



Nashua Numismatist

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President's Message

Hello Folks,

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer and found some time to add to your collections. As we head into September, we are kicking off our fall meeting season with a fascinating and highly collectible topic for our *Coin of the Month: Copper Coins and Tokens from Canada*. Our neighbors to the north have a rich and deeply diverse numismatic history. Before the unified Dominion of Canada was established, local merchants, banks, and colonial governments issued their own copper tokens to fulfill the daily needs of commerce. From the historic copper halfpennies and pennies of Lower and Upper Canada to the beautiful bank tokens and pre-confederation pieces, these items tell the vibrant story of early North American trade. In addition to colonial tokens, Canada's official circulating copper and bronze coinage.

For this month's meeting, I encourage everyone to search through their collections and bring in a favorite piece of Canadian copper. Whether you have a rare 19th-century merchant token, a beautifully toned Victoria large cent, or an example of a modern small cent, please bring it to share. Also look in your collections and bring in something for our Show and Tell session. I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming meeting, catching up on your summer acquisitions, and learning more about the fascinating world of Canadian copper together.

Jay

Jay Ouellette,
NCC President



Next Event:

Wednesday, September 9th, 2026, 7PM In-person + Zoom Option
Nashua Public Library (Large or Activity Room), 2 Court St., Nashua, NH

COTM: Copper coins and tokens from Canada

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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:

02-Sep: Semiquincentennial President Donald J. Trump 1776-2026 \$1 Coin Rolls & Bags (P)



***03 Sep (was 15-Jul):** Calvin Coolidge Presidential Silver Medal

03-Sep: American Eagle 2026 One Ounce Palladium Uncirculated Coin (W)

24-Sep: Best of the Mint 1907 Saint-Gaudens High Relief \$20 Gold Coin and Silver Medal Set – Semiquincentennial (Multi P/W)

Fall: American Innovation 2026 \$1 Coin Reverse Proof Set (S)

Fall: Herbert Hoover Presidential Silver Medal →



Fall: Morgan and Peace Dollar 2026 Two-Coin Set (P)

Fall: Semiquincentennial Annual Proof Set (S)

Fall: Semiquincentennial Quarters 2026 Rolls and Bags – Gettysburg Address →



Coming Soon: Comic Art 2.5 Ounce Silver Medal – Supergirl™ (P) →



Coming Soon: Comic Art 24-Karat Gold Proof Coin – Supergirl™ (W) →



Coming Soon: Comic Art One Ounce Silver Medal – Supergirl™ (P) →



Coming Soon: Comic Art 2.5 Ounce Silver Medal – Robin™ (P) →



Coming Soon: Comic Art 24-Karat Gold Proof Coin – Robin™ (W)

Coming Soon: Comic Art One Ounce Silver Medal – Robin

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

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

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

Coming Soon: 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 commemoratives, proof sets, and special edition releases, each reflecting the rich history and cultural significance of the United States. There are detailed plans of the U.S. Mint for production in 2027, so please go to this link for detailed plans: <https://schedule2026.com/2027-us-mint-schedule/>

Upcoming 2026-2027 Events

(Check websites for updates)



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

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

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

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

04-05 DEC: NH 2026 24th Coin Expo, DoubleTree by Hilton (Downtown), 700 Elm St., Manchester, NH, Bourse floor, guest speakers, free appraisals, club meetings, exhibits.

Admission \$7 per person per day or two-day pass for \$13, link for SI Tickets

<https://happsnow.com/event/New-Hampshire-Coin-and-Currency-Expo>

and no digital ticket required for person under age 18, a veteran or active military, or a parent of a Boy Scout or Girl Scout accompanying the parent and wearing the Scout uniform.

Expo Special Meetings:

- **Colonial Coin Collectors Club (CCCC)-Region 2 Mtg.** is on Fri. Noon-1:15PM with presentation by **Tom Gesner**
- **Early American Copper Club (EACC)-Regional Mtg.** is on Fri. 1:30-2:30PM
- **Joint Regional Mtg. Liberty Seated Collectors (LSCC) and Barber Coin Collectors' Society (BCCS)** is on Fri. 2:30-3:30PM with presentation by **John Frost** and **Joe Casazza**
- **NENA's Young Numismatist's 'Children's Introduction to Coin Collecting' Program** is on Sat. 10AM-Noon,

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

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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

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

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: August 2026

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

Bob Fritsch: Elongating (Squish) Machine

Kevin Winn: Rolls of P&D Minnesota Innovation Dollars, and 2026 dimes, nickels, and quarters (first three types) →



Fred Liberatore: Ancient Replicas, and US 5-Cent and 50-Cent Proofs

Tom Mikulis: Hobo Nickels

Brian Maxfield: 1897 Indian Head Cent with “1” protruding from neck in Ch.AU. (FS-01-1897-401 Snow-1) [Image courtesy of PCGS]



Asher Hamilton: Roman Diocletian Æ Follis (Thessalonica Mint) - The follis of Diocletian, despite efforts to enforce prices with the Edict on Maximum Prices in AD 301, was revalued and reduced as time passed. By the time of ‘Constantine the Great’, it was smaller and barely contained any silver.

Tim Skinski: Mint State 1864 Nova Scotia - Victoria - bronze Half Cent (designed by Leonard Charles Wyon) - In 1860, NB+NS passed currency acts adopting the decimal system. The British gov’t. approved the change, and the Royal Mint (London) struck the new provincial coins. The first issued appeared in 1861 as contemporaries of the Province of Canada’s own decimal coinage (which had begun in 1858). In 1859, Nova Scotia adopted a monetary system of dollars and cents but set its dollar at the rate of \$5 per £ sterling. Only cents and half cents were issued prior to Confederation in 1867. The non-magnetic 1864 Half Cent have a mintage of 400,000 (circulated business strikes); weigh 2.84 g; have a plain smooth edge; are 20.65

mm round with die axis ↑↓; and a composition of 95% copper, 4% tin, 1% zinc.

Peg Duggan: All five 2022-S Uncirculated Coins from Women on Quarters™ Series [US Mint image] →



Rick Marais: Emperor Septimius Severus Roman Silver Denarius - Lucius Septimius Severus was born in AD 145 in what is now Libya. He became the first African-born Roman Emperor in AD 193 after a ruthless campaign against his rivals. In AD 208 he travelled to Britain to strengthen Hadrian’s Wall and went on to invade Scotland that same year, but Severus became ill during the British Campaign and died in York in AD 211.

[Source: Royal Mint Museum]

[Image courtesy of Rick Marais] →



Judy Blackman: Elongated coins: 1922, 1924, and 1944 One Penny coins commemorating the 1988 Brisbane Expo. [Images courtesy of Rod Sell of Australian Numismatic Society]



Bill Seldon: Cleveland Smart Sole Sand Wedge



Minutes of NCC Monthly Membership Meeting of August 12th, 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 **August 12th** meeting was opened with the *Pledge of Allegiance* at 7PM by President **Jay Ouellette** at the **Nashua Public Library**. Attendance was a total of **24** folks (in-person **22** members, and on Zoom **2** members). The Attendance Raffle of **\$3.75** was won by **Priscilla Winn**.

The *Minutes* of the previous month were approved with one exception: **Fred Liberatore** corrected the information about the second class that he attended during the ANA Summer Seminars. The *Treasurer's Report* was read and approved. Correspondence consisted of:

- ANA's *The Numismatist*;
- CSNA's *The Centinel*;
- a member's dues; and
- three of our DCU bank statements.

Old Business

George Schuschereba and **Rick Marais** inquired into the New Hampshire Casino support of registered non-profit organizations. Nashua Coin Club does need to be a Federally Registered 501c3 club in order to qualify for this benefit. We investigated the requirements (paperwork, timing, etc.) to become one, but there was also some debate as to whether we really needed to go through all this now. We will set up a sub-committee to make this happen once we have a better idea as to whatever needs to be done, and if we would even qualify for the 501c3 designation anyway.

