

# Madison County Coin Club

of Huntsville, Alabama



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## The President's Corner

Tuesday will be our last coin club meeting of the year, which will include a coin auction and pot luck. There are no fees, just show up ready to buy and sell. It has sincerely been my pleasure serving as president over the last several years. Join me in welcoming Doug Glandon as the next president. I am sure the club will be in good hands.

Sincerely,  
Kurt

## It's Our Annual

## Pot Luck and Bourse Month



The next meeting is our annual end of the year potluck supper. The club will provide drinks, paper products and utensils. Please bring a dish to share with your fellow club members. It is also our bourse night. Come see what treasure you can find! We will also vote for next year's officers.

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**Our last meeting of  
this year will be  
November 27**

# **Certifying Your Collection**

*By Doug Glandon*

Are you a numismatist who has acquired many rare and high quality coins over years of collecting? Do you have a goal in mind for your collection? Does it require a level of knowledge or understanding as to the quality and value of your collection? Is there a mechanism that exists to assist in meeting that goal? These are important questions numismatists need to think about. One option that could be useful in this process is the certification of your collection.

Certifying rare and high quality coins provides several tangible benefits for the collector. First, it provides a capsule for the coin making it much easier to handle and less susceptible to damage. Secondly, certification guarantees the authenticity of the coin. The most reputable coin grading companies will guarantee authenticity and pay the owner market value for any coin they authenticate that is proven to be altered or counterfeit. The third, and most important benefit, is that a grade and condition are assigned to the coin. This is typically conducted by a panel of graders. This gives the collector a fairly accurate idea of the grade and condition of the coin. These tangible benefits can create a foundation for meeting a collector's goals.

There are many different goals a numismatists may have for their collection. One possible goal could be to liquidate the collection at a time when the market for coins is strong. In this scenario, a certified collection should improve its marketability and value, as well as, reduce risk for the buyer. Another goal could be to pass it onto family members as part of an inheritance. The inheritors may choose to sell the collection, but may lack the knowledge as to the quality and value of the collection. Certification would help to bridge this gap and provide a level of confidence that a fair price could be realized. In these examples, certification could play a major role in meeting a collector's end goal.

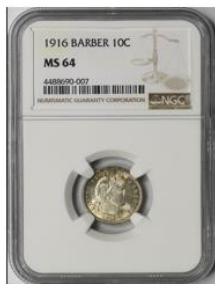
If a collector has made the decision to certify their rare and high quality coins, he or she must choose a grading company that has a solid reputation for grading coins accurately. Currently, the industry leaders are Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS; founded in 1986), Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC; founded in 1987), American Numismatic Association Verification Service (ANACS; founded in 1972), and Independent Coin Graders (ICG; founded in 1998). Currently, the majority of coins are certified by PCGS and NGC. This is mainly because many experienced numismatists think their grading is the most stringent in the business. The table below provides a list of the top grading services.

After a collector has selected a grading company, he or she must select the best method for certifying their collection. One option is to utilize a coin dealer who is an “authorized dealer” for the grading company selected. The dealer will package and ship the coins to the company for grading. Charles Cataldo, owner of Alabama Coin & Silver in Huntsville, Alabama is an authorized dealer for PCGS and NGC. Another option is to deal directly with the grading company for their services. With this option, the collector is responsible for the shipping and handling of their coins. Each grading company’s website provides submission instructions and the cost of their services.

In conclusion, certifying a collection has several beneficial aspects. First, it provides a handling mechanism and physical protection. It also provides authentication, condition, and a grade for a coin. Certification can also improve the marketability and value if the decision is made by the collector to sell. Lastly, it can provide a level of confidence that inheritors will receive a fair price if the collection is sold.

## Grading Services

1. Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS) Founded 1986
2. Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC) Founded 1987
3. American Numismatic Association Certification Service (ANACS) Founded 1972
4. Independent Coin Graders (ICG) Founded 1998
5. Sovereign Entities Grading Service (SEGS) Founded 1998
6. Photo-Certified Coin Institute (PCI) Founded 1989; Defunct
7. All The Rest...



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## Our Last Meeting

By  
Richard Jozefiak

### **November 27 Meeting**

Annual Auction, Buy & Sell  
Night and  
End-of-Year Pot Luck!

*Please bring a dish or dessert  
to share*

Drinks and paper products are provided

The October 23 meeting had a full room of members and guests to hear our special guest speaker, Mr. David Hollander, gave a very interesting presentation on “*The Henderson National Bank of Huntsville*”. David discussed the history of the Henderson National Bank of Huntsville, AL and the paper money it issued over the years when the bank was in business.

