

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 August 18, 2025
from 6:00 – 7:30
Doors Open at 5:30**

**It's
Show and Tell
By
Everyone**

Newsletter Wins First Place

The American Numismatic Association has just announced that a panel of judges has selected our Madison County Coin Club Newsletter to receive first place in the "Local" category of the 2025 Barbara J. Gregory Outstanding Club Publications competition. This award will be presented at the World's Fair of Money in Oklahoma City on Thursday, August 21.

It is important to note that the following members submitted articles in 2024 for our newsletter:

Doug Glandon
David Hollander
Todd Hutto
Richard Jozefiak
Kurt Kelley
Randy Partin
Tony Swicer
Michael S. Turrini
Aaron Wales

Without these articles, our newsletter could not have won this award.

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Some Scenes from Our Last Meeting



Nate Calling the Meeting to Order



The Crew



Todd does Show and Tell

Why not bring a friend to the next meeting?



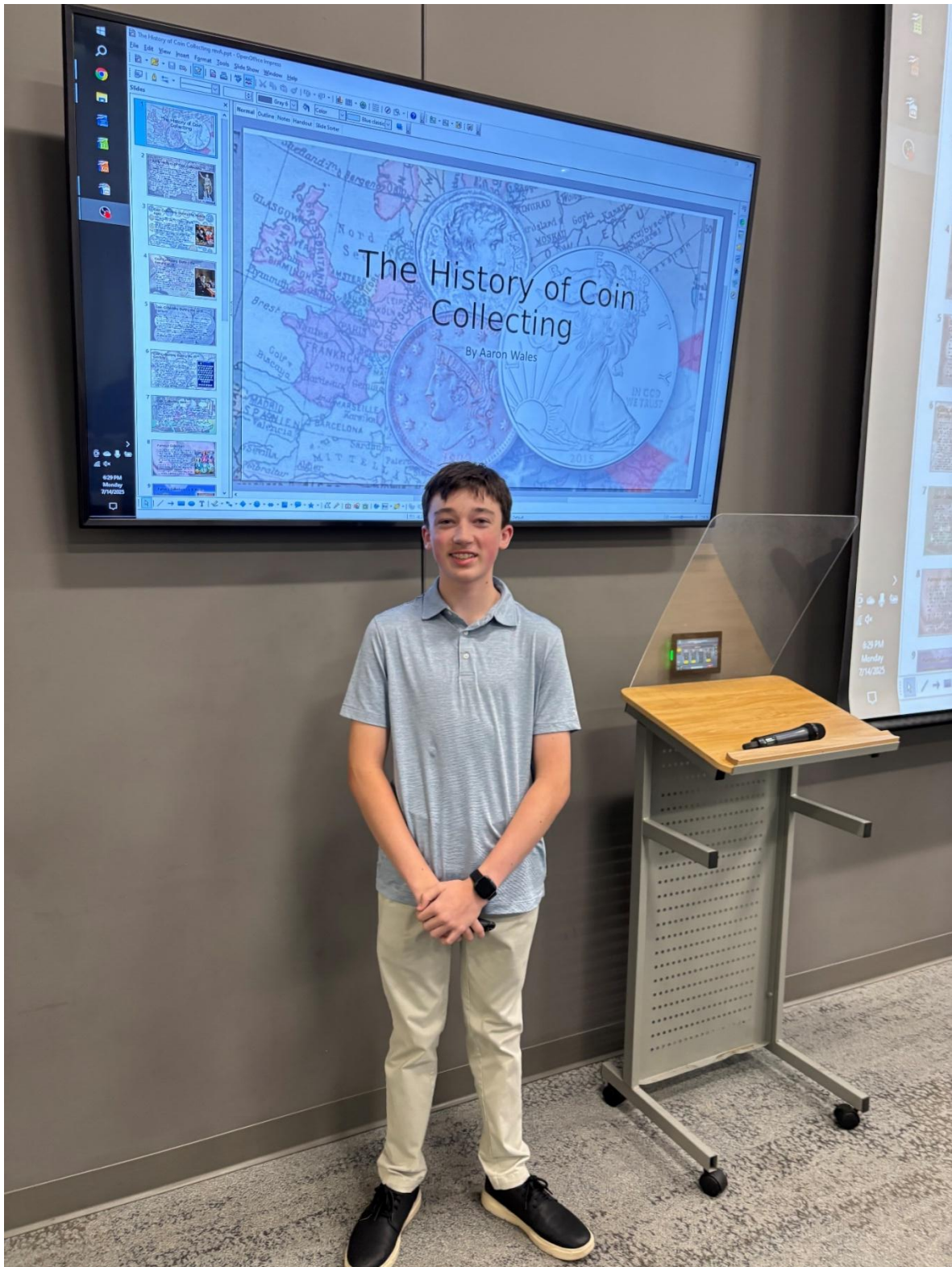
Aaron is Presented His Educational Award

