

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 **April 6, 2026, from 6:00 –
7:30**

Doors Open at 5:30

Odd Denominations

**By
*Stephen D'Angelo***

The American Numismatic Association Honors Long Time Club Member Mike Campbell

The ANA has announced that one of our members, Mike Campbell, has been honored with the ANA Presidential Award. Last night at our meeting, Richard Jozefiak said the following when presenting Mike with his award:

"On behalf of ANA President Mark Lighterman, it is my honor to present an ANA Presidential Award today. The Presidential Award is given to an individual who exhibits integrity, purpose, and freely share knowledge, energy, and resources with their numismatic community."

Mike Campbell has been the treasurer of the Madison County Coin Club for most of its history. He handles the club's finances and ensures that payments are made on

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time and funds collected at meetings. He coordinates the club member's ANA memberships for the club each year to earn the club a free ANA club membership. He is involved with the club's participation in the annual Stamp, Postcard, and Coin Show in Huntsville, AL. He has been a very active member of the club for many years and is one of those people that is behind the scenes making sure things get done in the club."

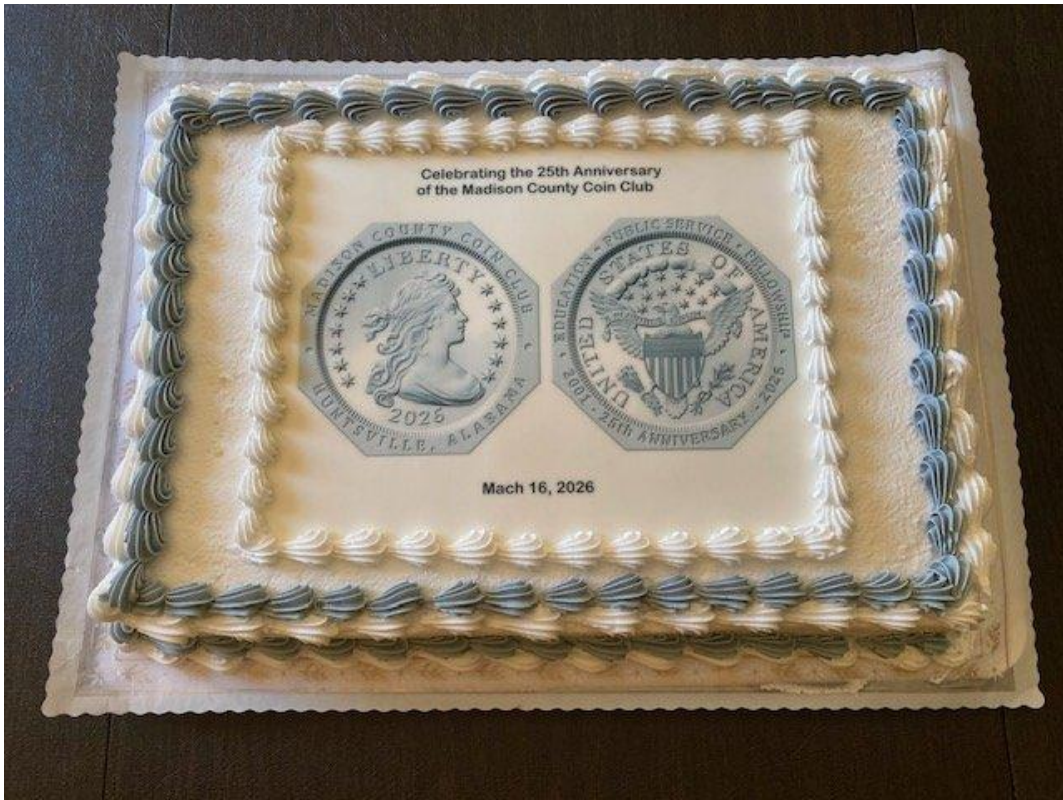


Richard presents Mike his award

Some Scenes from our last Meeting







Honoring the 2025 Women's Quarters

By Aaron Wales

For Christmas, my dad gifted me the 2025 US Mint Limited Edition Silver Proof Set. The set includes a Kennedy Half Dollar, Roosevelt Dime, and an American Eagle, but the main focus of the set are the five women's quarters. The five women featured are Ida B. Wells, Juliette Gordon Low, Dr. Vera Rubin, Stacey Park Milbern, and Althea Gibson. In order to honor each of these women, I have included a summary of their life and many of their greatest achievements. I felt that this was especially important since 2025 is the last year that the Women's quarters will be produced.