At the October meeting, nominations for 2019 MCCC officers were held. The following people were nominated:

Doug Glandon	President
Julian Olander	Vice-president
Richard Jozefiak	Secretary
Mike Campbell	Treasurer
Bob Jaques	Member-at-Large

Nominations can be made at the meeting. If you are interested in serving in a position, please consider nominating yourself. A new person in office can help the club continue to grow and bring different skills and abilities.

November 27- The program for the month is the club’s end-of-year pot luck, auction, and buy & sell night. Please bring food to share for 4-6 people. The drinks will be provided, and the club provides the plates, cups, utensils, etc. for the pot luck.

For the auction, please remember that this is a cash auction, and money is collected from each lot as it sells. Small bills are very helpful. If you bring an item for the auction, please remember to complete the small auction form that identifies you and the item. Auction lots can be placed beginning at 6 pm. We try to keep the auction



to about 50 lots. There is no buyer's or seller's fee. There will also be the election of the 2019 MCCC officers.

Future Activities- For 2019, 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 10-30 minutes, sometimes longer. All presenters receive an ANA Educational Award.

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.



*Club Members at the October 23 meeting*



*Bob Jaques (standing) discussing the reproduction of a First National Bank of Hartselle, AL. note. He gave out to people at the meeting one of these reproduction notes.*



*David Hollander (R) receiving ANA Educational Award from MCCC President Kurt Springfield*

## **Historic Medal Found At Military Show**

*By  
Bob Jaques*

It is always amazing to me how an interesting historical artifact can be found in the most unusual places. This truism came to light when I visited a Military Show in Franklin, TN recently.

A Military Show is similar to a Coin Show in that dealers set up tables to buy and sell to the public. Rarely do you find military items at a Coin Show or coins at a Military Show. But at the Franklin Military Show I did find an unusual but historic piece of exnumia, or a medal.

The medal was 90% silver and made by the U.S. Treasury Department in 1945 to be awarded to people who had purchased War Bonds. The silver weight is .625 of an ounce. The medal is about the size of a half-dollar coin.

The obverse of the medal shows a Revolutionary Minuteman soldier with the inscription "U.S. Treasury Award" surrounding the soldier. The reverse shows the flag raising at Iwo Jima with the phrase "1941 -For Patriotic Service-1945" surrounding the image. There is a blank space along the bottom where a name of the medal recipient can be engraved.

This beautiful patriotic medal was previously unknown to me but it now rests in a place of distinction among my other pieces of exnumia.





# The Ancient Explanation of 12 Hours of Day and Night

*By Stanley Benedict*



*Foreword: This is the last bit on the Chinese Zodiac and is really more about the Chinese concept of time relating to the the 12 animal signs. Of course, the Chinese use the western concept of time in commerce today but the mythology still remains and the concept that everything is of dual nature (yin and yang) including time! The long hour is actually 2 hours out of the 24 hour day. Actually, it starts at 11 pm our time as the hour of the rat runs from 11 pm to 1 am, the rat is the only animal that has 5 digits on the front feet and 4 digits on it's back feet so it gets to start the clock during the switch over period from yin (noon to mid-night) and yang (mid-night to noon) when the horse makes the opposite switch over yang to yin. It has been fun checking this out.*



In ancient China, the days were divided into 12 long hours, or shichen, and each shichen was the equivalent of 2 hours today. The ancient people named each shichen according to the 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac.

On a dark night, nothing could be seen on this planet. The rat, which is active at midnight, bit out a gap between heaven and earth. The midnight time from 11:00 pm to 1:00 am (zi) relates with the animal sign of the rat. After the heaven was open, it was time for the animals to leave from the earth. The ox is the most diligent animal and is good at farming. Therefore, the time from 1:00 am to 3:00 am (chou) relates with the sign of ox. The time 3:00 am to 5:00 am (yin) is generally thought of as the time for the birth of a baby, and birth is often related paradoxically with death. People believe that the tiger can always kill a man. Hence the animal sign of the time yin is the tiger.

Mao refers to the ancient division of time from 5:00 am to 7:00 am when the sun rises. But during this early period, the moon is still in the sky, which often makes people think of the rabbit. That is the reason why mao's animal sign is the rabbit. Chen, the time from 7:00 am to 9:00 am, is also said to be the sign of March, and March is the time of dragons dancing in the rain according to legend. This, the time chen belongs to the dragon animal sign. The time from 9:00 am to 11:00 am is known as si, which is when the snake goes back to its hole, so it belongs to the animal sign of the snake.

