

# 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, October 8th, 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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## Free Tools for Coin Collectors

By Bob Heeg

You know, we are so lucky to live in a time when information is readily available. However, there are two problems with information. First, how do you find what you're looking for and second, how reliable is the information you find.

In this article I will focus upon online tools that are free. As to whether information is reliable, well, that's up to each of us to use our intellect to figure out.

If you are like me, you would have to pry my Redbook out of my cold dead hands. But today with the new tools available online I may be about to set my Redbook free. The Redbook is a great reference for a number of things like coin diameter, composition, mintages, etc. However, information about value and grading cannot be fresh especially with gold and silver coins whose value

changes with bullion prices. It's fair to say no single resource can have ALL the information you might want and also have that information current.

However, if you start to think of the internet as your "Redbook" then you can easily go to the "chapter" (i.e. app) that contains the information you are looking for. In some cases the online resources have an edge on books and magazines.

I recommend setting up a group of apps on your phone or device that has the apps and websites you like to visit. No doubt there are more apps out there than can be covered in this article. Still it's worth a look at what's out

there. Given that apps come and go you can use this article as a starting point and pass along your favorite sites and apps to the club at large.



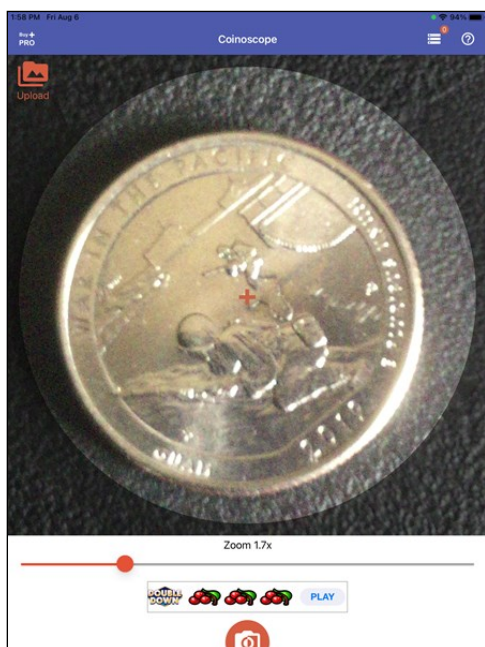
## 2021- 2022 Meetings

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	Paul Griffin	February	11th Friday	Open
November	12th Friday	Bruce Smith	March	11th Friday	Open

## Coinoscope

This is an app you can download for free. This app is designed to be used with phones and tablets. The app uses your phone or tablet camera. You move your coin until it's in focus and click the button. It's easier than it sounds. It will also identify coins that you upload a picture of. Here is what the user interface looks like.

The app worked on every real coin I used it on.



For grins, I scanned a couple fantasy coins and although they didn't find them, the app found some interesting coins I otherwise would not have known about.

## VERDICT

- Good app that has a narrow focus but useful especially for coins in other languages
- Storing your coins in the app is not easy or convenient
- Download the app for free for your android or apple device
- If you select "Estimate Value" you are re-directed to other sites (Personally I do not like being re-directed to other sites.)

## NGCCOIN.COM

This is not an app, it is a website that you call up with your browser. It is managed by NGC (Numismatic Guaranty Corporation®). You can use the website even if you are not a NGC member. This site is mostly an advertisement about NGC, their services and how you can

become a member. But there is one very nice feature of ngccoin.com - their NGS coin explorer. You either select a coin from the list or type in a search. I selected a gold coin and got this:



You are presented with a picture of both sides of the coin you selected along with commentary about the coin and its history. The commentary is amazing! It's like having an encyclopedia on the coin. In my screen shot to the right, the commentary on this coin goes on for another 3-4 pages. I really like this feature. To finish this screen shot there is a list on the right of all MS dates and Proof dates that you can select to go directly to that date. Each item in this list shows whether there is a picture of it (a camera icon) or a Description & Analysis (a tablet icon). The Description & Analysis gives specific info on each particular date. There is also a grade summary where a slider allows you to see grades from AG3 to MS70 or whatever they have for that coin.

