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## Hello!



Ann Marie Avants  
TNA News Editor

At the time you are reading this in early June, we should have just had our annual convention in Arlington. Obviously, this year is different. Since we are missing our annual time together, I hope you enjoy this issue's expanded educational articles and a new "Show and Tell" section encouraging sharing from across the state. This new feature is courtesy of an outpouring of support from the TNA membership! Check out the show and tell items starting on page 26 and consider contributing to the next issue.

The educational articles include some new authors and some frequent contributors. Lane Brunner brings us a wonderful article on silver coins from the time of Jesus, and Frank Galindo contributed a fascinating piece about medalets containing the Lord's Prayer. Rick Ewing has shared some history and beautiful examples of wooden money. Barbara Angus brings to light interesting facts about the origins of the Old Spanish Trail Commemorative Half Dollar. Richard Laster has a nice piece about Spanish colonial coins, and Mike Larson shares beautiful examples of the type differences in the Mexican Onza. Finally, you will probably relate to Rob Robinson's article on his start to collecting and the creation of the famous Whitman penny boards that inspired a coin collecting boom in the 1960's.

If you would like to contribute an article to the TNA News, please email me! I would love to hear from you!

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Richard Laster  
TNA President

## *Greetings Friends ...*

Traditionally, at this seasonal writing in mid-April, we are at the cusp in our life together when everything in the world of the Texas Numismatic Association is single-focused. Generally, we are moving rapidly towards our biggest event of the year: our show and

convention. As you know, this big event is the one time we gather in large numbers from all over our great State of Texas and even beyond. It is a high time when we assemble to shake hands, swap stories with friends, and acquire a few unique pieces to add to our collections. Your president particularly enjoys walking the floor at the show and greeting folks in behalf of our fellowship of numismatists.

But . . . sadly as y'all probably know . . . our 60<sup>th</sup> convention and show has rightfully gone the way of so many worthwhile events in Texas, throughout the U.S., and even internationally. This, of course, is because of COVID-19 and all the scary things associated with it. The controls put in place by our leaders are necessary. Better to be "safe than sorry," I think is an applicable phrase used by my grandfather on more than a few occasions.

Personally, I will miss this part of my life's annual adventure. It is a high time, a unique gathering for Texas, and now the largest numismatic-based collector show in the region. The good news is there is always another opportunity, and the last weekend of May in 2021 is not so far away. If I don't see you before that time, I look forward to shaking your hand, sharing a few stories, and acquiring new pieces when the TNA resumes its traditional convention and show schedule.

I would like to thank Doug Davis and John Post for their leadership in the tough decisions they were called upon to make on our behalf this year. I am grateful for their continued work as they move forward in the direction of next year. It'll be a remarkable gathering.

On a related theme . . . I anxiously await news of the return of club meetings. I miss attending these as well. The good news is, as many a poet has said, "the best is yet to be." Just think of how enthusiastic we'll be when we are able

to resume the familiar. If you are not part of a club, there are quite a few throughout Texas. Look in the back of this publication for the District Map (pg. 43) and Governor contact information (pg. 42) or email me directly, and I will put you in touch with the Governor of your area. Local clubs are a great way to meet like-minded folk and to acquire new knowledge and insight in the world of the numismatic art. For example, I enjoy the enlightenment of a collector program. Club participants come with a variety of interests and specialties. As I like to say, there is more to numismatics than just collecting coins, and we can learn from each other's collector passions.

At this moment, my prayer for all is that you stay safe and healthy in these interesting times. It won't be long until we are enjoying life outside and free from restrictions owing to an evil we cannot see. I also pray for, and will continue to remember, those who are affected by the virus as it runs the course. We hear reports of what is going on in the medical community, first responders, and ongoing care givers. Remember these brave people, along with those who are called upon to make tough decisions that impact us all.

I hope that by the time you are reading this (I am writing this President's greeting on Wednesday, April 22) we will be clear and moving forward. It would be great to have my comments greeted retrospectively.

Last thing . . . remember to contact the Galindo's for your 2020 TNA Medal. These are prepared and ready to go. Consult page 37 of this issue for ordering information, and refer to your March issue of TNA News for a wonderful article on this year's subject.

Let's keep in touch. See you the end of May, 2021. Actually, I hope to see you before that date. Until then, I wish you all the best.

*Regards and God Bless,*

Richard Laster

TNA President

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Lawrence Herrera  
TNA Secretary

# TNA SECRETARY'S REPORT

**SPRING 2020**

## WELCOME NEW TNA MEMBER APPLICANTS

Welcome to new TNA members R-7815 to R-7819 and LM-287 to LM-289. No objections were received, and the applicants became active members on March 1, 2020.

The following have applied for membership in the TNA. If no objections are received, they will become members on July 1, 2020.

Number	Name	Proposer	District
J-7820	Tyler Parsons	Brian Parson	5
LM-290	Michael Morrow	Self	1
R-7821	Ann Marie Avants	Website	6
C-238	Texarkana Coin Club	Larry Vann	12
R-7822	Jackie M. Tomko	Donald Tomko	10
A-7823	Cheryl Cutsinger	Website	12
R-7824	Michael Cutsinger	Website	12
R-7825	Richard Frost	Rick Ewing	15
R-7826	Robert Matherne	Rick Ewing	15
R-7827	Judy Matherne	Rick Ewing	15
R-7828	Courtney Gunn	Rick Ewing	15
R-7829	Barbara Angus	Website	10

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TNA Secretary  
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Email: Coins4As@gmail.com

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Jack Gilbert  
TNA Treasurer

# TNA TREASURER'S REPORT

## TNA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWS

PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – JACK GILBERT – DAVID BURKE – KARLA GALINDO – LARRY HERRERA

### 2020 TNA GRANT WINNERS

The drawings for the two ANA Seminars Grants and the five Improve Your Library Grants were held on January 9, 2020. Some of the Library Grant winners have yet to send in their receipts for reimbursement.

The two Seminar winners have paid for the 2020 Seminar, but since it was cancelled, ANA is allotting the funds to the next Seminar in 2021.

Congratulations to each winner!

#### ANA Summer Seminar Grant:

Jack Gilbert  
Rick Ewing

#### \$125 Grant to Improve your Library:

Kevin Kell  
Jerry Honeycutt  
Jose Serrano  
NorthEast Tarrant Coin Club  
Robert (Bob) Millard

### TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF APRIL 30, 2020

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	
JP Morgan Chase, NA Checking Account	\$28,696.56
Origin Bk, Ft Worth-Premium Business Money Market	\$190,371.42
PBOT CD (Mat 10/5/2020)	\$25,000.00
PBOT CD (Mat 10/26/2020)	\$25,000.00
Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year	\$269,067.98
Long Term Assets	
PBOT CD (Mat 10/19/2021)	\$25,000.00
Endowment (Intermingled other CDs)	
Lifetime Member Fund - \$30,000	
McFadden Fund - \$70,000	
Total Long Term Assets	\$25,000.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$294,067.98</b>
Total Liabilities	None.
SURPLUS	
Beginning Balance 3/1/2020	\$293,748.55
Income (Plus)	\$8,331.64
Expenses (Minus)	-\$8,012.21
Surplus	\$319.43
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$294,067.98</b>

### COIN CLUB FINANCIAL REQUESTS

The NorthEast Tarrant Coin Club requested and received a \$250 grant to promote Young Numismatists. The club has held a Youth Night at its June Meeting for many years now and planned to do so again this year. Should the meeting be cancelled, I am sure that the club will schedule another as soon as possible.

If your Coin Club has, or would like to plan, programs to promote the hobby or to promote Young Numismatists, put your plans together and contact a member of the committee listed above.

During 2013, TNA initiated several new educational and financial assistance programs to promote our hobby. These included: Assistance in Hosting a Coin Show; Financial Assistance in Promoting Numismatics; Financial Assistance in Promoting Young Numismatists; Grant Program to Fund Your Library; and Grant Program to Attend the ANA Seminar. All of these Programs are open to all members (subject to eligibility requirements) and were fully detailed on pages 8-12 in the September/October 2013 issue of the TNA News (available online at TNA.org). Clubs interested in the TNA Assistance Programs should contact Jack Gilbert at gilbej@yahoo.com, one of the committee members listed above, or your local TNA Governor.

# TNA YOUTH REPORT



Dr. Ralph Ross  
TNA Youth Chair

On Friday, March 6, 2020, the members of the Stafford High School coin club left for spring break believing that they were going to return a week later to prepare for the upcoming National Coin Week. Unfortunately, those dreams were crushed due to the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic virus that is continuing to sweep the world. This extended break is the prime time for students to discover new hobbies and revisit prior ones, such as coin collecting!

About two months ago, Spartans Coin Club members travelled to the Houston Money Show in Conroe, Texas to broaden their horizons in the world of numismatics. Many students got the chance to purchase coins and bills from different states, countries, and even continents! Spartans Coin club historian and two-time coin convention attendee Samantha Sadeghi states, "I greatly enjoy the coin conventions! I always look for Iranian and Norwegian coins when I go. I'll always fondly remember my time in the Coin Club due to these experiences." Of the 40 students in attendance, 19 created educational exhibits about a currency of their choice. The top three exhibitors were rewarded a 2020 One Ounce Silver Eagle and a 4-coin presidential dollar set. Attending this coin convention encouraged some of these young, aspiring numismatists to pursue a hobby in collecting different forms of money.

That is essentially the mission of the Stafford High School Coin Club. Coins are one of the best ways to gain information about the various cultures and historical aspects of countries around the world. Studying currency is the stepping stone that will allow students to be successful if they study various other disciplines, such as archaeology and geography.

As we enter the month of April, we approach one of the best times of the year: National Coin Week! This is the time where millions of people across the country celebrate the hobbies of collecting coins, paper money, and other numismatic objects. The 97<sup>th</sup> Annual National Coin Week theme is "Remarkable Women: Catalysts of Change." The members of the coin club initially had many ideas in mind to celebrate this week, but the COVID-19 pandemic unfortunately put these plans to an abrupt halt. However, the remarkable, all-female officer team leading this club won't let this stop their ultimate goal. These young women plan to use popular social media outlets to encourage other women to become involved in the coin collecting industry and gradually diminish the male-dominated stereotype that is associated with this hobby once and for all. | **By Divya Paul, Editor/Publisher, The Spartans Coin Club**



Spartans Coin Club members eagerly waiting to board the bus to the Houston Money Show in Conroe, Texas.



Coin Club Members Divya Paul (Left), Sally Huang (Center), and Samantha Sadeghi (Right) posing in front of their respective coin exhibits.



Officers: L to R, Back): Destiny Ugo, Parliamentarian; J'Ana Saunders, Convention Coordinator; Mia Webster, Secretary; Taylor Godfrey, Vice President; Alexia Webster, President.

(L to R, Front) Fatema Meem, Data/Records; Lauren Drake, Treasurer; Jasmine Underwood, National Coin Week Chair; Divya Paul, Editor/Publisher; Samantha Sadeghi, Historian.



Spartans Coin Club members Laylly Garcia (Left) and Karina Borja (Right) exploring the numerous coin exhibits at the Houston Money Show.



Top three winners (L to R): 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Zoe Schomburg, "The Beauty of Early Silver Dollars," 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jasmine Underwood, "Sacagawea," 1<sup>st</sup> place: Sally Huang, "50 State Quarters," Sponsor Dr. Ralph Ross.

# CLUB SPOTLIGHT: NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB TRIES ZOOM



**FROM CLUB SECRETARY, SAM FAIRCHILD:** Greetings from the bunker! We find ourselves isolated due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Gatherings of more than 1.7 people are prohibited, so that means no sports, no school, no church, no coin shows, and no face-to-face meetings. Even going to the grocery store feels like a military recon mission into enemy territory, only to discover empty shelves (why no toilet paper?). We are told to wash our hands 37 times a day, which is something hazardous for my OCD.

After binge watching 23 episodes of *Two And A Half Men* and mowing the yard for the fourth time this week, I realized that I was going to really miss the monthly meeting of the Northeast Tarrant Coin Club. While I could read about coins and

look at some of my collection, what I really craved was the camaraderie of my fellow collectors.

Our President Kevin Kell suggested that we try to have a virtual meeting through Zoom. While most of the members are technophobes, we nonetheless set up a virtual meeting at our regular time. After all, anything is better than watching reruns of the 1983 March Madness tournament.

Every member and recent guests were sent an “invite” via e-mail. Members did not have to install any software – the invite contained a link directly into the meeting. If their device had a camera and microphone (e.g., Laptop, iPhone, iPad) others could see and hear them. Otherwise, they could just watch and listen.

A total of 23 members joined the call. After working out some kinks, such as connection and background noise issues, Kevin began the meeting. He discussed plans going forward and when we might be conducting some of our regular programs. He also told members they could call on us should they need anything during this crisis.

One member even showed everyone one of the 400 silver bars he purchased that has been stamped with a Coronavirus design. He also stated that the items were in such high demand that he had sold out.

As a surprise to most of us, Mike Larson had a short program ready to go on a Chinese 1-yuan silver coin he won at last month’s raffle. When Mike saw the coin up for raffle, he got excited and bought a bunch of raffle tickets, stuffing all of the tickets in the 1-yuan bucket. Odds were with him and he won the lot. However, he had suspicions about the genuineness of the coin, which were confirmed after it weighed severely underweight.

Mike then went through diagnostics one could perform to ascertain whether a coin is counterfeit, even displaying a Powerpoint how to identify casted counterfeits.

All-in-all, it was a highly successful meeting. Assuming we are in lockdown in May, we will try this again, albeit with several short Show-n-Tell programs. While we are isolated, we are not alone.

## HOUSTON YOUTH PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY TNA GRANT

The Greater Houston Coin Club was pleased to host the 63<sup>rd</sup> annual Houston Money Show at the Lone Star Convention Center in Conroe on January 17-18. Our best attendance yet at this new venue (about 2,000 folks) was attributed to an exceptional range of numismatic activities available, including:

- A 125-table sold-out bourse featuring local, regional, and national dealers
- A Vinton-McCawley auction with bidding in person, via telephone, and internet
- Educational exhibits, including a special exhibits class for high school students
- Boy Scouts merit badge coaching and certification
- A Young Numismatists auction featuring donated lots and funding provided to each bidder
- A Penny-In-A-Slot room with Lincoln Cent albums and cents provided to all children
- A Treasure Chest full of mixed world coins available to each child for a handful grasp

The Texas Numismatic Association provided a funding grant of \$250 to help offset the costs for materials used in the Young Numismatists activities, and the GHCC greatly appreciates this TNA participation! - *GHCC Leadership*

# 2020 TNA AWARD WINNERS

Winners of the TNA Awards are usually announced at the annual conference. As that will not be possible this year, we are excited to celebrate the honorees here. Thank you to each winner for your work over the past year to advance the hobby of numismatics through outreach, education, and service.

