. There was no thought given to issue of circulating commemorative coins.



Some countries such as Finland, France, etc., started minting the coins with 1999 as the date whereas others put 2002, depending on sovereign laws.

Member states with rich heritage of issuing commemorative coins, took up the matter.

ECB agreed to permit issue of only 2 Euro coin with change of national side (with restriction on mintage and one issue per year per state) with topic and design to be approved by EU Council.



Finally, Greece managed to successfully issue the first Euro commemorative on 4th May 2004. Mintage was 35 million pieces.



Finland was quick to react and issue a commemorative circulation coin on enlargement of EU on June 1, 2004, with a mintage of less than a million. This has resulted in this coin fetching high price in numismatic market.



Matter crossed the level when Monaco issued the commemorative coin on 25th Anniversary of death of Princess Grace, only with mintage of 20,000 in non-circulation variety in 2007.

Its price rose up sharply in numismatic circles. Numismatist associations took up with ECB. This resulted in mintage restrictions being liberalized however, topic and design approval remained the prerogative of EU Council. Thus the coin could be conceived but could get aborted in EU.



In 2013, San Marino proposed a coin on 50th Anniversary of death of U.S President, John F. Kennedy.

ECB rejected it as being irrelevant to Europe.

That did not stop San Marino to issue a collector coin of face value 5 Euro.



For 2015, Belgium proposed bicentenary of famous *Battle of Waterloo*, which was fought on its soil.

France, who lost the battle objected and coin had to be aborted.



Peeved at the rejection, Belgium went ahead and issued a 2.5 Euro base metal collector coin along with already planned 10 Euro coin.



In 2019, Italy proposed to commemorate centenary of formation of National Alpini, a veterans association formed after WWI. Germany and Greece objected to the role of Alpinists in the War. Italy proceeded to issue

a collector coin of face value 5 Euros on the subject.



It is not always that EU is responsible for aborting the coins. In 2020, Luxembourg proposed a coin on 75th Anniversary of UNO. It got all the approvals.



The already approved coin was aborted on the news of birth of next heir to throne, Charles, born to heir apparent Gillaume, on 10th May 2020.



In January 2025, Greece announced coins to commemorate birth centenary of two composers.

Designs and topics were approved by ECB but following domestic objections to maintain gender balance, the coin on Manos Hadidakis was not issued.



Instead, the coin on Miki Theodorakis was issued as already announced.



The second coin was issued on Laskarina Bouboulina.



Bulgaria

Bulgarian Alphabet (theme approve but design approval by ECB pending).

Suggestions, comments, reporting errors / omissions: email pkasaha000@yahoo.co.uk.

1861 Loyal Princess Royal Lodge of Odd Fellows Medal

by Peter Lane, SA Australian Study Group's 129th Meeting, August 6th, 2026

<https://www.australiana.org.au/>

This silver 60 mm round medal was presented at Riverton (Adelaide circa 1861, and the maker is unknown. The inscription on the medal reads: *Presented / by the Brothers of the / LOYAL PRINCESS ROYAL / Lodge of Odd Fellows / RIVERTON / to P.G. Peter McMartin, Sen' / as a token of merit / 21st June 1861*. The reverse features the ornate engraved coat of arms and motto AMICITIA AMOR ET VERITAS (translation: Friendship Love and Truth) of the IOOF (Manchester Unity).



Peter McMartin (c1813-1890) and his wife Charlotte (née Campbell c1813-1877) had arrived in South Australia on the ship *Rajasthan* in February 1840; he was listed as a shepherd and having come from Scotland via London, England. Settling near Adelaide he planted what was called Bailey's Garden on the banks of the River Torrens and bought land at Bowden. Employed by the miller John Ridley at Hindmarsh to drive horse teams, he was credited by his son as having driven the first reaping machine used in South Australia – the famous Ridley stripper. In 1846 he was a founder-member of the IOOF Loyal Albert Lodge (Manchester Unity) at North Adelaide.