Ida B. Wells – (1862-1931)

Ida B. Wells was a journalist, women's suffragist, and early civil rights leader. She was born in 1862 into slavery during the American Civil War but was emancipated along with her parents due to the Emancipation Proclamation. In 1878, a yellow fever epidemic killed her parents, so she had to become a schoolteacher to support her family and later moved to Memphis to start a new life. She got her first stint of journalism as the editor of a local newspaper, where she discussed racial issues under the pen name 'Lola', and two years later was fired from being a schoolteacher after exposing the Memphis public school system's poor conditions. This allowed her to focus on journalism full-time. Her writing took a huge shift when her close friend was lynched, which led to her investigated cases of lynching all across the south and led to her becoming an anti-lynching activist. After gaining fame, she was able to write several books that influenced African-American's rights, such as "The Reason Why", which described the daily oppression African-Americans face, and "A Red Record", which contained a detailed record of lynching across the United States. In her later years, she still fought for women's and African-American's rights, and even wrote a letter to Woodrow Wilson discussing the mistreatment of black soldiers during World War 1. Ida Wells sadly died in 1931 due to a kidney disease. While she never lived to see the civil rights movement, her works laid down the foundation for the powerful ideas of the movement.



Ida B. Wells

Juliette Gordon Low – (1860-1927)

Juliette Gordon Low was known as the founder of the girl scouts and helped to spread the association to America and England. She was born in Savannah, Georgia during the American Civil War where her father fought for the confederacy. From an early age she took a liking to the outdoors and liked to socialize with her classmates. She also joined a sorority that introduced her to the ideas of a strong support system and earning badges from works. She then married a man who lived in England and moved there with him. After almost 20 years of marriage, he died, and she was introduced to Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. After working as a girl guide in England, she decided to bring the idea to America, where the first group was founded in her hometown of Savannah. In 1913, the name was changed to Girl Scouts and Low set up the first headquarters in Washington D.C. In that same year, the first American Girl Scout handbook was published, "How Girls Can Help Their Country", to raise awareness of the organization. During World War 1, Low encouraged the girls to help raise money for the war, while she also raised money for refugees. After the war Low returned to England to help further the connection between Girl Scouts and Girl Guides and was awarded the Silver Fish, the organization's highest honor. She sadly died in 1927 due to breast cancer and will always be remembered for building girls' courage, confidence, and character in the United States and abroad.

"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



Juliette Gordon Low

Dr. Vera Rubin – (1928-2016)

Vera Rubin was an astronomer who is best known for proving the existence of dark matter. She was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania but later moved to Washington D.C. when she was ten. From a young age she took a keen interest in science and astronomy, and her parents fostered her love for science by helping build her a telescope. After graduating high school in 1944, she decided to attend Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York and over the summer worked at the Naval Research Laboratory and US Naval Observatory. While on summer break in 1947, she met Cornell physics student Bob Rubin, and they were married in the fall of the same year.

Once she graduated from Vassar in 1948, she applied to Princeton but was denied for being a woman. She later went to Cornell with her husband and received her master's degree in physics in 1951, while her husband received his PhD. After returning to D.C. and having a child, she decided to pursue a PhD at Georgetown University. Following her PhD in Astronomy, she became a stay-at-home mom and could not pursue her research, but in 1955 she became a teacher at Georgetown University, where she worked for ten years. In 1965, she started working at the Carnegie Institution's Department of Terrestrial Magnetism, but her works were not gaining traction until she partnered with Kent Ford. When Rubin and Ford analyzed the rotation of stars in distant galaxies, they expected the rotation of the outer stars to be slower than the inner ones. Instead, they found that the rotations were the same, which meant that there was an invisible mass causing the speed, which we now call dark matter. This discovery not only was a huge breakthrough in astrophysics, but it also gave new life to Rubin's career. She published over 100 scientific papers in her career and was the second woman to win the gold medal of the Royal Astronomical Society. Her husband passed away in 2008 and she passed away 8 years later after struggling with dementia. She was able to open the doors for women who want to pursue science and will always be remembered for her amazing work with the stars.

