

The Cincinnati Numismatist

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The next meeting of the Cincinnati Numismatic Association will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, July 9th, at Coins +, located at 225 East 6th Street in downtown Cincinnati. The building is closed in the evenings so members need to arrive between 7:00 and 7:30. If you arrive later than 7:30, a phone number that you can call will be listed on the door. You will also be able to attend this meeting via Zoom. Members will receive an email invitation and meeting password.

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Professionalizing My Collection

By Bob Heeg

About three years ago I started thinking a lot about my coin and currency collection. In particular I was thinking about how I collect and how it hadn't changed much over the years. I started collecting in 1966 at the age of 8. I became friends with Scott, a kid who had a penny collection and who offered to help me start a collection with his doubles. When he moved away, I introduced another friend, Dave, to collecting. Little did I know that his generous parents had gobs of coins in many, many mason jars. Dave and I bought Whitman coins folders for Lincoln cents (Number One and Two), nickels (Number One and Two) and dimes while his mother fed us coins to look through. We mostly filled our Whitman folders to our great joy. Even the elusive 1950-D nickel and 1909 VDB penny was in each of our folders. (The 1909-S VDB was always the dream.) We felt on top of the world. Over the years Dave's mom gave me all kinds of coins and some, like an 1884-O Morgan dollar in MS64, are among the finest coins in my collection.

Life goes on and Dave and I went separate ways in high school. My collection grew very slowly from 1972-1987. I never lost my interest in coins during

those years and bought a few items like the 1982 Washington Half, 1986 Liberty Coins and my first proof and mint sets in 1979, 1980 and 1981.

Beginning in 1987 I began a career that took me to more than 25 countries before I retired in 2013. That exposure to foreign money generated an interest in collecting foreign coins and currency. Seeing my collection grow exponentially due to foreign coins and currency reignited my passion for US coins. In 1998 I began to buy a mint set, proof set and silver proof set every year.

When I retired in 2013, I was looking forward to having lots of time to enjoy my collection. However what I realized was that my collection was virtually a child's collection. What I mean is that I still had Whitman folders, now over 50 years old! I had nearly a hundred rolls of coins in no particular order. I still used a magnifying glass I bought 40 years ago and not convenient to use with coins. I had none of the gear that a coin collector would have. I had mint sets where the cellophane opened slightly causing coins to discolor. My Redbook was 20 years old. In short, I had a fairly large collection but nothing to support it. I decided it was time

2021-2022 Meetings

Date			Presenter	Date			Presenter
July	9th	Friday	Open	December	10th	Friday	Annual Charity Auction & Christmas Dinner
August	20th	Friday	Open				
September	10th	Friday	Patrick Hipple	January	14th	Friday	Open
October	8th	Friday	Open	February	11th	Friday	Open
November	12th	Friday	Open	March	11th	Friday	Open

to “professionalize” my collection.

Information

First, I needed to update my information. I got a subscription to CoinWorld and started to read each issue cover to cover. Even if I was not very interested in parts of it, I read every page, including ads, in an effort to add to my knowledge. I bought Q. David Bowers’ book, A Guide Book of the United States Mint - a great book to skip around reading.



I bought two books on grading, Grading Standards for United States Coins and Grading Coins by Photographs. Finally I bought a current Red Book and even a Mega Red Book (6th edition with the 7th coming June 24th). In addition, I downloaded coin apps like PCGS’ Coin Facts, NGC’s Online Coin Catalogue and Coinoscope. These free apps are extremely helpful and I recommend everyone get them.

Now armed with information I looked at what equipment would be helpful. I replaced my 40 year old magnifying glass with a new loupe. My wife bought me a magnifying contraption that you wear over glasses. It has an adjustable light and different lenses you put in it. It makes me look like an alien but it works great and was less than \$20.

Then I made a stand to put currency on so that I could easily inspect bills. Then for about a \$100 I bought an LCD microscope for coins or bills. It’s not something you use all the time, but it’s nice to have for those times you need more extreme magnification. It even takes pictures!



