

Madison County Coin Club

of Huntsville, Alabama



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The President's Corner

I would like to take this opportunity to formally express my gratitude to everyone who attended the August meeting. According to the sign-in sheet for door prizes, there were at least 31 people there and we nearly exceeded our time restraints with all of the show and tell items presented.

The strong turn out shows that there is strength both in the hobby and in our market even with a limited amount of local retail options available. This contrast in interest and availability prompted me to do a little research.

The coin collecting market is steadily growing and is projected to increase at rate of 8.08% per year through 2032. The market is expected to double from \$30.43 billion in 2023 to \$61.20 billion in 2032. That's a lot of extra wheat cents. Reasons cited for growth include rising popularity in collecting, increased demand in coins for alternative investing, and better access to online marketplaces. Millennials and Gen Z are becoming increasingly engaged, collecting coins for historical significance as well as the reasons previously stated. Newly minted "modern rarities" being released have added to the interests of collectors.

This data is encouraging for the state of the hobby and for posterity. The sources I referenced are available upon request. I encourage everyone to attend the September meeting; my presentation is probably not what the title suggests.

Nate

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Our next meeting will be at

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

**On September 15, 2025
from 6:00 – 7:30
Doors Open at 5:30**

***My Most Valuable Coin*
By
Nate Burrows**

Some Scenes from Our Last Meeting



Preparing for the Meeting



The Gang

Minutes from the Last Meeting

18 August 2025

Keith George - Secretary

We had another packed meeting with over 30 people attending Monday night and all had a good time.

Announcements:

Welcome to new members David Hice, Donald Smith and Sara Baldwin as well as returning members David Riggs and Eric Conrad.

The ANA has recognized the MCCC newsletter editor, Harold Fears, with a 2025 Glenn Smedley Memorial Award for demonstrating positivity, cooperation, dependability, and strong communication skills.

The ANA press release stated, "An internationally recognized expert on coins from Jersey, United Kingdom, Harold Fears is an esteemed member of the Madison County Coin Club in Alabama. He is the longest-serving editor of the group's award-winning *newsletter, which he has published more than 220 times over the past 20 years.*"

Show and Tell – Many items were shared by our members. Some of these were:

- David Hollander shared an amazingly restored Anniston National Bank note.
- Aaron Wales shared his coin that commemorated his visit to the Major League Baseball All-star Game.
- Stephen D'Angelo shared a brief presentation of the various types of Lincoln Cents.
- Harold Fears shared a 1917 50 sen coin from Japan.
- Steve Young showed off an 1851 Chinese Cash Coin.
- Three Confederate War Bonds were shared by Kurt Kelley.
- Civil War Fractional notes were brought by Todd Hutto
- A Virgin Islands Quarter and a Balloon Festival Silver Round were shared by Nate Burrows.
- A nice collection of Santa/Christmas-themed pinback buttons was displayed by Randy Partin
- A First Day of Issue Indian Cent from 1978 was shared by Rashodd Vann.

Last Meeting's Door Prizes



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

First Prize:	David Riggs	American Silver Eagle
Second Prize:	Conner Porthouse	1864 Two Cents Piece
Third Prize:	Adam Free	Two 1/10-ounce silver eagles
Fourth Prize:	Steven DiAngelo	Alabama Innovation Dollar

Why Join the American Numismatic Association?

By Richard Jozefiak

"Why join the American Numismatic Association (ANA)?" is a question I get asked often. As an ANA District Representative for Alabama and Georgia, I meet many people at coin shows across my area as I staff an ANA membership table. I tell people the main focus of the ANA is numismatic education, and an ANA membership opens many new sources of education, plus additional benefits.

The first main source of education is ANA's monthly issue *The Numismatist*. This magazine has a wealth of information each month on coins, paper money, medals and tokens, and other features. It is now available both in hard copy and electronic issues.

Is membership expensive? There are different membership levels now, and a person can decide how they want to receive *The Numismatist*. All other membership benefits are the same. The table shows the yearly and monthly average cost for some of the different membership levels. If you are spending a few hundred dollars or more a year on numismatic items, why not spend a couple of dollars a month on knowledge and education?

