

# Nashua Numismatist

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## President's Message

**Hello Folks,**

First of all, I'd like to thank everyone for the kind words, thoughts, prayers, cards, and gifts that we have received since the sudden passing of our beloved wife and mother, Krista, on Friday, March 6th. She was a wonderful person and will be sorely missed. But Brandon, Sam, and I are strong individuals and we will carry on as best we can.

Happy Spring everybody! We've already celebrated St. Patrick's Day on March 17<sup>th</sup>, which to me is one of the real harbingers of the end of winter and the beginning of our favorite season. Easter is right around the corner on April 5<sup>th</sup> as I write this, so I hope everyone has a wonderful day without too much candy.

Before that we will occupy our table at the Manchester Coin and Currency Expo on Friday and Saturday, April 3-4. Please stop by the table and volunteer to help us talk with prospective new members if you are planning to go.

Spring and summer are also big seasons for coin shows and conventions, as well as family trips. Please remember to take pictures and notes to make a short trip report if you go on a coin related vacation. And even if you want to talk about your family vacation, we'd like to hear about that as well.

On behalf of our Executive Team, we wish you and yours a wonderful Spring Season to make up for this past frigid winter!



**Jay Ouellette- NCC President**

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**Next Event:**

***Wednesday, April 8th, 2026, 7PM In-person + Zoom Option  
Nashua Public Library (Large or Activity Room), 2 Court St., Nashua, NH***

***COTM: Most historical numismatic item in your collection.***

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**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION  
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**January – November  
is 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.**

**December is 18<sup>th</sup> of  
the month.**

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**Thank You !!**

## Nashua Coin Club

### Minutes of the Meeting

March 11, 2026

The meeting was opened at 7:00 by Vice-President Cliff Lo Verme with the Pledge of Allegiance at the Nashua Public Library. There were twenty-seven members in attendance, nineteen members in the library, and eight members on Zoom. The minutes from the previous month were approved, the Treasurer's report was read and approved. Correspondence consisted of the Numismatist from the ANA, our bank statement from DCU, dues from multiple members, and The CN Journal from the RCNA.

There were two new members in attendance. Peter Crutchley and David Ahlgrim who joined the club recently and this was the first meeting for both. Welcome to the club Peter and Dave.

Our President, Jay Ouellette, and his son, Vice-President Sam Ouellette, were not in attendance due to the tragic sudden death of wife and mother, Krista Ouellette. She was forty-eight years old and passed away just one week after her best friend and neighbor. Many members attended the wake the following evening. A sympathy card was signed by all at the meeting and a check for \$100 was included to help Jay with his expenses.

We did not have an attendance raffle due to the name cards not being on hand.

Webmaster Barrett Chapin spoke about the new <https://nashuacoinclub.com> website. He can see the number of different people who visit the site each month and will report on that number every month. Barrett asked if anyone is concerned with the fact that our names appear in the newsletter and that each edition will be accessible from the site. We will discuss this issue at the April meeting but please let the Secretary or Barrett know if you have an opinion either way.

We talked about our Awards Banquet coming up in October for the benefit of the many new members at the meeting.

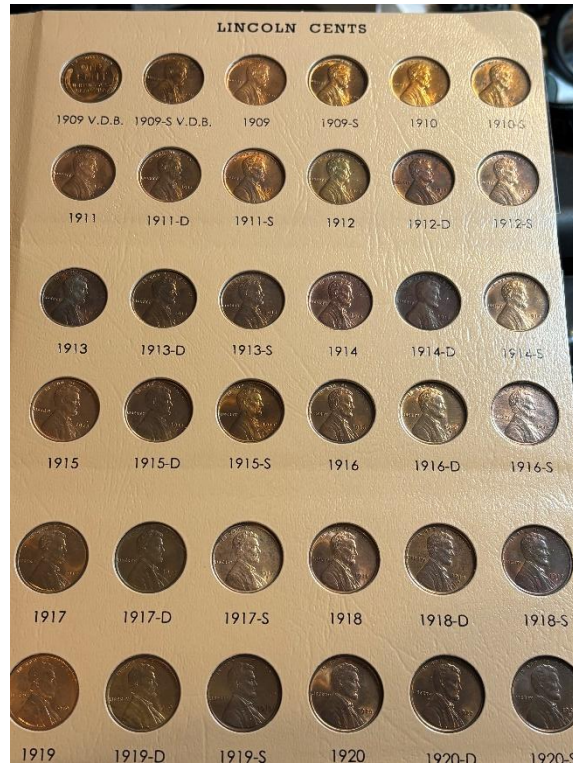
Joe Casazza gave a brief trip report about the ANA Money Show in Savannah, Georgia which he attended. He was quite pleased with the number of dealers and attendees at this year's show, which he described as "quite enjoyable." He also talked about the Whitman Coin Show in Baltimore, Maryland, which he did not attend but has heard that this once-popular show has fallen on challenging times due to multiple financial reasons.

We discussed the Manchester Coin and Currency Expo which will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at the Doubletree Hotel in Manchester on Elm and Granite St. Five members volunteered to help us at the Nashua Coin Club table, but we will need a few more to

ensure we have the opportunity to talk with any passer-by about the benefits of joining a local club.

We talked about articles in the newsletter written by Kevin Winn, Judy Blackman, and Fred Liberatore. All are extremely well done and worth your time to read.

Our Coin of the Month was our Memorial Service for the Lincoln Cent. Kevin Winn started us off with his number one Lincoln Collection from 1909-2025 in a ten page Dansco Album. It contains 356 different Lincoln Cents including all circulating coins, proof coins from 1968 to 2025, double-die cents from 1955, 1972, and 1995, and other special releases such as reverse proofs, enhanced uncirculated coins, and 2019-W coins made at West Point. All but four of the coins are Red or Red-Brown. Barrett Chapin went next with his U.S. one cent type collection that included a large cent, flying eagle, Indian Head cent, and a combination of Lincolns which covered all the different reverses. Will Elliott passed around a PCGS slabbed



Page One from Kevin's Lincoln Set (photo by Kevin)



Will's 2025-D Lincoln

blank zinc planchet which was unplated and unstruck. He also showed us a 1977-D cent that was 75% off center, and a 2025-D "Last Year of Issue" Lincoln graded MS-67 in an ICG holder. Doug Dube brought in a page of key pennies from 1796 large cent to a 1914-D Lincoln, with many other rare examples in between. Carl Wolff passed around a 1909-VDB penny with a fake "S" mintmark which someone tried to pass off as the much more valuable S VDB issue. Asher Hamilton had another U.S. Coin Type set. It was in a Dansco Album which has spaces for half cent and two cent coins before and after the many different one cent varieties. Joe Casazza showed us his Lincoln collection of various cent albums. Cliff Lo Verme closed off the topic with a 2009 Lincoln Coin and Chronicle set that includes the four different Lincoln reverses that commemorated the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth.

Show and Tell was next and we started off with Fred Liberatore showing us his 1794 Spanish Dollar. Asher Hamilton brought in his multi-national binder, which he is trying to fill with coins from each of the 130 countries that issue them. He has made great



*Cliff's Coin and Chronicle set.*

progress, and we are looking forward to seeing the completed project. David Poirier talked about his rapidly filled Lincoln collection, which was missing just the 1909-S VDB at the time. (Secretary's note: It was filled shortly after the meeting). Joe Casazza talked about a trip he took to Norway and a 1650 Norwegian coin he found at the Money Show which was made of silver from the same mines Joe visited while on his Norwegian trip.



*Fred's 1794 Spanish Dollar*

### **Our Upcoming Coins of the Month:**

April 2026 – Your most historical numismatic item in your collection.

May 2026 – The Worst numismatic item in your collection.

June 2026 – Coins of revolutions, uprisings, and sieges.

July 2026 – Any numismatic item from the U.S. Bicentennial 1976.

August 2026 – Any numismatic item from any country undergoing hyper-inflation.

September 2026 – Copper Coins and Tokens from Canada

November 2026 – Odd Denomination Coins from any Country

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Kevin Winn  
Secretary

## Recent Acquisitions for March 2026

**Bob Fritsch;** 2019-W Lowell Quarter

**Kevin Winn;** Two rolls of backdate Silver Eagles.

**Fred Liberatore;** Spanish Dollar 1794 Lima

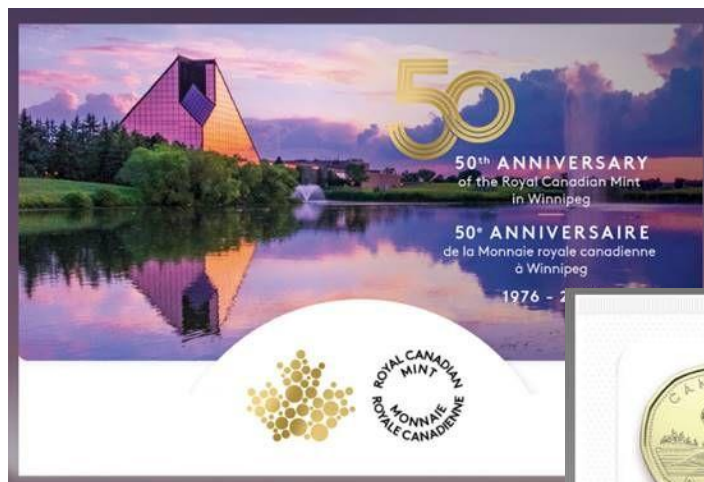
**David Poirier;** 1942-P Proof 66 U.S. Nickel

**Asher Hamilton;** Venezuelan Banknotes

**Doug Dube;** 1800 normal date U.S. Large Cent

**Carl Wolfe;** discovered the “What Not?” Website (no purchases yet)

**Judy Blackman;** 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Mint in Winnipeg 1976-2026 Non-Circulation 6-Coin Set—Winnipeg Collector’s Edition with W mintmark. The RCNA Convention is being held in Winnipeg this summer, and the RCM will have a booth there, as well, likely tours of the Winnipeg Mint will be available on the convention early registration form. See Photos below.



