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# Liberty Seated Collectors Club

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Welcome to the following new LSCC Members this month:

Jake Bendickson  
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## President's Message

Welcome to the September issue of the E-Gobrecht. Summer is quickly coming to a close, as the days get shorter and school busses reappear on our neighborhood streets. Football games return on the television, and the cold air begins to chase us indoors, especially when the sun goes down earlier in the day.

The ANA convention is the premier numismatic event on the calendar, and you will find ample coverage of this show in the current issue. As always, enjoy your coins!

*...Len Augsburger*



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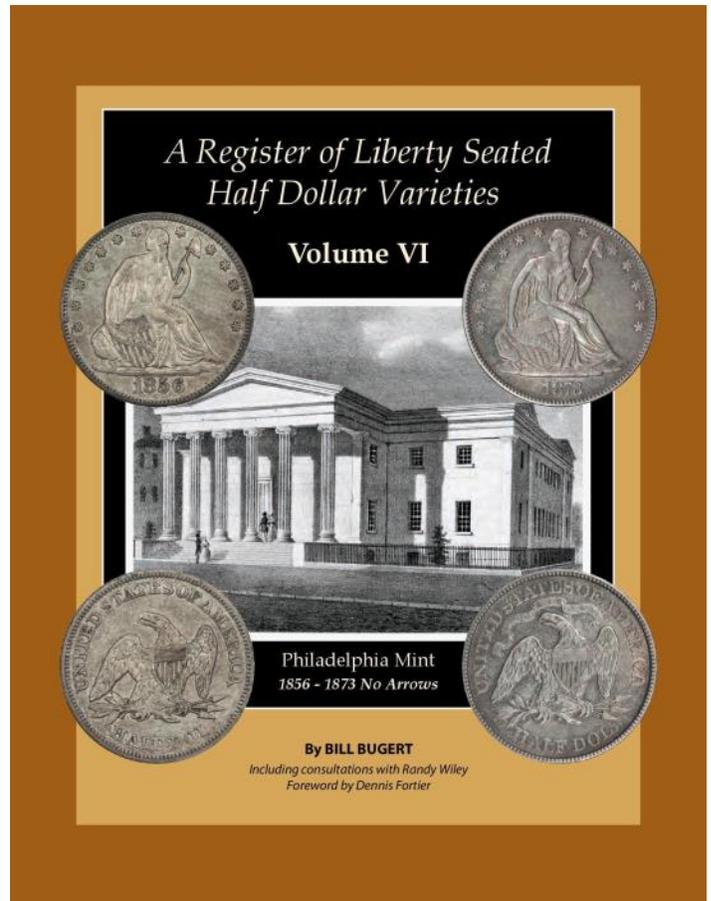
## *Editor's View From the Rim*

### *Rehabilitation (Part # ?)*

Starting to lose count here... the mind has not yet found something especially inspiring to express a "View" about and the body is still slowing recovering from another surgery and long rehab. After all this is over, I should almost be as good as new and regain my stamina as I am told.

Thank goodness I get to put together E-Gobrecht each month as it helps to stimulate the brain and push my daily endurance right now.

So what else can I say... Well, if you collect Liberty Seated Half Dollars by Variety and/or Die Marriage, you will certainly want to pick up Bill Bugert's 6th Volume (file access is free) that covers the Philadelphia dates from 1856 to 1873 (No Arrows). For more information see the LSCC website ...PK