## VERDICT

- Best feature is the coin info and I highly recommend this website for that alone
- It's great for looking for a specific coin; not as convenient a tool for browsing through coins in general like you might do with your Redbook.
- The info is great but not available for some coins. I hope they continue to add info for all coin entries
- Navigating the website is like navigating any website (you use <back> and <forward>) which isn't as easy or intuitive as apps.

## COINFACTS by PCGS

This free app is a must-have for all coin collectors. Period. I should just stop there! (But I won't) It has so many cool features that this could be your all-in-one app but it has one significant drawback. First all the cool stuff.

When you open the app you see it is uncluttered and easy. (Fig. 1) Down the left side of the page you see the major coin groups with small pics to help find a specific coin or just to browse. At the top right is a bar code

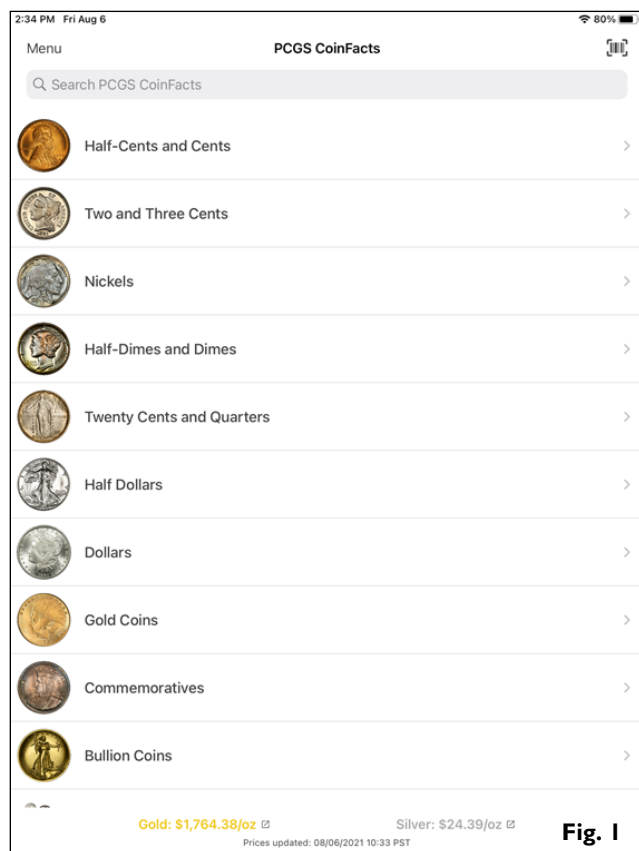


Fig. 1

icon. If you select that you can read bar codes of PCGS or NGC slabs to call up that coin and if you go to “value view” it will go right to the grade on your slab. More on that later. Last, if you look at the bottom of the page (see pic) you will see up to the minute gold and silver prices which is just a sweet little extra. All this and just from the first page!!

Let's say you want to look at cents. You pick “Half Cents and Cents” and go to this page. (Fig 2) (Note that one half cent didn't make it into the screen shot because I wanted to show the bottom of the page.) Before we select a coin type note that the bottom of the screen says “About Half-Cents and Cents”. Selecting that will bring up some commentary most often from Ron Guth. It is pretty good information but not nearly in as much depth as NGC.