McMartin visited Victoria at the beginning of the gold rush, and then in 1854 bought 134 acres of land at Macaw Creek, near Riverton, naming his farm *Lochy Vale*. In addition to farming he entered tenders for roadwork on several occasions, as well as being involved with the formation of the Loyal Auburn Oddfellows Lodge in 1856. The following year he presided at a meeting to raise funds for the newly opened Bible Christian Chapel at Riverton. His community involvement continued when he engaged in lobbying for the new northern railway route to favour the Gilbert Valley and took part as competitor and secretary in the Riverton ploughing match.

The Loyal Princess Royal Lodge of Oddfellows at Riverton celebrated their third anniversary in 1861 by playing cricket in a paddock across the road from the Riverton Hotel before meeting at the hotel, where McMartin was Vice-Chairman proposed and responded to toasts. It was at their June meeting he was awarded the above medal. In 1864 samples of cotton grown on his farm were shown in Adelaide and noted in the Register. McMartin's sons Peter and Finlay both worked on the farm at Macaw Creek until Finlay bought his own property nearby in 1870 before selling there and buying a farm near Booleroo in 1877. In that year Charlotte McMartin died and Peter senior left the family farm to move to Wilmington, where he died at his property *Myrtle Vale* on 6 August 1890.

Acknowledgements: *Cyclopedia of S.A.*, 1910, vol.2; S.A. Maritime Museum; Rod Hooper, Macaw Creek Winery; Trove for newspaper reports.

1878 The Monster Clothing Company Silver Medal

by Peter Lane, SA Australiana Study Group's 129th Meeting, August 6th, 2026

<https://www.australiana.org.au/>



This 27 mm round silver 1878 The Monster Clothing Company medal, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, was made by Stokes and Martin of Melbourne (Carl 1878/2) with a mintage of just 896 pieces. The Monster Clothing Company opened its business at 21 Bourke Street East, Melbourne, in 1857. In 1878 it issued this small silver medal to commemorate its 21st anniversary. That year it ran a full-page advertisement in the *Sands and McDougall* directory for Melbourne, announcing the “largest assortment of men’s and boys’ clothing”, “all made on the premises, and thoroughly shrunk”. Its Order Department was “conducted by the most Experienced and Stylish Cutters in the City”, making “suits to order on the shortest notice”. It stocked “new and fashionable” Scottish and English tweeds, and colonial tweeds made at Albion and Victorian Mills, Geelong. It also offered ready-made mourning clothes, hats and hosiery, and provided fitting rooms for its customers.

An advertisement in the *Alexandra and Yea Standard*, 17 September 1886, described The Monster Clothing Company as an “Emporium of the Metropolis for men’s, boys’ and youths’ clothing. Ready made or to order. Shirts, hats, hosiery, etc. Patterns & measurements guide sent on application post free. Our travelling representative, Mr. G.H. Cutteng, will be round each season”.

The Royal Historical Society of Victoria (RHSV) has this advertisement for The Monster Clothing Company, Melbourne, c. 1880, and specifically notes this is for both 21 and 23 Bourke St. East, Melbourne and also notes the company’s claim “that in emergency a suit of black can be done in 6 hours”, claims to take a stand against the use of force, and / or shops that make the customer pay according to appearance.

The most recent listing of The Monster Clothing Company, at 21 Bourke Street East, appeared in the Melbourne directories in 1888.

Information from *Museums Victoria*, and *RHSV*.



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BATTLESHIP TEXAS

Matchcover and Challenge Coins

[Included herein — Reprint: No. 500, *SIERRA-DIABLO BULLETIN*, September 2026, Pg. 7]

[Column- *An American Tour*: 222, Title- *Houston's Battleship Texas*]

by **Sierra-Diablo Matchcover Club (SDMC)**, Editor: **Mike Prero**



The *USS Texas* led a distinguished 34-year career in the United States Navy. In that time, she fought in both *World Wars*, earned a number of ‘firsts’, and was home to tens of thousands of sailors and marines from all walks of life. *Texas* served with the *Grand Fleet* during the *First World War* and earned five battle stars during the *Second World War*. She fought in North Africa, Normandy, Southern France, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa, and through it all only lost one crew member to enemy fire (helmsman QM3c Christen Christensen). In 1948, *Battleship Texas* was donated to the State of Texas to serve as a museum and memorial. In the words of her last captain, Charles Baker, “Her wars are over, she has won the right to rest peacefully in Texas waters.”

← See *Battleship Texas* facts on the matchcover shown here.