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.*' During our September meeting, we'll vote on the menu, and we will also get a preliminary banquet attendance headcount. We welcome donations for the Door Prize Table and for Raffle Prizes. Once again, **Cliff** and **Eileen Lo Verme** will supply a special celebratory cake for dessert.

We need nominations for the four awards presented during the banquet. Please email your nominations to **Kevin Winn** before our September meeting or give him the information at the start of our September meeting. The awards for nomination consideration are:

- ✓ Young Numismatist Award
- ✓ Numismatic Achievement Award
- ✓ Literary Achievement Award
- ✓ Gold Achievement Award

We discussed the articles in the last *Nashua Numismatist* newsletter written by **8** NCC members: **Tom Mikulis**, **Bob Fritsch**, **Kevin Winn**, **Judy Blackman**, **Fred Liberatore**, **Tim Skinski**, **Keith Potter**, and the *President's Message* by **Jay Ouellette**. This is fourth consecutive issue with at least 6 different NCC members making significant contributions to our official club publication.

Tom Mikulis's story about some of the coins that he has "repurposed" into jewelry, or other art products was particularly interesting. While speaking about his article, he passed around numerous items that he has created.

COTM

Our Coin of the Month (COTM) was '*Numismatic items from a country going through Hyperinflation.*'

Bob Fritsch started us off with a binder full of notes from Venezuela. These were Bolivar notes named after the country's hero Simon Bolivar (1783-1830). Bolivar was a Venezuelan military officer and statesman who led what are currently the countries of Bolivia, Columbia, Ecuador, Panama, Peru, and Venezuela to independence from the Spanish Empire. The Hyperinflation aspect of these notes was that in one year they went from denominations of 5, 10, 20, and 50 Bolivars to 10,000; 100,000; 200,000; and 1,000,000 (one million) Bolivars because of the economic climate. [Photos by Priscilla Winn.]



Left is **album cover**, middle is **before Hyperinflation**, right is **the result of Hyperinflation**.

Asher Hamilton also had notes from Venezuela, but he also had some coins from the same country with the same problem. Asher has done a lot of research into this issue so I asked him what a 1,000,000-Bolivares note might be worth in USA currency and his reply was "about one-sixth of a cent!"

Asher also had some German coins and notes from the *post-WWI* era. One example showed a 1922 (P-72) 10,000-Marks note, which was replaced by a 1,000,000 Mark note in 1923. [Images courtesy of PMG]

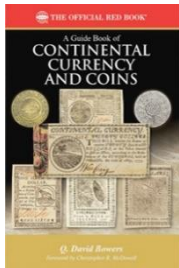
Bob Fritsch reminded this note is called the "Vampire Note" because hidden in the portrait of the merchant on the front, is a vampire sucking his throat, an allusion to the burden of reparation payments Germany was subject to after World War I, and which was bleeding the economy dry.



Asher also talked about the famous Zimbabwe 100 trillion dollar note which represented that country's issue with hyperinflation. [Image courtesy Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe - Public Domain on Wikipedia]

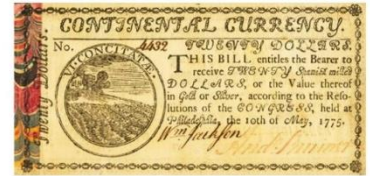


Cliff Lo Verme on Zoom showed us this photo and story of Continental Currency which became worthless as soon as it appeared due to the reasons cited in the printed message. →



← **THE OFFICIAL RED BOOK™ A Guide Book of CONTINENTAL CURRENCY AND COINS** by Q. David Bowers, (Whitman Publishing) is a valuable resource; but here are also some online options.

The year 1776 also saw paper money, Continental Currency, which was issued by the Continental Congress in order to fund the war. However, it was mostly unsuccessful due to extensive overprinting, no backing with specie, and British counterfeiting of it. This led to hyperinflation and the famous expression "not worth a continental," for its value dropped to virtual worthlessness by the end of the war. For example, it took \$100 in Continentals to buy \$1 in specie. Additionally, various state-issued bills of credit also circulated in 1776.



- You can find a directory of the banknotes at this link:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Continental_currency_banknotes
- More on the banknote plates at NNP: <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/imagecollection/512451>
- You can also view the Continental Currency coins at this ANA link:
<https://www.money.org/money-museum/virtual-exhibits-1776continentaldollar/>
- You can also learn about the designs at this link:
<https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Franklin/01-22-02-0215>
- A Continental Currency coin worth \$100,000 found at a flea market:
<https://www.thehistoryblog.com/archives/57924>

Show & Tell

Bob Fritsch talked about the *Nashua Library Passport to the World Program*, which highlights a different country celebrating global music, art, food, and culture. Bob has been assisting this program with a display of coins and notes from the featured country. Next up will be the country of Turkey.

Bob also talked about his new coin elongating (squish) machine, which he is using to create "business cards" out of New Hampshire State quarters. He passed around a bag full of them and invited us all to take one home. [Image courtesy of Bob Fritsch] →



Brian Maxfield passed around his 1976 ANA 85th Anniversary Convention Medal (New York City). The reverse of the medal was designed by sculptor Mico Kaufman (1924-2016) who lived in nearby Tewksbury, Massachusetts. At the time of Ronald Reagan's second inauguration, it was noted that Kaufman was the second artist in history of the series to make this many medals (Gerald Ford VP and President medals, Ronald Reagan second term President medal, and George H.W. Bush President medal). Upon Kaufman's death, pieces from his collection were donated to local libraries including Tewksbury Public Library, Middlesex Community College, the Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center in North Andover, MA, and University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Joe Casazza showed us a newspaper article of an approved drawing of the Eisenhower Dollar (1971-1978), with this design being quite different than the actual dollars produced for this series.

The Eisenhower dollar was first minted in 1971 to commemorate the legacy of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the 34th President of the United States, after his passing. The obverse features a depiction of President Eisenhower facing left, while the reverse features the mission patch design of NASA's Apollo 11 moon landing. These large history-rich coins were in circulation until 1978, when they were replaced by the smaller Susan B. Anthony dollar. When he was young, Chief Engraver Frank Gasparro briefly glimpsed

Eisenhower during the 1945 Allied Victory parade. In a moment of inspiration, he left the crowd to sketch Eisenhower's profile. That sketch became the basis for the obverse of the Eisenhower dollar coin. The obverse features the simple profile of Eisenhower facing left, with "LIBERTY" emblazoned above him and the standard "IN GOD WE TRUST" engraved just below his chin. The reverse design is based on the Apollo 11 mission patch designed by astronaut Michael Collins. On this patch, an eagle clutching an olive branch with both claws lands on the moon, with the Earth visible in the background. A set of 13 stars encircle the eagle. Including this version of the eagle on the coin was a significant departure from tradition. Previous eagle designs also held a bundle of arrows. However, during the creation of the reverse design, one of the biggest critiques Gasparro received was that the eagle appeared to be too intimidating and predatory. The arrows were likely removed to make the eagle appear less warlike. Special Bicentennial Anniversary Eisenhower dollars were struck in 1975 and 1976. A contest had been hosted to determine a new design, which was won by 22-year-old art student Dennis R. Williams. While Eisenhower's profile remained the same on Williams' obverse, the reverse featured a depiction of the Liberty Bell in front of the Moon. This design was never used again after 1976. [Source: Littleton Coin Company]

Sam Ouellette brought in a couple of Canadian "toonies" (\$2 coins). In addition to the 2026 FIFA \$2 coins the Royal Canadian Mint issued into circulation, the most popular recent release has been the 2026 coins celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the CN Tower, which were issued in both colored and uncolored. [Images courtesy of RCM]



Our next meeting will be held **Wednesday, September 9th, 2026, at 7PM** at the Nashua Public Library (in-person and Zoom). Our *Coin of the Month* theme will be **"Copper coins and tokens from Canada."** Please bring along your COTM ideas to our September meeting so we can pick the 2027 themes for the other seven months.