## SPECIAL AWARDS

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### Governor of the Year

Doug Hershey, District 11

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Kevin Kell  
Jimmy Davis  
Dalia Smith

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David Lisot

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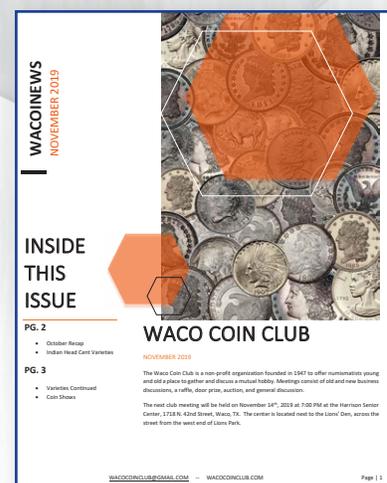
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### Best Club Newsletter

WACOINEWS, Newsletter of the Waco Coin Club

Collin Kubacak, Editor

Club newsletters are a vital part of transmitting information to local members, but they can also be an opportunity to educate members on numismatic topics. Waco Coin Club's monthly newsletter, the creatively named WACOINEWS, excels in both of these areas. Editor Collin Kubacak conveys the monthly meeting minutes in an attractive design, while including interesting summaries of numismatic news with links to more information on each subject.





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## Contribute to the TNA News

Stay connected in these disconnected times by contributing to the TNA News! Here are three ways to get started:

### 1. Ask about an obscure item

Do you have an obscure numismatic item you'd like to share? Contribute a photo of the item and your question to the magazine, and you may see it in an upcoming issue.

### 2. Share something short

With club meetings around the state suspended, this is the perfect time to write up a paragraph on a "Show and Tell" item that you planned to take to a meeting. See pages 26-30 of this issue for inspiration.

### 3. Share something longer

If you were preparing an educational presentation that has been postponed, or you just have more to say on a particular topic, consider putting together an article. Your submitted article can be any length, but it may need to be trimmed down to accommodate the space available in the magazine. Keeping it shorter than 1,500 words is a good rule of thumb.

There is no time frame on submitting, as new content is always needed. However, contributions need to be sent by July 15 to be considered for the September issue.

**Email the TNA News Editor at theTNAnews@gmail.com for more information on submitting to the magazine.**

## THANK YOU TO THE 2020 TNA CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Before the 2020 Convention was cancelled, many people put in countless hours of planning and organizing to make this anniversary year a success. A very special thank you to everyone listed below, and we're looking forward to a great event in 2021.

**Doug & Mary Davis**  
*Show Producers*

**Kevin Kell & Eugene  
Freeman**  
*Scouts*

**Ann Marie Avants**  
*Show Guide*

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*Registration*

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## One of Thirty

By Lane J. Brunner, Ph.D.

The name Judas has gravitas. The name is well beyond its biblical reference and is entrenched in Western culture. And when we speak of Judas, we use the name to symbolize betrayal, deceit, and treachery. Such is the powerful image the apostle Judas Iscariot identifying Jesus Christ to the Sanhedrin.

### **Matthew 26:15**

<sup>15</sup> And asked, "What are you willing to give me if I delivery him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver.

Judas betrayed Jesus for money and payment was made with 30 pieces of silver. The pieces of silver would have been coins commonly used in the region and not unmonetized silver medals or raw silver. The coins used were likely struck in the Phoenician city of Tyre, which still exists as the fifth largest city in modern-day Lebanon.

Founded circa 2750 BC, during the time of Christ, Tyre was an important commercial city and despite the rise of the Roman Empire, Tyre remained somewhat independent as a *civitas foederati* (the most autonomous city type under Roman rule). This status also allowed Tyre to continue minting its own coins, which it had been doing for about 500 years. And when Judas accepted his bounty, the two most dominant coins for trade and tribute were the silver shekel and half-shekel.

Tyre shekel coinage was known for its high silver purity, which was critically important for merchants and for the temple priests. With minor differences, the design of the Tyre shekels remained consistent for nearly 200 years. As such, the shekels of Tyre were some of the most recognized and trusted coins in the region. Payment in Tyre shekels would not have been questioned by Judas.

A half-shekel is also referenced in the Book of Exodus where the half-shekel was used as payment to the temple. However, the use in Exodus is likely referring to a weight of silver and not a specific coin.

### **Exodus 30:13**

<sup>13</sup> Each one who crosses over to those already counted is to give a half shekel, according to the sanctuary shekel, which weighs twenty gerahs. This half shekel is an offering to the Lord.

In the books of Matthew and John, the story of Jesus overturning the tables of the temple money changers is told. The coins used to pay tribute were half-shekels, likely struck in Tyre.

Images courtesy of Lane Brunner

(Above) A silver tetradrachm (shekel) of Tyre dated year 29 (98/97 BC) weighing 14.37 g (29 mm diameter). The obverse is a laureate head of Melkart (Hercules). The reverse is an eagle standing on a ship's prow with a palm branch over its shoulder.

### **Matthew 21:12-13**

<sup>12</sup> Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. <sup>13</sup> "It is written," he said to them, "My house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it 'a den of robbers.'"

### **John 2:14-16**

<sup>14</sup> In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. <sup>15</sup> So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!"

The other reference is found in Matthew 17 where the story of Peter retrieving a four-drachma coin (equivalent to one shekel) from the mouth of a fish.

### **Matthew 17:24-27**

<sup>24</sup> After Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma temple tax came to Peter and asked, "Doesn't your teacher pay the temple tax?"

<sup>25</sup> "Yes, he does," he replied.

When Peter came into the house, Jesus was the first to speak. "What do you think, Simon?" he asked. "From whom do the kings of the earth collect duty and taxes—from their own children or from others?"

<sup>26</sup> "From others," Peter answered.

"Then the children are exempt," Jesus said to him. <sup>27</sup> "But so that we may not cause offense, go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours."

The shekels of Tyre circulated during the most significant time in the history of the Christian faith. So important were these coins to the fate of Jesus that their connection to Judas' betrayal has been sealed in the lexicon of Western culture. Thirty pieces of silver is the price of treachery.

# OLD SPANISH TRAIL COMMEMORATIVE HALF DOLLAR

TAKING ANOTHER LOOK AT L.W. HOFFECKER'S DESIGN

By BARBARA ANGUS, INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB OF EL PASO

The Old Spanish Trail Commemorative Half Dollar (1935) has strong ties to El Paso, Texas. The coin is of particular interest to me, as I spent more than 37 years working for a successor of the museum which it originally financed. It is disconcerting to find that the numismatic literature considers L.W. Hoffecker designed and distributed the coin solely for his own profit (see Q. David Bowers at LINK 1) and that the El Paso connection to Cabeza de Vaca and the "Old Spanish Trail" map on the reverse is completely fictitious (see LINK 2).

Mr. Bowers' evaluation of Hoffecker is based on documentary evidence in his company's possession – business correspondence, transcripts of Congressional hearings, and advertisements and articles printed in professional numismatic journals. However, additional and easily searchable documentary resources are now available courtesy of the internet. I am specifically referring to [www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) and its holdings of the El Paso Times and the El Paso Herald-Post (and a few shorter-lived local newspapers). These two locally owned newspapers, both of which commenced publication in 1881, represented opposing political viewpoints throughout Hoffecker's stay in El Paso. The following information was uncovered through a quick survey of contemporary El Paso newspapers using the search terms "L.W. Hoffecker" and "Old Spanish Trail." I would assume that additional details still wait to be discovered.

John Lupia missed a few interesting facts about L.W. Hoffecker in his online biography (available at LINK 3). Hoffecker filed for bankruptcy in 1910. Among other problems, he was owed a considerable amount of money by the contractor building the new race track

in Ciudad Juarez. The circumstances were beyond either party's control – Mexico was extremely unstable due to the start of the Revolution. Under Texas law, Hoffecker was allowed to keep his custom built home (with contents) at 1514 Montana Avenue (El Paso Herald, 8 Mar 1910, p. 3).

Having started in the planning and contracting field, Hoffecker now concentrated on glass products and glass installation, working in El Paso, Arizona, and Mexico. Immediately following the Armistice, no glass could be obtained in the United States. Hoffecker was one of three Americans to travel to Europe that year attempting to deal directly with the glass factories. He was the only successful buyer. According to the newspaper, "He is reputed to have made a fortune on the deal." In 1922, he sold his business for \$200,000. He and his wife planned to travel (El Paso Herald, 16 Mar 1922, p. 4). The numismatic biography also overlooked Hoffecker's membership in some local organizations. Among these were the El Paso Chamber of Commerce, the El Paso Pioneer Association, and the El Paso Automobile Association.

In the American period prior to World War II, El Paso, New Mexico and Arizona were linked together economically. The testimony given to the committee charged with locating the regional banks of the Federal Reserve in 1914 makes an interesting read. It is not surprising that the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Gadsden Purchase (June 8, 1854) should be a cause for celebration, as it provided the land upon which the southern railroad route was built. In passing, it appears that the original plans called for a formal visit between President Hoover and President Portes Gil of Mexico. This was not unrealistic, as years earlier, in 1909, El Paso had

been the site of the meeting between Presidents Taft and Diaz.

Hoffecker lobbied for his Gadsden Purchase Commemorative coin with the knowledge of (and reporting to) the El Paso Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber was already proficient in lobbying techniques – in the "teens" they had successfully pushed for the Elephant Butte Dam project which revitalized agri-business in the tri-state (Texas, New Mexico, and Chihuahua) region. When President Hoover vetoed the bill, plans for a joint celebration with the Las Cruces (New Mexico) Chamber of Commerce were cancelled. Their budget had been based on the profits from selling 10,000 of the coins at \$2 each, with \$5,000 to be paid to the Mint, \$5,000 for a monument to be erected in Old Mesilla where the first American flag was raised, and the remaining money to be used for the celebration (El Paso Evening Post, 22 Apr 1930, p. 12).

The notion of an El Paso museum had been percolating throughout the community for decades. The El Paso Pioneer Association, organized in the 1890s, maintained a collection of historical artifacts, which was moved frequently as the group had no fixed abode. The City of El Paso itself got into the collection business in 1925, when it received the estate of Percival Henderson (he collected rugs and serapes) with the condition that they be displayed within two years. Cases were purchased, and in 1932, a newly formed museum association obtained a state charter (El Paso Times, 1 Sep 1944, p. 9). Meanwhile, in 1931, L.W. Hoffecker convinced the county commissioners (and presumably the City and the Chamber of Commerce) to match his \$200 donation to purchase a collection of antiques and curios that were being held under judgement to satisfy a debt.

The collection was to be placed on exhibition with the Pioneer Association material currently in the basement of the Courthouse (El Paso Herald-Post, 26 Aug 1931, p. 3).

The Depression brought both challenges and opportunities for an El Paso museum. At one point, museum supporters made a bid for the use of the old Federal Building across from San Jacinto Plaza (the main square in the center of downtown). The Pioneer Association was eventually pushed out of the Courthouse basement to make way for services to the blind. As all of this was happening, L.W. Hoffecker proposed, designed, and lobbied for a commemorative coin to be sold for the benefit of the proposed museum. He guaranteed a \$7,500 profit before the coins were minted and paid all of his Washington, D.C. trip expenses (El Paso Herald-Post, 17 Dec 1935, p. 12).

Meanwhile, El Paso officials secured \$50,000 from the State of Texas' Centennial allocation to be used for a museum. It is possible that knowledge of this appropriation slowed local sales of the commemorative coin. Towards the end of 1935, Hoffecker was leading a small group who protested the location of this centennial museum on city land near the College of Mines – at that time located away from the residential district. Hoffecker eventually gave up, quitting the Chamber of Commerce-El Paso County Advisory Centennial Committee. He stated at the time his intention of turning over the \$7,500 which he had raised for a local museum to the El Paso International Museum Corporation (El Paso Herald-Post, 14 Dec 1935, p. 2). A few days later, the Herald-Post reported that \$7,000 of that amount was to be “laid away in bonds” (El Paso Herald-Post, 17 Dec 1935, p. 12).

In 1940, the subheading of an El Paso Herald-Post article announced that “Five Years of Work by L.W. Hoffecker Gets Results.” The El Paso International Museum Association [Corporation] had used \$5,000 of the money raised from the “Old Spanish Trail” commemorative coin to purchase, in a complex deal



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involving the cooperation of the City of El Paso, the Turney “mansion” located at the 1200 block of Montana Avenue (El Paso Herald-Post, 27 Apr 1940, p. 2). The Turney home stood a few blocks away from Hoffecker’s house and is still used as a museum to this day. Hoffecker remained as treasurer of the El Paso International Museum Association at least through 1943 (El Paso Herald-Post, 29 Apr 1943, p. 9).

I could find no discussion in the newspapers regarding the choice of subject matter for Hoffecker’s coin. Certainly, the Texas Centennial was in the offing, and there was probably a Texas-sized rivalry regarding the oldest part of the state. H.R. 6372 of the 74<sup>th</sup> Congress defined Hoffecker’s 50-cent piece as commemorating the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Expedition of Cabeza de Vaca and the opening of the Old Spanish Trail (cited in Joseph Coffin’s *The Complete Book of Coin Collecting*, New York, Coward-McCann, 1959, pp. 138-139). Hoffecker was probably aware that Cabeza de Vaca’s “discovery” of the El Paso Valley was subject to question. After all, an article in the Centennial edition of the El Paso Herald-Post was headlined, “Exact Route of Cabeza de Vaca Still Disputed; But Best Authorities Bring Him Through El Paso” (El Paso Herald-Post, 28 May 1936, p. 28).

