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*Stepping back in time to a bygone era of the Liberty Seated coin design period, both far and wide, and a little before & after...*



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Sunset View during  
Voyage from New Zealand to  
Australia &  
an 1857 L.S. Dollar obverse  
PCGS MS 64 CAC (OC-2)



View of Wellington,  
New Zealand &  
an 1872 L.S. Dollar reverse  
PCGS MS 64+ (OC-3)  
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Uniting collectors of Liberty Seated coinage since 1973



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Welcome to the following new LSCC Member(s) this month:

*George Biersdorf  
Mike Disen  
Joel Meredith  
Scott Sauvageot*

There are currently **1489** active Subscribers to E-Gobrecht & counting including **361** local coin clubs across the country



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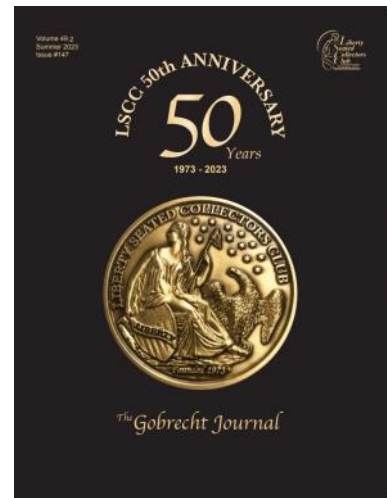
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## President's Message

Have you ever tuned into one of the Club's on-line Zoom meetings? All are welcome to attend! See details below in the announcement box.

The next major regional Club event is coming up at the CSNS Convention, May 1-4 in Schaumburg, IL. If you can make it, I hope to see you there! ...*Len Augsburger*



**Next Zoom Meeting is on April 16, 2024 at 9 pm EST**  
 Clint Cummins will be speaking about Liberty Seated Half Dime Varieties  
 Everyone is invited to attend: <https://wustl.zoom.us/j/5086565637>



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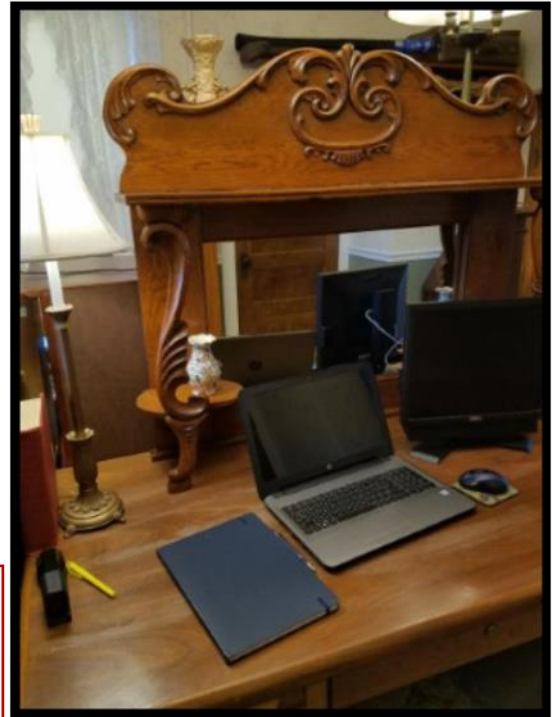
9 AM—6 PM, CST, weekdays

## Editor's View From the Rim

### *What's Next ...PK*

It is already April and so the Spring season is cranking up., not to mention the thrill of the 'March Madness' collegiate NCAA basketball tournaments (men and women) and the start of Major League Baseball.

And time for the Central States Numismatic Society Show, one of the larger numismatic show events in the country along with its major auction conducted by Heritage Auctions.



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if your membership expired in 2023.

(See your insert in the latest Fall issue of The Gobrecht Journal)

The new website which is now functioning,  
can be used by all members to pay their dues:

<http://www.lscweb.org/Renew.shtml>



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**BCCS Club Meetings, Club Table and Educational Programs are held at most of the LSCC coin show events, and their table is usually next to the LSCC Table for your convenience.**



## The Curious Collector

by Len Augsburger, LSCC #1271

### A Tasty Seated Half Dollar

Jeremy Bostwick recently offered for sale one of the more unusual examples of Liberty Seated exonomia that we've ever seen. As a picture is worth a thousand words, let's get right to the main event.



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Bostwick described the piece as follows:

“1873 Seated Liberty half dollar, with engraving upon reverse: French menu in 18 lines:  
 ‘Huitres / Consommé Méricourt / Tortue verte au claire / Timbales des Gourmets / Bass rayee à la Marguery / Pommes de terre fondante / Selle de mouton à l'anglaise / Petits pois parisienne / Asperges sauce hollandaise / Ailes de poulets financière / Tomates à la Trevisé / Terrapene à la Newburg / Serbet Tosca / Canvasback duck Pigeonneaux / Petits aspice de foies gras / Salade de laitue / Dessert Glaces / Fruits. Cafe.’ Edge: Reeded; loop attached at the top.”



