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DR Program Overhaul

by Phil Vitale

District Representatives (DRs) provide an essential link between clubs and the ANA. The program is a volunteer effort managed by volunteers. DRs provide services in the form of outreach packages for shows, information on educational opportunities, YN supplies, lesson plans and membership services. They also attend club coin shows and provide ANA information. ANA President Tom Uram appointed Phil Vitale as the ANA outreach programs coordinator at the August 2023 World's Fair of Money®. This position manages the DR program and coordinates membership activities.

Over the past several years, the DR program effectiveness has eroded due to personnel shifts, the COVID pandemic, and reliance on the ANA staff that was engaged in higher priorities. The effect has been to lose touch with the 80-plus DRs. We were unable to tell which DRs were still active, which clubs were supported, and which clubs were not. Phil has been having DR meetings around the country to re-establish communications and understand what may be limiting program effectiveness.

Our immediate objective is to make the DR job easier. We are looking at processes to streamline and perhaps eliminate. Thus far we have eliminated quarterly reporting, are providing name tags and business cards, and, as a result of a generous donation by Dr. Mike Fuljenz, will be offering ANA tablecloths for DRs to use at club coin shows. We hope to limit the number of clubs supported by a DR to four and look to support some "missionary" work to non-ANA clubs in the future. Another objective will be to re-establish the club representative approach to enable DRs to pass information more effectively. We are also looking to provide DRs with short presentations to use with clubs to enhance recruiting and keep members up to speed with ongoing and new initiatives.

Summer Seminar is Filling up Fast!

The best learning experience in numismatics returns again this summer. The American Numismatic Association's Summer Seminar, slated for June 16-19 (session 1) and June 23-26 (session 2), features classes to suit virtually every collector's needs, led by instructors who are rec-

ognized leaders in their fields. Held in beautiful Colorado Springs, Colo., on the campus of Colorado College adjacent to the ANA, this year's program offers 35 classes, optional tours, mini-seminars, lectures and special events. Lodging and meal plan options allow attendees to customize their experience.

To view a full list of courses, tours and session schedules, or register to attend, visit money.org/summer-seminar. Many classes are already filling up, so be sure to register today!

For questions or for more information, contact seminars@money.org or call (719) 482-9848.

Explore, Study, and Connect with ANA Seminars

Attend the ANA seminar Counterfeit Detection: Classic Fakes & Chinese-Made Counterfeits, August 4-5, 2024, in conjunction with the Chicago World's Fair of Money®, August 6-10, 2024.

Taught by Brian Silliman, this class will feature one of the largest collections of Chinese-made counterfeits of United States colonials, coins, tokens, bullion and bars. Hundreds of never before seen, recently made examples will be available to examine along with the ANA's Counterfeit Detection set of older and highly deceptive fakes. This seminar will teach counterfeit detection of Key Date and Mintmarked coins, U.S. gold coins, and the latest wave of deceptive Chinese-made counterfeits. There will be both digital presentation and extensive hands-on coin examination.

Location: Hyatt Regency O'Hare, 9300 Bryn Mawr Ave., Rosemont, IL

Time: August 4-5, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Cost: \$250 for ANA members, \$350 for non-members

Register to attend at WorldsFairOfMoney.com.

The deadline to register is July 12, 2024. For questions or more information, call (719) 482-9848 or email seminars@money.org.

Exquisite Rarities on Display at the 2024 World’s Fair of Money® in Chicago

The ANA’s Edward C. Rochette Money Museum will feature rare and historic items during the World’s Fair of Money, Aug. 6-10, in Rosemont, Ill. Exhibits will comprise numismatic treasures from the museum collection and from private collections. Here are some of the exhibits you can expect to see this year:

- **Two Extraordinarily Rare U.S. Pattern Sets from the Black Cat Collection** – this includes the only remaining complete 16-coin 1868 Aluminum Die Trial Proof Set (the only set still intact) and the complete proof set of 1882 Liberty Head Shield Earring coins in copper and silver.



- **1913 Liberty Head Nickel** – no one is sure how or why the five known 1913 pieces were produced. Over the years, the “fab five” have become some of the world’s most valuable coins and have consistently been among the price leaders in the numismatic market.



- **The First U.S. Cents** – Starting with the Fugio cents of 1787, this exhibit features the first cents produced for the United States, all from the 18th century. These rare early coins illustrate the evolution of the earliest images of Liberty on American coins. The objects from this exhibit have been generously loaned by Ron Firman.



- **Bank of United States Notes** – Highlights from a recent donation to the Edward C. Rochette Money Museum by ANA Life Members John and Nancy Wilson of Bank of the United States obsolete banknotes. This extensive collection includes checks signed by President Andrew Jackson and General Winfield Scott.



