# Madison County Coin Club of Huntsville, Alabama



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### Our next meeting will be at the

South Huntsville Public
Library
7901-L Bailey Cove Rd SE
Huntsville, AL 35802
On
Monday
February 20, 2023
from 6:00 – 7:30
Doors Open at 5:30

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### The (Vice) President's Corner

Uh-oh! I'm going along minding my own business and here comes trouble.

When I opened up our website (thanks, Harold!) to see what the presentation was about for our 30FEB23 meeting, I found "British Conder Tokens," by Todd Hutto.

The "trouble" part relates to my peculiar circumstances as relate to this subject. You see, I fashion myself as being "a foreign coin guy."

I'm also "a token guy." And I *love* great artwork on coins. And I'm fascinated by the interplay among commerce, humans, governments and the objects used by common folk to facilitate the practical exchange of value they possess for the goods and services they want.

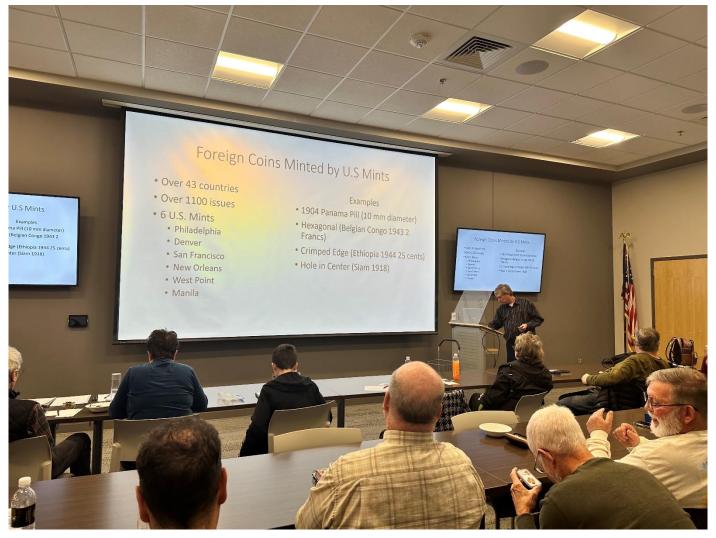
But I'd never heard of British Conder Tokens before.

So, I did a little research online.
Definitely Trouble, (note the capital "T").
Another wonderful category of small round objets du désir to further erode my children's inheritance.

Gee thanks, Todd!

Wayne

### **Some Scenes from our Last Meeting**



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





#### My Visit to the Briscoe Western Art Museum

By Ann Fulmer

While on our recent trip to San Antonio, we visited the Briscoe Western Art Museum. I was delighted to see the artist that did the obverse side of the Sacagawea dollar had items on display there. Since joining the club, I find myself always looking for coin stories. I am sharing a little information on the artist and the making of the Sacagawea dollar. Glenna's family was from Texas and her art was prominent at the museum. Goodacre's the Basket Dance, greets visitors at the museum's entrance. Her bas-relief sculpture for the Sacagawea coin was the first piece of U.S. currency to feature a woman. The drawing of Sacagawea and the mold are on display at the museum. Goodacre was a gifted sculptor who had the ability to capture genuine emotion in her work. Her memory, like her sculptures and the Sacagawea coin, will live on.



Goodacre's The Basket Dance







The Display showing the Models of the Sacagawea

#### Glenna Goodacre

Glenna Maxey Goodacre (August 28, 1939 – April 13, 2020) was an American sculptor, best known for having designed the obverse of the Sacagawea dollar that entered circulation in the US in 2000, and the Vietnam Women's Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The Sacagawea dollar (also known as the "golden dollar") is a United States dollar coin introduced in 2000, although not minted for general circulation between 2002 to 2008 and again from 2012 onward because of its general unpopularity with the public and low business demand for the coin. These coins have a copper core clad by manganese brass, giving them a distinctive golden color. The coin features an obverse by Glenna Goodacre. From 2000 to 2008, the reverse featured an eagle design by Thomas D. Rogers. Since 2009, the reverse of the Sacagawea dollar has been changed yearly, with each design in the series depicting a different aspect of Native American cultures. These coins are marketed as "Native American dollars".

The new dollar coin was heavily marketed by the Mint in a series of print, radio, and television advertisements, as well as Mint partnerships with Walmart and Cheerios. However, the Sacagawea dollar did not prove popular with the public, and mintage dropped sharply in the second year of production. Production of Sacagawea dollars continued, from 2007 to 2016, in parallel with the U.S. Presidential dollars. In 2012, mintage numbers were reduced by over 90%, in line with a similar reduction for the even less popular Presidential Dollars, because of large stockpiles of unused coins from that series.