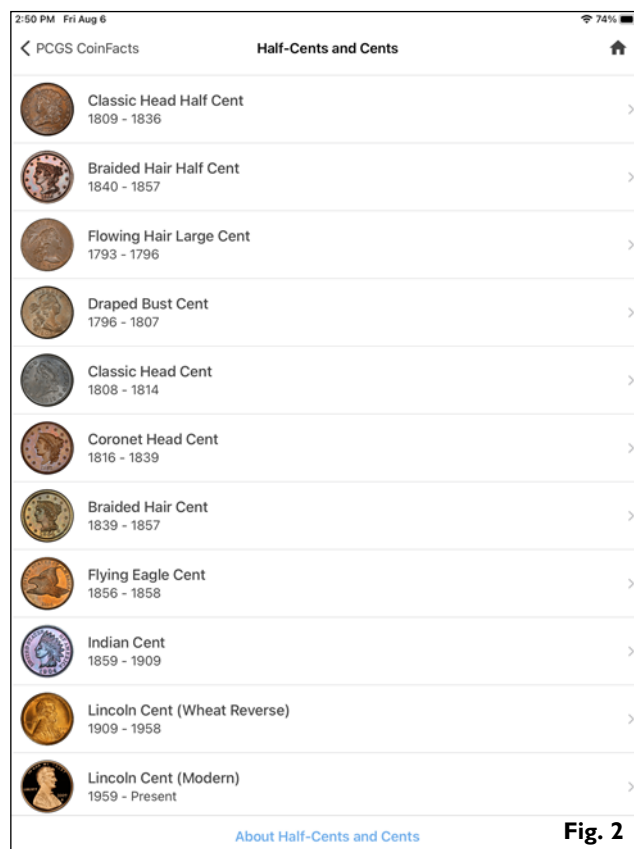


Fig. 2

At the top left of the page you can go back pages and on the right is a home button to go all the way back to the home screen.

Ok let's say you select Flying Eagle Cent. Then this page comes up. (Fig. 3) There is a lot on this page. You can see the various dates and varieties, the popula-

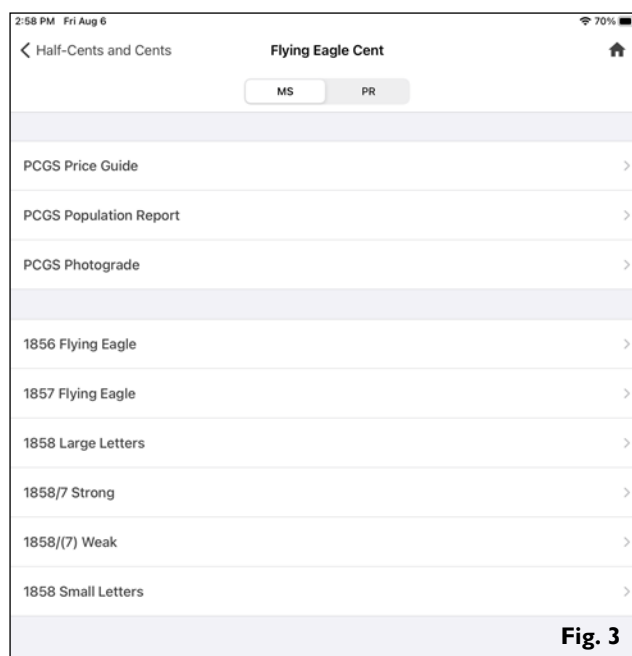


Fig. 3



tion of various grades, go to a price guide to see the value of the coin, select MS or PR versions and even see a group of photos in various grades. As before there is, at the bottom, a "About Flying Eagle Cent" where (in this case) is a great deal of information. Picking a specific coin gives you another page with various options.

If we select the 1856 cent you see this. (Fig 4)

