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Hello!

Happy spring! Planning is in full-swing for the 2025 TNA Convention and Show in Conroe from May 30 through June 1. The partner hotel for the convention is Homewood Suites, and you can take advantage of their special rate if you book by April 27. There will be youth activities (including two auction sessions) and educational exhibits, along with the bustling bourse of dealers and opportunities to visit with your fellow collectors from across the state. Check out the convention information beginning on page 22. I hope to see you there!

To raise funds to support the educational and outreach efforts of the Association, we are grateful to partner with Heritage Auctions for a Gold Coin Raffle featuring SEVEN prize packages this year. Tickets are available through electronic payment, check, or from your regional Governor. You can read through the entry details and see the prize photos on page 24.

Between the Show & Tell items, educational articles, and Dr. Coyne questions, this issue of TNA News is proud to host the voices of many different authors. A mission of the TNA is education, and the generosity of our members to fill these pages with information for their fellow collectors is inspiring. Along with a slate of fascinating questions and answers curated by Dist. 9 Gov. John Barber for Dr. Coyne, Dist. 13 Gov. Rob Robinson brings us an excellent article on the beautiful Liberty Seated Dollar, and Mark Benvenuto strives to inspire a higher-end set of half dollars. Six contributors sent in interesting Show & Tell items, and you are encouraged to send in something from your collection by April 30 to be featured in the next magazine.

The next issue of TNA News will be published in June around the time of the convention, so look for the convention photos in the September issue. We hope you make it to Conroe this year!



Ann Marie Avants
TNA News Editor

Next Publication Deadline:

April 30

Please email your articles and club news to
theTNAnews@gmail.com



Rick Ewing
TNA President

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings!

I am standing to exit my term(s) as President of the Texas Numismatic Association and asking myself, what's next? I liked most of my two terms. I had people who were not my fans and people who were able to function without my input. I also had one or two members who openly said that they were not going to be part of the Association. All of that was fine with me. At 81 years old, I have heard it all. My coin collection is spilling out of a 12x18 room and numbers just over 4,200 pieces in the form of collections of French Assignats, almost all the varieties of small size \$1 notes since 1928. There are lots of other areas that have my attention.

All that aside, the part I have enjoyed more than all the coins and currency that grace my home are the people I have met and talked and worked with over the years. That, I think, I cherish more than anything. I Zoom-attend four clubs outside of Texas, and those are neat experiences when they have invited me to present a program at their meetings. I would like to see more clubs indulge in educational programs. Unfortunately, I am a member of clubs that "if" the program lasted five minutes, it was a stretch. These clubs are in such a hurry to get to the auction at the end of the meeting. Some of these auctions have items I would not mind adding to my collection, but the minimum bid can be at just about the limit of sanity.

Another area of my enjoyment is the ANA and its Summer Seminars. These learning sessions are an experience beyond expectations. You have classes that cover your area of interest, then you have meals with other collectors and the discussions cover other areas exposing you to other ideas. I have indulged in the Summer Seminars for 15 years and would not change it. At the Houston Money Show in January, the TNA had a drawing to cover the session fees, boarding, and travel expenses for two members to attend Summer Seminar 2025. Congratulations to Catalina Amaral and Kelly Ross!

Now to my fellow TNA members, get the urge, fever or desire to improve your knowledge of the hobby and know your material and not just what is it worth. Enjoy the hobby and pursue the effort to expand your knowledge!

Goodbye and enjoy your avocation.

Thank you,

Rick Ewing

TNA President
rick_ewing@aol.com





Lawrence Herrera
TNA Secretary

TNA SECRETARY'S REPORT

SPRING 2025

WELCOME NEW TNA MEMBER APPLICANTS

Welcome to new TNA members R-8182 to R-8205. No objections were received, and the applicants became active members. The following have applied for membership in the TNA. If no objections are received, they will become members in April 2025.

TNA#	Name	District
R-8206	David Dow	4
J-8207	Alondra Vasquez	5
R-8208	Gordon J. Robinson	5
R-8209	Nowland Bambard	7
R-8210	Gilberto Suarez	14
R-8211	James B. Harris	9
R-8212	Malcolm Pate	9
R-8213	George Payne	12
R-8214	Jason Waller	8
R-8215	Katy Marlow	13
R-8216	Byron Moore	12
R-8217	Nowland Bambard	7
R-8218	Daniel Carter	6

2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Adult Membership: \$25
Youth Membership: \$10
Associate Membership: \$10
Lifetime Membership: \$500

Dues should be mailed to:

Lawrence Herrera
TNA Secretary
4717 W. Lovers Lane
Dallas, TX 75209

(See page 43 for membership details)

ELECTRONIC DUES PAYMENT OPTION

Pay electronically through Zelle to
TNApayments@yahoo.com

Please include "TNA DUES" and your contact info in
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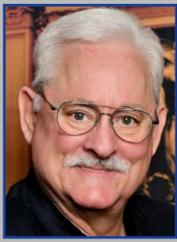
The mailing list for the TNA News is prepared by the
Secretary's office.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Use the application on page 43
or visit TNA.org and download a
digital form you can print or email
to prospective members.

If you would like a black and white,
home-printer-friendly application for
your club or show emailed to you,
contact theTNAnews@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS: To be good stewards of membership dues and focus funds towards our mission of numismatic education and outreach, the costs associated with physical membership cards were phased out in 2019. Your TNA Membership status is maintained by the Secretary, and your member number is available upon request.



Jack Gilbert
TNA Treasurer

TNA TREASURER'S REPORT

TNA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWS

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

TNA GRANTS RAFFLE RESULTS

Congratulations to this year's winners!

The drawing this year took place at the Houston Money Show on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at about noon. Greater Houston Coin Club's volunteer coordinator Cheryl Domurat drew the tickets. The drawings were witnessed by Former TNA President Richard Laster, TNA Governor Stephen Gipson, and TNA Treasurer Jack Gilbert, as well as visitors to the Coin Show. Treasurer Jack Gilbert matched the winning tickets to each winner's entry form.

Two **ANA Summer Seminar Grants** were awarded. The winners are expected to attend the seminar this year in Colorado Springs. Tuition for a one-week seminar, room and board, and travel expenses are reimbursed (with appropriate receipts/documentation) after attendance.

The winners are:

- Catalina Amaral**
- Kelly Ross**

Five \$125 **Library Improvement Grants** were awarded. The winners are expected to acquire numismatic literary items to improve their libraries. Books, Magazines, and Electronic literary material costs are reimbursable (with appropriate receipts/documentation) up to \$125. Please make your claims by 2/28/2026.

The winners are:

- Larry Herrera**
- Judy Dobbins**
- Jim Sandy**
- Gary Dobbins**
- Jason Elwell**

ENTER TO WIN NEXT YEAR: Individuals and clubs who have been members for two years are eligible to enter the drawing for one of five grants of up to \$125 to improve the member's numismatic library. Winners from 2025 and 2024 are not eligible to win the same grant in 2026. Individuals (not clubs) who have been members for two years are eligible to enter the drawing for one of two grants to cover transportation, room and board, and tuition at the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs. Winners of the Summer Seminar Grant are not eligible to win the Library Grant.

Please send one entry for each drawing to be eligible. Include a subject line indicating which drawing you are entering. **Include the following contact information: Name, Mailing Address, Phone, and Email.** Entries may be submitted by email (preferred) at gilbej@yahoo.com or by U. S. Mail at Jack E. Gilbert, 1093 Sunset Ct., Keller, TX 76248.

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC.	
FINANCIAL STATEMENT	
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024	
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	
JP Morgan Chase, NA Checking Account	\$24,207.11
Origin Bk, Ft Worth-Premium Business Money Market	\$37,140.13
Treasury Bills	\$105,400.44
Great Plains Bank CD (Mat 12/8/25)	\$75,054.24
Total Current Assets Due in <1 Year	\$241,801.92
Long Term Assets	
I-Bonds	\$21,923.00
Endowment - Treasury Notes (2 @ \$50,000 par)	\$99,585.30
Lifetime Member Fund - \$30,000	
McFadden Fund - \$70,000	
Total Long Term Assets	\$121,508.30
TOTAL ASSETS	\$363,310.22
LIABILITIES	
Total Liabilities	None.
SURPLUS	
Beginning Balance 3/1/2023	\$386,982.30
Income (Plus)	\$43,633.18
Expenses (Minus)	-\$67,305.26
Surplus	-\$23,672.08
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$363,310.22

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.

SWLA Coin Club ANNUAL COIN SHOW

Saturday, July 12th 2025

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

WestCal Events Center

401 Arena Rd, Sulphur LA 70665

Directions: I-10 exit 20 (Sulphur/Cameron), proceed south on Hwy 1256 to the 1st traffic light at Arena Rd – take a right onto Arena Rd and follow the yellow signs

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Orange County Expo Center

11475 FM 1442, Orange, TX 77630

I-10 EXIT 869 then south 1/2 mile

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SATURDAY Oct. 25, 2025 | 9AM-5PM

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FRIDAY APRIL 11, 2025 | 10AM-5PM

SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2025 | 9AM-4PM

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**25+ Local & National Dealers
35+ Tables**

Free Parking • Security • Door Prizes

FREE CHILDREN'S AUCTION | SAT. 3PM

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Half Page: \$60

Quarter Page: \$35

Professional Directory: \$30

Club Directory: \$20

Your ad dollars help support the educational outreach efforts of the TNA. State-wide youth programs, such as Coins for A's, encourage the next generation of collectors by rewarding academic achievement with curated numismatic items. The TNA regularly issues grants to clubs and individuals to create or enhance educational events and numismatic libraries in their region. Thank you for being part of the numismatic community of Texas.

CONTRIBUTE TO THE TNA NEWS

Contact: theTNAnews@gmail.com

The TNA News was recently awarded Third Place by the American Numismatic Association for Outstanding Regional Publication. This award recognized the TNA Members who filled each page of the magazine with their excellent contributions. Educate and inspire members across Texas by submitting an article or a Show & Tell item to the TNA News!

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. Reach out any time, as new content is always needed.

Magazines are published in March, June, September, and December.

JOIN TNA LEADERSHIP

APPLICATION WINDOW:

JANUARY 1 - APRIL 16, 2025

NOTIFY LAWRENCE HERRERA:

LHERRERA@FLASH.NET

Join the TNA leadership and make a difference in your community! 2025 is an election year for the TNA. If you want to get more involved in promoting numismatics in your area and grow the membership of the TNA by becoming a Governor or joining the Officers team, now is your chance!

Reelection

If you are an incumbent Governor or Officer, you need to notify your intent to run for reelection with the TNA Secretary during the application window (Jan. 1 - April 16).

New Nominees

If you intend to run for a Governor or an Officer position, you need to notify the TNA Secretary during the application window (Jan. 1 - April 16). Please include your name and your desired position title. All nominees must be up-to-date on their membership dues and Governor nominees must live in the District. See details from the TNA bylaws on the following page for additional information.

Promote Your Campaign

You are encouraged to publish a statement giving your biography and promoting your campaign in the TNA News magazine for the December 2024 and March 2025 issues. Contact Ann Marie Avants at theTNAnews@gmail.com by October 1 to make it into the December issue. Reach out any time with questions!

Ballots

Ballots will be mailed to all TNA members for state-wide Officer positions or individual districts for Governor positions if two or more people are running for that position. Unopposed races will not be issued ballots. Ballots will be mailed by April 21 and must be returned by May 16, 2025. See the following page for more details.

TNA ELECTION PROCEDURES

The following election procedures are set forth by the TNA Bylaws and the TNA Board. The 2025 election is for Officers and Governors to serve for the two-year period beginning after the end of the 2025 TNA Convention and through the end of the 2027 TNA Convention. The election is by secret ballot.

The five statewide Officers are the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. In addition, District Governors are up for election. To run for office, a candidate needs to file for office in writing or electronically directly with the TNA Secretary from **January 1, 2025 until April 16, 2025**. Section 5.02a of the TNA bylaws: Candidates for office may file for office with the Association's Secretary from the period of one hundred fifty (150) days to forty-five (45) days before the date of the Annual Meeting. A nomination by another member will not be accepted. All candidates for statewide offices must be Texas residents. All candidates for District Governor must reside in the district they are running for with the exception of District 10 where New Mexico residents within 75 miles of the district border are eligible.

All candidates must be members of the TNA at the time they file for office. See Section 2.02 of the TNA bylaws. No member shall be eligible for President until they have served in at least one elected office in the TNA. No President or Vice-President shall serve more than two consecutive terms or partial terms in the same office without a break in service. If a candidate runs for President or Secretary, they cannot run for any other office. Otherwise, candidates can run for multiple offices if the resident restrictions allow.

State Officers are elected by all TNA members. District Governors are elected by TNA members in the respective districts. There is no provision for write-in votes. There is no run-off in the event a candidate does not receive at least fifty-one percent of the votes. The candidate receiving the most votes shall be declared the winner of the election. In the event candidates receive the same number of votes, the winner will be determined by the outgoing Board of Directors.

Ballots shall only be sent to TNA members where there are contested elections. If there is only one candidate for an office, the office shall be deemed uncontested and the Board shall certify that candidate as elected to the office. Ballots will be mailed to TNA members by April 21, 2025 and must be received (not post-marked) by the Secretary by May 16, 2025. Section 5.03c: The Secretary shall be authorized to mail official ballots to members forty (40) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting. Ballots must be returned and in the Secretary's office fifteen (15) days before the date of the Annual Meeting. Late ballots, altered ballots or ballots suspected of being altered or otherwise tampered with will not be counted.

The results of the election will be announced at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the membership in Arlington, Texas. Section 5.03d: The President shall appoint an Election Committee at least twenty-one (21) days before the date of the Annual Meeting to judge and count the ballots. The Committee shall consist of the Secretary and two (2) other Board Members; however, no Election Committee Member shall be involved in a contested election.

Candidates may submit a biographical sketch, no longer than 150 words, suitable for publication in the TNA News and TNA website. If publishing deadlines allow, candidates names and any biography will be published in the TNA News. The same may be posted on the TNA website. Candidates may purchase appropriate political advertising in the TNA News.

Section 2.02 of the TNA Bylaws provide: A Membership shall be open to all who fulfill the requirements contained herein. An applicant's name shall be published in the official publication of the Association. If no written objections are received by the Secretary by the first day of the next month following publication, the applicant shall be admitted to membership.

Incumbent Governors by District

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1: Frank Hezmall | 10: Jason Elwell |
| 2: Dwight Dickerson | 11: Doug Hershey |
| 3: Patricia K. Correia | 12: Stephen Gipson |
| 4: Robert Kurczewski | 13: Rob Robinson |
| 5: Judy Dobbins | 14: Catalina Amaral |
| 6: John Barber | 15: Gary Foreman |
| 7: Frank Galindo | 16: Stephen Gipson |
| 8: David Burke | 17: Tom Campbell |
| 9: Greg Cronholm | |

Incumbent TNA Officers

- President: Rick Ewing
-Not eligible for re-election because of term limits
- 1st Vice President: Rene de la Garza
- 2nd Vice President: *Vacant*
- Secretary: Lawrence Herrera
- Treasurer: Jack Gilbert

Unsure of your assigned district?

