

2018 WFM (Philadelphia, PA) Money Talks

Robert Fritsch: *The Lure & Lore of Collecting Medals – Thursday 8/16 @ 9am*

Medals are a core part of numismatics but like a certain comedian, they get no respect. This presentation explains why medals are the fastest growing genre of the hobby, and demonstrates the physical joy of handling them by passing around examples from the presenter's collection.

Bob Fritsch started collecting coins in 1968 while stationed in Japan with the Navy. Subsequent assignments in Germany, Scotland and Spain, along with several Mediterranean cruises added to his core collections of circulating coins of countries visited. Following retirement from the Navy, Bob started collecting New Hampshire town medals, medals of the New England Numismatic Association, elongateds, woods, Hard Times Tokens, Mardi Gras Doubloons, ancients, state quarters, "classic" US commemoratives, and certain European art and historical medals. A member of about 50 coin clubs, Bob has served on the board for several and has been president of six. He says his best collection is all his numismatic friends.

Joseph Gorman: *Cryptocurrency: Bitcoin – Thursday 8/16 @ 10am*

The Bitcoin phenomena is an overview of the digital currency that is making financial news headlines. Topics include 1) History of Bitcoin – digital currency, 2) Blockchain, 3) Legality aspects, 4) Darknet Markets, 5) Bitcoin speculation and pricing, and 6) Tulip Bulb mania of 1637. (Disclosure: Mr. Gorman does not own and has never owned or traded Bitcoin. This presentation is for information only and is not an endorsement to buy or not to buy cryptocurrencies.)

Joe Gorman has been collecting coins and currency for 25 years. He enjoys collecting commemorative coins and currency, national bank notes and \$2.00 notes. He is a member of the Delaware County Coin Club, Wilmington Coin Club and the Chester County Currency Club. Prior to retiring in 2016, he was CFO with Neumann University for 9 years. Previous to his time with Neumann, he was with PNC Bank for 34 years. Among his professional credentials, he was a Certified Fraud Examiner and developed an interest (positive and negative) in the Bitcoin phenomena.

Ron Shintaku: *1793 U.S. Copper Coinage: Historic, Scarce, & Desirable -- Thursday 8/16 @ 11am*

2018 marks the 225th anniversary of our nation's first regular federal coinage production by the Philadelphia U.S. Mint. This lecture will provide a brief discussion on the 1793 coin designs, rarity/valuation and collecting strategies.

Ron by profession is a 35+ year commercial pilot, and has since early grade school, been a collector specializing in U.S. Large Cents. He is a life member of the ANA, the EAC club, and PAN. Ron recently completed a collection of 1793 large cents by Sheldon variety.

P. Scott Rubin: *Philadelphia and Its Connection to the 1861-dated Confederate Half Dollar and Cent* --
Thursday 8/16 @ Noon

The connection between coins struck for the Confederate States of America (CSA) and the city of Philadelphia will be explained in some detail. The story of the discovery of the Confederate cent in a tavern on Chestnut Street (not far from the location of this show) will be explained along with the other Chestnut Street connections.

P. Scott Rubin has been a coin collector for over 60 years and has built one of the largest personal libraries of numismatic auction catalogues. Scott is a member of the ANA, ANS, The Rittenhouse Society, NBS, C4, EAC, NLG and Liberty Seated Coin Club. Since 1977, he has contributed articles to *The Gobrecht Journal*, *The Numismatist*, *ANS*, *Rare Coin Review*, *The ANA Centennial Anthology* and *The Asylum*. He has been a speaker at ANA shows since 1991 and presented at four ANS Coinage of America Conferences. He currently compiles and edits the Top 250 Auction Records for the Red Book.

Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee: *Why Did They Do That? An In-depth Discussion of the Interaction Between the CCAC, Congress, and the United States Mint.* -- Thursday 8/16 @ 1pm

Take advantage of this rare opportunity to see your CCAC in action! The group will address the differing requirements for the 2018 World War I Centennial Silver Dollar, the 2017 Boys Town Centennial Commemorative Coin Program, and the 2018 OSS (Office of Strategic Services) Congressional Gold Medal. Each of the three required a different approach and the coins and medals were chosen to show the flexibility needed from committee members, the US Mint and the stakeholder in order to produce a successful product.

