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The President's Corner

I hope everyone is enjoying the New Year! We will begin the new year with a presentation on the highlights of the United States Mint Numismatic Forum in Philadelphia. Join us for this presentation and don't forget to bring something to sell if you want.

Kurt

"Numismatics, like some aspects of astronomy and natural history, remains a branch of learning in which the amateur can still do valuable work, and it is on the great collecting public, or rather on that part of which is interested in the subject at a scientific level, that the progress of numismatic science largely depends."

Philip Grierson - Professor of Numismatics,
University of Cambridge

WHAT ARE GIORI PRESS TEST NOTES?

By
Bob Jaques

During a recent visit to my son Jon's office in Murfreesboro, TN, he opened his desk drawer and pulled out an interesting numismatic item. A PCGS certified Giori press notes. He had found these on a currency website and purchased them for his numismatic collection.

What are Giori Press test notes? I came home, turned on my computer, and Googled "Giori Press Test Notes". Never having heard of them I was interested in my findings. After WW II an Italian by the name of Gualtiero Giori invented the printing process.

Our paper money is currently printed by the Bureau of Printing and Engraving (BEP) in Washington, D.C. and Ft. Worth, Texas. The presses they use require a pass for each color. Green ink for the backs

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and Black ink for the front. As you can imagine this is a time-consuming task.

In the 1970's the BEP contacted the American Bank Note Company and asked them to find a new type press that would improve the BEP's printing process and modernize their machinery.

The American Bank Note Company contacted an engineer, Mr. Edgar Pigman, working for the American Can Company in Geneva, NY to design a new press. The new presses were shipped to Washington, D.C. and created a number of test sheets using plates from the BEP.

What made the Giori Press unique is that it could print 2-color or 3-color at the same time. This was done by using precisely cut rubber ink rollers that allowed each ink to parts of the same plate.

The plates had vignettes of Presidents Washington, Lincoln, and Grant identical to those used on the \$1, \$5, and \$50 Federal Reserve Notes. These test notes had cancel lines across them so they could not be used in any illegal manner. The BEP made the test notes illegal for collectors to own, but later lifted the restriction. The new press project was eventually scrapped.

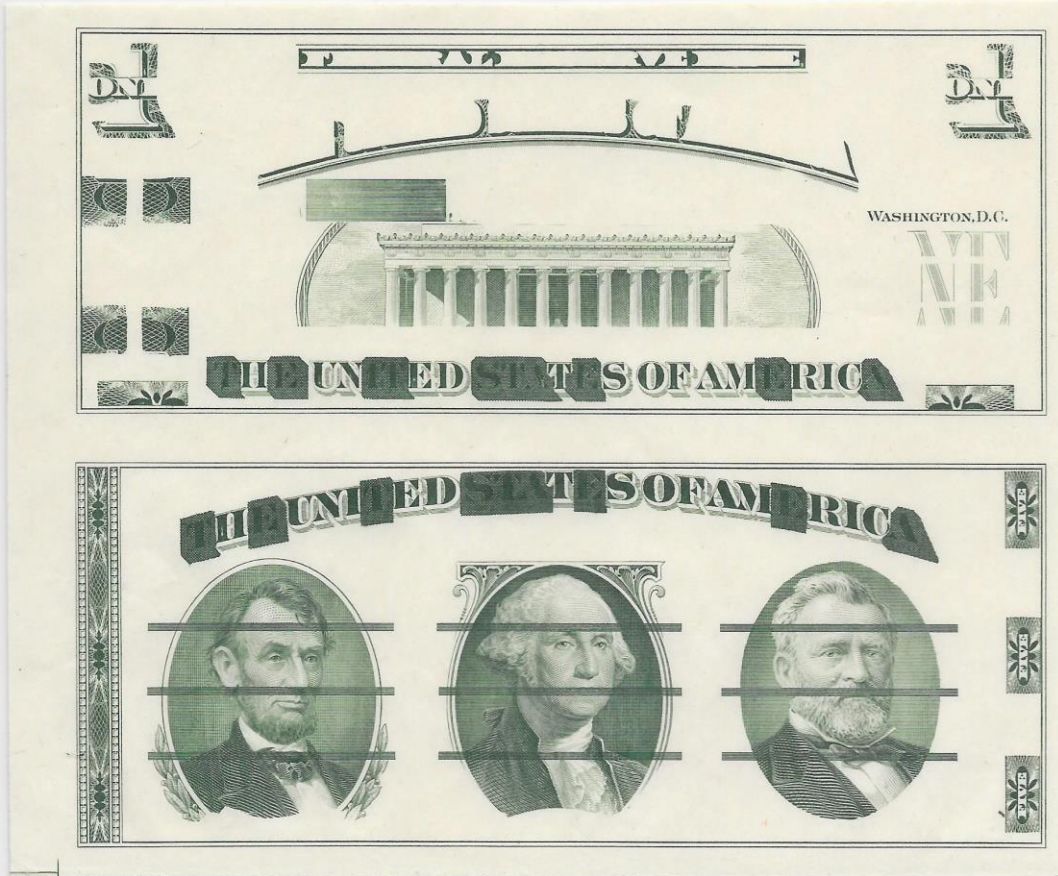
A hoard of test notes were recently found in the estate of Edgar Pigman by his nephew. The entire hoard was sold to a dealer in NY and he submitted them to PCGS for grading and certification. I was unable to find any reference to quantity in the hoard. Some notes can be found on E-Bay.