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69th Houston Money Show

January 16 & 17, 2026

Friday 9AM-6PM

Saturday 9AM-5PM

FREE ADMISSION

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Convention Center**
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Conroe, TX 77303

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Saturday 4-7PM
Auctioneer: Lucas Benjamin
Baldrige, #18106



INFORMATION: JACK DOMURAT
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Rene de la Garza

for President of the TNA



I am Rene De La Garza and I am running for President of the Texas Numismatic Association.

If I had to guess, I would say I have been collecting coins over 50 years. I am currently a Lifetime member of TNA, and I have served two terms as Governor of District 14. I am currently serving my second term as 1st Vice President of the TNA. The award that I am most proud of is the TNA Governor of the Year award because I received this particular award during my first year as governor, and I was not aware the award existed. I was also awarded the TNA VIP award for 2024 for new membership recruitment. I also had the pleasure of being the guest auctioneer at the 2024 TNA Convention and Show.

I am an active member of the Hidalgo Coin Club of which I served many years as secretary, auctioneer, and I currently sit on the executive council. I have received various awards including two Member of the Year Awards, the Lifetime Member Award, and several service and attendance awards.

I founded the South Texas International Coin Club in Brownsville and serve on their executive council and I am the auctioneer. I am also a member of the Alamo Coin Club in San Antonio.

The reason I do what I do is I simply love coin collecting. When I speak to groups about coin collecting, I often say that I do not need a coin club or coin shop as I have a coin shop in my pocket. I can find any coin I need on the internet. I tell them I do what I do for them, for their friendship, and for their camaraderie. That is why I volunteer and serve. I am Rene De La Garza and I humbly ask for your vote and support.

Jimmy Davis

*for District 1 Governor
(Fort Worth / Arlington region)*



As an avid collector for more than 20 years, I remain active part of both the Fort Worth Coin Club & TNA for more than 15 years, and you'll see me as a regular at many club meetings and coin shows. I believe in supporting, both by leading by example and in giving back by volunteering. I've been co-chair for the TNA Youth Auction, and served on the committee for the Annual Show for 10+ years, and I volunteered 5+ years prior. I am also an active and committed member of my local club (Fort Worth Coin Club), currently serving as Vice-President and program organizer. I have served as a director on the board for 11 years and served as a volunteer for their shows for more than 10 years.

NUMISMATIC COMMUNITY NEWS

FLORIDA UNITED NUMISMATIST (“FUN”) SHOW

From Phyllis A. Ross, ANA Governor

FUN TIMES WITH WOMEN OF DISTINCTION

The 70th Annual Florida United Numismatist, Inc. (“FUN”) Show held in Orlando January 9-12, 2025 was a great start to the new year and as always, was full of excitement and great people. A coin collectors paradise in the sunshine state! As an American Numismatic Association (“ANA”) Governor I am always honored to share camaraderie with Numismatists from around the globe and enjoy the vast array of educational exhibits and Numismatic, American and World History on display. It was especially heartwarming to witness the joyful enthusiasm of young and old alike receiving the newest quarter, Ida B. Wells (journalist and suffragist), from the American Women Quarters Program at the US Mint booth. An historic first, the commemorative coins issued from 2022-2025 honor the contributions, determination and spirit of American Women. The Secretary of Treasury selected the honorees after consultation with various stakeholders, including the Smithsonian Institute, the National Women’s History Museum, the Congressional Bipartisan Women’s Council and the general public through an invitation to submit recommendations.

I was personally elated to receive the Ida B. Wells quarter (16th coin in the collection of 20) because Ida B. Wells, my daughter Dr. Jillian Ross and I are all members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. established on January 13, 1913; currently with over 350,000 members worldwide. Ida B. Wells was a social activist and trailblazer who marched in the first suffragist parade in Washington, DC on March 3, 1913 along with other members of the newly founded Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. This historic 1913 March was a watershed moment in the fight for women’s right to vote and was also Delta Sigma Theta’s first public act of service as the sorority founders marched alongside women from across the United States in the nation’s capitol. My daughter, a numismatist, and I jubilantly celebrated Delta Sigma Theta’s 112th *Founders Day* on January 13th, a hallowed and faithfully observed annual event, with an Ida B. Wells’ commemorative coin in hand. This celebratory moment was so special and will always be cherished!

Ventris C. Gibson, the US Mint Director, shared with me and attendees the Ida B. Wells’ coin and signed commemorative

coin holders for my two granddaughters and others. The coin holders are exquisitely done with a short biography of each honoree on the back and 20 coin slots on the front. The Director and I both marveled at the beautiful coins and coin holders that we thought could easily be framed and displayed. The Director articulated her touching sentiments on the importance of the American Women Quarters Program that for years to come will educate America and the World on the important legacies of these extraordinary trailblazing women, such as Maya Angelou (acclaimed poet); Sally Ride (astronaut), Bessie Coleman (aviator) and Eleanor Roosevelt (former first lady.) I am delighted that the quarters will be an educational resource for Young Numismatists’ in particular and I enthusiastically work to complete sets to gift family and friends.

ANA Governor
Phyllis A. Ross with
U.S. Mint Director
Ventris C. Gibson



NORTH STAR OF TEXAS COIN CLUB

From Joe Vincent, President of the North Star of Texas Coin Club



LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARDED

The North Star of Texas Coin Club in Paris honored fellow member James Paul Miears with a Life Membership award at its annual December dinner. James has served the club in many capacities. He has helped contribute to the club’s success over the past 50 years.

CONGRATULATIONS!

HAL CHERRY & NITA SCOTT WED IN NOVEMBER

Longtime member of the Texas numismatic community Hal Cherry wed Nita Scott in Dallas in November. Hal served as the TNA’s as Secretary for many years, in addition to other leadership positions within the Association. The TNA sends its congratulations and well-wishes to the happy couple.

Thank you to TNA District 5 Governor Judy Dobbins for the photo.



NUMISMATIC COMMUNITY NEWS

There are great things happening at coin clubs all over Texas right now! Check out the club meeting recaps (pg. 28), Club Directory (pg. 40), and Calendar of Events (pg. 44) to get more involved with your local club and other numismatic events in your area. Submit stories and news about your club's events and activities to theTNAnews@gmail.com.

GREATER HOUSTON COIN CLUB

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL MONEY SHOW

The Greater Houston Coin Club celebrated robust attendance at the January Houston Money Show at The Lonestar Convention Center in Conroe. A team of volunteers welcomed nearly 1,900 guests to the two-day show. Exhibitors brought fascinating items and information to share, and TNA officers Judy and Gary Dobbins were on-hand to oversee the judging. Educational presentations from John Frost and John Barber on Friday and Saturday covered the history of the U.S. quarter dollar from the earliest days at the mint through the Barber Quarter. The youngest visitors to the show went away with goodies from the Penny-in-the-Slot activity, youth auction, and each child received a Texas State Quarter which ANACS provided complimentary encapsulation. *Thank you to TNA President Rick Ewing for the photos.*



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THANK YOU to North Star of Texas Coin Club and to District 12 for their support and donations to this program. Their gifts added valuable items to our inventory, and we are grateful for the great variety of interesting pieces made available to our Young Numismatists.

ENCOURAGE YOUNG NUMISMATISTS IN YOUR AREA

Coins for A's is a program from the TNA to enhance the collections and numismatic knowledge of children in Texas. By submitting their good grades, students can receive U.S. and international coins or paper currency relevant to their collecting interests.

This program is open to K-12, Montessori, and home school students with at least one A (or A-equivalent) on their report card. Flyers for the 2024/2025 school year are available at [TNA.org/coins_for_a.htm](https://www.tna.org/coins_for_a.htm) for you to download and print to distribute in your local schools. Contact the Coins for A's Administrator at Coins4As@gmail.com for more information on promoting this program in your area or to request a packet of printed flyers.

DONATE COINS OR PAPER CURRENCY

We strive to fill the inventory with the types of numismatic items our hard-working students are interested in collecting. Many kids request Liberty Nickels, silver quarters, and world coins featuring animals, plants, or other imagery not usually seen on American currency.

If you have any coins or paper currency you would like to donate to the TNA Coins for A's program, they would be greatly appreciated! You will receive a receipt for your tax-deductible donation, and you will help inspire the next generation of collectors. Please direct any questions to Coins4As@gmail.com, and item donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 131179, The Woodlands, TX 77393.

HONOR YOUR CLUB MEMBERS

Consider giving to the Coins for A's program to inspire the next generation of collectors while honoring your club members. Your gift will help purchase the coins and currency that recognizes the hard work and collecting interests of our students. Notice of the honor can be published in the TNA News at your request. Contact Coins4As@gmail.com with any questions.

Monetary donations to support the Coins for A's program should be mailed directly to TNA Treasurer Jack Gilbert at **1093 Sunset Ct., Keller, TX 76248**. Please specify "Coins for A's" in the memo line of the check so your donation can be properly attributed.

KIDS: Stop by the Coins for A's table at the 2025 Convention for free goodies!

EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

GREETINGS TO ALL TEXAS NUMISMATISTS!

Our yearly TNA Show and Convention are coming up at the end of May. We are hoping that many of you are already working on an Educational Exhibit, a "Show and Tell" of some of your favorite numismatic items. Some of our previous articles have featured information on the many benefits of making and showing an exhibit and how to get started. In this issue, we would like to give you some information on completing your exhibit and getting it ready for the upcoming show.

TITLE AND SCOPE

The title needs to be large, bold, and placed in the first case. When writing the Scope, tell the viewers exactly what they will see. Does this exhibit feature a complete collection or series? Is it a selection of coins from a certain series? Or is it a few of your favorite coins?

BIBLIOGRAPHY

A bibliography is a list of your sources

(books, journals, magazines, or internet websites) where you found the information when doing the research. The bibliography is usually in the last case, or at the end of your exhibit.

RESEARCH

When doing your research, remember that your viewers may be expert numismatists or novices who know nothing about the field of numismatics. You must include information that will interest both types of viewers.

INFORMATION CARDS

The information that you gathered from your research is written on smaller information cards. Printing your information on plain computer printer is a good beginning, but this information needs to be mounted or placed on poster board so that the sides of the paper do not curl up due to humidity. These information cards need to be cut evenly, mounted evenly and placed evenly in your case.

DISPLAYING YOUR COINS, MEDALS AND BANKNOTES

With exceptions for graded coins or items in original packaging, show all of your coins in the same way: 2X2 flips, plastic flips, plastic capsules, or no holders. If using 2X2 flips, make sure the flips are the same and the staples in the same place on each flip.

TNA RATING SHEET FOR NUMISMATIC EXHIBITS

You can find the TNA Rating Sheet, along with the Rules and Application on the TNA website: www.tna.org. The Rating Sheet is a rubric containing 11 scoring elements and criteria for scoring each element. An explanation for these 11 elements is very concise and will help you in preparing your exhibit for viewing and judging.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2025 TNA Show, May 30 - June 1, in Conroe, Texas.

QUESTIONS? NEED HELP? Exhibit Co-Chairs, Gary and Judy Dobbins, will be happy to answer your questions and guide you through the Exhibiting Process. Email, call, or text: g.dobbins@sbcglobal.net • (214) 498-9923



TNA Show & Tell

Show & Tell is a staple of most coin club gatherings, and we are pleased to highlight some great items from collectors across our state. If you want to share something from your collection for the next issue of the magazine, please email theTNAnews@gmail.com by April 30.

ARGENTINA'S NATIVE FAUNA BANKNOTES

Karla Galindo, Gateway Coin Club, Inc. of San Antonio, TX

In 2016, the Central Bank of Argentina began a new series of banknotes called "Argentina's Native Fauna" that featured images of some native animals of the country.

On the obverse of each banknote is featured an animal from one of the regions of Argentina and that animal's habitat is featured on the reverse.

In 2016, the first two issued were the \$500 note with a jaguar from the Northeast Region and the \$200 note with a southern white whale from the Argentine Sea, Antarctica and South Atlantic Islands.

In 2017, issued were the \$1,000 note showing the rufous hornero, the national bird, and the \$20 note with the guanaco from the Patagonian Steppe.

In 2018, issued were the \$100 note with a Taruca, an Andean deer, and the \$50 note with an Andean condor.

Shown here is the \$20 banknote from this series. It features the guanaco, the wild parent of the llama, from the Patagonia Steppe.

The obverse is designed vertically with the image of a guanaco and ornamental flowers.

The horizontal designed reverse features an area of Patagonia that is the animal's native habitat. A small image of a guanaco appears on the

lower left corner. To the right is a map of Argentina, as well as Antarctica and the islands in the South Atlantic.

There are numerous security features on the note. These include a watermark of a guanaco and the number twenty, a security thread, intaglio printing, micro-lettering, color shifting devices, iridescent printing, various size digits in one serial number, and characteristics that are only visible with ultraviolet light. This 155mm by 65mm banknote is printed on cotton-paper mainly in hues of red.

Two of the vibrant colored notes in this series received several international awards. The \$500 banknote with a jaguar won the LatiNum award for the best Latin American banknote for 2015/2016, and in 2017 was recognized by the International Bank Note Society as one of the four best banknotes in the world and awarded second place on artistic merit, design, use of color and security features. The \$200 banknote with the

southern white whale won the 2016/2017 LatiNum award for best Latin American banknote.



Photos courtesy of each contributor



2011 UNITED STATES ARMY COMMEMORATIVE COINS

Mario Ward, Vice President of Gateway Coin Club, Inc. of San Antonio, TX

The Second Continental Congress founded the United States Army in 1775 in response to a need for professional soldiers in the American Revolutionary War to fight the invading British Army and protect the original 13 colonies. The Army is the oldest service of the United States military and has evolved from a small militia force to into one of the world's premier fighting forces. Until 1947, the Army was under control of the War Department and then went under the Department of Defense. The Army exists to serve the American people, defend the nation, protect vital national interests and fulfill national military responsibilities. Included in the Army, the Army Corps of Engineers, engages in extensive civil as well as military activities, providing public engineering services in peace and war to strengthen national security, energize the economy and reduce risk from potential disasters like floods/hurricanes, etc.

To recognize and celebrate the establishment of the United States Army, honor the American soldier and commemorate the traditions, history and heritage of the United States Army and its important role in society, Congress passed the United States Army Commemorative Coin Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-450). This act authorized the following three coins to be struck in both proof and uncirculated condition beginning in January of 2011.

Part of the proceeds from the sale of these commemorative coins went to the Army Historical Foundation to help build the National Museum of the United States Army, the official

museum for the history of the United States Army. The museum opened on November 11, 2020. Its stated objectives are to honor America's soldiers, preserve Army history, and educate the public about the Army's role in American history. The Museum is located on 84 acres at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, 20 miles south of Washington D.C.

\$5 GOLD COIN THEME - "SERVICE IN WAR"



The obverse depicts five US Army Soldiers from the Revolutionary War to modern day soldiers. From left to right are Continental, Civil War, modern, World War II and World War I soldiers.