Why not bring a friend to the next meeting?



Vera Rubin

Stacey Park Milbern – (1987-2020)

Stacey Park Milbern was a disability activist who is best known for creating the Disability Justice Movement. She was born in 1987 to a white-American father and a Korean mother. Her father was in the US army, which led their family to move to Fort Bragg, North Carolina. She was born with congenital Muscular dystrophy (CMD), but grew up not truly knowing what CMD was and believing that she was not disabled, just that she had challenges. Starting in high school, she had to use a power chair and eventually a trach and ventilator, which helped her truly identify as disabled. Also in high school, she started contributing to her community by adding disabled history to her high school's curriculum, speaking to people who were both disabled and in leadership positions and co-founded the North Carolina Youth Leadership Forum. After graduating, from Methodist University with a bachelor's degree, she decided to move to California in 2011 and received her Master's degree in Business Administration from Mills College in Oakland. When she first moved to California, she created the Disability Justice Culture Club, which was created to promote Milbern's idea of an inclusive Disability Justice Movement. One way they helped the community is by providing kits for homeless people during the first year of COVID-19. Because of her work, she was named a member of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities and was the impact producer for the Netflix movie Crip Camp, which was nominated for an Oscar. Sadly, Milbern passed away on what would have been her 33rd birthday, May 19, 2020, due to surgical complications. Even in her final weeks she was still working to help the community any way she could. She has become an inspiration for many, and her legacy will not be forgotten for generations to come.

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Stacey Park Milbern

Althea Gibson – (1927-2003)

Althea Gibson was an African-American tennis player who broke many barriers in the world of sports. She was born on August 25, 1927 in Silver, South Carolina to sharecroppers David and Annie Bell Gibson. David would later move the family to Harlem, New York, which is where Althea first became interested in tennis. She started out playing paddle tennis, a modified version of tennis, where she won New York City's women's paddle championship at just 12 years old. Her ability was recognized by Buddy Walker, a tennis coach who introduced her to regular tennis. Her skill at tennis did not translate to academics, however, as she reportedly started skipping classes and dropped out of high school at 18. As Gibson progressed at tennis, she was introduced to the American Tennis Association (ATA), the oldest African-American sports organization in the United States, where she won her first junior championship at 17. After winning the New York State Championship 6 times (1944-1950) and the ATA National Women's Title in 1947, she was encouraged to move to Wilmington, North Carolina, where she finished high school. She then enrolled in Florida A&M, where in 1955, she received her bachelor's degree at the age of 27.

While she dominated African-American tennis, because of segregation she was barred from entering the premier American tournament, the US National Championships (now the US Open). But after some lobbying from supporters, she was permitted to compete in the US National Championships in 1950 and even Wimbledon in 1951, losing both. Years later, she became the first African-American to win a Grand Slam when she won the French Championships in 1956. The best was yet to come. In 1957, she won both the Wimbledon singles and doubles and the US Nationals, being the first African-American to do all three. After winning Wimbledon, she received the Venus Rosewater dish from Queen Elizabeth II. She was the first person to receive the trophy personally from the Queen. After winning the US National Championships, she received her trophy from Vice President Richard Nixon. After playing for a decade more, she transitioned from being a player to a coach and even tried her hand at golf with the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) tour. While she wasn't as successful, she definitely encouraged people of color to attempt the sport. Even though she was recognized as one of the greatest tennis stars of her era, she still struggled to make ends meet, due to discrimination and financial hardships. She passed away in 2003 in East Orange, New Jersey due to respiratory failure, but her impact still lives on. She was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1971, the Black Athletes Hall of Fame in 1974, and the Women's Sports Hall of Fame in 1980. Her legacy will live on forever as not only a great tennis player but also an inspiration for African-American athletes everywhere.



Althea Gibson

It's About FUN!

By Michael S. Turrini

Editor's Note: Michael, an Honorary Lifetime Member of our club, is an avid and active coin hobbyist in northern California and belongs to numerous numismatics groups, around California and across the nation, even into Canada. He has served three terms as California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) President. This was published in a recent February 24, 2026 NUMISMATIC NEWS issue.

