

Madison County Coin Club

of Huntsville, Alabama



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"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

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The Commemorative Coins of the Weimar Republic: Part 11 – the 1000th Anniversary of Meissen

Meissen was founded by Henry the Fowler in 929. The construction of Meissen Cathedral was begun in 1260 on the same hill as the Albrechtsburg castle. The resulting lack of space led to the cathedral being one of the smallest cathedrals in Europe. The church is also known as being one of the purest examples of Gothic architecture.

The obverse has King Henry holding shields of the town and state of Meissen. Above his head are symbols of the Gothic cathedrals of the city. The inscription "TAUSEND JAHRE BURG UND STADT MEISSEN 1929" read "A thousand Years of the Castle and City of Meissen". The reverse has the denomination with the traditional eagle. The edge inscription "EINIGKEIT UND RECHT UND FREIHEIT" means "Unity and Justice and Freedom."

The coin was minted in Dresden has a mintage of 300,000. NGC states that the coin in MS 60 should fetch \$260.



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The reverse of Meissen Commemorative

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Albrechtsburg and Cathedral

Why not bring a friend to the next meeting?

MCCC November 26, 2019 Meeting

By
Richard Jozefiak

The November 26 meeting had one of the largest attendances of the year with 23 members and guests at the meeting. There was plenty of good food and drink for the holiday pot luck dinner. The auction had the largest number of items in it that I can remember, and took up the entire front table.

Auctioneer Julian Olander and assistant Bill Smith did a great job running the auction and keeping it moving quickly. There were a number of items donated to the club and these were auctioned and raised \$255 for the club!

During the Show & Tell period, Greg Ward brought in a \$1000 note for us to see. It was interesting to see a paper money denomination that was once produced by the U.S. Government. It is still legal tender, but worth far more for its numismatic value.

At the meeting, the following people were elected for 2020:

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

MCCC is now on Facebook



The Madison County Coin Club is now on Facebook. Navigate to:
<http://www.facebook.com/MadisonCountyCoinClub> .



Club members getting ready for club auction at November 26 meeting



Club members enjoying the holiday pot luck dinner



Auction in progress at the meeting

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.

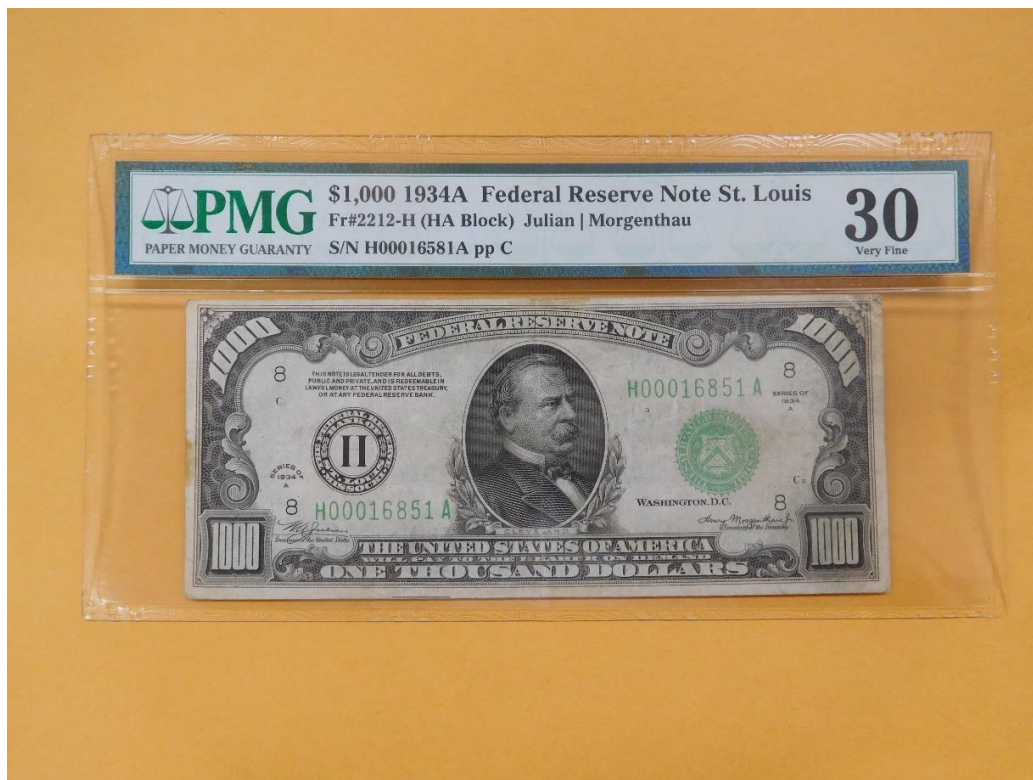


2020 MCCC elected officers

(L) Mike Campbell, Brandon Schroeder, Doug Glandon, Julian Olander, Bob Jaques



Outgoing MCCC Secretary Richard Jozefiak (L) presenting new MCCC Secretary Brandon Schroeder the Club's Secretary Binder for 2020