## **JOINING THE NASHUA COIN CLUB**

**By George Schuscherebe**

Before joining the **Nasua Coin Club**, I found myself speaking to coin shop owners and other coin enthusiasts in an attempt to learn more about some of the international coins I accumulated over the years.

During my discussions with them, it became apparent that some of these contacts were offering information that even I knew was false or inaccurate. I even ran into one individual who was trying to sell me counterfeit coins. (How I knew that I'll leave for a future article).

Last September, I happened to be in Nashua and stopped by a coin shop on Main Street in Nashua (Nashua Coins & Collectibles). As I was speaking with them about coins, one of the shop staff mentioned that I should join the **Nashua Coin Club**.

Since the shop staff appeared to be knowledgeable and not BS me, I thought it would be a great idea to give the coin club a try. Both Bonnie - my wife and I joined that day.

We attended our first meeting in September 2025 and were very impressed at the first meeting, especially how all the meetings start out with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meetings are well coordinated, have an agenda, and certainly a great learning experience. From that point on Bonnie and I have attended each monthly meeting.

The coin club members we have spoken to are **extremely** knowledgeable about coins and the world of **numismatic** coins. So far I have found the members to be friendly, helpful, and I know that no one is going to give me a line of BS or try to sell me counterfeit coins.

Everything about the **Nashua Coin Club** is up and up and I am highly recommending anyone that is a coin enthusiast to join. **You will learn plenty!**



*1 - 2025 NCC Banquet Guests – photo by Andrea Bazarnicki*

## When did low-denomination coins decide to leave the party early?

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

Beyond USA (production of circulation one-cent coins ended late-2025) and Canada (stopped circulation one-cent coin production in 2012, and distribution in 2013), other countries also eliminated the equivalent of a one-cent coin, often with rounding systems to nearest five or ten cents.

Probably the first of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, were the Nordic countries in the 1970s ridding three of the lowest denominations (Sweden moved one-ore and two-ore coins in 1971, and Norway did the same in 1972, and Sweden removed its five-ore coins in 1992).<sup>1</sup>

Back in 1990 New Zealand did away with both its one-cent and two-cent circulation coins, and in 2006 got rid of its 5-cent circulation coins too. Two years after New Zealand, Australia did away with both its one-cent and two-cent circulation coins.<sup>2</sup>

High production costs and low purchasing power (erosion often caused by rising inflation) have driven countries to reevaluate the denominations of its circulation coins, and as such, small coinage has been gradually disappearing.<sup>1</sup> Finland did not issue one-cent and 2-cent coins after 2002. The Netherlands stopped using one-cent and two-cent circulation euro coins in 2004.

Up here in Canada where I reside, our circulation penny came to an end in 2012 with us using a system of rounding up or down to the nearest five cents. It had no impact on our inflation, and as it really, only affected cash transactions, it was quickly and easily adapted since the bulk of the population uses some form of electronic payment. It did affect charities for awhile, as many pennies had previously filled collection containers, but these soon switched to containers of five-cent coins, or higher denomination coins. For the most part, because of *HelpCanada*, the majority of charitable donations are done electronically with an instant tax receipt generated. The Salvation Army still does it kettle collections in some areas (a lot less due to crime committed against the volunteers plus robberies). I am sure when (and if) the Canadian government decides to eliminate the five-cent coin, the people of this nation will handle the transition with grace and acceptance, as we are very accustomed to ongoing changes.

Here's a fun fact, the Canadian five-cent coin has not contained any nickel since the start of the 2000 production year but does have 2% nickel-plating. The USA and Australia still have about 25% nickel composition. Many countries switch to cupronickel or eliminated the five-cent coin.

Will the elimination of a five-cent coin in Canada affect its nickel resources? Not likely! Let's not forget that Canadian mine production of nickel in concentrate is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> as a top global producer<sup>3</sup>. Ontario produces around 40% (Sudbury being the biggest area mine), Quebec 37% (Ontario's eastern neighbor), Newfoundland and Labrador 14%, and the balance is from Manitoba (Ontario's western neighbor). We also operate three key nickel refineries (Alberta, Ontario, Newfoundland and Labrador). Today our primary world market for nickel in concentrate is directed to markets like electric car (EV) batteries – definitely, not to coinage.<sup>3</sup>

Now the United Kingdom has always been a bit contrarian. England eliminated its lowest-denomination coin, the decimal halfpenny (p) in 1984 and demonized it in December the same year (despite its 13-year lifespan), after it was introduced during decimalization in 1971. Previously, the pre-decimal halfpenny and farthing were withdrawn from circulation in 1969 and 1960, respectively.<sup>4</sup> Today, while 1p and 2p coins remain in circulation, there have been long-running debates about their removal due to production costs exceeding face value. The old, larger 5p and 10p coins were replaced with smaller versions in 1990 and 1992, respectively.<sup>4</sup>

So what about the Eurozone? There are eight denominations of euro coins currently in circulation (1¢,2¢,5¢,10¢,20¢,50¢,1€,2€).<sup>5</sup> While one-cent and two-cent usage is legal tender, some of the euro countries (including Belgium, Finland, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, and Slovakia) have adopted rounding rules for cash payments to the nearest five cents, reducing the active use of the one-cent and two-cent circulation coins.<sup>5</sup>

Although I'm not likely still to be on this earth when it happens, it's probably not that far into the future when there will no longer be any coins under twenty-five cent face value. Or, as predictions have been published, we may become a total cashless society. But somehow, since numismatics have been around literally for thousands of years, I suspect coinage will still exist, but maybe only as commemoratives, not circulation pieces. I do suspect the USA will be the last country to give in dropping low denomination coins!

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## **NCC 2026 Club Officers**

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**VP** – Joe Casazza

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The NCC meets on the second Wednesday of every month (except October and December) in the Nashua Library, 2 Court Street, Nashua NH.

## One of My Favorite Coins

**Robert S. “Bart” Bartanowicz**

At the moment, one of my favorite coins is the Standing Liberty Quarter 1916-1930. I can already hear the grumbling “Oh no! Here we go again, another story about Liberty’s exposed breast! Nope-not going to write about it....”

So what else is there to write about? It’s the reverse and the Eagle in flight with wings fully spread! Hermon A. MacNeil’s Eagle isn’t a sitting or perched mannequin-looking bird, nope-it was a eagle doing eagle things. Is it perfect? I wish the eagle’s breast (oops the breast word again) feathers had more detail but I like it. Yes, there are other coins with flying eagles-but this is the first one that I really liked when I began collecting in the *last century!*

My Standing Liberty Quarter sits in my type set collection. It has a great mark free reverse. I always show folks the reverse first and the question is usually “You don’t like the obverse?” At which my reply is “The obverse is great but in 1916 how many U.S. coins had an Eagle like MacNeil’s?”

PostScript: The Standing Liberty quarter both obverse and reverse is a wonderful coin. They are pricey but I’m happy with mine and it isn’t a 1916! My suggestion is a 3-coin type with one coin from each Mint for a P/D/S set. For instance, a 1917 Variety 1, a 1917 Variety 2 and finally a Recessed Date (1925-1930). Lots of choices-but look at the reverse eagle first. Remember, this is Avian Eye Candy!

Note: Bart is a former Nashua Coin Club President back in the late 1900s!



*2916 Standing Liberty Quarter Image Generated by CoPilot*

# Worldwide Numismatics Vol #1: Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador

by Asher Hamilton

As a part of my wide collection, I have always been interested in world coins, and in recent months, I have taken up the challenge of acquiring one coin from all 195 countries. As of the writing of this article, I have 116 / 195, and every month, I will write about a country and its coins and highlight the ones I chose for this set.

## República de Colombia

The República de Colombia is a South American nation in northern South America, sandwiched between Venezuela and Ecuador, with access to both the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, bordering Panama to the north. Colombia declared independence on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 1810 and fought a revolution against Spain led by Simón Bolívar. The capital of Colombia is Bogotá, where the President Gustavo Petro resides. The official language of Colombia is Spanish, although Creole and indigenous languages are also spoken in some parts. Although the *Colombian Constitution of 1991* disestablished the Catholic Church, hitherto the state religion, and includes two articles providing for freedom of worship, as of 2025 Colombia remains a predominantly Christian nation with a strong Roman Catholic majority of 63-70% of the population, with a significant and growing Protestant / Evangelical minority at 17%+, and a rising percentage of people with no religious affiliation.<sup>4,2</sup> The climate is tropical with rainforest, savannah, steppes, and deserts, as well as mountainous environments because of the Andes mountains, which run through Colombia.