Another important educational benefit is access to the largest lending numismatic library in the country. An ANA member can borrow thousands of books and DVDs in the collection for only the price of postage and insurance (both ways). For a couple of dollars, you can borrow books instead of spending tens to hundreds of dollars on an item. This is a great research tool, and the library catalog is available online.

"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

ANA Membership Options

Membership Type	<i>The Numismatist</i> Monthly Issue Delivery	Cost per Year	Average Monthly Cost
Gold	Digital	\$35	\$2.92
Platinum	Digital and Hardcopy	\$55	\$4.59
Young Numismatist	Digital or Hardcopy	\$16	\$1.33

Other membership benefits are free admission to the ANA spring and summer coin shows, free admission to the Money Museum in Colorado Springs, and direct membership status for submitting coins to the Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC), paper money to the Paper Money Guaranty (PMG), and numismatic items to Numismatic Conservation Services (NCS).

There are many other ANA membership benefits, and a detailed list can be found at: <http://www.money.org>.

An ANA membership opens educational opportunities to expand your knowledge and interest. Taking advantage of all the different benefits of ANA membership is well worth the price of membership.

For a membership application, please contact your [ANA Club Representative](#) or your [ANA District Representative](#). You can also join the ANA online at: <http://www.money.org>.

Why not bring a friend to the next meeting?

Enhancing Your Collection

A Couple of Thoughts

By Michael S. Turrini

When your Columnist began his now five-decade journey into our 'world of money', it was quite common at local coin club meetings that anyone attending had his trusty RED BOOK, the indispensable 'bible' for United States numismatics.

Back when the now long-gone Napa Valley Coin Club was in its heydays, attracting attendance close to or over a hundred as well as massive auctions (a recent topic with previous 'Enhancing Your Collecting' Columns) plus several dealers, it seemed to be a 'sea of red' with everyone, or most everyone, having his trusty RED BOOK, ready.

Nowadays, at least, to my observations, RED BOOK has become a rarity of local coin club meetings, unless CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIST readers offer a unique perspective.

For one who pursuits United States coinages, the RED BOOK remains the 'bible'. Its pricing might be questionable; yet, it is packed with images, specifications, mintages, history, and more, as well as easy to refer and to read.

Now the current 2026 RED BOOK, referring to the standard edition, has been linked to the GREYSHEET. Each listing has a new column entry: 'GSID', 'GREYSHEET Identifications'.

The GREYSHEET has been recognized as the professional numismatic standard for decades. For those pursuing high end and superior quality----*MS 65 or better*----it is imperative. Now with the link in the RED BOOK, this enlarges and enlightens.

Simply stated, 'don't leave home without your RED BOOK'.

Continuing, your Columnist learned years ago that not all hobbyists collect the same or have the same pursuits. What floats one might sink another. But, as the former American Philatelic Society (APS) Executive Director Scott D. English preaches, *"I Do Not Care What You Collect, As Long As You Collect."*

There seems to be a tendency to dismiss or look down or chuckle or rudely remark when a fellow hobbyist shares his or her pursuit. This is wrong. Smile, listen, and say 'glad you are collecting'.

Your Columnist knows fellow collectors with, well, strange interests; but, so what, like Scott stated, "as long as you collect."

The novel and the best approach are an opening conversation comment expressed by the late Ray Mah of the North Shore (Vancouver, British Columbia) Numismatic Society whenever he met a fellow hobby sojourner: *"How Your Collecting Going?"*

The approach encourages 'collecting'. Yes, Morgan Dollars are hot, and now Lincoln Cents might be hot, too. But the 'world of money' is much more than the traditional and popular pursuits. From 'odd and curious' to tokens through fiscal documents, one can explore, and then enjoy, the pageantry and pleasure of the 'world of money'.

Again, your Columnist welcomes insights from CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIST readers. Insights and inquiries can be emailed to EMPERORI@juno.com.

With that, '**Work Hard. Play Fair. Give Back!**'

Inclement Weather Notice



If the South Huntsville Library is closed due to inclement weather, there will be no club meeting.

The Charlotte Mint

By Stephen D'Angelo

In July, my family was vacationing in Charlotte, North Carolina and while exploring downtown Charlotte, we learned of the Mint Museum. I initially assumed this was a family name, as I did not know that Charlotte had a mint. We were informed by a helpful gentleman at the information center that the museum has its roots in the United States Mint that was founded in Charlotte in 1837.