The Mint planned to issue the Sacagawea design in 22-karat gold as well, but this idea was quickly abandoned after the Mint's authority to strike the coins was questioned, and the Mint has retained ownership of the few such coins produced. Soon after initial production of the dollar, it was noticed that a few of the dollar coins were erroneously struck with the obverse of a state quarter and the normal reverse.

Invitations were sent to 23 artists with guidelines as to what their designs should depict. The obverse was to depict a representation of Sacagawea, and the reverse an eagle symbolizing peace and freedom. Another guideline requested artists "be sensitive to cultural authenticity and try to avoid creating a representation of a classical European face in Native American headdress.

In November and December 1998, members of the Native American community, teachers, numismatists, historians, members of Congress, various government officials and others were invited by the United States Mint to review the submitted proposed designs. Six obverse and seven reverse designs were originally selected for further consideration.

After the Mint conducted a series of polls and focus groups, three obverse and four reverse designs were selected as finalists. The Mint received approximately 90,000 e-mails in reference to the design selection process. In response to the large amount of feedback generated, Diehl stated that the internet has "allowed us to conduct a public outreach program of unprecedented scope to measure opinions of the designs." All seven of the selected designs were forwarded to the United States Commission of Fine Arts; the Commission chose an obverse design depicting Sacagawea with her infant son, Jean Baptiste Charbonneau, as designed by sculptor Glenna Goodacre. Goodacre chose Randy'L He-dow Teton to model for Sacagawea, of whom there are no known contemporary portraits, to help the artist capture the features of a young Native American woman. The depiction of Sacagawea's infant son Jean Baptiste Charbonneau was partially modeled after one-year-old Adam Scholz, with assistance from his father, Peter Scholz. The infant is shown on Sacagawea's back in Hidatsa custom. The chosen reverse, designed by Mint sculptor-engraver Thomas D. Rogers, depicted a soaring eagle.

After her obverse design was approved, Goodacre visited the Philadelphia Mint engraving department six times in order to finalize the designs. The composition selected for the new coin included a cladding of manganese brass (containing about 77% copper, 12% zinc, 7% manganese, and 4% nickel) over a pure copper core. This composition was chosen because it would give the coin a distinctive golden color while being electromagnetically identical to its predecessor, the copper-nickel Susan B. Anthony dollar. The first official striking of the Sacagawea dollar took place on November 18, 1999, during a ceremony in which dignitaries and other invited guests each struck individual examples of the coins. Because the coins were struck before 2000, it was not legal to release them during the first strike ceremonies. Instead, the coins were saved and later sent to the dignitaries who struck them. Full-scale production began shortly after the ceremonial striking.

For her work creating the obverse of the Sacagawea dollar, Goodacre received a \$5,000 commission; she requested that it be paid in dollar coins. The 2000-P dollars paid to Goodacre were struck on specially burnished blanks to give them a finish unique to that striking. Diehl and other Mint dignitaries personally delivered the coins to Goodacre on April 5, 2000.



A similar specially burnished finish was used on the 75,000 2000-D dollars included in the Millennium Coin & Currency sets. Soon after release of the new coins, it was discovered that they tarnished quickly once in circulation. In April 2001 the Mint began testing an experimental rinse that would inhibit the tarnishing; however, the rinse was used only in that year.

#### **King Edward VII Coins of British India**

By Harold Fears

After Queen Victoria died in 1901, King Edward VII ascended the throne. The Edward VII series of coins of India are dated 1903-1910. There are four silver coins (Rupee, 1/2 Rupee, 1/4 Rupee and 2 Annas) and three copper coins (1/4 Anna, 1/2 Pice and 1/12 Anna). A cupro-nickel 1 Anna coin was introduced in 1906. That same year the copper coins were replace by bronze issues with the same obverse and reverse designs but a thinner planchet. The 1906 coins come in both varieties.

Most of the King Edward VII coins depict the head as uncrowned. The One Anna introduced in 1906 does have a portrait of the King wearing his crown.

British Indian Denominations from 1903-1910 are:

- ½ Anna (½ Pice)
- ½ Pice
- ½ Anna
- Anna
- 2 Annas
- ½ Rupee (4 Annas)
- ½ Rupee
- One Rupee

It took 192  $\frac{1}{12}$  Anna coins or 128  $\frac{1}{2}$  Pice coins to equal 1 Rupee!

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The King Edward VII coins, except for the 1 Anna coins, are distinct in that the head is uncrowned.



The 1 Anna introduced in 1906 does have a portrait of the King wearing his crown.



The 1/12 Anna coin was minted only in Calcutta. In 1906 the composition was changed from copper to bronze.



The ½ Pice coin was minted only in Calcutta. In 1906 the composition was changed from copper to bronze.



The ¼ Anna coin was minted only in Calcutta. In 1906 the composition was changed from copper to bronze.



