



# MONEY TALKS

Presentations in Philadelphia cover a bevy of numismatic topics.

**M**ONEY TALKS are free 30- to 45-minute educational presentations by some of the hobby's most noted authorities. Programs are offered Thursday and Friday, August 16 and 17, in Room 121B at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

9 a.m.

### The Lure & Lore of Collecting Medals (Robert Fritsch)

Medals are a core element of numismatics, but, like comedian Rodney Dangerfield, they get no respect. This presentation will explain why medals are the fastest-growing genre in the hobby. Fritsch also will pass around examples from his personal collection.

*Bob Fritsch started collecting coins in 1968 while stationed in Japan with the U.S. Navy. During subsequent assignments in Germany, Scotland and Spain—along with several Mediterranean cruises—he added to his core collection of circulating coins from countries he visited.*

10 a.m.

### Cryptocurrency: Bitcoin (Joseph Gorman)

The Bitcoin phenomenon has been making headlines recently. This overview of the digital currency will include the history of Bitcoin, blockchain, darknet markets, speculation and pricing; the "Tulip Bulb" mania of 1637; and the legality of cryptocurrency. (**Note:** Mr. Gorman has never owned or traded Bitcoin. This presentation is for informational purposes only and is not an endorsement of cryptocurrencies.)

*Joe Gorman has collected for 25 years. In particular, he enjoys commemoratives, National Bank notes*

*and \$2 bills. Gorman is a member of the Delaware County Coin Club, Wilmington Coin Club and Chester County Currency Club. Prior to retiring in 2016, he was CFO of Neumann University for 9 years.*

11 a.m.

### 1793 U.S. Copper Coinage: Historic, Scarce & Desirable (Ron Shintaku)

This year marks the 225th anniversary of our nation's first regular federal coinage produced by the Philadelphia Mint. This lecture will provide a brief discussion of the 1793 designs, rarity/valuation and collecting strategies.

*Ron Shintaku is a 35+ year commercial pilot and has collected since grade school. He recently completed a collection of 1793 large cents by Sheldon variety.*

12 p.m.

### Philadelphia and Its Connection to the 1861-Dated Confederate Half Dollar & Cent (P. Scott Rubin)

The connection between coins struck for the Confederate States of America and the City of Philadelphia will be discussed. The story of the discovery of the Confederate cent in a tavern on Chestnut Street (not far from the location of this year's World's Fair of Money®) will be recounted, along with other Chestnut Street connections.

*P. Scott Rubin has been a coin collector for more than 60 years and has built one of the largest personal libraries of numismatic auction catalogs. He currently compiles and edits the "Top 250 Auction Records" for A GUIDE BOOK OF UNITED STATES COINS.*

1 p.m.

### Why Did They Do That? An In-depth Discussion of the

### Interaction between the CCAC, Congress and the United States Mint (Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee)

Take advantage of this rare opportunity to see the CCAC in action! The group will address the differing requirements for the 2018 World War I Centennial silver dollar, the 2017 Boys Town Centennial commemorative coin program and the 2018 Office of Strategic Services Congressional Gold Medal. The committee will discuss its approach to recommending motifs for these programs.

*Established by Congress in 2003 (Public Law 108-15), the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee consists of 11 appointed members who advise the Secretary of the Treasury on themes and designs for all coins and medals produced by the U.S. Mint.*

3 p.m.

### Meet the Experts: A Symposium on the Why, What & How to Collect Tokens & Medals (Q. David Bowers, Steve Hayden, Fred Holabird, Neil Musante & David Schenkman, moderated by Susan Trask)

Attendees will have the opportunity to ask an expert panel questions about tokens, medals and exonomia, and topics such as grading, market activity, rarities, history and more!

*Q. David Bowers is the author of more than 50 numismatic books and a contributor to hundreds more. He regularly writes for COIN WORLD and THE NUMISMATIST.*

*Steve Hayden is a well-known dealer, cataloger and auctioneer of tokens and medals. Hayden was a major contributor to the 3rd edition of CIVIL WAR STORE CARDS and is a co-editor of the 6th edition of CIVIL WAR PATRIOTIC TOKENS.*

Fred N. Holabird is the proprietor of Holabird Western Americana Collections, LLC. He is a frequent contributor to the ANA Maynard Sundman/Littleton Coin Company Lecture Series.

Neil Musante is a longtime collector and sometime dealer of tokens, medals and rare books. He is the editor of *THE MCA ADVISORY* and has written two numismatic books.

David Schenkman joined the ANA in 1962. He is the author of nine books and hundreds of articles, and writes the monthly "Tokens & Medals" column for *THE NUMISMATIST*.

