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Stepping back in time to a bygone era of the Liberty Seated coin design period, both far and wide, and a little before & after...





LSCC's 50th Anniversary Celebration is now ramping up.
Look for activities at the various Regional Show Events
including the Annual Meeting at this year's
ANA Convention in Pittsburgh.









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Member(s) this month:

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President's Message

Welcome to the March 2023 E-Gobrecht. The Whitman Baltimore Expo is coming in a few short days, and the LSCC will have a strong presence as usual. I hope to see many of you there.

I've had to miss the last couple of large shows and am looking forward to attending. In the meantime, please enjoy this monthly cornucopia of all things Liberty Seated, carefully orchestrated as always by our capable editor Paul Kluth ...LewAugsburger



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Editor's View From the Rim

<u>Liberty Seated Doubl Dimes</u> <u>Coming to the Forefront</u> ... PK

When John Frost and Lane Brunner published their reference book on Double Dimes (Twenty Cent Pieces), they gave the series totally new life. This was the first, wonderfully detailed reference describing all the known varieties and die marriages along with quality photographs. Updated facts and history was also presented in the book on this practically forgotten little gem of a series of course designed by Christian Gobrecht.

John Frost has begun displaying Lane Brunner's complete die marriage collection of Double Dimes including high grades, varieties, errors and exonumia. So at various upcoming Regional LSCC/BCCS coin show events, it will be interesting see what another advanced collector of this series has in his massive collection?









LSCC returns to ANA Summer Seminar

The LSCC is presenting our premier class at this outstanding learning event the last week of June. Summer Seminar is held adjacent to ANA Headquarters at Colorado College in Colorado Springs.

A Collector's Guide to Liberty Seated Coinage is being offered during Session 2, June 24-29. The class has limits on the number of students, so reserve early. The course catalog and registration information may be found at the ANA website:

www.money.org/summer-seminar



This course features interactive discussions on many topics, including the history and development of Liberty Seated coinage, evolution of the designs, and grading, including the nuances between series. The core of the class features a deep dive into each of the seven series: half dimes, dimes, twenty-cent pieces, quarters, halves, and both Liberty Seated and Trade dollars.

These deep dives entail hand's on inspection of many coins in all grades in all series, and will include in-depth discussions into collecting strategies, key dates, major varieties, and variety attribution. Historical perspectives on various topics will be offered throughout the course. Students will have access to both reference materials and sit-down guidance from instructors throughout the course.

Instructors: John Frost (LSCC Education Director), Len Augsburger (LSCC President), and Craig Eberhart (Auction column, noted New Orleans coinage expert).





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LSCC <u>Membership Renewals</u> are now overdue if your membership expired in 2022. Did you forget to renew?

CAC Grading Service Update: CAC does not have an undated timeline on their new service and will contact their members once they do.



Barber Coin Collectors' Society



BCCS Club Meetings, Club Table and Educational Programs are routinely held at most of the LSCC coin show events, and their table is usually right next to the LSCC Table for your convenience.





Regional Newsby Dennis Fortier, LSCC #2016

It's Baltimore Time Once Again

First up this month is a new show for the Regional Program; the <u>Tennessee State Numismatic Society (TSNS) near Chattanooga</u>, March 3-4, Camp Jordan Arena, 323 Camp Jordan Pkwy, East Ridge, TN. Dennis Fortier will host the Club table and will display his New Orleans half dollars.

Whitman Baltimore Expo March 15-18: The usual Club activities will be held including LSCC/BCCS shared Club table, Regional meeting with 50th Anniversary updates, and a Club dinner. The dinner will be on Thursday night (inquire as to the location at the Club table), and the meeting will be Friday 9am in Room 301. John Frost will be displaying parts of the Lane Brunner Double-Dime Collection at the Club table and there are some unique Exonumia pieces you don't want to miss!

February Recap

The Ft. Louden/ Smokey Mountain coin clubs' Knoxville show was as good as ever. Attendance was very good. John Frost displayed parts of the Lane Brunner Collection of Double-Dimes and Double-Dime Exonumia to amazed show attendees.