A little later that day, we pulled into the parking lot of the original Mint Museum on Randolph Road, a short drive outside of downtown. We then explored a piece of history.

The Mint Museum, July 2025



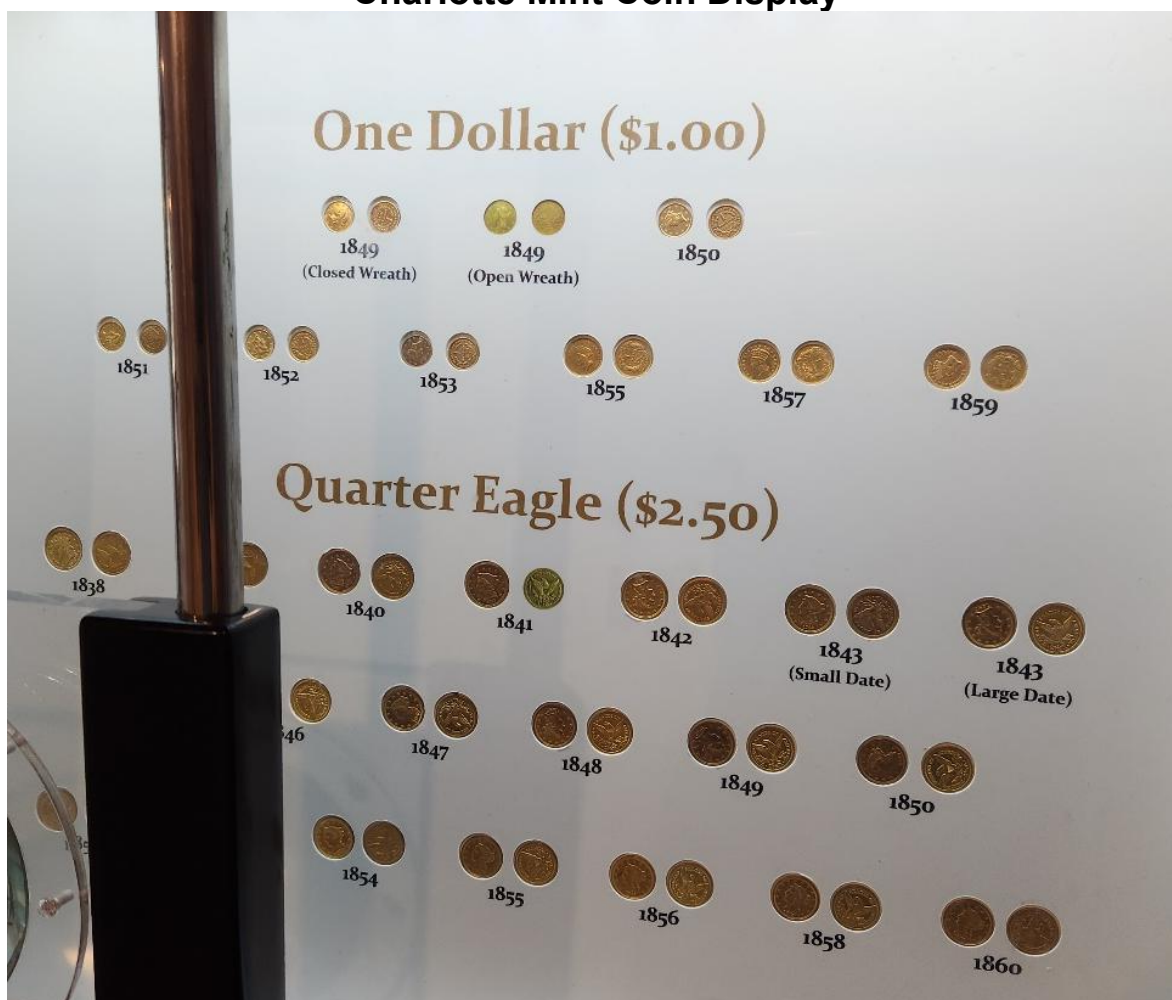
In 1799, gold was discovered in Cabarrus County, North Carolina when Conrad Reed found a 17-pound nugget and in 1803 the first gold rush in the States began. Surface mining was used until the late 1820's, then lode mine shaft mining took over as the surface mines were depleted. Due to the volume of gold and the difficulty of transport, the U.S. Mint decided to open a branch in Charlotte. The same act of congress in 1835, signed by Andrew Jackson, also opened a branch in Dahlonega, Georgia (a "D" mint mark), and New Orleans, Louisiana (an "O" mint mark).