El Paso was fascinated with Cabeza de Vaca. Cabeza de Vaca was depicted on one of a series of murals painted by Trygve J. Kittlesen, 1912-1917. These hung in the second of three El Paso County Courthouses to be built in downtown El Paso. Mrs. Jeanie M. Frank, head of the English Department of the El Paso High School and an amateur historian, started her newspaper series, “Beginnings of Southwest’s History,” with Cabeza de Vaca. The articles appeared in the El Paso Herald sporadically in 1922-1923. Finally, in 1936, the Centennial Museum was built at Texas Western College (now the University of Texas at El Paso). Above the front doors was a limestone relief designed by El Paso artist Tom Lea depicting – of course – Cabeza de

Vaca. Hoffecker certainly chose a theme for his coin that had meaning for his community.

Early descriptions of the coin design mention the cow’s skull on one side and plans to show a portrait of Cabeza de Vaca, “but the most persistent search in libraries and museums of this country has failed to locate one. It is Mr. Hoffecker’s hope that a likeness of the great explorer may be found in the archives in Mexico City.” If not, an American eagle would be used. It was understood that the design was in process, in fact, Hoffecker projected a cost of \$2,500 for sculpting the dies which were sure to be modified (El Paso Times, 17 Apr 1935, p. 4).

At some point of time, both the reverse portrait and/or American eagle layouts were rejected in favor of a map overlain by regional flora. This was the format Hoffecker had used for his Gadsden Purchase commemorative reverse. But if the historians couldn’t agree on Cabeza de Vaca’s route, where did Hoffecker get his map?

Do you remember that L.W. Hoffecker was a member of the El Paso Automobile Association, one of many such groups that agitated for good roads? In 1935, “The Old Spanish Trail” referred to a transcontinental highway (sometimes known as the Southern National Highway) that stretched from St. Augustine, Florida to San Diego, California. The Old Spanish Trail Association was organized in 1915 by interested individuals in Florida and Alabama as part of the Good Roads movement. Other states soon joined in. According to the Texas Historical Commission, “The name ‘Old Spanish

Trail’ was deliberately selected during the early automobile age to reflect the heritage of Spanish Colonial roads through the inner coastal plain and to conjure romantic notions of a past era in the service of highway tourism.” The network of roads incorporated into The Old Spanish Trail by the late 1920s included spur routes to scenic and historic sites. The Association developed maps, literature, and signage to promote the Trail’s historical significance, which included links (in its eastern half) to such names as Hernando de Soto, Alvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca, and Pánfilo Narváez. (See the Texas Historical Commission’s website at LINK 4)

If one compares the route of The Old Spanish Trail highway, as depicted on the Texas Historical Commission’s website, with the map on the reverse of the commemorative coin, they are a close match. Included on the coin is the elbow bend in the road between Jacksonville and St. Augustine, the slight dip at San Antonio and the fact that both routes pass through El Paso. Of course, the highway stretches on to California, but as an El Pasoan, Hoffecker may be excused for ending his map there, particularly as the stated purpose of the coin was to raise money for a local museum.

My research on L.W. Hoffecker is far from complete. While I have been through his house at 1514 Montana Avenue (including the garage where Edmund J. Senn worked on the plaster models), I have never spoken to anyone who personally knew Hoffecker. Still, I believe it is time that his life, and his work on the Old Spanish Trail Commemorative half dollar, should be reconsidered.



LINK 1: <http://www.pcgs.com/books/commemoratives/Chapter08>

LINK 2: <http://www.ngccoin.com/coin-explorer/silver-commemoratives-pscid-71/1935-spanish-trail-50c-ms-coinid-19376>

LINK 3: <https://sites.google.com/a/numismaticmall.com/www/numismaticmall-com/hoffecker-lyman-william>

LINK 4: <https://www.thc.texas.gov/preserve/projects-and-programs/historic-texas-highways/old-spanish-trail-highway>



# The Lord's Prayer Medalet

By Frank Galindo

The Lord's Prayer, also known as Our Father or Pater Noster, is one of the most venerated prayers in the Christian world. This revered prayer is found in the books of Luke 11:2-4 and Matthew 6:9-13. On the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus was asked by his disciples how they should pray. Jesus then taught his disciples the Lord's Prayer. This most fervent prayer is recognized by most Christian churches. In the New Testament, the Lord's Prayer has been translated into more than one-thousand languages.

This renowned prayer is depicted on the reverse of numerous small numismatic souvenir pieces. There are two versions of Lord's Prayer that were used on the medalets, one is the Catholic and the other the Protestant. These miniature souvenirs are known as the Lord's Prayer medalets, sometimes incorrectly called a token or coin. The obverse of these tiny souvenirs honor or celebrate many notable figures, centennials, expositions and other important events in our history. The diameters of these unique miniature souvenirs range from 13mm to 25mm.

Between 1860 and 1880, a miniature gilt-bronze medalet was struck by the first steam powered coinage press of the United States Mint. The obverse depicts the United States Mint as it

looked in Philadelphia in 1832. The reverse shows the Lord's Prayer. Many tiny medalets that feature the Lord's Prayer on the reverse were struck by George B. Soley, a die sinker, who was an employee at the Philadelphia Mint. While working at the Mint, he also had his own business as a die sinker, located at 1205 Chestnut Street in Philadelphia.

In 1874, the United States Mint retired the old steam press and placed it in the surplus list as scrap metal. Soley, who was working at the Philadelphia Mint at the time, saw the opportunity to purchase the steam press. He bought the coin press and several other pieces, which included the collars and blanking dies to be used with the obsolete coin press. He planned to use this equipment to expand his business, increase productivity, and to produce a variety of medals and tokens.

He saw the potential for making money by striking and selling his own medals and tokens. After purchasing the old steam press, Soley converted the press so that he was able to operate it manually. Once he got his coin press renovated, he began striking a series of numismatic souvenir medals and tokens commemorating important events. Soon, he was selling his pieces at various expositions, fairs and other venues.

In 1876, Soley took his coin press to the Philadelphia Centennial International Exposition, where he sold his miniature Lord's Prayer souvenir medalets. This was the first official World's Fair in the United States to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia. Attendance from May 10 to November 10, 1876 was close to ten million visitors, and as many as thirty-seven countries participated in the exposition.

There were many very exciting exhibits that astonished many of the dignitaries of foreign nations who were attending the exposition. Some of the most interesting exhibits were Edison's phonograph, McCormick's mechanical reaper, Colt's repeating pistol, Corliss' forty-five feet tall engine with fourteen-hundred horsepower, Alexander Graham Bell's telephone, and many other exhibits, including a two hundred sixty-four feet tall Ferris wheel, that was the showpiece of the exposition at a cost of fifty-cents per ride.

Soley was in Chicago selling his Lord's Prayer medalets at the World's Columbian Exposition, 1892-1893, which was also known as the Chicago Columbian Exposition. This event was held to celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in



the New World in 1492. One of Soley's popular souvenir pieces featured George Washington on the obverse with the text, "God and Our Country." The Lord's Prayer was depicted on the reverse. He sold these tiny gilt-brass 13mm pieces for twenty-five cents each.

There were two other popular numismatic souvenirs that were sold at the Exposition. One was the Columbian Commemorative Silver Half Dollar that featured Christopher Columbus on the obverse and Columbus' ship the Santa Maria on the reverse. This was the first American coin that was struck to depict a historical person. The coin was struck in two different years: 1882 and 1883.

The other commemorative numismatic souvenir was the silver quarter struck in 1893 to honor Spain's Queen Isabella, who sponsored Columbus' voyages to

the New World. Her portrait appears on the obverse and the reverse shows a woman kneeling while holding a distaff. This was the first United States issue to portray a foreign ruler. Both Commemorative coins were sold for one dollar each.

The creation of the steam engine revolutionized many industries and led to other innovations. In the numismatic history of the manufacture of coins, the steam press improvements by Boulton and Watt later led to an enormous advancement in the production of coins, tokens, and medals.

Collectors of these tiny souvenir medalets derive great enjoyment in the search for these little mementos of numismatic history that were struck on the first United States steam coin press.

Soley's miniature Lord's Prayer medalets will forever rest in collectors' albums and display cases and serve to remind us of many important individuals and historical events. He struck many medals and tokens before his passing, but unfortunately, there is no record or catalog that lists all of his issues.

Soley's modest gravestone shows he was born in 1836 and died 1908. Soley, his wife, and their daughter are buried in the West Laurel Hill Cemetery in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. After Soley died, his wife donated the old steam coin press to the Franklin Institute. Today, the coin press is on display at the American Numismatic Association Museum in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Images courtesy of Frank Galindo

## Other Medalet, Badge, and Pin examples with the Lord's Prayer on the reverse

1. Cross and Crown Medalet
2. Flag Ship "Perry's Victory Celebration" Medalet
3. "National Defenders U.S.A. 1941 U.S. Army" Military Badge with Ribbon
4. "Our Country's Defenders - War 1914" Stick Pin
5. "A Century of Progress 1933 Travel & Transport" Stick Pin





# TENINO, WASHINGTON

## THE TOWN THAT FATHERED WOODEN MONEY

BY RICK EWING

Historical records bring Tenino, Washington into existence sometime after the enactment of the Donation Land Act of 1850 by the Washington Legislature. Citizenry of the area gathered signatures from 80 people, including 43 land owners, to submit a petition for incorporation. Incorporation papers were filed by T.F. Mentzer with the Board of County Commissioners, and the city finally incorporated after a vote in June 21, 1906, as reported in the Seattle Daily Times. An excerpt from the article: “There were large opposing delegations before the board yesterday and arguments were heated. The sentiment of the two, however appears to be strongly in favor of incorporation...” A vote of 76 for incorporation carried over the 36 dissenting persons.

Part of the incentive to incorporate was to establish fire and police departments. After the fire department became an official entity, a tumultuous time was ahead, as a fire of suspicious origin wiped out an entire block with exception of the local bar. There were 11 saloons lining the main street, which made for lively times for a town of only 300 people. A second suspected arson incident started in the grocery store of city councilman George Sumption after a city council meeting. Newspaper reports that the

block that burned from Sussex Avenue to Olympia Street was contained only by the fire fighters’ efforts and the lack of any prevailing wind. This event brought a boom to the local quarries, as the town rebuilt all the buildings with sandstone blocks. The quarries thrived from the desire to fireproof the city’s structures and other government buildings in the area. At the height of the sandstone boom, nine local quarries employed more than 400 people. This boom of sandstone construction began to wane as the preference for concrete took over, and the last quarry shuttered its doors in 1929.

As Tenino grew, the need for a financial institution became more apparent. The State Bank of Tenino began to operate in May of 1907. The bank was small; just a few hundred square feet of operating space and a vault. Records show the bank incorporated with an original capital of \$10,000, and the first bank official was W. Dean Hayes. The bank flourished despite the population mostly unaccustomed to real banking. In 1913, The Tenino News reported that the bank was on firm financial ground with deposits reaching nearly \$67,000, a substantial sum for those days. Promises like immediate cash when needed and a 4% interest on savings accounts seemed to solidify its status.

However, there was a point in 1914 that the bank of Tenino ran aground. The manager of the Centralia Bank, Charles Gilchrist, embezzled enough assets to cause the bank to fail. With its demise, the bank of Tenino failed as well, since its excess deposits held in Centralia Bank were also lost. Gilchrist was tried, convicted, and sentenced to serve five years at McNeil Island.

The Superintendent of Washington State Banks took over the bank until it reorganized as the Citizen’s Bank of Tenino in December 1914. The new bank flourished until the depression hit the area in 1931. Creditors were defaulting on loans and cash assets were in short supply. The bank, fearing a run, closed its doors on December 6, 1931 and allowed the Superintendent of Banks of Washington State to take over the assets and the bank again. Joel Gould was assigned to act as liquidator, which tied up all assets even further as money shortages became more acute.

The town was without a means of commerce and essentially became cashless just days before Christmas. Leading citizens Don Major, publisher of the Tenino Independent, Dr. F. W. Wichman, a local physician, A.H. Mayer, a dentist, and E.S. Argo floated the idea of the town issuing its own script. In a hastily called emergency meeting, they agreed to issue script

with depositors signing over 25% (originally the rate was proposed to be 15%) of the value of the Tenino deposits to the Chamber of Commerce. The shortage and lack of money led the depositors to cause a strain on the printers, as transfer documents could not be printed fast enough. Originally, the script was printed on yellow bond paper with no borders. Another effort was printed on newsprint. These proved too fragile for circulation and other paper efforts were not much better.

As a joke, Don Major created wooden currency from a piece of wood taken from a strawberry carton on his desk. He took it across the street to Jiffy Lunch and tried to pay for a cup of coffee. Surprisingly, the proprietor agreed to the transaction, and the idea caught on as more merchants joined in. The wooden money idea was born. However, the first wooden issues were quickly destroyed when a counterfeiting scare in the form of a wooden Christmas card appeared in the area with remarkably similar characteristics of the intended script. Albert Balch of Seattle promoted a wooden Christmas card and a few other items printed on a machine by a man named Eckersley. The items used the same stock as the intended Tenino Wooden money script. Existing stock was immediately destroyed with no known examples remaining. The money was quickly redesigned, and in its redesign carried three signatures: Mayer, Major, and Wichman along with serial numbers and date of issue.

Later claims of “permission” from the government gave the wooded script its legitimacy, but no official documents have survived to offer evidence of this being fact. The entire procedure, with complete facts and mintage figures, was read into the Congressional record, and a voice vote to have the item

entered into the record was conducted by Charles Curtis VP under Hoover. The amount of wooden cash that was circulated is a contested number. The Congressional Record reflected a total \$4,667.50 and delineated the amounts allotted to each denomination. Thurston Talk, a local news source, reports that \$3,225 was printed, \$1,279 was circulated, and \$1,079.75 was redeemed when the bank was reorganized and reopened.

Tenino is credited with the being the first to issue wooden money. Blaine, Washington followed in 1933 with its money showing the Blaine Peace Arch. Olympia’s Chamber of Commerce printed wooden 25-cent pieces in the shape of an oyster shell known colloquially as “oyster money.”

The wooden money began to lay dormant as the depression ended and the bank got back on its feet. Wooden money brought Tenino back into the numismatic spotlight with a 1968 issue to mark the Organ Trail Celebration. Within two years, the city celebrated its centennial and marked 1971 with another issue nodding to the city’s history.