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Regional News cont.



John Frost pictured to the left at the Knoxville Show.

Below: The Upstate South Carolina Coin Show in Spartanburg was well attended. John Lundsten, Ken Otto, and Dennis Fortier manned the Club table. All three combined for a nice display of New Orleans half dollars and complete silver Barber series. Education on the 1861-O half dollar had several attendees. John and Ken teamed up to give a talk on "Collecting Barber Coinage" that also had several people in attendance.

Dennis met one of Christian Gobrecht's grandsons James Gobrecht who lives in Tennessee. Through James, we hope to contact other family members. What will come of this is unknown at this time.







The Curious Collector by Len Augsburger, LSCC #1271

Where Exactly Was the 1870-S Half Dime First Discovered?

The 1870-S half dime is well-known as one of the few unique coins in the U.S. series and is a relatively modern entry into this exclusive club, being discovered only in the late 20th century. Heritage Auctions recently sold the piece as part of the Tom Bender collection, at the 2023 FUN sale, where it was graded PCGS MS64 CAC and realized \$3.12 million.

The discovery story of the coin was not well publicized until Bill Burd, a longtime Chicago dealer, wrote in the June 1998 Numismatist:

"An 1870-S half dime went undiscovered until 1978, when it was purchased by Phyllis Storm of Orland Coin and Stamp Shop in Orland Park, Illinois. According to Storm, a man walked into the shop with a small box of coins. She paid him a fair price for the lot, believing the half dime was a common type coin. When she and her husband, Rich, could not find a listing for an 1870-S half dime, they consulted Ed Milas of RARCOA. The coin was determined to be genuine, and Milas purchased it from the Storms."

So, where exactly was the Orland Park Coin and Stamp store located? This is a more complicated question that one might expect, as the business is long gone. A clip from the Blue Island Sun, September 11, 1977, reported:

"Richard Storm has recently opened a new coin and stamp shop in Orland Square. The shop is located on the lower level just off center court on the Carson side of the mall. Richard Storm is an A.N.A. life member and a dealer in numismatics and a philatelist. The shop, Orland Coin and Stamps deals primarily in U.S. coins and stamps."

This article placed the store in the Orland Square mall. Tom DeLorey, who worked at Harlan Berk Rare Coins in Chicago and lived in the in Orland Park area (Blue Island), wondered if the store was actually located in an adjacent mall (email to author, November 10, 2022):

"The city of Orland Park, IL had two competing malls on either side of 151st Street. Orland Square Mall on the north side of 151st was the larger and more prestigious. It looks as though the coin shop started out there, and that may have been where the 1870-S Half Dime surfaced. Orland Park Place (mall) was south of 151st. I married a lady from Blue Island in late 1986 and moved there. We used to go out to Orland Square to walk the mall and have lunch and/or



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shop. We only went to Orland Park Place to visit the coin shop a couple of times, as most of the shops were already empty and it was very depressing. Then their last anchor store closed and the mall closed."

I checked with the Orland Park, IL library regarding phone books from that period, and they had none. A second try, at the Newberry Library in Chicago, was more successful. A reference librarian at Newberry reported that phone books for 1979, 1982, and 1983 placed Orland Park Coin and Stamp at 412 Orland Square Shopping Center, on the north side of 151st Street. This was helpful, but didn't completely explain Tom's recollection, so I asked them to check successive years.

Newberry then reported that the store did in fact move and was listed in the 1987-1988 directory at 1120 Orland Park Place Mall, now on the south side of 151st.

As the 1870-S half dime first publicly appeared on exhibit at the 1978 ANA convention, prior to the move of Orland Park Coin and Stamp, we can thus pinpoint the "discovery site" of the coin to unit 412 of the Orland Square Mall, which is still standing.

Following the sale of the 1870-S half dime, the Storms apparently sold the Orland Park store and moved to Florida, as reported by the Numismatic News, April 2, 1983: "Richard and Phyllis Storm have announced the opening of their new coin and stamp shop, Bonita Coins and Stamps, in the Springs Plaza, Bonita Springs, Fla. The shop will feature gold and silver coins and stamps of all types, coin jewelry and collector supplies. Before moving to Florida, the Storms operated Orland Coins and Stamps in Orland Park, Ill."

