

# Madison County Coin Club

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## The President's Corner

Wow, we had our first May meeting in the club's 21-year history! We had a nice group attend that included regulars, guests, new members, and members we have not seen in a long time. Mike Campbell, one of the club's original members and our treasurer, was our speaker. "Odds and Ends" was the name of his program that detailed Mike's own collection of odd US denomination coins, obsolete European coins, coins with unique features, as well as coins collected from countries that he and his wife have visited. A very eclectic presentation!

Thanks Mike! June we will be having our bi-annual potluck dinner and auction. So please bring your favorite dish and any coins you would like to sell!

Looking forward to the good food, fellowship, and auction!

Doug

## Ode To Coins

By  
*Aaron Wales*  
June 2022

Coins, beautiful coins  
I could not live without you  
Your different shapes and sizes  
amaze me

Every time you fall, I come to you  
Your glorious reasons of awesomeness go on and on

The world gets better and better  
because of you  
Your beauty is beyond compare

Coins are my life

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## Mike's Odds and Ends



Doug Glandon (L), Madison County Coin Club President, presents Mike Campbell, a confirmed collector of business strikes, with an ANA Educational Award for his 17MAY22 Club meeting presentation on "Odds and Ends," which touched on a number of different coin types and approaches to sets, both foreign and US, from his collection.

Wayne Koger

*"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

## **Jersey £1 Coin Ship Series**

### **“Gemini”**

*By H.K. Fears*

The next coin on our cruise of the Jersey ship series features the *Gemini*. The *Gemini* was a three-masted barque built by Daniel Le Vesconte of First Tower for Messrs. Deslandes and Pallot.

The *Gemini* was registered as 430 tons and launched on 7 May 1864, making voyages to China, South America, the West Indies, and New York. Records indicate that the crew was paid 2.5 pounds per month and the mate received no less than 5 pounds. She was eventually broken up in Singapore in 1880 after being declared unseaworthy. However, some experts believe that after a name change, it sailed for many more years.