*From the collection of Greg Ward, shown at the meeting
Front of \$1000 note, series 1934A*



*From the collection of Greg Ward, shown at the meeting
Back of \$1000 note, series 1934A*

Hunt for W's

by Brandon Schroeder

The West Point Mint produces some of the finest coins the US Mint has to offer, including several designs/series and a coin metal composition unique to the West Point Mint. I first started collecting the West Point coins when I expanded my silver eagle set to include the proof and burnished finish coins. That got me interested in the West Point issues as they have minted very few circulating coins. When I looked into other W issue coins I found a few special issue coins in almost each denomination, from what I can tell they have yet to produce a nickel with the W mintmark. In 2019 three 1 cent strikes were issued as a special bonus for purchasing the mint uncirculated, proof & silver proof sets directly from the mint. They also produced five quarters in 2019, one for each of the National Park "ATB" designs for the year, that were released into circulation only. I have had a lot of fun looking for the quarters, searching through bank rolls and change. PCGS offered rewards for the first quarters of each design to be submitted and early find labels for coins submitted within 45 days of the first find, they had some interesting stories about the first finds.



In my search for the 2019 West Point quarters I probably went through about 8 full boxes of quarters that I got from banks in my area a few rolls at a time with the exception of one full \$500 box. The total number of coins I found in these rolls 1. The quarter I found was a Lowell and just after the early find label offer expired, that was earlier in the year and that got me excited enough to get a full box from the same bank only to get a small hand full of 2019 quarters none of which were West Points, still, I had fun searching with excitement and hope to discover the next quarter. So, after much searching I finally just bought the quarters already slabbed and raw to submit for the early find label, even though I did not find them myself. There just wasn't enough coin traffic going out of the local banks to find them in time for my own early find. I did label some extra slots in the back of my Dansco album for the 2019 W quarters when I find them on my own, my Lowell is already there.



The 1984 Olympic Torch Bearers \$10 gold coin marked the first commemorative coin minted by West Point and they have been producing beautiful commemoratives ever since. In 1995 the first Silver Eagle to get the W mintmark was produced, several types of eagle strikes have been minted over the years since then. In 2007 the mint released the first of its very own series, The First Spouse \$10 gold commemoratives, which had four designs each year honoring the first ladies & lady liberty and run through 2016. The West Point Mint also produced a Roosevelt dime in 1996 for the 50th anniversary of the coin design and a silver proof dime in 2015, which were only issued in mint sets. In 2014 they released a silver reverse proof Kennedy half dollar and ¾ oz gold Kennedy Half dollar for the 50th anniversary of the coin design. In 2015 the Mohawk Ironworks in Enhanced Uncirculated finish was released, the first small dollar to receive the W mintmark.



One of my favorite commemorative sets from West Point is a three coin set made for the 100th anniversary of the Mercury dime, Standing Liberty quarter and Walking Liberty half dollar designs. The Mercury dime is 1/10th ounce gold, the Standing Liberty quarter is ¼ ounce gold and the Walking Liberty is ½ ounce gold, all of which have beautiful reproductions of the original coin designs with the exception of the W mintmark. There are four high relief gold Liberty coins produced by the mint with three designs one in two sizes, all released in different years.



One of the most recent and exciting coins released from the West Point Mint is the one ounce Palladium Eagle. The first and only coin to be minted in palladium by the US mint. The first release was 2017 in an uncirculated strike with a limited mintage of 15,000 coins. The second release was in 2018 in a proof strike with a limited mintage of 15,000 coins. The third released in 2019 in reverse proof strike with a limited mintage of 30,000 coins. There are plans for one release a year in the same order of stike type as the previous three years for the foreseeable future. Something I noticed with the first year release of these coins the price of palladium went from \$600 an ounce to \$1700 an ounce becoming more expensive than gold. I have a very long way to go before I have a substantial West Point collection as I have yet to collect any of the gold commemoratives beyond the Mercury, Standing Liberty and the Walking Liberty anniversary set, but I'll get there someday.