Susan Trask is president of the Civil War Token Society and co-editor of the newly published 6th edition of *CIVIL WAR PATRIOTIC TOKENS*.

#### 4 p.m.

##### **eBay for the Coin Collector (David Schwager)**

Schwager will give a balanced view of how collectors can use (or not use) eBay to their advantage, and of the website's place in our hobby.

David Schwager regularly writes for several numismatic publications. His first book, *SAMPLE SLABS*, was published in 2015 and is in its 2nd edition. Schwager is president of the Orange County (California) Coin Club.

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 17**

#### 9 a.m.

##### **World Coins Minted in the United States (Kenny Sammut)**

On August 29, 1874, Congress permitted the U.S. Mint to make coins for other nations. More than 1,000 different specimens for over 40 countries were struck from 1875 to 1984. This presentation will discuss some background information, various compositions and mintages for a number of notable coins.

Sixteen-year-old Kenny Sammut has collected for the past 8 years. He created and manages the "Numismatics with Kenny" YouTube channel, as well as a blog and Twitter account of the same name. He has several thousand followers around the world.

#### 10 a.m.

##### **10 (or So) Trends That Are Shaping Coin Collecting Today (Steve Roach)**

In this interactive presentation, Steve

Roach will lead a discussion about some of the biggest trends in coin collecting right now and how the rare coins that make news today might impact how we collect tomorrow.

Steve Roach is editor-at-large for *COIN WORLD*, the world's largest hobby publication.

#### 11 a.m.

##### **The Many (and New) Treasures of the SS Central America: Revelations & Stories from the 2014 Recoveries (Bob Evans)**

Bob Evans will discuss and show many treasures found during the 2014 expedition of the shipwreck, including 45 gold ingots, more than 3,100 gold coins, and over 10,000 silver coins, including the money of day-to-day commerce in the Gold Rush era.

Bob Evans is the co-discoverer of the shipwreck site of the SS *CENTRAL AMERICA*, which sank in 1857 with the greatest lost treasure in U.S. history. He was chief scientist and historian during the recovery efforts in 1988-91 and returned in 2014 as chief scientist of a new expedition.

#### 12 p.m.

##### **Parthia: The Forgotten Empire (Douglas Mudd)**

Located at the crossroads between East and West, Parthia controlled ancient Mesopotamia (including modern-day Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan) for more than 400 years but today is nearly forgotten. Learn about the only major civilized power that stood up to Rome, and its history from the 1st century B.C. to the 3rd century A.D.

Douglas Mudd is curator of the ANA Edward C. Rochette Money Museum and former collection manager for the National Numismatic Collection in the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History.

#### 1 p.m.

##### **The Numismatic Future with the Newman Numismatic Portal (Len Augsburger)**

Len Augsburger will provide an overview of the Newman Numismatic Portal (NNP, [newmanportal.org](http://newmanportal.org)), the largest online library dedicated to U.S. numismatics. He will discuss future content, recently added features and highlights from the current collection.

Len Augsburger serves as project coordinator for the NNP at Washington University in St. Louis. He has won three "Book of the Year" awards from the Numismatic Literary Guild.

#### 2 p.m.

##### **Coin Preservation, Storage & Safety (Scott Travers)**

The world is a dangerous place for coins. Hazards lurk in the air, in storage containers and on fingertips, and can lead to damage. This talk will explain how to guard against such risks.

Scott A. Travers is author of *THE COIN COLLECTOR'S SURVIVAL MANUAL* and other award-winning books. He is a former ANA vice president (1997-99) and received the ANA Presidential Award in 2003.

#### 3 p.m.

##### **Strategies to Dispose of Your Collection (Rod Gillis)**

Many hobbyists don't know what will become of their collections after they die. Often, their spouses and/or children are not familiar (nor interested) in numismatics. Collectors who don't have a plan in place leave behind a confusing mess. This presentation will offer strategies for disposing of a collection, including tips for selling and helping heirs liquidate their holdings.

ANA Education Director Rod Gillis creates videos and activities for the Association's website; teaches a course for educators called "Coins in the Classroom"; develops workshops and educational programs; and works with young numismatists.

#### 4 p.m.

##### **Fascinating New Discoveries regarding Father-Son Mint Engravers William & Charles Barber (John Frost)**

The Barbers were chief engravers for the U.S. Mint for 48 years. Recent research and visits with their descendants have uncovered startling new information that will forever change how we view their legacy. These landmark discoveries will give underappreciated William his due respect and cast son Charles in a new light.

Numismatist John Frost is president of the Barber Coin Collectors' Society and director of education for the Liberty Seated Collectors Club. ■