# Madison County Coin Club of Huntsville, Alabama



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#### Our next meeting is at the

South Huntsville Public Library 7901-L Bailey Cove Rd SE Huntsville, AL 35802

> On Monday August 21, 2023 from 6:00 – 7:30 Doors Open at 5:30

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### The (Vice) President's Corner

At our 21AUG23 meeting, Steve Young will give the presentation. The title is "My Stories from Coin Shows."

When I saw what Steve was going to talk about I laughed out loud. What a hoot!

Steve could give a hundred such presentations, end to end, pausing only for a sip of water every now and then to lubricate the flow!

Now in case you don't know Steve, he's a MCCC member *and* Huntsville-based coin dealer in world coins.

I've had the privilege of knowing Steve for a few years and I've thought many times that if there's a coin tree, Steve is surely the iconic coin nut who fell from it!

Steve not only deals in coins from all over the world but is also *extremely* knowledgeable about them--and his enthusiasm about coins is simply and delightfully boundless, having been a collector since he was a kid and going into business as a dealer as soon as he retired from Government Service. (His interest in coins hastened his retirement.)

I attended the Blue Ridge Numismatic Association Annual Convention (coin show) in Dalton, GA a few days ago. There were 300+ dealers there. Steve was one of them. I walked the entire floor and I have to say that in my opinion, in the field of foreign coins, no dealer's wares came close to Steve's offerings in looks, value and interest.

I collect mostly foreign business strike (circulating) coins and my primary focus is on eye appeal, variety and the "unusual." Steve has my interests covered wonderfully; I've acquired quite a few coins from him.

"Rare and expensive" is not my bag, just as non-circulating commemoratives aren't, but Steve deals in these too. His expertise in oriental coins brings even other dealers to tap into his data banks.

And does he know something about US coins? Oh yeah!

My point here is, regardless of your interests in coins, Steve has a great eye for coins and consistently finds outstanding examples of ordinary and unusual coins alike.

All these dealings in coins and coin shows, both as collector and dealer, have naturally resulted in a huge stock of memorable moments for Steve. I've heard a few: funny, surprising, insightful, informative; so many stories!

Whatever tales Steve shares with us, you're sure to be entertained and enlightened.

I definitely plan to be there!

Wayne

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



Why won't this work?





In a smaller conference room...





The motley crew!



Aaron receives his ANA presentation certificate.

"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

#### **Barber Half Dollar Legacy**

Ву Doug Glandon

The Barber Half Dollar was the United States' fifth generation fifty cent piece. Even though it was only minted for 23 years, its reign spanned two centuries and six presidents. The coin's beauty and history have secured its legacy among numismatists.

#### Half Dollar History



The Barber Half Dollar was the brainchild of Charles E. Barber (1840-1917) who was the Chief Engraver of the United States Mint from 1879 until his death in 1917. Mintage began in 1892, along with the quarter, dime, and nickel that he had designed. Mintage would continue into the  $20^{th}$  century ending in 1915.

#### **Barber Coinage History**

➤ Designer: Charles E. Barber (1840 – 1917)

❖ Half Dollar: 1892-1915



❖ Quarter: 1892-1916



Chief Engraver of the U.S. Mint 1879 - 1917

❖ Dime: 1892-1916



❖ Nickel: 1883-1912 (~5 minted in 1913)



During this era, several historical milestones occurred. In 1892, Henry D. Perky invented shredded wheat which is a cereal staple today. Also in 1892, the first public basketball game was played. The sport originally used a "basket" instead of the hoop and net that is used today. In 1915, the United States Coast Guard was created as an official branch of the military. Another major milestone of 1915 was the creation of the one millionth Ford Model T. The "horse and buggy" era had officially ended.



# Historical Events Henry D. Perky 1892: Invented **Shredded Wheat** 1892: First Public **Basketball Game** 1915: US Coast Guard Becomes a Military Branch 1915: 1 Millionth Ford Model T Built

Over the span of 23 years, 73 different coins were minted. The half dollar was minted in Philadelphia, San Francisco, New Orleans, and Denver. Proof coins were minted in Philadelphia. One variety was minted at the New Orleans mint in 1892. Known as the "Micro O", a mintmark punch designated for the quarter was used by mistake. This variety is extremely rare.

#### **Barber Half Specifics**

- Number Minted:
  - 73 Different Coins
- Mintage Locations:
  - Philadelphia (1892 1915)
  - San Francisco (1892 1915)
  - New Orleans (1892 1909)
  - Denver (1906 1908 & 1911 1913 & 1915)
- Poof Issues:
  - 1892 1915
  - Minted @ Philadelphia





- 1892 Micro O
  - Mintmark Punch Meant for a Quarter was Used by Mistake



MICRO "O"

NORMAL "O"

Why not bring a friend to the next meeting?