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

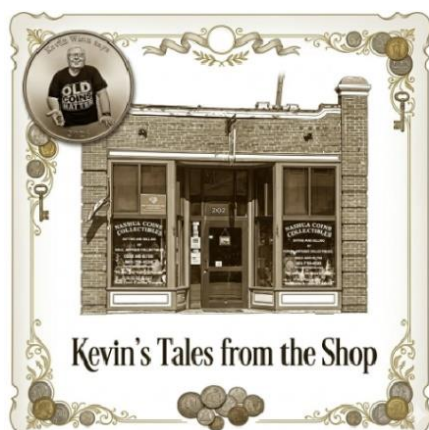
Sep 2026: Copper coins and tokens from Canada.	Nov 2026: Odd denomination coins from any country.
Jan 2027: Numismatic items with Winter scenes.	Feb 2027: Bees, butterflies & other insects on numismatic items
Mar 2027: Numismatic items from Ireland, Iceland, or Scandinavia (including Viking or Celtic monetary types)	Apr 2027: What's Your Idea?
May 2027: What's Your Idea?	Jun 2027: What's Your Idea?
Jul 2027: What's Your Idea?	Aug 2027: What's Your Idea?
Sep 2027: What's Your Idea?	Nov 2027: What's Your Idea?
BRING YOUR IDEAS TO OUR SEP 9, 2026, MTG.	No COTM in OCT/DEC due to annual events.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.



Respectfully submitted,
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 Kevin Winn,
 Secretary
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A Shop Full of Hess Trucks!

[Photos by Kevin Winn]

The name of Gary Galbo's shop is **Nashua Coins and Collectibles**, which means that it is not always 100% about coins. We have for sale many "collectible" items like crystal, milk glass, and Wedgewood pieces, as well as Hummel figurines. But most of these works and all the other non-coin items in the shop haven't moved since I started working there about nine months ago.

One exception to this trend is our market for collectible toy trucks, primarily Hess Oil Trucks. Gary knows a collector who lives nearby that has thousands of these that he is trying to get rid of. There is an agreement in place between Gary and this customer, which states that we take the trucks on consignment and whatever they sell for, the store gets half and the owner of the trucks gets the other half. Most of these get put up on our eBay site and get sold for whatever we list them for or occasionally for a slightly lower offer. But we have managed to sell about 300 or so over the past year. That means that there are still thousands left to be sold and since they are collectible, we expect most of them to eventually find their way out of the store.

Hess started to make these in 1964 with small replicas of their trucks, which they gave away to customers. The first tanker truck sold for \$1.39 in 1964 and is now worth nearly \$2,500.

The trucks and accessories are different every year. In various years the trucks have been mated with a non-truck vehicle such as a police patrol car,

helicopter, motorcycle, race car, cargo plane, ambulance, and firetruck.



↑ Five different Hess trucks with different accessories.

Some of their competitors saw the value of this publicity exercise and copied the idea with no shame whatsoever.

See picture below of Shell and Texaco trucks. ↓



Hess also saw the value of giving their trucks some practical usage and created coin banks, an idea which was also copied by one of their competitors.

See Hess and Marvel banks below. ↓



The Hess Company was bought by Speedway in 2014. The trucks continued to be made available through the online website. Then Speedway was bought by 7-Eleven in 2021 and the program was discontinued, but the Hess Trucks are now available through Hess Toy Truck LLC, which

operates as a privately-run family-business owned by the Hess family. The company now makes Miniature Trucks and Plush Toys to go along with the famous larger trucks, which have now been around for over 60 years!

One of the earliest Hess trucks released in 1968. →



Hess Safety Rules and Compliance Token by Kevin Winn

The Hess corporate website is <https://www.hess.com/>. Here we learn that in July 2025 two companies merged as the Hess Corporation (NYSE: HES) joined the Chevron Corporation (NYSE: CVX) to combine 240 years of experience. On this same website, there is a link to the Hess Toy Truck division <https://hestoytruck.com/>. This site confirms Hess company founder Leon Hess was the heart of the Hess Toy Truck. He was born in New Jersey in 1914 growing up during the *Great Depression*. He couldn't afford to go to college, but he managed at 19 years old to buy a second hand 615-gallon oil delivery truck and launched his business delivering fuel oil to homes in Asbury Park, NJ. After amassing a large fleet for his oil delivery business, he ventured further to open his first branded gas station in 1964, and Leon decided to create a high-quality but affordable toy families could buy at the station in time for Christmas. By 1995 Leon's son took over as his father retired, and by this time the Hess Corporation had become one of the world's largest energy companies (amassing safety awards), while the Hess Truck tradition remains one of the most popular enduring American toys in history. Although the family sold over 1,400 Hess stations in 2014, they remain Hess Toy Truck stewards (John Hess and Hess family), ensuring the 60+ years tradition remains cherished for generations to come.

Hess Rules and Compliance Pewter Token—Obverse: Hess Rules: PROTECTING OUR WORKFORCE, THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE COMMUNITIES WHERE WE OPERATE. Reverse: I will know and understand how the Hess Rules apply to my work. I know what I will do to comply. Delivering the Hess commitment to protect our workforce, the environment and the communities where we operate. →



Town Medal Column PITTSBURG, NH

BY ROBERT F. (BOB) FRITSCH, NCC DIRECTOR, FRCNA, FONA, KStE-USA
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You cannot travel any further north in New Hampshire than Pittsburg, out topmost town in Coös County. Surrounded by Maine on the east, Québec north and west, and Stewartstown, Clarksville and the Atkinson and Gilmanton Academy Grant on the south. Named for William Pitt, 1st Earl of Chatham, it was settled in the years before the *Revolution*, the land was granted by England but sold to settlers by an Abenaki chief.

Border disputes between Canada and New Hampshire led to the establishment of the sovereign nation of the Indian Stream Republic in 1832 as the result of the ambiguous boundary between USA and British Lower Canada as defined in the 1783 *Treaty of Paris*. Despite this independence, the Sheriff's Office continued to interfere resulting in the Sheriff sending the militia to invade on July 30, 1835. The militia stayed planted, annexing the Republic to New Hampshire. The British didn't give up easily, and kidnappings, arrests, and eventually an international incident resulting in a diplomatic crisis, finally brought things to serious negotiations in 1837 to avoid a war between the two nations, but wasn't until 1840 matters were resolved. The border dispute was dropped by Canada enabling the Republic and Pittsburg to incorporate on June 1, 1840. In 1842, the land dispute was definitively resolved by the *Webster-Ashburton Treaty*, and the land was assigned to New Hampshire, with official boundary lines established in 1848, making it the largest town in area in the state.

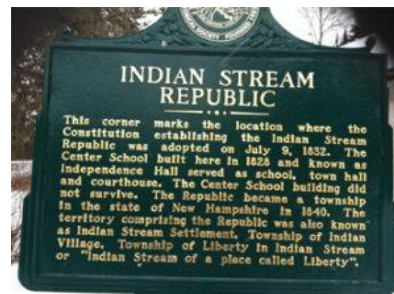
Notable People from Pittsburg NH:

- Edgar Aldrich (1848-1921), a Judge for the US District Court in NH;
- Harry B. Amey (1868-1949), a noted lawyer; and
- Luther Parker (1800-1853), an important political leader in the Republic of Indian Stream in the 1830s, an American pioneer, teacher, and Justice of the Peace (the highest constitutional officer).

The population in 1830 was 301 residents, grown to 683 in 2024, ranking it #208 in the state, but there are more moose than people there. The township has an elementary and high school offering education through all grades. Winter sports are its main claim to fame, billing itself as the 'Snowboarding Capital of the World', with many other recreational activities throughout the year. There are two Historical Highway markers in the town but only one listed on the official state website:



← PITTSBURG 0001 REPUBLIC OF INDIAN STREAM US 3 @ VILLAGE GREEN.