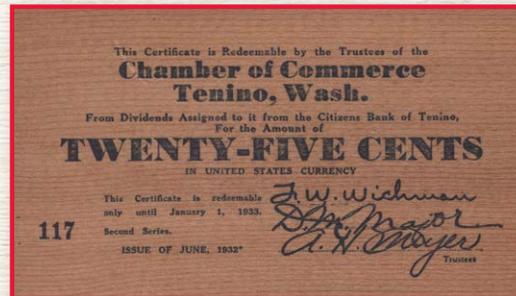
Current issues with participating merchants began in 2018 and have a shelf life ending in 2023. These are designated in \$1, \$5, and \$10 issues. Loren Ackerman, the Tenino Depot Museum docent, indicates that other issues are planned for the future.

December 1931 issue: Original design with hand signatures



Images courtesy of Rick Ewing

June 1932 issue: Second series with serial number 117 and printed signatures



1971 commemorative issue



Common reverse design for early issues



2018 commemorative issue





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# SPANISH COINAGE IN THE AMERICAS

BY RICHARD LASTER



*(Above) Eight Reales from the mint in Potosi, Bolivia. This coin represents the last date of Spanish Colonial coinage mintage in the Americas. I purchased this 1825 Eight Reales coin in Potosi several years ago. I paid a premium for it over one purchased in the U.S. after getting caught up in the emotion of the moment and don't regret it.*

As I have shared several times, one of the most amazing collector related journeys of my life was the privilege of touring the old mint facility in Potosi, Bolivia. Through the years, I have written and presented on the topic many times. Today, I am sharing a purchase I made on that trip. It is a genuine Potosi minted Eight Reales dated 1825. Even though I could have purchased the coin for less money in the Good Ole' U.S.A., I acquired mine from a small shop near the site in its home town of Potosi. As you can see from the image, it is dated 1825 and bears the resemblance of the then current King of Spain, Ferdinand VII.

It is interesting to note that the coins from Potosi dated 1825 are the last minted by the Spanish crown at a facility here in the Americas. All Spanish Colonial coins, even though they did see circulation regionally, were designed and struck for shipment back home using the valuable silver and gold acquired locally. The 1825 pieces, including the 8 Reales featured here, are the last of nearly three hundred years of such emanating from mints in Mexico, Peru, and several other locations.

Even though this is true, there is one more series of coins associated with our hemisphere. None of the coins in this group was minted anywhere close to the Americas, but their purpose was for use in our region, and therefore, I am thinking qualify as Spanish Colonial. Taking a look at the Red Book, there is a small section related to these. The author of *A Guide Book of United States Coins* gives this grouping the title "Puerto Rican Issues." Starting in 1895 and ending with date of 1896, there are five denominations which were designated as Puerto Rico-specific by the Spanish government: Five, Ten, Twenty, and Forty Centavos, along with a One Peso coin. They featured the left facing bust of Boy King Alfonso.



*(Above) One Peso from the 1895 / 1896 Issue of Puerto Rican coinage from Spain. This series represents the final stroke in over three hundred years of coinage of Spanish association in the Americas.*

# The Penny Board:

*A boon to modern numismatics*

By Rob Robinson

**Lincoln PENNY COLLECTOR**

1909 72	1909 53	1910 148	1918 48-D	1919 272	1919 165-S	1920 250	1929 165	1929 100
1910 63	1911 108	1911 83	1919 27-D	1920 310	1920 481	1929 45-D	1930 157	1930 245
1911 150	1912 48	1912 45	1920 400	1921 27	1921 153	1930 40-D	1931 17	1931 54-S
1912 10-D	1913 78	1913 8-S	1922 7-D	1922 14,48	1923 74	1931 4-D	1932 9	1932 10-D
1913 16-D	1914 75	1914 4-S	1923 9-S	1924 75	1924 12-S	1933 12	1933 60	1934 70
1914 15	1915 27	1915 43	1924 3-D	1925 140	1925 266	1934 28-D	1935 245	1935 38-S
1915 22-D	1916 138	1916 77-S	1925 22-D	1926 127	1926 5-S	1935 4-D	1936 200	1936 27-S
1916 30-D	1917 195	1917 35-S	1926 28-D	1927 144	1927 145	1936 41-D	1937	1937 3
1917 55-D	1918 288	1918 24-S	1927 27-D	1928 114	1928 17-S	1937 0		

The idea is to collect a complete set of pennies in the best available condition. The numbers under the dates on the card indicate the approximate millions coined each year at each mint. "S" below the date on the penny indicates San Francisco mint—"D," Denver—No mint mark, Philadelphia. Victor D. Brenner designed the penny. His initials appear at the bottom edge of the tail of first issue 1909 only. There are some pennies dated 1922 without mint mark in circulation though Phila. claims to have made none. Clean your specimens with a soft eraser or a little vinegar before placing them in the board.

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Many of us started our coin collecting hobby by filling holes in the blue Whitman folders. At least that's the way I started. I purchased the Number One folder for Lincoln cents, 1909-1940, for 35 cents at a hobby shop in my hometown of Electra back in 1960. Little did I know it would lead to the start of a life-long hobby. A number of years ago, I read an article in one of my coin magazines called "Back to the Boards" which introduced me to the Penny Board. I do not remember who wrote the article, but it created my interest in collecting these boards. So, where did it all begin?

A gentleman by the name of Joseph K. Post of Neenah, Wisconsin, came up with the idea of the penny board back in the early 1930's. Back then, there were coin collectors, but not much information was available to the general public on what dates and mint marks existed for coins. Mr. Post, a collector himself, came up with the idea of an 11 by 14 inch board with rows of circular spaces designed to hold Lincoln Wheat Cents. Under each circular space, the date, mint mark, and mintage were listed.

Mr. Post made up a rough prototype of the board and brought it to the Whitman Publishing Company at nearby Racine, Wisconsin. This company produced children's puzzles, so Post knew that they had the die cutting machinery necessary to mass-produce the boards. His idea was to have Whitman manufacture the boards for him to sell himself. When Post approached the firm with his idea, one of the staff members of Whitman Publishing happened to be a 30-year old executive named Richard S. Yeoman, who later became a hobby legend as author of the "Red Book" and "Blue Book." The staff was intrigued by the boards, and after several months, Whitman purchased the rights to them from Post. As Mr. Yeoman would say later, "The system of collecting by dates and mint marks and filling holes one-by-one had a tremendous impact on the American public." Yeoman was given charge of promotion and customer service for the new product. The boards were sold for 25 cents each and were an immediate success. Before long, the line was extended to eight different coin series. In addition to the Lincoln Cent, boards were produced for Indian Cents, Liberty Nickels, Buffalo Nickels, Barber Dimes, Mercury Dimes, Barber Quarters, and Liberty Standing Quarters. At the time, all

of these coin designs were seen in circulation, and in the 1930's, completion of these sets was possible with enough searching. An interesting note is that no boards were produced for half dollars or dollars. Although collecting these denominations is popular today, in the mid-1930's, these coins represented substantial sums of money, and Whitman Publishing felt that few people could afford to put them aside.

Early on, people found filling holes from spare change as a fun pastime - almost like a game. Many collectors found the hobby to be a convenient way to save money and have fun at the same time. At first, people were not concerned with coin values. They were filling the boards as a novelty. However, as time went by, interest in collecting increased, and collectors began to consider purchasing coins to complete their sets. Yeoman said, "People wanted to know what coins were worth and they wanted to be sure they weren't overpaying for coins for their collections." Others began wondering how much their completed sets were worth and how much dealers would pay. Yeoman saw the need for more information on coin values, and this led to the development of the now famous Whitman guide books. The "Blue Book" was introduced in 1942, followed by the "Red Book" in 1946. Each has been in continuous production since their inception, and millions of both books have been sold.

A further innovation by Dick Yeoman came in 1940 as an improvement over the basic coin board. By adding extra pages and a flap, and reducing it in size, he transformed the board into a folder which, by design, offered more protection to the coins as well as a more convenient size for storage. Through the years, Whitman and other companies have issued other folders and more elaborate "bookshelf" type albums.

As you can see, Mr. Post's idea for the penny board had a major impact on our hobby. It resulted in the ultimate production of our beloved guide books, and created a whole new generation of collectors. It is hard to imagine what our hobby would be like today without the insight of Mr. Joseph K. Post!

(Pictured) The author's childhood Whitman board from 1960, including some interesting ideas on "cleaning" your collection.

The idea is to collect a complete set of pennies in the best available condition. The numbers under the dates on the card indicate the approximate millions coined each year at each mint. "S" below the date on the penny indicates San Francisco mint—"D," Denver—No mint mark, Philadelphia. Victor D. Brenner designed the penny. His initials appear at the bottom edge of the tail of first issue 1909 only. There are some pennies dated 1922 without mint mark in circulation though Phila. claims to have made none. Clean your specimens with a soft eraser or a little vinegar before placing them in the board.

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# Questions for Dr. Coyne

- 1) What are repeating depressions and how can you tell them from bag marks?
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- 8) Which non-proof Morgan Dollar issue is the most expensive to obtain in upper-circulated grades?

## 1) What are repeating depressions and how can you tell them from bag marks?

Depressions are marks on the surface of a coin. Repeating depressions are the same mark(s) in the same place on two or more coins. They are useful in detecting counterfeits, whether cast or die struck. On a single coin in isolation, it is sometimes hard to distinguish a legitimate bag mark or circulation hit from a similar-looking depression on a counterfeit. On the copy, the depression came from a bag mark or circulation hit which was on the original coin from which the copy was made. One clue, however, is that bag marks or micro-cuts from circulation on the real coin will appear brighter or fresher than the surrounding surface of the coin. The depressions on the counterfeit will show no luster and will be the same color and texture as the rest of the surface of the counterfeit. Repeating depressions on the undated side of series coins (such as \$1 or \$3 gold pieces) have led to the discovery of many counterfeits in these series, as the makers tried to economize by pairing different dated sides with a single undated side to generate different coins to sell.

## 2) Who was the first Director of the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia?

David Rittenhouse was the first Director of the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia. He was an important scientist with good mechanical skills and a personal friend of George Washington. His first task after appointment in 1792 was to obtain property and see to the building of the first U.S. Mint. These buildings were the first federal buildings to be built. He had the first mint up and running (making Chain Cents of 1793) within a year. His health began to fail, and he was replaced as Director in 1795 by Henry W. DeSaussure.



### 3) In forming a set of Jefferson Nickels, which dates are the hardest to locate?

The collector of Jefferson Nickels will have the most trouble finding regular circulation issues of the 1939-D and 1950-D. The mintages on both issues are much smaller than average, and in the case of the 1950-D, an inordinate fraction went directly to coin speculators and never entered circulation. In 60 years of looking, Dr. Coyne has found only about 20 specimens of the 1939-D in circulation and has never come across a single 1950-D.



### 4) What is the meaning of a "Condition Census" of 50-40-8-8-6 for a Large Cent?

A "Condition Census" is a privately surveyed and published list of specimens known to the surveyor. He then lists them, perhaps naming current owners, with the best specimen at the top of the list. The custom is to show only the top six examples of a given variety, but some lists show up to ten. The hypothetical list in this question shows the surveyor knew of one coin in AU-50, another in Extra Fine, two in Very Good, and one in Good. Such a listing would be for a rare variety. A common variety would likely show something like 65-63-60-60-60-60. Note that this has nothing to do with Third Party Graded (slab) population reports. In many cases involving Large Cents, the best specimens have never been to a TP Grader. The creation of Condition Census lists also began decades before TP Graders began slabbing.

### 5) Why were the rays removed from the design on Shield Nickels of 1867-1883?

The rays were removed part way through the second year's production (1867) of the Shield Nickel in an attempt to improve the striking quality. The alloy (75% copper and 25% nickel) was new to the mint in the mid-1860s and proved difficult to adequately strike up due to the hardness of the metal. Even with the rays gone, the mint still had to use a high striking pressure, and this resulted in short die life and evidence of stress in the form of lots of die cracks. It is more common to see Shield Nickels of all years with die cracks than without them.

### 6) What technological improvement in minting resulted in reeded edges for U.S. half dollars beginning in 1836?

The 1836 reeded edge half dollars were the first U.S. half dollars to be struck in a "close collar." This "third die" surrounds the planchet during the striking as the obverse and reverse dies impart their images. The planchet expands radially to meet the collar, and whatever design (reeding) is engraved in the collar die is transferred to the edge of the coin. On half dollars previous to this labor-saving innovation, the edge lettering was applied in a separate operation before coining. Conventional wisdom has it that the first close collar coins were the half dimes and dimes of 1828 (at the first U.S. mint), but some researchers think there were production-run experiments before that. The half dollar was a high mintage coin and it likely made sense to prove the concept on the smaller issues first and wait for the steam presses and the much larger production capacity at the second U.S. mint to begin close collar half dollars.

### 7) What is the alloy referenced on a token or medal advertised as "Feuchtwanger's Composition"?

"Feuchtwanger's Composition" was invented by Dr. Lewis Feuchtwanger about 1830. He proposed it as a substitute for silver alloy coinage. Some variations appear in print, but the usual formula involves copper, nickel, and zinc. Some add a bit of tin. There is no silver in it. Dr. Feuchtwanger pointed out that his alloy looked a lot like silver (especially when new), and that it was ductile and soft enough to strike well, yet hard enough to endure the rigors of circulation. But his considerable token coinages, lasting into the 1860s, are the alloy's only use in U.S. numismatics. It was never adopted by the U.S. Mint.

### 8) Which non-proof Morgan Dollar issue is the most expensive to obtain in upper-circulated grades?

The collector seeking the most expensive non-proof Morgan Dollar in upper-circulated grades will be looking for an 1893-S. With a mintage of just 100,000 and this series among the most popular to collect, this is the key coin. Unfortunately, this leads to many counterfeit and altered coins in the market. The advice would be to buy a Third Party Graded (slabbed) example, and be aware of the die diagnostics visible on genuine pieces.



Coin sold by Heritage Auctions in 2019 for \$9,600



# TNA Virtual Show & Tell

Show and Tell is the highlight of many club meetings, and with assemblies across the state suspended, this is the perfect time to share with others from the comfort of your home. Contribute to the next issue by emailing [theTNAnews@gmail.com](mailto:theTNAnews@gmail.com) by July 15.