Several key and semi-key dates exist in the series:

#### **Barber Half Mintages**





1914







1914-S

#### **Barber Half Mintages**





1892-S

Semi-Key Dates		
Date	Mintage	
1892-S	1,029,028	
1895-S	1,108,086	
1904-0	1,117,600	
1901-0	1,124,000	
1896-S	1,140,948	
1894	1,148,000	
1915-D	1,170,400	
1907-S	1,250,000	
1911-S	1,272,000	
1908	1,354,000	
1912-S	1,370,000	
1893-0	1,389,000	
1911	1,406,000	
1902-S	1,460,670	

Semi-Key Dates		
Date	Mintage	
1912	1,550,000	
1915-S	1,604,000	
1908-S	1,644,828	
1899-S	1,686,411	
1899-O	1,724,000	
1906-S	1,740,154	
1909-S	1,764,000	
1895-O	1,766,000	
1893	1,826,000	
1895	1,834,338	
1903-S	1,920,772	
1910-S	1,948,000	





1910-S

The series also has several common dates as well:

#### **Barber Half Mintages**





1903-O

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Commo	n Dates
1903-O	2,100,000
1894-0	2,138,000
1903	2,278,000
1912-D	2,300,800
1898-S	2,358,550
1909	2,368,000
1906-O	2,446,000
1897	2,480,000
1905-S	2,494,000
1902-O	2,526,000
1900-S	2,560,322
1907	2,598,000
1906	2,638,000
1900-O	2,744,000
1898	2,956,000
1904	2,992,000
1908-D	3,280,000
1907-D	3,856,000
1907-O	3,946,000
1906-D	4,028,000
1894-S	4,048,960
1901	4,268,000
1900	4,762,000
1902	4,922,000
1908-O	5,360,000
1899	5.538.000



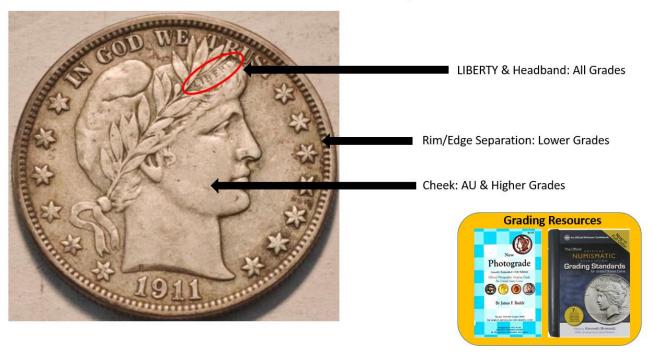


1899

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

Grading Barber Half Dollars is a fairly easy task once you understand the details required for each grade. *The Official ANA Grading Standards for United States Coins* and *Photograde* (Whitman Publishing) are two great sources for grading coins.

#### **Barber Dime Grading**



Visit us on the web at <a href="http://mccc.anaclubs.org/">http://mccc.anaclubs.org/</a>

#### **Graded Barber Dime Examples**



#### **Inclement Weather Notice**



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

Below are some examples of counterfeit and cleaned Barber Half Dollars for reference:

#### Counterfeit & Cleaned Barber Half Dollar Examples





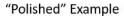




Counterfeit "Base Metal" Example

Counterfeit "Lead" Example







"Old Cleaning" Example



"Over-Dipped" Example

## Remembering the 40th Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's Coronation

By H.K. Fears

Queen Elizabeth II was crowned at Westminster Abbey on 2 June 1953. She had acceded to the British throne on the death of her father, George VI, the previous year. To celebrate the fortieth anniversary of this coronation, the British Royal Mint released a set of 18 commemorative coins from 18 different countries. To house the complete collection, there was a wooden box made of polished African walnut with a gold embossed lid. It was supplied by the Royal Mint to collectors buying the entire set. At that time, it was not possible to buy a complete collection in one go, as the set was only available "on subscription" at £29.50 (\$42) per coin, except that the first coin was available for only £24.50 (\$35), a discount to get you hooked. The total price for the set would have been £526 (\$750).



**1993 Coronation 40th Anniversary** 

#### **Silver Proof Coinage for the Coronation**

Country	Denomination	Maximum Mintage
Belize	2 Dollars	10,000
Bhutan	300 Ngultrum	10,000
Cayman Islands	5 Dollars	10,000
ECCB East Caribbean States	Ten Dollars	10,000
Falkland Islands	50 Pence	10,000
Fiji	Ten Dollars	10,000
The Gambia	20 Dalasis	10,000
Guernsey	Two Pounds	10,000
Jersey	Two Pounds	10,000
New Zealand	Five Dollars	15,000
Niue	20 Dollars	10,000
Saint Helena + Ascension	Two Pounds	10,000
Seychelles	25 Rupees	10,000
Solomon Islands	10 Dollars	50,000
Tonga	1 Pa'Anga	10,000
Tuvalu	\$20	10,000
United Kingdom	Five Pounds	58,877
Vanuatu	50 Vatu	10,000
Alderney*	Two Pounds	5,000
Jamaica*	Ten Dollars	5,000

<sup>\*</sup>Although struck by the Royal Mint, these are not part of the original set.