“Tool Box”

Interacting with coins is best done with the proper tools. I put together the following toolbox:



- Gloves, (cotton and latex) to pick up coins, put them in holders, etc. Cost: \$5.00
- Digital Calipers to measure diameters of coins Cost: \$12.00
- Digital Scale that measures thousandths of grams. This is a great tool to determine whether that 1982 penny is copper or zinc. I use this scale way more than I expected. Cost: \$20.00
- Coin Tongs, rubberized tongs to hold coins securely Cost: \$16.00
- Bottle of MS70 and Q-Tips for careful proof care. I don’t believe in cleaning coins in general but to take the cloudiness off a proof coin you can gently roll a Q-Tip soaked in MS70 across the surface without damaging the coin Cost: \$16.00

Displaying Your Collection

There are many ways to display your collection. Slabs are so common you need to have something to accommodate them. I settled on slab boxes and CoinWorld slab holders to “self slab” (see pic).

For my other coins I settled on boxes for BCW and Guardhouse Tetra 2x2 plastic holders. The BCW holders have an archival paper insert to allow you to add notes to the coin.



It's my personal preference to use these boxes and holders but there are other ways to store and display your coins.

For currency I bought books filled with sleeves. I really like the convenience of these currency holders but again it's a personal preference.

Coin Census

To chart a path forward you must know where you are. For your own information and possibly insurance information, you need an accounting of your collection. Detail your collection in a spreadsheet program like Excel or Numbers or any other spreadsheet software. It's not necessary to record the date and condition of every silver Roosevelt dime, but it's important to have that dime counted in your rolls of silver dimes. This can be a big job but once



you do it, it's done. Keeping it up to date is fairly easy. Besides your insurance agent or heirs will find it very helpful.

Ready, Set, Go

It took me over a year to professionalize my collection. Rather than a chore, I found the time I spent professionalizing my collection extremely enjoyable. Now I was ready for my next coin purchase. Using my books and online information I considered putting together a small gold coin collection. After I researched it online and made a budget of what I could afford, I went out and acquired the coins, adding them to my collection. I added the gold coins to my slab box and entered them into the file of my collection. Next.

I hope this article about professionalizing my collection gives you something to think about with your own collection. Feel free to share with me or others in the club how you manage your collection. My email is bobheeg@att.net.

It's important to take good care of our collections. Coins and bills can last hundreds, even thousands of years, if they are properly cared for. At the end of the day, we are temporary stewards of our collection. While we watch over them and enjoy them today, someday they will go on to other owners and then other owners after that. Then it will be their turn to enjoy, protect and pass on our collection, our legacy.

Free Coins, Medals, Tokens, Banknotes...

You can add a free numismatic item to your collection. Sealed envelopes containing a coin, medal, token or banknote will be available for the taking. All you have to do is agree to write an article for the newsletter about the item you receive. All of the pieces have been photographed so you can include photos in your article.

Included with your mystery item will be an information sheet that includes the item's weight and diameter or in the case of a banknote the width and height and the item's photo identification numbers.

As an added incentive, one or two of the items will have some intrinsic value. That's right, there will be a little bit of treasure "buried" in among the plain brown envelopes.

Will you be brave enough to take the challenge? What will you learn? What will you add to your collection, a foreign coin, a medal commemorating a historical event, a banknote from a far away land or time?

There is no specific length required for your article, it just needs to be long enough to tell the story.

If you would like to participate send an email to cincycoins@gmail.com and one will be mailed to you. All envelopes are unmarked and sealed ahead of time as a group so no one knows what's inside.

The program has resulted in multiple articles for our readers to enjoy,



Watch for articles to appear in future issues of the newsletter. Why not give it a try?

Educational Programs

at the Greater Cincinnati Numismatic Exposition

Saturday, July 31st Starting at 10:30 am
Each program will last 45 to 50 minutes
Free admission - Room 201

Rarity of CAC Seated Coinage, by Stephen Petty - 10:30 am

Stephen Petty will be speaking about Seated Coinage of the 19th century which includes 7 series from the half-dime to the trade dollar. Specifically, the session will focus on the rarity of coins that have received a Certified Acceptance Corporation green sticker of grade approval. Stephen was given access to much of the CAC underlying data and determined the portion of coins with CAC stickers for all seven series by date and mint mark. These results were published in four articles in the *Gobrecht Journal* over the past two years. He will be providing a summary of findings from these papers.

Stephen is currently Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Central Ohio Numismatic Association (CONA) in Columbus, OH and Treasurer for the Liberty Seated Collectors' Club (LSCC). His collecting specialty is Liberty Seated Dollars and Trade Dollars, having completed both sets. When he isn't working with coins he works as a forensics engineer and an expert witness on exposures to chemicals and other hazards.