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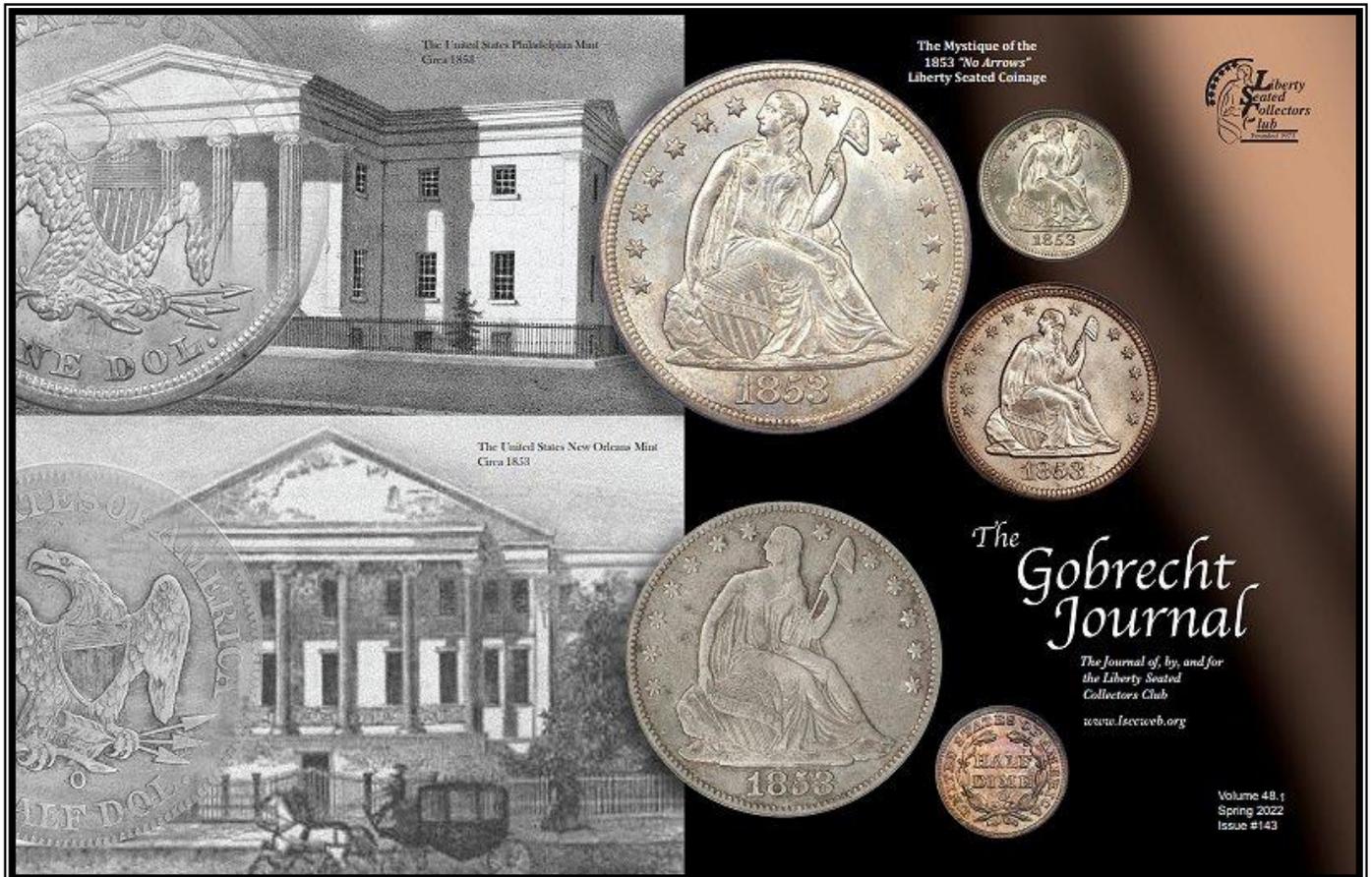
### ***1. Group photo of attendees at the start of the LSCC Annual Meeting during the 2022 ANA Summer Convention in Rosemont/Chicago (August)***

This image was taken by member Rich Uhrich (btw, Hi Rich!). Hopefully, the individuals appear large enough so you can identify all your buddies.

### ***2. 1st ever Seated Half Society (SHS) Group photos of members during the LSCC Annual Meeting and gathering afterwards.***

Should I continue to say "Liberty Seated at its best"!

It also appears that Gold 50th Anniversary Club Shirts are going viral...





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This newly designed medal will have approximately 4.19 ounces of .999 silver with a diameter of 2.25"



*(shown actual size)*

A Bronze medal is also being offered.

Prices for the medals are as follows:

Pre-production Silver medal: **\$275**

Post-production Silver medal (if available): **\$300**

Pre-production Bronze Medal: **\$80**

Post-production Bronze medal (while supplies last): **\$100**

**Ordering is restricted to LSCC Members only.**

A strict limit of one each Silver and one Bronze per member please.

**October 15, 2022 is the cut off date for pre-ordering. Don't wait until the last minute.**

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## Remembering Lane J. Brunner, 1963-2022

It is with great sadness that I report that my friend and co-author, Lane J. Brunner, has passed away peacefully on August 31, in the presence of his family. Last fall, Lane was diagnosed with stage four glioblastoma in his brain. After undergoing radiation and chemotherapy, Lane showed signs of improvement. I visited him in January, and despite some remaining memory impairment, he looked comfortable and was happy to see a couple of my latest twenty-cent piece acquisitions.



Throughout the spring, he made substantial improvement, including significantly decreased edema in the brain and a reduction in tumor size, and messages I received on his progress were guardedly optimistic. We were hopeful that his treatment regimen would result in some extended and quality time. Lane and I were going to get back together to begin work on the Second Edition of our Double Dimes book in January and I was going to visit him later this month to spend a little time with him and make tentative plans. Except for 2021 when I had a mild case of Covid, Lane and I got together every January in Tyler, TX for lunch, catching up, and good old double dime coin talk, a highlight of my winter trips.

Unfortunately, a rapid and unexpected downturn in mid-August signaled advancement of the cancer. Lane and his family accepted the inevitable and he entered hospice care. To his family, Lane was Mr. Happy Shiny Guy, as his loving wife Molly put it, the ever optimist.

A celebration of his life was held on Saturday, September 3rd, at the University of Texas at Tyler, where Lane was the Founding Dean and a Professor at the College of Pharmacy. Throughout his illness, Lane and his family had great support of his students, faculty, and staff.