The 18 coin set came in a polished African walnut case.

### A Little Research About the Royal Mint Advisory Committee (RMAC) Papers Using the Royal Mint Museum

In writing this paper, it was not readily available to me on who designed these coins. In the past, I have used several sites for my numismatic research. One is the Royal Mint Advisory Committee (RMAC) Papers web site. RMAC was established in 1922 with the personal approval of George V to raise the standard of numismatic and medallic art in Britain. In the RMAC 200th meeting dated 11 February 1992 a contest was being discussed concerning the Britain's 1993 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary crown. As part of this contest 21 artists submitted designs for their approval. It is apparent that some of the designs not selected for Britain's coin were used in building of this set.

I was able to figure out that Artist #4 was John Savage, #5 was Robert Elderton, and #12 was Norman Sillman. From an inquiry to the Royal Mint Museum, I learned that Artist #7 was Alf Baker, Artist #14 was Avril Vaughan, and Artist #17 was Raphael Maklouf.

#	Artist
4	John Savage
5	Robert Elderton
7	Alf Baker
12	Norman Silman
14	Avril Vaughan
17	Raphael Maklouf

The link to ask for information to the Royal Mint Museum is: https://www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk/enquiries/

#### The Duke of Edinburgh and the Royal Mint Advisory Committee

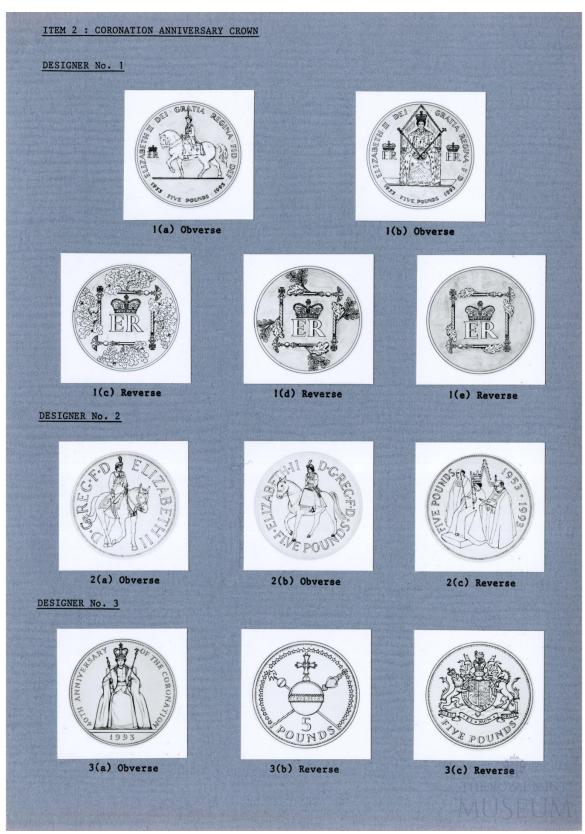
The Duke of Edinburgh's record of service includes a long association with The Royal Mint. He served as President of The Royal Mint Advisory Committee (RMAC) for 47 years, between 1952 and 1999. Every United Kingdom coin and medal struck by The Royal Mint over this time was assessed and approved by the committee he chaired.



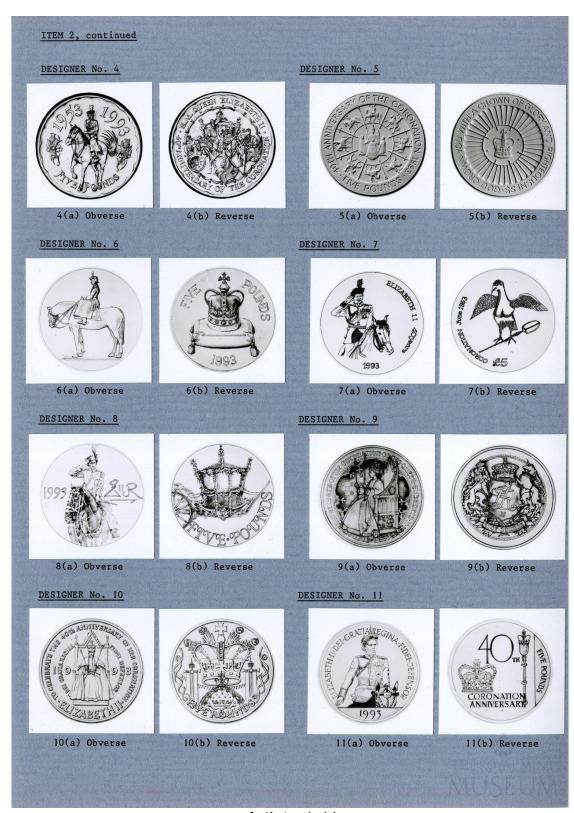
As President of The Royal Mint Advisory Committee (RMAC), Prince Philip's role was to lead the group of people overseeing the design of coins, medals, and seals of the UK along with the Commonwealth and for ensuring the quality of their design.