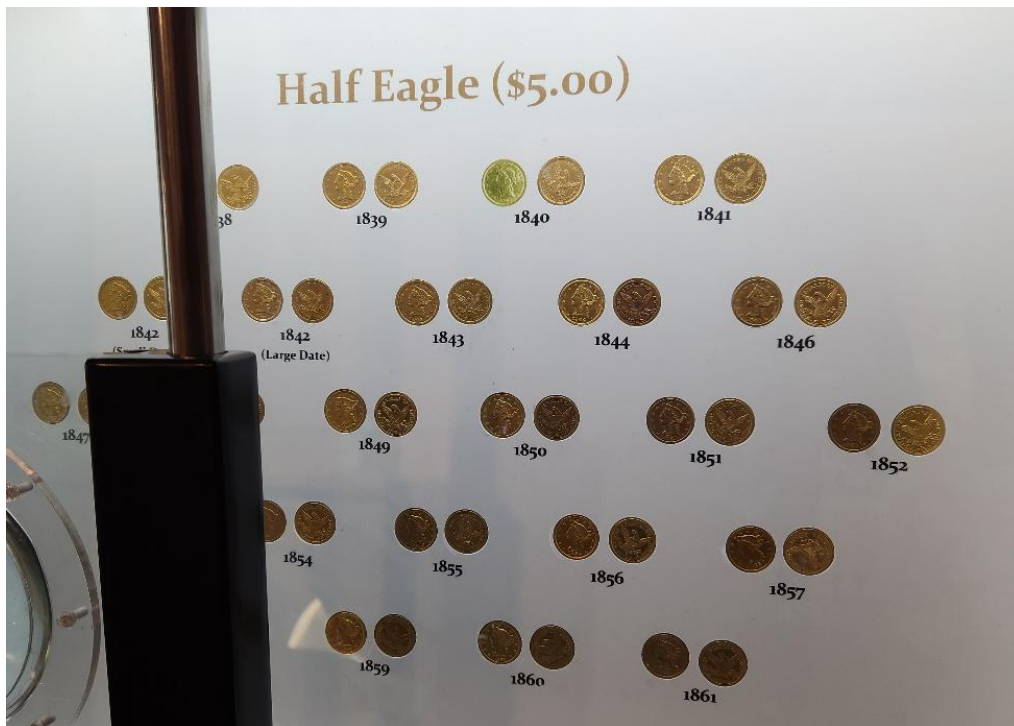
The Charlotte Mint produced its first coins, using a "C" mint mark starting on Dec 4, 1837. Initially, it minted "half-eagle" (\$5) and "quarter eagle" (\$2.50) gold coins. In 1849, they started minting one dollar (\$1) gold coins as well.

As a long-time coin collector, I wondered why I had not heard of the Charlotte Mint and the “C” mint mark before. A large part of the reason is that they only minted gold coins, and collecting gold isn’t for the casual coin collector. The other reason is the scarcity of these coins due to low mintages. During the 24 years of minting, the “half eagle” ranged from 4,500 to 84,000 per year with an average mintage of 36,000; the “quarter eagle” ranged from 4,800 to 28,000 per year with an average mintage of 9,000; and across 9 years the dollar coin ranged from 4,500 to 41,000 per year with an average mintage of 12,000. Even in average circulated condition and cleaned, these coins fetch market prices in the \$4,000 range and high-grade coins can reach 10 times that price.

The Mint Museum has a section on the old U.S Mint history downstairs that includes an almost complete display of two of each the coins minted there (obverse and reverse showing).

Charlotte Mint Coin Display





At the start of the Civil War in 1861, all three branch mints were shut down and the Charlotte Mint (and Dahlonega Mint) never minted another coin. The New Orleans mint was later reopened from 1879 to 1909.