Madison County Coin Club Website Update

Our club's 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.

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

View our previous presentations at: <http://mccc.anacclubs.org/programs/>



*Everyone Enjoyed Aaron's Topic
The History of Coin Collecting*

Minutes from the Last Meeting

14 July 2025

Keith George- Secretary

26 Members present, 3 guests

New Business

The Club was notified that Secretary David Feeney informed the Board that he would need to resign his position due to ongoing health issues. Upon request, Keith George volunteered to serve in the position.

Show and Tell - the following members shared:

- Ann Fulmer shared her Colon coins from Costa Rica.
- Todd Hutto shared a silver bar
- Kurt Kelley shared several Seated Liberty Half Dollars
- David Hollander shared a rare North Carolina currency note
- Harold Fears brought a Tudor Dragon 2 ounce bullion coin from the UK
- Mike Campbell brought his newly acquired 2025 Canadian Mint set
- Nathan Burrows shared 2 encased irradiated silver dimes

Presentation- Junior Numismatist Aaron Wales shared an educational presentation on the history of coin collecting.

Visit us on the web at <http://mccc.anacclubs.org/>

Last Meeting's Door Prizes



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

First Prize:	Todd Hutto	American Silver Eagle
Second Prize:	Randy Partin	Two 1/10-ounce silver eagles
Third Prize:	Alison Johnson	Alabama Innovation Dollar

ANA News

World's Fair of Money®

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What's New for the Semi Q!

By Keith George

I still remember the first time I received a “Drummer Boy” quarter in change. Not one that was given to me but one that I actually received in change. In 1976, while just seven years old, it was a common Saturday event for my older brother to take my sister and me through the neighborhood searching the roadside ditches and alleys for “pop bottles” (yes, I am a Northerner) to return them to the local Village Pantry convenient store to collect the 5-cent bottle return. These profits were immediately spent on my Saturday treat of choice- a Milky Way candy bar and a Coke.

On this particular Saturday, however, my forty cents in “profits” included a very shiny quarter with the iconic “Drummer Boy” Bicentennial reverse. Suddenly, I was torn and faced a tough decision for a seven-year-old. Would I choose the immediate satisfaction of the chewy chocolate and caramel delight of a Milky Way or the pride that would come with being the first kid in my class to bring the new quarter to Show and Tell? I compromised. I begged my brother for a nickel that would allow me to enjoy a Coke but not give up my new quarter. While it worked out for me, it wasn't the storybook ending I had hoped for- two other classmates had also acquired Bicentennial quarters to Show and Tell!

This story is symbolic of the power that circulating commemorative coins can have, especially on our youth. Yes, we have been spoiled by the Statehood Quarters program- and the America the Beautiful and the American Women quarter programs- which have made “new” designs in coinage happen every couple of months. However, in 2026 the United States will celebrate its Semiquincentennial, the Semi Q, or 250th birthday and the U.S. Mint has a big party planned for America! The Circulating Collectible Coin Redesign Act of 2020 calls for a series of one-year design changes to celebrate the Semi Q. As with all coin designs, the process involves review by the both the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts (CFA). While there may be minor changes or tweaks to the designs included in this article, here is a summary of the proposed designs and renderings of the CCAC recommendations.