The RMAC papers can be found at:

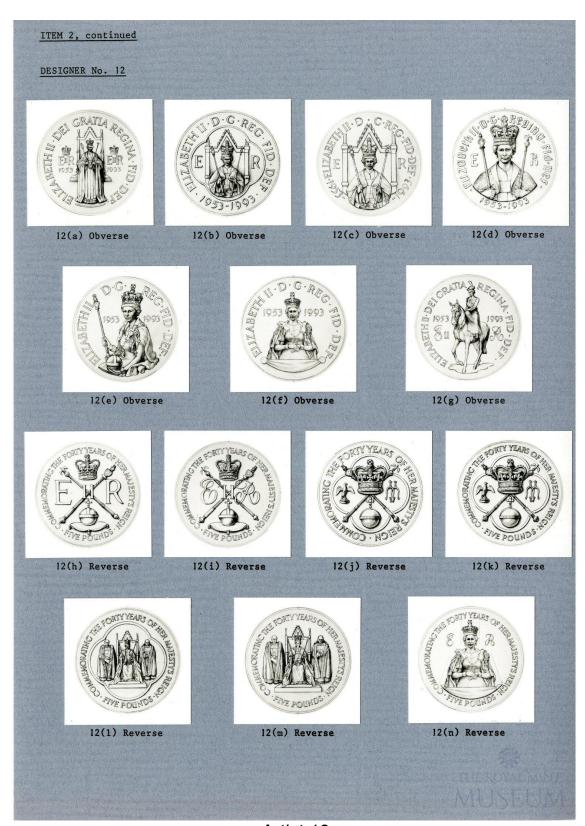
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Artists 1-3



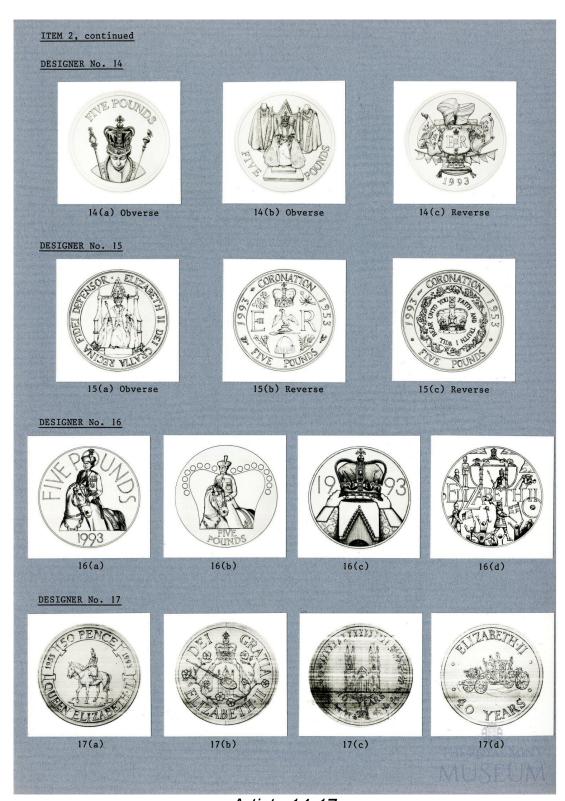
Artists 4-11



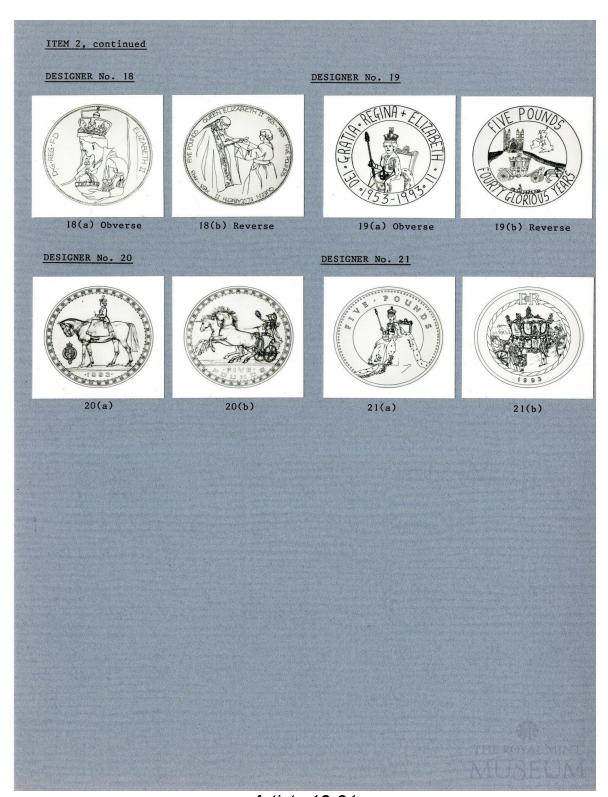
Artist 12



Artist 13



Artists 14-17



Artists 18-21



#### **Belize**

This coin features a portrait of Her Majesty mounted on her 1953 horse Winston, with The Queen dressed in her uniform as Colonel in Chief of the Grenadier Guards.