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Collecting the History of the Hobby in Cincinnati, by David Fanning - 1:00 pm

David F. Fanning will present on the history of numismatics with a local Cincinnati flavor. There will be a display of publications, store cards, convention medals, etc. to complement this presentation of the numismatic hobby in Cincinnati.

Mr. Fanning is a principal of Kolbe & Fanning Numismatic Booksellers, an auction and retail firm located in the Columbus, Ohio area. A student of numismatic literature since childhood, he holds a Ph.D. in English from the Ohio State University and is a Life Member of the American Numismatic Association. He is an elected Fellow of the American Numismatic Society and has been named to the honorary Rittenhouse Society as well as to the Attinelli Fellowship. Mr. Fanning is the author of *Ancient Coins in Early American Auctions* and has published numerous articles on numismatic literature, North American coins and medals, medieval and modern foreign coins, and other topics.

The Warrington Faker, by Joseph Boling - 2:00 pm

An eBay seller from the English midlands has been offering fraudulently altered paper money for over ten years. This presentation will show examples of his work and methods of identifying it when you encounter it in the market place being re-offered by his victims.

Joseph Boling is a half-century collector of paper money of all stripes. He presently concentrates on counterfeit and altered notes. He has taught at ANA's Summer Seminar for twenty years and has delivered scores of presentations to clubs around the country.

CNA Members

Please make an effort to attend one or more of these presentations. These three speakers are not compensated for their efforts. They are volunteering to promote the hobby and help us build our show. Your attendance will show your support and will be greatly appreciated.

Club News...In Person Meetings are Back In July!

Our next meeting is on Friday July 9th and it will be our first in person meeting since the pandemic shut everything down.

Members will also be able to attend via Zoom. Our speaker will be Patrick Hipple from the Osborne Mint. He will be speaking about the development of a new numismatic line at Osborne.

We will celebrate the reunion with a pizza dinner for everyone at the meeting along with cookies from Graeter's. Soft drinks will be provided as well. There will undoubtedly be a lot of socializing at this meeting. There will be show and tell and the world coin challenge where all members can sort through a large box of world coins and take home every coin that they properly identify and place in a 2 x 2 holder. The 2 x 2 holder must be marked with the KM number, country, denomination, and date. There will also be door prizes and other activities may be added.

The schedule for volunteer workers for the club's coin show is available at SignUpGenius.com. We can also sign you up at a meeting. It's easy to sign up right on the website. There are multiple 2 hour shifts available. If you sign up for 4 or more hours you will receive a \$10 voucher for lunch at the concession stand. The concession stand will be open from 10 am to 2 pm on Friday and Saturday. Some of the menu items are, Angus Burgers, Jumbo Hot Dogs, and Ham or Turkey Deli Sandwiches. New this year, there will be a dining area in front of concessions so you can enjoy your lunch in air conditioned comfort.

The Osborne Mint, the local private mint that produced our 90th-anniversary medals, will have a table at our coin show in July. A company spokesman said, "We will bring some of our Mint Store products for immediate sale, and also some of the

plaster molds and artwork that we use to create a coin. We will be introducing our 9-11 Commemorative

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coin in silver and copper. It is an absolutely stunning design! And we also might just bring a sneak peak of an upcoming series!"

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The club's address is changing a little. The box number has changed to 888. Any mail sent to the old address will be forwarded to the new address for several months.