Most of the final crew – only about 130 men by this time – was reassigned to *USS Wisconsin* after the ship’s decommissioning on April 21st. Chief John Jack McKeown, who had been serving on *Texas* since 1937, was discharged from the Navy that date so that he could become the ship’s caretaker. Chief McKeown lived aboard the ship and continued as her caretaker until shortly before his passing in 1970.



These four photos are courtesy of the Battleship Texas Foundation. In the two photos below, Chief McKeown is the one wearing the white cap.



Founded in 1998 as a registered 501(c)3 non-profit, the Battleship Texas Foundation exists today as an advocate for *Battleship Texas*, and to help develop the historic ship into a premier hands-on museum and visitor attraction. On August 1st, 2020, the Battleship Texas Foundation began operating *Battleship Texas* on behalf of the State of Texas. Donations and sponsorship make a direct impact on the success of *Battleship Texas* programs, including restoration, preservation, tours, and education. Learn more at this link:

<https://battleshiptexas.org/about/foundation/>

The historic *USS Texas* (BB-35) is currently located at the Gulf Copper Shipyard on Pelican Island in Galveston, undergoing an extensive, multi-million-dollar restoration and is scheduled to open to the public in her new permanent home at Pier 15 in Galveston.



↑ This challenge coin depicts the cowgirl design found on original ship art of the *Battleship Texas* in raised metal. The other side bears the *Texas* nickname, 'The Mighty T' with the Texas flag in the background. The outer band on both sides lists the *USS Texas* name and the years of commission, along with representative stars from when she won five battle stars during WWII on a black background. The coin is available for purchase through the non-profit Battleship Texas Foundation by going to this link:

<https://store.battleshiptexas.org/products/mighty-t-challenge-coin>



This 4 mm thick challenge coin (weight 2.08 oz) is described online as USS Texas 'Mighty T' BB-35 Battleship Warships of Second World War 75th Anniversary Collectible Military Challenge Coin from a US-Veteran who has owned a small business (Stay Frosty Enterprises) for 35 years. The coin is licensed by the US Military Trademark and Licensing Departments ensuring the coin meets the required standards, and that a portion of each sale goes to support military morale, welfare, and recreation programs. This coin is available for purchase (with free shipping) at this link, and there is also a video you can watch at this same link:

<https://www.amazon.com/Battleship-Warships-Collectible-Military-Challenge/dp/B0DBRCTPQX>

Another photo from the Foundation, "Captain Grant accepting from Waco Business Men a Silver Service presented by State of Texas to Battleship Texas, Galveston, November 7th, 1914.



A Mysterious Hoard of Roman Republican Denarii

by **Frederick "Fred" A. Liberatore, Ph.D.**, NCC Member, *CoinNews-UK* Columnist

This is a tale told by an eminent numismatist, historian, coin dealer, and teacher. There were about 15 of us listening intently.

In ancient times, in what is now Poland, someone or some group buried 'a lot' of Roman silver denarii. At that time, Poland was well beyond the borders of the Roman Republic.

Was it a merchant's or trader's hoard accumulated near the burial site or buried while in transit?

Or was it money to be used to hire mercenaries, especially the cavalry, to fight as Roman auxiliaries?

Or was it money brought home by the Roman mercenaries who were done fighting?

For sure, about 22.5 kg of silver denarii was 'a lot' of money. At about 4 grams per denarius, the hoard had about 5,600 coins. These coins were buried before 1st-centuryAD and are good metal, not plated imitations.

Magically, the hoard made it to the United States about 30 years ago, before most of the laws regarding antiquities had been passed. Were any laws or rules broken in Poland or here, hard to say?

The coins were in a remarkable state of preservation. Simply washing them in a kitchen sink with soap and water was all that was needed to clean them after 2,000+ years in what must have been a sealed ceramic vessel of some kind.

The speaker's 10-year-old daughter helped with the washing and subsequent sorting. Her job was to find all the coins with elephants on them. Yes, they were Julius Caesar's first coin struck in his own name under his own authority by a mint moving with the army from 49-48 BC. There were over 300 of them in the hoard, a bit over 5 % of the total hoard. The dealer said he sold them in lots of 10.