Tom DeLorey did one final piece of investigation and reported "Just for the hell of it, I called the [Orland Square] mall and asked what is in unit 412 now. It is Mrs. Field's Cookies. I know it well. My first wife and I stopped there many a time." Of course, none of this explains who walked into the mall and sold the coin to the Storms in 1978, but at least we now know exactly where it happened.

[Editor's Note: I am always fascinated by the interesting and deep dive facts presented in Len's column as I'm sure our readers are!]



Last month, a special researched article for publication in E-Gobrecht came across the Editor's Desk. So important are the findings to LSCC collectors that the submission was passed on to <u>The Gobrecht Journal</u> for official publication in the most recent Spring issue.

As you may have noticed over the last 6 months, the most significant articles and columns in E-Gobrecht are now being published in <u>The Gobrecht Journal</u>, so with Club membership you get the very best of what Liberty Seated Collectors Club has to offer its members.

Previews from the Spring 2023 Gobrecht Journal:

"A New (and Rare) Liberty Seated Proof Dime Variety" by Craig Sholley and John Dannreuther

"Seated Liberty Quarters – Undervalued or Unloved?" by Jeffrey Pritchard





LSCC Upcoming 2023 Regional Events Schedule

* Details Mostly Finalized

* March 16-18 Whitman Spring Baltimore Coin &

<u>Currency Expo</u>, Baltimore, MD at the downtown Baltimore Convention Center - Regional Club meeting on Friday at 9 a.m., Educational Program TBD, Club dinner on Thursday evening, and LSCC/BCSS Club table featuring the <u>Lane Brunner Double Dime & Exonumia Collection</u>.

* April 7-8 <u>Manchester</u>, NH Coin Expo at the Doubletree Hotel - Club table and Educational Program

<u>Note:</u> <u>Updates provided as they become available</u>, but always check the organization's show website for further details and any last minutes changes.



Christian Gobrecht

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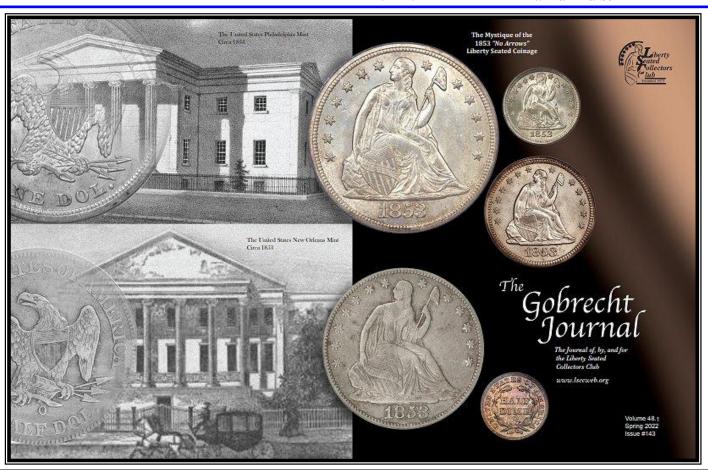
* April 14-16 Georgia Numismatic Assoc (GNA) Coin Show at the Dalton Convention Center, Dalton - Club table

August 8-12 ANA World's Fair of Money annual convention in Chicago IL - LSCC & BCCS annual meetings and major activities

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(END) William Barber





'Gobrecht' Bust Half Dollars

Annoucement: 'Top 25 Rarest Reeded Edge Half Dollars & More by Jim Koenings, LSCC #2798 & JRCS #048

On January 15, 2023, I will start a New Series "The Top 25 Rarest Reeded Edge Halves", starting with the 25th Rarest and continuing monthly until I reach the No. 1 Rarest.

Other articles will appear in The Gobrech Journal from time to time, but not E-Gobrecht.

To learn more about Reeded Edge Halves or to ask questions, contact Jim Koenings below.

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