The reverse shows the official US Army emblem showing the unbroken service the Army has provided to our country since it was founded in 1775.

SILVER DOLLAR COIN THEME - "MODERN SERVICE"



The obverse depicts a male and female soldier shown back-to-back wearing modern military gear. Behind and above the soldiers is a globe used to symbolize the Army's readiness for potential service around the world.

The reverse has the Great Seal of the United States surrounded by the seven core values of the Army - Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage separated by stars.

CLAD HALF DOLLAR COIN THEME - "SERVICE IN PEACE"



The obverse depicts three different themes of the Army Serving in times of peace

1. A soldier doing survey work.
2. Two soldiers building a flood retention wall.
3. A Redstone Army rocket used during early space exploration.

The reverse design features a Continental Army Soldier armed with a musket, surrounded with 13 stars representing the original colonies, as the first army in service to defend the nation.

These three commemorative coins serve to help our nation recognize all soldiers, past and present. The coins help cultivate a greater appreciation of the U.S. Army's rich history and values along with the lasting service the Army provides in protecting and defending our freedom and liberty.



RAREST GERMANY EMERGENCY PAPER MONEY

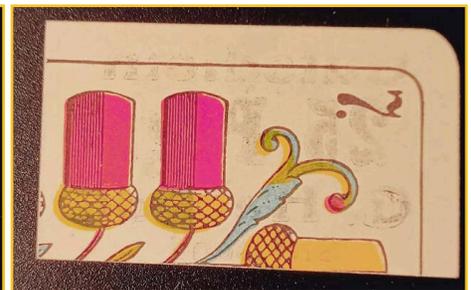
Chuck Nail, Gateway Coin Club, Inc., San Antonio, TX

German notgeld began in 1914. The most common and most abundant series began in 1921.

The 1921 notgeld series were commonly ten, twenty-five, and fifty pfennig. A wide range of themes included historical battles, the founding of cities, as well as political propaganda. Some issues were even created featuring fictitious towns. Many sets of the notgeld series were withheld from the public until the three-month expiration date of the face value had ended.

However, most people think of German emergency paper money, or notgeld in German, with visions of huge banknotes in the thousands, the millions, and even into the billions of marks printed in 1923. And yes, it is true that during the Hyperinflation of Germany in 1923 massive amounts of banknotes were issued. Although over a hundred years later, many of those banknotes are indeed rare and valuable.

As Germany could not keep up with the harsh war reparation payments following WW I and with the occupation of the German industrial area of the Ruhr by France, payments were made by simply printing more and more banknotes. When the official printing presses could not keep up with the demand, regional governments, municipalities, large businesses, and almost anyone with a printing press began printing enormous quantities of notes until that was outlawed by the German government in 1924.



At first, banknotes were issued to replace large value notes. Soon however, there was the issuance of under one-mark paper notes in pfennig denominations. Early on as the collecting of ever devaluating notgeld began, issues of solely collecting series notes began.

Given the need to run printing presses twenty-four hours a day, that soon caused a shortage of paper. Old stock certificates, wallpaper, silk, cloth, and even leather was used. Since Germans are known for their passion for stamp and coin collecting, notgeld fit right in at the time. Values of ten, twenty-five, and fifty-pfennig became common to the collector.

There is a pair of small denomination notes issued before 1923 that is extremely rare and valuable. The paper

notgeld included here is in my opinion the rarest series of notgeld issued. The notes were printed on the reverse side of playing cards. They are twenty-five and fifty pfennig notes. The notes are not dated but were probably issued in 1921. They are private issues by a firm or person named "G. Habedt." The city is Stralsund in the state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern in northeastern Germany.

I have only seen one other example of this Habedt note which is a twenty-five pfennig denomination in the National Museum of American History, Behring Center. It is true that "all good things come to those who wait." It was over fifty years of hunting before I came across these most interesting German emergency notes to add to my collection!



STAR NOTE ERROR

Robert Wise, Gateway Coin Club, Inc., San Antonio, TX

Most collectors are familiar with star notes. Generally, star notes replace currency with some type of imperfection. Most star notes don't sell for much more than face value. Like all values, they are based on condition, demand, age, denomination, and serial number. However, there is one star note to look for.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) accidentally printed a little over six million one-dollar 2013 New York star note serial numbers twice. To identify them, the bills must be dated 2013, have a "B" prefix, and be a * star note.

It is possible to find identical serial number notes as seen in the picture, but you should never find a duplicate with the same year, same prefix or suffix, and same denomination. On the three "identical" bills shown, notice the

prefix and suffix are different.

The matching serial number bills were printed in the Fort Worth and the Washington D. C. facilities. Somehow, "accidentally" both locations printed with exact same serial numbers, including the prefix and suffix. The ones that were printed at the Ft. Worth location, have "FW" in the front plate number. Washington D.C. notes are not labeled. "When government messes up it's a mistake, but if we did it, it would be counterfeiting."

On eBay, these bills are listed anywhere from \$20 to unbelievable amounts of several hundred dollars. There have been less than thirty true duplicates matched up. These paired notes have been known to sell for \$25,000. Web sites are popping up where you enter your serial number in hopes of matching with others. Odds of matching are a long shot but have fun and good luck.



ABOLITION OF SLAVERY MEDAL 1833

Raymond E. Tate, Gateway Coin Club, Inc. San Antonio, TX



The Slavery Abolition Act 1833 was an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom which provided for the gradual abolition of slavery in most parts of the British Empire. Passed by Earl Grey's reforming administration, it expanded the jurisdiction of the Slave trade Act of 1807 and made the purchase of or ownership of slaves illegal within the British Empire. The Act came into force on 1 August 1834.

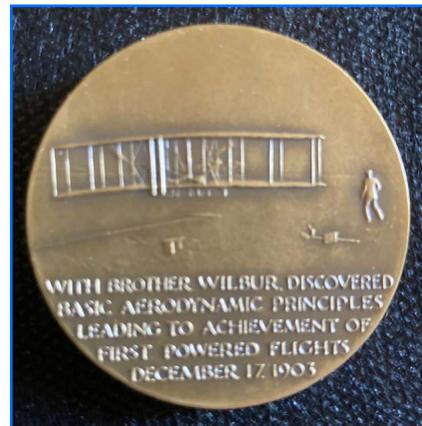
The name William Wilberforce resonates with an enthusiastic quest for social justice, a relentless struggle against inhumanity,

and an unwavering commitment to change the world. A pivotal figure in the history of human rights, Wilberforce's tireless efforts led to the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade, a triumph that reshaped societies and continued to inspire the fight for equality today. This silver medal was minted by The Danbury Mint.



ORVILLE WRIGHT AVIATION HALL OF FAME MEDAL

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



This medal features Orville Wright, an early aviation pioneer, who with his brother Wilbur made history with the Wright Flyer, their first engine-powered, controlled, sustained flight on December 17, 1903. Orville made the first successful flight which lasted twelve seconds and covered a short distance of 120 feet. The brothers accomplished four flights that day with Wilbur making the longest flight, flying 852 feet in 59 seconds. This historic event took place about four miles south of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. The Wrights are usually credited with the invention and flying of the world's first airplane.

Orville was born on August 19, 1871, in Dayton, Ohio. His parents Milton and Susan Koerner Wright had seven other children. Orville attended schools in Iowa, Indiana, and Dayton, Ohio. Orville never graduated from high school which did not worry him because he had other plans. These plans were to pursue a career as a printer. He and Wilbur established a print shop in Dayton in 1889. Later they published two local newspapers

which failed due to a flooded Dayton newspaper market.

Then in 1892, the Wrights focused on the new, widespread bicycle fad and opened a bicycle sales, rentals, and repair shop, while continuing to operate a print shop. The Wrights sold mostly bicycles manufactured by other companies, but they also sold their own brand bicycles built in their own shop. In the field of aviation, the Wrights were important pioneers who opened a door to innovators, and inventors. Their historic flight inspired other aviation pioneers to continue developing new inventions and designs of aircraft, manufacturing, and operation of airplanes that improved many areas of aeronautics.

The Wright brothers became interested in aeronautics after receiving a toy resembling a helicopter. Years later their fascination of flight led them to read about Otto Lillenthal's glider experiments. This prompted them to write the Smithsonian Institution and request all scientific knowledge related to aviation. Eventually the scientific information they received led the

brothers to begin work on their plans to build an airplane. They received the first Guggenheim Medal in 1929 for their contributions to aviation and were also inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame in 1962.

The Obverse: Text at top reads: ORVILLE WRIGHT with his image directly under his name. The portrait of Orville Wright with dates 1871 on the left side and 1948 on the right side of the image. Under the date 1871 are the initials R.A.W., and located directly under the 1948 date are the initials PAM and the date 1975. At the bottom, the text reads: AVIATION HALL OF FAME

The Reverse: Shows the Wright Flyer in flight and Wilbur Wright standing on the ground. At the bottom, the text reads: WITH BROTHER WILBUR DISCOVERED BASIC AERODYNAMIC PRINCIPLES LEADING TO ACHIEVEMENT OF FIRST POWERED FLIGHTS DECEMBER 17, 1903

Diameter: 44mm
Edge lettering text reads: BRONZE

THE LIBERTY SEATED DOLLAR: SCARCE & OVERLOOKED

BY ROB ROBINSON



Let's face it. The most popular coin to collectors in the last 50 years has got to be the Morgan Dollar. And why not? It is a large, beautiful coin that is abundantly available. From 1878 through 1921, more than 657 million were minted. Even after 270 million were melted in 1918 due to the Pittman Act, that still leaves more than 382 million available.

By contrast, only about 6.5 million Liberty Seated Dollars were minted from 1840 through 1873. Compare that to more than 22 million Morgan Dollars minted in the first year of 1878 and you begin to get an idea of just how scarce these early dollars are. In fact, according to Q. David Bowers in his *Guidebook of Morgan Silver Dollars*, before 1878, the first year of the Morgan Dollar, most of the younger generation people in the U.S. had never even seen a silver dollar. Those folks who were familiar at all with the Seated Dollars referred to them as the "Dollars of our Daddies."

The low mintage of the Seated Liberty Dollar only tells part of the reason why these coins are so scarce today. During the first ten years, 1840 to 1849, silver dollars were only minted when silver bullion was deposited by merchants or banks, and a request for the delivery of the silver in the form of minted silver dollars was made. In some years, when requests were heavy, mintage was large.

An example is 1842 when 184,618 were reduced. By contrast, only 20,000 were minted two years later in 1844 based on requests. Later, when the Morgan Dollars were made, the government itself owned the silver, and mintages became more consistent.

After 1850, things changed drastically because of the 1849 gold discovery in California. Because of the large amount of gold discovered, the ratio of gold to silver price caused the price of silver to rise. Suddenly, the silver dollar had \$1.03 worth of silver in it. In 1853, the amount of silver in dimes through half dollars was reduced to stop these coins being melted. Arrows were placed by the coins' date to let melters know that it would not be economical to melt these coins since the silver content was reduced. The silver content of the silver dollar was not reduced, however.

Mintages of the silver dollars continued after 1850 for an entirely different reason: silver dollars remained very popular in the export trade and in competition with silver from other countries such as the Spanish-American silver dollar. So, after 1850, silver dollars were made in fairly large quantities, but only for the export trade.

Today, all Seated Liberty Silver Dollars are scarce, the early ones from 1840 to 1849 because of melting, and the later

ones from 1850 through 1873 because most were exported. After 1850, silver dollars were rarely seen in stores, banks, pocket change, or anywhere else in domestic commerce. This explains why, prior to mintage of the Morgan Dollars, most of the population had never seen a silver dollar.

The scarcity of these early dollars can be further illustrated by checking the PCGS population figures. As of the current date, PCGS has appraised more than 3.9 million Morgan Dollars compared to just over 19,000 Seated Dollars. Quite a disparity! For comparison purposes, PCGS has appraised 1,705 examples of the most common dated Seated Dollar, the 1871-P, while it has appraised 7,733 examples of the 1893-S Morgan Dollar. Accounting for multiple submissions of the same coins, there are still probably 5,000 or so separate coins that have been seen.

Seated Liberty Dollars are by no means cheaply priced, but in comparison to some of the key date Morgan Dollars, most of the dates are a bargain. Well, that's one man's opinion anyway. Happy hunting!

Sources: *A Guide Book of Morgan Silver Dollars* by Q. David Bowers; *A Guide Book of United States Coins* (Red Book) by R. S. Yeoman

Questions for Dr. Coyne

1) Is this a genuine Original Confederate States coin? →



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8) Why would someone seek a Third Party slab for a coin in Poor-01 condition?

1) Is this a genuine Original Confederate States coin?

There is no chance that this is an Original Confederate States Half Dollar. The reverse is similar to the 1861 pattern issue (only 4 specimens created) and similar to the 1879 J. W. Scott reissue (said to be 500 pieces). The "horse" side seems to be a modern concoction. The piece is copper/nickel and not silver. We do not see any "COPY" stamp, which would be needed to comply with the Hobby Protection Act of 1973.



Obverse and reverse of the 1879 J. W. Scott reissue in silver and obverse of the white metal tokens that accompanied the release.



Genuine 1861 Confederate States Half Dollar, sold in 2017 for \$960,000.

2) What happened to the 12,000 1895 Morgan Dollars shown on mint production records for Philadelphia?

Though U.S. Mint reports indicate that 12,000 Morgan Dollars were struck at Philadelphia in 1895, no one now living has seen an authentic business strike coin. None has been certified by a grading service. All the 1895-P coins in collector hands seem to be survivors of the 880 mintage of proofs. The coins in the records are now thought to have been melted in 1918-1920 under the terms of the Pittman Act, or the notation in the records is an error and the coins bore the date 1894. Any authentic circulation-strike survivor today would be a major find!

3) Why are the 1970-D Kennedy Half Dollars so hard to find?

The 1970-D Kennedy Half Dollar is tough to find because the entire issue of 2,150,000 pieces came as part of the year's mint set, and thus was never available at face value. The 1970-D is the final issue of 40% silver half dollars of the 1965-1970 period.



1970-D 50C, PCGS MS-66, sold in 2023 for \$230

4) Why were Half Cents struck only sporadically, with none made after 1857?

The U.S. Mint issued half cents sporadically from 1793 through 1857 in response to commercial demand. They were never very popular, and there was production in only about half the possible years. Inventories were adequate for the other years. Half cents were also more costly for the mint to make (per dollar of face value) than the copper large cents which were steadily coined for this entire period.

5) Why does silver dip cleaner damage the luster on coins?

The most popular buffered acid dips, including EZest and JewelLuster, remove silver sulfide toning very rapidly. Their use is sometimes appropriate (with adequate rinsing and drying without rubbing), but users must realize that some silver is removed from the coin's surfaces. The tops of the radial ridges (flow lines formed on striking) are rounded or removed. The result is a whiter surface, but with impaired luster as light is reflected differently from what it would be with original surfaces. The dipping damage is cumulative as a given coin is repeatedly dipped, and the surface can appear matte instead of reflective. Generally, Dr. Coyne discourages collectors from cleaning their coins, especially uncirculated pieces, as it can substantially devalue the items.