Today, when even 'one' of these coins appears in an auction it is notable and for the winning buyer does lead to Happy Collecting.

Sadly, not knowing the 'find site', vessel for storage, and a listing of the hoard's contents means a lot of valuable information concerning circulation patterns in that troubled historical time is lost forever.

Counterfeits, Imitations, and Copies of Roman Imperial Denarii. Making and Faking Cons on Both Sides of the Limes.

by **A. Dymowski and K. Myzgin (academic.eds, 2024)**

Roman Imperial denarii from the first-third centuries AD are, almost without exception, the most common ancient coinage to be found in Central, Northern, and Eastern Europe beyond the Roman limes. Perhaps surprisingly, however, a significant percentage of these coins are in fact counterfeit, comprised largely of denarii subaerati (plated denarii, fourrées) and denarii flatii (base-metal cast copies). Moreover, these fake coins were not only manufactured by Romans themselves, but also by barbarian peoples in Eastern Europe, far from the Roman limes, in what should be considered a mass-scale phenomena.

The above was an excerpt from a published paper, you can download the full pdf file at this link:

https://www.academia.edu/127808756/Dymowski_A_Myzgin_K_eds_2024_Counterfeits_Imitations_and_Copies_of_Roman_Imperial_Denarii_Making_and_Faking_Coins_on_Both_Sides_of_the_Limes

Pittsburgh Proceedings

by **ROBERT F. (BOB) FRITSCH**, FRCNA, FONA, KStE-USA, NENA State Director, ANA Exhibit Judge, NCBA Board Member

The alarm rang early on Sunday, 23 August 2026, so I could get breakfast, do the morning chores, finish packing, and get on the road by 0900. Unfortunately, in my rush to leave I forgot my elongating kit and had no hat / coat (luckily the weather cooperated and I didn't need them). Took the Hogback through Vermont, then caught the southern route across New York. Arrived in Bradford, PA, just after 1800, 488 miles. Had a Yuengling beer and a steamed sandwich while watching Big Brother on TV.

Woke just after 0700 on Monday after a decent sleep, had breakfast and adjourned to the ZIPPO / CASE Museum, my reason for stopping in Bradford. Saw lots of beautiful ZIPPO lighters and CASE knives. Lunch was at the Sawmill Restaurant in Leeky, PA, shrimp and onion ring boat which was plentiful and flavorful. Arrived in Pittsburgh about 1530, and the place I had booked was horrible. The woman sitting on the doorstep swigging from a bottle in a paper bag said that I would get ripped off and it was better to find somewhere else. After a few tries, I got a room at the Hampton Inn just two blocks from the convention center, lucked out! Supper and drinks with my TEC (The Elongated Collectors) friends at the Waverly. Back to the room, lights out by 2200.



ZIPPO / CASE Museum & Flagship Store, Bradford, PA
[Photo by Bob Fritsch.]

Up by 0615 on Tuesday, morning routine, breakfast furnished at the hotel, then to the show. Took the long way, which was 'really' long to the David L. Lawrence Convention Center! During the opening ceremony, the ANA presented Host Chair **Thomas J. Uram** (Immediate Past President of the ANA) with the Goodfellow Award. I got shuttled among the many registration kiosks until I found the right one.



Very disappointed with the convention badge, just a printed card with none of the accolades or ribbons that were part of the package in previous years. Complained about it and got another with many (but not all) of my awards listed.

Here's an image of my 2025 badge with ribbons, and my 2026 badge without. [Photos by Bob Fritsch.]



Donated \$50 to the National Money Show® in Virginia Beach next year. Established connections among the various club tables and headquartered myself at the TEC table. The US Mint booth had change machines dispensing dimes, quarters and dollars. The dimes and Trump dollars were okay but only one of the five SemiQ quarters were loaded. As always, I judged exhibits this year, assigned four classes, which were fortunately small but only managed three classes today before I ran out of steam. Got more coins from the Mint booth and squished them at the TEC booth. Left the bourse around 1530, had supper of mussels and Yuengling at a nearby restaurant, watched a bit of TV and lights out by 2115.