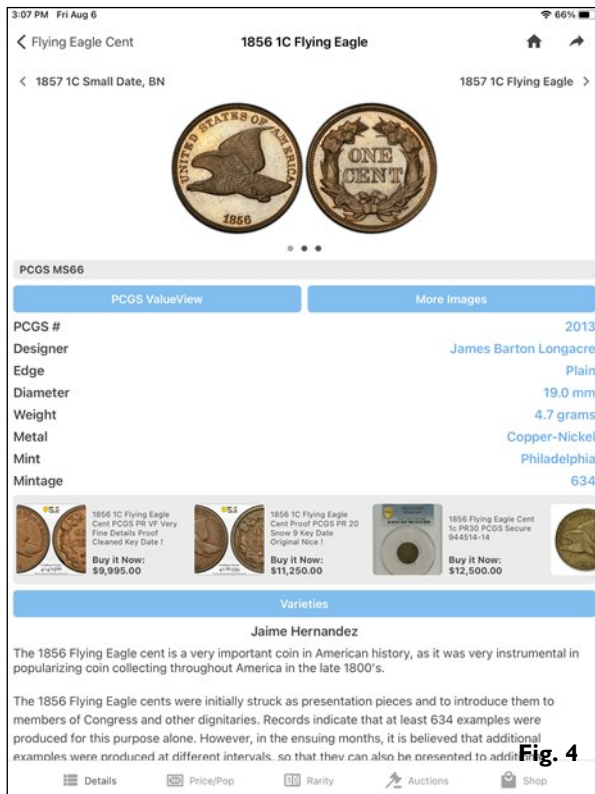


Fig. 4

Now at the top of the page you can go to the previous year or next year with the arrows. Also the home icon is there. The coins specifications are shown and mintage, here only 634. A varieties banner takes you to other varieties and a band through the center gives coins on sale at eBay, that, if selected, take you to eBay to buy the coin. Under the coin is two blue bars. The left one, "PCGS ValueView" takes you to prices for various grades. The right banner takes you to more images to show various grades. Lastly, directly below the coin is three dots. Swiping across the coin bearings up different examples or views of the coin. In this case three dots means there are three pics to look at. The gray bar below the dots changes grade with each picture. Finally across the bottom are other pages that can be called up - Price/Pop, Rarity, Auctions and Shop.

## VERDICT

- I could go on and on about this app, it's that good. I didn't even touch on all the medals that are in the app!
- Easy, clear navigation
- Great pics
- Includes various medals, tokens, fractional currency
- Info ok, but not nearly as good or in depth as NGC and often repeated in multiple areas
- The one significant drawback is the pictures of various grades, they are not helpful to compare against your own coins, so are practically useless.

## nuTilt

The last app review is for a new app called nu-Tilt. It is another free app and has a very narrow function. Simply put it allows you to tilt your device and see how the coin reflects light. It looks to me that they took coins and videoed them being tilted then turned the video into discrete pictures that you control by tilting your device. I have to say that this app is the best at illustrating eye appeal that I have seen.

If you download the free app you will see this screen. (Fig. 5)

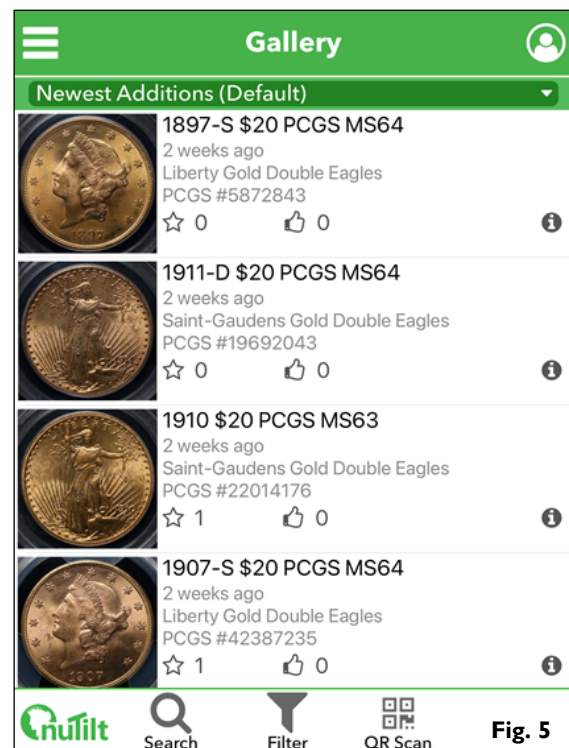


Fig. 5

You can select any of the coins you see or scroll to find others. When you select a coin you see a screen like this.