Wu, which is noontime from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, is the period that Yang qi comes to its max and Yin qi starts. The horse is said to be an animal between Yang and Yin, so the wu symbolizes the horse. After wu, it is wei, the time period from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, the goat's best time for eating grass. Therefore, wei belongs to the goat. Shen follows wei closely, as it is near sunset and the monkey moans; hence the monkey is the animal sign of shen.

When the sunset finally comes, the rooster goes back to its henhouse, making you the sign of the rooster. When night approaches, the hour is known as xu, and the dog is responsible for guarding the house at night. As such, xu is the animal sign the dog. Then hai comes, and the world is again thrust into the dark like a stone wrapped in a fruit. The pig is widely known as an animal that can do nothing but eat, so it is the animal sign of hai in the deep of night.

### Two Categories of Yin and Yang for the Twelve Animals



The ancient Chinese believed that the 12 animal signs of the zodiac are divided into 2 categories by Yin and Yang. In addition, they thought odd numbers belong to Yang while even numbers belong to Yin.

When speaking about the foot of an animal, its toe count is generally the same on all feet. However, the toe count of the rat's forefoot is 4 while the back foot is 5.

Odd numbers with even numbers of toes in the same animal is rather rare. Hence the rat ranks the first. Then comes the ox with 4 toes, the tiger with 5 toes, the rabbit with 4 toes, the dragon with 5 toes, the snake with no toes, the horse with 1 toe, the goat with 4 toes, the monkey with 5 toes, the rooster with 4 toes, the dog with 5 toes, and the pig with 4 toes. Therefore, in total, there are 6 animals with odd toe numbers which places them in the Yang category, and another 6 creatures with even toe numbers belonging to Yin.



12 long hours, or shichen.

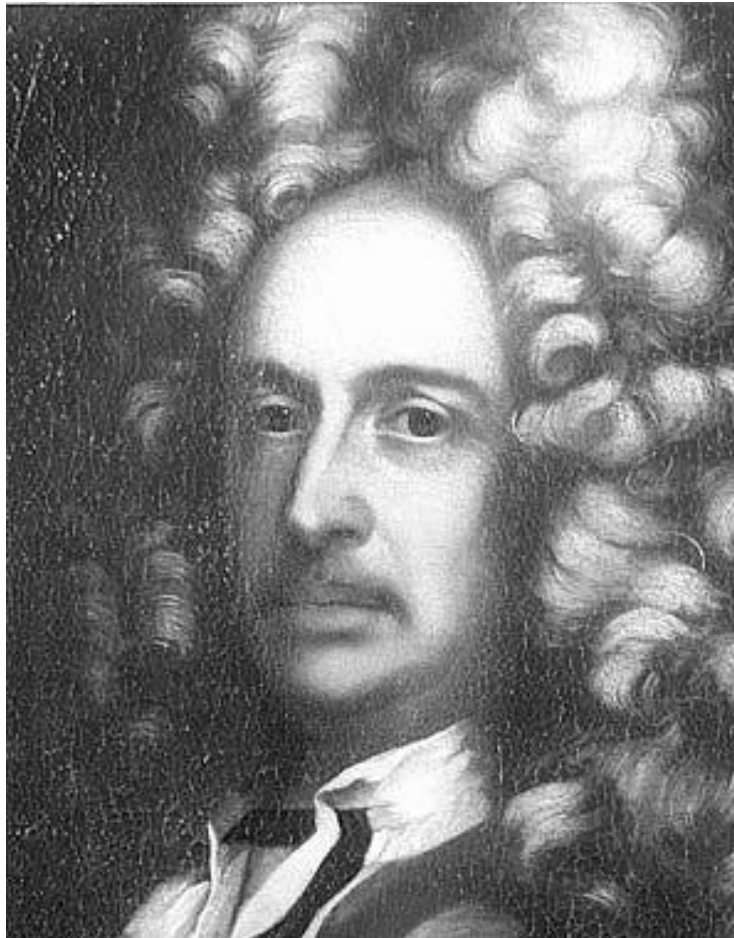
Zi	11 pm – 1 am*
Chou	1 am – 3 am
Yin	3 am – 5 am
Mao	5 am – 7 am
Chen	7 am – 9 am
Si	9 am – 11 am
Wu	11 am – 1 pm**
Wei	1 pm -- 3 pm
Shen	3 pm – 5 pm
You	5 pm – 7 pm
Xu	7 pm – 9 pm
Hai	9 pm – 11 pm