Was up on Wednesday before 0600, morning routine, and found a quicker walk to the convention center, which I eventually shared with **Wayne Homren** when I ran into him. Unfortunately, I got lost inside and was

almost late for the breakfast meeting of the NCBA (National Coin and Bullion Association). I am a non-voting member of the Board (<https://www.ncbassoc.org/board-of-directors>) along with others like ANA's **Kim Kiick** but my opinion as a collector is often solicited. Finished my judging, including hashing out final scores with the other judges (there are three of us for each class, and we had to agree on first, second and third places). For lunch attended the Maynard Sundman / Littleton Coin Company Luncheon (with guest speakers) as I have done since it started many years ago. The beef entrée was surprisingly tender, not the rubbery stuff I normally get. Next was the TAMS (Token and Medal Society) meeting in progress where the talk was on Pittsburgh medals.

Then on to the TEC table, which is always crowded with people, and I did my part in helping them. Back to the room for a bit of relaxation before heading to Fogo de Chão, a Brazilian place for the TAMS banquet. Helped TAMS Secretary **Donna Moon** with setup. Dinner was great with plenty of tasty food and great company of many of my numismatic friends. Auction, Awards, Officer Installation then a quick Lyft back to the room for lights out at 2230.

The convention included Kids Zone with Ernie's Treasure Treehouse enjoyed activities and earned Hoot Loot. The Kids Zone included the Young Collectors' Corner for YNs age 7-17 focused on coin identification and grading, and any Scouts in attendance could earn a CCMB or FWM Patch. Kids (small or 'big') could have a photo taken with their head featured on a \$100,000 U.S. Treasury Note.



← Recognize this 'big' kid on this note?
[Photos by booth staffer.]



You may recall at an NCC Annual Awards Banquet some years back, our Keynote Speaker was **Frank Van Valen** owner of Frank Van Valen Numismatics (franklycoins.com) of Wolfeboro Falls, NH, and a Senior Numismatist for SB Galleries, praised in the industry for over 20 years for his numismatic cataloguing. He's also a frequent instructor at the ANA Summer Seminar, as well as a licensed auctioneer for ANR. Here's a photo I took of Frank (*in photo on the right*) with **Gary Galbo** beside the **Liberty Seated Collectors Club** (<https://lscweb.org/>) club table. →



[Photo by Bob Fritsch.]



← Since 2023, **Stanley Chu** (who was born in Boston) has been Manager of the new Stacks Bowers Galleries / SBG (<https://stacksbowers.com/our-boston-store-makes-the-news/>) in downtown Boston (on State St. facing Merchant's Row). Stanley is a Life member of ANA, NENA, **Nashua Coin Club**, and FUN. Since 2016, he's also been a volunteer District Representative for the ANA representing Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. [Photo by Bob Fritsch.]

Late rising at 0730 on Thursday, morning routine, breakfast and a fast walk to the show. Joined the **Albuquerque Coin Club** (<https://albuquerquecoinclub.com/>) for five years (they had beaten us in the local newsletter competition for several years and I wanted to see what they had). Nice chat with **Phil Vitale** and invited him to join the **Nashua Coin Club** (he did). Attended a so-called podcast of experts, which was held on the convention floor but I left quickly since show noise blanketed what was being said. The NLG (Numismatic Literary Guild) luncheon was held at the Westin convention hotel, but the food sucked. Got a *2027 Red Book* as a door prize. Ran to the MCA (Medal Collectors of America) meeting about a half mile away, which was in progress. Got some gold foil notes, free from two vendors. Judged Best New Exhibitor and the team came to a unanimous decision quickly. The Awards Ceremony was at 1500, sat with the TEC people.



← I got my ANA 50-year Member Anniversary pin and TEC gave me a beautiful card signed by lots of people. I am in the middle wearing a purple NCC shirt with the other membership award recipients. [Photo by one of the TEC team.]

↑ Left to right: **John Zebel, Dave Hirt, Robert Van Ryzin, Judy Schwan, Fred Schwann** (MPC Fest Guru), ANA VP **Mary Lynn Garrett**, behind her is **Rick Snow, Bob Fritsch**, then there are 6 more folks, but we don't have the names.



← Left to right: **Gary Galbo, Joe Casazza and Bob Fritsch** accepted the certificate for second place in the *Best Local Newsletter* competition.

The three of us with the 1st and 3rd place winners. →

[Three photos by one of the TEC team.]