## Liberty Seated Half Dime – Question

Jason E., International Coin Club of El Paso, Inc.



In the spirit of numismatics, here is an interesting Liberty Seated Half Dime (Arrows at Date Variety). It has the date 1854 and an “O” mint-mark representing New Orleans. The coin is in a G-4 condition, which may not be a big deal, but upon closer inspection one may notice that someone purposely struck the half dime with a symbol punch. The reverse shows the strike was hard and deliberate. This punch possibly resembles a bowling pin or maybe an exclamation point! If anyone has information about why this mark was placed on this half dime, please email me at [almostaucoins@gmail.com](mailto:almostaucoins@gmail.com). I would appreciate it greatly and will share the new information with the TNA News’ readers.

## 1652 Commonwealth of England Shilling

Jim S., Greater Houston Coin Club



The legends “The Commonwealth of England” and “God With Us” are the first use of the English language on coins. From 1649 to 1660, the Puritan victors of the English Civil War used English rather than Latin, which they saw as popish. However, they continued using roman numerals, such as the XII on this reverse, representing the number of pence in a shilling. This hammered silver piece is quite thin, with full roundness and some iridescence. The sun initial mark indicates it was struck in London at the Tower Mint, the past and future Royal Mint. The 1652 date especially pleases me with its link to early colonial coinage.

From 1653 to 1682, the Massachusetts Colony struck Willow Tree, Oak Tree, and Pine Tree coinages with all dated 1652, except for the Oak Tree twopence dated 1662 (perhaps in error). As coinage was the sole privilege of the king, appearing to be minted during the time of the Commonwealth shielded the colonists from possible royal disfavor after the monarchy was restored in 1660. Ironically, Massachusetts became a Commonwealth in 1780 during our War of Independence.

## Pattern Large Cent Minted in 1854

E. B. Robinson, Jr., Greenbelt Coin Club/Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club



I have always loved copper large cents and half cents, and a favorite coin in my collection is a pattern Large Cent minted in 1854. It is Judd 161, Coronet Liberty with Wreath reverse. Due to the rise in the price of copper in the early 1850’s, the mint was losing money producing the Large Cent. The mint began experiments in 1850 with cents made of billon (10% silver/90% copper) and German silver (an alloy of copper, nickel, and zinc). Reduced-size copper and bronze cents were struck in 1854 and 1855. My coin represents the first of these. It was similar to the then-current large cent of 168 grains but without the stars around the obverse periphery. The pattern cents were smaller in diameter, and the weight ranged from 93 to 97 grains. Bronze had proved to be a successful alloy in French coins beginning in 1848, and this alloy was used in the Judd 161 pattern - the first of billions of US coins to be minted with this alloy. Approximately 100-150 proof examples were minted. Almost all surviving examples are found brown, some with lighter streaks. No red examples are known. My coin has an almost invisible scratch on the obverse and was graded Obv. Scratch, Proof Details by NGC.



**Venice Mezzanino**  
Mike R., Fort Worth Coin Club



For my virtual show and tell, I've reached into the coin cabinet and selected a piece that resonates for a couple of different reasons. The coin is a Venetian silver mezzanino; never a popular denomination, it was intended for use as a trade coin outside of Venice proper. Three different doges (Venetian dukes) tried issuing the denomination, and each was, by some measure, a failure. Having just celebrated Easter a week prior to writing this, I thought the obverse iconography of Christ rising from the tomb was particularly appropriate. The Latin obverse legend translates as "Christ has Risen." The reverse shows St. Mark, patron saint of Venice, and Doge Andrea Dandolo both holding a large paschal candle. The reverse legend names both St. Mark and Dandolo. The second, albeit grim, reason that this coin seemed a pertinent choice these days is that it was issued between 1346 and 1354 – at the height of the plague in Europe. In a world now turned upside down by COVID-19, it is but a hint of the frightening and seemingly unstoppable disease that swept over Europe like a wave from its arrival in Sicily in 1347, sending one third of Europe's population to an early grave.

**Guyana 1970 One Dollar**  
Raymond T., Gateway Coin Club, Inc. of San Antonio



I collect FAO coins (Food and Agriculture Organization) and I collect Slavery Theme coins. The Guyana 1970 One Dollar coin fits both. Guyana is a South American country located between Venezuela and Suriname. It is the only nation in South America that uses English as its official language.

Guyana benefits from tremendous biodiversity, a climate that allows for growing several profitable crops, and rich mineral resources. The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) program in Guyana assists the country in sustainable food production and distribution to the hungry, responsible forestry, fisheries management, and technological assistance. Guyana's first FAO Coin, the 1970 One Dollar, was issued in commemoration of the Berbice Slave Revolt which began on February 23, 1763.

In the early 1760's, Berbice, Guyana was a Dutch-held colony with a population of almost 350 White people, close to 250 Indians in bondage, and close to 4,000 Black slaves. The revolt is considered by some historians to be the first anti-European revolution in the Americas. A number of these slaves joined the rebel forces as combatants with several leaders—particularly Cuffy and Akara—training them to effectively fight the Dutch militia. At their height, the Berbice rebels numbered around 3,000 and controlled the southern part of Berbice.

Akara proved to be one of the more aggressive leaders, attacking Dutch forces on several accounts and taking losses. Cuffy met with the Dutch to establish a truce. The terms were that the Dutch would take the coasts and the escaped slaves the body of Guyana. The Dutch stalled for support and Cuffy began further attacks on their caravans and resources. Cuffy, accepted by all the rebels as the leader of the rebellion, declared himself Governor of Bernice and set up his administration at Hollandia and Zeelandia. He selected Akara as his deputy and set about drilling his troops and establishing discipline. Akara didn't approve of Cuffy's methods and formed a group to oppose him. With the Dutch close to defeat after losing half its population in Guyana, help arrived from the British and French. By the spring of 1764, the Berbice Slave Uprising was over, and the colony was back in Dutch hands.

The coin also honors the establishment of the Republic of Guyana, which was officially recognized by the International community as a Republic on February 23, 1970. February 23 is a national holiday in Guyana and Cuffy the national hero.

**1873 French Five-Franc**  
Tim C., Gateway Coin Club, Inc. of San Antonio



The coin from my collection I have chosen to highlight is the 1873 French Five-Franc (km#820.2). This is a large (Silver Dollar-Crown) size coin made of .900 fine silver. The obverse has Five-Francs-1873 surrounded by a wreath and the words "REPUBLIQUE FRANCAISE." The reverse has three allegorical figures (Hercules with a muse on either side) representing LIBERTE (Liberty), EGALITE (Equality), and FRATERNITE (Brotherhood). This series ran from 1870-1878 and was struck at two mints: Paris (A) and Bordeaux (K). My coin is an 1873A (Paris) piece. The 1873A has a mintage of 27,077,000 - by far the greatest mintage of the series. This makes the coin very affordable (\$30-\$35 in UNC). When I acquired this large, 147-year-old uncirculated coin for \$35, it brought back the feelings I had decades ago as a young numismatist seeing uncirculated common date Morgans for \$25. Just as back then, this piqued my interest in large world coins.



### 1925 Fort Vancouver Centennial Commemorative Half Dollar

Larry R., Greater Houston Coin Club



The obverse shows a portrait of Dr. John McLoughlin, who established and operated a Hudson's Bay Company outpost at Fort Vancouver. The reverse shows a trapper with Fort Vancouver, Mt. Hood, and the Columbia River in the background. The original obverse design was by Sidney Bell, and the obverse and reverse are credited to Laura Gardin Fraser. The coin was managed by the Fort Vancouver Centennial Corporation to help fund centennial events. The coin was approved even though the celebration was mostly a local affair. A mintage up to 300,000 coins was authorized, though only 14,966 were actually produced. The coins were flown from San Francisco, where they were minted, to Vancouver to help publicize the event.

### 1819 Large Cent

Steve M., Gateway Coin Club, Inc. of San Antonio



My favorite coin is an otherwise nondescript US Large Cent from 1819. It shows heavy signs of wear due to circulation, and the date is barely readable without magnification. But regardless of its condition, it is my favorite because it was the first coin in my collection. It had been in my father's dresser drawer, and when he died, my mother gave it to me. That was 63 years ago.

### 1962 Centennial of the Battle of Puebla

Ed B., Gateway Coin Club, Inc. of San Antonio



This piece features a beautiful portrait of General Ignacio Zaragoza on a horse, as well as cool cannonballs in the foreground. This Mexican token is struck in .900 fine silver.

### The Magdalen Island Penny Token

David A., Gateway Coin Club, Inc. of San Antonio



The Magdalen Islands, a group of 16 islands situated in the Gulf of St. Lawrence between Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, has a total area of 88 square miles. The British crown granted the islands to Sir Isaac Coffin in 1798 in recognition of the Boston-born Admiral's loyal service to Great Britain during the Revolutionary War. In 1815, Sir Isaac, imagining himself a feudal lord, decided to introduce his own coinage. He ordered a large number of pennies, a coining press, and dies (probably cut by Thomas Halliday) from Sir Edward Thomason, of Birmingham, England. He brought these to the islands to set up his own mint. He distributed the coins he brought with him to the local fishermen with some finding their way to Nova Scotia, Canada. The obverse of the penny shows a fur seal on an ice floe and has the inscription "MAGDALEN ISLAND TOKEN 1815." The reverse features a split codfish showing the main resource of the islands and bears the inscription "SUCCESS TO THE FISHERY" and the denomination "ONE PENNY." Although these tokens did not receive royal approval, they did circulate extensively, and as a result, collectors find few examples in mint condition.

### 1974 Bahama \$2

Pat W., Gateway Coin Club, Inc. of San Antonio



My favorite coin is a 1974 Bahama \$2 coin: KM #66a, 29.80g, 0.925 Silver 0.8862oz., ASW 40mm. The observe shows the Bahamas' National Coat-of-Arms above the date and the reverse has two flamingos. I prefer coins with artistic craftsmanship. I like this coin because it holds a particular aesthetic, ornamental design that I think is eye catching.



**1743 Hollandia Shipwreck Coin**  
Chuck B., Greater Houston Coin Club



The illustrated coin is a silver 8 Reals Spanish Colonial coin minted in Mexico City in 1741. It was recovered in 1971 from the shipwreck site of the Dutch merchant vessel *Hollandia*, west of the Isles of Scilly off the southwest coast of England. The *Hollandia* was built by the Dutch East India Company in 1742 in Amsterdam. In 1743, she departed the Netherlands as part of a three-ship fleet carrying specie in the form of silver Spanish dollars and other trade goods on her maiden voyage from Amsterdam to the Dutch colonial port of Batavia (modern day Jakarta, Indonesia). The coins were being transported to the Dutch East Indies to facilitate trade with the Chinese. The *Hollandia* was also carrying 276 sailors and around 30 passengers. On 13 July 1743, she became separated from the fleet and struck a submerged rock near the Isles of Scilly, sinking nearby with the loss of all hands and passengers. In 1971, more than 35,000 silver coins among the nearly 130,000 guilders (dollar-sized coins) recorded on the ship's manifest to be on board the *Hollandia* were salvaged, as well as bronze cannons and mortars. The illustrated coin shows surface damage referred to as "shipwreck effect damage", in this case consisting of light surface pitting due to being immersed in seawater and edge dings probably caused during the sinking of the ship.

**World Trade Unit Coin**

Barbara H., Gateway Coin Club, Inc. of San Antonio



A trade unit is a generic term for different forms of silver trade. This trade unit is a 1 Troy oz 99.9% Pure Silver. The coin does not have an actual currency value. Any coin that does not have a currency value, thus is not a numismatic coin, can be considered a trade unit. Trade units are normally produced by a private mint.

**1793 Large Cent**

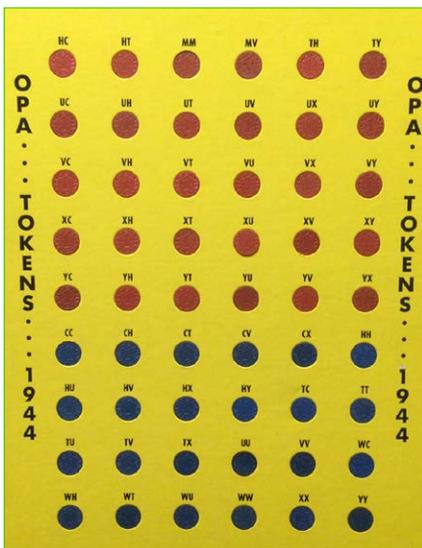
Johnell H., Gateway Coin Club, Inc. of San Antonio



What is pretty or attractive, does it provide intrigue or memorable history, a family connection, that is coin collecting. The spring-board coin for me is the Large Cent, one of the first coins minted in the first United States mint. What was going on is what makes this one of the most intriguing coins. It shows me my history and my concerns for today. The hair, the wreath, etc. for 64 years a story is beautifully displayed in the Large Cent.

**WW II Ration Tokens**

Frank Galindo, President, Gateway Coin Club, Inc. of San Antonio



Collecting has brought me so much enjoyment over the many years of searching for collectibles in different numismatic categories. Because of my interest in WW I and WW II memorabilia, I began collecting many items connected to this period. One area that relates to WW I and WW II is food rationing.

During WW II, the Office of Price Administration (OPA) was established in 1942 to begin a nationwide rationing program. Food and other commodities were rationed, which included gasoline, sugar, rubber, shoes, appliances, aluminum, fuel oil, and other essentials. To help with the ration program, in 1944 the OPA designed ration tokens to be used as change for ration stamps. They were made of vulcanized fiber and 16 mm in size. Both stamps and tokens were used for food purchases. The red tokens were used for meats and fats. The blue tokens were used for processed foods. The complete set is comprised of 30 red tokens and 24 blue tokens. The Society of Ration Token Collectors (SRTC), where I served as president several years ago, is an international organization of members who collect these old reminders of WW II ration memorabilia.