Recently, on the first weekend of our New Year, David F. Fidiem of Vallejo, California, and retired Mail Distributor for the Berkeley, California public schools, passed away. David was an avid and enthused model railroader and not a numismatist or coin collector or coin hobbyist. Model railroading was his passion and his pleasure in life.

Why would I mention him in this MINTMASTER'S QUILL? Why trouble NUMISMATIC NEWS readers? Why this?

For NUMISMATIC NEWS readers, please continue, for there is a lesson to share.

Over a decade ago, one Friday evening when many of the Vallejo Model Railroad Club members would gather at our HO scale 'Vallejo and Solano Western', a mixture of retired, still employed, and whoever else, a discussion commenced on and about 'why come to the 'Vallejo and Solano Western' sometimes every Friday evening and even during daylight?

Most everyone, as we sat or stood there, shared several reasons, from the sublime, like 'nothing else to do on a Friday evening' or 'stepping out from my wife or significant other' or profound. Some reasons were simple, and some were complex. Thoughts about model railroading hobby were expounded.

In model railroading, the two pursuits can be summarized as 'builders' and 'operators', those who enjoy constructing rolling stock or wiring their locomotives into a computer operation. We even had one member who like building bridges and trestles. Operators love to sit at the controls and watch the model train roll around the layout.

We continued this exchange for some time. Then, when it seemed all the scenarios had been expounded, David just paused and said, “shouldn’t we be here for fun.” **Fun.**

The lesson for us in ‘this world of money’ is that David was correct, absolutely correct. Numismatics, in all its fields and pursuits, is more than the latest auction record at Stacks and Bowers or another ‘green bean label’ or precious metal rises. Maybe in these past recent decades ‘the world of money’ has become more about ‘money’, hard cold cash.

We may have lost or risk losing the camaraderie, socializing, and laughter with like-minded hobbyists, because another CC Dollar, as the 1889, has an increase in the latest GREYSHEET.

For me, the best moments and ‘the best of times’----*to paraphrase Dickens*---- have been at dinners, picnics, bingo games, carpooling to another local coin show, or whatever or whenever. At these, the real grandeur of ‘the world of money’ shines, and that is **Fun.**

Ending, I pray that my message resonates with NUMISMATIC NEWS readers and others.

David summed it up best: **FUN.**

Michael S. Turrini
Vallejo, California

Madison County Coin Club Website Update

Our club’s website (<http://mccc.anaclubs.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.anaclubs.org/newsletters/>

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

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 Mike Campbell, Jonathan Deller, and Aaron Wales were able to identify the mystery coin, a 2002 Solomon Islands \$5 coin.



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 research 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.

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A Collection for Collectors at Heart!

I have a collection for collectors at heart! It includes: 1) 21 sets of 12 uncirculated \$1 gold clad presidential coins, 2) 22 single disk (wrapped) uncirculated \$1 gold clad presidential coins, 3) a handsome 18" by 11" walnut case (pictured.) Produced by Danbury Mint. That is Washington through Chester A. Arthur/Grover Cleveland, a total of 274 uncirculated coins. For sale at \$1000 OBO and can deliver to MCCC meeting. Contact Sara Baldwin 205 217 3221.





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](#).