Map of Colombia  
[courtesy of WorldAtlas]

The currency of Colombia is the Colombian peso (COP). The current exchange rate of COP to USD is 3,700:1, with an inflation rate of about 6.6% but expected to steadily decline by 3.61 percentage points from 2024-2030 (República de Colombia 2024, Statista Research Department, published Mar. 16, 2026).<sup>1</sup> Colombia used *Spanish colonial real* until 1820 after independence from Spain was achieved. It was replaced by the *Colombian real*. In 1837, the Colombian real was replaced by the current peso at a rate of 1 peso = 8 reales and was initially subdivided into 8 reales. In 1847, Colombia decimalized the currency and the peso was subdivided into ten reales, each of 10 *décimos de reales*, later *centavos*. There is much history between 1847 and 1977, too long to mention here. In 1977, bronze 2 pesos were introduced. In 1984, production of all coins below 1 peso ended. Higher denominations were introduced in the following years of high inflation. 5 peso coins were introduced in 1980, followed by 10 pesos in 1981, 20 pesos in 1982, 50 pesos in 1986, 100 pesos in 1992, 200 pesos in 1994, 500 pesos in 1993 and 1000 pesos in 1996. However, due to massive counterfeiting problems, the 1000 pesos was withdrawn by stages. By 2002, the coin was out of circulation. In February 2009, the central bank stopped the minting of 5-, 10-, and 20-peso coins. They were still legal tender, but due to their low value and circulation, most cash transactions were rounded to the nearest 50 or 100 pesos.<sup>3</sup>

The current coins were first issued in 2012, celebrating Colombia's rich biodiversity, and the current denominations are 50, 100, 200, 500- and 1000-peso coins with the 500 and 1000 coins.<sup>3</sup>

The 50 is nickel-plated steel (2 g, 17 mm), depicting the spectacled bear. The 100 is brass-plated steel (3.34 g, 20.3 mm), with frailejones, a native plant on the obverse. The 200 is copper nickel (4.61 g, 22.4 mm) with

the image of a scarlet macaw on the obverse. The 500 is bimetallic (7.14 g, 23.7 mm), and has a glass frog on the obverse. The 1000 peso is the largest, with a value of about 0.27 USD. This coin is also bimetallic (9.95 g, 26.7 mm) with a loggerhead sea turtle on the obverse as shown here. *[photo is courtesy of Banco de la República]* This coin is the one I chose to go to in my world set.<sup>3</sup>



The current banknotes of Colombia were first issued in 2016, all of which are paper and in the denominations of 2,000, 5,000, 10,000, 20,000, 50,000, and 100,000 pesos. With 100,000 being worth about 27 USD. The 2,000 is blue with the portrait of Debora Arango, a Colombian artist. The 5,000 is brown and has Jose Asuncion Silvia, who was a Colombian poet and novelist. The 10,000 is red and depicts Virginia Gutierrez de Pineda, a Colombian anthropologist. The 20,000 is orange and depicts Alfonso López Michelsen, a former president of Colombia. The 50,000 is purple and has Gabriel Garcia Marquez, who was a Colombian writer and journalist. The 100,000 is green and shows Carlos Lleras Restrepo, a former Colombian president. Other notes (mostly the 1995 series) are still in circulation but only in Spanish (1,000-, 2,000-, 5,000-, 10,000-, 20,000- and 50,000-peso).<sup>3</sup>

The notes don't show the full number, for example, the 100,000- note shows 100 MIL PESOS meaning 100 thousand pesos. *[photo of banknotes is courtesy of <https://www.banrep.gov.co/es/billetes-monedas/billetes-en-circulacion>]*

### Bolivarian República de Venezuela

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela is a country in northern South America with Colombia to the west, Guyana to the east, and Brazil to the south. Venezuela has a large Caribbean coastline. The first republic of Venezuela was founded in 1811, starting a war against the Spanish. In 1813, Simón Bolívar liberated Venezuela from the Spanish, founding the Second Venezuelan Republic. In 1999, Venezuela was made the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. The capital of Venezuela is Caracas, where President Nicolas Maduro, who was chosen by Hugo Chávez to be his successor in 2013<sup>4</sup>, resided before being kidnapped by the Trump Regime in Jan 2026 during an invasion of Caracas.<sup>5</sup> The official language of Venezuela is Spanish. The dominant religion in Venezuela is Catholicism, being Roman Catholic 96% of the population, with Protestant at 2%, and other also at 2%.<sup>4</sup> Venezuela is a tropical country located north of the equator. Most of the land is mountains and valleys covered in rainforests.



**Venezuela 1886 5-venezolano coin**

*[photos courtesy of NGC  
<https://www.ngccoin.com/>]*

The currency of Venezuela is complicated to say the least. Due to hyperinflation, the currency has been revalued several times. The currency is the bolivar, named after Simón Bolívar. The old bolivar was introduced in 1879, equal to 4.5 grams of silver.

Later, it experienced inflation throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries, and by 2007, the highest denomination was 50,000 bolivars. In 2007, the bolivar was revalued 1000:1 and was renamed the bolivar Fuerte, meaning hard bolivar in Spanish. First issued in banknotes of 2,5,10,20,50, and 100 bolivars as well as coins, at the time two bolivars were 1 USD. But inflation continued

with banknotes of 500,1000,2000,5000,10000,20000, and 100,000 with hyperinflationary coins also issued. In 2018, the future was redenominated into the Soberano, meaning sovereign bolivar, at a rate of

100000:1. The bolivar Soberano was pegged to the petro, a state-owned cryptocurrency, at a rate of 3,600 bolivars to one petro. One petro was equal to 1 barrel of oil, making one bolivar Soberano worth 0.016 USD. The bolivar Soberano was issued in 2018 with a fifty centimos coin and a one bolivar bimetallic coin. The banknotes for Soberano were 2,5,10,20,50,100, and five hundred. In 2019, inflation continued, and the only notes issued were 10000,20000, and 50,000. In 2021, it got even worse with denominations of 200000,500000, and one million. When the one million bolivar was issued, it was worth only 0.52 USD. In 2021, the bolivar was once again redenominated at a rate of 1000000:1. With the new bolivar being named the bolivar digitales, meaning digital bolivar in Spanish.<sup>6</sup>

The current coins of Venezuela are the 25- centimos, fifty centimos, and one bolívar digital. The 25 centimos is nickel-plated steel (21.35 mm) with the portrait of Simón Bolívar. The 50 centimos is also nickel-plated steel (23.5 mm) it also depicts Simón Bolívar, and the one bolívar does as well (25.4 mm). The coin I chose for my world set is the one bolívar Soberano (sovereign bolívar), which is bimetallic (24 mm, 8.08 g) with Simón Bolívar on the obverse.<sup>7</sup> [coin photos courtesy of Banco Central de Venezuela]



The current banknotes of Venezuela are 5-, 10-, 20-, 50-, 100-, 200-, 500- bolívares, with the 500- being worth about 1.10 USD. All banknotes show Simón Bolívar on the obverse, although the new 2024 200- and 500- have different portraits and new reverses.<sup>7</sup> [banknote photos courtesy of Banco Central de Venezuela]



## República de Ecuador

The República de Ecuador is a country located in western South America. Bordered by Colombia to the north and Peru to the south, with an extensive Pacific coastline and the Galapagos Islands. Ecuador gained independence on May 24, 1822, and became part of Simón Bolívar's Gran Colombia. The capitol of Ecuador is Quito where President Daniel Noboa resides. The official language of Ecuador is Spanish. Government of Ecuador Statista report published January 9, 2026, reports Agnostic is 10.1%, Catholic 7.5%, Jehova's witness 6.7%, Evangelist (unspecified) / Pentecostal evangelist 6.4% / 0.7%, Mormon 5.3%, Adventist 2%, Atheist 1.9%, and the balance is no declaration.<sup>8</sup> The climate of Ecuador is tropical, with the equator running through the country. Ecuador is named after the Spanish word for the equator.