The Charlotte Mint building was reopened after the Civil War as an U.S. Assay Office and remained in use until 1913 when the gold mines were depleted. After closing, the building was used as a Red Cross headquarters and even as a laboratory for Thomas Edison, then was vacant for about a decade until 1931, when plans were made to demolish the building.

Mary Myers Dwelle founded a group of citizens to save the building by having it moved from downtown to its current location in 1933. It opened in 1936 as the first museum of art in North Carolina. The museum has grown over the years and now has a huge, modern building in downtown Charlotte that showcases their art collection, while the old two-floor mint building specializes in ceramic and glass pieces as well as artifacts from around the world.

We left the Mint Museum, happy to have found something fun and unusual. There are some high-quality exhibits and if you make time to stop by and see the beautiful gold coins that showcase an underappreciated corner of the American coin history, I encourage you to also enjoy the rest of the museum's exhibits.

Status of The Club's 2026 Silver Jubilee Medals

By Harold Fears

For the club's silver jubilee, the club will have four 41mm octagonal medals minted by Daniel Carr. They are:

1. a copper medal,
2. a one troy ounce .999 silver medal,
3. a copper piedfort, and
4. a two troy ounce .999 silver *piedfort*.

The mintages are as follows:

- Copper: 100
- Copper Piedfort: 60
- Silver: 50
- Silver Piedfort: 35 (available only as part of a member four-medal set)

Only the copper medal remains, which costs \$15.



The 2026 medal will be minted by Daniel Carr in very limited numbers.

This year we are asking everyone to pay for their medals by October 20. You can pay at a club meeting or send your check to:

MCCC
P.O. Box 12242
Huntsville, AL 35815

The medals should be available in January. You then should be able to pick up your medals at one of our meetings or have them mailed to you. There is an additional fee of \$15 for insured postage via USPS priority mail.

Once again, here are the high points for our four-medal set:

- commemorates the 25th anniversary of the club
- medals are octagonal shape
- medals are larger diameter than the previous medals
- contains both copper and silver piedforts
- contains three ounces of silver
- very low mintage
- minted by Daniel Carr