6) What is the difference between a "Type 1" blank planchet and a "Type 2" blank planchet?

The coinage strip is passed through a blanking press (formerly called a cutting-out press), generating disks which are then sent to an upsetting mill where they are squeezed at the edge to raise a broader rim and assist in getting a more complete strike from the obverse and reverse dies in the coin press. The planchets fresh from the blanking press are called "Type 1", and those that have been through the upsetting mill are "Type 2". Collectors find that the Type 1 are scarcer than the Type 2 for most series.

7) On which early U.S. silver coins did the mint use a Castaing machine to apply edge treatments?

The Castaing machine was employed in the early U.S. mint to raise the rim and broaden the edges of planchets before they entered the coinage press to receive the blow impressing their obverse and reverse faces. The planchets for all denominations needed (and still need in the modern mint) this edge squeezing to allow better striking of lettering near the rims, and also to provide a raised rim which will protect the devices from excessive wear in circulation. The question of exactly which silver planchets received Castaing treatment remains unsettled today. Surely those for half dollars and silver dollars were so treated. The Castaing dies were engraved with "Half Dollar" or "One Dollar - 100 Cents" on all issues 1794 to 1836. The other silver denominations (half dime through quarter dollar) have reeded edges, which many think were applied with a Castaing machine, but for which other evidence points to a reeded close collar, which would eliminate the need for a prestriking pass through the Castaing machine. Chief evidence for this theory is that collectors today can find NO evidence on coins of a blundered edge which passed only partially through the Castaing machine (on half dimes through quarters).

8) Why would someone seek a Third Party slab for a coin in Poor-01 condition?

Most collectors strive for coins in the best condition. This is the primary reason why higher grade coins sell for higher prices. There are reasons, however, why a collector might want to submit a Poor-01 coin for certification: They are unsure of the authenticity of the piece and want a professional opinion; it's a very rare issue and authentication/certification will help sell it in the marketplace; or they are collecting a Lowball Registry Set™ in which the "highest ranked" set is the one with the lowest average grade. The pictured 1803 10C is PCGS graded Poor-01. Though it's impossible to know the original motivations for slabbing this dime, it did sell in January 2025 for more than \$500 with its certification. And it's not alone! PCGS reports having slabbed 6 other 1803 dimes in P-01.



1803 10C, PCGS P-01, sold in 2025 for \$500



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A SUPER-TYPE SET OF HALF DOLLARS

BY MARK BENVENUTO

There is no doubt about it: a lot of collectors have a serious love affair with Morgan and Peace silver dollars. They are big, they are classic, and they have a certain charm to them. But our half dollars also have some impressive characteristics and designs. And unlike the silver dollars, there is no big hole in their production in the early 1800's. Indeed, for quite some time, they were the big silver coins of a growing nation. Building something more than a basic type set of them could be a fun collecting challenge. Going backwards in time, we have:

THREE KENNEDY HALVES

Our current half dollar does not see a lot of everyday use, but it has been around for six decades. A person can hunt around and find one in change – probably after asking at plenty of stores. We can also purchase what we'll call a modern proof, and get our hands on one made with 90% silver. On top of that, we can find plenty of dealers who have the 1964, and thus we can land what might now be called a classic Kennedy in 90% silver.

One neat aspect of putting any kind of focus on Kennedy halves is that all of them are quite affordable. The only way we might be able to spend a significant amount on a single one of these fifty-cent pieces is to get one that has been third-party certified – slabbed, that is – in a high grade, like MS-69 or PF-69.



1964 Kennedy, NGC MS-67+, sold in 2024 for \$2,040.

TWO FRANKLIN FIFTY-CENT-ERS

Pushing the calendar back a bit, the Franklin half dollar is one that, like the Morgan and Peace dollars, has earned something of a place in collectors' hearts. Getting our hands on a regular issue is never a particularly tough undertaking, and the cost is sometimes just above the melt value of the silver in it.

A higher end Franklin half would be one of the proofs issued from 1950 to 1963. The latter few years in this stretch qualify as common proof coins, but for the higher end versions, the cost can rise quickly. It all has to do with how



completely the bell lines are struck up on the Liberty bell that dominates the reverse.

1954 Franklin, PCGS/CAC PR-67+ DCAM, sold in 2020 for \$2,640

THREE WALKING LIBERTY HALVES

Going back a bit further, we have arrived at a long-time collector favorite. Walking Liberty half dollars are fifty-cent pieces that are always in demand. The most common dates are remarkably cheap in grades like extra fine, or EF-40. That then becomes one of the three, for this design.

A proof Walking Liberty could easily become a crown jewel in a collection. Issued from 1936 to 1942, the final few years of these proofs can surprise us in a good way. A look at any price list indicates the last three years are undervalued. That's two.



1942 Walking Liberty, NGC PF-63, sold in 2023 for \$312

Grabbing a Walking Liberty half that has the mint mark on the obverse is the third option when looking at these collector favorites. There were only two years when the mark was placed up front, and good-looking examples might be pricey. But getting our hands on one is not impossible. The 1917-S is a prime example, as almost a million of them were produced with this obverse mint mark.



Obverse Mintmark, 1917-S

TWO BARBER PIECES

The Barber halves were issued from 1892 up to 1915, and can be surprisingly inexpensive today, if we are willing to opt for a specimen with some wear on it. But we can go a step further, at least if we have the means. There were a few proof Barber half dollars coined virtually every year of this series. None will ever be considered a bargain. But all are possible when we look at grades such as PF-64 or the slightly lower PF-63. Like the proof Walking Liberty halves we just mentioned, some of these may actually qualify as undervalued.



1898 Barber Half Dollar, PCGS PR-62, sold in 2023 for \$690

FIVE SEATED LIBERTY HALVES

This iconic design was used on our half dollars from 1839 up to 1891. In that rather wide span of time, there were several small changes in the overall design. Want one with drapery at the elbow of Lady Liberty, or without? That's one option. Want one with the motto above the eagle on the reverse? That's an option as well. Want one with arrows indicating a change in the amount of silver in the coin, when the Mint made such changes? That's yet another. All tallied, there are five possibilities here.



- Variety 1, No Drapery From Elbow / No Motto Above Eagle
- 1839 pictured



- Variety 2, Rays Around Eagle / Arrows at Date
- 1853 pictured



- Variety 3, Arrows at Date / No Rays Around Eagle
- 1855 pictured



- Variety 4, No Arrows at Date / Motto Above Eagle
- 1869-S pictured



- Variety 5, Arrows at Date / Motto Above Eagle
- 1874-CC pictured



1831 Capped Bust, NGC AU-55, sold in 2025 for \$460

A CAPPED BUST, OR THREE

It was the Sage of Monticello – President Thomas Jefferson – who put a stop to silver dollar production in 1803, and in the process made the half dollar the biggest silver coin in the new nation. The fifty-cent piece kept that title for three decades, meaning the Capped bust halves are the biggest silver coins we have from 1804 to 1836. It's tough to land a mint state example, as they are all expensive. But there were millions made each year in the 1820's and 1830's. Finding one with good eye appeal and only a bit of wear is not actually all that tough.

As well, there are Capped Bust half dollars with “50 Cents” on the reverse, plus those with “Half Dol.”

There is also the 1839-O, the first half dollar made in any decent amount that bears a mint mark (we're ignoring the virtually uncollectible 1838-O that has a total mintage of only 20).



Pictured top to bottom: 1814, 1833, 1837, & 1838

THE VERY EXPENSIVE DRAPED BUST AND FLOWING HAIR HALVES

Our first half dollars, made most years from 1794 to 1807 in two different designs, are without a doubt beautiful. The draped bust design has a classic beauty to it. The flowing hair design is one that has been picked up in later

years and used on silver rounds, and other numismatic items. But as far as landing an honest-to-God flowing hair half dollar, well, that will probably be an expensive proposition. The draped bust is somewhat more reasonable, but still will cost us.

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED?

There is certainly more in the history of our half dollars than just major designs. We've seen that there is a long history of proofs, and several small changes that have been instituted throughout the years. But these can all add up to a super-type set, one that might be an impressive collecting challenge to pursue.



1803 Draped Bust, PCGS XF-40 Large 3, sold in 2021 for \$2,880



1793 Flowing Hair, PCGS F-15, sold in 2024 for \$3,960



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DISTRICT 1 - FRANK HEZMALL, GOVERNOR



FWCC NOVEMBER: Kevin G called the meeting to order with 24 members in person as well as 3 members and 1 guest via Zoom. Refreshments were fried chicken, sides, and pie. Thank you to Dalia and Ryan for preparing a great meal! Kevin presented the financial report, which was approved. Two door prizes were won by Paul and Elliott. The FWCC will be collecting toys at the December meeting to be presented to the local Ronald McDonald House. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to this worthy cause. The elections were held for two officer and two director positions. The following were elected: Vice President will be Frank H, Secretary will be Ed L, and the new Directors will be Larry H and Chester S. It's time to send in your entry forms for the 2025 TNA Library Improvement and Summer Seminar Grants. Check out the qualifying information on the TNA's website or magazine: TNA News. The coin raffle was won by Kevin and Paul. Show & Tell: Kevin brought in two irradiated dimes. Frank displayed a neat set of Maundy coins. Larry brought in two complete sets of Escape and Evasion Kits. The educational program was presented by Carl. The topic was, "So-Called Dollars, What are they?" We learned they are medals approximately the size of a silver dollar. They were struck to commemorate a US historical event, such as a major world's fair, or an event like the completion of the Erie Canal in 1826. They were made from various metals: white medal, gold, silver, bronze, copper, aluminum, and brass. There are various designers including William Barber, George T. Morgan, and Charles E. Barber. There were 40 items in the after-meeting auction.

FWCC DECEMBER: Kevin G called the meeting to order with 30 members and 3 guests in person and 2 members on Zoom. The previous month's minutes and financial report were approved. The 2 door prizes, 1964 Uncirculated Washington quarters, were won by Kent and Eddie. The 2025 board members are: President Kevin, VP Frank, Treasurer Walter, Secretary Ed, Director Dalia, Director Jim, Director Larry, and Director Chester. The January club meeting has been canceled due to Botanic Gardens Lightscape program. Walter has asked those members who are ANA members to get him their membership numbers and expiration dates. Annual dues are now due for 2025, and the cost is \$20. Danny brought in some Medieval coins to share with the club. He had currency from the French Revolution and Centennial Medals. The educational program for this month was presented by Larry. He had a very interesting program on US Cap Bust Quarters from 1815-1838. There are 75 varieties. 1818 had the most varieties at 10. He brought in copies of "Quick Finder Charts" so we could see for ourselves some of the differences. It



wasn't easy! Most had very slight differences, but Larry could easily tell them all apart. At the end of his program, he had tables set up with different quarters on them and asked the members to see if they could identify the quarters using our handouts. Following a wonderful homemade enchilada dinner, prepared by Dalia and Ryan, the club gathered around the Christmas tree and appreciated the toys that were collected to donate to the Ronald McDonald House. The coin raffles were won by Kevin and Ed. There were about 26 items in the coin auction.

Donation: Dalia was able to drop off the toys our club collected at the Ronald McDonald house this week. The staff was so excited to receive such a generous donation they were all smiles! Please see the accompanying photo of the staff holding some of the donations!



NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

NETCC OCTOBER: Frank H. opened the meeting with 37 members and guest (Guy A.) present. The November meeting will be our traditional Veteran's Day celebration where the meeting is focused on honoring veterans as well as conducting a veteran and/or military program. The December meeting will be our traditional Christmas party. Not only will we serve BBQ and all the fixin's, but also will play Bingo for valuable numismatic items. Members are asked to bring a dessert or side dish to complement the BBQ dinner. We will again take donations for the Toys For Tots program conducted by the US Marines. Gifts should remain unwrapped. We will conduct the Officer and Director election in November. Members who want to serve need to see Frank H. to have their name placed on the ballot. We conducted our annual donation auction at the October meeting, consisting of around 120 items. These included proof sets (foreign and domestic), certified US coins, civil war tokens, modern mint products, currency and many unique items. Overall, the quality of the items auctioned was very good. Bob F. called the auction in his lively manner – causing members into bidding wars well over estimate on many lots. When the smoke had cleared, the Club had raised a couple thousand dollars! While most of the proceeds will be utilized to pay operating expenses of the Club, a portion of the proceeds can be earmarked for youth activities and scholarships. In addition to Bob F, special thanks go out to Jim J and Kenny S who organized the process (assembling the lots and providing a PowerPoint display of each auction lot), and to all those who contributed such great auction items. All youth in attendance received door prizes. The adult door prizes were awarded to Lance P., Larry P., and Sam F. The regular auction was not held due to the donation auction.

NETCC NOVEMBER: President Frank H. opened the meeting with 30 members and visitors (Tubenna O., Nathan D., Isaac S.) present. First order of business was the presentation of our American flag by a Boy Scout color guard to kick off Veteran's Night. We then recognized veterans and celebrated their service and sacrifice. Veterans in our club span all services and times back to the Korean conflict. November is the time for our officer and director elections. Since there was only one nominee for each officer, the membership elected the following slate by acclamation: President Allen S., Vice President Larry H., Secretary Sam F., and Treasurer Jim J. There were also three directors elected: Mark J., Barbara G., and Carl N. Additionally, Gabriel K. is resigning and Kenny S. will serve his remaining term. Next month we will conduct our traditional Christmas party/Bingo. Due to the success of the Donation Auction, we are able to offer the catered BBQ dinner free to all members and youth; guests only have to pay \$5. And of course, we will play Bingo with valuable prizes for each of the 15 or so rounds. Members are asked to bring side dishes or desserts as they have in prior years. We will also be collecting new unwrapped toys for the Marine Corps Toys For Tots campaign. Frank H. reminded members to contribute to the tip jar which helps provide meeting refreshments. Finds: Larry H. displayed two Escape and Evade Kits used by pilots in WWII and Korea. They had several gold and silver coins for pilots to use for barter in an escape attempt. The Program was given by Tyler K on Paul Kempff. Paul, a citizen of what is now Indonesia, was drafted into the Royal Dutch Navy at the beginning of World War II. He was later transferred to the Dutch Marines before being captured by the Japanese when they invaded Java. During his time, he came into contact with members of the "Lost Battalion", 2nd Battalion of the 131st Field Artillery, 36th Division. After capture, he spent the remainder of the war in a 10,000-man prisoner of war camp. This POW camp was tasked with providing slave labor to build the Takahan railroad. Paul was later remembered with a Boy Scout merit badge. Participants must complete a grueling 50-mile hike. Troop 336 in Keller just completed its 60th annual hike in his honor. All youth in attendance received door prizes. Adult door prizes awarded to Frank H., Jim W., Carl N. The auction of the normal 40 items was held.