His loss will probably hit me the hardest when I resume work on our Second Edition, the project we were looking forward to doing together. And whenever I find some cool twenty-cent piece and want to call him to tell him about it, I'll miss him terribly!

My favorite photo is shown below, when Lane (left) and I spent an entire week together immersed in study of over 700 twenty-cent pieces, combining and organizing our individual research for the first time. Lane described the week as the "Greatest Nerd-fest in the History of Double Dimes."

*...John Frost*





## Newsletter Editors' ANA Workshop Summary Notes

The initial meeting of the Newsletter Editors' Workshop was conducted on August 19th at the ANA World's Fair of Money, Chicago, IL. Nine editors attended representing both local and association level newsletters. A list of individuals currently associated with the Editor's Group (currently 24) is available only to members.

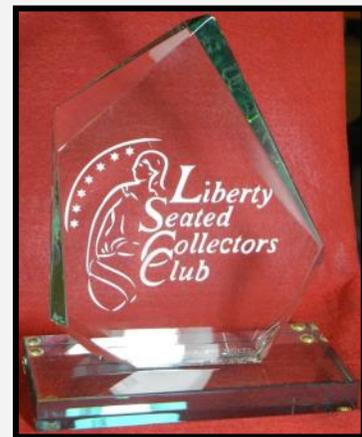
The primary focus of the Group was to provide introductions and review the Group's purpose and ground rules. A copy of the overview slides used to guide the discussions was made available. While the Group's publications varied widely, there appeared to be common threads and challenges that would benefit from cross talk and discussion.

The plan for the Group going forward is to meet again via Zoom in October, and in person at the National Money Show in March.

I believe this first meeting was a success and a good foundation for future meetings. Other interested local & specialty club newsletter editors are welcome!

In addition, Coin World believes there is great merit in what we are doing. They have offered to have us participate in a Coin World podcast and provide a small article to publicize the Group's efforts.

Phil Vitale, Moneyman75x@outlook.com



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A first day photo from the LSCC/BCCS table at the ANA. Both Clubs participated in the YN Treasure Hunt where YNs go around to dozens of tables and get questions answered. Once they complete the circuit, they get prizes. Dennis is shown educating a group of YNs. So Cool!  
LSCC question - What was the shortest-lived Liberty Seated series (Answer: Double Dimes)  
BCCS question - What is the rarest regular issue Barber coin (Answer: 1894-S Dime).



## Regional News by Dennis Fortier, LSCC #2016

### 2022 ANA Convention A Smash

**VNA Fredericksburg, VA Sept 23-24:** Dennis Fortier Club Vice-President will host the Club table at this fine regional show. Dennis will display some Half Dollar Varieties and more. Anyone interested in joining Dennis at the Club table, please contact him.

**NCNA Raleigh, NC Sept 30 - Oct 1:** John Lundsten Club Treasurer will host a Club table at the North Carolina Numismatic Association Convention. John will have an excellent display of Liberty Seated coinage.

### Exciting New Shows

**CoinX - St. Charles, MO Nov 4-5,** at the Greater St. Charles Convention Center: The Regional Team is expanding once again. New team members Ed Terneus and Micah Uptegrove will co-host a Club table with guest Dennis Fortier. Hello Missouri!

**The Indiana Numismatic Association Coin Show and Convention Dec 2-3** at the Horizon Convention Center, 401 High St, Muncie IN. Dennis Fortier will host the Club table and educational presentation. Dennis is looking for a Club member in the local area to join him at the table. Join the team and get in with the dealers; shop before the public gets in!

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## Regional News cont.

### ANA and CONA

**ANA Rosemont, IL Aug 16-20:** Speaking for the Club, this year's ANA Convention was a smash. Six new members signed up, six shirts sold, ten 50th Anniversary medals paid for, and the Club meeting had 41 in attendance.

The Club table with its display of a complete Liberty Seated Dollar collection, as well as auction items, and Liberty Seated Varieties was admired by all. The Club auction raised \$3,230 for the 50th Anniversary celebration. This combined with last year's auction (\$2,200) gives the club \$5,430 total to help defray the costs of the 50th Anniversary celebration which is in the early planning stages. Thank you to all who donated and bid.

The only disappointment of the festivities was the Club dinner held on Wednesday night. Just six members attended. Those who did attend has a grand time. Next year we may try Thursday night after the Club meeting as a more convenient day for attendees.

Contacts were made at the ANA with certain officials for next year's ANA LSCC 50th Anniversary Open House. Scheduling and availability will be worked out over the course of the next year.

The first ever Seated Half Society (SHS) gathering was held immediately following the LSCC meeting. Seven members of the SHS were in attendance. Club shirts were decided on and a discussion of the current market for the 1878-S half dollar was held.