As a side note, the BEP did use the Giori Press for the printing of a multi-colored postage stamp in 1962 for "Project Mercury". This stamp was printed in secret and was not revealed until Astronaut John Glenn made his famous 3 orbits on February 20, 1962. This was the first time the post office issued a commemorative stamp on the day of the event it commemorated.

Pictured here is the PCGS graded note from my son Jon's collection. As Paul Harvey once remarked, "Now you know the rest of the story".



Mercury Stamp printed using the Giori Press



Giori Press Note

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MCCC November 22, 2016 Meeting

By
Richard Jozefiak

The November 22 meeting was the last meeting of the year, and it was the annual pot luck dinner and bourse night. An auction was also held with a number of the lots being sold.



Members getting food at the pot luck



Members at the meeting

The MCCC 2017 officers were elected at the meeting. Elected were:

- President- Kurt Springfield
- Vice President- Harold Fears
- Secretary- Richard Jozefiak
- Treasurer- Mike Campbell
- Member at Large- Bob Jaques



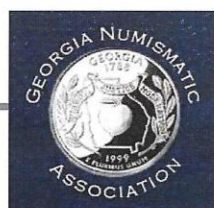
Members viewing auction lots



YN Caroline Springfield helping at the auction table

For 2017, please consider bringing refreshments or doing a program. A program does NOT have to be a PowerPoint presentation. You can set up a display and tell about it, or bring an item(s) from your collection to tell the club members about them. Most presentations last between 20-40 minutes, sometimes longer. All presenters receive an ANA Educational Award. We have openings for March 28, September 26 and October 24 for speakers.

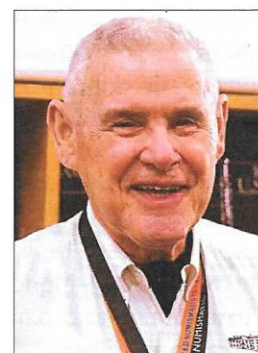
If you are interested in learning about membership in the American Numismatic Association (ANA), please contact Richard Jozefiak. The ANA provides many benefits and educational opportunities, and there are different membership levels.



GNA Coin Show
April 21-23, 2017
Dalton, GA

FUNDAMENTALS OF GRADING U.S. COINS

Sharpen your grading skills! Knowledge of coin grading not only makes you more confident on the bourse floor, but also adds to your enjoyment of the hobby by helping take the worry out of numismatic purchases. Learn how U.S. coins should be graded according to the latest ANA and market standards. The two-day seminar covers many topics and emphasizes the fundamental principles of grading circulated U.S. coins, including the history and evolution of grading standards, analysis of a coin's focal points, technical and market grading, how to determine initial signs of wear and evaluating surface marks, strike, luster and eye appeal.



Instructor: Rod Gillis, ANA education director, Bill Fivaz, co-author of *The Cherrypicker's Guide to Rare Coin Varieties*.

Date: Wednesday –Thursday, April 19-20, 2017

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (each day)

Duration: 2 Days

Location: Dalton Convention Center, 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road, Dalton, GA

Tuition: \$259 for ANA and GNA members. Register by March 15, 2017, for a \$20 early enrollment discount. Take another \$40 off if you're an ANA Life Member!