The One Anna coin is the only coin in the Edward VII series showing a crowned head and was only minted in Bombay. The scalloped edge of the coin has 12 crests, which correspond to its value of 12 pies.



The Two Annas coin was minted only in Calcutta.



During Edward's reign, the ¼ Rupee was minted only in Calcutta.



The Half Rupee was minted in Calcutta and Bombay between 1905 thru 1910.



The Rupee was minted in Calcutta and Bombay. A dot on the lotus bud stem, on the lower right, indicates that this coin was minted in Bombay.

#### **Can You Identify This Coin?**



In this section each month a new coin will be pictured, and your task is to see if you can identify it. Can you step up to this numismatic challenge every month? Email you answer to <a href="https://hkfears@gmail.com">hkfears@gmail.com</a> and we will publish the names of winners in our next newsletter.

Last month's winner was Wayne Koger. He correctly identified the coin as an 1898 penny from the South Africa Republic. This coin features a portrait of Paul Kruger, the president of the South African Republic. His portrait is also found on today's gold Krugerrand. Paul Kruger descended from a group of Dutch

immigrants known as Afrikaners. They colonized the Cape of Good Hope and surrounding areas beginning in the 1600s. To escape British rule, they moved into the Transvaal region of South Africa. Between 1899 and 1902, the Afrikaners went to war with the British. Shortly after the British won the war, the South African Republic was renamed the Transvaal Province and later joined other British colonies in the region under the Union of South Africa.





An 1898 Penny from Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek (South Africa)

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### January 23, 2023, Madison County Coin Club Meeting Minutes

#### By Aaron Wales

- Vice President, Wayne Koger, gave a status of Doug Glandon's current situation. He is in Illinois with his wife and his wife's family. His wife has an illness which is why Doug isn't present. Doug does hope to return sometime later this year. Wayne will be acting President until Doug's return.
- Wayne welcomed any new visitors/guests. Michael and Marjorie Holderer were present as first-time attendees. We welcome all visitors/guests.
- There was a friendly reminder that January is the time to renew your MCCC annual membership.
  - o Forms can be mailed to:
    - Madison County Coin Club
       P.O. Box 12242
       Huntsville, AL 35815
  - The membership form can be found on the MCCC website: <a href="http://mccc.anaclubs.org">http://mccc.anaclubs.org</a>
- Mr. Richard Jozefiak was in attendance and gave a brief talk about his running for Governor for ANA.
  - $\circ$  He is a founder of the MCCC from over 20 years ago.
  - He has since moved to Georgia after his retirement.
  - He would like to request your vote if you are an ANA member.
  - He has been a National Coordinator for ANA for over six years.
  - o He has also been a district representative for Alabama and Georgia.
  - He was able to hand-out a few \$5 ANA membership forms (when dues are regularly \$36 for adults).
  - He gave a brief discussion of the ANA as it was chartered by the US Congress in ~1918. It has over 45 employees in Colorado Springs, CO. There is a museum and library. It hosts an annual summer seminar.
  - Richard attends various shows and represents the ANA during his travels.
  - More information from Mr. Jozefiak can be found in the January 2023 newsletter. Be sure to check it out!
  - He did announce a potential for a coin show October 26-29<sup>th</sup> with ~450 tables in the Franklin, TN area.

- He also mentioned the potential for a Huntsville show in the 2024 timeframe (organized by the same individuals).
- He discussed the past FUN show held in January 2023 which he attended and had several hand-outs available.
- There are only a few openings remaining for refreshments at MCCC meetings. Currently, August and October are open. A sign-up genius form is available online.
- Meeting minutes will now be included in the monthly newsletter. So, if you
  miss a meeting, be sure to review the newsletter to find any and all announcements you may have missed. That way you won't miss a beat.
- A very interesting "Show and Share" was conducted. Please bring items of interest to the membership. All members enjoy seeing and hearing about the diverse pieces/items from the membership.
- Please send all newsletter articles to Mr. Harold Fears. All articles are welcome such as: jokes, crosswords, articles, etc.
  - Don't miss out in this past newsletter which included a Numismatic Challenge. Do you know the answer?
- Mr. Harold Fears gave a delightful presentation on Foreign Coins with US Mint Marks.
  - o If you missed the presentation, a copy can be found here:
  - http://mccc.anaclubs.org/programs/
- Door Prizes were awarded to three attendees:
  - 2006 American Eagle: Chad Thrasher
  - 1941 Denver Walking Liberty: Aaron Wales
  - o 2020 US Mint Quarters Proof Set: Don Adams
  - Note, be sure to attend in February for an exciting item for a Door Prize!
- In attendance were 22 for our January meeting, our first meeting of the New Year.
- Note, there will be a meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup> despite it being Presidents' Day. The library is open for business.