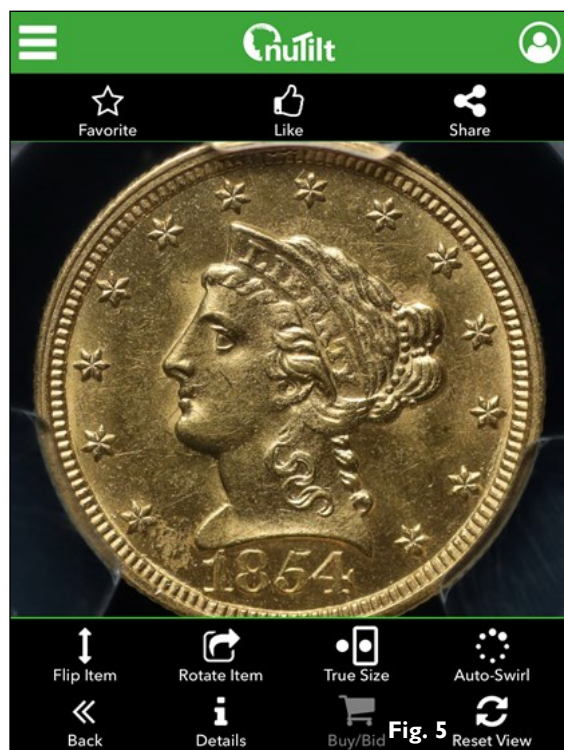


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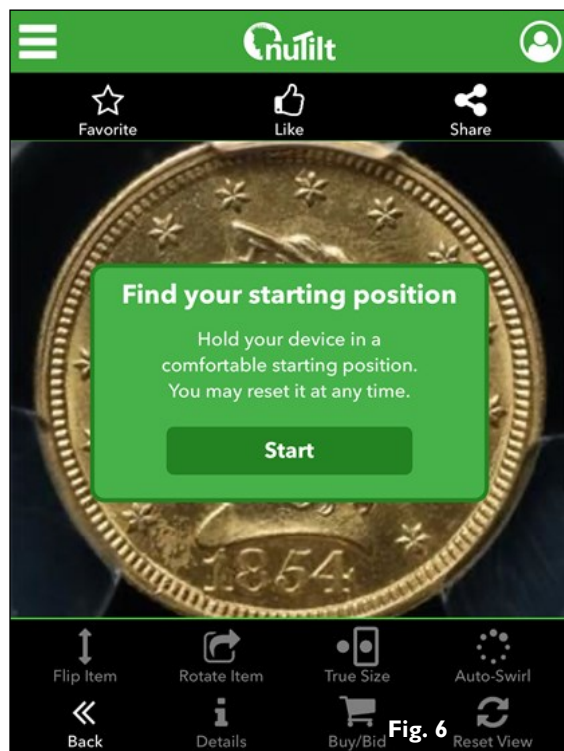


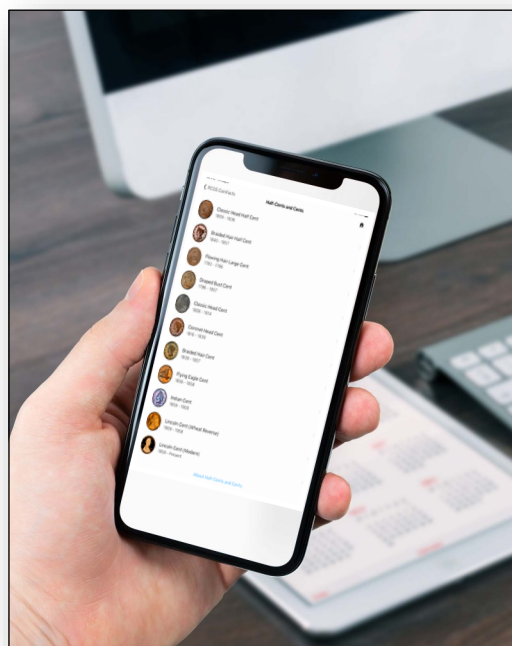
Fig. 6

Then, pressing start, you will be able to see the coin reflect light as it's tilted. (Fig. 6)

## VERDICT

- Coin luster looks good
- You can make the coin appear actual size on your screen
- The app has a lot of problems.
- It's slow, only has some 2300 coins available to tilt in its database and most functions like search do not work well or at all like QRScan.
- For the coins in its database, it as is close to holding a coin as I have seen online. I hope this app gets improved and finished because it can have a value. Seeing that wagon wheel turn as you tilt a coin in your hand is great. Seeing it on a screen? Even better.