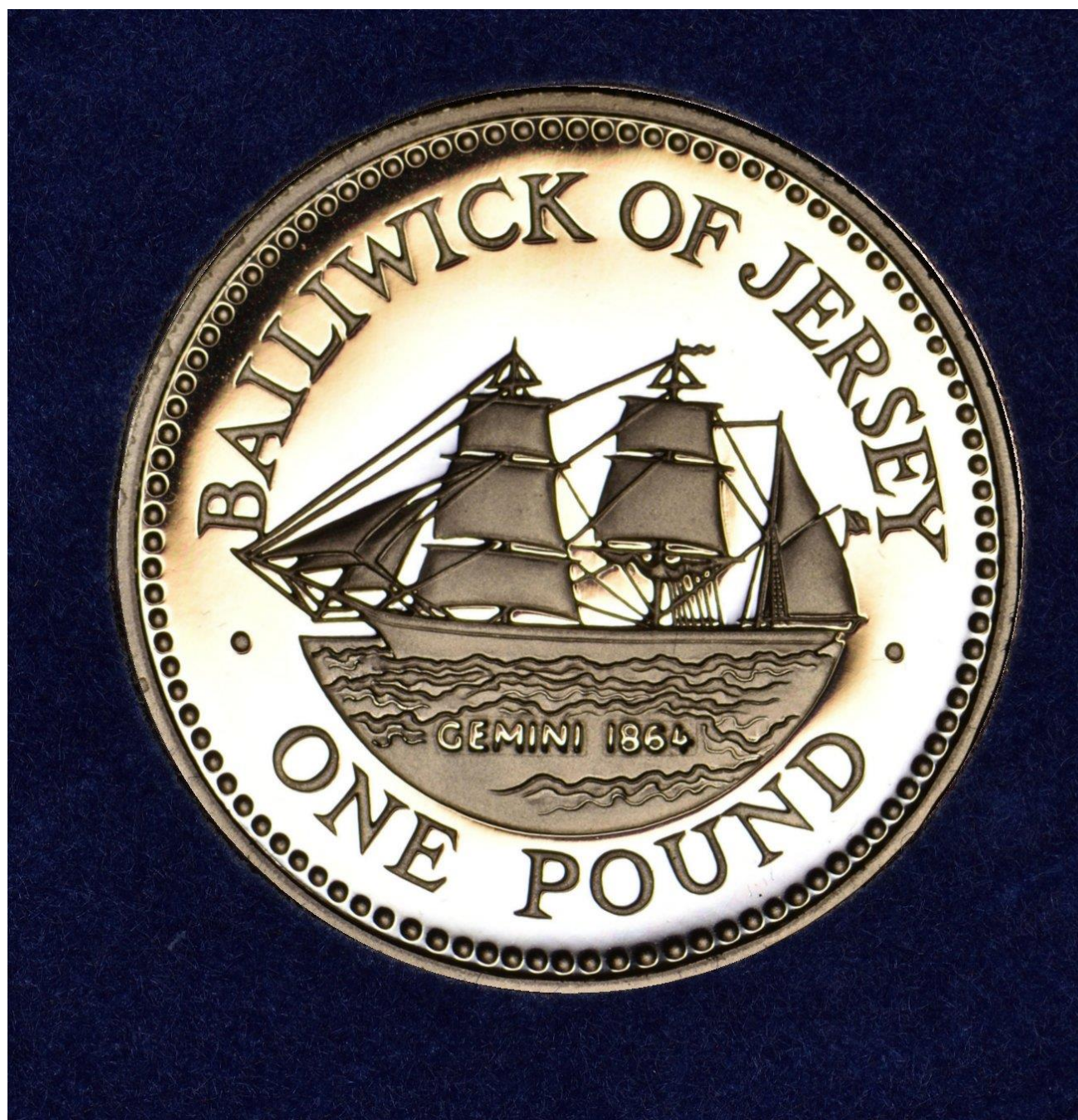
Things to note about this coin:

- Only 20,000 circulation coins were minted.
- There was a total of 126 gold proof coins minted. The maximum allowed of 3000 silver proof coins were also minted.



*The Gemini by Philip John Oules.*





**Why not bring a friend to the next meeting?**

## My 1953 New Zealand Proof Set

*By H.K. Fears*

Recently, I purchased a 1953 proof set from New Zealand. The set was issued from the coronation year of Queen Elizabeth. The Royal Mint's 84th Annual Report of the Deputy Master and Comptroller states:

"New Zealand - 250,000 crowns, 120,000 halfcrowns, 250,000 florins, 200,000 shillings, 1,200,000 sixpences, 4,000,000 threepences, 2,400,000 pennies and 120,000 halfpence were struck.

All bore on the obverse the uncrowned effigy of Her Majesty by Mrs. Gillick, O.B.E., together with the inscription "QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND". The reverse designs of the denominations from the halfpenny to the halfcrown were unchanged, but the reverse design of the crown was new.

It consisted of a Maori carving, surmounted by the crowned Royal Cypher, all between five-pointed stars, representing the Southern Cross, and the inscription "NEW ZEALAND CROWN 1953". Mr. T.H. Paget modeled the design in plaster according to a drawing from New Zealand. The design is illustrated in Plate A, Fig. 9.

7,000 specimen sets of all denominations were also supplied in cases."



### The ANA eLearning Academy Courses

Enjoy online courses and lectures from fellow collectors and experienced numismatists. The courses are free and open to the public. See <https://info.money.org/elearning> for details.





Each obverse features the laureate bust of young Queen Elizabeth II facing right.





The halfpenny reverse shows a he-tiki (Maori charm), with ornamental scrolls to either side.





The penny reverse shows a tui bird perched on a blossoming kowhai branch.





The reverse design shows two crossed patu (carved Maori weapons) with thong wrist straps.