← Swinging by the Mint booth, I got to shake hands with Mint Director **Paul Hollis** and got an autographed card from him. [Photo by Mint booth staffer.]

Supper with TEC at a local Indian restaurant. Back at the room, proofread half of our September newsletter and lights out at 0950. Up at 0530 on Friday to finish the proofreading, prepare for the day and have breakfast. 0800 was the meeting of the TEC board followed at 0900 with the membership meeting. The club is in good shape and we look forward to participating in many shows in coming years. Plus, we now have the highest membership in many years. We then had a demonstration of a coin photo rig, too expensive for my budget. I called the auction which lasted just over an hour. Quick hot dog for lunch but the bun broke and dumped all the goodies on my lap.

The Exhibit Awards presentation was at 1500, unfortunately there were few Young Numismatist displays. Took a nap at the room then on to the ANA Banquet at the Westin. I 'almost' fell down, but luckily I caught a banister. The music was too loud, drinks too expensive and the food was still lousy. Company was good with the TEC people at the table. The auction was very high-priced, and the awards lasted over an hour. Got a picture of **Dennis Boggs** who plays Abe Lincoln before heading to the room for lights out at 2222.



← **Dennis Boggs** travels all over the nation bringing Abraham Lincoln's story to life for audiences of all ages. With his extensive theatrical background, Mr. Boggs was first introduced into playing the role of President Lincoln in a theatrical a production on stage at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center (TPAC) in his hometown of Nashville, and he's appeared at many ANA events.

[Photo by Bob Fritsch.]

Saturday was up at 0740 for after almost 9 hours of sleep!

Didn't do much at the bourse besides wandering around scavenging goodies from empty dealer tables.

[Bourse floor photo by Bob Fritsch.] →



Said goodbye to everyone, see you next year. Supper at Bills Smash Burger with TEC, almost finished packing in the room and lights out 2030!

Sunday saw me rise at 0530. On the road by 0950. As my route took me near Altoona, PA, I decided to stop at a railfan Must-See, Horseshoe Curve. This is a giant rail curve built in the 1850s which goes up the sides of a few mountains to get to the west. Spectacular. Saw four freight trains while I was there. Lodged at the Best Western in Wilkes-Barre, PA, got a pizza for supper and 12-pack of Yuengling for enjoyment in the coming weeks. Lights out 2030, up on Monday at 0630. Got a box of quarters from a local bank and hit the road toward home. Bought more quarters in Port Jarvis, NY, and Stonington, CT. Pulled into the driveway at 1615, unpacked the car and relaxed after a very rewarding journey.

After giving a verbal report during our NCC September meeting, I gave away most of the handouts I received at the convention.



← The **next ANA World Fair of Money®** is **August 10-14, 2027**, hosted at Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, IL.

The 2028 is in this same location too, August 8-12. Mark your calendars for that one too!

Why not plan your trip now, put it in your calendar. The more NCC members in attendance, the more fun to be shared!

Recent Numismatic News / Announcements / Discoveries

by Judy Blackman, FRCNA, FONA, KStE-CDA/USA
(October 2026 issue)

American Numismatic Association (ANA) News:

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bit.ly/parthia-silk-roads




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The American Numismatic Association (ANA) has purposely kept its membership dues as low as possible to remain affordable for collectors of all means. But inflation over the last few years has compelled the ANA Board of Governors to increase association membership dues, taking effect **November 1, 2026**.

Several tiers of ANA membership exist to provide flexible spending options for collectors. Platinum members receive the printed edition of The Numismatist (with the higher cost covering printing and mailing), digital access to the magazine, and access to the publication's digital archive (1888-present). Gold members receive the digital-only edition of The Numismatist and the full digital archive.

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NNP: check out these added links to advance your numismatic education!