What apps are you using?



## Club News

**T**hank you to Patrick Hipple for his in-depth presentation entitled "Creating a Coin Set – Concept to Minting" at our September meeting. Patrick went over the entire process for one of the Osborne Mint's newest series that feature the three musketeers as women. Examples of the beautiful silver pieces were passed around the room for close examination by members in attendance.

Our next meeting is on Friday October 8th. Our speaker will be Paul Griffin. His subject is "Whatever Happened to Tanganyika?" Surely most of us do not know the answer. Let's all find out together. The meeting will be in person but the Bar Association has instituted a new policy. Here is the message received from the Cincinnati Bar Association, manager of the building.

### Current CBA Policies

*Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH) released a statement highlighting the substantial spread of COVID-19, specifically the delta variant, in our community. To align with this updated guidance, the Cincinnati Bar Association has updated our policies.*

### Masks/Social Distancing:

*For now, masks are required in all common areas of the CBA building.*

### Event Policy:

*The following language will be included in any CBA event-related emails and promotions:*

*The CBA is following Hamilton County Public Health and CDC Covid-19 guidelines to keep our staff, members and guests healthy. To attend a CBA in-person event:*

*Stay home if you have tested positive for COVID-19, are waiting for COVID-19 test results, have COVID-19 symptoms, or if you have had close contact with a person who has tested positive for or who has symptoms of COVID-19.*

*Wear a mask at all times when inside the Cincinnati Bar Center.*

*The Coin Club can meet on October 8th, but masks will be required, in keeping with all CBA events at this time.*

*The signage on the front door will be changed to reflect the mask policy.*

Members can also attend via ZOOM and will receive an email invitation and meeting password.

The November speaker will be Bruce Smith from the Columbus Club...more about that in the November issue.

During the World's Fair of Money held in Rosemont, Illinois in August awards were presented for outstanding publications. The ANA evaluates numismatic publications submitted in this annual contest and selects a few for recognition. *The Cincinnati Numismatist* received first Place in the local club publications category. Congratulations to all of the writers who create content for our newsletter. We are fortunate to have so many talented individuals writing for our enjoyment and education.



David Heinrich, center receives award on behalf of TCN authors. Editors Phil Vitale, Left and Greg Burns right.

Dues notices for 2022 will be included with the October issue of the newsletter. This follows the same schedule as last year and helps to collect dues in a more timely fashion. Memberships not renewed by January 1st will lapse.

If you have already paid or have paid for some number of years in advance you will receive a thank you for prepaying instead of a dues notice. Dues notices are not issued for life members. You can save time and postage by paying for multiple years of dues in advance or you can convert to a life membership for \$175 and never have to pay dues again!

If you accepted the challenge of writing an article for the newsletter by taking a challenge envelope and are having difficulty identifying the item or researching it, don't hesitate to ask for some help. Send an email to the editor, David Heinrich, and he will assist you.

We are looking for presenters for meetings for 2021. Share your passion with the club! Every numismatic subject can make a good presentation.

If you are not receiving the monthly email meeting reminders and would like to, send your updated email address to [cincycoins@gmail.com](mailto:cincycoins@gmail.com).

A few of the 2022 75th-edition Redbooks are still available. 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. There is an order form on the next page. You can order by email and pick up and pay at the meeting to avoid the shipping cost.



## BECOME A MEMBER!

Since 1930, the Cincinnati Numismatic Association has been the gathering organization for coin collectors and other numismatic 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 exonumia.

**Meetings** are held once a month, on the second Friday at 7:30 pm. The meeting location is at the Cincinnati Bar Center, 225 East 6th Street, in downtown Cincinnati on an upper floor of the building. You can also attend the meetings via Zoom. 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.

**Club dues** for adults are \$10 annually and \$3 for Juniors. This is certainly one of the best values in numismatics.

**Membership Includes** a subscription to **The Cincinnati Numismatist**, the club's monthly publication. In 2006, 2007, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2021 the publication received first place in the ANA's competition for Outstanding Local Numismatic Publication.