The panelists are:

Mary Lannin: Chair of the CCAC since 2015 and recommended to the Committee by the House Minority Leader. A freelance editor with developed skills in numismatic publication, Ms. Lannin has worked with authors from the United States, Canada, Germany, and Greece.

Don Everhart: Former Lead Sculptor at the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia. A native Pennsylvanian, Mr. Everhart has produced over 8 winning coin designs and sculpts, and more than 30 medal designs and sculpts in the 13 years he has worked for the United States Mint before retiring in 2017. (Non CCAC member.)

Robert Hoge: Curator Emeritus for the American Numismatic Society (ANS), and from 1981 to 2001 he was curator of the ANA's Money Museum, in Colorado Springs. Mr. Hoge has been a member of numerous professional numismatic and museological organizations and has served as a speaker upon many occasions.

Erik Jansen: Serving as a representative of the general public, he is a life-long coin collector and has a deep knowledge of coinage and many of the numismatic-related issues facing the CCAC and the United States Mint.

Michael Moran: An award-winning numismatic author, lecturer, and researcher who has written on such diverse topics as the artistic collaboration between Theodore Roosevelt and Augustus Saint-Gaudens, the survival of the San Francisco Mint after the earthquake of 1906, and the Mint from its very early years through

the period immediately following the California Gold Rush. Mr. Moran is appointed by the Senate Majority Leader.

Donald Scarinci: A member of the CCAC since 2005, he is a Life Member of the ANA and a fellow of the ANS. He serves as a member of several prestigious committees for coin and medal designs including the J. Sanford Saltus Award and the Krause Coin of the Year Award. Mr. Scarinci is appointed by the Senate Minority Leader.

Jeanne Stevens-Sollman: Serving as a representative of the general public, she is a leader in the field of medallic sculpture with work exhibited throughout the United States and in the collections of museums throughout the U.S. and Europe. She also served as the president of the American Medallic Sculpture Association and is currently the U.S. vice delegate to the Federation Internationale de la Medaille.

Dennis Tucker: Publisher at Whitman Publishing, specializing in books on numismatics, banking and financial history, the American presidency, U.S. political and military history, and other nonfiction topics. He is the author of "American Gold and Silver: U.S. Mint Collector and Investor Coins and Medals, Bicentennial to Date."

Thomas Uram: A life member and current president of the Pennsylvania Association of Numismatics (PAN), the host club of the 2018 ANA World's Fair of Money Show. His collecting interests are as diverse as US Mint American Eagles, two-cent pieces, and world coins. Tom is an ANA Life Member and is currently serving his first term on the organization's board of governors. Mr. Uram is recommended by the Speaker of the House.

Q. David Bowers, Steve Hayden, Fred Holabird, Neil Musante, & David Schenkman, with Susan Trask (Moderator): *Meet the Experts: A Symposium on the Why, What, and How to Collect Tokens & Medals -- Thursday 8/16 @ 3pm*

Bring every question you have about tokens, medals and exonomia to our expert panel. From grading, the market, rarities, to history and more!

Q. David Bowers is the author of over 50 of numismatic books and a contributor to hundreds more. He is a regular contributor to Coin World Magazine and the Numismatist. Dave is a Hall of Fame member of the ANA, ANS and Civil War Token Society.

Steve Hayden is a well-known dealer, cataloguer and auctioneer of Tokens and Medals. Recognized as an expert throughout the profession, Steve was a major contributor to the 3rd Edition of Civil War Store Cards and is a co-editor of the soon to be released 6th Edition of Civil War Patriotic Tokens.

Fred N. Holabird, proprietor of Holabird Western Americana Collections, LLC, has long been a contributor to the numismatic community. He received the ANA Presidential Award in 2011 and has been a frequent contributor to the Maynard Sundman Lecture Series at ANA annual conventions. Presently president of the Token and Medal Society, he has worked tirelessly to expand the collecting interest in "Western Pioneer Minor Coinage" the tokens that saloons and shopkeepers throughout the West used when small change was a scarce commodity. Some of his publications include: "Coins of the Comstock: The Pioneer Minor Coinage of Virginia City and the Comstock," and "Gold! at Pigeon Roost: The Story of America's First Gold Mining Scrip" about America's first gold rush in Carolina and Georgia in the 1830s.