- **Parthia; The Forgotten Empire** – Parthia was one of the great empires of the Middle East – centered on modern Iran and Iraq – and the only civilized empire that managed not only to survive contact with the expanding Roman Empire but even defeat it on multiple occasions. Yet it is largely neglected in the history books despite almost 500 years of existence and having a long numismatic history.



This is just a handful of the exhibits that will be on display as part of the museum showcase. Learn more at <https://www.money.org/worldsfairmoney-museum-showcase/>.

Your Gateway to a World of Numismatic Knowledge is Here

Whether you're a novice enthusiast eager to learn the basics or a seasoned collector seeking advanced insights, the ANA eLearning Academy should be your go-to resource.

Register at money.org/education for access to this exclusive member benefit, which launched April 29.

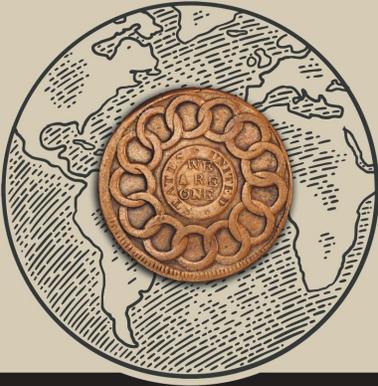
Here's what you can expect with the new and improved Academy:

- Aristotle's Vault, an online video series designed to provide highlights of courses offered at Summer Seminar. Included to start will be the courses *Advanced U.S. Coin Grading* and *Problem Coins*
- NumismaTalks and eLearning Archive – with access to a variety of webinars and videos
- Learning continuum for students grades K-5, 6-8, and 9-12
- Updated first course of the Numismatic Diploma Program, *Introduction to Numismatics*, available entirely online

Learn more about the ANA eLearning Academy at money.org/education.



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News from Around the Country

Alabama

Madison County Coin Club

by Richard Jozefiak, analmrj@gmail.com
 ANA District Representative for AL and GA

See <http://mccc.anaclubs.org>.

The Madison County Coin Club (Huntsville, Ala.) released its 2024 club medals in February. The medals were produced by Daniel Carr of the Moonlight Mint of Loveland, Col. Thirty-five silver medals and 50 copper medals were produced. All silver medals have a serial number on the edge.



Obverse design shown on MCCC 2024 silver medal and reverse design shown on copper medal. All medals are 39mm. (Photo by Richard Jozefiak.)

Arizona

Tucson Coin Club

by William Myers, wjmhands@hotmail.com

The Tucson Coin Club will be holding a coin show on Sunday, July 21, at the Tucson Woman’s Club, 6245 East Bellevue St., Tucson, Ariz., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission and parking are free, and there will be 35 tables of dealers with U.S. and world coins and paper money, tokens, medals, bullion and supplies.

Visit www.tucsoncoinclub.com for more information about this and upcoming club events.

California

Covina Coin Club

by Dennis Rocklein, drocklein@gmail.com

At the club’s February 21 meeting, new speaker Rich Adams (who is a club member) gave a presentation on “The Golden Standard: A brief historical overview of the silver-to-gold ratio.”

At the club’s April 17 meeting, members and guests were invited to “hear a mystery speaker!”

Hemet, Calif.

by Philip L. DeAugustino, Volunteer Representative



Photos: **Philip L. DeAugustino** at Hemet High School in Hemet, Calif, talking to students about coins and coin collecting.

Philip has been a volunteer representative since 2017, when he started setting up coin displays at local high schools. He spends four days at each school speaking to the students about coin collecting and answering questions about items in his collection. Philip has been collecting since 1998.

Numismatic Association of Southern California

by Walt Ostromecki

The NASC and the ANA are jointly proud to announce that the first Lone Scout with learning disabilities has, after a little over two months, completed the BSA Coin Collecting Merit Badge (CCMB) via the ANA’s eLearning virtual online course with counselor Ostromecki.

Scout Andrew K. from Troop 2131, Arcadia, Calif., along with his patient counselor and the coaching support of his mother Nancy beside him, over Skype, became the first scout to do so!

His counselor mailed his completed and signed Blue Card Application for the CCMB on Feb. 15. The NASC supplied him with many U.S. coins, from cents to dollars, plus a filled Whitman CCMB coin folder. The ANA provided him with a free one-year membership with paper copies of *The Numismatist*, which the NASC endowed yearly thereafter until the age of 19.

“Andrew was overjoyed with tears when he received his signed CCMB Blue Card and all the numismatic hobby starter coins,” his mom stated. He looked over them all and put the coin-filled Whitman folder on his nightstand next to his bed. He sent the hand-drawn thank you card pictured below to Walt, who will treasure it forever!



The ANA's CCMB virtual online eLearning course works especially with the assistance and guidance of a patient seasoned numismatic hobbyist and professional educator ... especially when it comes to helping scouts with special needs obtain a merit badge.

ANA Education Director Christian Strayhorn commented in an email as follows: "This is amazing news! Thank you so much for your work in this program. Like you said, reaching those [scouts, et.al.] who may otherwise be limited in their opportunities is vital."