“The origins of this interestingly engraved half dollar remain somewhat of a mystery, but this cataloger has been able to locate two other examples, each clearly engraved, but with very subtle differences to show their handmade nature which points to a commission of some kind for these elegant menus. The question then becomes, for what reason were these menus created? At first, one may think that it was a brash attempt by a leading restaurant to show elite status, by having such an impressive showing in their menus. However, given their seasonal and often, monthly or even daily changing of menus, this practice would prove wildly expensive and impractical. As such, a more likely scenario involves a high-end dinner, possibly a reception for a socialite wedding, as many of the items on the menu sync up with those served at various New York City French restaurants circa 1890-1905.

Narrowing it down a bit more, one notes the appearance of "serbet Tosca," - a type of sorbet with both Andalusian and almond ice cream, as well as champagne and Italian meringue, created by the great chef and restaurateur, Auguste Escoffier. He named the dessert in honor of Sardou's La Tosca, a five-act drama that premiered in Paris in late 1887. Meanwhile, the other two examples utilize Liberty Seated halves (1858 & 1877), rather than Barber halves, which debuted in 1892. Given these aspects, an event quite possibly between 1888/90 and 1892/5, and in the late springtime, would seem very plausible. Indeed, a look of this menu for a special banquet held at Delmonico's in December 1890 (<https://euvs-vintage-cocktail-books.cld.bz/1892-The-flowing-bowl-when-and-what-to-drink-1892-c1891/102>) reveals many similar items.”

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I can't add a lot to Jeremy's excellent detective work, except to say that even at the time of production this must have been a special piece, and the hand engraving work could not have been inexpensive. My guess is that this was made more to commemorate what must have been a lavish feast, rather than to serve as an actual menu. If you had sit through a three-hour banquet that no doubt included a lot of self-congratulatory speechifying, at least you got an interesting coin to add to your collection!

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### Next LSCC Zoom Meeting is scheduled for:

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**Clint Cummins will be speaking about Liberty Seated Half Dime Varieties**

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### Call for LSCC Hall of Fame Nominations for 2024 (Due by April 15)

Send to: Dennis Fortier at [ricajun@msn.com](mailto:ricajun@msn.com) or 215 Pomeroy Drive, Crossville, TN 38558

Nominator \_\_\_\_\_ LSCC Member Yes / No

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Provide any of the following information to assist with selection:

1. Time as LSCC Club Officer or Leader / Position
2. Collections Built, including grade and as many specifics as possible
3. Published Writings (Liberty Seated Books, Articles, etc.)
4. Club Contributions (promoting or assisting the LSCC in its mission)
5. Numismatic or LSCC Awards
6. Miscellaneous Data that might add to Nominee's consideration & Nominators Comments



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## ANA Summer Seminar 2024

### *The Legacy and Coinage of William and Charles Barber*

Session 1: June 14-20, 2024

Colorado Springs, CO, at Colorado College, next to ANA



Hand's-on class exploring:

- History and overview of all six circulating coin series
- Deep dives in each series includes sub-types, grading, key dates, underrated and overrated issues, varieties and attribution, collecting strategies, rarity, value, budget, errors, references and more!



The course also explores patterns, medallic work, commemoratives, designs for other countries, and more. Workshops, hand's-on inspection, open discussions. An experience not to be missed.

Look for the Summer Seminar Catalog on the ANA website,

**[www.money.org](http://www.money.org)**

Class is limited to 15 students - sign up before it is too late!

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## Regional News

by Ken Otto, Regional Team Director, LSCC #2674

### The Approach of the Spring/Summer Coin Season

The calendar for the Regional LSCC program is very active during the spring and summer of 2024. The LSCC will kick off this season with a Club-wide zoom meeting for all LSCC members which will be held on Tuesday, April 16. LSCC members and other E-Gobrecht subscribers are encouraged to join the meeting which will begin at 9:00 PM EDT and is expected to last around one hour. A presentation on half-dime varieties will be made by Clint Cummins during the meeting.

The LSCC Team will be at the Georgia Numismatic Association Coin Show which will be held on April 19-21 at the Dalton Convention Center, 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road, Dalton, Georgia. This is the third year that the LSCC has participated at this large regional coin show. Dennis Fortier and Ken Otto will host the Club table.

The Regional LSCC Team will participate in the Central States Numismatic Association (CSNA) 85th Annual Convention which will be held on May 1-4 at the Schaumburg Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center, 1551 North Thoreau Drive, Schaumburg, Illinois. This is one of the best shows on the LSCC calendar and we will have a strong presence at this event. Club President Len Augsburger will preside at the Regional Club meeting and make an educational presentation for attendees. Dennis Fortier, Ken Otto, Len Augsburger and others will host the Club table.