### **CONA, Dublin OH Sept 2-3, by John Frost:**

CONA's Ohio State Coin Show was a great event, as always. Attendance was outstanding, especially on Friday, when the aisles were crowded with enthusiastic collectors. Once again, our Club table was just outside the main entrance of the large bourse, on the way to the Kid's Corner and the restrooms. Traffic was excellent and a number of our members stopped by to see what was on display at the booth. Liberty Seated Varieties were the order of the day, half dimes through Trade dollars. Our presentation at the joint LSCC-BCCS meeting mirrored the theme at the table. It was great to be able to present some cool varieties at the meeting, and then invite the attendees to come look at them in person.

CONA continues to be excellent hosts and they run an excellent show. We look forward to returning to Columbus again next year.

**Photo at left: John Frost signing up a new Club member at CONA.**



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## Regional News cont.



**Top Left: Craig Eberhart wins John McCloskey Research Award for 2021.  
Top Right: Greg Johnson wins Presidents Award for Merit 2022.  
Bottom Right: Dennis Fortier wins Kamal Ahwash Award for 2021.  
Bottom Left: Bill (Barber Bill) Bugert wins the BCCS David Lawrence Award for 2021. Dennis Fortier accepting the award for Bill.**



## Regional News cont.

Top: Bob Evens Guest Speaker  
Bottom: John Frost and John Lundsten



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## Regional News cont.



LSCC Annual Auction Lots on display at the Club table before the Annual Meeting.

More details about the results in the Fall Gobrecht Journal.



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# LSCC Upcoming 2022 Regional Events Schedule

*\* Details Mostly Finalized*

**\* September 23-25 (VNA) Virginia Numismatic Association Coin Show** at the Fredericksburg Expo Center, Fredericksburg, VA. Club table & Education Program TBA.

**\* September 29 – October 1 North Carolina Numismatic Assoc. Convention & Coin Show** at the Cabarrus Arena & Event Center, Concord (Charlotte), NC. Club table.

**\* October 14-15 New Hampshire Coin Expo** at the Doubletree Hotel, Manchester, NH. Club meeting & table, Education Program TBA.



*Christian Gobrecht*

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# LSCC 2022 Regional Events Schedule Cont.

*\* Details Mostly Finalized*

**October 20-22 (PAN) Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists Fall Coin Show** at the Monroeville Convention Center (Pittsburg), PA. Club table & Education Program TBA.

**October 27-29 Whitman Baltimore Fall Coin & Currency Expo** at the Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD. Regional Club meeting & table, Education Program TBA.

**October 28-30 South Carolina Numismatic Assoc. 50th Anniversary Coin Show** at the Greenville Convention Center, Greenville, SC. Club table & Education Program TBA.

**November 4-5 CoinX St. Louis** at the St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles, MO. Club table.

**Note:** Updates provided as they become available, but always check the organization's show website for further details and any last minutes changes.



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*William Barber*

## The latest CSNS Journal arrived and they included a photo from our Spring Meeting

Michael Kodysz received the best-of-show honors for his exhibit "Halley's Comet: A Visual Record on Coins of Elagabalus," and Thomas J. Uram was presented the John J. Pittman Award for Most Educational Exhibit for "The Historically Significant Two-Cent Piece, 1864-1872, with Major Varieties." The award for People's Choice, determined by votes from convention attendees, was presented to Darrell Luedke. (Read more about exhibit award recipients on p. 31.)

During the show, several hobbyists received official CSNS recognition. Former *Coin World* editor and numismatic activist Beth Deisher was presented the Q. David Bowers Award for Lifetime Achievement (see p. 13), and former CSNS board member Greg Allen and former *Centinel* Editor Gerald Tebben were given Medals of Merit. Three collectors—Brian Fanton, Cassidy Stroud and Larry Shepherd—received the Sower Award for their stellar support of the



▲ **Founded in 1973, the Liberty Seated Collectors Club (LSCC) caters to fans of coins bearing the Liberty Seated design, which was introduced in 1837 by Christian Gobrecht. Hobby stalwarts gathered with LSCC President Len Augsburger (seated) for a membership meeting on Friday morning, April 29.**

hobby (see p. 30).

Central States' 84th Anniversary Convention will be held April 24 to May

1, 2023, in Schaumburg, Illinois. Watch *The Centinel* and the CSNS website for further information.

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## The Curious Collector

by Len Augsburger, LSCC #1271

### 2022 ANA Report

The annual ANA convention is a highlight of the annual numismatic calendar, and the combination of people, coins, and get-togethers is hard to beat. Preparation always starts early for me, and I build a detailed spreadsheet to keep track of everything. The spreadsheet for next year has already been started, courtesy of Craig Eberhart, who suggested a possible speaker for the 2023 Liberty Seated Collectors Club meeting at the ANA. I will follow up on this next spring.