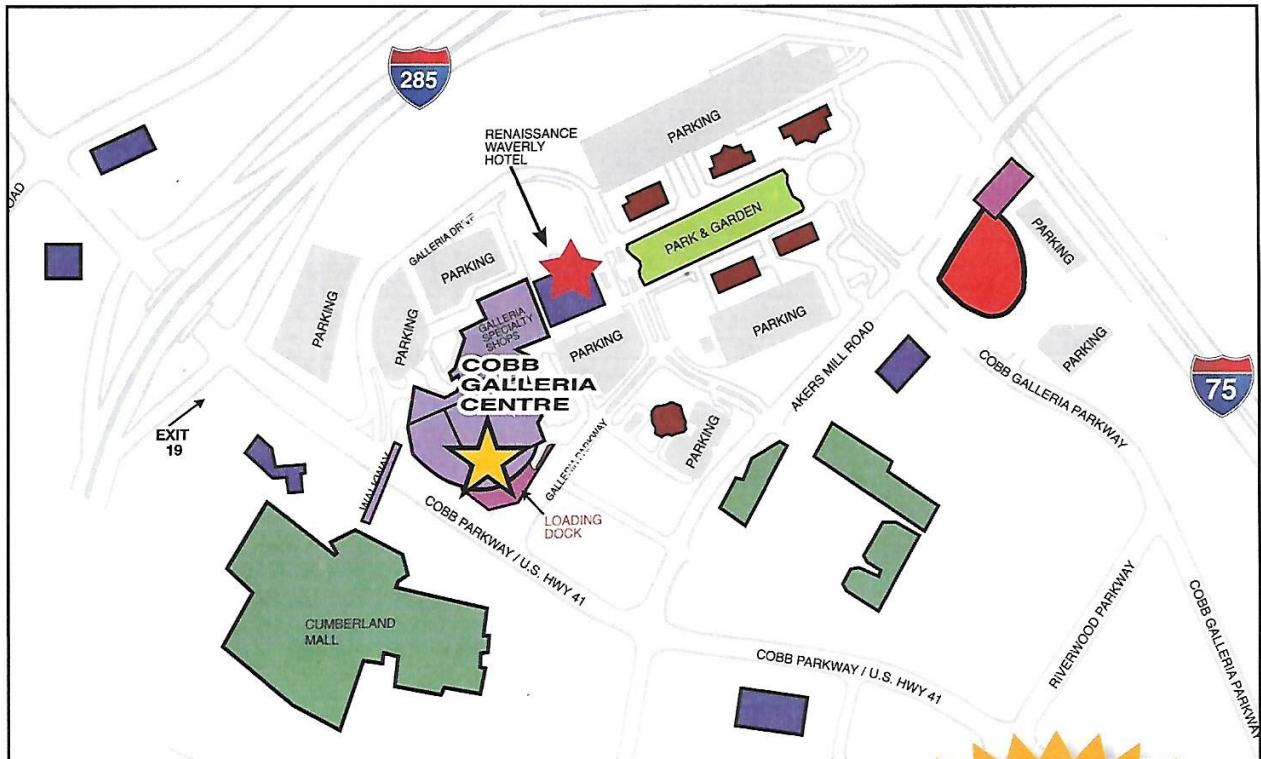


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Rate Guarantee Deadline: February 6, 2020

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2020 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 28	TBD Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	U.S. Commemoratives Kurt Springfield
February 25 *Special Guest Speaker*	TBD Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	The State of the Coin Market- Charles Cataldo
March 24	TBD Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	Balboa Coins Julian Olander
April 28	TBD Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	TBD Bob Jaques
May- NO MEETING		
June 23	4th of July Pot Luck, Bourse Night, and Auction Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	
July 28	TBD Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	TBD Harold Fears
August 25	TBD Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	“W” Quarters Hal Pallum
September 22 *Special Guest Speaker*	TBD Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	TBD David Hollander
October 27 *Special Guest Speaker*	TBD Nomination of 2021 Officers Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	TBD Jeuron McMillian
November 24	Holiday Pot Luck, Bourse Night, and Auction Election of 2021 Officers Door Prize- American Silver Eagle	
December- NO MEETING		

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