The reverse design shows a huia bird, (now extinct), perched on a branch.





The reverse design shows a crouching Maori warrior, holding a taiaha (staff weapon).





The reverse design shows a foraging kiwi (nocturnal, flightless bird).





The reverse shows the NZ Shield of Arms with Maori designs, the Southern Cross, a sheaf of wheat, a lamb suspended by a ribbon, and mining hammers, with 3 ships in between. Above is the royal crown.





The reverse shows Elizabeth's royal monogram, (E II R), with the royal crown above, and a Maori design below. The Southern Cross frames the main design.



## **Charles Eugene Cataldo, Jr**

Charles Eugene Cataldo, Jr. departed from this life suddenly on June 10, 2022, at the age of 66. He was born in Huntsville to Charles Eugene Cataldo, Sr. and JoAnn Jacks Cataldo. Mr. Cataldo was the owner of Alabama Coin and Silver Company located in Huntsville since 1975. He bought the business at the age of 19. As a numismatist, he developed strong relationships with his customers and clients, that have lasted decades. Mr. and Mrs. Cataldo traveled the United States extensively attending coin shows. His studies and research made him renowned throughout the coin dealer community. Later in life, he taught Numismatics and Early North American Artifacts at The University of Alabama in Huntsville. Mr. Cataldo wrote two books on coins and paper money. Above all his accomplishments in business he was the proudest of being a husband and father.



*Charles typically was the speaker in February.*



















## **Members' Notices**

Rules for users of the member notice page: All notices are free and should be directed to the editor, [hkfears@gmail.com](mailto:hkfears@gmail.com), of the Madison County Coin Club newsletter. Notices will be limited to a maximum of 8 lines, including the name and contact information. The person entering the notice must answer all responses to notices. Preference will be given in the following order to notices when the page is oversubscribed in a single month:

1. Research Notices
2. Wanted Items
3. Trades Offered
4. For Sale Items

**Looking for Alaskan Medals and Tokens.** Contact: Richard at [ANALMRJ@gmail.com](mailto:ANALMRJ@gmail.com) .

**Looking for numismatic material (medals, tokens, coins) for the islands of Jersey and Guernsey, Channel Islands.** Contact: Harold at [hkfears@gmail.com](mailto:hkfears@gmail.com) .

**World Coins, Tokens, Jade, Relics, etc. for sale.** Contact: Steve Young, P.O. Box 8031, Huntsville, AL 35808, 334-300-5409 [taegu\\_steve@hotmail.com](mailto:taegu_steve@hotmail.com) .

### **Inclement Weather Notice**

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

**Please bring a coin, medal, note, or something  
for Show-and-Tell.**



## 2022 Madison County Coin Club Program Refreshments and Programs Schedule

**NOTE: Meeting Day is the 3rd TUESDAY of the month**

Meeting Date	Refreshments	Program
March 15	Kurt Bellman	Hal Pullum
April 19	Don Adams	Aaron Wales
May 17	Wayne Koger	Mike Campbell
June 21	4th of July Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction	
July 19	Harold Fears	Kurt Springfield
August 16	TBD	Ben Crow
September 20	TBD	David Hollander
October 18	TBD Nomination of 2018 Officers	Charles Cataldo
November 16	Thanksgiving Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction Election of Officers	
December- NO MEETING		

## **Madison County Coin Club Website Update**

Our Madison County Coin Club website (<http://mccc.anacclubs.org/>) has two links that will give you access to all our previous newsletters dating back to 2005! We also have a link to programs that are presented at club meetings! This gives you an opportunity to read previous articles posted in our newsletters, as well as review recent programs. These resources can be very useful in increasing your knowledge on specific coins, a series, types, and other coin-related topics. Go check it out!

***Read our previous newsletters at:***  
**<http://mccc.anacclubs.org/newsletters/>**

***Read our previous programs at:***  
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### **Club Officers**

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