Neil Musante is a longtime collector and sometime dealer of tokens, medals and rare books. He is the producer of *The MCA Advisory*, the journal of the Medal Collectors of America. He has written two numismatic books, *The Medallic Work of John Adams Bolen* and a two volume set on the medals of George Washington titled *Medallic Washington*. He divides his time between Boston and Cape Cod.

David Schenkman has been an ANA member since 1962. He is the author of nine books and hundreds of articles, and writes a monthly column for *The Numismatist*. He is a past president of the Token and Medal Society and the Civil War Token Society, and a past editor of both society's publications.

Susan Trask is the President of the Civil War Token Society (CWTS) and Editor of the newly published "Civil War Patriotic Tokens" 6th edition.

David Schwager: *eBay For the Coin Collector -- Thursday 8/16 @ 4pm*

I come neither to praise eBay nor to bury it! Instead, David will give a balanced view of how collectors can use (and not use) eBay to their advantage and of eBay's place in our hobby. Of all his coin club talks, this one has garnered the most responses, both positive and negative.

David Schwager writes for several numismatic publications, including *The Numismatist*, *COINage*, *CoinWeek* and *FUN Topics*. His first book, "Sample Slabs" was published in 2015, and is in its second edition. David is an auditor for an insurance company and president of the Orange County (California) Coin Club. He lives in Fountain Valley, CA.

Kenny Sammut: *World Coins Minted in the United States -- Friday 8/17 @ 9am*

On August 29, 1874, Congress gave permission to the U.S. Mint to make coins for other nations. More than 1,000 different coin designs for over 40 countries were minted from 1875 to 1984. This presentation will discuss some background information, various coin compositions, and mintages for a number of the more notable coins.

Kenny Sammut lives in Southeastern, PA. He is a 16-year old Life Member of the ANA, who has been collecting for the past eight years. He created and runs the "Numismatics with Kenny" YouTube channel as well as a blog and Twitter account by the same name. He has several thousand followers here in the U.S. and around the world. He is a regular attendee of ANA Summer Seminars and was selected to be the first Young Numismatist ANA volunteer district representative. His main focus is world coins. He belongs to five local coin and currency clubs as well as a dozen or more US and international coin clubs and societies.

Steve Roach: *10 (or so) Trends That Are Shaping Coin Collecting Today* -- Friday 8/17 @ 10am

In this interactive and entertaining presentation, *Coin World's* editor-at-large, Steve Roach, will lead a lively discussion about some of the biggest trends in coin collecting right now and how the stories making news in rare coins today might impact the way we collect coins tomorrow.

Steve Roach is a lifelong coin collector and editor-at-large of *Coin World*, the world's largest coin hobby publication.

Bob Evans: *The Many (and New) Treasures of the S.S. Central America: Revelations & Stories from the 2014 Recoveries* -- Friday 8/17 @ 11am

The long-time chief scientist/curator of the S.S. *Central America* treasure shows many new numismatic wonders found during the 2014 expedition to the shipwreck: 45 gold ingots, over 3,100 gold coins, and over 10,000 silver coins, including the money of day-to-day Gold Rush era commerce in 1857.

Bob Evans is the co-discoverer of the shipwreck site of the gold-rush era treasure ship S.S. *Central America*, which sank in 1857 with the greatest lost treasure in United States history. He was Chief Scientist and Historian for the project that recovered the lost treasure in 1988 through 1991, including tons of gold ingots and coins, from the bottom of the Atlantic, a mile and a half down, using robotic technology that was state-of-the-art at the time. After a hiatus of 23 years (in 2014,) he returned to the site as chief scientist of a new expedition that fully explored the complex site and recovered many new numismatic wonders. Bob is well-known in the numismatic community and has been the recipient of several awards, including the ANA Presidential Award and First Place Heath Literary Award. Since its discovery and recovery, Evans has been the curator of the treasure, and a principle scholar devoted to the historical, cultural and scientific study of the gold.