- \* Switchover from yin to yang, hour(s) of the rat
- \*\* Switchover from yang to yin, hour(s) of the horse

## **Austrian Two Schilling Commemoratives**

### **Part 10: 200th Anniversary of the Completion Of St. Charles Church**

Our journey through the Austrian 2 Schilling commemoratives finishes this month with the last coin in this series. Johann Bernhard Fischer von Erlach was an Austrian architect and sculptor. As a leading architect during the Baroque period, his works include many churches and palaces in various cities in Austria. One of his most impressive works is the St Charles Church in Vienna. Unlike the other coins in this series, the obverse does not depict his effigy but rather this church. The obverse reads "J. B. FISCHER VON ERLACH KARLSKIRCHE VOLLENDET 1737". The reverse is similar to the previous coin in this series. With a mintage of 500,000, nice uncirculated examples are available for about \$30.



*The architect Johann Bernhard Fischer von Erlach*





*St. Charles Church is a baroque church located on the south side of Karlsplatz in Vienna, Austria. Widely considered the most outstanding baroque church in Vienna, as well as one of the city's greatest buildings, the church is dedicated to Saint Charles Borromeo.*





*The obverse of the Austrian 2 schillings coin*





*The reverse of the Austrian 2 schillings coin*

## 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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## 2019 Madison County Coin Club Program Refreshments and Programs Schedule

**NOTE: Meeting Day is the 4<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY (NOT THE LAST) of the month**

Meeting Date	Refreshments- Name	Program- Title and Name
January 22	Richard Jozefiak Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	Counterfeit Coins in the Numismatic Market and Collector Impact- Richard Jozefiak
February 26 *Special Guest Speaker*	Wayne Koger Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	The State of the Coin Market- Charles Cataldo
March 26	Bob Baker Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	TBD
April 23	Doug Glandon Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	Stan Benedict- Program TBD
May- NO MEETING		
June 25	4th of July Pot Luck, Bourse Night, and Auction Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	
July 23	Stan Benedict Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	Bob Jaques- Program TBD
August 27	TBD Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	Weinmar Republic 3 Marks- Harold Fears
September 24	Julian Olander Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	Barber Half Dollars- Doug Glandon
October 22 *Special Guest Speaker*	Ken & Cindy Walker Nomination of 2020 Officers Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	David Hollander- Program TBD
November 26	Holiday Pot Luck , Bourse Night, and Auction Election of 2020 Officers Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	
December- NO MEETING		

Last update: October 30, 2018

## 2019 Coin Shows within Driving Distance from Huntsville

Date(s)	Area	Location	Contact Info	Richard's Rating
Mar 1-3 <b>Nov TBD</b>	Chattanooga, TN	<b>Tennessee State Numismatic Society</b> Camp Jordan Arena I-75, Exit 1 Chattanooga, TN	Bob Hurst 321-427-6474 forum@comcast.net www.tsns.org	++
March 9 May 18 September 21	Trussville, AL	<b>Central Alabama Coin Show</b> Trussville Civic Center 5381 Trussville-Clay Road Trussville, AL From I-59, Take Exit 141	Christopher Lambert alabamacoinshow@gmail.com	+
March 15-16	Franklin, TN	<b>2nd Annual Coin, Stamp Collectible Show &amp; Convention</b> Williamson County Agricultural Expo Park 4215 Long Lane (Peytonsville Road Exit I-65) Franklin, TN	COL Steven Ellsworth, ret PO Box 2869 Brentwood, TN 37024 703-932-6331 ellsworth@money.org	+
April 12-14	Dalton, GA	<b>55th Georgia Numismatic Association Coin Show</b> Dalton Convention Center I-75 exit 333 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road Dalton, GA	Chip Cutcliff 770-421-8387 chascoins06@yahoo.com www.gamoney.org	+++
June 15-16	Gadsden, AL	<b>70<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeast Alabama Coin Show</b> Gadsden Mall 1001 Rainbow Drive Gadsden, AL	Blaine Smith 256-820-9691 blainelsmith@cableone.net Rainbow City Coin Club	+
July 19-21	Bessemer, AL	<b>Alabama State Coin Show</b> 1130 Ninth Ave SW Bessemer, AL Bessemer Civic Center	Corbitt Chandler 205-616-9385 jcolyn@aol.com	++
Aug 23-25	Dalton, GA	<b>60th Blue Ridge Numismatic Association Coin Show</b> Northwest Trade Center I-75 exit 333 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road Dalton, GA	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

If anyone knows of a coin show that you want added to the list, please send Richard Jozefiak an email with the information on the coin show (analmrj@gmail.com).

**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- +++