Northern California

by Michael S. Turrini, EMPERORI@juno.com

Redwood Empire (Santa Rosa) Coin Club

The club held its annual coin show in February and commemorated the club's milestone Diamond Jubilee, 1949-2024, including a wood issue, advertising mirror, and medals. (See the previous *MintMark* issue for the medals.) The show's printed program contains a summary of the club's eight decades, along with its wood issues and medal issues. Also, all charter members and all past presidents were listed. The club has attendance approaching 100, with over 300 members. Much of the success and progress is traced to the three decades leadership of President Merle V. Avila, who has held the helm since 1994. Merle is a nationally known exonomia specialist and respected Sonoma County local historian. Contacts can be mailed to: 5850 Commerce Blvd., Suite 100, Rohnert Park, CA 94928-1621.

Website: redwoodempirecoinclub.com

e-mail: newsletter@redwoodempirecoinclub.com

Vallejo Numismatic Society

The organization has scheduled a 'June-Luau Celebration' for Sunday, June 30, at the Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador, between Florida and Georgia, in Vallejo, Calif., for the society's Platinum Jubilee, 1954-2024. This lunch/brunch will include gold in the raffle drawing, keepsakes, commemorative casino chips, a \$1 crisp uncirculated Star Note to each attendee, and much more, plus no speeches. Attire is 'Hawaiian/Island Style.' A sample slab is being arranged, too. Contacts can be mailed to: PO Box 4281, Vallejo, CA 94590-0428. Sign-ups can be placed via lchanfizz@aol.com or by calling (707) 372-2982. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Updates from former members would be welcomed.

Vallejo and the Fairfield Coin Club

The clubs announce that their Joint Xmas Party is confirmed for Saturday, Dec. 14, at its regular venue, the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, in downtown, Vallejo, Calif. Another festive and fun gathering with emphasis on fellowship is being planned. These annual parties have attracted attendance from around northern California as well as prominent national numismatists. Updates at www.solanocoinclub.com.

CSNA/NCNA Joint Forum

The California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) and the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) have again united in a cooperative effort with their Joint Forum on Saturday, Nov. 16, also at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum. This is an all-day educational event, and it is open to all. The Joint Forum is proud to announce that the 2024 presenters are Tom Uram (ANA president), Bill O'Brien (Royal Canadian Numismatic Association president), Pat Carpenter (from the Sacramento Valley Coin Club), and Jeff Shevlin and Bill Hyder (exonomia scholars and authors).

Exact titles and topics are pending. The CSNA/NCNA Joint Forum is a free event and will have free keepsakes and a simple on-site lunch service. Further updates will be published in the *MintMark*.

Woman Speaking In Canada

The Vallejo Numismatic Society, Fairfield Coin Club, Diablo Numismatic Society, along with the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) are proud to share that Maria E. Stillwagon, a member of the four, has been invited to address events in Canada. The first was in April at the Educational Symposium of the Nickle Museum and University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, with a topic *War Invasion Currencies*, and the second is the educational program during the RCNA convention in Boucherville, Quebec, this July. Her topic is *Women In Numismatics*. Maria commenced her numismatic adventure 12 years ago with initial service as treasurer and director with the Diablo (Concord/Walnut Creek, Calif.) Numismatic Society.

CSNA Library

Traced to the founding of CSNA, back in the late 1940s, the association has maintained a large numismatic library. Disrupted by the pandemic, the library has now evolved into a research facility. Over the past several years, donations have increased its holdings, adding many specialized references. Due to an access issue, it is not currently available; however, the library should be open soon, by appointment, for research and reading; it is housed in the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, rent free, in downtown Vallejo, Calif. Inquiries can be emailed to EMPERORI@juno.com.

Florida

Ocala Coin Club

by John and Nancy Wilson, ANA National Volunteers

Website: www.ocalacoinclub.com

The Ocala Coin Club (OCC) held its 40th Annual Coin Show at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion Auditorium, 2232 NE Jacksonville Road, Ocala, Fla., Feb. 1-3. This site was used by the coin club because no local hotel was available. The Southeastern Livestock

Pavilion Auditorium proved to be a very nice location, with a well-lit convention hall, free parking and an added benefit of security provided by the Ocala Police Department. Food and refreshments were provided by food trucks making daily appearances.

This club held a great convention for the dealers and public. The convention had no admission charge. Everyone who attended received souvenir wooden money and elongated coins. They also registered to get information on next year's show. The literature table had many giveaways which the public took advantage of. Registration was handled by club members, many of whom also helped with setup and breakdown. An hourly door prize drawing was also held and winners received a silver round. YNs who attended received very nice coins from the OCC.