The official currency of Ecuador has been the United States dollar since 2000, when it replaced the sucre. The sucre experienced hyperinflation with one dollar being worth 25,000 in 2001.<sup>9</sup> All banknotes in Ecuador are standard USD banknotes printed in the USA. The coins, on the other hand, are unique to Ecuador denominated in 1-, 5-, 10-, 25- and 50-centavos, which are pegged 1 to 1 with US coins. All the coins have the same diameter as US coins but have different compositions and weights. The 1-centavo was issued from 2000-2004 and it

is made of brass (19 mm, 2.5g). The obverse depicts a stylized globe. The 5-centavo is stainless steel (21.22 mm, 4.95 g) and depicts Isidro Ayora, a former president of Ecuador. The 10-centavos is stainless steel (17.9 mm, 2.3 g) and depicts Jaime Roldos, a former president of Ecuador. The 25-centavos is stainless steel (24.2 mm, 5.8 g) and depicts Oswaldo Guayasmin, an Ecuadorian artist. The 50-centavos is stainless steel (30.6 mm, 11.25 g) on the obverse is Transito Amaguana, who fought for indigenous rights in Ecuador.<sup>10</sup> The coin I chose for my world set is the 2000 50-centavos with Eloy Alfaro, a former president of Ecuador. [coin photos courtesy of RCM]

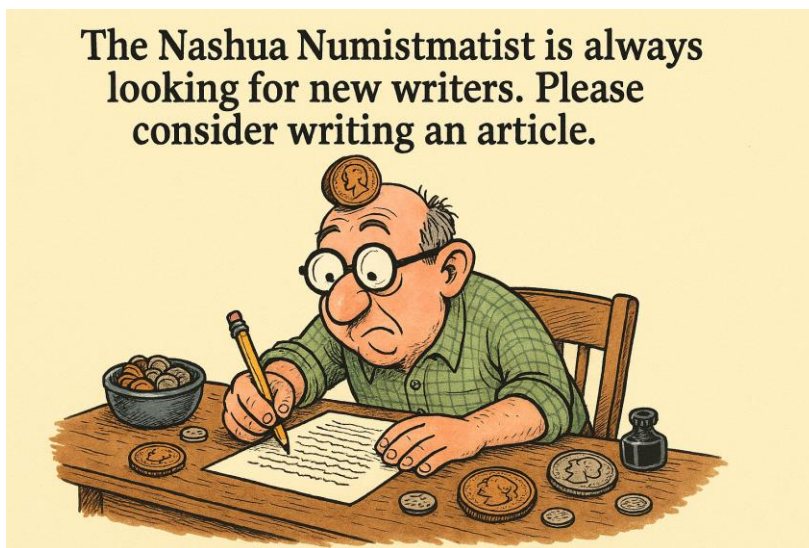


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5. January 3, 2026: President Donald J. Trump today announced the capture of Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro, following a successful overnight joint U.S. military extraction in Venezuela's capital of Caracas. <https://www.war.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/4370431/trump-announces-us-militarys-capture-of-maduro/>
6. <https://www.investopedia.com/terms/f/veb-venezuelan-bolivar.asp>
7. *Banco Central de Venezuela bcv.org.ve*
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**The Nashua Numismatist is always looking for new writers. Please consider writing an article.**



## Tales from the Shop – April 2026

By Kevin Winn

The coin inventory at Nashua Coins and Collectibles is massive. Coins are kept in boxes, safes, books, binders, drawers, buckets, and shelves. But probably the most popular coin location in the shop for these past few months is the two shelf-glass enclosure on top of the main counter. This is the location for our bullion silver coins, and it is frequented more than any other spot in the shop by people buying silver bullion and selling the same.

We have a top shelf filled with U.S. Silver Eagles. Many customers feel those are the best investment for their one ounce silver rounds since they are produced by the U.S. Mint and they are collected by thousands of people. But once you get past those great but boring eagles, it's "anything goes" on the lower shelf.

We'll buy anything made of silver (especially .9999 pure silver) as long as it passes the test from the Sigma Metalitics Precious Metal Verifier. This tester measures resistivity to detect fakes, and it has kept us out of trouble on many occasions. The reason we have to test so many is because we are constantly seeing new silver products which none of us have ever seen before.

So, we have plenty of silver rounds, silver bars, and even occasionally silver bullets to sell whenever you might want to increase your holdings.



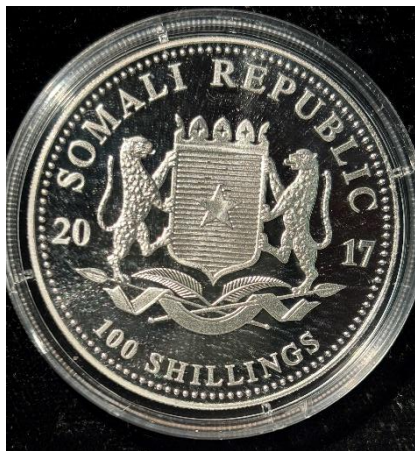
Here are a few pictures of some of the more common....and then some of the more bizarre to show you what I mean. The first one shows three ordinary silver eagles with the



Walking Liberty Lady obverse. But when you turn them over to look at the Eagle, you get a Patriot instead! Three silver rounds with photos of Tom Brady somehow attached to the bird. Someone decided to turn the bird into the GOAT, but they're still only worth one ounce of silver.



The next one is Australia's version of the Eagle; except they chose a Kookaburra for the image on their silver bullion rounds. It looks like the Kookaburra is laughing at the Eagle if you put them side by side.



The African Republic of Somali has a 100 shilling silver round featuring their coat-of-arms on the obverse and a huge Elephant on the reverse.



Another one from Australia features the Year of the Rooster (2017) with a rooster, hen, and three chicks.



But they don't have to be from individual countries to get into the market. Many silver rounds are made by private mints for two reasons. The first is to promote a product or an idea that they want to convince people to believe in and utilize. The second reason is purely mercenary; they make them in order to make money.



Like this one with a silver shield on the obverse, and a message reading “Cannabis Cures” surrounding a marijuana plant on the reverse. We have a few like this and I don’t think we’ve sold any.

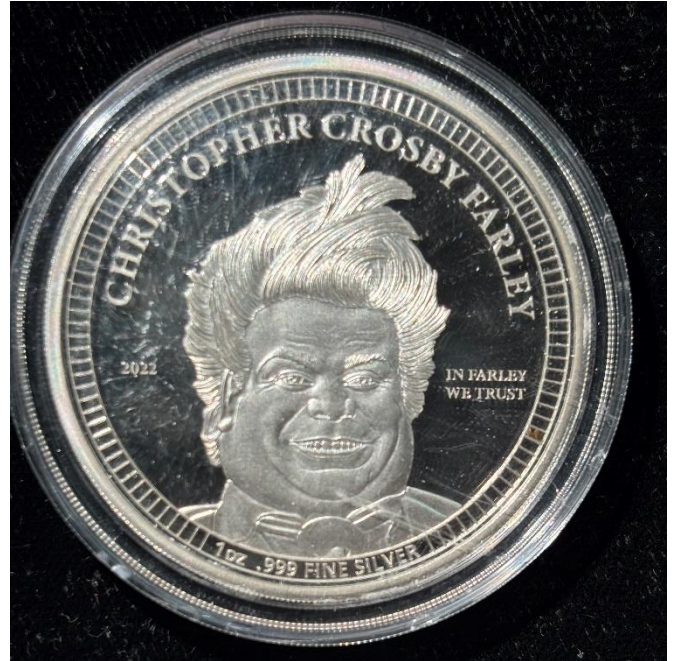


This next one has a blank space on one side where you can etch in the name of the recipient if you have that kind of skill. That’s because when you flip it over you see that Santa Claus is pictured because this round is meant to be used as a Christmas gift.



The next one pictured is a ripoff of James Earle Frasier’s nickel design from 1913-1938. It’s got the large American Bison taking up most of the reverse. With the familiar American Indian portrayed on the Obverse.





One last one to show off today. This one is from the Republic of Palau, which is an independent archipelago in the Western Pacific Ocean. It must be a really fun place to live since the only coin from there that I have ever seen is this silver round featuring the late, great Chris Farley. Farley was another fine comic actor who died too young after he starred on Saturday Night Live and in movies like Tommy Boy and Black Sheep. It is a bizarre looking likeness of Farley, and it comes with absolutely no explanation of what the comic had to do with the Republic of Palau!

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## MEDAL ENTHUSIASTS

**Bob Fritsch supplied the following resources for those interested in researching medals. Thanks Bob!**

Yale University Art Gallery - <https://artgallery.yale.edu/>

British Museum - <https://www.britishmuseum.org/>

Musée d'Orsay - <https://www.musee-orsay.fr/en>

Museums of the City of Paris - <https://www.parismuseescollections.paris.fr/en>

(includes recent donation of works by Pierre Roche at the Petit Palais)

Smithsonian / SIRIS (Smithsonian Institution Research Information System) – photos and artist databases - <https://sirisi.si.edu/>

Metropolitan Museum of Art - <https://www.metmuseum.org/>

The Frick Collection - <https://collections.frick.org/collections/8984/medals/objects>

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston - most medals are not illustrated - <https://www.mfa.org/>

## NUWES—Keyport

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

These images are courtesy of the Naval Undersea Museum, Naval Undersea Warfare Engineering Station (NUWES) in Keyport, Washington. This location focuses on undersea vessels, weapons, controls, and ocean sciences. Outside of the museum, one of the displays includes the 78-foot *Trieste II* (DVS 1), DASH. [<https://navalunderseamuseum.org/>]