ANA Celebrates Its 125th Anniversary:

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/554712>

ANA Legacy Series: David Sundman:

<https://nnp.washu.edu/Documents/Detail/ana-legacy-series-david-sundman/4143856>

The U.S. Mint Presents the 1933 Double Eagle:

<https://nnp.washu.edu/Documents/Detail/the-u.s.-mint-presents-the-1933-double-eagle/8067042?item=8067052>

Castorland Jeton: America's Most Beautiful French Coin:

<https://nnp.washu.edu/Documents/Detail/castorland-jeton-americas-most-beautiful-french-coin/4143859>

Other Interesting Stuff:

The RCNA has announced the next two years' conventions:

- 2027 will be hosted by the ONA and held July 13-18 in Mississauga, ON
- 2028 will be hosted by the HCC and held in Halifax, NS – dates to be confirmed

Aug. 31, 2026—eBay Expands authentication of coins, eligible US, CDN, and World Coins price at \$500 or more will now receive professional authentications through PCGS at no additional cost to buyers or sellers:

<https://www.numismaticnews.net/ebay-expands-authenticity-guarantee-to-collectible-coins>

Devaluations and the French 'Mint Bills':

<https://tontinecoffeehouse.com/2026/07/20/devaluations-and-the-french-mint-bills/>



On Sep. 4, 2026, RAM launched its 2026 \$1 Holey Dollar:

<https://www.ramint.gov.au/about-us/whats-new/origins-australian-coin-holey-dollar>

Check out the Museum of American Finance and article:

<https://www.moaf.org/>
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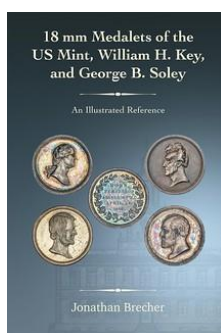


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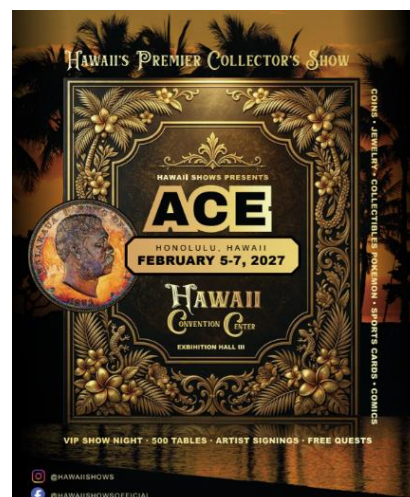
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<https://dailygalaxy.com/2026/09/metal-detector-finds-roman-coins-shipwreck/>

Vacation in Hawaii this February and attend show→



US 1824/1 GOLD \$2-½ D., ONLY PROOF IN PRIVATE HANDS

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

Heritage Auctions ANA US Coins Signature® Auction #1396, Lot 3612 (Harry W. Bass Jr. Collection) **1824/1 Gold (91.67%, 0.1288 oz), weight 4.37 g, \$2-½ D, BD-1, R.5, JD-1, R.s as a Proof, PR67 PCGS**, sold on Sep. 2nd, 2026, for **\$1,494,500.00USD** (includes Buyer's Premium). This is the **ONLY** Proof in private hands. Ex: Seavey-Parmelee-Bass.



Lot description reads: **1824/1 \$2 1/2 BD-1, R.5, JD-1, R.8 as a Proof, PR67 PCGS**. Ex: Harry W. Bass, Jr. Collection. Bass-Dannreuther Die State a/a, no clashing, no lapping, no cracks.

The 1824/1 Capped Head Left Quarter Eagle is a popular *Guide Book* variety and an elusive issue, even in business-strike format. Proof examples are virtually unobtainable as only two specimens have been confirmed, and one of those is included in the National Numismatic Collection at the Smithsonian Institution, forever out of reach of eager collectors.

Heritage Auctions is privileged to offer this magnificent Superb Gem Proof from the legendary Harry Bass Core Collection, the only Proof example certified by either of the leading grading services, in this important offering.

The Philadelphia Mint struck a small production of 2,600 Capped Head Left Quarter Eagles in 1824, with a single die variety known for the date. Manufacturing new dies for coinage was both expensive and labor-intensive in those early days, and the Mint was reluctant to expend its resources on making new Quarter Eagle dies for such a small mintage.

Accordingly, Mint technicians carefully over-dated a leftover, unused Quarter Eagle die from 1821 to serve as the obverse of the 1824 issue (no Quarter Eagles were struck in 1822 or 1823). Similarly, the reverse die used on the small mintage of 1821 Quarter Eagles was pressed into service again to strike the coins in 1824 (this hardy reverse die was used again to strike the BD-1 and BD-2 Quarter Eagle varieties of 1825).