Lincoln Cent and Jefferson Nickel

For both the Lincoln Cent and the Jefferson Nickel, the CCAC recommended designs that simply added the dual date of 1776~2026. There were proposed designs that also included the Liberty Bell/250 Privy Mark, however, most of the committee members found these to be “too busy” on such small coins. Both of these denominations had circulating commemorative designs in recent memory (2004-2005 Westward Journey Nickels and 2009 Lincoln Bicentennial). Additionally, there

is the possibility that the 2026 Lincoln Cent may either be the final circulating cent or only available as a numismatic product.



Dime

The Roosevelt Dime is currently the longest running denomination without a design change, having borne the portrait of Roosevelt on the obverse and torch reverse since its introduction in 1946. In 2026, however, the dime will return to a “depiction symbolic of Liberty”. The CCAC and CFA recommended different obverses for the dime although the two recommend reverse designs are essentially the same. The recommendation from the Citizens Coin Advisory Committee depicts Liberty as a young female facing right with a liberty cap while the reverse features an eagle grasping a bundle of arrows. “Liberty” and the dual date are curved along the radius offset from center with “In God We Trust” placed in front of the portrait. The CCAC recommended reverse is the same as the CFA recommendation with the additional text of “Liberty Over Tyranny” added below the denomination.



The Commission of Fine Arts recommended a different depiction of Liberty, one that faces left with laurel adornments in her hair. The mottos and dual date are centered top and bottom along the radius of the 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.

Quarter Dollar

The Circulating Collectible Coin Redesign Act of 2020 has more specific requirements for the Semi Q Quarter Designs, calling for a series of five issues that highlight a defining period of achievement in American progress. The issues will include the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, Abolitionism, Women's Suffrage, and Civil Rights.

The series will launch with the Declaration of Independence design recommended by both the CCAC and the CFA that features Liberty facing right with oak leaves in her hair. In her raised hand, she cradles the "spark of enlightenment" that symbolizes the new ideal of the Declaration of Independence. The reverse brings the Liberty Bell back to American Coinage, depicted with a top to left tilt and the crack clearly visible.



The U.S. Constitution quarter review resulted in a split recommendation for the reverse with agreement between the CCAC and CFA for the obverse. Both obverses feature Liberty standing facing right holding a torch in front of her and a scroll of the Constitution in her right hand. The CCAC reverse features an intricate view of the details of the chair used by George Washington while he served as President of the Constitutional Convention in 1787.



The obverse recommended by the CFA shows Independence Hall, the Philadelphia site of the signing of the Constitution. The tower is offset to the left to provide room for the inscription “We the People”.

"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



The issue highlighting Abolitionism will be the third issue and it also resulted in differing recommendations for the reverse. Both the CCAC and the CFA recommended a left facing portrait of former slave and social reform leader Frederick Douglas. The CCAC recommended a reverse depicts an enslaved hand on the left and a fisted hand breaking the chain of slavery on the right.

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



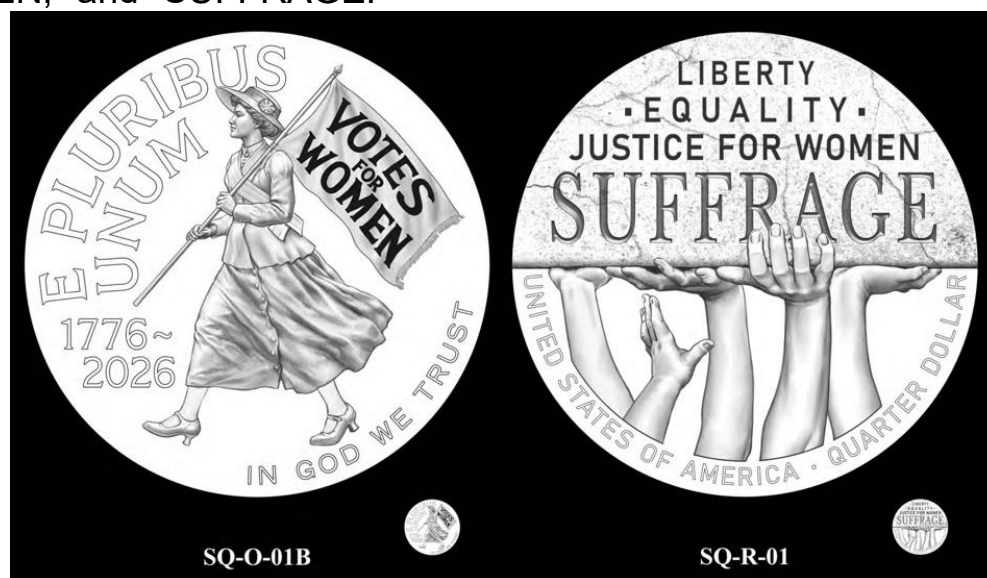
The Commission of Fine Arts Abolitionism reverse features a free hand breaking the chain that binds an enslaved hand symbolizing the civic action that led to the end of slavery.