NETCC DECEMBER: Frank H. opened the meeting with approximately 80 members and guests present. Members began arriving early with hunger in their eyes. It was decided that everyone should line up promptly for the night's food feast. The meal was catered barbecue beef, sausage and turkey with all the fix-ins. There was plenty for folks to go back for seconds, with members invited to take leftovers home. The cost of the meal was free to members and youth, and \$5 for guests. Volunteers also brought many tasty desserts and side dishes. Deviled eggs were a favorite side and were consumed quickly. Then the cookies, brownies cakes and pies met their fate. No one could feast anymore. The traditional bingo game was called at a brisk pace by Roy M. Nice prizes (1-ounce silver coins, peace dollars) were given out not only for winners, but also for second bingos. It seems a disproportionate share of the prizes went to youth. In the final game, members had to complete a "blacked-out" card. Everyone's card was close to being filled when the grand prize was claimed: a two-peso gold coin. All in all, approximately \$800 in coins and other merchandise were awarded. In addition, members brought many unwrapped gifts for our annual drive for Toys For Tots.



MID-CITIES COIN CLUB



MCCC OCTOBER: President Richard L. called meeting to order, welcomed Coin Club members, and opened the meeting with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance. Vice President Frank H. gave information on upcoming coin shows. David P. won the door prize. President Richard L. stated that the club is okay with renominating our current slate of officers. The two board members are Vernon R. and Walt S. At the next meeting, nominations will be taken from the floor for any and all of the service opportunities. Show and Tell: Rob S. showed first and last Philippine pesos. They were 1903 S and 1936

M. Also showed 1947 Douglas McArthur peso and half dollar and Japanese bill – 1 peso. Larry H. picked up at Tulsa coin show an 1813 large cent that is 20% off center. Richard L. showed a 1723 Rosa Americana 2 pence. Frank H. showed a one ounce Mongolian bear. Jack G. showed a 1994 defaced one cent die and a WWI thrift card with all 16 stamps on it. Program: John N. did a program over all the 1973-1976 Canadian Olympic coins. Passed around each year's production with these being proof examples. Also showed one of the two gold coins made for the Olympic games that I actually acquired that night to go along with complete silver set. Bourse: Auctioned off about 35 lots. Thanks to Frank H. for being the auctioneer, Earl C. for serving as runner, and always Vernon R. for your accounting abilities.

MCCC NOVEMBER: President Richard L. called meeting to order, welcomed Coin Club members, and opened the meeting with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance. Vice President Frank H. gave information on upcoming coin shows David M. won the door prize. The Club voted and approved a motion about any visitors attending the December meeting for pizza and bingo would be charged \$10. Our President, Richard L. stated that the club is okay with renominating our current slate of officers. The two board members are Vernon R. and Walt S. No nominations were submitted for new officers for 2025. Look forward to everyone showing up for December meeting. There will be 65 different one ounce silver rounds for you to peruse beforehand in case you are lucky enough to bingo. There will be 1964 BU Kennedy halves for multiple bingo winners in the same game as consolation prizes. Show and Tell: Larry H. showed military survival kits that had gold coins and 8 or 9 carat rings in them. His other kit had 10 carat gold rings. Heritage has auctioned 4 sets of the Atlantic version and 1 f the Asian Pacific version in 30 years. Brian M. showed 4 slabbed 69 Morgan dollars in box. Also showed Flowing Hair silver dollar that just released from US Mint. Stuart H. showed a silver looking 100 million mark coin from Germany. Program: Frank H. spoke about 1893 Chicago World's Fair. Chicago released Isabella quarter, 1892 and 1893 Columbian halves. He showed 6 tickets, depicting Indian, Lincoln, and Washington. 6th ticket was the Handle. Showed other tickets, big book that showed where the exhibits were. Displayed spoons, stamps, and aerial view of exposition. Bourse: Auctioned off about 30 lots. Thanks to Frank H. for being the auctioneer, Earl C. for serving as runner and Vernon R. for your accounting abilities.

MCCC DECEMBER: President Richard L. called meeting to order, welcomed Coin Club members, and opened the meeting with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance. Vice President Frank H. made a few short comments about new administration coming in to lead this country. Bill P. talked about UK metal detecting in finding a substantial hoard recently. Also promoted ANA upcoming show in Oklahoma City. We had our annual pizza and bingo night. James L. won the door prize. Feel like it was great night had by all of our numismatic loved ones. The big winner for the night was James L. After winning the door prize, he then went on to bingo four times. Another four-game winner was Ryan W. Two-game winners were Earl C., Bill P., Frank H., Vernon R. with Vernon winning the coveted grand prize, a 2024 Silver Eagle NGC MS69. Single game winners were Jerry O., Rob S., David M., David P., Kevin K., Brian M., Mark N., and Mike R. Thank you Walt S. for providing the pizzas and Brian M. for picking them up. Also Richard L. for calling the games and Frank H. assisting him. Everyone left full and happy getting ready for Christmas. We welcome new club member, Barry M to the club. It saddens my heart that we lost another beloved member and good friend of many. Jim Taylor passed on December 20, 2024. He will be missed and thought of for a long time.

DISTRICT 5 - JUDY DOBBINS, GOVERNOR



DALLAS CC OCTOBER: Mike opened the meeting with 25 people in attendance and two guests: Lonnie and Haley. Stewart: John C. presented on Ancients tonight. It has been a while since we have had anything on ancients. December will be our annual Christmas

Party. The club is in good financial standing. Upcoming coin shows were announced. November will be officer elections and President and Secretary will be up for reelection. John K. was voted in unanimously by the Dallas Coin Club for membership. Show & Tell: Mike T: Jamaica \$10 Sterling 1974. Frank H: 25¢ coin from blind dealer. Carl N: Coin Star little dime. Stewart: Shared the San Francisco earthquake took place 35 years ago today. John E: 1885 S 10¢ AU 50. Kip: Chinese Coins & Common Raffle type coins. Joshua T: George Washington Carver Medals. Pat O: Numismatic Literature Book. Presentation: "ANCIENTS" by John K. It has been some time since the club had a presentation on Ancient Coins. The first coins were minted in the 2nd Century. John brought 6 different coins all graded by NGC Ancients. John described each coin in detail, providing history and mint if the information was available. Libya now known as western Turkey made the first coins, which were made of Electrum, a variable naturally occurring mix of gold, silver and a little bit of copper. Libya was halfway between Greece and the Persian Empire. A lot of transactions were going on and it was the first country to have retail shops. This required a stable monetary exchange method. The 5th King learned to separate the gold from silver. Libya eventually became a very rich country but was conquered by the Persians in 546 BC. A very insightful and lively presentation on 6 coins followed. These coins are very common for ancients because they were produced in big mintages. They were probably hand punched and struck. All examples were graded and encapsulated by NGC. Door Prizes: 1957 New Zealand ½ P: Mike T., 1987 New Zealand \$1: Ronnie, 1964 Canada 5¢: Jim J., 1944 Canada 5¢: Frank H., and 1850 Canada 1¢: Stewart. Raffle Prizes: 1920 25¢: Jimmy M., 2024 Koala: Craig, 1938 D 5¢: Stewart, 1929 S ANACS 5¢: Jose, and 1865 2¢ F12: Don D.

DALLAS CC NOVEMBER: Mike opened the meeting with 25 people in attendance with one guest: Guy A. Finance: Judy has Finalized Christmas budget for December. Dues for 2025 were collected and 12 people have paid. She will be collecting through March after which you will be dropped for non-payment of dues. Upcoming shows were announced. The Board defined the rules for the Christmas Party. Please RSVP. Recommend a gift exchange gift of \$15 and numismatic themed, if possible. Elections were held for President and Secretary: Both Mike and Jose were voted in for another term. Show & Tell: Mike T: Marketing item test note. Jimmy M: Free Cigarette's token. Stewart: 1923 German 100,000,000 Mark Note. Jack G: Shared a fraud text he received. David R: 5 coins from the Asian market. John k: Argentina Note depicting Eva Peron. Judy D: Shared Apple Air tags to protect valuables. Gary D: US 25¢ with depicting Celia Cruz. Jeff: USA Armed forces medals. Craig: Drape Bust Large Cent. Max: 2023 Fractional Mexico OZ. Larry: 1818 Cap Bust 25¢ Variety. PROGRAM: "The Emperor of Canadian Coins" by Jose S. Canada had ten provinces and three territories. In 1867, with the union of three British North American colonies Confederation, Canada was formed as a federal dominion of four provinces. The Charlton Standard Catalogue of Canadian Coins 76th edition is the most useful book to have. Some would call the 1921 Half Dollar as the "King of Canadian Coins." Demand for 50¢ pieces during the 1920's very light and only 28,000 were issued between 1921-1929. Most were melted and only 75 or so of 1921 50¢ survived even in G-4. Coins in MS-65 and better have gone for \$42,000 - \$250,000. 1911 Pattern Dollar DC-6 SPECIMEN 65 PCGS is considered to be the greatest, and most storied, rarity in all of Canadian numismatics. Only two examples were struck in silver. One coin is permanently housed in the National Currency Collection in Ottawa along with a single strike in lead. The 1911 dollar was not made at all. The Ottawa branch of the mint shelved the master dies and would not use them until the production of the 1936 silver dollar. The two known Pattern Dollars, as well as the lead striking, were struck in London before the dies were sent to Canada. The discovery of the lead coin was completely accidental. It likely traveled with the master dies when they came to Canada. The dies ended up in the Dept of Finance. The lead coin was discovered in a drawer in 1977 when the offices were moved. Today it resides in the National Currency Collection of the Bank of Canada. Frank Rose auctioned the 1911 dollar as part of the famous John L. McKay-Clements collection. The first public appearance of the coin since 1960. It had changed hands several times before George H. Cook bought it in 2003 at auction from the Belzberg Collection. Mr. Cook passed in 2018 and his collection was auctioned in the US. It sold January 13, 2013 for \$690,000 by HA SP-65 Belzberg pedigree. It was sold again in August 2019 for \$552,000 by HA. SP-64 Belzberg pedigree. A prominent Canadian dealer acquired the coin and offered it to the Bank of Canada Museum where it resides today. For the first time since minting, all three coins are together in the Museum's permanent gallery. It is very attainable to put together a complete set of circulation type from 1935 - 1967 in

MS-63. They are 80% Silver (\$18.86 melt .60oz). Some dates have varieties, such as 4 water lines on the reverse design. Canada has its own Third-Party Grading: ICCS "International Coin Certification Service" based in Toronto, Ontario known for grading Canadian dollars. They encase coins in an inert (Polyethylene Terephthalate) envelope sealed in a plastic flip. The ICCS grading certificate is sealed in the other side of the flip. The cost to put together a set in MS-63 with common coins was discussed. DOOR PRIZES: 1946 1¢: Craig, 1948 D 1¢: Frank H., 1948 S 1¢: Gary D., 1950 1¢: Jimmy M., and 1950 D 1¢: Jim J. RAFFLE PRIZES: 1848 1¢: Bill R., Roman Empire: 181-182 AD: Mike T., 1932 25¢ BU: Jimmy M., 1913 A German States Prussia 3M: Jim J., and 1950 D 50¢: Matt B.

DALLAS CC DECEMBER: Tonight, is the Dallas Coin Club 1159th consecutive meeting and 2024 annual Christmas party. No official business tonight except for Installation of Officers: President Mike T. & Secretary Jose S. No Show and Tell, No Raffle, and No Auction. Judy collected 2025 dues as well and will be collecting at the January meeting. She asked that all dues be paid no later than March. 30 people were in attendance with 5 guests. Some longtime friends of the club also made an appearance. Club members enjoyed a Gift Exchange by each member who brought a gift. Everyone was treated to cupcakes and enjoyed Bingo thereafter with \$600 in numismatic treasures as prizes.



NSOTXCC NOVEMBER: The November meeting of the NSOTXCC was called to order by Vice-President David L. with 28 members and guests in attendance. The door prize of an Archival Barber Dime coin book was won by Richard B. The club members discussed the recent successful Paris Coin Show held on November 9th. Feedback from numismatic and food vendors was very positive and suggestions were made on how to improve future shows. A sympathy card was passed around for club members to sign following the announcement of the passing of our Bourse chairman, Auddie Neisler, prior to the coin show. He left an indelible mark on our club and will be greatly missed. Plans were finalized for the club's annual Christmas dinner. In new business, the election of next year's officers was held with the following results: Gina C-M as President, David L. as Vice-President, Joe V. as Treasurer and Brad R. as Secretary. Tommy H. will continue on as Communications officer and Richard B. will continue on as club auctioneer. An announcement was made of upcoming coin shows. An auction followed the meeting.



NSOTXCC JANUARY: The meeting was called to order by new President Gina M. with 24 members and guests in attendance. The club welcomed two new members, Paula H. and Jackie M. The door prize of a silver Bicentennial quarter was won by Tommy H. Joe V. reported on the Executive Board/Officers meeting and the proposed changes to the monthly club procedures and to the Paris Coin Shows. The club voted to approve all the proposed recommendations. Bourse Chairman, Joe V, gave an update on the April Coin Show. Bourse applications will be sent out to vendors in the next several days. A donated gold coin was auctioned off to raise money for the club. The program for the evening on the "Texas Commemorative Half Dollar and its connection to Paris, Texas" was given by Joe V. The artist Pompeo Copinni, who designed the commemorative coin, also created the four busts on the Lamar County Courthouse monument. The same program was presented to the Longview Coin Club earlier. A live auction followed the meetings adjournment.

Collin County Coin Club

CCCC SEPTEMBER: The September meeting of the Collin County Coin Club was held with 28 members and 6 guests. The theme for the evening was Sports, with many of the members wearing jerseys, shirts, and hats for their favorite sports teams. The business meeting included a Treasurer's report and a review of our final plans for the October Coin Show. The review of our volunteer schedule was made to remind everyone of the importance of their assistance with this show. We also discussed our new name tags and a brief discussion of the August combined meeting with the Dallas Coin Club. Our program was provided by Steve M. on the 1964-D Peace Dollar, which was a big hit as many members were not aware that 1964-D Peace Dollars were ever minted. This was followed by our Door Prizes and Raffle prizes and then the auction of 65 lots. A good time had by all.

CCCC OCTOBER: The October meeting was held with 21 members and 2 guests present. President Kim welcomed everyone and recognized those who participated in the Halloween theme and reminded everyone that next month we would follow a Thanksgiving theme. The normal business meeting included officer reports (Treasurer report on finances) and a report of the October Coin show where Kim recognized the many club volunteers for their efforts in providing a successful show for both the dealers and the attendees. Under new business, Kim and Gary reviewed the duties of each officer as we will be holding officer elections in November. Gary also had printed copies of the Officer Duties. Nominations were opened and a full slate of officers were nominated, and nominations will be taken up until the election. There was also a TNA certificate of recognition for Steve's presentation (September) on the 1964-D Peace Dollar. The meeting moved on to the popular Door Prizes (4) and Raffle Prizes (7) before concluding with the auction where 21 lots were auctioned.