The show had a sold-out bourse of 36 dealers at 62 tables. In the hall, just outside the bourse, coin grading service ANACS had a table, along with a supply dealer. The ANA table was also in this area. Registered attendance for the three-day event was 379. Like last year attendance was slow for the first two days but very busy on Saturday. Some of the dealers mentioned to us they had a good show and were looking forward to next year's event.

As national volunteers, along with being club members, we represented the ANA. We want to thank General Chair Wade Harrell, President Richard Selvar, and the Ocala Coin Club officers and members for the free ANA table. With gold (digital) ANA membership reduced to \$5 we were able to sign up 19 new or renewing members. We also gave out copies of *The Numismatist*, other coin literature, and coin books along with other numismatic items from the ANA or our collection. We received a \$25 donation from OCC and ANA member Gary Melby for the shipment of the coin show kit. The Ocala Coin Club received its 50 year membership award several years ago. We look forward to next year's Ocala Coin Club show which will be held at this same location, Jan. 30 through Feb. 1, 2025.

Tallahassee Numismatic Club

by James Garcia, earlyus@yahoo.com

The club normally meets the second Wednesday of each month, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Leroy Collins Main Library, 200 W Park Ave., Tallahassee, Fla.

Website: <http://tallahasseeclub.blogspot.com/>.

The Tallahassee Stamp & Coin Show was held Mar. 23-24 at the Senior Citizens Center, 1400 N. Monroe St., from 10 to 5, with free admission. Contact: Dr. Tom Ahlfeld, ph. (850) 926-2939 or email teashark@centurylink.net.

Some persons involved with the show were interviewed in advance, and an audio file of the interview is available from James Garcia.

Georgia

by Richard Jozefiak, analmrj@gmail.com
ANA District Representative for AL and GA

Classic City Coin Club (Athens, GA)

For National Coin Week, the Classic City Coin Club held an essay contest for 9th-12th grade students at schools in a number of counties around Athens. Completed essays were due no later than April 10. The winners were announced during the week of April 21. Essays were to be 500 words or less and the topic was:

“The Buffalo Nickel was minted in the United States from 1913 to 1938. What do you consider to be the most significant event affecting the United States during that time period and why? Please include one or more quotes from at least one written, published reference to support your answer.”

Prizes donated by coin dealer members were:

First Place: one-tenth Gold Eagle coin

Second Place: one-ounce Silver Eagle coin

Third Place: silver proof Eisenhower Dollar in brown box

All contestants received a one-year YN membership to the club and a 2025 edition of “*A Guide Book of United States Coins*” (Red Book).

Georgia Numismatic Association (GNA)

The Georgia Numismatic Association held its 60th Anniversary Show, April 19-21, at the Dalton Convention Center in Dalton, Ga. This is one of the largest coin shows in the southeast, and over 500 dealers were expected to attend the show. The GNA donated a table to the ANA for use as a membership table.

The GNA is one of the host clubs for the 2025 ANA National Money Show® to be held at The Cobb Galleria Centre in Atlanta.

Metropolitan Coin Club of Atlanta

(Also submitted by Donna Nuñez, ANA Executive Assistant)

Numismatic expert Bill Fivaz celebrated his 90th birthday with the Metropolitan Coin Club of Atlanta, during a special event held at the Feb. 17 meeting in Dunwoody, Ga.

The club honored Bill Fivaz with a large party. About 60 people attended, wishing Bill a very happy birthday. Bill Fivaz is co-author of *The Cherrypickers' Guide to Rare Die Varieties* series. Bill has received the ANA's 1995 Farren Zerbe Memorial Award and the 2001 Numismatist of the Year award.

See “Iconic Numismatist Bill Fivaz Honored on his 90th Birthday by MCCA” (greysheet.com).

See photo of Bill and his wife on the next page.



Bill Fivaz with his wife Marilyn Fivaz.
(Photo by Richard Jozefiak.)

Mountain Coin Club (Blairsville, GA)

The club held an awards presentation at its Feb. 13 meeting. Dr. Nancy Kelly presented an engraved silver trophy cup to 2023 club trivia contest winner John Morris.



John Morris (L) receiving silver trophy cup from Dr. Nancy Kelly. (Photo by Richard Jozefiak.)

Illinois

Elgin Coin Club

by Howard Curtis, club president

The club held its spring coin show on Sunday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Holiday Inn, 495 Airport Rd., Elgin, Ill., with 50 or more dealer tables. The general admission charge was only \$2.

Club website: <https://www.elgincoinclub.com>

CoinZip coin show listing:

<http://www.coinzip.com/elgin-coin-club-coin-show>

Maryland

by Simcha Kuritzky

The Maryland State Numismatic Association (MSNA) and the Montgomery County (Maryland) Coin Club donated funds to allow the Gaithersburg Community Museum to purchase a First National Bank of Gaithersburg \$10 note for their exhibit on local banking. The photo below shows President Ken Swab (wearing the jacket) presenting the check to the museum staff. MSNA has also agreed to place an exhibit of Maryland colonial paper money in the museum for National Coin Week and a month after that.