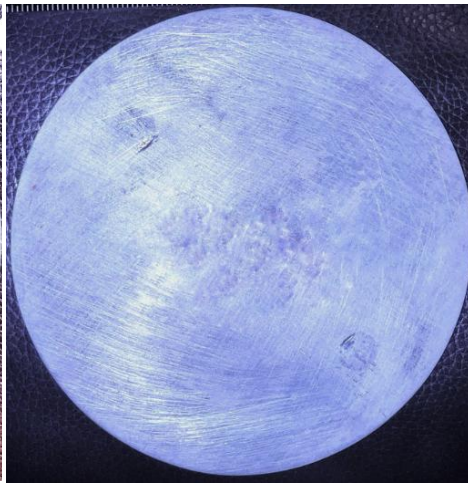
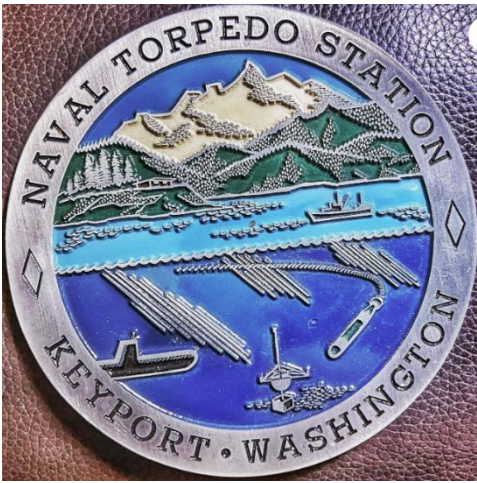


The Museum information states:

*Trieste II* (DSV 1) was the first deep submergence vehicle (DSV) built by the U.S. Navy and the successor to the original *Trieste* bathyscaphe. *Trieste II* performed undersea research and tasks, including examining the remains of USS *Scorpion* in 1969. Information gathered from operating and overhauling *Trieste II* helped design its replacements, the *Alvin*-class submersibles. In the fall of 1968, *Trieste II* was certified for an operating depth of 12,000 feet; a year later, it investigated the *Scorpion* wreckage, completing nine dives over 10,000 feet deep to survey and photograph the remaining debris. Its Integral Operating Unit, consisting of *Trieste II*, *White Sands*, and support ship tug USS *Apache* (ATF 67) received a Navy Unit Commendation for this effort. Up until this point, *Trieste II* had been classified as equipment in the Navy inventory, but in September 1969, it was officially placed in service and given the hull number X-1. Two years later, following an overhaul, it was redesignated DSV 1 and certified to 16,500 feet the next year. For being the first submersible to retrieve objects from a depth of 16,400 feet during a secret mission declassified in 2011, *Trieste II* received a Meritorious Unit Commendation in 1972.

The U.S. Naval Undersea Museum holds more than 54,000 artifacts in its collection, which includes items of historic, technological, operational, cultural, and personal significance related to the U.S. Navy's undersea communities. It collects and preserves these artifacts for use in research, exhibits, and public education programs. While more than 200 artifacts, including submersibles, torpedoes, mines, submarine equipment, diving gear, ROVs, and models, are currently on exhibit, the majority are kept safely in storage to be used for research and future exhibitions. Explore highlights of the artifact collection on our Featured Artifacts and Digitized Collections pages. [<https://navalunderseamuseum.org/artifacts/>]

Keyport is a village centering around the Naval Torpedo Station on the south shore of Liberty Bay at its east entrance north of Bremerton in Kitsap County, continuously in operation since 1912, where torpedoes are serviced. A force of about 140 officers, marines, and sailors is stationed here. The brick barracks and shops are surrounded by a spacious lawn that slopes to the water's edge. On a hill are the steel towers of the radio station. Mounted on concrete bases are powerful searchlights. Surrounding the station is a strong metal-net fence. In 1896, the site was settled by Pete Hagen, O. A. Kuppler and H. B. Kuppler. They chose the present name from an atlas, for a summer resort on the New Jersey coast. Another name, no longer used, was School Point. The station is no longer accessible to the public due to national security concerns.



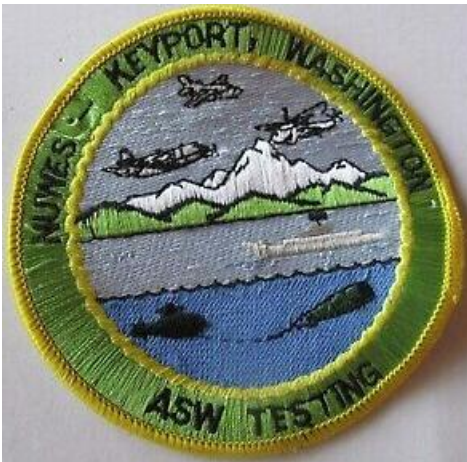
← This is an undesignated U.S. Navy Naval Torpedo Station Keyport WA Command Presentation Large Medallion (152 mm / 6"). The images are courtesy of Tacman1990.

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This challenge coin image is courtesy of Challenge Coin Company LLC. ↓



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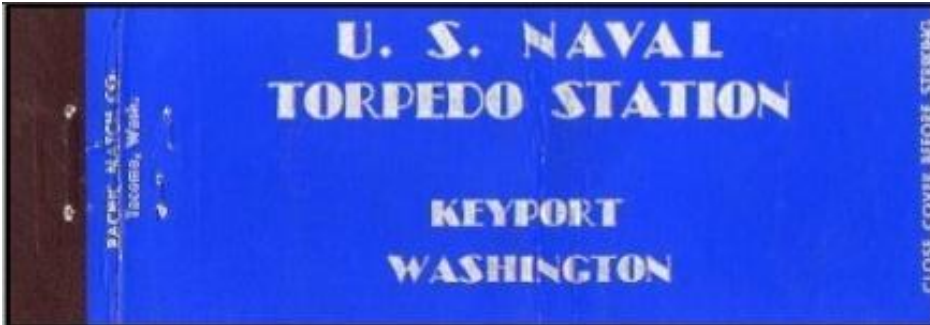
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This is a 1980s-1990s NUWES Decal courtesy of a person (name omitted for security reasons) who served there from 1991 and found it in the assigned desk. →

U.S. Naval Torpedo Station matchbook cover was included in the *Pacific Match Company of Tacoma Washington* article by SDMC Editor **Mike Prero**. The article appeared in the *Sierra-Diablo Matchcover Club (SDMC) Bulletin No. 494* of March 2026. Based on when the plant opened in Tacoma (having relocating from another state) and that the company stopped production in 1964, this cover is likely circa 1950s-early-1960s. ↓



I hope you enjoyed learning of the military operations in Keyport and seeing some of the collectibles.

**1 - USS Sturgeon Challenge Coin - Images - Bob Fritsch**



## Upcoming 2026 Events *(Check websites for updates)*

- 03-04 APR: NH 2026 Spring Coin Expo**, DoubleTree by Hilton (Downtown), 700 Elm St., Manchester, NH  
**09 APR: NCC MEETING, Wed., 7PM, In-person + Zoom**, [\(Nashua Main Library\)](#)  
**12 APR: EBW Greater-Worcester Coin Show**, Auburn-Webster Elks Lodge, Auburn, MA  
**19 APR: EBW Coin Show, Third Sunday**, Alpine Grove Evts Ctr, 19 S Depot Hollis  
**26 APR: EBW New England Sunday Coin Show**, Springhill Suites Marriott, Devens, MA  
**23-25 APR: CSNS 2026 87<sup>th</sup> Convention**, Schaumburg Renaissance Hotel and Convention Centre (near Woodfield Mall), 1551 North Thoreau Dr., Schaumburg (Chicago suburb), IL  
**29 APR–03 MAY: EAC 2026 Convention**, Sheraton Charlotte Airport Hotel, Charlotte, NC

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\* Dates are tentative and subject to change

- 14 MAY: NCC MEETING, Wed., 7PM, In-person + Zoom**, [\(Nashua Main Library\)](#)  
**17 MAY: EBW Coin Show, Third Sunday**, Alpine Grove Evts Ctr, 19 S Depot Hollis  
**28–30 MAY: PAN 2026 Spring Convention**, Monroeville Convention Ctr, 209 Mall Blvd., Monroeville, PA 15146  
**29–30 MAY: ONA 2026 Convention**, Hampton by Hilton, 100 Coventry Rd., Ottawa, Ontario, K1K 4S3 CDA

- 11 JUN: NCC MEETING, Wed., 7PM, In-person + Zoom**, [\(Nashua Main Library\)](#)  
**21 JUN: EBW Coin Show, Third Sunday**, Alpine Grove Evts Ctr, 19 S Depot Hollis  
**28 JUN: EBW New England Sunday Coin Show**, Springhill Suites Marriott, Devens, MA

- 09 JUL: NCC MEETING, Wed., 7PM, In-person + Zoom**, [\(Nashua Main Library\)](#)  
**14-19 JUL: RCNA 2026 Convention**, **\*\* new location:** Delta Hotels (& RBC Convention Centre), 350 St Mary Ave., Winnipeg, MB, R3C 3J2CDA (hosted by Manitoba Coin Club) →  
**19 JUL: EBW Coin Show, Third Sunday**, Alpine Grove Evts Ctr, 19 S Depot Hollis

- 09 AUG: EBW Greater-Worcester Coin Show**, Auburn-Webster Elks Lodge, Auburn, MA  
**13 AUG: NCC MEETING, Wed., 7PM, In-person + Zoom**, [\(Nashua Main Library\)](#)  
**16 AUG: EBW Coin Show, Third Sunday**, Alpine Grove Evts Ctr, 19 S Depot Hollis