Two town medals were released by the town, in 1976 for the US Bicentennial and in 2015 for Pittsburg's 175th Anniversary. According to the *Commemorative Medals of New Hampshire Cities and Towns, 10th Edition* catalog written by Heath and updated by Allen, "The 1976 medal was issued by V.H. Blackinton & Co., Inc. of Attleboro Falls, MA, in 100 numbered Sterling Silver, 100 numbered Bronze and 100 unnumbered Bronze. It featured a state outline with PITTSBURG / NEW HAMPSHIRE on the obverse and a heraldic eagle holding a ribbon with 1776 / 1976." Although I have no images, I have some numbered Sterling Silver and numbered Bronze pieces in my collection.



The reverse of both the Pittsburg and the Andover medal is a Blackinton stock die, and it appears both towns took different route than the custom medals of other New Hampshire towns. The obverse is somewhat the same, with the star moved on the State of New Hampshire map to indicate the place of the relevant town (Andover vs Pittsburg). The scroll also contains the same wording, but the outer legend has the town name obviously different. Additionally, the Andover medal has an additional legend inside the center circle. In each issue of both bronze town medals, every coin has a numbered edge marking. [These images are of the bronze coin and courtesy of Pinterest of which a member of the NCC editorial team is a member.]



The *Pittsburg Town Report for the fiscal year-ended 1976*, confirms that B. A. Judd sold the medals and the pins, with medal sales of \$272.50 and pin sales of \$396.00. Both souvenirs were part of the Old Home Day Celebration to honor the American 200th Anniversary. That same financial statement confirms a payment was made to John Harvey, Medallions for \$132.50. Net would be sales minus expenses = \$140.00. The Andover records also confirm a payment to the same vendor for its town medals. Possibly this is the same Harvey Team Sales company, which is long-defunct. I'm unable to raise any images online of any Sterling Silver or unnumbered Bronze medal issues for either town.

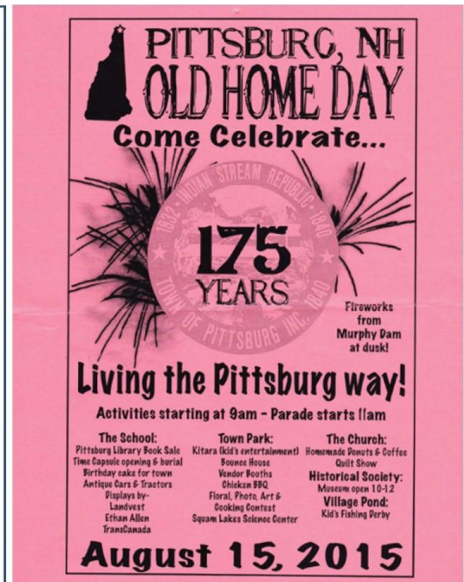
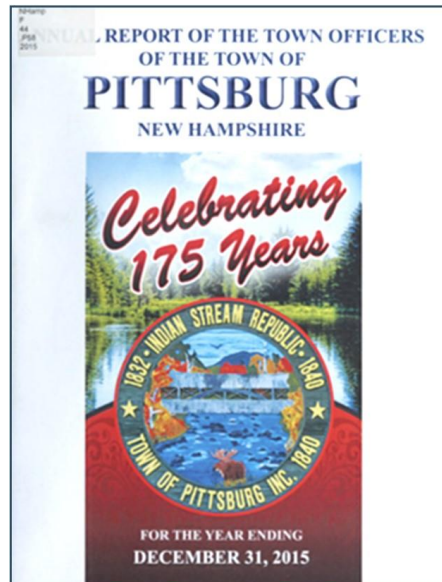


← The 2015 medal had 250 pieces made by an unlisted producer. The obverse features a covered bridge with a moose in front of it with [star] 1831 INDIAN STREAM REPUBLIC 1840 [star] / TOWN OF PITTSBURG INC. 1840. The reverse has a large 175/YEARS in the center with the same caption as the obverse.

For the 175th Anniversary, the *Pittsburg Town Report for the fiscal year-ended 2015*, kept anything related to the 175th Anniversary celebration under the *Pittsburg Old Home Day Account*, and the committee provided a detailed report of receipts and payments. The receipts under the *Fundraisers* section reads "Sale of Raffle Tickets, Coins, Shirts, etc. \$6,259.00" (although we know this means 'medals' not 'coins'), but no breakdown to show exactly what portion was raised from the sale of the medals. Under the *Expenses* section, is shows payments made for 'coins' (again this would be medals) and shirts, but no other "etc." that would have been part of the above receipts, and the medals, which included the cost of postage is shown as \$827.80 and the shirts as \$1,665.00 for total expenses of \$2,492.80, and there's no expense shown for the raffle tickets. The net would be \$6,259.00 less \$2,492.80 = \$3,766.20 but we have no way of knowing how much of this profit

came from the sale of the raffle tickets. The financials show the \$827.80 expense for the medals and postage was paid to David Covill, who was listed as Trustee of Trust Funds and as Chairman of the Old Home Committee, and he was paid \$360 as a Trustee, and the \$827.80 was a reimbursement for expenses. There is no record of what vendor David Covill bought the medals from, however, they do very much resemble the style of the medallions issued by the Osborne Mint in Ohio. David is a Business Teacher, Athletic Director, and Assistant Principal of the Pittsburg NH High School. He is also President of the Pittsburg NH Historical Society & Museum.

The town held a full day of events to celebrate its 175th as indicated by the information with the *Town Report*. →



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Town Medals of NH
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Exploring the Bay State Coin Show

by Sebastian Lojano

I had the pleasure of attending the Bay State Coin Show last month for the first time since moving to Boston. The reviews from dealers and fellow collectors moved me enough to take off work that day, and make the drive early in the morning. While reading about the registration details, I noticed a disclaimer stating that the first 100 attendees would receive a free graded coin, courtesy of Northeast Coin. Suffice to say, that gave me the motivation needed to dart out of bed and race to the Best Western Royal Plaza in record time. After redeeming my ticket, I received this NGC graded off-center error penny from 1999.



↑ US 1999 Lincoln Cent Off Center MS-63 RD, NGC of America (279173-005) [Images from author] ↓



Once inside the convention hall, I made my way around the various dealer tables hunting for two coins:

- ❖ a US 1900 Lafayette Silver Commemorative Dollar; and
- ❖ a US 1893 Isabella Silver Commemorative Quarter.

Along the way I greeted various dealers and fellow collectors I recognized including my favorite **Tony Gryckiewicz**, The Cabbage Coins Podcaster (<https://cabbagecoins.com/podcast/>), and owner

of Cabbage Coins, who is a Professional Numismatist and an ANA Life Member.

The hunt was arduous for the Isabella as I kept striking out with each consecutive dealer. Near the end of my search however, I found a dealer that did have the Isabella Quarter in a spectacular 66 star designation from NGC. It was a beauty in hand, and the colors truly shined through with immaculate surfaces. After staring in awe for a bit, I thanked the dealer but had to move on due to my budget.

Much to my surprise, across from this dealer was another dealer whose display case contained two Lafayette Dollars! Both coins were graded MS62 by PCGS but couldn't be more different when compared side-by-side.

Using the lightbulb provided by the dealer, I spent a couple of minutes inspecting both coins to decide which one I'd be taking home. After much deliberation, I chose the one pictured here.



↑ US 1900 Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette with George Washington- Paris World's Fair, Silver (90%) Commemorative Dollar (Regular Strike), Philadelphia Mint (mintage 36,026), PCGS MS-62 (50907689), 38.10 mm, 26.73 g, reeded edge, designer Charles E Barber [Certificate image from PCGS Trueview Population Registry]

Pleased with my purchase, I did one final lap around the show floor and picked up a 1897 Diez Centavos note from Cuba payable for 10 cents of metal. ↓





↑ *Banco Español de la Isla de Cuba / The Spanish Bank of the Cuban Island (Habana) Feb. 15, 1897 Pre-Republic—Alfonso XIII, 10-Centavos (pays 10 cents in metal), grey and blue print, 83 x 39 mm paper note (Series K, N°. 0285723) (P#52, B302) . Front shows Colonial Cuban and Spanish coats of arm, with crown above, and two globes, grapes and caduceus, and back has several ships with the harbor on background. Printed by American Bank Note Co. New York [Images from author]*

Before leaving, I stopped by NENA's table to catch up with **Bill Harkins** and inquire about the status of this year's NENA medals.