Michigan

Huron Valley Numismatic Society (Highland, MI)

Al Raddi, Chair, alraddi@aol.com. (248) 505-3690

Info: <http://hvns.org/>

Meetings

At the January meeting of the Huron Valley Numismatic Society (HVNS), member Mike Scott gave a nicely illustrated and fact-filled presentation on “Colonial and Continental Currency.”

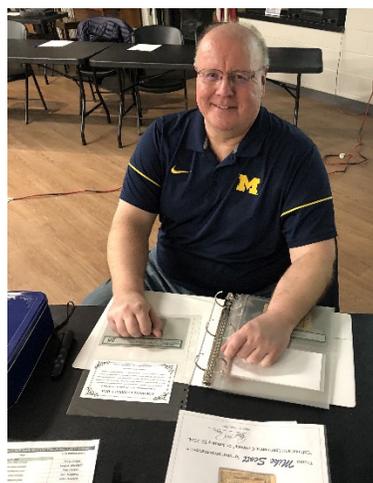


Photo: HVNS member **Mike Scott** presenting on “Colonial and Continental Currency.”

At the club’s February meeting, members watched an ANA recorded online seminar by Dennis Tucker titled “Cherrypicking in 2023 and Beyond.” And, at the March HVNS meeting, Mike Abramson of Duluth, Minn., gave a fascinating Zoom presentation based on his new book *Special Serial Numbered Banknotes*.

Events

At its October 2023 meeting, HVNS celebrated its 15th Anniversary with cupcakes, sparkling beverages and a commemorative event cover for each member.

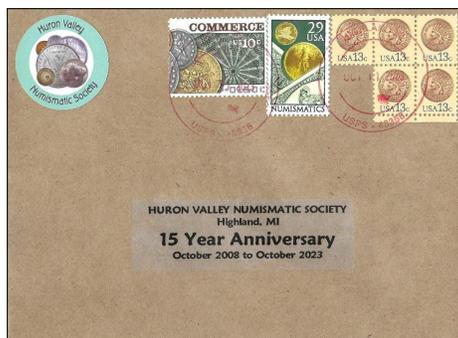


Photo: HVNS 15th Anniversary event cover.

On Oct. 28, 2023, HVNS had a 25-table local coin show at the Highland Activity Center. And in December, the club had its annual holiday dinner for members and their families at Duke’s Restaurant in Highland, Mich., and elected 2024 officers and board members.

Note: 2023 club information was omitted from the last *MintMark* by mistake.

On March 14, HVNS put on an Appraisal Night at the public library in Commerce Township, Mich. Forty-eight people turned out to have their bags and boxes of inherited and accumulated coins appraised at no charge. The 12 HVNS members doing the appraising saw a lot of well-worn common date Indian Head Cents and nickels, uncirculated 1964 Kennedy Half Dollars and private mint QVC purchases. But they also saw some interesting gold coins, including an About Uncirculated 1913 Indian Head Half Eagle and a counterfeit California fractional gold coin, some Prussian silver coins and a few rarities such as a very nice 1912-S Barber Half Dollar and a good 1794 large cent.



Photo: HVNS members **Chuck Sharpe** and **Dave Cross** (left) appraising coins for a mother and son.

Nevada

Las Vegas Numismatic Society

by Joe Cavallero, President

Over the past three months the LVNS membership has grown by 45 members, which includes seven actively involved youngsters. We have one of the largest cores of youth of all ages who participate not only in the collecting aspect but as articulate and interesting educational program speakers on assorted topics.

One of the most fascinating was recently given at our January meeting by Angie Muller (a very mature, energetic, and knowledgeable nine-year-old) the daughter of adult member Bob Muller. The presentation was in honor of the Super Bowl and about football and numismatics. The highlight of the talk was when Angie taught and showed us how to throw a football properly! Her skill was amazing and received a standing ovation!

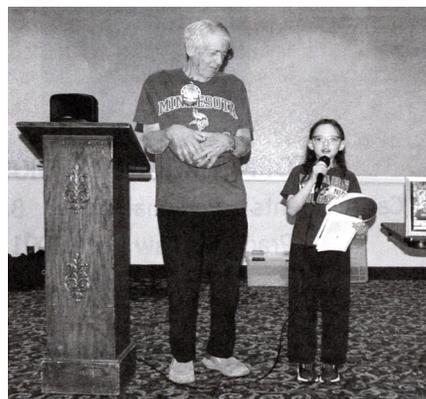


Photo of **Angie Muller** at right with her football dad at her side during talk before the LVNS at the February meeting.

Our club is a monthly financial supporter of the ANA.

We raise funds for and send two of our teenage youth to the ANA’s Summer Seminar each year. More clubs should consider doing similar fundraising or using available ANA scholarships as an outreach education event since it enhances hobby knowledge, youth hobby comrades nationwide, and helps ensure future hobby base grows—and club membership too.