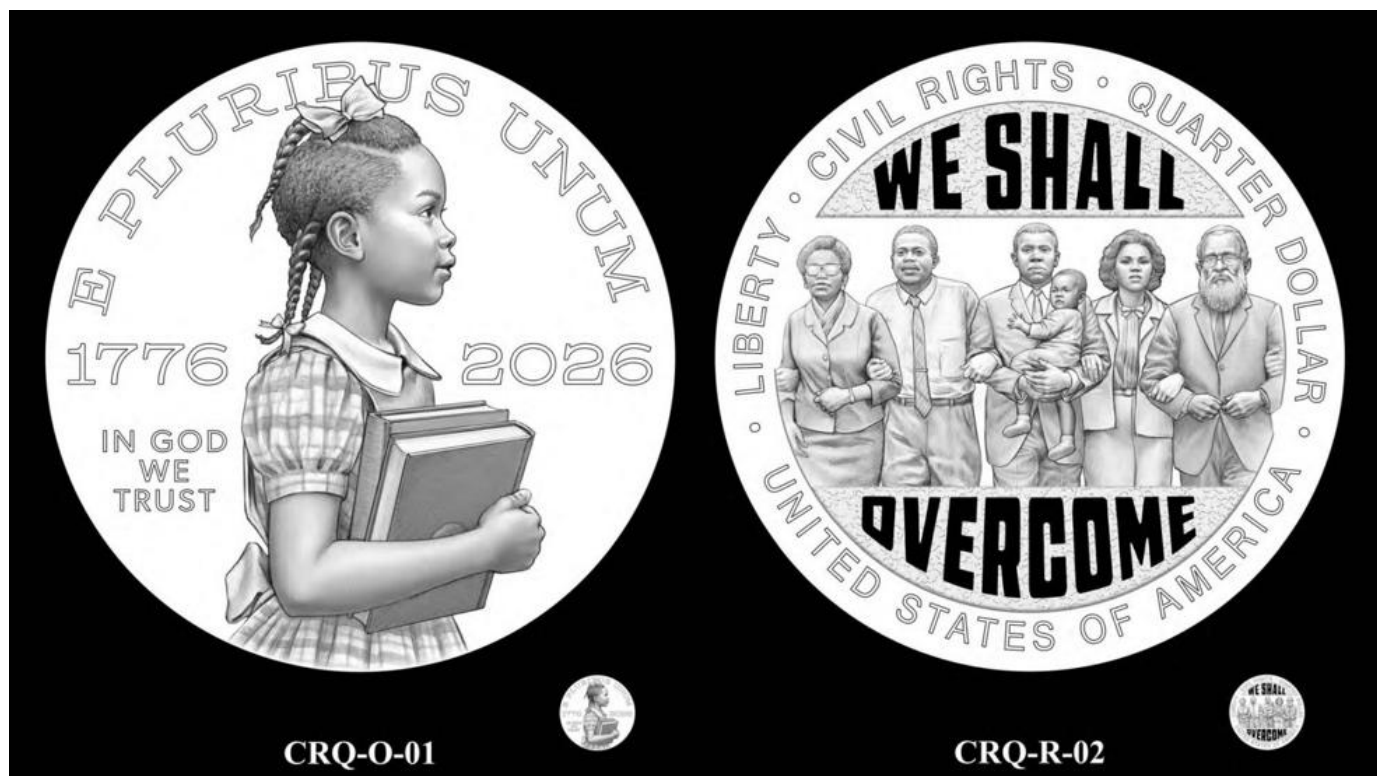
The review of designs that highlight the Women's Suffrage Movement continued the trend of split recommendations for the reverse designs. Both groups agreed on the obverse design that depicts a flag-bearing suffragist protesting for voting rights, but the CCAC recommended a reverse that depict a rosette style button with the "Votes for Women" slogan that was commonly worn by suffragists. This recommendation did include a request that the Mint staff replace the text on the button so as to not have the same slogan appear on both sides of the coin.