### 2019 Issue 2 Euro German Bimetallic Commemorative

Chuck N., Gateway Coin Club, Inc. of San Antonio



One of my favorite coins is a rather new one, a commemorative Two Euro German bimetallic 2019 issue celebrating 30 years of the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. This coin is even more special, as I was in Germany for two weeks in May 2019. I spent an entire week in Berlin and visited various sites of the former Berlin Wall. The wall went up in 1961 to keep East German citizens from escaping the former German Democratic Republic to the west in the Federal Republic of Germany. The wall was called an "Anti-fascist Barricade" to "keep revenge seeking West Germans out," according to the East German Communist regime. While in reality 239 East Germans out of 5,000 escapees died trying to reach freedom going through, over, and often under the wall. The obverse of the coin has a large "2 Euro" superimposed over a map of the European Union. On the reverse is the wall with a large opening showing people heading toward West Berlin with the Brandenburg Gate in the background. The Brandenburg Gate was (until 1989 in East Berlin) the former capital of the German Democratic Republic. Today the gate is a symbol of a unified Germany. The coin has a face value of \$2.20 and is the largest denomination coin circulating in the European Union.

### Golden Angel Token

Gene F., Gateway Coin Club, Inc. of San Antonio



My favorite token is a Golden Angel. I get a new one every time I contribute money to one of my favorite charities and/or donate dollars to a needy organization. It is almost identical to a U.S. quarter in size and weight. I have thrown one into the fountain near the Alamo.

### Set of Medals featuring "The Great Women of the American Revolution"

Karla G., Gateway Coin Club, Inc. of San Antonio



One of my favorite collections is the set of 36 medals featuring "The Great Women of the American Revolution," commissioned by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to commemorate the Bicentennial of this great nation in 1976 and to honor some of the women who made significant contributions to our struggle for Independence.

The Franklin Mint of Pennsylvania was selected to be the official minter. The medals are minted in fine pewter, the traditional metal of colonial America, and are 44 mm in size. Advanced subscription applications had to be postmarked by July 4, 1974, with the medals issued at the rate of one per month, beginning in August 1974, at a cost of \$10.00 per medal. Along with the medals, each subscriber received a deluxe leather album, a book containing historical profiles of each of the 36 women, and a certificate of authenticity.

Women were not expected to participate in the war, but many did and made significant contributions. On the home front, they sewed uniforms and knitted stockings for the soldiers, and with their husbands away fighting, some women had to take over as weavers, carpenters, blacksmiths, or shipbuilders. Others transformed their homes into hospitals to care for the wounded, while hundreds of women served as nurses, laundresses and cooks for the male soldiers in the Continental Army. In addition, there were some women who actually engaged in battle.

From among the 36 women honored on the medals, Margaret Cochran Corbin is among my favorites. The reverse of the medal includes the following information about her: "She was the first woman known to be wounded in action as a soldier in the Revolution. Her bravery earned 'Captain Molly' her country's gratitude and admiration." The obverse shows her after being wounded. America should be forever grateful to these and many other women who helped in our quest for independence.



# Mexico Una Onza: The World's First Modern Silver Bullion Coin

By Mike Larson, Northeast Tarrant Coin Club

There are many options today when collecting modern Silver Bullion coins. The top three being the American Silver Eagle from the United States, the Canadian Maple Leaf, and Mexico's Libertad. At least 20 or more countries offer Silver Bullion coins in different designs and in fractional sizes from 1/20th ounce and as much as 5 Kilograms. These Bullion coins are normally backed by their respected countries with a guaranteed weight and purity. Many are collected for their unique features as well as for investment purposes. The most common size is one ounce, or 31.1g, with silver purity ranging from 0.999 to 0.9999. Mintage can be as low as 10,000 or as high as 1,000,000 or more.

The first modern Silver Bullion was the Mexican Onza. It was first issued in 1949 and struck intermittently using the same 1949 date until 1978. The Una Onza, as it was known, was classified as a Medallic Silver Bullion Coinage. The coin was issued in an attempt by Mexico to reestablish itself back into the world trade-dollar market. The coins were minted in 0.9250 Silver, 33.625 g, 0.9999 oz. ASW, and a diameter of 41mm. All had a reeded edge.



1949

This short, four coin series is an easy one to complete. Collecting all five varieties and overdates will add a little more challenge. If you are a collector of different modern World Silver Bullion examples, as I am, then why not start with the first? Any collector of coins from Mexico will also want to add these to their collections.

The 1949 obverse featured a screw press at the center with the legend, CASA DE MONEDA DE MEXICO and 1949. The mintmark **M** was above the press.



1978

The reverse has a balance scale at the center, with PESO/33.625/GRAMOS, above the left arm of the scale and LEY/0.925 below the pillar. The legend read UNA ONZA TROY = 480 GRAMOS DE PLATA PURA\*. The 1949 mintage was 1,000,000.

The 1978 had two varieties. The Type I has a wider (3mm) space between the words in DE MONEDA, and the Type II has smaller (2.75mm) spacing. Mintage was a low 280,000 across the two types, making it the key date of the series.



1979

The obverse of the later years had the same screw press and legend as the 1949, except the date was placed to the left of the press and no mintmark. The later reverse showed the same balance scale, but the legend now read UNA ONZA TROY DE PLATA PURA. LEY/0.925 was now above the scale arm and PESO/33.625/GRAMOS was below the pillar. The mintmark **M** was at the bottom.

The 1979 also had two varieties. The Type III, where the left scale pan points to the U in UNA, and the Type IV, where the pan points between the U and N. Mintage was 4,508,000.



1980

The 1980, Type V, had the highest mintage of the series at 6,101,000. Varieties were 1980/70 and 1980/02 overdates.

Images courtesy of Mike Larson



Please enjoy this selection of meeting minutes and educational talks from coin clubs across our state. We encourage all of our member clubs to send us news and photos to share with the TNA membership. With the cancellation of in-person club meetings, a Show & Tell section has been created in this issue so we can learn and stay connected during these disconnected times. Check out pages 26-30 and consider contributing to future issues.

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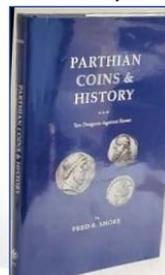
**DISTRICT 1 - FRANK HEZMALL, GOVERNOR**

**FORT WORTH COIN CLUB**

**FWCC FEBRUARY MEETING:** President Dalia called the meeting to order with 18 members and 2 guests present. Dalia asked the guests to stand and tell a little about themselves. The first guest was Phil. He retired a couple of years ago and recently started looking through the coins he had collected. The next guest was Donny S. who is not retired. He has several boxes of coins he inherited and added a few coins to tonight's auction.

**Announcements:** Jim T. has been meeting with a group in Arlington, where he met former FWCC member Fred Gowdy who told him about our club. Jim said that he recently heard that Fred had passed away in January. Dalia asked to get his contact information so the club could send Fred's family a letter of condolence. Dalia announced that the club will be having a coin show on June 26 and 27 at the CERA recreation area. Anyone who would like to volunteer can talk to Dalia or Jimmy to get on the volunteer list. She reminded the members that all volunteers get At-A-Boys and are eligible to be in a drawing for \$100 club credit at the annual Awards Banquet in January. Dalia announced that anyone interested in buying a table for the coin show should talk to Kevin for information and an application form. Dalia announced that the annual TNA Coin Show is coming up on May 29-31 and we are taking names of volunteers to help in the show. Anyone interested in getting a table, volunteering, helping with the Youth Auction should talk to John P., Frank H. or Dalia. She reminded the members that each volunteer earns our club money from TNA, and volunteers earn At-A-Boys for the drawing at the Awards Banquet. Frank P. shared an experience he had with his bank's safe deposit box to make us aware of what can happen. He was given a complimentary safe-deposit box and after five years, the bank had sent him a letter saying they were going to sell the contents if he did not contact them. Because of the banks mistake, he almost lost several thousand dollars of collectable currency, but was able to contact the bank before it was too late. Ed announced that he has contacted several people to give educational programs in the coming months. Ed said that John P. has volunteered to take on the Vice-President vacancy for the remainder of Frank H.'s term. Ed also reminded members they are welcome to come to the monthly board meetings to talk about complaints, share ideas or just observe. Dalia announced that we are looking for anyone who has some memorabilia from the Fort Worth

Coin Club because Gary D. announced that the TNA wants clubs to put together an exhibit of memorabilia from their clubs for the 60th anniversary of the TNA at the upcoming coin show.



**Educational Presentation:** Coinage from the Parthian Era (247BC – 225AD): Ed L. gave a very informative presentation about the Parthian Era history and coinage. Ed learned about the Parthian coins after checking out a book by Fred Shore (pictured). Ed's presentation was very interesting and included background geography and history of the Romans and battles with the Parthians, who were expert archers. Ed brought some of his Parthian coins for members to see. The coins pictured are some examples of Parthian Coinage. Thank you, Ed, for the presentation and for the quick response to a joke request.



**Raffle and Auction:** Frank H. conducted the Raffle of 3 lots and

Frank P. conducted the Auction of 39 lots.



**NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB**

**NETCC FEBRUARY MEETING:** President Kevin Kell opened the meeting with 53 members and visitors present. Kevin again welcomed everyone to our new location, and asked if there were issues with the space. The church has requested that there be no smoking on site. Also, please park in the north parking lot and follow signs. Kevin reminded everyone about the donation auction in May. We need items with a value greater than \$10 to have the auction raise sufficient funds. The proceeds from the auction not only help pay our rent and other operation expenses, but also let us discount everyone's Christmas dinner and provide outstanding Bingo prizes. We have received only 10 items so far. Our quiz night will be conducted at the April meeting. This annual event is quite entertaining and has sparked its share of controversy over answers. Tyler and Gabe will again be our quizmasters. Kevin reminded everyone that it's time to pay dues again. The TNA is encouraging each club to submit an exhibit at its show to display history and events about the club. We need to notify the TNA and they will provide a display case.

Visitors recognized: Carl Nance and Prudencio Rosalez

New member: Katie Delgado

**Program:** Allen Scott gave the February program on collecting 19th century type coins half cents through silver dollars. Not only did he walk through major types in each denomination, he gave valuable pointers on

selecting coins. He also gave some of the history behind the types and minting challenges. Remarkably, the images displayed were examples from his own collection.

Every youth present received a door prize consisting of a Barber quarter. Winners of the adult door prizes of ancient coins were Larry Dibler, Glenn Roberts, and Roy Harston. No one won the monthly progressive prize, which will be added to next month's prize.

The auction of the normal 40 items and the silent auction was conducted.

**MARCH MEETING:** President Kevin Kell opened the meeting with 52 members and visitors present. Kevin reminded everyone about the donation auction in May. Our quiz night will be conducted at the April meeting. Starting with this meeting, the monthly auction will be conducted as previously performed. All items will go up for auction, but members will be limited to four items per meeting, unless we need items to complete the scheduled 40 items. Jack Gilbert announced he has TNA raffle tickets for sale. The prizes consist of five gold coins donated by Heritage Auctions. We need volunteers to assist the ladies in setting up and maintaining meeting refreshments. See Maryann if you can help. Frank Hezmall sent around a signup sheet for TNA show volunteers. Each volunteer will receive five raffle tickets for the five gold coins. Our membership has always responded well to this opportunity.

Visitors recognized: Ryan Garrett and Jan Feenstra

**Program:** Mike Larson gave the March program on collecting Philippine coins by type. He went through the three distinct eras: Administrative, 1903-36; Commonwealth, 1936-45; and Republic 1947-present. Administrative-era coins used a standard US Territories shield and broad-winged eagle on the reverse. Commonwealth-era coins used a smaller eagle and the motto "Commonwealth of the Philippines." The obverse of both eras depicted a simmering volcano on smaller denominations and a figure of liberty on larger denominations. Due to a disparity of values between the Philippine peso and the American dollar, silver content in Philippine coins was reduced to 75% after 1906. After initial mintage at all three American mints, a Manila mint was established in 1920. This continued operation until the 1942 Japanese occupation. Mike also told about Japanese occupation during WWII. In anticipation of capture, soldiers dumped \$8.5 million in silver coins into Manila Bay. Japanese soldiers discovered this action and used American POWs to recover it from 150 feet of water. Only a small portion was recovered by the Japanese; subsequent efforts have yielded much better results.

Every youth present received a door prize. Each youth was able to select a nice coin from a group of 20 items. Winners of the adult door prizes of 5 TNA raffle tickets (25 total) were David Popovich, Ryan Garrett, Cheryl Rybka, James Pugh, and Richard Wallace. No one won the monthly progressive prize, which will be added to next month's prize.

The auction of the normal 40 items, as well as the silent auction was conducted.

**APRIL MEETING:** NETCC met virtually in April. See page 7 of this issue for a recap of their first attempt using video conference technology to continue meeting in the time of COVID-19.

## DISTRICT 5 - KIM GROVES, GOVERNOR



**DALLAS CC FEBRUARY MEETING:** Dallas Coin Club President Mike opened the #1101 consecutive meeting of the Dallas Coin Club with 28 people in attendance. There was 1 guest, Mike K., who applied for membership and was voted in as a new member. Welcome Mike!

Mike Thomas reported on a recent DCC Board meeting. The restaurant is now charging for use of our meeting room. Everyone needs to be looking for a new meeting location, since we are very crowded at

our current location. The new location should be centrally located so members have similar distances to travel. Several members attended funeral services for DCC Member, Byron B., who passed away recently. Byron was a great person and loved his family and his numismatic hobby. We will miss Byron at our meetings.

**Officer Reports:** Stewart: Doug D. would have been speaking at the March meeting but will have to be rescheduled if possible. The April meeting will be the ANA National Coin Week Club Trivia Quiz. May: Possible NGC Grader. Several more have volunteered and more information will be available in the future. Judy: A check will be sent from the Club to TNA to support the Educational Exhibits and Youth Auction. Any club members who have not paid dues for 2020 should pay them by the end of March. According to our bylaws, members will have to be taken off our roll if dues are not paid. The Dallas Coin Club is in good standing and finances are very strong. Jose: While not in attendance at the February meeting, he did send the ballots for 2019 Program of the Year Award. Anyone who did not attend the February meeting will have a chance to vote at the next full meeting.

**New Business:** Frank H. is seeking volunteers for the TNA Show which will be held May 29-31 this year. Don D. announced that 2019 W pennies that were flawed because of wrapper could be sent to mint for replacement.

There were quite a number of items for the auction and the auction moved very quickly since the "dot system" was used. Members put a dot on auction slips to indicate that they would bid on an item. Any items that did not receive a "dot" on the auction slip were returned to the owner.