## YES! I want to join the CNA!

- ☐ 3 year membership (\$29)   ☐ Life membership (\$175)  
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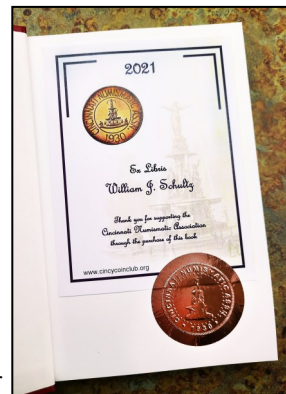
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## Redbooks and more!

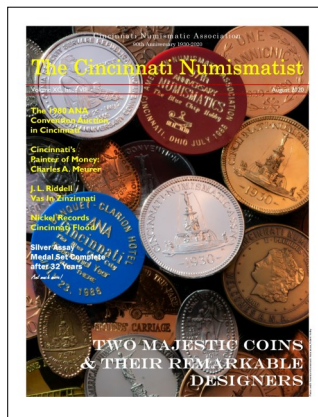
**Redbook** Purchase the new 2022 75th edition Redbook (and or the 2022 Bluebook) with a personalized bookplate through the Cincinnati Numismatic Association and help support the club's educational programs. The hand embossed seal is real copper. The cost is only \$18 including delivery. Use the form below and mail it in. Your Redbook will ship by media mail or you can save three dollars and pick it up at a meeting. Why not order copies as gifts for friends or relatives!



**Medal** Copper examples of the Cincinnati Numismatic Association's 90th-Anniversary medal are available for only \$10 including postage. Only 250 were struck at the Osborne Mint in Cincinnati, the oldest private mint in America.

### Special Issue

The 60 page 90th-anniversary issue of *The Cincinnati Numismatist* is available for \$7 postage paid. Printed in full color on heavy glossy paper. This special issue includes exclusive articles by well known numismatic authors.



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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.



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## Numystery

By: Colonel Green

### This month's Numystery:

Large cents were an important part of the U.S. monetary system. What was the last year that the Large cent was minted?

### Numystery answer:

*Large cents were last minted in eighteen fifty-seven.*

## 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  
justinsteel@gmail.com

### October 7th-9th

Louisville & Kentucky State Numismatic Association Inc. Coin Show  
Show Hours: Thursday Setup 9 am-1 pm, Show 1 pm-5:30 pm; Friday 10 am-5:30 pm. Saturday 10 am-4:30 pm.  
Free Admission & Parking. 70 Tables, 40+ Dealers. ANACS Booth. Gold & Silver Raffle Prizes. Hilton Garden Inn, 2735 Crittenden Dr., Louisville, KY 40209, 812-945-3622, 70 tables, www.louisvilleandkscoinclub.com

### October 22nd-23rd

IKOTAMS (Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio Token and Medal Society) Annual Show, American Legion Banquet Hall, 200 West National Road (US 40), Engelwood, (near Dayton) Ohio, 45322. (enter building from rear parking lot) Tokens - Merchant, Civil War, Transit, Coal, Political, more. Medals - Military, World's Fair, Historical, Presidential, more. Badges - Police, Fire, Chauffeur, Taxi, Factory, more. The show hours are Noon to 6:00 pm on Friday, and 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on

Saturday. Bourse: Paul Cunningham, 517-902-7072. Saturday afternoon auction by Terry Stahurski.

### November 7

Clark County Semi-Annual Coin Show. Windy Knoll Golf Center in the Derby Banquet Center, 500 Roscommon Dr. Bring Mask Directions: At I-70, Exit 52. turn North on U.S. 68 go to St. Rte. 41, exit East to Bechtel Ave, turn left (North) on Bechtel go to 500 Roscommon Dr. on your right, go to Windy Knoll Golf course and Derby Banquet Center on left. Hours: Sun. 10 am-3:00 pm  
Bourse Dr. Gary Lau, PH: 937-206-4943

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