LONGVIEW COIN CLUB

LONGVIEW CC DECEMBER: Longview Coin Club: Held its 3rd annual Charity auction along with its membership appreciation dinner on Dec 3rd, 2024, at the Holiday Inn North Longview, TX. This was the first membership appreciation dinner for the club to say thank you to the membership for all they do for the club. Over 70 members and guests were present. This was the 3rd Charity Auction the club held for the local communities with this year's recipients the City of Longview Police Departments, Blue Santa Program. In the course of a police officers' routine work they often encounter children in circumstances and environments that are heartbreaking, and they select children from their areas to help. After all, all children deserve presents at Christmas. LCC auction was held with a special guest auctioneer Walt Cade from Walt Cade auctions. Over 80 items were donated by club members and the club business sponsors, and they raised \$5,550 for the Charity. We are proud to give back to our communities "my thanks to all the membership and club sponsors for making this event the best yet". - Charles Justman, LCC President



DISTRICT 6 - JOHN BARBER, GOVERNOR

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GHCC SEPTEMBER: Pledge led by Jack D followed by opening remarks and announcements. Guests included Chris H., Hank H., Greg Mc., Jesse, Diann, and Tom G. Show and Tell (Tom S, Chair): 1. Jack D.: Medal for J.F. Kennedy, Dated 1963, made in 1961 as propaganda against him. Made in England. Poked fun at Kennedy. 2. Sebastian F.: Medal celebrating a 400th Ann. of the mint in Columbia. 3. Nikko: Sample of a cent and blank planchet sealed in plastic. He explained the making of a coin. Outstanding presentation for a YN. 4. Trish: Visit to the Denver Mint: it costs 3 cents to make a cent and 11 cents to make a Nickel. Other coins had positive seigniorage. 5. Bruce B.: Book on POW & prisoner chits used in prisons and war camps. 6. Garth C.: referred to recovery of stolen coins in print, Books that are coin related collecting and other things involving coins. He also related a story about possible coin thieves in a parking lot at a local show. Show & Tell Winner: Bruce B. Monthly Quiz (Jim S. substituting for Chuck tonight): Quiz passed out and John B. (NOT JWB) won with 4 correct without the tie-breaker. Program: Intro by Jim S - Rick E on Tenino Wooden Money 1932-2022. Money Show updates: tables sold out, waiting list is building. Coins for A's: Specimens of wooden money from around the nation were distributed to YN's. Appointment of a new VP, elected by members without a single dissent. Attendance award to Rick E. Adjournment for auction; limit of 15 lots per consignor.

GHCC OCTOBER: Pledge led by Jack D followed by opening remarks and announcements. Guests included Andrew, Adam & Carol, Johnathon (guest of Chuck B.) a stamp evaluator, Tanner and Karen, and Joseph. Mike F sent 50 silver eagles as a special treat for all members, there is also a special door prize to be presented later tonight donated by Dale & Deborah R and a special random prize donated by Mike F. Winner was Jesse M. Show and Tell: 1. Eve B.: Did a special drawing for a YN. 2. Garth C.: Clipped coins, example showing a quarter, dime, and cent. 3. Jim S.: Weighty War Nickel, Henning Nickel and a real silver (35%) nickel. Also a few other nickels that were not real. 4. Vlad A.: A coin from Sitka Alaska with a moose and another with a bear "The Last Frontier". 5. Sebastian F.: talked about a coin made from Mexican Silver, Indian half pagoda struck on a 8 Reales - that is turned down about 2 mm, 21.6 grams down from 28. 6. Tom S.: 52nd Balloon Fest 2024, colored enamel Medal that was a gift from his boss. 7. Larry R.: Ionia Mint, Small gold specimen, electrum (naturally occurring gold silver mixture) 600 BC. 8. Niko (YN): Shire Post Mint, West Fork Mint, Screw press picture, steam press; Eclipse coin and an especially small coin. 9. Lisa & Tom S.: pictures of monument to the Revolution; Produced an elongated coin made from 1-peso coins, 4 coins in all. Show & Tell Winner: #7 Larry R. Monthly Quiz: Eve B. won via tie breaker with 4 correct. Program: Intro by Gary F for Gene M. Italian Cast Money of Roman Republic. Rome, a city of 7 hills in the center of the Italian peninsula; Tiber River. Talk based on Thurlow and Vecchi text reference. Large number of examples shown in the talk. Gary presented a GHCC medal to Gene for his presentation. Business Portion: New member elected: Jesse M. Money Show updates: tables sold out. Cheryl asked for show volunteers. Jim S solicited the donations of sponsors. He thanked all future sponsors in advance. Albert S solicited exhibits/exhibitors. Year-end Banquet in December at the Embassy Suites. Members \$25 and nonmembers \$40. Nominees requested for the Townsend Award for service. Send nominations to Jack and you must have the nominee's permission. Nominees will be voted on by past Townsend winners and the Standing EC members. Levinson Award nominations are being accepted for the ANA Summer Seminar. The ANA and TNA offer scholarships, so you can apply for them also and no provisions against having one of each. Coins for A's: A drawing and award was given to YN Colt. Attendance award for the 46 member attendees; random draw winner was Edward.

GHCC NOVEMBER: Pledge led by Jack D followed by opening remarks and announcements. Thanks to Amy for brownies. There are giveaways in the back of the room for the members. The ANA started the deaccession auction today. Two visitors: Frank &

Robin. Sow and Tell: 1. Jim S.: 3 coins, 2¢ with small motto, Also Large Motto, two cent coin from Liberia with similar designs. 2. Jack D.: a medal showing the moment Kennedy being shot. Approx. 70-gram medal. 3. Bruce B.: Book from 1841 that had a 50¢ note in between the pages, Bank of Tennessee. 4. Garth C.: 0.18 grams, design elements from India, is now northern Burma around 600AD. Unidentified maker or issuer. 5. Sebastian F.: Coin Spanish Cob 1620's with shield errors with the lion misplaced. The error occurs on both sides. 6. Ricardo dl T: talked about Tennessee was last state to secede and first to rejoin the union, the note has an illustration of 4 Reales Obverse and reverse images. 7. Melvin N.: showed a coin he found 1943 copper colored cent actually a 1948 coin with mutilated 8 in the date, also a die break cent that looks like a wig coming loose. 8. Amy B.: found an 8 Reales Cap and Rays from 1834 Zacatecas mint, coins used by Santa Anna in his war with Texas. 9. Niko: 2004 colorized coins from Canada honoring war dead. Also, some silver coins also a coin with crystals embedded in the coins and some odd shaped coins. Show & Tell Drawing winner: Amy received a slabbed Kennedy Half for her efforts. Monthly club quiz: a win with 4 right, Dan V. no tie breaker. Program: Odd U.S. denominations by John B. and Ben K.: Half Cent; Scarcely minted (not every year). 2¢, 3¢ pieces. Ben K. gave a history of the origins of the coins, both versions of the 3¢ silver and nickel coins. John B. complimented Ben for his technical assistance and help with the program, spoke about the 4-year issue of the 20¢ pieces, \$3 gold piece last coin of the talk. Two types designs. Gary F. (VP) thanked the presenters and presented each with a coin/medal as a token for making a program. New Member vote: 4 new members proposed: Andrew, Joseph, Adam and Carol were inducted. Coins For A's/Youth: A drawing for each YN to get a prize from the display of materials. Six YNs got to pick. Money Show: Cheryl asked for anyone interested in volunteering to assist in the show. She asked for sponsors to assist in the cost of the show. Albert S., chair of the exhibits, is soliciting exhibitors. Looking forward to our Christmas Party. Attendance Prize: Wendy R. Adjourn with the Auction to follow.

GHCC DECEMBER: Members and guests enjoyed the annual Holiday Party. The Townsend Award for 2024 went to Suzanne and Albert Shoen. Prior winners present were included in the photo. This Award was first given in 2010.



DISTRICT 7 - FRANK GALINDO, GOVERNOR



THE GATEPOST

GATEWAY COIN CLUB

GATEWAY CC OCTOBER 17: The October 17, 2024, meeting of the Gateway Coin Club was called to order by President Frank G. with 25 members and 1 visitor, Delia D, present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Thank you to all who made donations to the Tejada Middle School Coin Club. We will return in April for our second presentation. If you would like to donate unwanted numismatic items to the school, you may bring them to Karla G. at any meeting. The club has a Facebook page. Please find Gateway Coin Club San Antonio, like and follow. Numismatic Roundtable: The Numismatic Roundtable was conducted by Chuck N. and assisted by Brian L. Robert J: 1968, HemisFair, spoon. Fernando R: 1973, Franklin mint, commemorative medal, comet Kohoutek; obv shows path (trajectory) of the comet in 1973. Paul R: 1950, Cinco pesos, silver .720, opening of the Southern Railroad; runs from Mexico City to the Yucatan Peninsula to Fort Progreso at the tip of the peninsula. Roundtable Drawing: Robert J won a 1989, Uncirculated Coin Set, D & P mint marks. GCC Raffle: The winners of the raffle prizes were Robert J, Brian L, Paul R, Mike K, John B, Marcus D. Numismatic Educational Program: Rationing During the War Years by

Marcus D. During World War II, Americans and other countries faced strict rationing of food and supplies to ensure everyone got their fair share. Even if you had cash to purchase an item, many items required ration stamps in addition to the money. The system of rationing was administered by the U.S. Office of Price Administration and introduced in 1942. Each ration book was filled with stamps, assigned to each family and had to be presented when buying restricted items. Victory gardens were grown to supplement a family's food supply. A common motto became "Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without". Auction: The auction was conducted by Johnell H. and John M, with the assistance of Kate M. The Attendance Prize: 2023, Austria Philharmonic, 1. oz, .999 fine silver won by David C.

GATEWAY CC NOV 7: The meeting of the Gateway Coin Club was called to order by President Frank G. with 27 members and 1 visitor, Xoe B, present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. If you are a member of ANA and/or TNA please provide your member number to the secretary, Barbara H. Our Christmas party will be held on our second meeting in December. Participation in the gift exchange is optional. A \$30 deposit is required when you reserve your spot and make your menu selection. Numismatic Roundtable: The Numismatic Roundtable was led by Kate M. with the assistance of Brian L. David C: 1972, Mexico, 1 centavo, short lived series of three years for this type of coin. Marcus D: 1988, G. W. Bush Presidential Commemorative, obv: Pres. Bush, rev: double eagle imprint. Frank G: 2023, US quarter, Bessie Coleman honored, an Afro American, born in Texas, attended aviation school in France, first woman to obtain international pilot's license. Karla G: 1962, medal, State of New Mexico Golden (50 year) Anniversary (founded 1912), rev: the state seal of New Mexico. Doyle H: 2014, Canada, \$50 silver coin, less than an ounce of silver, worldwide mintage 90,000. Robert J: Alien over US Capitol, silver round, rev: Our Solar System, 1 troy oz, .999 fine silver. Mike K: 2 AAFES gift certificates, war money for Afghanistan war, used in Army & Air Force Exchanges to buy merchandise, coins were too heavy to ship. Paul R: 1788 mfm, Mexico, 8 Reales, Charles III, silver. Mario W: 1969, Apollo XI, medallion. Ziggy Z: 1995 D, quarter on a 5 cent planchet. Roundtable Drawing Winner: 1987, Uncirculated Coin Set, D & P mint marks won by Robert J. The winners of the raffle prizes were: John M, Ziggy Z, David C, Robert J. The auction was conducted by Johnell H, John M, and assisted by Kate M. The Attendance Prize was a 1922 US Peace Dollar.

GATEWAY CC NOV 21: The meeting of the Gateway Coin Club was called to order by President Frank G. with 31 members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Numismatic Roundtable: The Numismatic Roundtable was conducted by Chuck N. & assisted by Brian L. Andy C: Coca-Coin coin, bottle cap, silver coin, .999 fine silver, PF70, ultra cameo. Evan H: 2010, silver eagle, MS69, early release. Zachary H: set of 3 silver Panama coins: 1947 1/10 Balboa, 1947 ¼ Balboa, 1934 1/10 Balboa. Robert J: 1980. Susan B Anthony, dollar souvenir set, p,d,s mintmarks. Mike K: 2024, American Silver Eagle with an ASE Star Privy Mark, brand new MS-69. Paul R: 1838g, PJ, Mexico, 2 Reales (Guanajuato), silver (hairlines) (medal axis), design is upright on both sides (obverse & reverse). Mario W: medallion, City of Converse, 50-year anniversary. Ziggy Z: 1851D, half-dime. Roundtable Drawing: 2007 S, Idaho, US quarter, Chimney Rock, .900 fine silver, proof, won by Mario W. The winners of the raffle prizes were: John M, Ziggy Z, Johnell H, Brian L, Chuck N, Mike K, and Andy C. Numismatic Educational Program was presented by Johnell H who spoke about Star Notes. Star notes, also known as replacement bank notes, are printed to replace a faulty banknote. It is used as a control mechanism for governments or monetary authorities to know the exact number of banknotes being printed. Since banknote serial numbers are unique, a symbol is added to the serial number to identify it as a star note. As a defective note is identified, they are removed, the serial number documented, and replaced with a star note. The auction was conducted by Johnell H, John M, and assisted by Kate M. The Attendance Prize: 1978 M, Mexico, cien pesos, 720 Leycon won by Doyle H.

GATEWAY CC DEC 5: The meeting was called to order by President Frank G. with 29 members present. The 6 visitors in attendance were Jaden J, Ava M, Linda M, Luke M, Catarina S, Merle S. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The Pledge to the United States Flag was led by Vice-President Mario W. ANA is encouraging member clubs to recruit for membership. ANA is offering a 1 yr membership for \$10. With your \$10 membership you will receive a digital copy of their magazine, The Numismatist. Please see Karla, our club's TNA & ANA Representative. Four of our club members are new TNA members as of this month. Numismatic Roundtable: The Numismatic Roundtable was led

to our long-time member, Bob Pk. Bettie is working on getting us a drum for the raffle tickets. Don't forget our annual Christmas dinner! The guest price for the dinner is \$25. Members need to bring a gift for the exchange. There will be club medals and raffle tickets for sale at the upcoming regular December meeting. No medals will be sold during the Christmas Dinner. Membership dues also will be collected at the regular meeting. Vice President: David discussed the Albuquerque Coin Show. Treasurer: Sebastian D read the financial statements of the club. We are in good standing. Club dues are due in December. Please bring your dues up to date. If I do not hear from you by March, I will have to take your name off the roster. Secretary: The sign in sheet will be by the front desk and need everyone to sign in when they walk in. Former President Jason: Numismatics books were donated to the club and will be available to check out soon. Please see Jason for more information. No membership applications were voted on this month. Other businesses included: Juan R updated on raffle tickets. Mario A is running a text message-based updates on coins, numismatic events, and other relevant information. Presentations: Gerardo GS and Matt J gave a presentation on "Coins of the Crusades". It was very informative and interesting. Club auction was held successfully. Raffle prizes were given out to the lucky winners Don and Lloyd.