"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

#### **Last Month's Door Prize Winners**



Each meeting the club gives away several door prizes. The winners of at our last meeting were:

First Prize: Chad Thrasher: 2016 Silver Eagle

Second Prize: Aaron Wales: Walking Liberty Half Dollar

Third Prize: Don Adams 2020 US Mint Quarters Proof Set

#### **Members' Notices**

Rules for users of the member notice page: All notices are free and should be directed to the editor, <a href="https://hkfears@gmail.com">hkfears@gmail.com</a>, 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 .

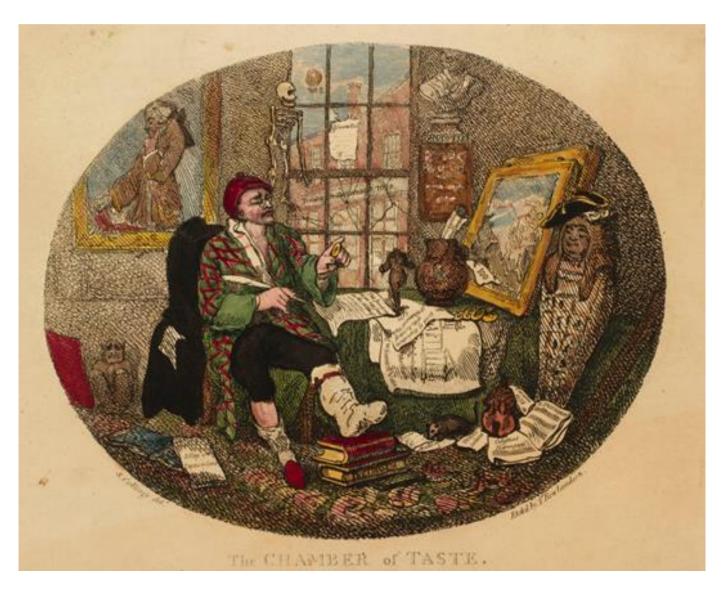
World Coins, Tokens, Jade, Relics, etc. for sale. Contact: Steve Young, P.O. Box 8031, Huntsville, AL 35808, 334-300-5409 <a href="mailto:teacher: 125808">taegu\_steve@hotmail.com</a>.

#### **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 <a href="https://info.money.org/elearning">https://info.money.org/elearning</a> for details.

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The Chamber of Taste. c.1786
THOMAS ROWLANDSON (1757-1827)
FROM THE ROYAL TRUST COLLECTION

Look closely fellow numismatist! Does this room remind you of yourself?

## **2023 Madison County Coin Club Program Refreshments and Programs Schedule**

Meeting Date	Refreshments	Program
Jan 23	Wayne Koger	Harold Fears Foreign Coins with U.S. Mint Marks
February 20	Harrison Knowlton	Todd Hutto British Conder Tokens
March 20	Todd Hutto	Harrison Knowlton Counterfeit Coins & Currency
April 17	Ann Fulmer	Ben Crow Hawaii and North Africa Bills
May 15		Hal Pullum West Point Mint / Morgan Dollars
June 26	4th of July Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction	
July 17	Aaron Wales	Aaron Wales Nickels
August 21		Steve Young Stories from Coin Shows
September 18	Don & Jennie Adams	David Hollander Banknotes
October 16		Todd Hutto Charles the First and the British Civil War
November 20	Thanksgiving Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction Election of Officers	
December- NO M	EETING	

### 2023 Coin Shows within Driving Distance from Huntsville

DATE	Location	Contact	
March 3-5	Tennessee State Numismatic Society Coin Show	https://tsns.org/events/	
	Camp Jordan Arena		
	323 Camp Jordan Pkwy.		
	East Ridge, TN 37412		
April 14-16	Georgia Numismatic Association Coin Show Dalton Convention Center 2211 Tony Ingle Pkwy	https://www.gam- oney.org/coin-show/	
	Dalton, GA 30720		
July 7-9	Alabama Numismatic Society Annual Convention Bessemer Civic Center	http://www.coin- zip.com/alabama-numis- matic-society-conven- tion-coin-show	
	1130 9th Ave SW		
	Bessemer, AL 35022		
August 3-5	BRNA Blue Ridge Coin Show  Dalton Convention Center	https://brna.org/	
	2211 Tony Ingle Pkwy		
	Dalton, GA 30720		

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

Our Madison County Coin Club website (<a href="http://mccc.anaclubs.org/">http://mccc.anaclubs.org/</a>) 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.anaclubs.org/newsletters/

Read our previous programs at: http://mccc.anaclubs.org/programs/

#### **Club Officers**

President: <u>Doug Glandon</u> Vice President: <u>Wayne Koger</u>

Secretary: Aaron Wales Treasurer: Mike Campbell

Board Member: Kurt Springfield

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