# DESIGNER No. 7



7(a) Obverse

The Original Design Used on the Belize Coin By Alf Baker



#### **Kingdom of Bhutan**

This coin depicts a Queen's Guard in front of Buckingham Palace. The palace has served as the official London residence of sovereigns since 1837.

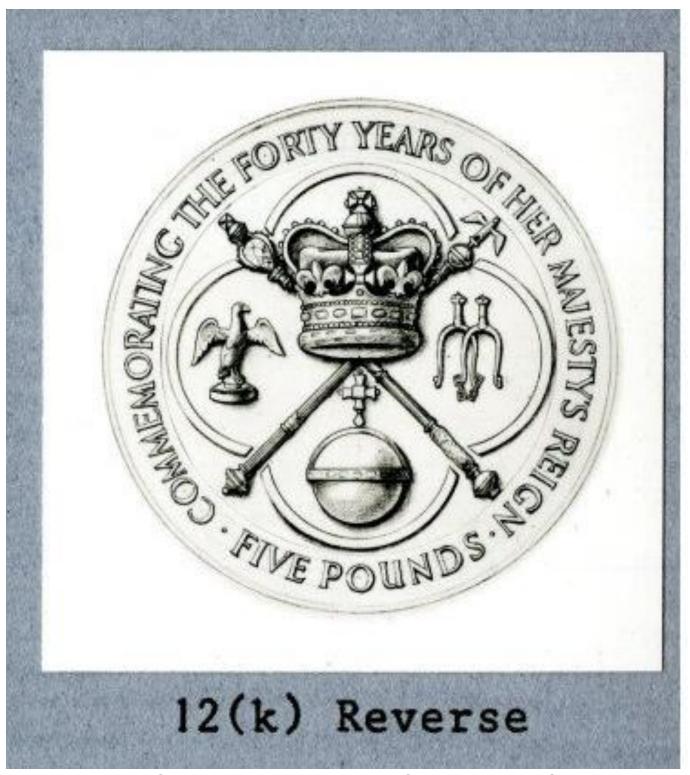




#### **Cayman Islands**

The reverse was designed by Norman Sillman.





The Original Design Used on the Cayman Islands Coin By Norman Sillman



#### **East Caribbean States**

Note the Sovereign's Sceptre with Cross. It was used at every coronation since Charles II was crowned in 1661. The reverse was designed by Norman Sillman.





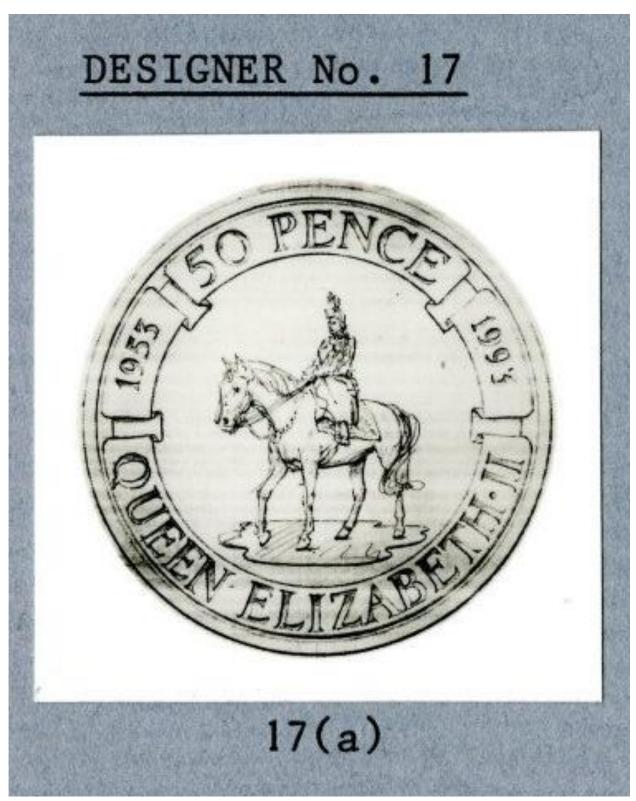
The Original Design Used on the East Caribbean States Coin By Norman Sillman



#### **Falkland Islands**

The last time, the Queen rode a horse at the Trooping the Colour Ceremony was in 1986. In 2023, at the first Trooping the Colour of Charles III as King, he revived the tradition of the sovereign riding on horseback and in uniform.





The Original Design Used on the Falkland Islands Coin By Raphael Maklouf



Fiji







The Original Design Used on the Fiji Coin By Avril Vaughan



## Republic of The Gambia

St. Edward's crown in depicted on this coin.





# **Bailiwick Of Guernsey**

This coin features the four national plants of Britain: Tudor Rose, Thistle, Leek, and a Shamrock.





The Original Design Used on the Guernsey Coin



# **Bailiwick Of Jersey**

Note that both the Crest and the Royal Mace are that of Jersey. Since this coin is very familiar to the Jersey 1989 two pounds coin, I suspect that this coin was designed by Robert Elderton.