The LSCC Regional team will be participating in the PVCC Coin Show which will be held on Sunday, May 5 at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Chelsea Rose Room, 10 Laura Boulevard (near the DMV) Exit 11 on I-395, Norwich, CT. The LSCC is a fixture at the PVCC coin show and has been very active at this show for many years. Verne Pitman will host the Club table at this show.

The Regional team will participate in the Raleigh Money Show to be held June 21-22 at The Exposition Center, NC State Fairgrounds, 1025 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC. The Club table will be hosted by John Lundsten and Ken Otto.

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## Regional News cont.

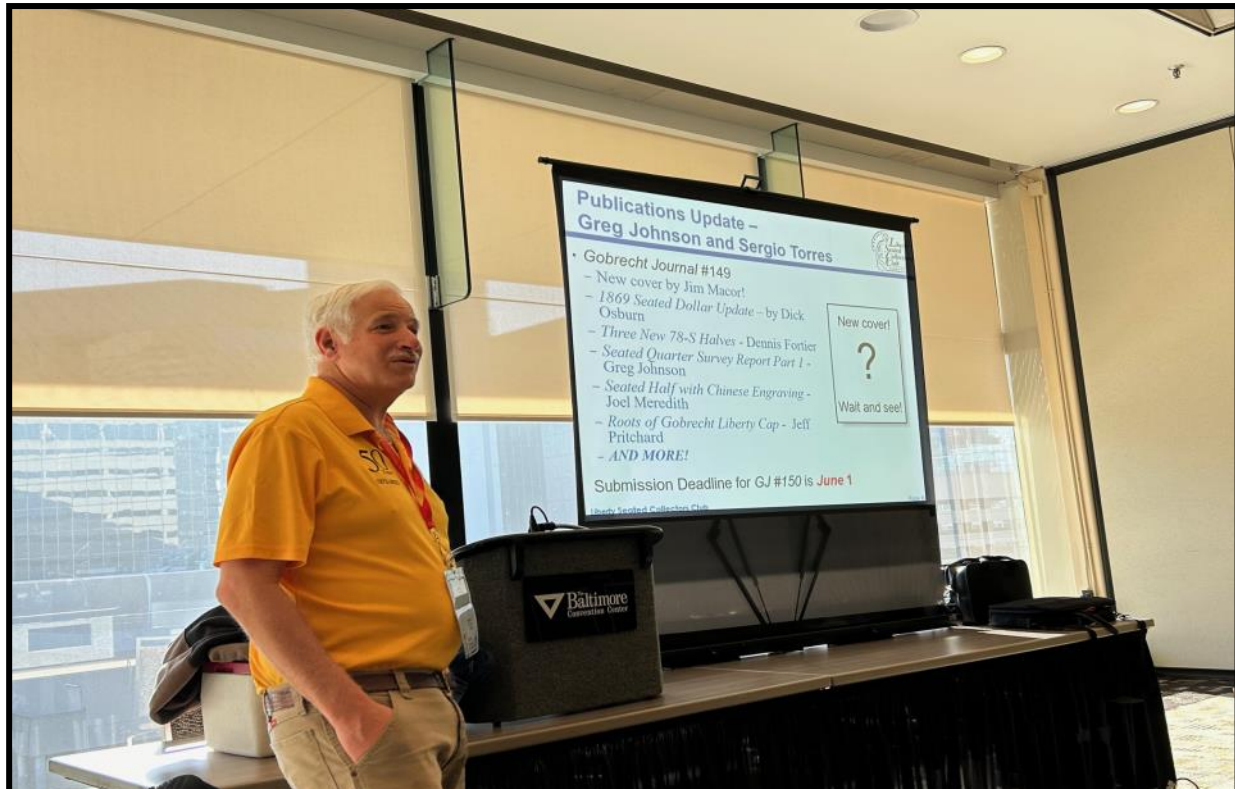
The LSCC Regional team participated in the Whitman Spring Baltimore Expo which was held on March 21-23 at the Baltimore Convention Center, 1 West Pratt St., Baltimore, MD. The Club table was hosted by John Frost, Dennis Fortier, Ken Otto and Joe Casazza. The overall activity of the coin show was reasonably strong and we had a lot of traffic at the Club table during the event. A Club dinner was held at the Pratt Street Ale House on Thursday evening. The Club meeting was held on the morning of Friday, March 22 and Dennis Fortier made a presentation on Philadelphia Liberty Seated half dollars during the meeting. Three new LSCC members were signed up at Baltimore.

Pictures from the Baltimore show follow:



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## Regional News cont.



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## Regional News cont.