- 25-29 AUG: ANA 2026 World Fair of Money®**, David L. Lawrence Convention Ctr., Pittsburgh, PA



- 10 SEP: NCC MEETING, Wed., 7PM, In-person + Zoom**, [\(Nashua Main Library\)](#)  
**20 SEP: EBW Coin Show, Third Sunday**, Alpine Grove Evts Ctr, 19 S Depot Hollis

- 12 OCT "COLUMBUS DAY": NCC Annual Awards Banquet, \*Mon.\*, 7PM, In-person + Zoom, (TBA)**  
**18 OCT: EBW Coin Show, Third Sunday**, Alpine Grove Evts 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  
**12 NOV: NCC MEETING, Wed., 7PM, In-person + Zoom**, [\(Nashua Main Library\)](#)  
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**22 NOV: EBW New England Sunday Coin Show**, Springhill Suites Marriott, Devens, MA

- 04-05 DEC: NH 2026 Spring Coin Expo**, DoubleTree by Hilton (Downtown), 700 Elm St., Manchester, NH  
**10 DEC: NCC Annual White Elephant Sale, Wed., 7PM, \*In-person ONLY**, [\(Nashua Coin & Collectibles\)\\*](#)  
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**20 DEC: EBW Coin Show, Third Sunday**, Alpine Grove Evts Ctr, 19 S Depot Hollis  
**27 DEC: EBW New England Sunday Coin Show**, Springhill Suites Marriott, Devens, MA

- 08-11 JAN: 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual FUN Convention**, Orange County Convention Center, 9899 International Dr., Orlando, FL 32819



## ***CSNS 87<sup>th</sup> Convention Message from CSNS President, Mitch Ernst***

The Central States Numismatic Society ([www.CSNS.org](http://www.CSNS.org)) 87<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention Coin Show, April 23-25, 2026, will recognize Missouri as part of a continuing multi-year program to honor all 13 states that comprise the organization's geographical area.

The 2026 CSNS convention will be held at the same suburban Chicago site as in recent years, the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center, 1551 North Thoreau Drive, in Schaumburg, Illinois. There is free parking for visitors and guests at the hotel and convention center.

Discount hotel room rates of \$179USD per night (plus taxes) are available at the conveniently convention-adjointing Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel. Room reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at 847-303-4100 or booked online at <https://book.passkey.com/go/CentralStateNumismatic>.

Admission is \$15 per day or \$30 for a 3-day pass. CSNS members and visitors aged 17 and under are admitted free. Visitors can save time and get a \$5 discount by ordering their admission tickets in advance online at [www.CSNS.org/events/87th-anniversary-convention-coin-show](http://www.CSNS.org/events/87th-anniversary-convention-coin-show).



We will be giving away 1,000 of the 2017-dated Ozark National Scenic Riverways quarters that commemorate the 134 miles of rivers in southeastern Missouri. While supplies last, they'll be available, one per visitor, at the CSNS club tables (A2 and A3). Littleton Coin Company ([www.LittletonCoin.com](http://www.LittletonCoin.com)) has graciously donated these *America the Beautiful Quarters® Program* coins.

Additional information about the CSNS 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention will be updated online (as it becomes available) at [www.CSNS.org/convention](http://www.CSNS.org/convention). Information is also available by contacting Convention Manager Wibker by phone at 407-221-8737 or by email at [convention@CSNS.org](mailto:convention@CSNS.org).

## The Woodrow Wilson Silver Medal

By Kevin Winn

Woodrow Wilson served as our twenty-eighth President from 1913 to 1921. He was preceded by William Howard Taft and succeeded by Warren G. Harding. Wilson served as the president of Princeton University and as the Governor of New Jersey before winning the 1912 Presidential election.

The United States Mint has continued their Presidential Medal Program, and the Wilson medal is the next in line. The medals are all the same as far as their physical characteristics are concerned. It is made from 99.9% silver with a matte finish and a plain edge. It has a diameter of 1.598 inches (40.5892 mm), and it weighs one troy ounce (31.103 grams). It is packaged in a plastic capsule, presentation case and two-part cardboard box with an oversleeve and a Certificate of Authenticity. There are no mint marks or privy marks on these medals, but they were made in San Francisco according to the U.S. Mint.GOV web site. (Photos below courtesy of USMint.Gov).



The design of the obverse shows Wilson facing left with the name, "Woodrow Wilson," on either side of the bust. The reverse features an eagle with spread wings, holding in its talons crossed branches of olive and oak. In the background, the Capitol of the United States. The inscriptions are "INAUGURATED PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES MAR. 4, 1913" and "SECOND TERM MAR. 5, 1917." George T. Morgan designed both the obverse and reverse, and the name "MORGAN" is inscribed near the lower right rim on the reverse.

Thomas Woodrow Wilson was born on 12/28/1856 in Staunton, Virginia. He served from 1913-1921 and he was the only Democrat to serve as President since Grover Cleveland left office in 1897. Wilson made significant economic reforms and led the United States through WWI. He was the leading architect of the League of Nations, the forerunner of the United Nations and his stance on foreign policy came to be known as Wilsonianism.



2013 Woodrow Wilson Presidential one dollar coin. (Photo by Kevin Winn)

Wilson grew up in the Southern states during the Civil War and the Reconstruction era. He earned a Ph.D. in History and Political Science from Johns Hopkins University. He taught at several colleges prior to being appointed president of Princeton. Wilson is considered one of the founding fathers of the field of Public Administration due to an article he wrote in 1887. He served as the Governor of New Jersey from 1911-1913 where he broke with his party to pass many Progressive reforms.

In the election of 1912, Wilson defeated the incumbent President, William H. Taft, and the third-party candidate, former President Theodore Roosevelt. He was the first Southerner to win the office since 1848. One of the biggest criticisms of Wilson was his open racism towards African Americans and opposition to women's rights. He imposed widespread racial segregation in the federal bureaucracy and his failure to support women's suffrage drew widespread protests.

His first term was devoted mainly to domestic economic reforms. The Revenue Act of 1913 became the basis of our modern income tax, and the Federal Reserve Act created the Federal Reserve Banking System which is still in place today. He declared U.S. Neutrality in 1914 to try and stay out of World War I, and he tried his best to negotiate peace between the Allied and Central Powers. He won the 1916 election by a narrow margin largely because of the slogan, "He kept us out of War." But in April of 1917 he asked Congress to declare war on Germany due to their unrestricted submarine attacks on U.S. merchant ships.



*President Wilson at his desk in 1919. Photo by Harris & Ewing, 1913 – 1917 Library of Congress*

After the end of the war in November 1918, Wilson attended the Paris Peace Conference where he successfully advocated for the establishment of the League of Nations which was included in the Treaty of Versailles that he signed. But back home, he rejected a Republican compromise, and the Senate rejected the treaty twice in 1919 and in 1920. So, the United States never actually joined the League of Nations, and they had to sign a separate treaty with

Germany in 1921 by passing the Knox-Porter Resolution. Wilson was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1919 (received in 1920) for his creation of the League of Nations.

Wilson had intended to seek a third term in office but had a stroke in October 1919 that left him incapacitated. His wife and his physician-controlled Wilson, and no significant decisions were made. Republican Warren G. Harding won a landslide victory in the election of 1920. In February 1924, Wilson died at age 67. Historians have criticized Wilson for supporting racial segregation, although they continue to rank Wilson as an above-average president for his accomplishments in office.

Thomas Woodrow Wilson on the U.S. \$100,000 bill. (Photos courtesy of WikiCommons)



## My Most Historically Significant Coin - F.A. Liberatore



1-Roman Denarius Image  
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Coinage is usually influenced by wars and revolutions. Any junk box will have coins from the WW1, WW2 eras as well as coins from the numerous lesser wars from the past century or so. I have many of them but by far and away my most historically significant coin was issued by the most famous and consequential man from antiquity. He, without any exaggeration, changed the course of history. Gaius Julius Caesar was a genius on many levels: brilliant military tactician, gifted with remarkable strategic insights, a superb observer and writer, politically gifted, often extending mercy to enemies, but also cold, calculating and ruthless at times.


His first coin issued by a mint moving with the army appeared in 49-48 BC, a denarius bearing an elephant trampling a snake or Gallic trumpet with sacrificial instruments on the reverse since he had been the Pontifex Maximus, high priest. The only inscription on the coin is his family name: CAESAR. That's all that was needed. He reformed the Roman Republic and in doing so created the empire which lasted for centuries. His actions still resonate today.

Yes. This is easily my most historically significant coin.