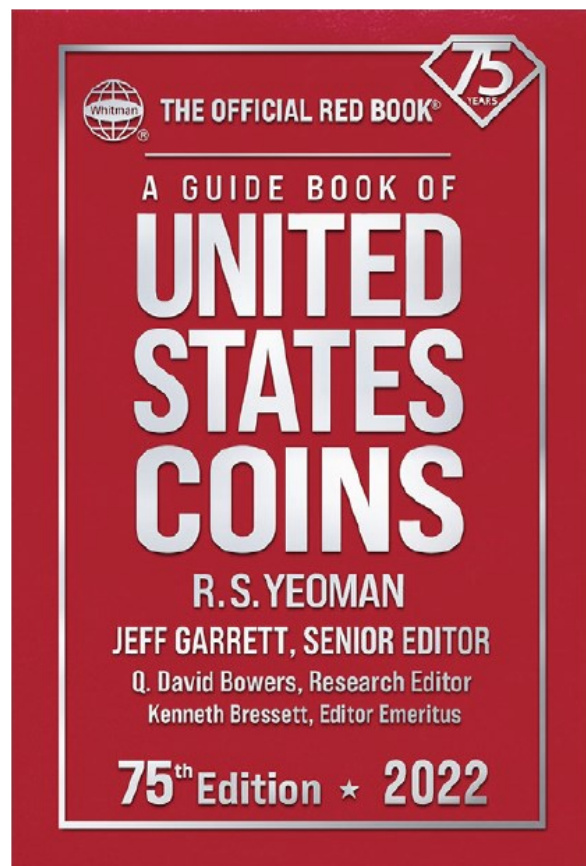
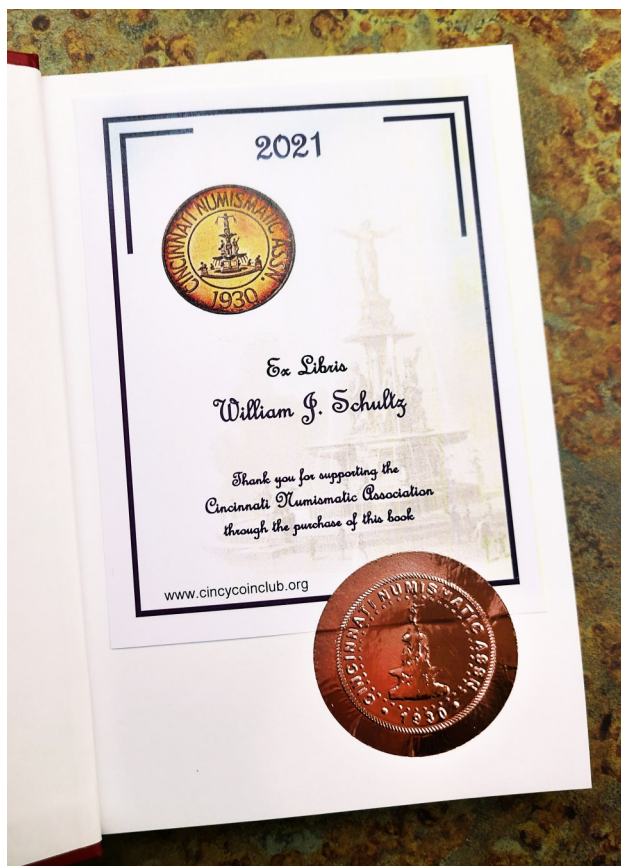
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PO Box 888
Miamitown, OH 45041**

The address has been updated on the club website and on all club records and forms. Please make a note of the new address.

The 2022 75th-edition Redbooks are here! The personalized bookplate will have the same copper seal as last year. The price remains the same, just \$15 plus \$3 for delivery by media mail. Save the delivery charge by picking up your order at a club meeting. There is an order form on page 6. Order yours today. Order one for a friend!

The club website has been redesigned by our webmaster Tom Lanter. When asked about the project Tom said "Cosmetically, the new site utilizes most of the original design elements, such as the color scheme, with minor appearance improvements throughout and major improvements on the back-end. The foundation of the new CNA site is WordPress, a Content Management System (CMS) that allows anyone, regardless of skill level, to design and maintain a website for desktops and mobile devices with ease. According to wordpress.org, WordPress powers 41% of the world's websites; very interesting considering WordPress debuted in 2003 as a tool for building a blog (short for web log)." Under the Education tab on the left of the home page are a two and a half years of back issues of our newsletter. This is just one of the improvements that have been made. Check it out at cincycoinclub.org.





Purchase the new 2022 75th edition Redbook ([and or the 2022 Bluebook](#)) through the Cincinnati Numismatic Association with a personalized bookplate and help support the club's educational programs. The hand embossed seal is real copper. The cost is the same as last year, only \$18 including delivery and are available for immediate shipment. Use the form below and mail it in. You can order your Redbook and have it shipped by media mail or save three dollars and pick it up at a meeting. Why not order copies as gifts for friends or relatives!

PERSONALIZED REDBOOK PRE-ORDER FORM

Please Print Clearly

Name as you want it to appear on the bookplate _____

Shipping Address if Applicable: _____

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Email: _____

☐ Picked up at meeting \$15

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Mail order form and payment to:

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Membership Application

Pass this Membership Application on to a friend!

Since 1930, the Cincinnati Numismatic Association has been the gathering organization for coin collectors and other numismatic related specialists in the Cincinnati area. Its purpose has remained the same, to foster knowledge of numismatics and a fraternal spirit among those who pursue the study of coins, currency, tokens, medals, and exonomia.