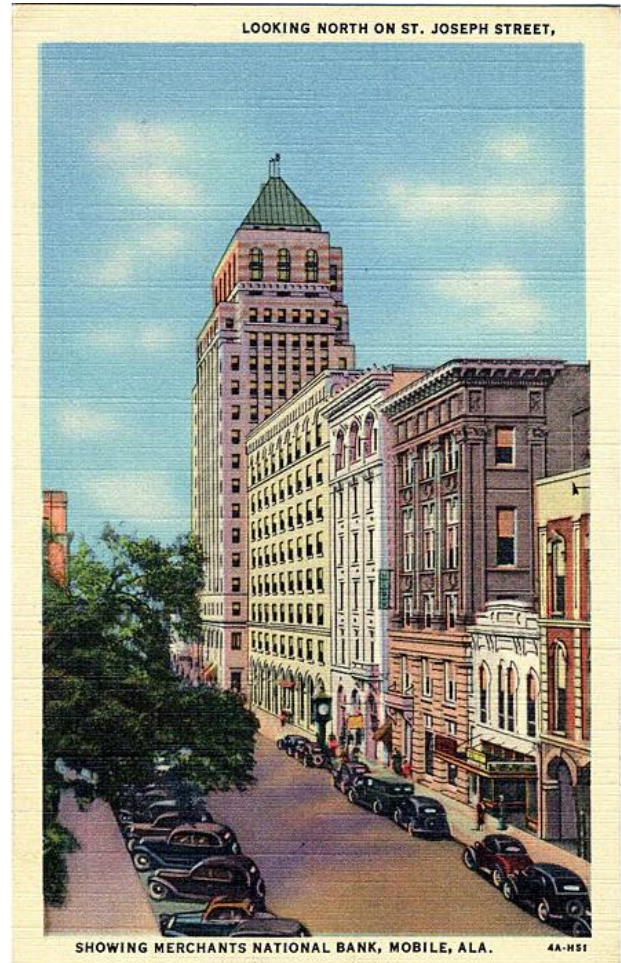


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2026 Madison County Coin Club Program Refreshments and Programs Schedule

Meeting Date	Refreshments	Program
January 26	Meeting Cancelled	
February 2	Harold Fears	Everyone <i>Show and Tell</i>
March 16	Provided by the Club	Richard Jozefiak <i>The Club's Past, Present and Future</i>
April 6	Wayne Koger	Stephen D'Angelo <i>Odd Denominations</i>
May 18	Ann Fulmer	Kurt Kelley
June 15	Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction	
July 20	Aaron Wales	Aaron Wales <i>TBD</i>
August 17	Chad Thrasher	Everyone <i>Show and Tell</i>
September 21		David Hollander <i>The Wonderful World of Banknote Collecting</i>
October 19	Keith George	Chad Thrasher <i>My Collecting Journey and What I Would Tell My Younger Self</i>
November 16	Thanksgiving Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction Election of Officers	
December- NO MEETING		

Huntsville Stamp, Postcard & Coin Show

June 6-7, 2026

Jaycee Community Building

John Hunt Park
2180 Airport Road
Huntsville, Alabama 35802

Free Admission

Be sure to drop by our table!

More information can be found at:
<http://www.sefsc.org/huntspex.html>



2026 Coin Shows Within 3 Hour Driving Distance From Huntsville

Date(s)	Area	Show & Location	Contact Info	Richard's Rating
<p>Mar 6-8 Nov 13-15</p>	<p>Chattanooga, TN</p>	<p>Tennessee State Numismatic Society Camp Jordan Arena I-75, Exit 1 Chattanooga, TN Fri & Sat 10 am – 6 pm Sun 10 am – 3 pm</p>	<p>Bob Hurst 321-427-6474 forum@comcast.net www.tsns.org</p>	<p>++</p>
<p>April 17-19</p>	<p>Dalton, GA</p>	<p>62nd Georgia Numismatic Association Coin Show Dalton Convention Center I-75 exit 333 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road Dalton, GA Fri- Sat 10 am – 6 pm Sun 10 am – 3 pm</p>	<p>Steven Nix 706-267-9602 fleetwoodcoins@hotmail.com www.gamoney.org</p>	<p>+++</p>
<p>Jun 6-7</p>	<p>Huntsville, AL</p>	<p>HUNTSPEX 2026 Stamp, Postcard & Coin Show Jaycee Community Building 2180 Airport Road, SW Huntsville, AL 35802 Sat 10 am – 5 pm Sun 10 am – 3 pm</p>	<p>Mike O'Reilly 256-527-4601 mcoreilly@yahoo.com</p>	<p>+</p>

July 16-19	Bessemer, AL	63rd Alabama State Coin Show 1130 Ninth Ave SW Bessemer, AL Bessemer Civic Center 10 am – 6 pm	Corbitt Chandler 205-616-9385 jcolyn@aol.com	++
Aug 5-8	Dalton, GA	67th Blue Ridge Numismatic Association Coin Show Dalton Convention Center I-75 exit 333 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road Dalton, GA Fri-Sat 10 am – 6 pm Sun 10 am – 3 pm	Ronda Leeper 678-232-6982 ronda@leeper.biz www.brna.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- +++

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Madison County Coin Club

For over twenty-five 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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