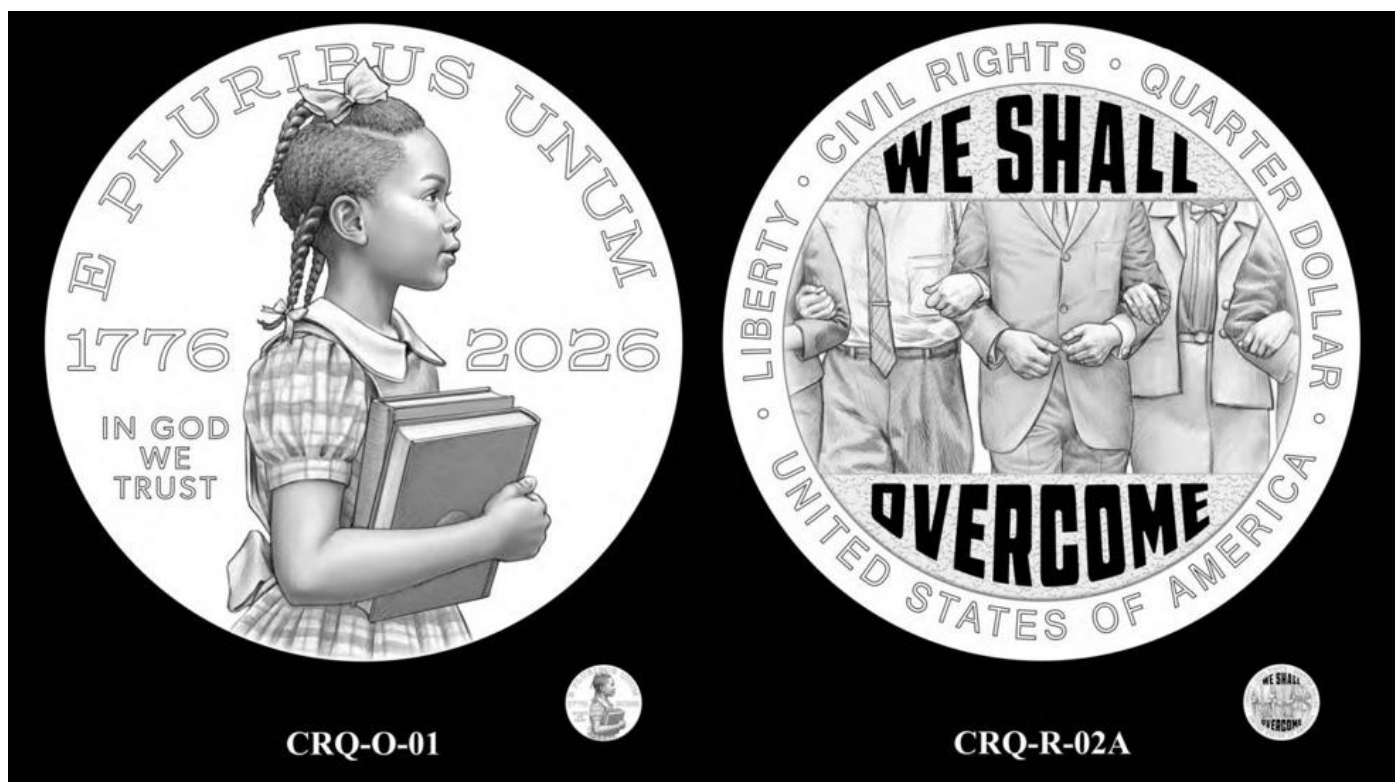
The reverse recommended by the CFA for the Women's Suffrage quarter dollar is more symbolic and features a child's hand stretching to join the hands of others that are bearing the weight of a stone inscribed with "LIBERTY," "EQUALITY," "JUSTICE FOR WOMEN," and "SUFFRAGE."