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/>

My Photo Gallery of the 2025 World's Fair of Money in Oklahoma City

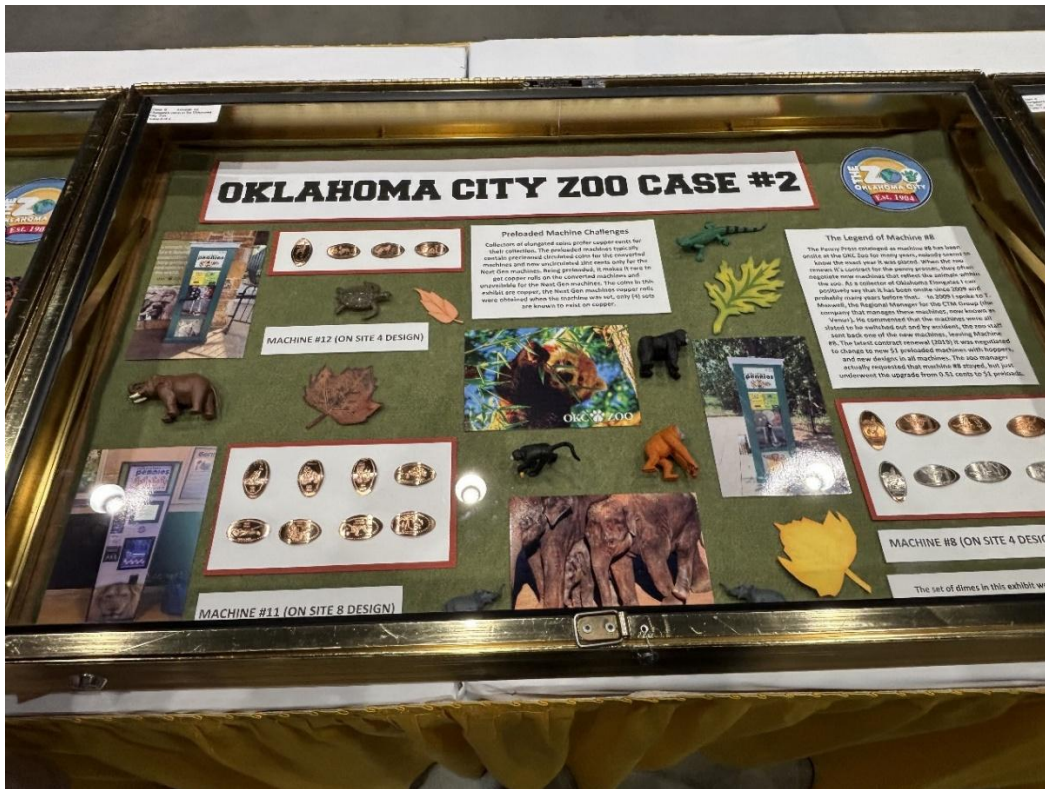
By Harold Fears



The Floor



Looking at the members exhibits



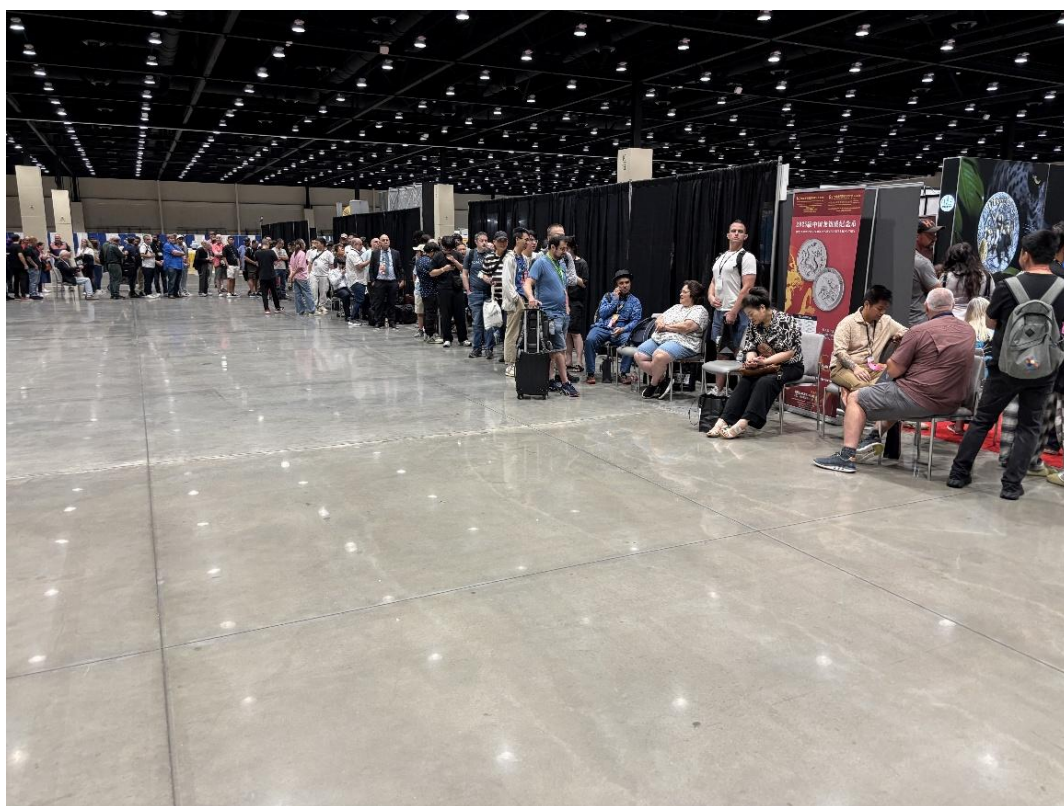
Some Examples of the Members Exhibits



A Dealer's Table



Over 450 tables were at the show!



The line to purchase a Chinese Panda



The ceremony hall

On the [NGC website](#) is a good review of the ANA show.

The 2025 World's Fair of Money was an ultimate celebration of numismatics, bringing together collectors, dealers, and enthusiasts from around the globe. From remarkable exhibits and expert talks to the lively bourse floor, the event offered something for everyone.

Click here for more [photos](#) from the ANA.