The week got started on Monday with lot viewing for Heritage and Stack's Bowers. Because neither of these firms are the "official" ANA auctioneer this year, they had to set up at a hotel a few blocks south of the convention center. After looking at coins for a while, John Frost called up and asked for help moving material for the LSCC table into the security room at the convention center. Once that task was complete, I headed back to the lot viewing. After that John Frost, Carl Feldman, myself, and Darrell Low headed over to Lou Malnatti's for pizza, which is not to be missed when visiting the Chicago area. John Frost has a strong opinion about how many times one should eat at Malnatti's during the ANA. I believe the consensus is that three is the correct number.



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Tuesday, I drove back over to the convention center and checked into the Hyatt next door. Even though I am local it is more convenient to stay there. Tuesday ended up being business day, with visits to Brian Greer and Harry Smith to do a couple of small deals. Brian helped me clean out the few remaining raw coins in my collection, some of which probably came from Brian long ago. I also spent time with Doug Winter and Brian Hendelson on other deals and acquired an 1879-O \$10 Eagle from Minshull Trading (PCGS EF45 CAC, photo courtesy of PCGS).



Charles Davis was set up with his usual array of significant numismatic literature. Kolbe & Fanning were at the show, but could not commit to setting up as it was unclear, until the last minute, when they would have to take their son (who is starting at the University of Cincinnati) for college. As it turns out they were able to come to the ANA, but did not bring inventory. From Charlie I purchased a copy of the 1992 M. N. Daycius circular that promoted a bogus sale of numismatic literature, in addition to a nicely bound copy of the Breen/Gillio work on fractional gold pieces.

By Wednesday the Liberty Seated Collectors Club table was a beehive of activity. John Frost had brought for exhibit a group of medals from the Charles Barber estate. My favorite was the MT-1, featuring a bust of David Rittenhouse, engraved by William Barber. The American Philosophical Society has an 1871 letter of transmittal from Barber, presenting them an MT-1 Rittenhouse medal that was patterned after a Rittenhouse bust in their collection. Later in the week John Lundsten exhibited his nearly complete set of Liberty Seated dollars at the LSCC table. Among the visitors to the LSCC table was Tom Bender, who was presented with the 1870-S half dime table skirt printed for the 2019 Seated Fest II exhibit in Baltimore.

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John Frost presents the 1870-S half dime banner to Tom Bender (to left).

The John Lundsten Liberty Seated dollar set on display at the ANA show. A number of pieces exhibited are from the John Frost collection (bottom).



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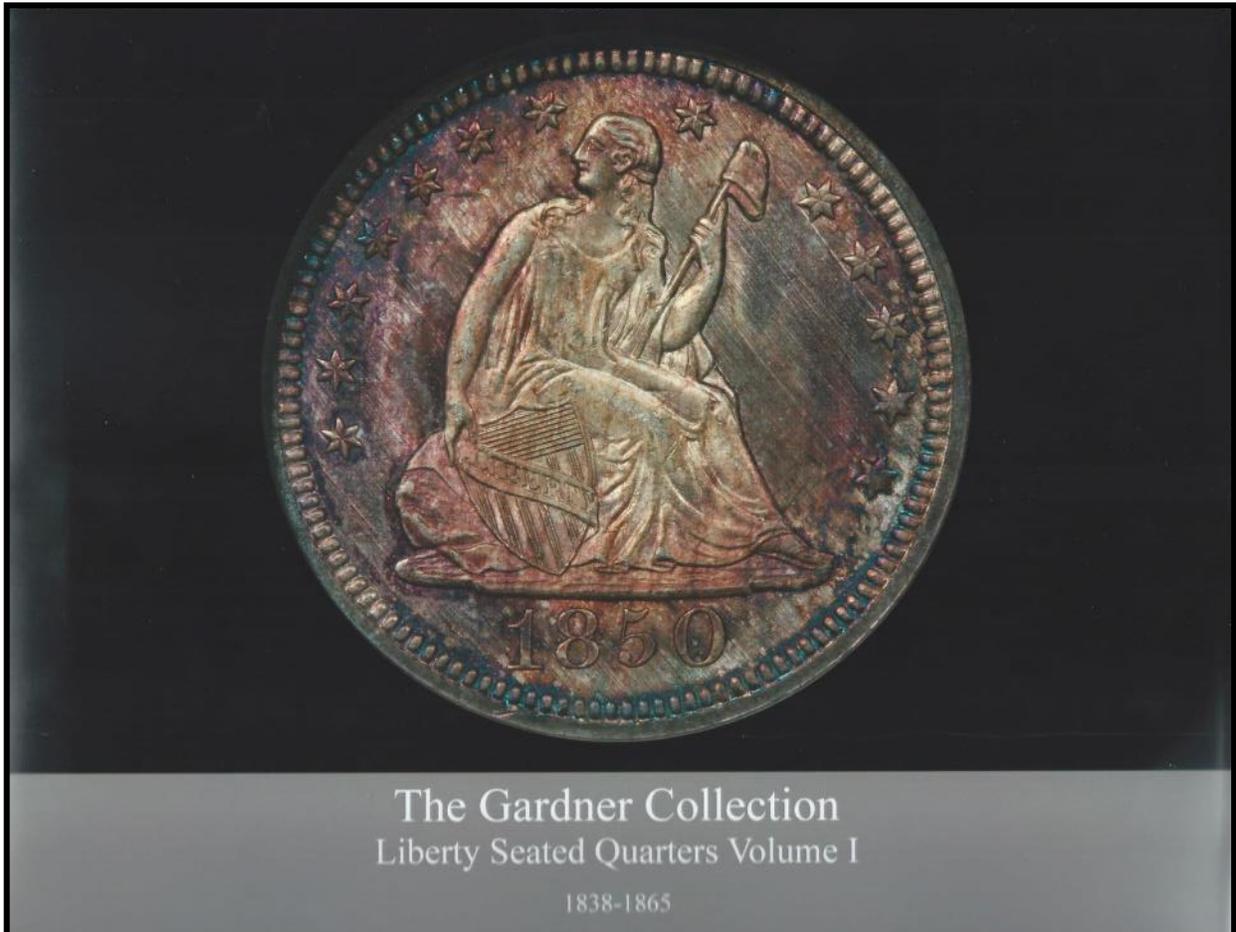