EL PASO DECEMBER: The meeting was called to order by President James M. with 3 guests and 42 members present. James read information regarding the following: Introduction of new guests and visitors. Minutes from the November meeting were voted on without change with unanimous approval. Announcements read by the following: President: A drum was acquired by Bettie for raffles. Elvir T. was awarded with club plaque for his time in service to the Coin club. Vice President: Information was provided regarding the annual Christmas dinner. Treasurer: Sebastian D read financial statements; the club is in good standing. Club dues are to be paid and brought up to date in December and January. After careful review, all club members with delinquent due payments will be removed from the membership roster. Secretary: The club sign-in sheet is placed on the table when entering the room, all members must sign in upon arrival. Elvir T. will be stepping down as Club Secretary. Tim A will be the temporary secretary in his place. Bourse chairperson John G provided the latest information regarding the upcoming coin show and mini exhibits. Former President Jason presented a numismatic presentation to Slider Middle School in El Paso. It was highly informative and garnered the attention of all the students. All membership applications were voted on and approved unanimously. Other businesses included: Juan R updated us on raffle tickets. ICCOEP Lifetime Membership was voted on for Mark H. It was unanimously approved. All future presentations will be awarded with raffle tickets of \$5. Correct answers to questions during a presentation will be rewarded with raffle tickets of \$1. The "club-bucks" program will be put on hold for now due to expenses. Applications to sell items at the upcoming coin show must be submitted to President James. Club auction limitations and the time permitted for all presentations will be discussed next month. Presentations: John G. gave a presentation on the history of numismatics, coins, and money. It was highly informative and interesting. The club auction was held successfully. Raffle prizes were given out to the lucky winners Elvir T. and Joshua G. Mario A is running a text information service for the ICCOEP, let him know if you want to be added to the club group.



ACC OCTOBER: Nominations for all 4 club officers and 5 director positions were closed out at the October membership meeting. Unopposed nominations are: President Jim D, V.P. Tim F, Treasurer Pat V, Secretary Rex B. The 5 director positions have 7 people vying for them: Rod F, Tim C, Peter T, Marian W, John S, Steve L, and Tom S. The Elections Chair, Bob D, is mailing out Ballots which must be individually mailed back

in the SASE provided. Scott B gave an excellent presentation on Philippian coinage as a US protectorate and as a Commonwealth. Lots of Q&A, followed by a great quiz. Time is running out to secure your spot at the Club's annual Holiday dinner. Members pay \$25 with the club paying the other half. Yns are \$15. It's SHOW TIME a few days from this writing. 90 tables sold out! All systems go... I will report on the aftereffects next month.

ACC NOVEMBER: Another year of club fun is about to be in the books. We had a great November monthly meeting with Rex B's excellent presentation on Walking Liberty Half Dollars. The visually stunning coinage was paired with his deep informative knowledge. A good way to hand over the reins of Education Chair to Scott B. I hope you don't miss the club holiday dinner. This is when the old Board of Directors hands off their responsibilities to the new Board. Also, I am presenting at the Rio Rancho Esther Bone library on New Mexico's Rio Arriba Rebellion, Chimayo Revolt 1837 – 38, on Saturday, Dec. 14th 10 am for the exhibit displayed Nov. the 28th. Our election results were announced by Election Committee Chair Bob D with assistance from Michael H, Matt P, and Tom MC. 2025's Board of Directors is: President Jim D, Vice President Tim F, Treasurer Pat V, Secretary Rex B, and Directors: Rod F, Marian W, Tim C, Peter T, Steve L. Our cast of supporting characters is Parliamentarian Ed D, Quartermaster Tom S, Membership Chair Jane F, YN Chair Peter R, ANA Representative Byron K, and ANA District Representative & National Coordinator Phil V. Phil is running for the ANA Board of Governors and is collecting ANA member's signatures. I thank you for your trust, camaraderie, and friendship for the past 20 years. I have had the honor and privilege of holding every position in the club including the old, abolished 2nd Vice President as well as 20 times as Show Chair or Vice Chair. The favor I ask of you is to take time and share your passion and knowledge with others. Please make some time to visit a monthly meeting in person or by Zoom. Also, volunteer at our shows. Get involved and you will be amazed at the benefits and rewards you receive in return.

ACC DECEMBER: The new board met on December 14, 2024 and welcomed Steve L. as a new board member. Jim D provided a summary of 2024 activities and spoke of a bright outlook for 2025. He also emphasized that the club had an approved budget for 2025 and he expected all of us to follow it. Pat V gave the Treasurer's report. She reported good income from the Fall show and Kisluck coin sales. Major items discussed included Coin Show results and the following "After Action Review". Plans for improvement were discussed. The purchase of new tables was complete and plans to purchase new display cases are removing forward. Schedules for all club activities for 2025 were presented and reviewed. See the web site for details.

DISTRICT 12 - STEPHEN GIPSON, GOVERNOR



TYLER CC OCTOBER: Meeting called to order by President Richard G. with 55 members, 1 new member, and 1 guest present (ties club attendance record set in June 2024). The club was lead in the Pledge of Allegiance by Allen and in prayer by Chuck. Introduction/recognition of guests, visitors, and new members. Royce presented the Treasurer's report. After polling membership, the club Christmas party will be held at our regular meeting location. Richard discussed officer elections for 2025. Traditionally, current officers are automatically nominated for next term. Club members are encouraged to express interest and seek nominations for any officer positions. Nominations were opened for 2025 officers. Larry V. nominated Kern L. for Vice President. No other nominations were made. Elections will be held at the December meeting. Larry V. gave a presentation on the security features of the United States \$100 note including the ability to run a paperclip between the security ribbon and the note. John H. gave a presentation on unusual coins and tokens including the 1861 Confederate cent and the 1889 Eiffel Tower tokens. Thank you to all who made donations to the Texas Numismatic Association Coins for A's program. Thank you to Texican Rare Coin for donation of supplies to club members. Club Auction (Kern) followed adjournment. 48 auction items sold. Door Prize Winners: Amy, Ed, Lynne, and Mary.

TYLER CC NOVEMBER: Meeting called to order by President Richard G. with 51 members and 3 guests present. The club was lead in the Pledge of Allegiance by Randy. The club was lead in prayer by Larry. Introduction/recognition of guests, visitors, and new members. Royce presented the Treasurer's report. Richard reminded members that officer elections for 2025 will be held at the December meeting. The Club Auction (Kern) followed. 22 auction items for Salvation Army Angel Tree sold. 43 regular auction items sold. Door Prize Winners: Bill, Ethan, Larry, and William.

TYLER CC DECEMBER: Meeting called to order by Treasurer Royce J. with 44 members and guests present. The club was lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. The prayer was given by Allen. Nominations of club officers for 2025 from November's meeting were announced and accepted by acclamation. President Richard G, Vice President Kern L, Secretary Carl S, Treasurer Royce J. Royce displayed a receipt from The Salvation Army for a check to them for the Angel Tree for \$3,070. This was from the generous donation by club members for the auction and personal donations. The receipt was shown indicating that The Salvation Army was putting the money into the "Kettle" program, not the "Angel Tree". The bank statement was presented and reviewed. The Christmas Dinner was delivered and the members and guests enjoyed a meal together. Answer sheets were passed out and Royce quizzed the club with another Christmas Trivia of 22 questions. The winning table had 17 correct answers. A silver round was given to each club member at the winning table. Royce announced that the dinner was donated to the club by the club officers from proceeds of this year's successful coin show. The meeting adjourned with a very Merry Christmas

DISTRICT 13 - ROB ROBINSON, GOVERNOR

GREENBELT COIN CLUB

GREENBELT CC NOVEMBER: The meeting was held at the new meeting place at the library. The meeting was called to order by President Randy B. with 12 members in attendance. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Rob R and were approved. George W provided the Treasurers' Report which was also approved. President Randy B announced that it was time to elect officers for 2025. Bill H was nominated for President, a vote was held, and Bill was unanimously elected as President. A motion passed to continue with the current slate of officers for Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Program: Rob R provided a show-and-tell of an interesting purchase he made recently on Ebay. The coin he purchased was an 1808/7 Half Cent with a cud above the TY in Liberty on the obverse. Rob said that this was the first 1808/7 that he had ever seen displaying this die state. Per Rob, current estimates are that less than 30 coins are known with this anomaly. Regular monthly drawings were conducted and Bill K was the winner of the membership drawing: a 1927-P Standing Liberty quarter. Raffle prize winners were James B, Tony Z, Randy B, Jimmy S, Connolly O, and Tom R. Tony Z conducted the 35-lot auction from 4 consignors.

WICHITA FALLS COIN & STAMP CLUB

WICHITA FALLS CC NOVEMBER: Called to order with 23 members and 1 guest (David F) present. Secretary Mark S read the minutes from the October meeting, and a motion passed to approve them. Treasurer Connolly O provided the Treasurer's Report, and it was approved. Rob R said that the Coin Club's Christmas Party is scheduled for December, and he will raffle prizes from the Club to encourage members to attend. The Club will provide \$10 for members and spouses to help with the cost of the meal. He said that the membership prize will be an 1884 CC GSA Morgan Silver Dollar. Membership Prize: 1982 "S" Washington Commemorative Silver Half Dollar was won by David B. Raffle Prizes and Winners: 2024 Silver Eagle won by Ollie G, 1972 "S" Uncirculated Eisenhower Silver Dollar won by Eddie M, WWII Coin Set won by Rocky G, Silver American Coin Set won by David F, Two Centuries of Indian Cents won by Ollie G, 1968 Proof Set won by David F, 1987 Mint Set won by Dick C. Auctioneer: Tony Z # of Consigners 7, # of lots 43.

WICHITA FALLS CC DECEMBER: For December, we had our 43rd annual Christmas Dinner and gift exchange. 26 members and spouses/guests were in attendance. After the meal, we had our usual gift exchange which was enjoyed by all. During the year, members put their names on a red ticket at each meeting. Then at the conclusion of our annual dinner, a drawing is held from all the red tickets for a grand prize. This year's winner was Katy M and the prize this year was a BU 1884-CC GSA Morgan Dollar. Congratulations Katy.

WICHITA FALLS CC JANUARY: Called to order with 25 members and 3 guests who joined (Alysa H, Ron L, Tom T) present. Connolly O provided the Treasurer's Report, and it was approved. Rob said that he is the TNA District Governor and he was hoping for membership in the area. He passed out membership forms to those interested. Upcoming shows were announced. Sherman Barnard said that the United Way Income tax assistance center is providing assistance for people to file their taxes free of charge. Program: Rob R talked about the 1892 Chicago World's Columbian Exposition (World's Fair) and Pressed Glass. He said that prior to 1850, table glassware was relatively expensive because each piece had to be hand blown. He said that the development of glass pressing machines and molds allowed the mass production of glassware with intricate designs. In 1891, Central Glass Company, one of the largest glass producers from Wheeling, WV, came up with the promotional idea to make pressed glass with US silver coin designs to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the US Mint. The Chicago World's Columbian Exposition opened in May 1893 several months late due to weather delays. Over 27 million people attended the fair by the time it closed on October 30th. The fairgrounds covered 635 acres and featured over 400 buildings which were covered in plaster and resembled white marble in the sunlight. The Manufacturers and Liberal Arts Building was the largest and covered 40 acres. It was in this building that Central Glass Company displayed and sold its glassware. There were 27 different types of glassware which featured copies of circulating silver US coins displaying the Seated Liberty and Morgan dollar designs. Sales of the coin glass went well in the first days of the fair until a US Treasury Agent from the government building next door noticed the coin images on the glassware and remembered there was a law against using examples of actual circulating coins on the designs. The agent ordered the glassware and molds to be destroyed. The glassware that survived is very rare. Rob said he first read about the US Coin Glass in Coin World in January 1984. Shortly afterward, Rob went to visit his elderly aunt and noticed she had an example of the coin glass sitting on a shelf in her home. When asked where she had gotten it, she replied that Rob's grandad brought it back to his grandmother from the Chicago World's Fair in 1893. Due to his excitement, Rob was given the piece by his aunt shortly before her death in 1985. Rob passed around the pressed glass for the coin club members to see. His example is a sauce dish featuring the Seated Liberty Quarter design. Membership Prize, 1907 D Barber Half Dollar, was won by Kendale W. Raffle Prizes: 2024 Silver Eagle won by Connolly O, 19th/20th century Quarter Collection won by Rocky G, 1938 D Buffalo Nickel won by Ron L, 1985 Mint Set won by Tony Z, 1972 S Brown Eisenhower won by Fred H, 2009 D Lincoln was won by Fred H, 1971 Proof Set won by Rocky G, First and Last Eisenhower Dollars won by George W, Eisenhower Dollars won by Rocky G. Auctioneer: Tony Z # of Consigners 8, # of lots 59.

DISTRICT 14 - CATALINA AMARAL, GOVERNOR



HIDALGO CC NOVEMBER: President Roberto R. presided and began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The final membership count for 2024 was 112 members and constituted a 11-member increase compared to 2023. The numismatic community continues to grow in South Texas! The report for the Fall Coin Show, that was held at the McAllen Chamber of Commerce in November, was given by Brent G. The club did well to schedule new shows in the future. After the conclusion of the report, it was announced that a gold and silver coin raffle was announced for the Winter Show in February. There was a total of 12 coins to be raffled, with the grand prize a 1980 ¼ oz Gold Krugerrand! The Nov. meeting was also election night for the 5 officer positions for the year 2025. Vice-President Doug J., Secretary James G., Treasurer Brent G. and Historian Leo R. resigned from their positions. The new officers for 2025 will be: Roberto R.- Pres, Lupe E.- Vice Pres, Edgar N.- Sec, Cathy R.- Treas., Lupe G.- Historian. The other 4 members of the Executive Council are: Saul C., Mario V., Rene D.L.G., and Ricardo P. In the Hidalgo Coin Club, volunteerism is alive as there are people that are willing and able to help the club in leadership roles and continue the work of past council members. After the elections, we had our coin auction. The auctioneer was Rene D.L.G.