The final quarter design of the Semi Q series will highlight Civil Rights. Once again, the reverse design recommendations differed between the CCAC and the CFA. All of the proposed obverse designs featured a depiction of Ruby Bridges, the 6-year-old schoolgirl who was the first African American student to attend a formerly all-white school. The recommended designs show Ruby facing right with her schoolbooks in her arms. The two recommended reverses are very similar with both showing a line of African-Americans, side-by-side with arms interlocked. The slogan “We Shall Overcome” is spilt to the top and bottom of the people. The CCAC design shows the people from the knees up and the man in the center holds a small child. The CFA design shows the people from the waist up.



The reverse of the CFA recommendation shows a similar line of people, however it is a much tighter picture showing the group from knees to shoulders bringing more attention to the solidarity depicted by the interlocked arms.



With the end of the American Women's Quarter Program in 2025 and the Semi Q series in 2026, we will be introduced to a new program beginning in 2027. The Youth Sports Quarter Program will run from 2027 through 2023 with up to five designs each year that feature images "emblematic of sports played by American youth."

Half Dollar

While the CFA and CCAC had trouble reaching consensus on the quarter designs, the half dollar process resulted in a single recommendation. The obverse depicts the head of the Statue of Liberty offset to the right facing left. The motto and dual date are placed in front of the portrait. The reverse design shows the torch of Liberty being passed from one hand to another (perhaps a child's hand). The inscription "Knowledge is the Only Guardian of True Liberty" is showed along the radius at the top.



The Semi Q Half Dollar will also mark the end of the Kennedy Half Dollar design as we know it. After the 2026 issue, the portrait of Kennedy will be updated and will face the opposite direction. Additionally, 2027 will launch a four-year program of designs, one per year, that "emblematic of a sport tailored to athletes with a range of disabilities, including physical impairment, vision impairment and intellectual impairment."

Dollar

Although the Circulating Collectible Coin Redesign Act of 2020 includes language that allows for the one-year issuing of "\$1 dollar coins with designs emblematic of the United States semiquincentennial" and specifies that these issues would be in addition to the current Native American Dollar and Innovation Dollar series' no announcements of a Semi Q dollar have been announced. It is possible that the Liberty Bell/250 Privy mark could be added to the Innovation Dollar (which already carries an annually rotated privy mark) or to the Native American dollar. In fact, the privy mark could be added to any of the designs, including any of the bullion coins. Recent issues of the American Silver Eagle that feature privy marks have been very successful.



2026 Commemorative Coin Programs

There is a single commemorative coin program scheduled for release in 2026 independent of the Semiquincentennial program. The FIFA World Cup program will include a \$5 Gold coin, \$1 Silver coin and a clad half dollar in commemoration of the event, which will be jointly hosted by the United States and Mexico. While it would likely be in their prevue to do so, it is unlikely that the Mint would include the privy mark on an otherwise unrelated program.

Best of the Mint

The Best of the Mint program involved the Mint polling the public to find their favorite historic coins issued throughout the history of the United States. After review by the CCAC and the CFA, the top five coins have been decided, and each will be reissued in gold “with the original dates of issue to acknowledge each coin’s place in history.” While the designs are to be “faithful representations” of the original design, the Mint has announced that each coin will include the Liberty Bell/250 Privy Mark.

Bullion

The Mint has many bullion and bullion-related coin and medal programs, from the American Eagles in Gold, Silver, Platinum, and Palladium to the American Buffalo Gold, American Liberty Gold and Silver, and even the Morgan/Peace Dollar program. These are almost always dated and could easily include the Privy Mark. If fact, in recent years, the mint has released multiple issues of the same piece both with and without privy marks with the possible intent of increasing sales for those that want one of each type. It seems very likely that at least some of the bullion products would bear the Liberty Bell/250 logo.