Why any Quarter Eagles were struck in 1824 is something of a mystery, as there was little commercial demand for the denomination in the national economy of the time. The face value of the Quarter Eagle was too large to be useful in most day-to-day transactions, but too small to be used to settle large accounts in foreign trade. In his *Guide Book of Quarter Eagle Gold Coins*, Q. David Bowers speculates that Congressional representatives, like Thomas Hart Benton, may have requested to have their salaries paid in gold, creating a demand for the Quarter Eagles. Bowers quotes *Niles Weekly Register* of May 15, 1824:

"The Bank of the United States has lately put into circulation an unusual quantity of Half and Quarter Eagles in payments to members of Congress."

Few of these coins were ever seen in circulation, as their intrinsic value was greater than their face value, due to the rising price of gold vs. silver during this era. It was much more profitable to sell the coins at a premium to bullion brokers and exchange houses than to spend them in everyday commerce. A few Proof Quarter Eagles were specially struck in 1824.

Based on 19th century auction appearances, John Dannreuther estimates as many as four Proofs were originally produced, but only the Bass and Smithsonian examples can be traced today. It makes sense to assume that Adam Eckfeldt had the Smithsonian example specially struck for the Mint Cabinet, since records indicate it has been in that collection since its inception in 1838. The other Proofs were probably struck on request from influential collectors, like Robert Gilmor.

The Mint had learned to produce Proofs with mirrored fields and frosty devices by 1824, and the Smithsonian coin is a nicely contrasted Cameo specimen. However, their skill at die polishing was ahead of their expertise in striking detail at this time. The Rush and Muhlenberg screw press, which was ideally suited for striking Proofs and medals with razor-sharp definition, would not be installed until 1827. Either, as a result of poor die spacing, or inadequate striking pressure, both Proof and business-strike 1824 Quarter Eagles show some softness on the centers, on Liberty's curls and the juncture of the shield and eagle's wing on the reverse.

In addition, both the Smithsonian and Bass Proofs exhibit more reflectivity on the obverse than the reverse. Both coins have been called one-sided Proofs in the past, but Dannreuther modified his opinion on this subject in his *United States Proof Coins, Volume IV: Gold*, noting:

"They may be considered one-sided Proofs by some, although the author considers them both to be two-sided examples ..."

This spectacular Superb Gem Proof offers virtually flawless antique-gold surfaces, with deeply reflective fields on the obverse and a mix of Prooflike reflectivity and vibrant mint luster on the reverse. Texas coin dealer Mike Brownlee, known as a conservative grader, once told Harry Bass this coin should grade MS70. The strike is sharp in most areas, with complete radials on all star centers and fine detail on Liberty's lower curls, but some of the always-seen softness is evident in the centers.

Overall eye appeal is terrific.

ADOLPHUS TRAMPLES HIS ENEMIES 1632 MEDAL BY DADLER

[Press Release: Künker-AUEX]

Künker-AUEX Auction 444, Lot 3273, **KINGDOM Gustav II Adolf, 1611-1632 –Silver medal 1632, by German medalist Sebastian Dadler (1586-1657)**, sold on June 25th, 2026, for **€2,800 / \$3,213USD** (includes Buyer's Premium) on an estimate of €750.



Lot description: KINGDOM Gustav II Adolf, 1611-1632. Silver medal 1632, by S. Dadler, on the Swedish Protestant victories in Germany under the Swedish King Gustav II Adolf in 1632. Armored half-length portrait. in a decorated cartouche // The king as God's champion in antique armor with a sword and cross shield stands halfway, on his fallen enemies, with a shining sun on each side. 56.27mm; 41.70 g. Hildebrand I, pp. 132, 58; Maue 31. Pretty patina, excellent Specimen from the Reinhard Laufen collection. Copy from the auction at Münzzentrum 105, Cologne 2001, No. 6627.

Sebastian Dadler was a foremost medalist of the 17th century, employed by the courts of Saxony, Sweden, Poland, and the Holy Roman Empire to produce large struck medals on the political events of the time.

Dadler also made a *Death of Gustavus Adolphus* 1632-dated memorial medal, but he did not create it until 1634.



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