Mark Lighterman is the ANA's 64th President. He plans on coming to one of our meetings next year.

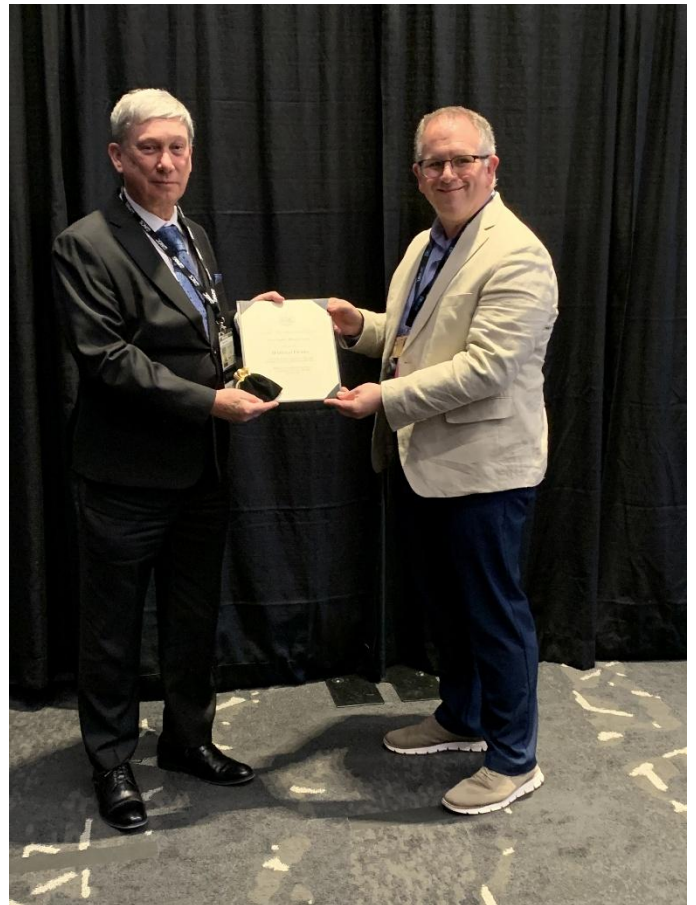
*Wayne Homren received the ANA's Medal of Merit. He is best known for creating and editing the Numismatic Bibliomania Society's award-winning newsletter E-Sylum. You can contact him at whomren@gmail.com for a free subscription **for the best numismatic weekly newsletter.***





Receiving the newsletter award

and the Glenn Smedley award.





Various rare coins were also on display

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 Wayne Koger, Steve Young, Mike Campbell, and Jonathan Deller were able to identify the mystery coin, a 1917 Japanese 50 Sen.



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

World Coins, Tokens, Jade, Relics, etc. for sale

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

Buying Tokens

Contact me if you want to buy or sell tokens, medals, pinback buttons, encased coins, etc.

Randy Partin
P.O. Box 276
Scottsboro, AL 35768
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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