Summary

With the many circulating issues, the knowledge that so many of these will be one-year issues, and the significant design changes that will follow in 2027, it will be a big (and potentially expensive) year for collectors. But it should also be a growth year for our hobby and both the comings (new coin designs) and goings (no more pennies?) will attract a lot of attention to numismatics. And who knows, next year some young person might pull a Declaration of Independence quarter from their change and find a whole new “spark of enlightenment”.

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 your answer to the [newsletter editor](#) and we will publish the names of winners in our next newsletter.



Last month Stephen D'Angelo, Mike Campbell, Aaron Wales and Wayne Koger were able to identify the mystery coin, a Swedish 1921 two kroner.



Members' Notices

Rules for users of the member notice page: All notices are free and should be directed to the [newsletter editor](#) of the Madison County Coin Club newsletter. 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

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Contact: [Steve Young](#), P.O. Box 8031, Huntsville, AL 35808, 334-300-5409.

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Selling Alabama (Huntsville) Innovation Coins



If you are interested in acquiring the 2024 Alabama Innovation \$1 coin, please contact me. I'm selling them for \$3 each. These are the Philadelphia mint version, and I will bring them to the next Club meeting. If you want any via mail, there would be an additional shipping charge.

Please contact me at: VanHut32@gmail.com .

Thanks, Todd

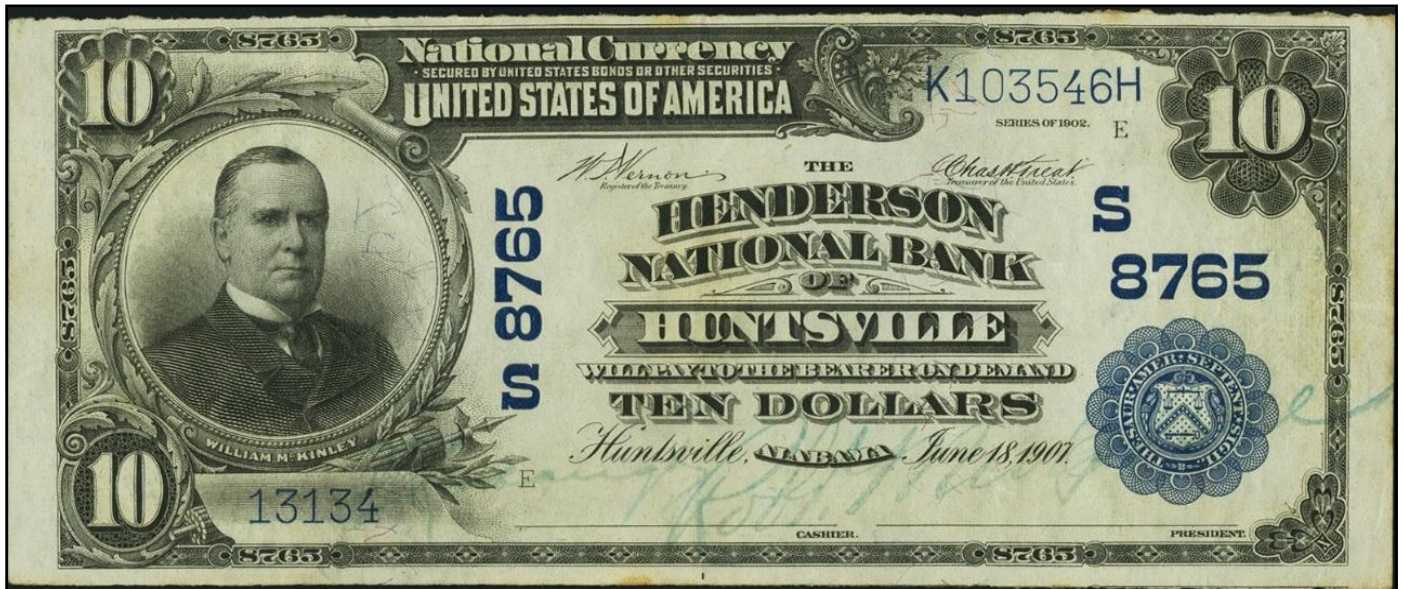
Looking for Alaskan Medals and Tokens



Contact: [Richard](#).