# Recent Numismatic News / Announcements / Discoveries

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

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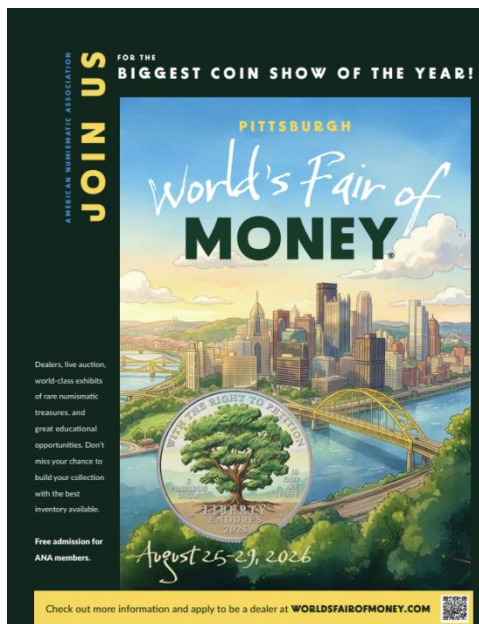
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**EVENT DETAILS**  
Wednesday, August 26, 2026  
10 a.m.–4:15 p.m.  
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Four in-person presentations (45–50 min., plus Q&A) will be selected. Copy of digital presentation required in advance.

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## ANA Press Release – March 16, 2026 from Amanda Miller [pr@money.org](mailto:pr@money.org), 719-482-9864:

Study Numismatics Anywhere: ANA Diploma Program Goes Fully Online (ANA members can register for all reworked courses today). The Numismatic Diploma Program (NDP), one of the American Numismatic Association's most valuable educational opportunities, is now available entirely online. The program provides ANA members the opportunity to obtain a "Numismatic Scholar" certificate\* by completing a series of online courses. This transition to fully online learning, which began in 2024, is now complete, making the program more accessible to members interested in advancing their numismatic education. Each course in the NDP underwent review and received updates to reflect the current numismatic landscape. ANA Education Director Christian Strayhorn detailed the changes in a recent *NumismaTalks* presentation, available at [youtu.be/J2DScgriiik](https://youtu.be/J2DScgriiik). The online NDP consists of four courses:

- **Introduction to Numismatics** provides an exploration of coins and collecting, focusing on the history of money, what gives coins value, ways to collect, how to purchase coins, storing collections, estate planning, numismatic literature, and exhibiting.

- **Grading U.S. Coins** addresses the skills needed to evaluate coins and assess potential purchases. A deeper understanding of the factors and current standards that determine a coin's condition and grade enables independent study and appraisal of pieces, without relying solely on grades assigned by third-party services and others.
- **Detecting Counterfeit & Altered Coins** teaches skills to help collectors evaluate coins in personal collections and potential purchases. Better understanding the factors and characteristics that determine a coin's authenticity helps collectors buy coins with confidence.
- **The Modern Minting Process & U.S. Minting Errors and Varieties** provides an overview of the U.S. modern minting process and U.S. minting errors and varieties. Topics explored include the processes currently used by the U.S. Mint, planchet errors, die errors, striking errors, and die varieties.

Each course is available to ANA members at a \$75 cost. To access the NDP courses and register, visit [money.org/diploma-program](https://money.org/diploma-program). For questions or concerns, contact the ANA Education Department at [education@money.org](mailto:education@money.org). *\*Please note the ANA Numismatic Diploma Program is not accredited and does not make someone a professional numismatist, dealer, coin grader, appraiser, or anything similar.*

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Link to **George Cuhaj** books:

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/booksbyauthor/521>

Link to **Collecting Metal Savings Banks**

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/540206>

Link to **2026 FUN videos:**

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/multimediatdetail/549321?Year=2026>

Link to **Who Are the EAC "Boys of '94?"**

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/540250>

Link to **Bruce Perdue Talks about Being CSNS President.** VIDEO: 3:15:

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/548578>

Link to **Adolph Hess catalogs:**

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/auctioncompanydetail/515305>

Link to book **1893 Columbian Exposition:**

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/540203>

### **Industry / Bank Announcements:**

**Michael Ashcroft: Collection of Victoria Crosses and George Crosses to be displayed at National Army Museum**

<https://tradersunion.com/news/billionaires/show/1697287-ashcroft-medal-collection-display/>

<https://lordashcroftmedalcollection.com/>

**Dhubri Has A Unique Numismatic Museum Established By A Fast Food Vendor**

<https://www.etvbharat.com/en/offbeat/dhubri-has-a-unique-numismatic-museum-established-by-a-fast-food-vendor-enn25122504397>

**War affecting gold prices:** When U.S. and Israeli forces struck Iranian targets on February 28, gold responded as it has in prior crisis episodes: it rallied reaching \$5,423 per ounce. The move lasted roughly three days. By March 3, gold had retraced most of the gain, falling back to \$5,085. On March 16, spot touched \$4,967, a four-week low, before recovering to the current range near \$5,000.

<b>~\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,423</b>	<b>\$4,967</b>	<b>+18%</b>	<b>3.50%</b>	<b>99.2%</b>	<b>~47</b>	<b>2pm</b>
SPOT GOLD	CONFLICT	4-WK LOW	YTD	FED FUNDS	HOLD	RSI (14)	ET
Mar 18, early session	HIGH Feb 28, 2028	Mar 16, 2028	RETURN as of Mar 18	RATE current target range	PROBABILITY CME FedWatch	DAILY neutral zone	FOMC DECISION today, Mar 18

As of March 19 (today), the gold spot price is \$4,616.96.

[Source: [investing.com/analysis/gold](https://investing.com/analysis/gold)]

### Creating art for US coins is tricky. These Pa. artists have made a career of it.

[https://www.dailycourier.com/news/creating-art-for-us-coins-is-tricky-these-pa-artists-have-made-a-career-of/article\\_9a5feae8-8f06-48dd-90e9-fcb001612cc7.html](https://www.dailycourier.com/news/creating-art-for-us-coins-is-tricky-these-pa-artists-have-made-a-career-of/article_9a5feae8-8f06-48dd-90e9-fcb001612cc7.html)

### At least 15 killed after cargo plane carrying banknotes crashes near Bolivia's capital

<https://www.moneycontrol.com/world/cargo-plane-carrying-money-crashes-near-bolivia-s-capital-killing-at-least-15-official-says-article-13846459.html>

### For America's 250<sup>th</sup>, Should the Coin of Trump's Realm Be Gold?

<https://www.nytimes.com/2026/02/25/us/trump-coins.html>

### How being 'the least obnoxious choice' brought the Royal Mint to Wales 60 years ago

<https://www.aol.com/news/being-least-obnoxious-choice-brought-133240701.html>

### Remember Dollar Bill? It's been 60 years since Australia made the big change to decimal currency

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2026-02-14/australia-marks-60-years-since-switching-to-decimal-currency/106328652>

#### Bank of Canada Press Release – March 17, 2026:

King Charles III will replace Queen Elizabeth II on the Canadian \$20 banknote starting in early 2027. While the King's portrait and design for the bill have yet to be revealed, the Canadian Minister of Finance has confirmed the Canadian National Vimy Memorial will remain on the back of the note. The new \$20 banknote will be polymer and predominantly green and will feature a vertical layout (like the \$10 Viola Desmond note). The \$20 will have new tested enhanced security features that are easy to check and hard to counterfeit. The Bank of Canada has started the design process for the next \$20, which includes historical and visual research, expert consultation and dialogue with the bank's Indigenous Advisory Circle.

Following the new \$20 banknote, the Bank of Canada is expected to release a new \$5 banknote featuring Terry Fox, replacing Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who will be moved to the \$50 banknote. William Lyon Mackenzie King, Canada's 10<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister and the current face of the \$50 banknote, will not appear on the new currency.

#### 125 Years of Federation in Australia Press Release—February 23, 2026:

To recognize the country's 125 Years of Federation, the Royal Australian Mint (RAM) is issuing a new series of coins for 2026. This is the most recent release of the series, the 2026 \$1 dollar coin.

The Commonwealth came into being on 1 January 1901, with the union of six previously self-governing colonies (which became states): New South Wales, Tasmania, Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria and Queensland. A decade later, two territories became states in 1911.

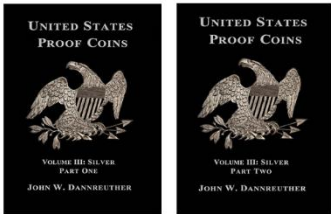


The Royal Mint is repeating the 1979 treasure hunt concept in a more modern manner. Similarly to the previous hunt, the 2026 hunt is open to UK citizens age 18 or older and has an equally desirable prize — a gold bar worth over **£30,000!** Instead of a book this time, an intricately designed £5 coin inspired by Sir Isaac Newton, Warden and then Master of the Mint from 1696-1727, holds the key to solving the puzzle. Learn more at:

[www.royalmint.com/shop/limited-edition/the-great-british-treasure-hunt/](https://www.royalmint.com/shop/limited-edition/the-great-british-treasure-hunt/)

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

The **MEGA RED** (10<sup>th</sup> edition) was released Feb. 26, 2026, and is available from Whitman or other online book sellers. It's available in both softcover and limited-edition numbered hardcover.



It's been a long wait, but John W. Dannreuther's *United States Proof Coins Volume III: Silver Part One* and *Part Two* have been released. Both are available for various online book sellers.