The organization meets once a month, on the second Friday at 7:30 pm. The meeting location is at Coins +, 225 East 6th Street, in downtown Cincinnati on an upper floor of the building.

Our meetings consist of numismatic presentations given by numismatists from among our membership and from other experts in their fields from around the country. Show and tell and light refreshments are also part of our meetings.

We have a group dinner held at a local restaurant every April. December marks our annual Christmas dinner meeting and charity auction benefiting local children's charities.

Club dues for adults are \$10 annually. Dues for Juniors are just \$3 a year. This is certainly one of

the best values in numismatics.

Membership in the Cincinnati Numismatic Association includes a subscription to its monthly publication, The Cincinnati Numismatist. In 2006, 2007, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 the publication received first place in the ANA's competition for Outstanding Local Numismatic Publication.

The Cincinnati Numismatic Association has its roots in its long history, but strives to serve the needs of the collectors of the future. Give us a try!

I hereby make application for membership in the CNA and agree to abide by the constitution and bylaws of the said association.

☐ 3 year membership (\$29)

☐ Life membership (\$175)

☐ 1 year membership (\$10)

☐ 1 year Junior member (\$3)

Print Name: _____

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Phone: _____ (home)

_____ (work/cell)

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The Cincinnati Numismatic Association was founded in August of 1930 and consisted of thirty-five members including numismatic notables such as B. Max Mehl and Farran Zerbe. The first CNA President was Herbert A. Brand. The CNA was founded for the purpose of hosting the 1931 American Numismatic Association convention. Since then, the CNA has hosted the ANA convention three times, in 1942, 1980, and 1988. The CNA also hosted the 1998 ANA Spring show.

Numystery

By: Colonel Green

This month's Numystery:

Which U.S. commemorative coin is noted for having the highest denomination?

Numystery answer:

The 1915 S Panama-Pacific Exposition \$50 gold piece, round and octagonal

Coin Show Schedule

Monthly

Cincinnati Greenhills Classic Coin, Currency, Stamp, Jewelry & Watch Show, American Legion Hall, 11100 Winton Rd, Cinti, OH
Last Sunday, 10:00 am - 3:30 pm
numismaniaofohio@gmail.com

Monthly

Columbus Coin, Stamp & Card Show, Makoy Center, 5462 Center St., Hilliard, OH 10 am - 4 pm
Third Sunday, over 18 \$2 admission
drich@columbus.rr.com

Monthly

Dayton Coin and Card Show
Located at The VFW Post 9927
Address: 3316 Wilmington Pike, Dayton, OH 45429, Free Admission, Door Prizes, First Sunday
11:00 am - 4:00 pm
2021 Show Schedule:
August 1st, October 3rd, November 7th, December 5th
Contact Justin Steel 513-255-2099
justinbsteel@gmail.com

July 29th-31st

The Cincinnati Numismatic Association presents the 38th Annual Greater Cincinnati Numismatic Exposition, 125 Tables, Sharonville Convention Center 11355 Chester Rd. (1-75 Exit 15 in North Cincinnati, first exit south of I-275). Hours: 10 am - 6 pm Friday & Saturday, Dealer setup and early birds (\$40) hours: 3-7 pm Thursday, Contact: Dave Heinrich, cincycoins@gmail.com

August 10th-14th

ANA World's Fair of Money, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Rd., Rosemont, IL 60018. Show hours: Tuesday 1 pm to 6 pm Wednesday-Friday 10 am to 6 pm Saturday 10 am to 4 pm. (FREE admission on Saturday!) Last admission is 30 minutes prior to closing. Admission is \$8 for the public; free for ANA members and children under 12. Admission is free on Saturday, August 14th.

September 2nd-4th

Central Ohio Numismatic Association's (CONA) Ohio State Coin Show NEW Location: Embassy Suites, Address: 5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin, OH 43017, Early Bird Entry: Thursday September 2nd, 4:00 pm, Badge \$35.00 Admission Fee: \$4.00, Hours: Friday September 3rd, 10am - 6pm-Coin Auction at 6:30pm, Saturday September 4th, 10am - 6pm, Dealer Setup: Thursday September 2nd, 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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If you have an article that you would like to have published in the newsletter, **PLEASE** mail it to; C.N.A., PO Box 446, Miamitown OH, 45041 or email to cincycoins@gmail.com