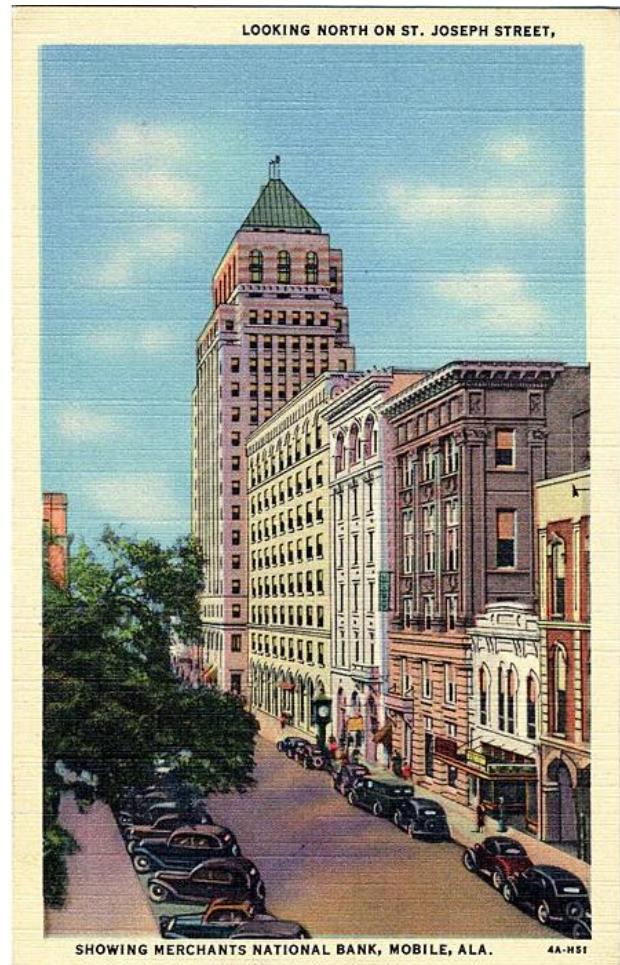


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2025 Madison County Coin Club Program Refreshments and Programs Schedule

Meeting Date	Refreshments	Program
January 27	Harold Fears	Randy Partin <i>Civil War Dog Tags</i>
February 17	Shane and Laura Armstrong	Everyone <i>Show and Tell</i>
March 17	Wayne Koger	Todd Hutto <i>Counterfeit Coins</i>
April 21	Pat Douglas/George Steele	Kurt Kelley <i>Part 1- An unissued Confederate War Bond with a story to tell</i> <i>Part 2- The conception of the Lincoln cent</i>
May 19	Ann Fulmer	Chad Thrasher <i>Disappearing Denominations; Which Ones and Why?</i>
June 16	Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction	
July 14	Aaron Wales	Aaron Wales <i>Elect to Collect: A History Of Coin Collecting</i>
August 18		Everyone <i>Show and Tell</i>
September 15	Doug Glandon	Nathan Burrows <i>TBD</i>
October 20	Keith George	David Hollander <i>The Wonderful World of Banknote Collecting</i>
November 17	Thanksgiving Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction Election of Officers	
December- NO MEETING		

2025 Coin Shows Within Driving Distance of Huntsville				
Date(s)	Area	Show & Location	Contact Info	Richard's Rating
Sept 4-6	Nashville, TN	The International Money Expo Music City Center 201 Rep. John Lewis Way S, Nashville, TN 37203 Th-Sat 10 am – 5 pm	COL Steven Ellsworth, ret. 703-932-6331 ellsworth@imex.show www.imex.show	++
Nov 7-9	Chattanooga, TN	Tennessee State Numismatic Society Camp Jordan Arena I-75, Exit 1 Chattanooga, TN Fri & Sat 10 am – 6 pm Sun 10 am – 3 pm	Bob Hurst 321-427-6474 forum@comcast.net www.tsns.org	++

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- **+++**

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 several 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).

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