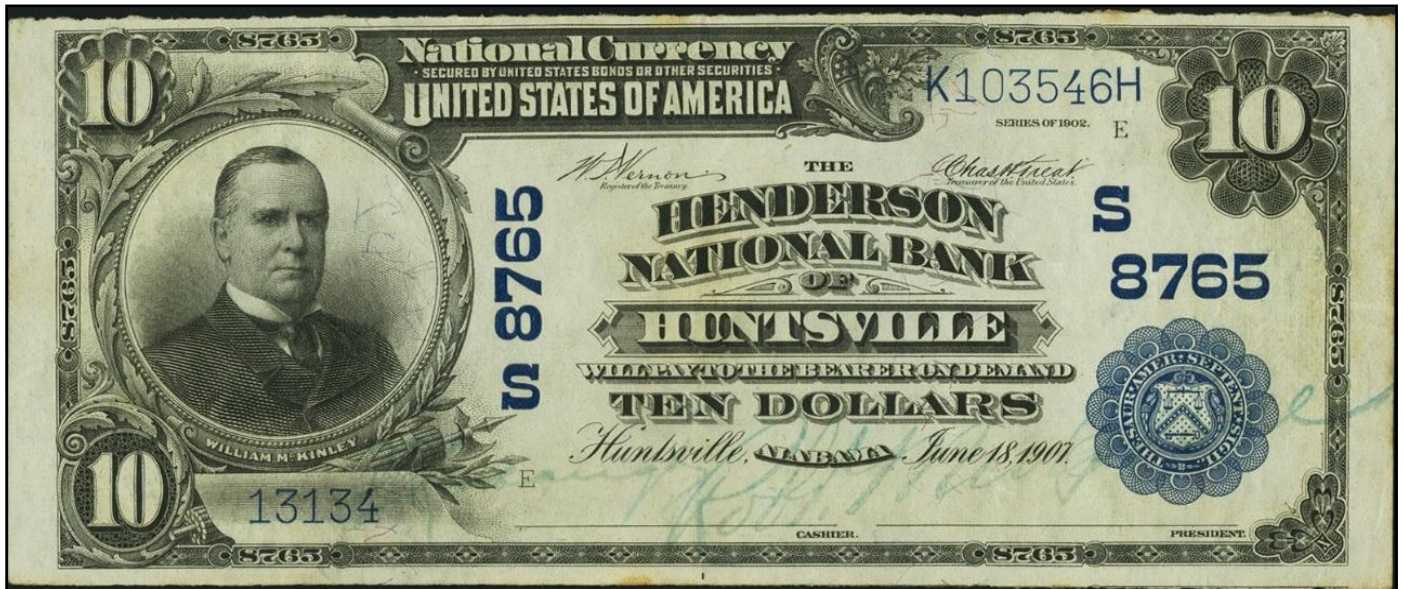
Looking for Alaskan Medals and Tokens



Contact: [Richard](#).

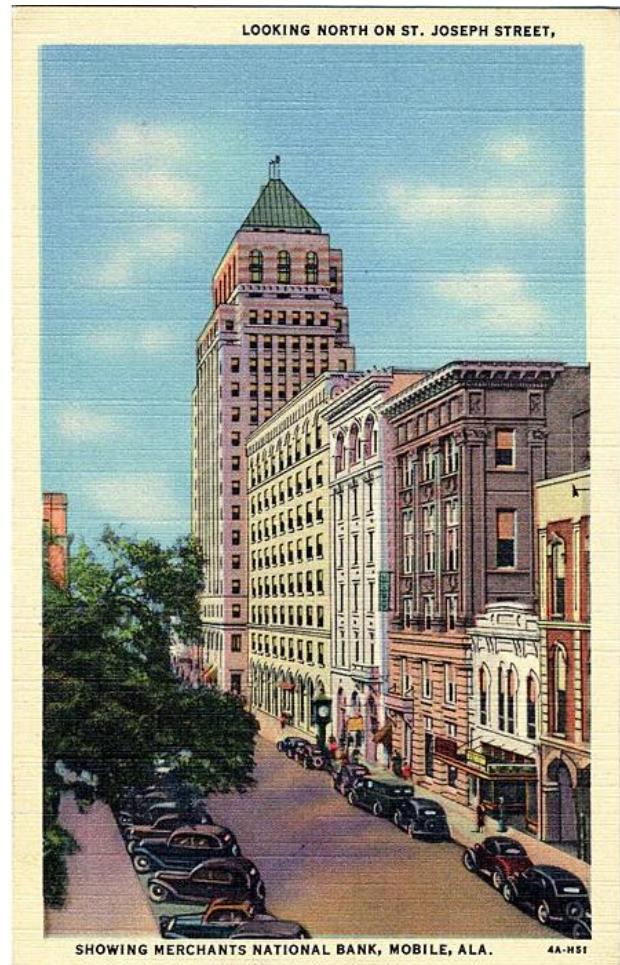


Wanted Alabama Large Size National Banknotes and better Alabama Obsolete Banknotes



Also, postcards portraying Alabama Banks.

Call David at 256-468-5891.



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
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- +++

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

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).

The Club's Mailing Address

Madison County Coin Club

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Board Member: [Todd Hutto](#)

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Club's YouTube Channel

You can subscribe to our YouTube Channel at [MCCC Meeting](#). There you will find links to both upcoming and past meetings.

Join the Club

The membership form can be found [here](#) on our [website](#).