Photos: 1-Doug J. and James G. at the Club Table; 2-Volunteer at Penny Table



HIDALGO CC DECEMBER: President Roberto R. presided and began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Our membership has grown since Jan. of this year to 112 members for the year. Usually, the Hidalgo Coin Club hosts a Pizza Party to celebrate the year's achievements, however, it was voted by the general membership to host a banquet in January in lieu of a pizza party. There were multiple voting motions that were approved during the meeting. A motion was carried and passed to move the meeting place of the Hidalgo Coin Club. Lastly, it was voted to expand our large Winter Show from a one day show to a two day show and move the venue from the McAllen Chamber of Commerce to the Eclipse Nomad Shrine Hall. After the voting motions were approved, the winners of the HCC awards were announced in this meeting. The presentation of the awards will be held at the HCC Banquet, but the winners of the HCC awards for were announced at this meeting. The HCC member of the year award was given to Brent G., as voted by the membership in this meeting. The winner for the Lifetime Service Award was awarded to John G. for his service to the Hidalgo Coin Club and advancing the numismatic community in South Texas. The winners for the Outstanding Service Award are: Jan R., Carolyn M., Saul C., Rene D.L.G., Edgar N., James G., Ricardo P., Doug J., John G., Leo R., Brent G., Raul G., Roberto R., Cathy B., Blake G., and Jordynn G. These members volunteered at HCC functions throughout the year. The winners of the Perfect Attendance Award were: James G., Edward J., Wayne M., Ben N., Amaro O., Liam O., Ricardo P., Roberto R., Gary S., Raul G. Through rain and shine these members attended all 12 monthly meeting. After recognizing the winners of the HCC awards for 2024, the meeting ended with a lively auction with Rene D.L.G serving as the auctioneer. 4 days after the meeting, we had our December Christmas themed Friday Night Coin Show. Photos: 1-Vendor at the Dec. Friday Night Coin Show; 2-Rick P. and Brent G. with Door Prize Winner



HIDALGO CC JANUARY: President Roberto R. presided and began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Our membership began the year with a total of 72 members for 2025 and 55 members in attendance! What a great way to start the year! 7 door prizes were given out and it was announced that the agreement with the new space fell through and the Club will continue to hold its meetings in the same location for 2025. It was announced that the HCC Banquet and Awards Ceremony would be put on hold until further notice and the February Large Winter Coin Show will move from the McAllen Chamber of Commerce to the Casa De Palmas by Wyndham. It will be a 2-day show in February. A list of volunteers was passed around the room for those who would help in selling raffle tickets, sign up new members, and to greet people at the door. After announcing these changes, Rene D.L.G. served as the auctioneer. The two money runners were Armando A. and Jan R. Photo: President Roberto R. speaking to the membership at the Jan. Meeting



SOUTH TEXAS INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB

STICC OCTOBER: The meeting was called to order by Catalina Amaral, President. In attendance to the meeting were the club officers Rene De La Garza, Chairman and TNA Vice-President; Catalina Amaral, President and TNA Gov. Region 14; Calvin W, Vice

President; Octavio A, Treasurer; Gary W, Secretary; and John G, Executive Committee member. Other club members present were Robert R, Juan G, Jacob G, Hector C, Arturo M, Luis M, Larry H and Kim C. This, the 10th meeting of 2024, was called to order by President Catalina Amaral welcoming the members and guests, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and the Texas State Flag. Catalina reminded everyone the STICC membership is \$25 for the year. The monthly meetings have members Educational and Found-in-the-Wild presentations. Members can place up to 10 items for auction. All members will have free entrance to the Friday Night Shows. Our club is now established for 2 years and we have 21 "Founding Members" and 25 members total to date. Catalina also presented information about the Texas Numismatic Association (TNA) and the membership fee of \$25 for the year. The membership gets four Association magazines per year with interesting articles and information about what other clubs are doing and the possibility to participate in educational exhibits at the annual TNA show in Conroe, TX. After 2 years of membership, you may enter into a raffle for books, scholarship and a one-week Coin Grading course in Colorado, all expenses paid. Catalina also went into detail on how school children could "earn collectable coins" from the TNA for "As" on their 6 weeks report cards. Catalina also presented information about membership in the American Numismatic Association (ANA), \$25 per year, and it's bimonthly magazine "The Numismatist", which has several great articles concerning US and International coins and medals. The back pages also have a great Grey Sheet retail price guide. The Door Prize raffle was held. There were 10 raffle winners. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Octavio A. Reminder of the New Members Challenge Program where the guest and the host member each get to enter the drawing for 1 oz Silver Eagles. Everyone was encouraged to bring a new guest to the next meeting. Catalina reminded the members to sell the club's Gold and Silver raffle tickets for the drawing in December. The tickets are available now and only 500 tickets are to be sold, which increase the odds of winning. The club's "End of Year banquet" will be held at a local restaurant. Catalina reminded everyone of the "Red Box" donation box, whereby the donated items would be sold during the auction to benefit the club. The Educational program was presented by Rene De La Garza. He spoke on Texas history and the Republic of Texas. The Republic of Texas, in 1838, 1839 and 1840 issued its own currency in \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100 and \$500 bills. The value was about \$0.37 to the US \$1. The bills were like promissory notes and were to be redeemed. Once redeemed, the bills were cut/slashed to prevent fraudulent redemption. Hence forth, all the collectible bills we see today have cuts across the face of the bill. The government had no gold or silver to back up the currency. In 1842 the value of the bills became nearly worthless at about 15 bills to the US \$1. The Mexican silver Reales and currency issued by US banks became the primary means for commerce. In 1845, the Republic of Texas was in debt for \$10,000,000 that it could not pay. That debt was negated when Texas became a US state. The Republic of Texas bills are prize collectibles today. The auction began with Rene De La Garza as the Auctioneer. The coin runner/ cashier was Juan G.

STICC NOVEMBER: The meeting was called to order by Calvin W, Vice-President. In attendance to the meeting were the club officers Rene De La Garza, Club Chairman and TNA Vice-President; Calvin W, Vice-President; Gary W, Secretary; and John G, Executive committee member. Other club members present were Robert R, Juan G, Jacob G, Hector C, Jose C, Larry H and Kim C. This, the 11th meeting of 2024, was called to order by Vice-President Calvin W welcoming the members and guests, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and the Texas State Flag. The Door Prize raffle was held. There were 8 raffle winners. The club has 25 members at present. A reminder that the club's Annual Banquet in December. The club's Annual Coin Raffle drawing will be held, also. Rene De La Garza's introduced our STICC club member, Roberto R, as the new Club President of the Hidalgo Coin Club in McAllen, TX. The announcement was applauded by all. Several of our STICC club members are also members of the Hidalgo Club. The auction began with Rene De La Garza as the Auctioneer. The coin runner/ cashier was Jacob G.

STICC JANUARY: The meeting was called to order by Catalina Amaral, President. In attendance to the meeting were the club officers Catalina Amaral, President and TNA Gov. Region 14; Calvin W, Vice President; Octavio A, Treasurer; and Gary W, Secretary. Other club members present were Roberto R, Juan G, Hilda G, Jose C, Larry H, Kim C, Noah G, Graciela M, Frank M, Jose C, and M V. We were pleased that we had several guests in attendance also. This, the first meeting of 2025, was called to order by President Catalina Amaral

welcoming the members and guests, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and the Texas State Flag. Catalina reminded everyone of the benefits and price for membership in STICC, the TNA, and the ANA. The Door Prize raffle was held. There were 10 raffle winners. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Octavio A. The Education program was presented by Larry Hollman. Several years ago, Larry discovered that the Mexican 1/8th Real, dated 1824 -25, produced at the Durango mint had several reverse die design variations. These variations are noted in the eagle, cactus and sprays. He has collected 4 coins with such variations and presented examples of the variations utilizing a computer visual aid. There were similar reverse die variations produced by the other various mints in other different valued coins. This was a time toward the end of the Mexican "War of Independence" and was a period of great turmoil. "Found in the Wild" was presented by Juan G. Juan found 5 one dollar bills with serial numbers matching area Zip codes. He passed those around for the members examination. The auction began with Roberto R as the Auctioneer. The coin runner/ cashier was Larry H.

DISTRICT 15 - GARY FOREMAN, GOVERNOR



PORT ARTHUR CC SEPTEMBER: The meeting was called to order by president Carlton S. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and approval of the previous meeting's minutes and Treasurer's report. President Carlton welcomed 23 members and 2 guests. Officer/Committee reports: Traci U. reminded of our annual Christmas party. Motion carried to purchase 2 rolls of silver half dollars for use a door prizes. Upcoming coin shows were announced. An outstanding program was presented by Vivian M entitled, "2023 American High Relief Gold". The story of this coin is truly very interesting. Vivian explained how the Bristlecone Pine tree on the obverse of the coin is among the oldest living organisms on Earth. She passed a stunning MS 70 example of this coin around for all to see. Thank you, Vivian for a real first class program! A lively auction was conducted by Richard F. Door Prizes awarded as follows: Silver Eagle to Ray R., Franklin Half dollars to Jerry S. & Scott S.

GPACC NOVEMBER: The meeting was called to order by president Carlton S. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and approval of the previous meeting's minutes and Treasurer's report. President Carlton welcomed 25 members and 1 guest. Traci U. reminded of our annual Christmas party. Willie S. reported distributing 7 Red books to area high schools and public libraries this year to commemorate National Coin Week. The club thanked Willie for his efforts and voted to reimburse him for the cost of the books. President Carlton extended thanks to all members who worked to help make this year's coin show a success. An outstanding program was presented by Ray R entitled, "History of 1899 Chief & 1901 Bison" large notes. Ray brought 2 beautiful examples for the club members to ooh and ahh over! Great presentation Ray! A lively auction was conducted by David H. Door Prizes awarded as follows: Silver Eagle to Glen D., Franklin Half dollars to Mike D & Scott S.

GPACC DECEMBER: The meeting was called to order by president Carlton S. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and approval of the previous meeting's minutes (as amended) and Treasurer's report. President Carlton welcomed 25 members and guests to our annual Christmas gathering and then recognized each of our speakers who presented programs in 2024 with a special certificate from the A.N.A. A motion was discussed to offer club members who purchase a table at our annual club show a discount on the price of the table. The motion failed to pass. A motion passed to sponsor educational exhibits at the annual GHCC Money Show for \$100. There was also a discussion regarding club shirts and possibly including info from all 3 coin clubs in our area on the shirts however, it was agreed that more discussion was needed before acting on it. G. Foreman also promoted membership in TNA and ANA and the value that those organizations add to your collecting experience. Although there was no formal program presentation scheduled for this meeting, D. French gave a quick impromptu talk regarding Lamar University's anniversary

(He teaches there) and gave away several Lincoln cents of their anniversary year. Thank you D. F. A lively auction was conducted after which Door Prizes awarded as follows: Silver Eagle to Richard F & Luke W., Franklin Half dollars to Candace D., David H., Ray R., Scott S., Mike D., & Sandra M.

SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA COIN CLUB

SWLA CC JANUARY: Meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and then prayer. We had 1 guest from TX who recently moved into the area and found out about our club. He stated he has been collecting for about 10 years. There were 21 current members present and 15 eager to start the year with their membership renewals. There were no December minutes because of the Christmas social. We had 20 people at the social. The treasurer's report was given by Matt. Announcements made by various members included the announcement of upcoming coin shows. Matt proposed setting age limits for the children's auction for the SWLA coin club show. Members discussed and a motion passed to limit the age range to 5 – 15 years old for auction participants. Two discussions were tabled until next the meeting regarding dealing with younger ages and Coin Week education program. Educational Program: Mike P presented on "Having an Exit Plan." Focus was on educating your family about what you have as a collector, so they understand the true value of your collection whether it be coins or precious metals. Without an exit plan your family will not have an accurate understanding of the assets you have left to provide for them. Attendance prize was won by Jeff L. Must be present at the previous meeting to win. We concluded with our raffle drawing and auction. These are always lively activities depending on the items available and members present. All have a great sense of humor and enjoy the bantering back and forth.

DISTRICT 17 - TOM CAMPBELL, GOVERNOR



WACO COIN CLUB

WACO CC HIGHLIGHTS: We had a great turnout at the October meeting and had several speakers noting interesting numismatic topics! We had a great meeting in November. James Haney brought a 1968-S nickel struck on a cent planchet! One of his birth year error coins! Tom brought a very interesting double headed seated half! Certainly post mint manipulation, but not something you see every day! We had a great meeting in December! It was our annual Christmas party. There was a ton of great food and conversations. Thank you again to everyone who brought something for the group to enjoy! Our only business was to nominate new club officers who will be voted on at the next meeting.

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Brownsville, TX 78520

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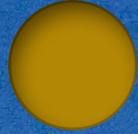
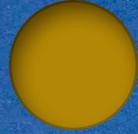
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Date

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Email application information to LHerrera@flash.net and use Zelle for your payment at TNAPayments@yahoo.com (include "TNA DUES" in notes)

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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.

CONVENTIONS

The TNA will meet in an annual convention. Members are entitled to a voice at the conventions. The business sessions are devoted to the procedures necessary to the operation of your state association. Entertainment and time for renewal of friendships is an important part of the conventions. Educational exhibits are a vital adjunct. The opportunity to buy, sell and trade is provided through bourse activity.

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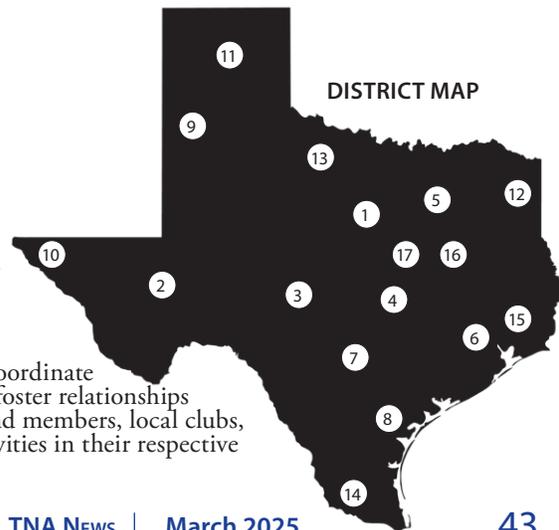
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2025 TNA CONVENTION & SHOW: MAY 30, 31, & JUNE 1 IN CONROE

MARCH 14-16 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. Admission \$5 on Fri. & Sat., Admission \$3 on Sun. Free parking, police security, and THREE PRIZES!

Contact: Ginger Pike, P.O. Box 550, Whitesboro, TX 76273
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APRIL 11-12 35+ TABLES ORANGE

SETX COIN SHOW at the Orange County Expo Center, 11475 FM 1442, Orange, TX 77630 (IH-10 exit 869, then south 1/2 mile). Friday, April 11 10AM-5PM and Saturday, April 12 9AM-4PM. FREE Parking, Security, Door Prizes, FREE Children's Auction on Saturday at 3PM, Adult Admission \$2, FREE Admission for Military, First Responders, and children under 17.

Bourse Chairman: GW Foreman, P.O. Box 1455, Mauriceville, TX 77626. (409) 697-0454. gwforeman66@gmail.com

APRIL 12 PARIS

PARIS COIN SHOW sponsored by the North Star of Texas Coin Club is pleased to announce their Coin Show on Saturday, April 12, from 9 am to 4 pm at the Lamar Avenue Church of Christ, 3535 Lamar Avenue, Paris, Texas 75460. FREE admission, FREE parking, \$10 gift certificate giveaway every hour. FREE appraisals, US, World, Ancient Coins, Paper Money, Tokens, Medals, and Collectibles.

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MAY 24 50 TABLES SAN ANTONIO

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For Bourse information, contact Ray Tate, P.O. Box 12964, San Antonio, TX 78212-0964, retate@msn.com or 210-271-3429.

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JULY 12 SULPHUR, LA

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Contact: D Crochet, Bourse Chair, PO Box 4656, Lake Charles, LA 70606, 337-884-4066, dmarie1022@outlook.com

JULY 11-13 70 TABLES GRAPEVINE

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