At our December 2023 Christmas party event our special friend and ANA Past President Walter Ostromecki was feted during the after-dinner program. He has graciously overseen our thrice yearly coin show’s youth and family program activities since 2011. He agreed to do this again at our April 5-7 show, held at the Tuscan Suites and Casino in Las Vegas.

Our February newsletter featured an interesting article, “FIRSTS FOR COMMEMORATIVES,” by Coin Crazy Columnist, Bob Held. It began with the 1848 quarter eagle “CAL” through a series of U.S. Mint 21st Century creative commemorative issues and concluded with some low mintage .999 silver issues and the rare 24K gold \$5 Boys Town business strikes with a mintage of 2,947. How many of you out there in coin hobby land have one?

New Hampshire

Nashua Coin Club

by Kevin Winn, secretary (email below)

Hello and Happy New Year from the Nashua Coin Club in Nashua, New Hampshire!

There were 21 members and guests in attendance at our January meeting at the Nashua Public Library and on Zoom.

There was one new member at the meeting. Young Numismatist Zach E. joined the club. His father stayed as a guest. Welcome to the club, Zach!

The first order of business was the annual election of officers. Two members have stepped up to take positions on our executive committee. Jay Ouellette is now the new president of the Nashua Coin Club, replacing Bill Roberts. And Past President Cliff Lo Verme is now one of our three vice presidents, replacing the late Ricky Mullin. Thank you, Jay and Cliff, for your commitment to our club. Also applauded was outgoing President Bill Roberts for his outstanding job during his tenure in office. The full slate of our officers for 2024 is as follows:

President: Jay Ouellette

Vice-President: Joe Casazza

Vice-President: Sam Ouellette

Vice-President: Cliff Lo Verme

Director: Bob Fritsch

Secretary: Kevin Winn

Treasurer: Rick Marais

Editor: Judy Blackman

Proofreaders: Bill Seldon, Bob Fritsch, and Kevin Winn

Our “Coin of the Month” for January was “20th Century Art Medals.”



Bob Fritsch passed around some huge brass medals (shown above) commemorating Pro Vita, Pandora, Perseverance and Dedication, and Children – Hope of the World. There were many other medals which filled the evening from multiple members.

We had good attendance at our February meeting. There were 20 members at the library and three more on Zoom. We had one new member who actually

joined in 2023 but this was his first meeting in person. Welcome to the club, Steve G.

Our “Coin of the Month” was “numismatic items which celebrate Black History Month (February) or African Americans in general.” We saw some wonderful commemoratives with interesting discussions.

Crispus Attucks was featured on a 1998-S Proof Silver Dollar. He was considered the first person killed in the American Revolution. This happened in 1770 during the Boston Massacre. We also saw coins celebrating George Washington Carver and Booker T. Washington, two more black American heroes.

We talked about the upcoming Manchester (NH) Coin and Currency Expo (March 29-30) and seven different members volunteered to help at the club table.

At the March meeting there were 22 members and one guest in attendance; 17 members in the library, and five members and one guest on Zoom. We handed out a box of badges, pens, brochures, and coins from the ANA celebrating the 100th anniversary of National Coin Week. This year’s theme is “A hobby for a changing world – 100 years and counting.”

We welcomed one new member on Zoom, Thomas H., and he quickly joined in on the discussions. Welcome to the club, Tom!

Our “Coin of the Month” for March was “Women on coins or any numismatic items.” Members brought in real representations such as Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II, Harriet Tubman on the 2024 Commemorative Silver Dollar, Evita Peron on a note from Argentina, and symbolic women on coins such as Lady Liberty on many different U.S. coins and “Marianne” on many French coins.

Dan Viens passed around a series 2021 U.S. Federal Reserve Note which has two female signatures for Secretary of the Treasury (Janet Yellen) and Treasurer of the U.S. (Lynn Roberge Malerba).

We also saw some great items at show and tell and talked about our monthly newsletter, *The Nashua Numismatist*, with many wonderful articles from a variety of NCC members.

Upcoming “Coin of the Month” topics include:

- April 2024 – Coins and Banknotes denominated with a “1”
- May 2024 – Modern Commemorative Coins – 1982 to present
- June 2024 – Coins with non-coin design features (like stamps, jewels, stones, mechanical parts) or coins with non-coin shapes
- July 2024 – Bridges and monuments on coins, medals, and notes
- August 2024 – Saints or Religious Figures on any numismatic item
- September 2024 – Ancient coins or any numismatic item before 1500 A.D.

If you would like to join the Nashua Coin Club on Zoom on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. ET, email Kevin Winn, nashuacoinclub@gmail.com, for the details.

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists (PAN)

The annual PAN Spring Coin Show will be held May 16-18 at the Monroeville Convention Center, 209 Mall Blvd., Monroeville, Pa.