## **New Zealand**

The reverse was designed by Robert Maurice Conly. Robert Maurice Conly was a coin and stamp designer based in New Zealand.





## **NIUE**

Please email the newsletter editor for a chance to win a numismatic prize worth at a minimum of \$10.

Just write that you want to enter the contest. A drawing will be held at the August club meeting.

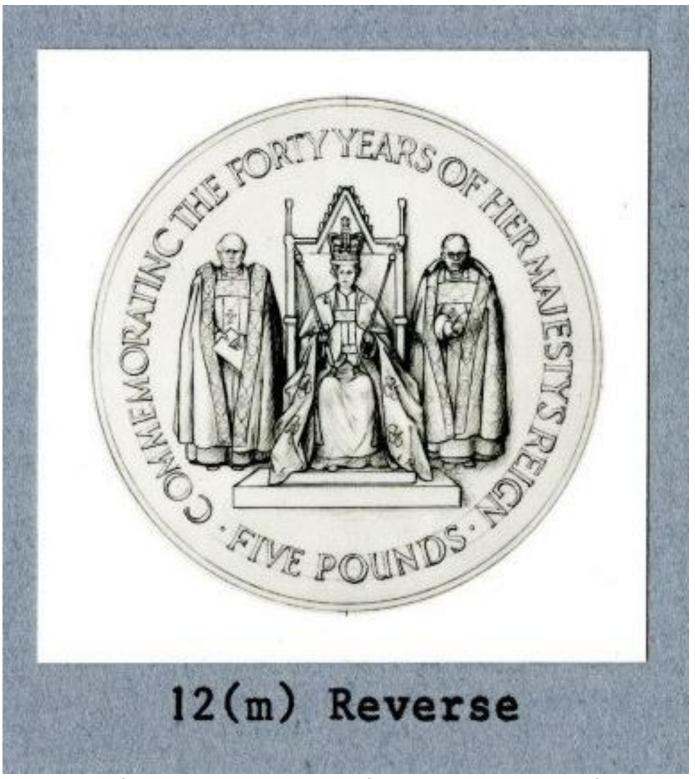




## St. Helena and Ascension

This and other designs were used by Alderney, Guernsey, and Jersey in a 2003 coronation 12-coin set.





The Original Design Used on the St. Helena and Ascension Coin By Norman Sillman



## **Republic of Seychelles**

The Gold State Coach is now over 260 years old, having been built for King George III in 1762.





### **Solomon Islands**

The Coronation Chair in St George's Chapel is one of the most precious and famous pieces of furniture in the world. It has been the centerpiece of coronations for over 700 years.





# **Kingdom of Tonga**

This coin depicts familiar items of the Coronation Regalia - St Edward's Crown, the Royal Sceptre and the Orb of England.





## **Tuvula**

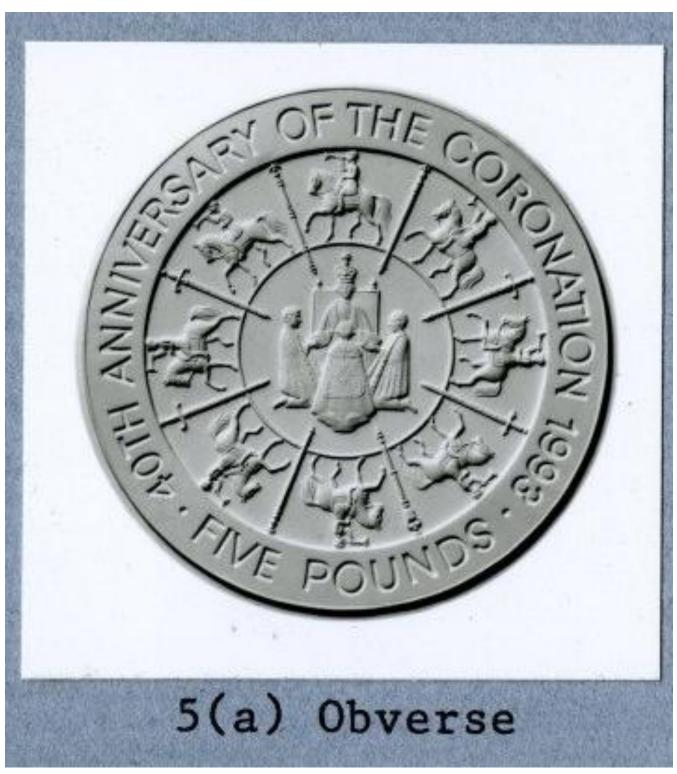
The coronation service is largely a religious ceremony conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury.



# **United Kingdom Obverse**

For this coin, the legend was modified along with the center motif.