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On Wednesday I attended the JRCS meeting, which featured a great presentation by Barry Sunshine and Chuck Link. Chuck Link's collection of the proof coins in the Bust series was fascinating. Because so little of these coins are known, the grading services sometimes disagree on the proof status of a particular coin. Collectors like Chuck (and because there are so few coins, there are few collectors) really must come to their own conclusions before making purchase decisions. John Dannreuther's forthcoming volume on proof silver coinage will no doubt bring clarity to this tricky area of collecting, and I suspect the Link collection as a whole will enable further insights.

Club meetings and speaker presentations dominate Thursday and Friday at the ANA convention. The LSCC met promptly at 9am on Thursday and featured a talk by Bob Evans on silver coins recovered from the SS Central America. The ever-energetic Brad Karoleff extracted over \$3,000 in an auction fundraiser, which featured a selection of scarce Central Glass Co. (Wheeling, WV) coin glass from the 1890's and back issues of the Gobrecht Journal. We also auctioned a two-volume set illustrating Liberty Seated quarters from the Gene Gardner collection. Gardner issued these books in small numbers and privately distributed them at the time of printing. A big thank you to all the winning bidders, and also to those who donated material for auction.

The LSCC meeting video is now posted at <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/617713>.



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Somewhere in the middle of this (I forget which day), I purchased a silver Charles Carroll medal (Julian PE-6) from Neil Musante. This piece was engraved by Christian Gobrecht, c. 1826, in commemoration of Carroll's 90th birthday. Carroll was the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence. This medal came with the original presentation box that matches the style of other Mint presentation boxes from this period. I'm not sure Neil wanted to sell this piece, but, after I got a price out of him, he could not renege!



The Thursday Numismatic Bibliomania Society (NBS) Symposium on Thursday featured Chuck Heck speaking about the “making of” his current publication on 1794 large cent die states. Two of Chuck's grandchildren got to see their grandfather walk the audience through the process of self-publishing. Chuck had books for sale at the show, and I was happy to bring a copy home. Another EAC'er, Harry Salyards, was pre-selling his forthcoming book on early dollars, and had a draft available for viewing. I promptly ordered a copy, and it will be a pleasant surprise when it shows up in the mailbox this fall. Regarding other books, David Alexander is working on a volume on Napoleonic medals and brought a draft to the show.

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On Thursday I also attended an event for the Smithsonian, where they presented their latest exhibit, Really Big Money, at the National Museum of American History. The foot traffic they get in the museum is extraordinary, with literally thousands of people walking through the numismatic exhibits every day. There really is no other single entity, except perhaps the U.S. Mint, that generates this level of public exposure to numismatics. It's a worthy cause, and, if you wish to donate, it would be money well spent.

The NBS meeting was held on Friday and featured a video presentation of the Joel Orosz library. I had visited Joel on July 14, with Lianna Spurrier, who produced the video. This video covered various aspects of the library including antebellum references related to numismatics, numismatic association items, the NBS archives, and of course recent purchases. Joel recently acquired the McAllister memorandum (one of three copies known, of which this is the only example currently traced), which recorded John McAllister's recollections after speaking with (former Chief Coiner) Adam Eckfeldt at the U.S. Mint in 1844.

The NBS had a most successful fundraising auction, held as usual at the beginning of the meeting, courtesy of many donors and bidders. David Fanning produced the sale catalog and called the sale, which raised \$10,890 on behalf of the club. This is an unaudited figure based on my (usually faulty) arithmetic. The capable NBS Treasurer Chuck Heck has received all the related paperwork and will be challenged to bring order to the chaos.