I also spotted **Kevin Winn** manning the ANA table and I showed him the Lafayette Dollar I had purchased before saying my final goodbyes to head back home.

Overall, I'd say the show was a success as I found one of the two coins I was hunting for and met up with a friend who could help with my search for an Isabella Quarter!

Isabella Design Controversy

by Sebastian Lojano



This Queen Isabella I of Spain / Royal Patron of Christopher Columbus coin image is courtesy of PCGS (#9220/Proof 9221) and its graded MS68+. The coin was designed by Charles E Barber and is 24.30 mm round, weighs 6.25 g, has a reeded edge, and a mintage of just 24,214 (Philadelphia Mint). The composition is 90% Silver and 10% Copper. This coin was the United States' first commemorative quarter and it was produced for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago and was to honor the 400th Anniversary of Columbus's historic voyage to the New World. Isabella was the first historical woman to appear on a US coin, distinguishing her from 'Liberty', and the first foreign monarch to be honored. The reverse design features a kneeling woman holding a distaff and spindle, symbolizing women's industry, encircled by the inscription 'Board of Lady Managers' (BLM), and possibly was also inspired by a servant girl from the East Pediment of the Temple of Zeus at Olympia.

Congressional authorization for this coin arrived on March 3, 1893, but the design process was fraught with conflict. The BLM originally hired sculptor Caroline Peddle to design a full-bodied portrait of Isabella. However, Mint Chief Engraver C E Barber and other officials clashed with her vision, insisting on a simpler profile bust. Frustrated by the Mint's interference, Peddle resigned on April 8, 1893, leaving Barber to complete the design himself. Barber also rejected BLM's request to depict the Woman's Building on the reverse, opting instead for the kneeling spinner. Even the inscription was a point of contention for the Treasury Secretary, as insufficient space was available on the surface and it would create overcrowding.

Canadian Colonial Tokens

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

[Images courtesy of Coins and Canada Directory.]

Colonial and pre-Confederation Tokens of Canada consist of metallic circulation currency mainly of British and foreign coins (French, Spanish, Dutch, Portuguese, and American), but they were overused, with many of them unidentifiable today. As a result, Canadian merchants issued copper tokens to meet the need for small change, and to promote customer loyalty. These merchants also imported large amounts of low-denomination tokens from England hoping to profit on the tokens and grow their business in the colonies.

The types of tokens circulating during these times include:

- Blacksmith (at least 33 different varieties),

Machine Shop – Turning & Boring issued in two types, BL-47A-1 thick flan, and BL-47A-2 thin flan. →



- French Regime (2 varieties),

Colonies Françaises 9-denieri dated issues are 1721-H and 1722-H and struck to replace the 1-, 2- and 6-deniers of 1717. (Only 8,180 circulated in Canada as they were unpopular, so the balance was returned to France in autumn 1726 by then Governor-General of New France from 1703-1725 (Canada) Philippe de Rigaud, Marquis de Vaudreuil). →



- Lower Canada (at least 20 different varieties),
- New Brunswick (3 varieties),
- Newfoundland (4 varieties),
- Nova Scotia (at least 15 different varieties),
- Prince Edward Island (6 varieties),

George Davies – Self government and free trade ½ Penny 1857 (there are 5 different types of this token due to there being small and large clover varieties and small and large “AND” varieties, and different axis ↑↑ / ↑↓) →



- Upper Canada (at least 7 varieties),
- Wellington (around 10 varieties), and

Cuidad – Madrid 1812 (has 8 types due to variations of 8, or 9, or 10 leaves, and location thereof, as well as button near lapel and without button) →



- Miscellaneous (Unclassified, of which there are at least 16 varieties), and Test Tokens and Communion Tokens.

In addition to these approximately 116 different tokens referenced above (which have many different types), there are also the 33 different Bank Tokens of Canada (Province of Canada) and Transportation Tokens.

The bank tokens include those issued by the Bank of Upper Canada, Bank of Montréal, La Banque du Peuple, City Bank, and Québec Bank.

Bank of Montréal 1 Penny 1839 (These tokens were never really in circulation, as most of them were melted. There are also at least 16 known in French. In 1835, the government removed lightweight pieces from circulation causing an acute shortage, but although not 'official circulation' coins, the banks were given authority to issue tokens.) →



← **Bank of Upper Canada – Province of Canada 1 Penny (2 Sous) 1837**
(Province du bas Canada deux sous)

The transportation tokens consist of both Colonial and Modern depending on the type of service. The transportation tokens includes Bridge Tokens of 11 different bridges, Car Wash Tokens (10 well-known companies of which most are still operating today), Bus & Subway Tokens (at least 29 different systems), Cab Tokens (at least 2 varieties), Ferry Tokens (7 differently owned fleets), Parking Tokens (at least 13 different issuing municipalities), Train Tokens (3 different systems), Transit & Tunnel Tokens (at least 3 different systems).

Pont (Bridge) Honoré-Mercier between Kahnawake and Montréal between 1934 and 1942 – Indian Pass Bridge Token that Native Americans used to cross without any fees. Every member of the tribal band had his / her own token, which was numbered with a number specifically assigned to that person. →



← **Bout-de-l'Île** (In 1808 three bridges were built linking Bout-de-l'Île or the east end of Montréal Island, with the mainland via Bourdon Island and Lachenaie Bridge and Repentigny Bridge linking at the confluence of the Assumption and St. Lawrence Rivers. These tokens were a 'ticket' for a 'person on foot' to cross a bridge.)

Montréal & Lachine Railroad Company – Third Class Token used by the Native Canadians and workmen on the Lachine Canal, forming the majority of the third class in the train to travel from Lachine to Montréal. The tokens were strung on a wire by the conductor. Several of the metallic tokens were melted at St-Lambert in 1862. Silver, gold, bronze, and plastic restrike tokens also exist. (The Montréal & Lachine Railroad began operations on November 19, 1847 between Bonaventure Station in Montréal and the St. Lawrence River. This 12 km long railroad was built to bypass the Lachine Rapids.) →



Special Note: I do not agree with the treatment of Native Americans and Native Canadians in that the people were not treated fairly or with equal rights granted to others in the respective countries. In referencing above, I am simply relaying of the times, what the catalogues noted for the purpose of the said tokens.

Reference Resources:

In Canada, the bible to reference Canadian Colonial tokens was written by Pierre-Napoléon (PN) Breton (1858-1917), who developed a reference numbering system for cataloging the early Canadian tokens, and this system is still used today. Two of Breton's publications, are considered invaluable resources:

- *Illustrated history of coins and tokens relating to Canada* (Fr. *Histoire illustrée des monnaies et jetons du Canada*), published in 1894; and
- *Popular Illustrated Guide to Canadian Coins, Medals* (Fr. *Guide populaire illustré des monnaies et médailles Canadiennes, etc., etc.*), published in 1912

Along with R.W. McLachlan, and Joseph Leroux, Breton's publications are considered to have laid the foundations for Canadian numismatic research. One of the resources to search for Breton tokens is at this link, however it has a limited search function: <https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/100293577>

One of the most valuable resources for me has been developed by the Saskatoon Coin Club, in that the club's website houses numerous references for Canadian coinage, banknotes, and tokens. Although there are quite a few of the Breton tokens listed in the *Charlton Catalogue of Canadian Colonial Tokens*, not all tokens were re-catalogued. To access Breton's catalog of these other tokens, you can go to these links:

For Series 500 Part 1: https://www.saskatooncoinclub.ca/articles/90n_ct-br5a.html

For Series 500 Part 2: https://www.saskatooncoinclub.ca/articles/90n_ct-br5b.html

For Series 600 Part 1: https://www.saskatooncoinclub.ca/articles/90n_ct-br6a.html

For Series 600 Part 2: https://www.saskatooncoinclub.ca/articles/90n_ct-br6b.html

For Series 700 Part 1: https://www.saskatooncoinclub.ca/articles/90n_ct-br7a.html

For Series 700 Part 2: https://www.saskatooncoinclub.ca/articles/90n_ct-br7b.html

For Series 800 Part 1: https://www.saskatooncoinclub.ca/articles/90n_ct-br8a.html

For Series 800 Part 2: https://www.saskatooncoinclub.ca/articles/90n_ct-br8b.html

For Series 900 (there is only one part): https://www.saskatooncoinclub.ca/articles/90n_ct-br9.html

Trade and Municipal Tokens:

Now if you are looking for information on trade or municipal tokens issued in Canada, probably the most reputable source is **Serge Pelletier**, who has authored 7 different books, and each has several editions. Serge has received at least 9 prestigious literary awards, including the highest award in Canadian numismatics. Like two NCC members, he is also a Knight of the St. Eligius. His books are readily available from most reputable online book sellers.