**Old Business:** A large group of donations were brought for the Youth Auction. These items will be turned over to Dahlia and Jimmy who are in charge of the event. Special thanks to the DCC Members who donated to the TNA Youth Auction: David S., Judy D., Gary D., Jose S., George M., Craig S., Guillermo G., Hal C., Frank C., Mary H., Joe C., Greg K., Don D., James L., and Jeff L.

Many interesting items were shared during Show and Tell.

**Program:** "Making a Winning Exhibit" by Judy D.: Judy provided a Rating Sheet used by judges and discussed what sorts of things the judges looked for. The display must be interesting, well designed, and give information about the coins on display. She spoke about how the information signs are judged for readability, attractiveness of display and completeness. Other numismatic material is often included in the displays to enhance the appeal and interest. For example, a display on different images of a president on various coins might include a time line of his administration or a portrait of the president for comparison to the ones provided on the coins. She offered advice, encouragement and some useful information to help you achieve your best possible score.

**Door Prizes:** Jim C., Zeke W., Jeff D., Jeff L., and Don D.

**Raffle:** Don D., Jim C. (twice), Hal C., Mike K., and George M.

**MARCH MEETING:** Dallas Coin President Mike opened the #1102 consecutive meeting of the Dallas Coin Club with 8 people in attendance and 2 guests, if we include heavy rain. Discussions were held by the board beforehand due to the COVID-19 epidemic and proper CDC social distancing rules were in place. The Dallas Coin Club has met during some of the most difficult times in our country and safety of all the members was considered. The club met during WWII and the Kennedy assassination, as difficult as it was at the time. April's meeting will depend on how the situation unfolds. Dallas is now shelter in place and next



month's meeting may be virtual. In these difficult times our hobby brings some peace of mind to our members. All members were notified there would be no program or auction. Only Board reports as per

everyone's safety. The meeting was held at Tietze Park which is about a mile from our usual location. The park is older than our Club, which is very enlightening. The Dallas Club's motto is "Friendship through Numismatics" and how fitting the meeting was held at Tietze park.

Officer Reports: Stewart: Due to the circumstances, Doug D. will present his program when it's safe to do so. April in ANA Trivia and the rest of the year will be subject to how the situation unfolds. Judy: Sent emails to all Dallas CC members who haven't paid dues. Accepting 2020 dues and the \$20 can be paid by cash or check. If you don't pay dues by then end of March you will be dropped from the club per the bylaws. Jose: Shared the news of the recent cancellation of larger regional coin shows (Whitman, C.S.N.S.) and local coin shows. Auction activity has been very robust online! Australia recently released a new \$100 note. The Federal Reserve is placing notes returned from Asia in Quarantine. Please make sure to check out the last TNA Magazine, as we have a picture celebrating the #1100 meeting. Voting took place in February 2020 for the 2019 Dallas Coin Club Program of the year and the winners are as follows: 1. Alan S. "United States 18th Century Type Coins"; 2. Alan S. "United States Type Set: Half Dollars"; (Tie for third place as voting was very close) Gary and Judy D. "ANA Summer Seminar trip" and Jose S. "Collecting Mexican Currency".

Show and Tell: Mike shared some news that he's liquidating an estate with some beautiful Spanish Colonial type coins. They are available on eBay: 1719 Real, 1803 8 Real Sevilla, 1809 8 Real Madrid, and 1803 8 Real Sevilla were mentioned. Jose shared his US Large Cent book he recently acquired.

## DISTRICT 6 - JOHN BARBER, GOVERNOR \_\_\_\_\_



BELLAIRE CC FEBRUARY 3 MEETING: Meeting had 26 attendees. Garth C. presented a report about the August 2020 coin show. He noted that the smaller Bellaire Civic Center room is sold out. The center estimated 45 tables, creating a dealer waiting list. The club is looking at having a second

show in December. The club has a 501(c)3 form but hasn't updated it with the state in a few years. Michael W. created a Bellaire board members list from the 25 years of paper newsletters. The upcoming meeting is scheduled to have the board nominations. The following members presented a show and tell: Karl B., Richard H., Paul K., Gene McP., and Alvin S. Karl B. won the show and tell prize.

FEBRUARY 17 MEETING: Meeting had 24 attendees. Garth C. discussed how the club needs to update the 501(c)3 form and how the club uses the budget. The Bellaire Civic Center wants a certain profit status for club discounts. Alvin S. did research on the 501(c)3 form and presented it to president Garth C. The club has to participate in the following activities to maintain non-profit status: charitable, education, or scientific. The status effects how we purchase donations, day trips, door prizes, and dinners. Garth C. presented the nominations for the 2020 elections: President Garth Clark, Vice President Karl Blomquist, and Secretary Michael Wolford. Richard H. declined the treasurer nomination, as he is limited in his ability to travel to Bellaire for some club activities. The club voted unanimously to accept the nominations. The treasurer position still needs to be filled. The following members presented a show and tell: Garth C., Alonzo G., and Kristi H. Alonzo G. won the show and tell prize.



GHCC FEBRUARY MEETING: Called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jack D.

Presidential Announcements: Call for visitors to be recognized: Larry and Mary V. from Ark. and Jaime R. Numismatic News has an article about our HMS which has a full page with pictures. The article also showed the YN Coin Chest.

Show & Tell was chaired by Tom S., and many interesting items were shared.

Monthly Coin Quiz: Questions were passed out by Chuck, John B., & Richard. Garry K. won with three questions right.

Program: "Money of Early America" by John Barber. John traversed the early efforts, early currency, to 1857 when Congress outlawed all foreign coinage.

Business portion of meeting: John B. gave the Coins for A's report. Alvin got his presentation certificate for his program presentation in 2019.

Additional announcements: Election of new Members: Ed Prinsen, Jeanette Lopez, Daniel Guilarte, Shaun Bland, Tony Gilbrecht, and Jim S. Albert Schoen was presented his life membership certificate.

Nominating Committee: Incumbents 4 officers and 7 directors of the Club are re-nominated. Call for nominations from the floor. Seeing none the election will be conducted next month. Also, a special appointment was made of an assistant to the treasurer for training on the operation.

Money Show report: We have many dealers that have signed up for the next show. Cheryl handled the volunteers: 55 volunteer members and relatives plus non-member volunteers. Attendance was 1,156 in 2018 and 1,517 in 2020, an increase of 23% over three years. There also was a very well attended children's auction. Conroe will subsidize our advertising budget to help us bring in people to the show.

Dues are \$20 individual and \$25 family. Please pay Barbara.

MARCH MEETING: Called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jack D. Attendance at this meeting was 26, about half our normal attendance.

Opening Comments/Announcements: Moment of silence for life member Alan G. who passed away after a brief illness. Discussion on Ed Stephens show.

Visitors: Elizabeth W. aka "She Pirate" and Jaime H.

Show and Tell: Tom S. chaired an expanded show & tell for this month in lieu of a full program, and many interesting items were shared. The show & tell winner was Sebastian F. by random draw.

Monthly Quiz: Presented by Chuck B. and John B. Winner this evening was a three-way tie. Bruce B. won the tie breaker.

Business meeting: Coins for A's - Steady stream of new letters, 33 last month and about 16 this month so far. Money Show Report - Kids auction for 2021 show as well as Vinton McCawley auction.

If you have any donations for the ANA - YN auction, please see Andrew C.

## DISTRICT 7 - FRANK GALINDO, GOVERNOR \_\_\_\_\_



GATEWAY JANUARY 16 MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Frank G. with 26 members and 1 visitor in attendance: Alexander W.

Old Business: Karla G. reported there are 37 spaces rented for the Antiques & Collectibles Show on the 18th. The sign-up sheet

for volunteers for the February Coin Show in Schertz was available. Assistance is needed from members on Friday afternoon to help with setup and on Saturday to assist with check in and registration.

Announcements: Frank & Karla G. were presented plaques in recognition of 48 years of membership and service to the club.

GCC Raffle: The winners of the raffle prizes were Barbara H., Don P., Steve M., Mike G., Kate M., Arturo G. Paul R.

Numismatic Roundtable: The Numismatic Roundtable was conducted by Andy G. and assisted by Kate M. Many interesting items were shared. Larry F. won the roundtable prize: a 1962 PCGS PR66, \$.05.

Numismatic Educational Program: Tim C. presented the program on the topic of Rolling Milled Coins.

Auction: The auction was conducted by David A. with the assistance of Luke B., Matt B., Tim C., Frank G., and Gene F.

Donations: Mike G. donated two lots with the proceeds to benefit the club treasury: (4) \$10 Juan note from Korea sold to Tim C for \$3; a New Concept in Metallic Art Medal, sold for \$2.25 to Robert J. A special thanks to Mike G for his generous donations and to those who bid on the donated lots.

The Attendance Prize: Melinda D. won a 1922 Peace Dollar.

FEBRUARY 6 MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Frank G. with 39 members and 3 visitors in attendance: Gabriel G., Ariadna S., and Michael S. During the meeting, Michael S. joined our club.

Old Business: Karla G. said that the member volunteer sign-up sheet for volunteers for the February show is available.

Announcements: David A. still needs presenters for the March thru August meetings.

Numismatic Roundtable: The Numismatic Roundtable was led by Andy G. with the assistance of Kate M., and many interesting items were shared. Edward B. won the roundtable prize: 959-MS65TH, one-cent.

GCC Raffle: The winners of the raffle prizes were Don P., Ray T., Angie L., Larry F., Edward B., Matt A., Mike G., and Steve M.

Donations: Mike G. donated two lots with the proceeds to benefit the club treasury: \$10 note from Korea sold to Tim C for \$3; a New Concept in Metallic Art Medal, sold for \$2.25 to Robert J. A special thanks to Mike G for his numismatic donations and to those who bid on the donated lots.

Auction: The auction was conducted by David A. with the assistance of Matt B., Gene F, and Frank G.

The Attendance Prize: Cal B., won a 1922 Peace Dollar.

FEBRUARY 20 MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Frank G. with 36 members and 5 visitors in attendance. The visitors were Sharron & Gene N., Jacob H., and Leroy & Alva S.

Old Business: Ray T. announced that the city of Schertz has overbooked the Civic Center for Feb. 29th, the day of our coin show. The show is being moved to the Knights of Columbus building down the street. The city will post signs directing people to the new location. David A. needs presenters for the numismatic educational programs for March thru August.

Numismatic Roundtable: The Numismatic Roundtable was conducted by Andy G., and many interesting items were shared. Paul R. won the roundtable prize: a 1961-PF 67 \$.25.

GCC Raffle: The winners of the raffle prizes were Matt A., Angie L., Steve M., Ray T., and Luke B.

Presentation: Johnell H. presented a program on Large Cents.

Auction: The auction was conducted by David A. with the assistance of Matt B., Gene F., Frank G., and Luke B.

Attendance Prize: a 1923 Peace Dollar won by Paul R.

MARCH 5 MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Frank G. with 36 members and 1 visitor in attendance: Val T.

Old Business: Karla G gave a report on the coin show held on Feb 29. The show had the largest attendance at our shows in several years. Positive feedback on the facilities, tables size, attendance was received from multiple vendors. David A. still needs members to sign up to present Numismatic Educational Programs at our March thru August meetings. Ray T. asked all the members to look for a possible location for our May 23 coin show and to let him or any of the officers know.

Announcements: Karla is selling the annual TNA Raffle Tickets, which are \$1 each. There are five gold coins that are being raffled. David A. announced that there is a coin show in Houston the weekend of March 14. David and Matthew will be attending.

Roundtable: The Numismatic Roundtable was conducted by Andy G. and assisted by Kate M., and many interesting items were shared. Leroy M. won the roundtable prize: a 1962-PF 68 \$.25.

GCC Raffle: The winners of the raffle prizes were Richard G., Stan M., Matt A., Cal B., David A., Paul R., Melinda D., and Leroy M.

Auction: The auction was conducted by David A. with the assistance of Tim C., Gene F, and Frank G.

The Attendance Prize: Frank G. won a 1923 Peace Dollar.

## DISTRICT 10 - DON TOMKO, GOVERNOR \_\_\_\_\_



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## INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB OF EL PASO, INC.

(FOUNDED 1963)

EL PASO CC JANUARY MEETING: President Jason welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2020. Jason thanked Willie for paying for breakfast for the board when they met at his restaurant,

"Leo's." It was announced that Roger W. had eye surgery. Erich D. and his son Daniel were introduced. Erich is the person who makes rings from coins. Brian's new article was announced and passed around for the membership to see. All exhibitors at the coin show will receive a red book. You are to give Jason your application. Jackie needs volunteers to work the front table. Harold announced that 1500 raffle tickets out of 3500 had been sold. Medals will be available at the show, and dies will be available in February. Some nicer coins are needed for the Children's Auction. Badges for new members were given to Roger C., Lloyd G., and Tim H. A life membership badge was given to Bob P. Sebastian D. and Alex H. were favorably voted for membership. Eli H. and Brianna H. will be voted upon in February.

Jason did a presentation on War Bonds. He talked about how they were originally Defense Bonds but were renamed War Bonds after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Jason showed an example of a War Bond he had found in a coin collection and how it had passed maturity over 10 years ago. He showed how to find out what a bond is worth by going onto a government website. He recommended everyone to look through their collections. A collector may find an old war bond they forgot they owned.

The auction was conducted by Steve, Bob, and Willie. Numismatic prizes were won by Bob P., Jerry, Fran,

and Ed. The grand prize was won by Brent: three blue slab boxes and a chocolate bar.

FEBRUARY MEETING: The February meeting was opened with 47 members and 9 guests present. George P. was recognized for his many years of involvement in the Coin Club. Through the years, George has donated many coins for our different events. He was presented with a plaque. George commented on how the Bond system worked as a continuation of last week's presentation.

Two of the prize winners from the recent Coin Club Show were presented with their prizes: Michael M. and Kerry B. Everyone who participated in the Coin Show with an exhibit will receive a 2021 Red Book at the meeting on April 9. Jason thanked all the volunteers who helped with the show. Steve commented on the Kids' Auction. As usual, it was an outstanding event. At the end of the auction tonight, dies for our medals will be for sale.

Badges were given to Roger C., Tim L., Alex, and Sebastian. The applications for membership for Eli H. and Brianna H. were favorably voted upon.