On Friday afternoon I delivered a Money Talks presentation, Building a Numismatic Library for Pleasure and Profit. I am more driven by collecting books for research purposes, but part of the collector mentality always likes to make a buck, and I shared a few ideas in that regard. A number of bibliophiles were in attendance and the ANA will be releasing the video in due course.

Afterward I had a great discussion with Rob Rodriguez outside the meeting room. Rob is passionate about early American numismatics and brings completely fresh eyes to the subject. He is not afraid to challenge ideas that have been accepted for a long time and is willing to go to great lengths (at his own considerable expense) to re-examine the evidence. I expect we will be hearing much more from him in the future, and I thank him for his recent donations to the American Numismatic Society.

Dinners this week included Café Touché, Carlucci's, and the always popular Gibson's (home of the foot-high carrot cake) across the street from the convention center. The leftover Gibson's went in the hotel room refrigerator and came home with me on Saturday. It will keep me full for a couple days at least. Several years ago I posed the question "is it possible to get through the whole ANA without paying for a meal?" I think the answer is yes, but you have to be well-connected to all the various events and hospitality rooms, and also be a cheap SOB. In any event, I hosted a pleasant dinner on Friday night, so hopefully no one can accuse me of the latter! Among the guests were Steve and Ray Feller, who I worked with on an exhibition currently in the Newman Tower at Washington University in St. Louis.

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Throughout the week a number of people approached me about potential contributions to the Newman Numismatic Portal, in addition to directly loaning material at the show. Among the contributors were Eric Schena, Paul Hybert and Bill Shamhart. Paul has been supplying us with congressional reports related to the U.S. Mint for a long time and still manages to find things we do not yet have. This week he loaned an 1830s document related to Continental Currency that I am looking forward to digesting. I also met Michael Bourne for the first time, who had earlier forwarded important material on auction appearances of U.S. pattern coins from the pre-Internet era.

The ANA convention always wraps up for me with the Rittenhouse Society breakfast on Saturday morning. This is capably hosted by Whitman Publishing every year and their sponsorship is most welcome. This group brings together authors and researchers, and represents a great networking opportunity to see how we can all help each other to push forward numismatic science. I was especially pleased to see founding member Ken Bressett in attendance. He is well into his 90s, but seems to have just as much energy as when I first met him many years ago. All in all, it was a great week, and I can't imagine a better way to wrap it up than by spending a few minutes with Mr. Red Book himself.

Addenda: As it turns out, the ANA doesn't really end on Saturday. With the new format for auctions, a good portion of the commercial activity happens the following week. I was thrilled to pick up this First Steam Coinage medal (Julian MT-20), engraved by Christian Gobrecht, in the Stack's Bowers sale. This medal commemorates the transition from the screw press production to steam power within the U.S. Mint. This example is especially interesting in that it was struck, rotated, and overstruck. I had seen this piece at a coin show many years ago, offered at \$5,000. I passed at the time and was fortunate to get it for substantially less in this sale. Images below courtesy of Stack's Bowers.



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## The Auction Realm

by Craig Eberhart, LSCC #1348

### The ANA Event Partner Auctions

The ANA Event Partner auctions conducted by Heritage Auctions and Stack's Bowers Galleries provided an incredible selection of world and U.S. coins. Many of these coins hammered at prices that were unheard of a few years ago and also beyond what many numismatists can afford. A few years ago, such coins would have caused a drop in demand, but the price increases seem to continue unabated.

Jeff Garrett, coin dealer and former ANA president, recently posted a thoughtful analysis of the continued high demand for these rarities. This article "Sharp Competition in the Stratosphere of Numismatics" was posted on the NGC website on August 18, 2022 and can be found here:

<https://www.ngccoin.com/news/article/10514/Weekly-Market-Report-August-2-2021/>

He states that "The major rarities that will sell for six and seven figures are finding homes with a new segment of the market — billionaire collectors." More nuanced thoughts and information make his article quite an interesting read.

Two collections of Carson City coins were sold by Heritage Auctions: The CC coins in the Bender Family Collection Part I and the Navy Mustang Collection of Carson City Coinage. The Bender collection included 109 of the 111 CC issues and the Navy Mustang Collection included 107 coins. Both were missing the unique 1873-CC No Arrows dime and the very rare 1873-CC No Arrows quarter. The Bender collection included many Condition Census Seated coins from Carson City and other mints. Additional exceptional coins from the Bender collection will be sold in subsequent auctions.

The Navy Mustang collection was quite different from the Bender collection. It did not appear to have any Condition Census coins nevertheless it was an outstanding collection of mostly circulated coins assembled by Tony Anthony with the assistance of Rusty Goe. Most of the scarcer coins, as listed below, sold at prices a bit less than the PCGS retail price guide except for the three CAC coins, which were all higher. The Fair 2 1871-CC CAC quarter sold for more than six times the price guide value. Apparently two bidders really wanted this coin!

See chart on next page.