As likely one of few Canadian NCC members (if currently the only one?), I felt it important that I ensured to write on this month's COTM theme.



CALVIN COOLIDGE PRESIDENTIAL SILVER MEDAL

Series Column by **Kevin James Winn**, NCC Sec. / NENA Director-at-Large
/ EAC Region 1 Sec./ ANA District Rep. [US Mint images/specs of medal.]



↑ **1924 Official President portrait Calvin Coolidge.**

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All medals in this series share the same physical specifications. Each is struck in 99.9% silver with a matte finish and plain edge, measures 1.598 inches (40.5892 mm) in diameter, and weighs one troy ounce (31.103 g). The medal comes in a plastic capsule, presentation case, and two-part cardboard box with an outer sleeve and a *Certificate of Authenticity*. Although the medals have no mint or privy marks, the U.S. Mint states they were produced in San Francisco.

On Coolidge's medal, he faces right, with his name and "President of the United States" encircling the bust. The reverse shows an enthroned allegorical female figure of Columbia facing left and holding fasces, flanked by the Great Seal of the United States on the left and a cornucopia on the right. The date "1928" appears in the exergue, with the inscriptions "INAUG-URATED" at left and "AUG. 3, 1923/and/MAR. 4, 1925" at right, all surrounded by a stylized laurel-wreath border, according to the New York Historical Society's eMuseum. John Sinnock originally created the design in 1928 for Coolidge's 1925 inauguration, and the name "Sinnock" appears on the lower left of the bust near the rim.

Calvin Coolidge (John Calvin Coolidge Jr. July 4, 1872 – died January 5, 1933) was born in Plymouth Notch, Vermont. He was the 30th President of the United States, serving from 1923 to 1929. He took over from his predecessor, Warren G. Harding, after Harding's untimely death while in office on August 2nd, 1923. He was elected himself to the Presidency in 1924 and served the full term until March 4th, 1929. He was a man of few words who listened more than he spoke, thus earning the nickname of "Silent Cal." He was succeeded in 1929 by Herbert Hoover.

Coolidge worked for his father in their small store in Vermont while growing up as an average student. He was accepted to Amherst College in Amherst, MA, where he really blossomed into a great student, graduating with honors in 1895. He was a member of the Republican Club and the Phi Gamma Delta (ΦΓΔ) Fraternity, and he turned himself into a fine public speaker, a skill which was important in his political life. After graduation he worked for a law firm in Northampton, MA, and he passed the Massachusetts Bar in 1897. He then opened a law practice and started participating in local Republican politics in Northampton.

In 1896, Coolidge supported William McKinley for the Presidency and was selected to become a Member of the Republican City Committee the following year. In 1898 he won election to the Northampton City Council. In 1899, the City Council made Coolidge City Solicitor. He was elected to a one-year term in 1900 and reelected in 1901. He became the Clerk of Courts in 1902. He became a Member of the Massachusetts House of

Representatives in 1906 and a Member of the State Senate in 1911.

Coolidge ran for Lieutenant-Governor in 1915 alongside Gubernatorial candidate Samuel McCall and won by 50,000 votes. They were re-elected to the one-year terms in 1916 and 1917, and in 1918, when McCall decided not to run for a fourth term, Coolidge then ran for the Governorship. He and his running mate, Channing Cox, won by a small margin because of their support for *Women's Suffrage*, and American involvement in the *First World War*, along with their mild opposition to *Prohibition*.

Coolidge received National attention in 1919 when he called up the Massachusetts National Guard to protect the city of Boston during a police strike. The strike was a reaction to the police chief's firing of the policemen who led the force's attempt to join the AFL Labor Union. Coolidge justified his actions with a message that 'called out' the police and the union, for leaving the city unguarded.

In the 1920 Republican National Convention, there were many locally favored presidential candidates from different parts of the country, including Coolidge. It took ten ballots but finally Warren G. Harding won the nomination. The party leaders nominated another person to run as Vice-President, but one delegate had read about 'Coolidge's success' in Massachusetts and he suggested Cal instead. It worked and Coolidge became Harding's running mate in 1920.

They won the election in a landslide and Coolidge became the typical Vice-President without many responsibilities. But when Harding died, Coolidge was visiting his family in Vermont and when they heard about Harding, Coolidge's father, a Notary Public, administered the *Oath of Office*.

Coolidge was an active President, lowering taxes, signing bills granting bonuses to *WWI* veterans, and granting citizenship to all Native Americans born within the country. He was a strong supporter for racial equality and observed the reduction of lynchings and the Ku Klux Klan during his term in office.

Coolidge had married Grace Goodhue from Vermont in 1905, and they had two sons together, John who lived from 1906-2000, and Cal Jr. from 1908 to 1924. Cal Jr. died at age sixteen from a sepsis infection on his foot and that caused President Coolidge to become clinically depressed, making him even more quiet than ever before.

He was nominated on the first ballot at the 1924 Republican National Convention, and he won the election with electoral votes from almost every state in the north and west parts of our country.

Coolidge was always "Silent Cal". He gave short speeches and delegated many different responsibilities to his cabinet members. He took a *Laissez-faire* / Hands-Off attitude toward the growing economy during the *Roaring Twenties* and there is some debate, as to whether, or not his attitude was partially responsible for the *Stock Market Crash of 1929* and the subsequent *Great Depression* during the 1930s.

Coolidge decided not to run for President again in 1928 because he thought ten years as the Chief Executive was too long for any one man to be in Washington. "I do not choose to run for President in 1928," was pretty much all Silent Cal said about the subject. After leaving the White House in March of 1929, he returned to Northampton, MA, where he kept busy writing his memoirs and becoming a Trustee for Amherst College, among other appointments.

Coolidge died suddenly of coronary thrombosis at his home on January 5th, 1933, at the age of 60. Many prominent politicians attended his funeral including his successor, Herbert Hoover, and all the New England Governors. He is buried back at his birthplace in Plymouth Notch, Vermont.

FUTURE FIREFIGHTER ELEANOR TURNS 3!

by Kevin Winn



On Sat., Aug. 15, 2026, Kevin & Priscilla Winn's granddaughter **Eleanor** had a big party at her house in Danbury, NH, although her actual 3rd birthday actually fell on Mon., Aug. 17th, and Grandpa Kevin's birthday was Aug. 16th. Eleanor loves fire trucks and ambulances, so that became the theme of the party. Kevin notes, "It's in Eleanor's blood, as her great-grandfather, my Dad (William Winn 1918-1982) was a Lieutenant in the Lowell MA Fire Department when he retired. For Eleanor's party we even got the local rescue truck, Danbury, NH Engine 1, to show up with two volunteer EMTs."

"Needless-to-say, this was the highlight of the party!"



Eleanor was dressed in her fire truck shirt and she was completely thrilled when the fire truck pulled up!"

Special thanks to the Danbury Fire and Rescue team for the visit. Your kindness is most appreciated.



Thank you for keeping our families safe!

DRINK UP!

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105 year old lady's advice to us all



"For better digestion I drink beer. In case of appetite loss I drink white wine. In case of low blood pressure I drink red wine. In case of high blood pressure I drink scotch. When I have a cold I drink Schnapps."