PAN shows feature nearly 200 dealers from all parts of the country converging to offer a wide variety of numismatic material.

Website: <https://pancoins.org>.

Texas

International Coin Club of El Paso

by Jason Ewell and Walt Ostromecki

The 60th Annual International Coin Club of El Paso, Texas, coin show (held Feb. 23-25), went down in the club's history books as a great hit! Over 975 individuals attended, including 83 youth with families, many of whom were first-time attendees, according to Jason Ewell, club president and show chairman.

As to the 2024 phenomenal record attendance, President Ewell commented: "We increased our dealer bourse three-fold to 60-plus dealers with over 100 tables and added another first—an ANACS on-site booth. We heavily invested in advertising this year's event and special youth activities online through numerous social media outlets and platforms which paid off handsomely!"

Jason added, "the bourse floor business was non-stop action all three days, with overall dealer sales far exceeding expectations. Dealer Roger of Zia Enterprises, commented that his Friday sales alone paid for all his show and travel expenses ... with Saturday and Sunday revenues being a big bonus, just pure gravy!"

On the youth outreach activities, Jason noted, "we were again honored and grateful to have ANA Past President and youth activities guru-educator Walt Ostromecki on-site again to handle 'THE YOUTH AND FAMILY COIN EXPERIENCE HANDS-ON LEARNING ZONE,' which featured numerous exciting numismatic learning experiences, along with a twelve-stop Coin Treasure Trivia Hunt. He comes at his own expense and provides all the coin hunt treasures as a means of giving back to our beloved hobby and attracting current non-collector youngsters, families and adults into our fraternity and local coin club."

"Ostromecki's coin hunt program is both designed as a fun and exciting learning activity for kids to spark their interest in the coin hobby, while building a starter coin collection or adding to one," said Jason. "He accomplishes this numismatic feat by attaching coins in '2x2s' to information cards. Some examples all youth went home with include: a WWII 35% silver nickel; a silver Mercury Dime; an Ike Dollar; and the latest 2024 -P American Women Quarter Series. A record 83 youth completed the 2024 Treasure Hunt."

"The other youth-focused event at the show on Saturday was our club's sponsored annual youth auction which was well attended by over 50 youngsters, which included nine cub scouts. A total of 71 lots were eagerly grabbed up by bidders given scrip," concluded Jason.

The show also had twelve educational exhibits on various collecting interests. The public did all the voting for first, second and third place displays. First place by a hair went to Rod Frechette of the Albuquerque Coin Club—ANA's 2022 Numismatist of the Year.

The International Coin Club of El Paso, Texas can be reached via email through President Jason Ewell at: iccoep1963@gmail.com. Their 61st Annual Coin Show is slated for February 2025 at the El Maida Shrine Hall, El Paso, Texas.



Photo: Three youth on a Treasure Trivia Coin Hunt activity to assemble a beginner coin collection answer a trivia question and receive their coin treasure at the 2024 El Paso, Texas show.

Greater Houston Coin Club

by Melvin L. Neal, GHCC and ANA life member.

On Jan. 19-20, the GHCC held its 67th Houston Money Show. It was a huge success. Our next show is scheduled for Jan. 17-18, 2025, in Conroe, Texas. The GHCC meets every third Thursday of the month at the Houston Community College at 6:15 p.m. Our meetings are fun and educational.

First up during our meetings is show and tell, followed by a monthly quiz of five numismatic questions. The winner receives a coin. Next is our educational presentation either by a club member or a guest speaker. After a short business meeting, members have 15 to 20 minutes to view auction items followed by the auction.

One of our programs we are proud of is the "Coins for As." Kids ages 6 to 17 who are enrolled in the program submit their report card to our Program Director Eve Barber and for three or more As the student receives coins. In January, 50 individual letters were mailed out to students. Another program we are proud

of is our Levinson Award. This program provides, for members of the club who qualify, a paid trip to the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs. To qualify, members must submit in writing how they have contributed to the coin club.

Our newsletter *The Double Shift* is one of the best newsletters in the country. The editor John Barber has received many awards for our monthly newsletter.

Washington and Oregon

Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association

The PNNA held its 73rd Annual Convention and Spring Coin Show in Tukwila, Wash., Apr. 12-14.

Information:

<https://www.pnna.org/wp/events/spring/>

This page includes a link to a blog post with a convention report and photos.

Specialty Clubs or Groups

CONECA

by Greg Bennick, minterrors@gmail.com

CONECA, the error and variety club, is maximizing educational opportunities in 2024 and would like to find two people interested in joining their efforts. CONECA needs a web person to update their site and to work with the club for its internet presence. This is both a volunteer position, and a board position. The club also needs a membership coordinator, who will play an instrumental role in connecting with members and making sure people are updated in the database. The membership coordinator position has a small stipend accompanying it. Anyone interested can email james@conecaonline.org.