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Date	Denom.	Grading Service	Grade	Auction Price	PCGS Price Guide	Misc.
1871-CC	dime	PCGS	VG10	\$9,300	\$7,000	F-101
1872-CC	dime	ANACS	G4	\$1,320	\$1,750	F-101
1873-CC Arrows	dime	PCGS	VG8	\$3,744	\$5,000	F-101
1874-CC	dime	PCGS CAC	VG10 CAC	\$18,600	\$15,000	F-101
1870-CC	quarter	PCGS	VG10	\$20,400	\$20,000	B 1-A
1871-CC	quarter	PCGS CAC	Fair 2	\$26,400	\$4,000	B 1-A
1872-CC	quarter	PCGS	VG10	\$3,000	\$4,000	B 1-A
1873-CC Arrows	quarter	PCGS	VG10	\$9,600	\$15,000	B 1-A
1870-CC	half dollar	PCGS	XF40	\$13,800	\$15,000	WB-1
1871-CC	half dollar	PCGS	XF40	\$3,240	\$5,000	WB-6
1872-CC	half dollar	PCGS	VF30	\$1,920	\$1,750	WB-1
1874-CC	half dollar	PCGS	VF20	\$3,840	\$4,000	WB-1
1878-CC	half dollar	PCGS CAC	VF25	\$6300	\$3,750	WB-1
1871-CC	Seated dollar	PCGS	XF40	\$16,200	\$17,500	OC-1
1873-CC	Seated dollar	PCGS	AU50	\$50,400	\$50,000	OC-1
1878-CC	Trade dollar	PCGS	AU58	\$12,000	\$17,500	Breen- 5822

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### *Correspondence from Members / Subscribers*

With regard to the 1839 proof quarter, a possible earlier pedigree for this coin is Gschwend lot 443 which brought only \$1.25 to Virgil Brand (Journal #44111) offered to Raymond 10/30/33 for \$5.

In my opinion; however, the Gschwend plate – link below - does not appear to match the Pittman coin. See also BG Johnson consignment invoice to Kelly 2/13/41.

**[Catalogue of the Eighteenth Public Auction Sale, of a Splendid Collection of American and English Coins, the Property of Peter Gschwend, Esq. of Pittsburg, Penna. : Elder, Thomas L. : Free Download, Borrow, and Streaming : Internet Archive](#)**

Perhaps you can see more.

Regards,  
***Saul Teichman***



**‘Gobrecht’ Bust Half Dollars**  
**‘Gobrecht’ Bust Half Dollars #8 - The Sleeping Giant**  
 by Jim Koenings, LSCC #2798 & JRCS #048

For years collectors have avoided collecting Reeded Edge Halves. There is no doubt about it, lack of information has prevented many collectors from collecting Reeded Edge (or as I now call them “Gobrecht Capped Bust Halves”).

Another factor may have been the extreme rarity (or cost) of several Reeded Edge die varieties like the 1836 Reeded Edge (for years reported as 5,000 minted), the 1838-O (Classic with 9 known) and the 1839 Small Letters Reverse (11 known).

On August 15, 2019, I was asked to make a presentation to the Bust Half Nut Club at the ANA Coin Show in Rosemont, IL. It was there that I announced the first of a monthly series on the “38 Most Common Die Varieties of Reeded Edge Halves” starting with the 1836 GR-1.

After 35 months, I am now nearing the end of that series with the Final (38 Most Common) due to be reported on November 15, 2022. For those that started on August 15, 2019, they would have found at least 35 different die varieties plus probably 10 of the 18 Rarest. I know of 2 collectors that have found at least 50 of the 56 known die varieties since then.

Most of you might think “Oh, its too late to start this series, everyone has found all of the rare varieties”. False, every week eBay lists over 150 specimens of 1837 halves, over 100 specimens of 1838 halves and over 70 of the total for 1839 and 1839-O halves. Several are sold each week and several new ones are added, usually not knowing what they listed.

Here is my schedule of Newsletters for the next 5 months:

<u>Newsletter #</u>	<u>Main Topic</u>	<u>Date to be emailed</u>
41	1839 GR-7	9-15-22
42	1839 GR-8	10-15-22
43	1839-O GR-1	11-15-22
44	New Top 20 Rarest List	12-15-22
45	Start of New Series	1-15-23

Newsletters #42, 44 and 45 will be considerably important. I will be reporting previously unknown facts that are totally unknown to John Reich Collectors Society (JRCS) and the Liberty Seated Collectors Club (LSCC) members.



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**1839 GR-8 NGC MS64 Obverse (Courtesy of Heritage Coin Auctions)**

The above die marriage will be discussed in detail in Newsletter #42 scheduled for October 15, 2022. You will not want to miss this opportunity. You will then know why I call it the Sleeping Giant.

If you would like to learn more about “Gobrecht” Bust Half Dollars (Reeded Edge), interested collectors are invited to send their name and email address to:

[bustcoin1@verizon.net](mailto:bustcoin1@verizon.net)

Happy Hunting!

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