The LSCC team also participated in the New Hampshire Coin & Currency Expo which was held on March 29-30 at the Doubletree by Hilton Manchester Downtown, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, New Hampshire. Joe Casazza, Northeast Regional Director, hosted the Club table at this important regional show. John Frost and Mark Archambault also represented the Club at our table. John made an educational presentation on Trade dollars at the show. The regional meeting and presentation was held on Friday. One LSCC member renewed their membership at the table.

Mark Archambault is shown at the LSCC Club table at the New Hampshire Coin & Currency Expo in the picture on the next page:

## Regional News cont.



Dennis Fortier also reported: The Cookeville Coin Show (TN) was well-attended and dealers were pleased with sales. The Cookeville Coin Club has worked very hard to make this local show a success. It was a sell out for dealer tables. I was lucky to get on the bourse thanks to a dealer no show. My Carson City Half Dollars on display at the Club table were a hit.

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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## Liberty Seated Collectors Club

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LSCC Member Application Form also at:

[http://www.lscweb.org/LSCC\\_Membership.pdf](http://www.lscweb.org/LSCC_Membership.pdf)

Fill in the above information and send this application with payment to:

New member join date	Amount Due	<i>Full Color Gobrecht Journals</i> To be sent to the new member
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April thru July	\$20	2 (July and November)
August thru December	\$10	1 (November)

**Liberty Seated Collectors Club**  
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**Editor's Special Note regarding the recent Whitman Baltimore Show and LSCC:**

In August of last year, Phil Vitale was appointed as the ANA Outreach Programs Coordinator. A primary consideration for this position is the management of District Representatives (DRs) around the country. Phil discovered that there were disconnects in the identification of DRs and the clubs they support. In addition, the processes and requirements for DRs to perform their duties were outdated and cumbersome.

The plan to rectify these shortfalls is to survey DRs in a series of meetings around the country at major shows. If the ANA would not normally be represented at the shows, Phil represents the organization as he did at the Baltimore show. We are updating reporting requirements, providing streamlined processes and insuring the DRs have a stream of information that can easily be used to present to clubs.

I have been able to meet with many of the DRs from around the country. This is slow going but we continue to make progress.

[Editor Note: If you happen to run into Phil Vitale at a coin show, please stop to say hello and share your feedback with him. He hails from New Mexico, has probably come a long way and is also the leader of the recently formed Editors' Group for editors of local coin club newsletters. He is a great resource for ideas and creating a better club newsletter.]



## State Representation by Liberty Seated Collectors Club Members

Ever wonder where your fellow LSCC members hail from? Would you believe that just about every state in the union is represented? Here are the state stats and others for Club membership as of the end of 2023:

AK	2	NJ	19
AL	7	NM	6
AR	2	NV	4
AZ	11	NY	43
CA	56	OH	21
CO	6	OK	5
CT	6	OR	5
D.C.	1	PA	28
DE	1	RI	3
FL	34	SC	8
GA	10	SD	1
HI	1	TN	10
IA	10	TX	31
ID	1	UT	4
IL	28	VA	16
IN	18	VT	4
KS	1	WA	19
KY	5	WI	9
LA	3	WV	5
MA	21	WY	2
MD	22		
ME	6		
MI	21	Canada/Ontario	1
MN	8	Puerto Rico	0
MO	13	U.S. Virgin Islands	0
MS	1		
MT	1		
NC	26		
ND	0		
NE	4		
NH	9		

Feel outnumbered or maybe special as the only member from your state?

It is probably not surprising that the 6 states with the largest number of members are CA, NY, FL, TX, IL & PA in that order.



## LSCC 2024 Regional Events Calendar

*\* Details Mostly Finalized*

**April 19-21** Georgia Numismatic Assoc. Coin Show, Dalton Convention Center, Dalton, GA - Club table hosted by Dennis Fortier and Ken Otto.

**May 1-4** Central States Numismatic Society (CSNS) 85th Annual Convention, Schaumburg Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center, Schaumburg, Illinois - Club President Len Augsburg will preside at the Regional Club meeting and make an educational presentation. Hosts include Dennis Fortier, Ken Otto, and others. Club table and dinner also planned.

**May 5** PVCC Coin Show, Holiday Inn Hotel, Chelsea Rose Room, Norwich CT - Club table will be hosted by Verne Pitman.

**June 21-23** Raleigh Coin Club "Money Show", NC State Fairgrounds Expo Center, Raleigh, NC - Club table hosted by John Lundsten.



*Christian Gobrecht*

(More event details and addresses of show locations are in Ken Otto's Regional Report on page 10. Also see either or both the LSCC/BCCS websites.)



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*William Barber*

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To encourage, promote, and dispense numismatic knowledge of Liberty Seated coins; to cultivate fraternal relations among its members and all those interested in the science of numismatics.

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