Douglas Mudd: *Parthia: The Forgotten Empire* -- Friday 8/17 @ Noon

Located on the critical crossroads between East and West, Parthia controlled ancient Mesopotamia (including modern Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan) for over 400 years, and yet today is nearly forgotten. Learn about the only major civilized power that stood up to Rome from the first century BC until the 3rd century AD through its extensive coinage.

Douglas Mudd is the Curator of the Edward C. Rochette Money Museum and former Collection Manager for the National Numismatic Collection in the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History. He has an MA in American History and is the author of the Harper/Collins book, "All the Money in the World."

Len Augsburger: *The Numismatic Future with the Newman Numismatic Portal -- Friday 8/17 @ 1pm*

Len Augsburger will provide an overview of the Newman Numismatic Portal (NewmanPortal.org), the largest online library dedicated to American numismatics. Augsburger will discuss future content and recently added site features, in addition to highlights from the current collection.

Len Augsburger serves as Project Coordinator for the NNP at Washington University in St. Louis, and has written widely in the field of American numismatics. He has won three Book of the Year awards from the NLG, and recently published, with co-authors Joel Orosz and Pete Smith, *1792: Birth of a Nation's Coinage*. A Fellow of the American Numismatic Society, Augsburger also serves as vice president of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club and vice president of the Numismatic Bibliomania Society.

Scott Travers: *Coin Preservation, Storage, & Safety -- Friday 8/17 @ 2pm*

The world is a dangerous place for coins. Hazards lurk in the air, in storage containers, and on fingertips. Exposure to these hazards can subject a coin to damage. Scott A. Travers, former ANA vice president and author of *The Coin Collector's Survival Manual*®, will explain the ways to guard against such risks.

Scott A. Travers is author of *The Coin Collector's Survival Manual* and many other award-winning books. He is a former ANA vice president (1997-1999) and received the ANA Presidential Award in 2003. In 2016, ANA in partnership with NLG and the American Numismatic Society named him recipient of the Burnett Anderson Memorial Award for excellence in numismatic writing. He is the executive editor of *COINage* magazine, executive mediator for the Numismatic Consumer Alliance, has written hundreds of newspaper and magazine articles, conducted numerous symposia at coin shows and other public forums, and served as a coin valuation consultant to the FTC. Scott Travers has won awards and gained an impressive reputation not only as a coin expert but also as a forceful consumer advocate for the coin-buying public. He serves as numismatic advisor to a number of major investment funds and has coordinated the liquidation of numerous important coin collections. His popular online blog, "The Money Connoisseur," is published by Bottom Line.

Rod Gillis: *Strategies to Dispose of Your Collection -- Friday 8/17 @ 3pm*

Many collectors do not know what to do with their collection before they enter the 'Great Misty Veil of Life.' Often, their spouse and/or children are not familiar or the least bit interested in numismatics and should a collector die without a specific strategy, the family is left with a big mess. Should you sell your collection before passing or how can you help your relatives liquidate your collection upon your demise?

Rod Gillis earned his Bachelor's degree in history and education from the University of Maryland. Prior to joining the staff of the American Numismatic Association in 2006 he taught at Lin-Wood Public School in Lincoln, New Hampshire. As the ANA's education director, Gillis creates videos and activities for the association's Web site, www.money.org, teaches a course for educators called "Coins in the Classroom," develops workshops and educational programs, and works with Young Numismatists to promote interest in coins among young people.

John Frost: *Fascinating New Discoveries Regarding Father-Son Mint Engravers William & Charles Barber*
-- Friday 8/17 @ 4pm

The Barbers were Chief Engravers of the U.S. Mint for 48 years. Recent research and visiting with their family has uncovered startling new information that will forever change how we view their legacy. Landmark discoveries will finally give underappreciated William his due respect, and paint son Charles in a new light.

John Frost has been a numismatist for over 40 years, and is currently President of the Barber Coin Collectors' Society and Director of Education for the Liberty Seated Collectors Club. He is co-author of the reference, "Double Dimes -- the United States Twenty-cent Piece", a contributor to the Red Book, an instructor at ANA's Summer Seminar, and a frequent speaker at coin shows regionally and nationally.