Venue: Directly following the seminar, the Georgia Numismatic Association will host its Coin Show, April 21-23, at the Dalton Convention Center, 2211 Dug Gap Battle Rd (www.gamoney.org)

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION FLORENCE SCHOOK SCHOOL OF NUMISMATICS

TECHNICAL SERIES SEMINARS ★ REGISTRATION FORM

DATE / LOCATION	SEMINAR TITLE / DURATION	MEMBER EARLY REGISTRATION	MEMBER REGULAR PRICE	LIFE MEMBER EARLY REGISTRATION	LIFE MEMBER REGULAR PRICE	TOTAL
JAN. 3-4, 2017 Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Fundamentals of Grading U.S. Coins 2-day Seminar	By Nov. 30 \$239	After Nov. 30 \$259	By Nov. 30 \$199	After Nov. 30 \$219	
JAN. 3-4, 2017 Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Ancient Greek Coinage: An Overview of the World's First Coins 2 Day Seminar	By Nov. 30 \$239	After Nov. 30 \$259	By Nov. 30 \$199	After Nov. 30 \$219	
MAR. 7-8, 2017 Orlando, FL	Coin Grading, Problem Coins and Conservation / 2-Day Seminar	By Feb. 3 \$239	After Feb. 3 \$259	By Feb. 3 \$199	After Feb. 3 \$219	
MAR. 7-8, 2017 Orlando, FL	Advanced Grading of U.S. & World Paper Money / 2-Day Seminar	By Feb. 3 \$239	After Feb. 3 \$259	By Feb. 3 \$199	After Feb. 3 \$219	
APR. 19-20, 2017 Dalton, GA	Fundamentals of Grading U.S. Coins 2-Day Seminar	By March 15 \$239	After March 15 \$259	By March 15 \$199	After March 15 \$219	
JULY 29-31, 2017 Denver, CO	Coin Conservation, Authentication & Grading / 3-Day Seminar	By Jun. 26 \$339	After Jun. 26 \$359	By Jun. 26 \$299	After Jun. 26 \$319	
JULY 30-31, 2017 Denver, CO	Pioneer Gold Coinage 2-Day Seminar	By Jun. 26 \$239	After Jun. 26 \$259	By Jun. 26 \$199	After Jun. 26 \$219	
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Inclement Weather Notice



If the Huntsville City Schools are closed due to inclement weather, then the Huntsville Senior Center is closed. There will be no club meeting if the Huntsville Senior Center is closed. Local TV and radio stations will give notice of any Huntsville school closure.

MCCC is now on Facebook



The Madison County Coin Club is now on Facebook. The newly created Facebook page has pictures of recent meetings, schedules of upcoming events like the Huntsville Coin show, and post from members. Navigate to: <http://www.facebook.com/MadisonCountyCoinClub> .

Post comments - Visit the page and don't forget to "Like" us.

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Why not bring a friend to the next meeting?

Check List for the New Zealand £sd Coinage

	1/2d	1d	3d	6d	1/-	2/-	2/6	5/-
1933	-	-	6000	3000	2000	2100	2000	1
1934	-	-	6000	3600	3400	2850	2720	
1935	-	-	40	560	1680	755	612	
1936	-	-	2760	1480	-	150	-	
1937	-	-	2880	1280	890	1190	672	
1938	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1939	-	-	300	700	-	-	-	
1940	3432	5424	2000	800	500	500	-	
1941	960	1200	1760	440	360	820	776	
1942	1929	3120	3120	360	240	150	240	
1943	-	8400	4400	1800	900	1400	1120	
1944	2035	3696	2840	1800	480	140	180	
1945	1516	4764	2520	940	1030	515	420	
1946	3120	6720	6080	2120	1060	1200	960	
1947	2726	5880	6400	3200	2800	2500	1600	
1948	-	-	2000	2000	1000	1750	1400	
1949	1766	2016	-	-	-	3500	2800	200
1950	1425	5784	800	800	600	3500	3600	
1951	2342	6888	3600	1800	1200	2000	1200	
1952	2400	10800	8000	3200	600	-	-	
1953	720	2400	4000	1200	200	250	120	250
1954	240	1080	4000	1200	-	-	-	
1955	240	3720	4000	1200	200	-	-	
1956	1200	3,600	4800	2000	800	-	-	
1957	1440	2400	8000	2400	800	-	-	
1958	1920	10,800	4800	3000	1000	-	-	
1959	1920	8400	4000	2000	600	-	-	
1960	2400	7,200	4000	1600	600	-	-	
1961	2880	7200	4800	800	400	1500	80	
1962	2880	6,000	6000	1200	1000	1500	600	
1963	1680	2400	4000	800	600	100	400	
1964	2885	18,000	6400	3800	3400	7000	-	
1965	5200	25	4200	25	3500	9450	200	