"When do you drink water?"
"I've never been that sick!"

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UK Commemorates USA's 250th

Source: Press Release Royal Mint-UK (Tower)



The Royal Mint-UK has struck a commemorative bullion piece created by RM's Chief Engraver, **Gordon Summers**. The design references the *Declaration of Independence* document with the inclusion of a quill pen employed on parchment, with the iconic American Eagle in the background. Each coin features the inscription "250th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE" and is available in pure gold (99.99%) and fine silver (99.9%) Proof in sizes ranging from 5 kg to ¼ oz. To find out more, go to RM website or to your usual numismatic dealer.

<https://www.royalmint.com/shop/limited-editions/declaration-of-independence/the-250th-anniversary-of-the-american-declaration-of-independence-2026-quarter-oz-gold-proof-coin/>

500 Years of the Crown

Source: Press Release Royal Mint-UK (Tower)



The Crown was introduced during the reign of Henry VIII and was initially known as the 'Crown of the Rose'. Over the next 500 years, the Crown endured as a mainstay of British coinage, with many notable designs to its credit such as William Wyon's elegant Gothic Crown issued in 1847 to George V's Silver

Jubilee Crown, struck in 1935. This is the 1526-2026 500th Anniversary of the Crown £5 commemorate. It's available as a Brilliant Uncirculated coin, a Silver Proof coin, a Silver Proof Piedfort coin, and a Gold Proof coin. You can find more details at the link below or from your usual numismatic dealer.

<https://www.royalmint.com/shop/limited-editions/500-years-of-the-crown/>

100 Years of the RCL

Source: Press Release Royal Canadian Mint

This is the newest Canadian circulation 1926-2026 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) toonie (\$2) coin available in rolls of plain and colorized, or you can just search your loose change, or purchase the two-coin souvenir card, which includes a pair of poppies, from the Royal Canadian Mint (RCM) or from your usual numismatic dealer.



The reverse designed by Canadian artist, Vladyslava Pashchenko, features the RCL royal crest in the core, and the Legion's motto **MEMORIAM • EORUM • RETINEBIMUS** ("We Will Remember Them") is set behind silhouettes of a Legion member offering a Poppy flower to a child and mother. The royal crest serves as the Legion's formal ceremonial emblem, reflecting its national heritage and royal association — royal patronage granted by Queen Elizabeth II in 1960—and incorporates a Maple Leaf inspired by Canada's coat of arms. Inscribed on the outer rim is **THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION** and **LA LEGION ROYALE CANADIENNE** along with **100 YEARS / ANS** and the double dates **1926-2026**. The RCL Poppy logo appears between two micro-engraved security marks. The obverse features the effigy of HRH King Charles III designed by Canadian artist, Steven Rosati.

Flame of Freedom Medal

Source: Press Release
American Numismatic Association (ANA)

To celebrate the 250th Anniversary of American Independence, the American Numismatic Association (ANA) launched a fundraising initiative during the 2026 World's Fair of Money®, where supporters received a limited-edition Keeping Lit the Flame of Freedom silver 39 mm 1776-2026 medal designed by renowned artist Heidi Wastweert.



The reverse features a colonial-style eagle paired with the Grand Union Flag of 1776, one of the lesser-seen devices on American coinage. The obverse depicts an allegorical Liberty carrying a laurel wreath symbolizing victory in the *Revolutionary War*. She also protects an eternal flame whose light reveals the 13 stars of the original colonies. There were 400 medals struck to be issued one each per household donating \$250. There were another 100 medals struck and NGC slabbed and graded with an American 250 label to be issued one each per household donating \$500. The fundraising campaign supports the ANA's mission as a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the study and collection of coins and related items.

Nomisma Medal

Source: Press Release **Minted Assets & American Numismatic Association (ANA)**

For this year's ANA's World Fair of Money®, Minted Assets Global Numismatic Specialists partnered with the ANA to give away 250 free, special-edition one ounce copper legal tender coins struck by the Osborne Mint. Coins were available on a first-come, first-served basis, and were limited to one per person while supplies lasted.



Silver and Gold Proof coins were also available to purchase at the Minted Assets table.



The obverse depicts Nomisma, the Greek word for "money," holding the reverse of the 2025 U.S. Platinum Eagle from this year's World's Fair of Money® logo, with "E Pluribus Unum" symbolizing the hobby community's unity.

This is the third coin in this series designed by artist Joel Iskowitz. Unfortunately, Iskowitz passed away earlier this year, making this the final coin he designed over his long and distinguished career.

The reverse is inspired by Victor David Brenner's "A Song to Nature" statue in Pittsburgh and includes Brenner's portrait, a soaring bald eagle, and a ribbon marking America's 250th Anniversary with the dates 1776-2026.

It also includes a Benjamin Franklin hat privy mark and the initials "PEM" in tribute to Patrick Emmett McBride, a beloved Franklin impersonator at coin shows and former President of the Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists (PAN), who passed away in June 2026.

Recent Numismatic News / Announcements / Discoveries

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

American Numismatic Association (ANA) News:

The **ANA's World Money Fair®** has become the first such organization to join **The Mint Directors Association (MDA)**. The move is seen as breaking new ground as the MDA continues to expand and evolve its global commitment to all matters numismatic. Learn more at this link:

<https://www.mintdirectorsassociation.org/post/world-money-fair-joins-the-mint-directors-association>

Spain will host the **Mint Directors Conference** in Madrid in April 2027, bringing the global minting community together for one of the industry's most important international gatherings. Learn more at this link:

<https://www.mintdirectorsassociation.org/post/the-worlds-best-come-to-spain>

In the most recent *Reading Room* and *The Numismatist*, there was an article by a member of the editorial team, indicating he just found out the Royal Mint was going to be no longer making planchetts and coins for other countries. However, this is 'old news' as the Royal Mint made that announcement in early-2024 that the service would cease at the end of that year; however, they did do another run of planchetts for USA early in 2025. Basically, the service halted almost two years ago.

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

1794 Congressional Committee Appointed to Examine the Mint:

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/554710>

Coins Currency & Collectibles at PCDA 2015:

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/548585>

NBS Charity Auction Catalogs:

nnp.wustl.edu/library/auctioncompanydetail/512295

Stock Design:

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/dictionarydetail/516820>

The Gerome Walton Collection of Nebraska National Bank Notes and its Digital Preservation:
<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/647560>

Persian Specimen Currency:

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/540339>

"John Max Wulfin'g's Passport to the Past" exhibit home page:

<https://library.washu.edu/exhibitions/wulfings-passport/>

New Newman Numismatic Portal website is up!

Link to the existing Newman Portal:

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/>

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<https://nnp.washu.edu/>

Industry / Bank Announcements:

PCGS certified Mint State-64 2022-D Wilma Mankiller Error Quarter struck on nickel planchet:

<https://coinweek.com/pgcs-certifies-unique-2022-d-wilma-mankiller-quarter-struck-on-a-nickel-planchet/>

NEW resource, Graded Banknote Database:

<https://www.gradedbanknotedatabase.co.uk/>

US Treasury Dept is no longer moving forward to feature Harriet Tubman on the \$20 bill:

<https://www.livenowfox.com/money/harriet-tubman-20-dollar-bill-treasury-bessent>

On July 31, 2026, the London Mint Office collapses after 20 years:

<https://www.london-now.co.uk/news/national/uk-today/26444293.historic-coin-company-enters-administration-20-years/>

Collectors and researchers can continue exploring Gold Rush Gallery:

<https://goldrushgallery.com/>

To learn more about the Southern Gold Society, its educational programs, and membership opportunities, visit:

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

What's in Your Numismatic Library: check out a few of the newest releases.