Editor's Networking Group

We've reported on this activity several times now, so we won't repeat all the details.

For more information about the group, contact Phil Vitale, ANA club rep. of the Albuquerque Coin Club and editor of its monthly club newsletter *Pocket Change*, email vitale@money.org.

Liberty Seated Collectors Club

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E-Gobrecht is a complimentary, subscriber-based, monthly electronic publication of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club.

If you become a member of the LSCC, you can also receive the full-color *Gobrecht Journal* packed full of articles on the Liberty Seated series.

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Other specialty clubs or groups may have tables or meetings at ANA shows such as the upcoming World's Fair of Money® in Chicago/Rosemont, Ill. See the show program when available for details.

'TIDES RISE ALL SHIPS'

by Michael S. Turrini, EMPERORI@juno.com

Since becoming involved with the Representative Program in 1988, my table(s) at local coin club shows have evolved from just the American Numismatic Association (ANA) into a 'combination table,' offering much more, along with *The Numismatist* and assorted ANA literature. **First, Youth:** Thanks to generous support from the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) and other sources, youngsters swinging by can receive a magnifier with lanyard, foreign coins and currency, and even used stamps. **Second, Stamps:** Over the decades, there have been inquiries about stamps and stamp collecting, usually the consequences of a passing comment like 'my late dad collected stamps;' so, at my 'combination table,' there is literature courtesy of the American Philatelic Society (APS). **Third, Hobby Information:** Also spread out are flyers for neighboring local coin shows, always an inquiry, as well as informative numismatic literature courtesy of the Professional Numismatic Guild (PNG). **Lastly, Answering Questions:** I have learned to answer diverse questions, from the perennial 'what is this worth?' or 'what dealer has Chinese Cash or Silver Dollars?' or 'where is the restroom?' (Yes, *That Is An Imperative, LOL!*) or 'can you identify this coin or coins?' or 'what or who or where is a local coin club' or 'the closest ATM or Chinese buffet?' The latter are regular questions—must be some passion for Chinese food and for more cash, *LOL!*

While the obligation is to the ANA, and rightly so, the reality for someone venturing into his or her first coin show, alone or with an accumulation, their respective need is more than ANA recruiting. They need answers, directions, or suggestions.

My Approach Is Simple: If someone is helped, then our 'world of money' wins, as any old sailor can remark, *'Tides Rise All Ships.'*

Sidebar: At these 'combination tables,' I also do IKE's For As and JFK's For Bs, rewarding exemplary academic success: an IKE for every A grade and a JFK for every B grade. A youngster stops and shares his most recent report card and goes away with two coins rarely seen nowadays along with his quite proud accompanying adult or parent, sometimes even a grandparent.

Mission statement: *The ANA Representative Program “is to work directly with collectors and clubs to promote and expand the numismatic experience through the services and programs offered by the Association.”*

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Editor’s Message by Eric Holcomb

Thank you for the submissions received.

Although delayed again, we have another nice issue of *MintMark*. Please be sure to read the interesting club news, along with important ANA news and messages.

The next (3rd quarter 2024) edition of *MintMark* is not far off. Start planning and writing now. Make it a *short* summary, with a photo or two, of how your club is participating in the ANA Representative Program, or perhaps some special club milestone, award, etc.

I enjoyed meeting some of you in snowy Colorado Springs. Unfortunately I won’t be in Chicago, but I’ll catch up with you again next year.

Staying Current

Club Directory Listing

Update your club’s contact information today.

If you don’t want your club to miss out on the ANA’s latest news, exclusive content, and special events, be sure to update your club’s contact information. Visit money.org to enter the contact’s email address and verify the club’s mailing address and phone number. Keeping your organization’s contact information current ensures that your club will receive the latest updates and important news from the Association. If you need help with your club account, email membership@money.org or call 1-800-514-2646.

How to Update Your Contact Information

- Visit money.org.
- Select “Explore ANA” in the side menu of the website.
- Hover over “Community” at the top.
- Select “Clubs” in the dropdown menu. (Don’t see a dropdown menu?—just click on “Community” first, then click on the “Coin Clubs” panel.)
- On the right side of the screen, click “Update Club Listings.”
- Fill out the online form, and click submit.

Club Event Listings

As a reminder, club event listings can be found on the ANA website at: <https://coin-dealer-directory.money.org/event/club-events>.

Most events are coin shows, but there are also auctions and seminars. You can find out how to “List with Us” for free by clicking on that button at the top of the listings webpage. Premium paid listings in the ANA Dealer Directory are also available.

From the homepage on the redesigned ANA website, you can click on “ANA Events” to access not only ANA-sponsored events such as the World’s Fair of Money®, but also the Numismatic Events Calendar with all listed events, including club events.

Although *MintMark* will continue to include some brief announcements of upcoming club events, the calendar on the ANA website is likely to be more effective, and is strongly recommended.

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