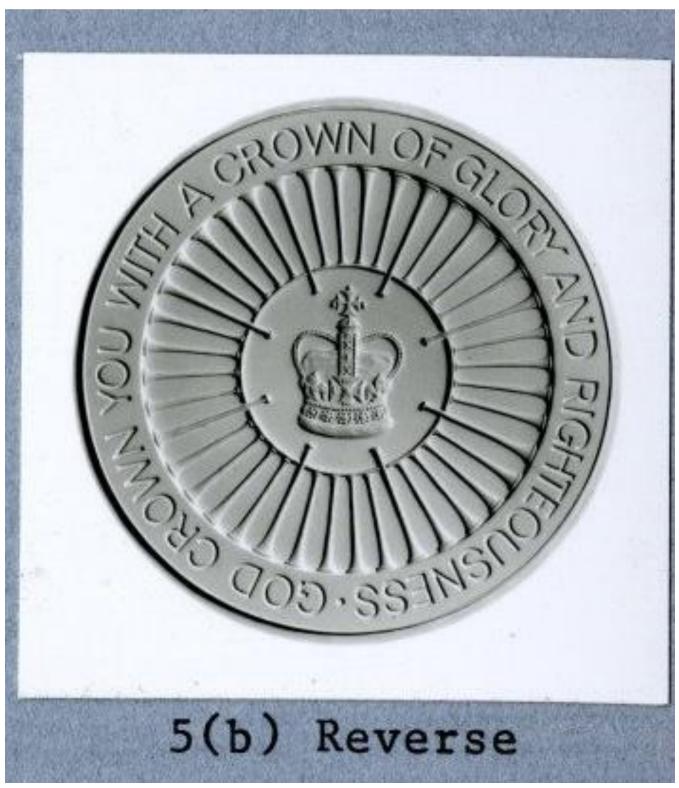


The Original Design Used on the Obverse of the U.K. Coin By Robert Elderton

# **United Kingdom** Reverse

For this coin, only the legend was modified.





The Original Design Used on the Reverse of the U.K. Coin By Robert Elderton



## Vanuatu

The Coronation took place in Westminster Abbey on 2 June 1953, conducted by Dr Geoffrey Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury.

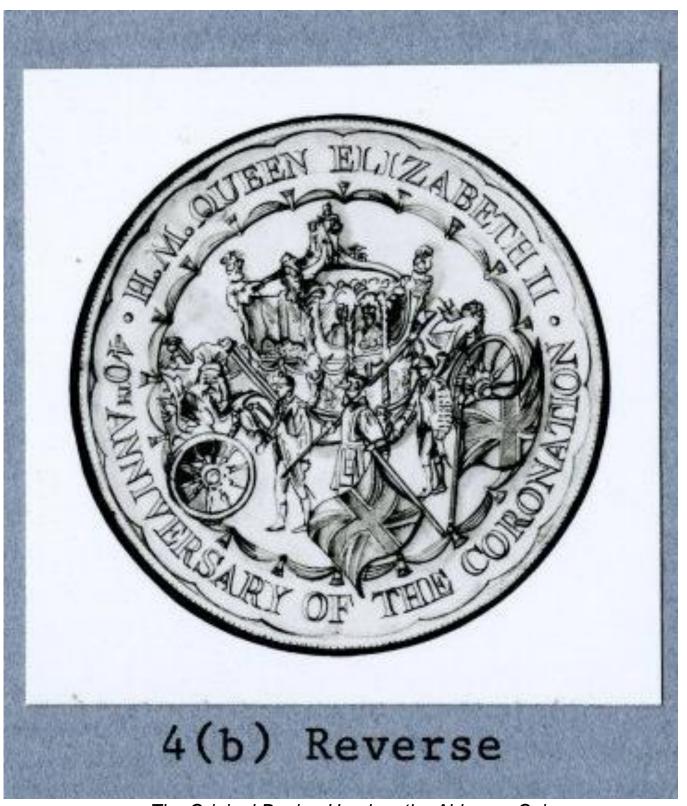




# **Alderney**

The reverse was designed by John Savage. This coin is not part of the 18-coin set.





The Original Design Used on the Alderney Coin By John Savage



## **Jamaica**

The reverse was designed by Norman Sillman. This coin is also not part of the 18-coin set.





The Original Design Used on the Jamaica Coin By Norman Sillman

## **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 hkfears@gmail.com and we will publish the names of winners in our next newsletter.

Last month Wayne Kroger, Richard Jozefiak, and Monica Couch were able to identify the mystery coin, a ten cents piece from the British Virgin Islands. This coin has Queen Elizabeth II on the obverse and a ringed kingfisher on the reverse. Richard pointed out that the designer of the Kennedy half dollar, Gilroy Roberts, designed the reverse of this coin.





One Cent Coin From the British Virgin Islands

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

#### **The Minute Man**

By Aaron Wales July 17, 2023

Congratulations! Harold Fears announced that the MCCC won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the electronic category for 2022 for the recent ANA competition. He thanked all that provided articles this past year. Next year, he hopes to enter the local club category. Please submit articles to share with fellow coin club members.

We had a show and share session. Harold brought a 1970 British proof set. This was before the British system was decimal. He ordered that set out of a newspaper and paid \$7.00 at the time.