Half a Dollar OF HISTORY: Classic U.S. Silver Commemorative Coins—The Complete Collector's Guide • 50 Types 1892 - 1954 by Marcin Rotocki and images courtesy of PCGS, Numismatic Monograph • Color photography throughout • 272

pages. Written from the perspective of a serious collector building the 50-Piece Type Set, it covers every issue in the series — from the Columbian Exposition Half Dollar of 1892 to the final Carver-Washington issues of 1954 — with equal attention to history, design, grading, and strategy. Includes: 50 chapters; Specification tables; Grading guides; Set-building strategy; Auction values (MS-65 median prices, April 2026); Special appendix on 1925 Norse-American Centennial Medal; and Glossary of Anglo-American numismatic terminology. Available for popular online sellers including Amazon.



Discoveries and interesting articles:

Elite swimmer wins Commonwealth Games gold – then uses medal as guitar pick:

<https://www.guitarworld.com/artists/guitarists/swimmer-alice-tai-uses-medal-to-play-megadeth>

Belgian student strikes gold worth €9m while digging a new sewer:

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2026/aug/14/belgian-student-strikes-gold-worth-9m-while-digging-sewers>

Learn about the Civil War Token Society, see:

<https://www.cwtsociety.com/>

National Printing Bureau in Japan:

<https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/shows/5143002/>

WAVE HILL WALK-OFF & ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS ANNIVERSARY

Source: Press Release **Royal Australian Mint (RAM)**

The Royal Australian Mint (RAM) has released into circulation a 50-cent coin to commemorate the *Wave Hill Walk-Off & Aboriginal Land Rights Act of*

1976 Anniversary. The coin is 31.51 mm round, weighs 15.55 g, and has an Uncirculated finish. RAM has also released the design on 6,500 Silver Proof coins and 60,000 Collectable Uncirculated Coin in cards.



In the foreground, a gathering of Gurindji people stand together beneath the hot sun, their shadows stretching across the landscape as they set forth on the walk-off. Looking towards distant hills, the horizon transforms into the hand of Vincent Lingiari as he receives the hand-back of land on behalf of the Gurindji people.

The merging of hand and landscape symbolises the enduring connection between Traditional Owners and Country. Across the sky, the words of Vincent Lingiari shine as an everlasting reminder of the power of his leadership and vision.

The word **UNITY** is embedded within the overlapping shadows of the Gurindji community, reflecting the collective strength that comes from standing together in pursuit of justice.

The coin depicts the 1966 *Wave Hill Walk-Off*, where Gurindji man Vincent Lingiari led about 200 Aboriginal stockmen, workers and families in strike action. What began as a protest over poor wages and conditions at Wave Hill station in the Northern Territory became a lightning rod for the national land rights movement.

The coin is to remind Australians to respect the land.

A PAIR OF RECENT PAPAL MEDAL AUCTION RESULTS

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

Heritage Auctions 2026 July 26th Spotlight: Medals & Tokens World Coins Showcase Auction #61637, Lot 22347 sold for \$475.80USD (includes Buyer's Premium), **Papal States. Eugenius IV bronze "Coronation" Bronze 41 mm Medal ND (1431-1447) MS62 Brown NGC**, Modesti-18, Mazio-5. 41mm. By Paladino. Bust with tiara facing left // View of the Coronation, pope enthroned being crowned with papal tiara by two cardinals, cardinals and deacons around.



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Pope Eugene IV (born Gabriele Condulmer; 1383 – 23 February 1447) was head of the Catholic Church and leader of the Papal States from 11 March 1431 to his death in February 1447. Condulmer was a Venetian and a nephew of Pope Gregory XII. In 1431, he was elected Pope. He is the most recent Pope to take the pontifical name "Eugene". Eugene was dignified in demeanour, but inexperienced and vacillating in action and excitable in temper. Bitter in his hatred of heresy, he nevertheless displayed great kindness to the poor. He laboured to reform the monastic orders, especially the Franciscans, and was never guilty of excessive nepotism.

And from the same auction, Lot 22352 sold for \$915.00UD (includes Buyer's Premium), **Papal States. Marcellus II Silver 30 mm Medal ND (1555) MS-61 NGC**, Modesti-463. 30mm. MARCELLVS II PONT MAX Bust facing left // HILARITAS / PONTIFICIA, Hilaritas standing facing forward, holding a cornucopia and a palm branch; in the exergue: ROMA .



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Pope Marcellus II (born Marcello Cervini degli Spannocchi; 6 May 1501 – 1 May 1555), was head of the Catholic Church and leader of the Papal States from 10 April 1555 to his death, 22 days later.

Marcellus succeeded Pope Julius III. Before his accession as Pope he had been Cardinal-Priest of *Santa Croce in Gerusalemme*. He is the most recent Pope to choose to retain his birth name as his regnal name upon his accession, and the most recent Pope with the regnal name "Marcellus".

Marcello Cervini's father, Ricardo Cervini, was a personal friend of Pope Clement VII. Cervini served in the household of Cardinal Alessandro Farnese. When Farnese became Pope Paul III, Cervini served as his Secretary and was employed on a number of diplomatic missions. On 10 April 1555, he was elected to succeed Pope Julius III. He died of a stroke twenty-two days later.

APEX PREDATOR OF CHINESE NUMISMATICS

THE LEGENDARY "SHORT-WHISKERED" DRAGON SILVER DOLLAR

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

Heritage Auctions 2026 June 17-19 HKINF World & Ancient Coins Platinum Session and Signature® Auction — Hong Kong #3134, Lot 34033 from The Peh Family Collection (Ex. Chang Foundation Collection; Eli Wallitt Collection; Anderson Collection), **Hsüan-t'ung silver 39 mm Specimen Pattern "Short-Whiskered Dragon" Dollar Year 3 (1911) SP64+ PCGS**, Tientsin mint, KM-Pn307 (Rare), L&M-30 (this coin), Kann-224, Chang Foundation-34 (this coin), Chang-29 (Extremely Rare), sold on June 17, 2026, for **\$4,880,000** (includes Buyer's Premium).



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Lot description reads:

A coin of mythic proportions, an absolute Apex of Chinese numismatics -- the Legendary "Short-Whiskered" Dragon. Part of the well-recognized 1911 Ta Ching dollar patterns from the Central Mint in Tientsin, this type was produced during a transformative period in Chinese monetary history, as the imperial government worked toward a unified national coinage. Under the direction of Chief Engraver Luigi Giorgi, a series of experimental dollar designs was created, each featuring a similar obverse (reverse as holdered) paired with varying dragon motifs on the reverse (obverse as holdered). These patterns represent the final phase of Qing Dynasty coinage, struck on the eve of the dynasty's collapse. Among these, the "Short-Whiskered" variety wields an acute magnetism. This dragon displays a broader, more forceful head with noticeably shorter whiskers, measuring roughly 9 mm in length, in contrast to the longer, more delicate whiskers seen on the related and more attainable "Long-Whiskered" type. This compact and powerful rendering gives the "Short-Whiskered" dragon a markedly different visual character, a youthful ferocity that is all but absent from its venerable "Long-Whiskered" cousin.

The rarity of this "Short Whiskered" type cannot be overstated. Early numismatic research recorded only a handful of examples, and even today the total number of confirmed specimens remains exceptionally small. Of the eight documented survivors only three are privately owned, this example being the first on public offer since its appearance in the Chang Foundation Collection, and it remains the only example certified across PCGS and NGC. For all its absolute rarity, it is just as notable to understand how appealing this piece is in hand. Glistening surfaces host an ensemble of stormy blue, violet, and rose tones, all coalescing in a chiaroscuro that amplifies the drama and energy of the dragon. The reverse displays a slightly more olive patina but still carries continuous columns of polychromatic tone that match the appearance of the obverse.

Qing dynasty coinage was based on a bimetallic standard of copper and silver coinage. The Manchu-led Qing dynasty was proclaimed in 1636 and ruled over China proper from 1644 until its overthrow in 1912, as a result of the *Xinhai Revolution*. The Qing saw the transformation of a traditional cash coin-based cast coinage monetary system into a modern currency system with machine-struck coins, while the old traditional silver ingots would slowly be replaced by silver coins based on those of the Mexican peso. After the Qing dynasty was abolished, its currency was replaced by the Chinese yuan of the Republic of China.

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