### Discoveries and interesting articles:

**How much gold is in an Olympic gold medal, and how much is it worth?**

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/winter-olympics-2026-gold-medal-prices/>

**You'd Be Surprised to See Where Many Olympians Keep Their Medals**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2026/02/15/world/europe/olympic-medals-sock-drawers.html>

**Olympic P.S.A.: Do Not Jump for Joy While Wearing Your Medal**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2026/02/09/sports/olympics-medals-broken-breezy-johnson.html>

**Fountain Fee Rome now charges visitors €2 to toss a coin into its famous Trevi Fountain**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cp89p41gr06o>

**Romanian Hospital Construction Turned Up A Staircase Into Ancient Roman Catacombs Containing 34 Graves**

<https://allthatsinteresting.com/romania-ancient-roman-necropolis>

**Ship of gold treasure hunter released from prison, but 500 gold coins remain unaccounted for**

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/ship-of-gold-treasure-hunter-released-from-prison-but-500-gold-coins-remain-unaccounted-for/ar-AA1XUMuY>

**Senior general found dead in Hungary the same day the Ukrainian cash convoy was seized**

<https://dailynewshungary.com/general-found-dead-hungary-ukraine-convoy/>

**Metal detectorist searching Gold Rush campsite uncovers 'extremely rare' relic: 'Such a buzz'**

<https://www.foxnews.com/travel/metal-detectorist-searching-gold-rush-campsite-uncovers-extremely-rare-relic-such-buzz>

**Coin used as bus fare was 2,000-year-old currency**

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/coin-used-as-bus-fare-was-2-000-year-old-currency/ar-AA1XLPHX>

**Archaeologists reveal major hoard of Imperial Russian gold**

<https://www.heritagedaily.com/2026/03/archaeologists-reveal-major-hoard-of-imperial-russian-gold/157279>

**Robbers Road and Sutlers' Scrip: Shopping with the Soldier**

<https://emergingcivilwar.com/2026/02/04/robbers-road-and-sutlers-scrip-shopping-with-the-soldier/>

**A volcano scorched hundreds of Roman scrolls – can AI recover their text?**

<https://www.understandingai.org/p/a-volcano-scorched-hundreds-of-roman>

**Excellent PBS documentary 'Deciphering The Ancient Herculaneum Scrolls':**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9z0SzSRAHTI>



↑ A funny story appeared "in text only" on the NGC board (<https://boards.ngccoin.com/topic/432078-stupid-coin-jokes-post-your-best-coin-jokes-if-there-are-any/>), and Judy Blackman used Gemini AI to create this poster to portray the joke.

## U.S. Mint 2026 Trump \$1 Coin Designs Advance in Federal Review

<https://www.coinnews.net/2026/02/27/us-mint-2026-trump-1-coin-designs-reviewed/>

## Russian Revolution gold coin hoard worth over \$500,000 discovered during house construction

<https://www.livescience.com/archaeology/russian-revolution-gold-coin-hoard-worth-over-usd500-000-discovered-during-house-construction>

## A Hidden Treasure From the Russian Revolution Was Just Discovered

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/us/news/a-cave-discovery-is-changing-what-we-know-about-early-human-hunting/articleshow/129502014.cms?from=mdr>

## World's largest late Roman hoard of 50,000 ancient coins discovered off Sardinia near Arzachena

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/rest-of-world/worlds-largest-late-roman-hoard-of-50000-ancient-coins-discovered-off-sardinia-near-arzachena/articleshow/127764917.cms>

## Excavations in ancient Roman Saepinum uncover a domus with advanced hydraulic technology and a Byzantine treasure

<https://www.labrujulaverde.com/en/2026/03/excavations-in-ancient-roman-saepinum-uncover-a-domus-with-advanced-hydraulic-technology-and-a-byzantine-treasure/>

## 39<sup>TH</sup> PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER'S INAUGURAL GOLD MEDAL

[Press Release: Brunk Auction, Provenance: The Estate of Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter]



Brunk Auction's 2026 Americana Auction, Lot 539 with an estimate of \$40,000-\$50,000USD, received 15 bids at auction with the closing bid hammered down on Feb. 25, 2026, for **\$130,000USD** (this does not include the Buyer's Premium). Lot description reads:

The Franklin Mint commissioned a Georgian, Julian H. Harris, to produce the obverse design of the medal. An initial draft featured the 39<sup>th</sup> President's full name: James Earl Carter. In the end, the committee preferred the more universally known, "Jimmy." The artist had considered showing the President with a wide, toothy smile. Ultimately, deciding instead to portray Carter deep in thought. Harris did not design the reverse of the medal, that was done by staff at the Franklin Mint. This is the official 1977 Presidential inaugural medal by Julian Hoke Harris, minted by The Franklin Mint, one of four produced in this oversized (70 mm diameter) format, weight 466 grams (over 14 oz. T. actual gold), edge marked 24kt (XRF tests closer to 23kt, a second analysis read 98.6% fineness), serial numbered "1", presented to President Carter by the Inaugural Committee; with original box. Condition: hairlines and abrasions to delicate proof surface; and some wear to outer box.



# NASHUA COIN CLUB, NH NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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

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\*DOB for \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_. \*DOB for \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

For Best Contact Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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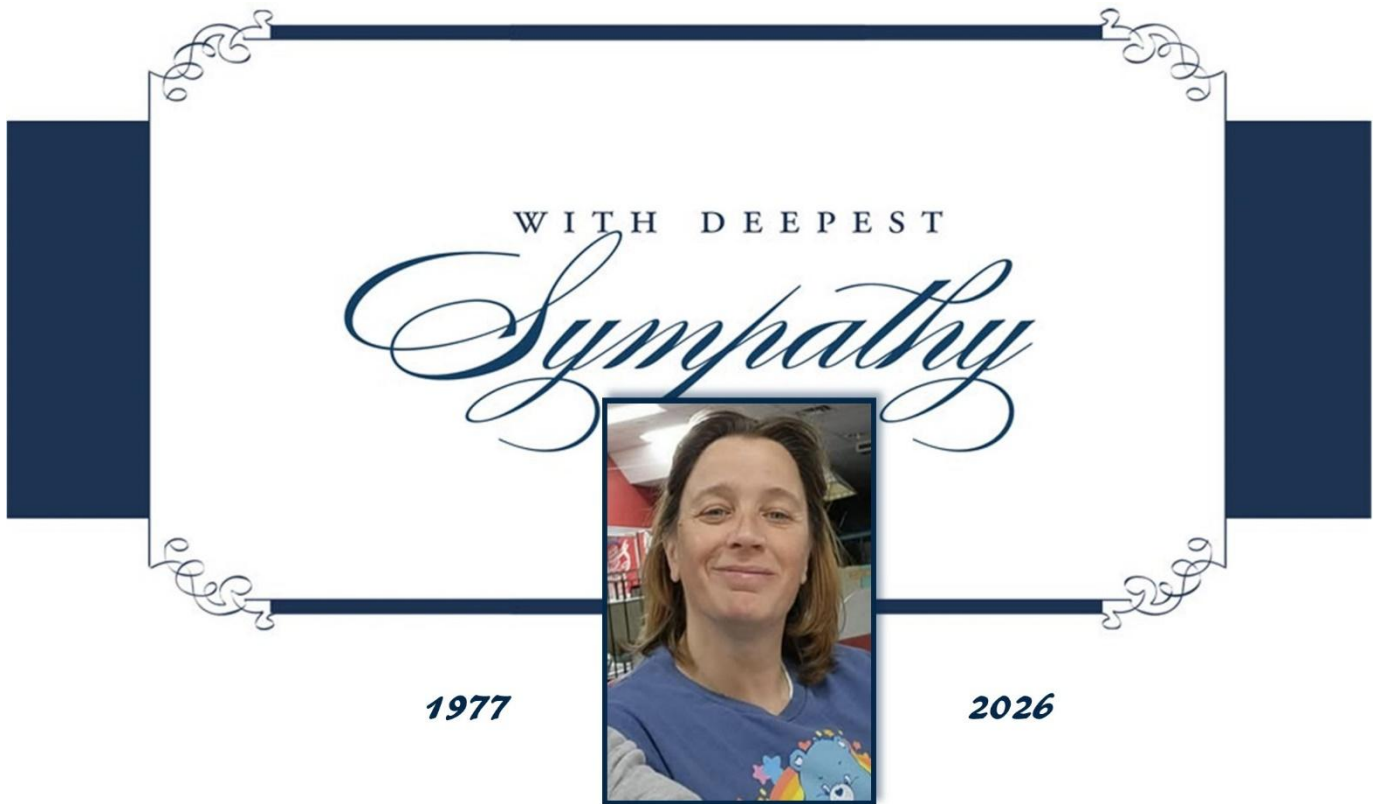
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Our deepest condolences to the Ouellette family (NCC President **Gerard “Jay”**, **Brandon** and NCC VP **Sam**) on the March 6<sup>th</sup> passing of **Krista Ann Ouellette**, loving wife and mother.

Contributions in Krista’s memory can be made to The Humane Society of Greater Nashua, 24 Ferry Road, Nashua, NH 03064 (<https://www.hsfh.org/donate-now/>).

This family photo previously appeared in the June 2022 issue of the Nashua Numismatist.



*Left to right: Krista, Brandon, Sam, and Jay*