It was announced that Brent is the custodian of our medals. Next year's medal will be discussed at the next board meeting and then two

or three ideas brought to the next general meeting. Discussion was held concerning our club members attending the Albuquerque Coin Show on March 20, 21, 22. It was suggested we rent a van and take a one-day trip to the show.

John gave a presentation entitled "Collecting In One's Hometown." He discussed collecting locally with bank notes, tokens, coins, medals; and also badges, patches and postcards. He gave detailed ideas in each of the categories.

A lively auction was conducted by Steve, Bob P., and Willie. Numismatic winners were Helen, Jim F., Tim L., and guest Joseph P. The grand prize was won by Kerry: an 1851 large cent.

## DISTRICT 11 - DOUG HERSHEY, GOVERNOR



### Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc.



GOLDEN SPREAD CC MARCH MEETING: In attendance were: Michael E., Steve U., Bobby C., Chuck M., Jim W., Rick M., Tommy T., Norman G., Chuck F., Doug H., Kelly A., and Mike N. Our visitor for the evening was Roxie W.

New business: Advertising was discussed for the next coin show. The idea is still being reviewed, as some types were not priced.

Chuck revisited a wonderful powerpoint program on "Carson City Silver." He discussed the important silver discovery, the mine, and subsequent Mint that began in 1870 and the wonderful numismatic treasures it made.

For show and tell, Michael E. brought a 4 Queens casino token, Chuck M. brought a \$20 liberty in a 1st gen holder, Bobby brought a 2005 buffalo with detached leg error and a 2004 Mint used die. Kelly A. brought an 1883 shield nickel overdate.

Our door prize drawing was for a 10 oz silver was won by Tommy. Phil W. was not present for the gift certificate, so it will be \$10 at the next meeting.

## DISTRICT 13 - ROB ROBINSON, GOVERNOR

### GREENBELT COIN CLUB

GREENBELT CC FEBRUARY MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Jean Sweitzer with 18 members in attendance, including newest members Nacole Garcia and James Rine who joined during the meeting.

Announcements: Connolly O'Brien announced that member Keith Smith was in the hospital for a short time and is now in Physical Therapy. Rob Robinson announced that long-time club member Don Vanadore passed away shortly after Thanksgiving.

New business: Connolly said that he had attended the Grapevine show last weekend and there was a lot of interest in gold and silver coins and bullion. He said that the Duncan, OK show would be held on the weekend of Feb 7-9.

Program: Rob added to Tony Zupkas' program last month when he told about a 1963-D Franklin Half Dollar in MS-66 plus which sold in an auction recently for over \$85,000. Rob showed a picture of the coin that appeared in a recent Coin World Magazine along with other coins in the same sale. Next to the picture of the Franklin Half was a picture of a beautiful Proof 66 Cameo Seated Half dollar which sold for less than one-eighth of the price of the Franklin. The mintage of the Seated Half was only 9,000 versus over 25 million for the 1963-P Franklin Half. This just goes to show the ridiculous prices that some folks are willing to pay for high grade modern coins.

Drawings were held, and Julio Cuellar was the winner of the membership drawing - a 1982 BU George Washington Half Dollar. Raffle prize winners were Mike Cato, James Rine, Tommy Robinson, and Randy Boyd.

Rob Robinson conducted the 47-lot auction. All but 4 lots were sold.



WICHITA FALLS CSC FEBRUARY MEETING: 27 members present plus 1 visitor: Karen Pash who joined the club.

Announcements: Rob Robinson announced that he was selling raffle tickets for the Texas Numismatic Association (TNA) show. He said that the raffle prizes include various gold items, and the tickets are \$1 each.

Connolly O'Brien said that the Duncan Coin Show was good. Tony Zupkas said that the unless something unique happens, the Wichita Falls coin shop will be closing around March 10, 2020. Additionally, Tony said that the Wichita falls Library is having the annual book sale which is a way to purchase books cheaply.

Program: Tony Zupkas said that there was a rail road car seizure in International Falls, MN, which is near the U.S. Canadian border. The contents of the rail road car were 45 boxes of counterfeit \$1 Dollar U.S. bills with a value of \$900,000. Tony said that the bills were suspected to be coming from China. Tony explained that the most counterfeited note is the U.S. \$100 dollar bill. Tony continued saying that what is described as a nearly perfect counterfeit "Super Note" showed up in South Korea. He said that the suspicion is that the "Super Notes" are coming from North Korea. Tony said that the "Super Notes" have been concentrating on the Series 2006, and that about \$45 million in counterfeit "Super Notes" have reportedly been created. Tony went on to state that they are also counterfeiting other currencies such as the Euro, Yen, and Yuan.

Membership Prize: 1982 Washington Commemorative Silver Half Dollar won by Mark Snyder.

Raffle Prizes: 2020 Silver Eagle, Bill Kaufhold; 1936 Mercury "P" Dime and a 1968 Kennedy Half Dollar, Steve Clark; 1985 Proof Set, Ben Slaybaugh; 1972 Mint Set, Rob Robinson.

Auctioneer Rob Robinson with 5 Consignors and 57 lots.

## DISTRICT 17 - TOM CAMPBELL, GOVERNOR



### WACO COIN CLUB

WACO CC MARCH MEETING: Meeting was called to order after a successful officers meeting was held. Thanks again to Rusty Garrett for providing the meeting location (KWTX) while the senior center was in use. The financial report and minutes

were presented and accepted as given. We are changing to a new style of bank account that is better suited for non-profit businesses.

The first show and tell was a Lampassas Check passed around by Buckley Major. The second was a presentation by Mark Cobb on numismatic photography. Mark brought his laptop and microscope set up to show the club how he takes detailed photographs of his coins. It can be done rather inexpensively with a digital microscope available online!

The club would like to thank David Gaines for sharing numismatics with his classes at Midway. A few students have taken an interest and one attended our meeting in March!

The Waco Coin show is officially cancelled. We should still be on schedule for the fall show. Should we make the fall show a two day show to compensate for the spring show cancellation? Please let me know what you think!

Collin won the first raffle prize at this meeting, Mike Davis won the second and third, Zach Monthey claimed the fourth, Walter Seeger won the fifth, and Buckley Major won the door prize!

**We encourage all of our member clubs to send in news and photos to share with the TNA membership.**

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The obverse of the 2020 TNA Medal features Charles Goodnight, the legendary cattle rancher, trail blazer, Texas Ranger, scout, soldier, innovator, Master Mason, and benefactor. Together with Oliver Loving, they established the historic Goodnight-Loving Trail. He invented the chuckwagon, and to improve his cattle, he cross-bred the buffalo with domestic cattle, which resulted in a new breed called the cattalo, also known as beefalo. The reverse of the medal shows the official seal of the Texas Numismatic Association. The medal was designed by TNA Medals Officer Frank Galindo of San Antonio, Texas.

## PRICE

Single bronze medals are \$6.50 each postpaid. Medal sets (one bronze and one 1 oz. .999 fine silver) are \$39.00 for each set plus \$4.50 per set for postage and handling. If insurance is requested, there is an additional cost of \$2.50 per medal set.

## ORDERING INFORMATION

Make checks or money orders payable to TNA.

Contact Frank Galindo, TNA Medals Officer, at P.O. Box 12217, San Antonio, TX 78212-0217.

For questions, email [KARFRA1@netzero.net](mailto:KARFRA1@netzero.net).





## STOLEN NOTE

FEBRUARY

The note shown below was stolen from a mailbox on or about 2/14/2020. Tracking says it was delivered. The note was sent without signature required from a vest pocket dealer.

FR-224 PMG 50 Serial # 8939931



## MISSING PACKAGE

MARCH

A FedEx package being shipped from Westlake Village, CA to Naples, FL has been reported missing.

Package Contents:

1908 No Motto \$20 St. Gaudens NGC MS64 Cert #4602252-112

999 Silver City Las Vegas, Nevada \$10 Limited Edition Gaming Token

1941 (5) Coin Proof Set in capitol plastic holder

## MISSING NOTES

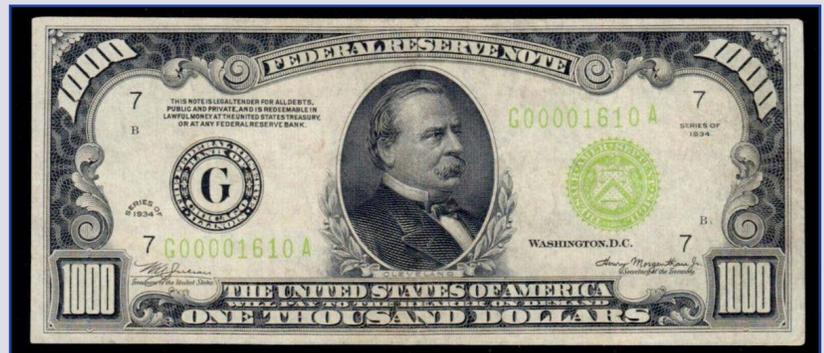
MAY

The notes pictured below were shipped via USPS and are now missing.

## MISSING/STOLEN ERROR COINS

FEBRUARY

A dealer attending the recent Long Beach Coin Expo has reported a small box of 76 major Mint Error coins as being missing/stolen. The coins were housed in small cardboard holders (1.5 x 1.5) and numbered in black #26 to #100.



## MISSING SILVER EAGLE

MAY

A UPS package containing a sealed 1996 Silver Eagle box was shipped via 2-day UPS ground from Hawthorne, NJ to Bradenton, FL. Last scan was in Sarasota, FL.



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31	1	2	3	4	5	6

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Assisted by and in cooperation with the Convention & Visitors Bureau, Conroe, TX.  
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ANA, TNA

PO Box 963517, El Paso, TX 79996

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**Guests are Always Welcome**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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Street or P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

under 18 years of age  18 or over ANA # \_\_\_\_\_  Regular  Associate  Junior  Chapter  Life

Collecting Interest \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Proposer Signature \_\_\_\_\_ TNA# \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Family Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_ TNA# \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature (Junior Applicant) \_\_\_\_\_ President Signature for Chapter Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

For use by TNA Secretary

TNA Action \_\_\_\_\_ TNA # \_\_\_\_\_ Dues Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail applications to: Lawrence Herrera, TNA Secretary, 4717 W. Lovers Lane, Dallas, TX 75209

### OVERVIEW

This association is a non-profit, educational and scientific organization founded in January 1960. It is purely a mutual association founded for the benefit of its members.

The TNA invites to membership all worthy persons who are at least nine years of age. Coin clubs, schools, libraries, museums and kindred organizations who have a sincere interest in the collecting and study of coins, paper money, tokens, medals and related items are welcome. Incorporated under the Laws of Texas - March, 1960

### PURPOSES

To promote and advance interest and comprehensive knowledge of numismatics; to cultivate friendly relations among fellow collectors; to hold periodic meetings and exhibits; to provide a place and time to buy, sell and trade numismatic items; to serve its members collectively, not individually.

### ADVANTAGES

To be a member is to have fraternal affiliation with numismatics of your state; to know their addresses and collecting interests; to have the honor of serving visitors with the names of collectors in their vicinity; to participate in the annual convention; to receive the official publication. TNA membership offers prestige on the state level just as ANA offers prestige on the national and international levels.

### OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

Each Regular, Junior, Life and Chapter member receives the TNA News for no additional cost. Insofar as possible, this media will keep you informed about your association, and the individual and chapter members. It carries timely articles and features. Its pages are free to all members to express their views and to contribute articles for the advancement of numismatics. Those seeking information may ask for help through the pages of the TNA News. Those having items for sale or trade may advertise for a nominal sum. The TNA News is the voice of the TNA.

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### MEMBERSHIP

Regular members are at least 18 years of age. Associate members are at least 18 and a member of the immediate family of a regular member. Junior members are under 18 years of age. Chapter members are those organizations as listed on the previous page.

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Applicants for membership must be proposed for membership by a TNA member who signs the application form together with an additional person know as a voucher. A voucher for an applicant for regular membership should be an adult of reputable character who knows the applicant. A voucher for an applicant for junior membership must be a parent or guardian of the applicant. Applicants for chapter membership should be signed by the president. Such other information as required on the application should be given.

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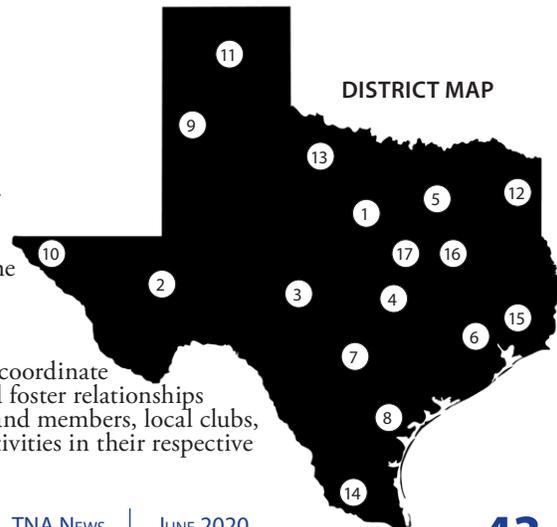
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS: 2020 & 2021

## **JULY 17-19      70 TABLES      GRAPEVINE**

TEXAS COIN SHOW at the Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St., Grapevine TX 76051 (4 miles NW of DFW Airport off Hwy 114, exit Main, right on Vine). Fri. 2pm-6pm, Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. Free parking, police security, \$3 admission, THREE PRIZES!

Contact: Ginger Pike, P.O. Box 356, Howe, TX 75459-0356  
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## **AUGUST 1-2      44 TABLES      BELLAIRE**

BELLAIRE COIN SHOW at the Bellaire Civic Center, 7008 S. Rice Ave. 9am-5pm. Admission \$3 and free for children under 12, Scouts and leaders in uniform, military, police, and first responders. Show features door prizes, raffle, children's auction, Scout merit badge workshop, and ANACS grading. Masks and gloves will be provided and are required to be worn while attending this event.

For more information, visit [BellaireCoinShow.com](http://BellaireCoinShow.com)

## **SEPTEMBER 25-27 70 TABLES      GRAPEVINE**

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## **OCTOBER 3      40 TABLES      PLANO**

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## **DECEMBER 18-20 70 TABLES      GRAPEVINE**

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