Wayne Koger reminded attendees that the Dalton, GA show is upcoming on August 4-6.

I presented slides surrounding the subject of nickels. It was quite cozy in the small conference room, but all went well.

A guest, Ian Kubecki, asked a questioned for the group as to "when to slab" coins. It was discussed that slabbing could cost up to \$35.00. If you have advice in this area, please speak with Ian at the next meeting.

Next month's (August's) presentation is on "Stories from Coin Shows." I'm sure it will be extremely interesting. Please join us. Meeting date is: August 21st

Please pay attention to the coin challenge in the newsletter. There were several winners this month. Thank you to all that participated. There may be a prize in future editions. So, keep an eye out for that.

#### Door prizes were:

- 1st prize: American Eagle 2013: Aaron Wales
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Quarter Eagle: Monica Couch
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize was donated by Jim Dulin which was a Buffalo nickel, a V nickel, and a War Nickle: Reid Adams

In attendance: 14 members and guests

#### **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: Aaron Wales: 2013 Silver Eagle

Second Prize: Monica Couch: 2022 Quarter Silver Eagle

Third Prize: Reid Adams Buffalo, V, and Jefferson Nickels

### **2023 Coin Shows within Driving Distance from Huntsville**

DATE	Location	Contact
August 3-5	BRNA Blue Ridge Coin Show	https://brna.org/
	Dalton Convention Center	
	2211 Tony Ingle Pkwy	
	Dalton, GA 30720	
August 25-26	NE Alabama Coin Show 201 George Wallace Drive Gadsden, AL 35903	Blaine L Smith 2568209691

#### **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

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.

# Pittsburgh World's Fair of Money Promises Numismatic Adventures



This year's World's Fair of Money® promises to be one of the most exciting numismatic events in years. The show, scheduled for August 8-12 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, will bring collectors together from all over the world and feature hundreds of dealers; auctions by Heritage and Stack's Bowers; amazing displays of rare treasures (including a special Tyrant Collection exhibit and the Great Collections display of Elite Collection of St. Gaudens \$20 Double Eagles – the finest collection ever assembled); educational opportunities; fellowship, fun and so much more! Don't miss this opportunity to attend! Learn more by visiting WorldsFairOfMoney.com.

# **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	Harrison Knowlton	Fellowship Time	
June 26	4th of July Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction		
July 17	Aaron Wales	Aaron Wales Nickels	
August 21	Doug Glandon	Steve Young Stories from Coin Shows	
September 18	Don & Jennie Adams	David Hollander Banknotes	
October 16	Chad Thrasher	Todd Hutto Charles the First and the British Civil War	
November 20	Thanksgiving Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction Election of Officers		
December- NO MEETING			

#### **Madison County Coin Club**

For over twenty years, the Madison County Coin Club has served the north Alabama community by bringing numismatists together for the love of coin collecting. The Club strives to impart knowledge to its members through presentations and personal experiences. Through the sharing of knowledge and experiences, it enhances and

enriches coin collecting for the numismatic community. Speaking of our members, we have a vast group of collectors who collect all types of United States coins, as well as foreign coins. Many of our members collect coins from a certain era (19th century, for example), while others collect strictly modern coins. We also have members who collect only a certain type of coin (Seated Coins, Morgan Dollars, and Commemoratives, to name a few). Some members focus solely on foreign coins (for instance English, German, and Chinese) which can span many centuries. This diversification makes our club dynamic, providing something for every type of collector.

Members of the club enjoy a number of benefits:

- Monthly lectures, covering a range of numismatic topics
- Access to the club's extensive numismatic library
- · Monthly notices via email of club events
- · Able to purchase club medals

We are keen to encourage anybody with an interest in numismatics to join the club. We provide a warm and friendly welcome and are very keen to encourage those new to the study, collecting of coins, tokens or banknotes.

The club is a member of the American Numismatic Association (Member #C-195870 Region 20, AL & GA), Alabama Numismatic Society (ANS), Georgia Numismatic Association (GNA), and the Florida United Numismatists (FUN).



### The Club's Mailing Address:

Madison County Coin Club P.O. Box 12242 Huntsville, AL 35815

#### **Club Officers**

President: **Doug Glandon** Vice President: **Wayne Koger** 

Secretary: Aaron Wales Treasurer: Mike Campbell

Board Member: Kurt Springfield Librarian: Ann Fulmer

Newsletter Contact: H.K. Fears Dues and Membership Info: Mike

**Campbell** 

#### **Club Library**

Madison County Coin Club members can access our lending library of more than 130 books, auction catalogs, and periodicals. The library features resources and materials on subjects including but not limited to U.S. and foreign coins, ancients, paper money, tokens, and medals. You can request materials by emailing the librarian, <a href="Mann Fulmer">Ann Fulmer</a>. Library materials are checked out to members for a four-week period. You can email the librarian to renew items for another four-week period (as long as no other member has submitted a hold on the item/items). To return your items simply bring them to one of our meetings.

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