Notes:

Mintages are in thousands.

A “-“ means no coins were minted.

2017 Madison County Coin Club Program Refreshments and Programs Schedule

NOTE: Meeting Day is the 4th TUESDAY (NOT THE LAST) of the month

Meeting Date	Refreshments- Name	Program- Title and Name
January 24	<i>Richard Jozefiak</i> Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	<i>U.S. Mint Numismatic Update</i> <i>(presentation from U.S. Mint Forum in Philadelphia, PA on October 13, 2016)</i> Richard Jozefiak
February 28	<i>Harold Fears</i> Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	<i>The State of the Coin Market-</i> Charles Cataldo
March 28	<i>Stan Benedict</i> Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	TBD
April 25	<i>David Tully</i> Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	<i>Numismatic Finds on my Trip to France</i> Richard Jozefiak
May- NO MEETING		
June 27	4th of July Pot Luck, Bourse Night, and Auction Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	
July 25	<i>TBD</i> Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	<i>Trip to Singapore</i> Stan Benedict
August 22	<i>Kim Biltz</i> Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	<i>TBD</i> Bob Jaques
September 26	<i>TBD</i> Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	TBD
October 24	<i>TBD</i> Nomination of 2018 Officers Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	TBD
November 28	Holiday Pot Luck , Bourse Night, and Auction Election of 2018 Officers Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	
December- NO MEETING		

Last update: REV B, December 12, 2016

2017 Regional Coin Shows around Huntsville

Date(s)	Area	Location	Contact Info	Richard's Rating
Mar 3-5 Nov 3-5	Chattanooga, TN	Tennessee State Numismatic Society Camp Jordan Arena I-75, Exit 1 Chattanooga, TN	Gayle Pike 901-327-1703 901-210-7669 (cell) pikegk@aol.com www.tsns.org	++
March 9-11	Orlando, FL	ANA National Money Show Orange County Convention Center 9899 International Drive Orlando, FL 10 am – 6 pm (Thurs. & Fri.) 10 am – 5 pm (Sat.)	www.money.org	+++
March 11 May TBD Sept TBD Nov TBD	Trussville, AL	Central Alabama Coin Show Trussville Civic Center 9 am- 4 pm 5381 Trussville-Clay Rd Trussville, AL (NEW LOCATION) 38 tables	Carl Shory 205-612-5538	+
April 21-23	Dalton, GA	53rd Georgia Numismatic Association Coin Show Northwest Trade Center I-75 exit 333 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road Dalton, GA Fri- Sat 10 am – 6 pm Sun 10 am – 3 pm	Chip Cutcliff 770-421-8387 chascoins06@yahoo.com www.gamoney.org	+++
July TBD	Bessemer, AL	Alabama State Coin Show 1130 Ninth Ave SW Bessemer, AL Bessemer Civic Center 10 am – 6 pm	Corbitt Chandler 205-939-1178 corbitchandler@bellsouth.net	++
Aug 18-20	Dalton, GA	58th Blue Ridge Numismatic Association Coin Show Northwest Trade Center I-75 exit 333 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road Dalton, GA Fri-Sat 10 am – 6 pm Su 10 am – 3 pm	Ron Blackman Rblackman@cfl.rr.com 321-258-0325 www.brna.org	+++

NOTE: Before traveling any distance, it is recommended to check with the show contact to see if there are any changes.
Currently there are no local coin shows in Huntsville or Madison County

Richard's Rating: Small coin show, no educational programs- +

Medium/Large coin show, no educational programs- ++

Large coin show, educational programs and/or exhibits. Worth the drive- +++